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## Current Affairs One Liners January 2020

- **5th Swachh Survekshan League 2020**: Indore tops ranking among cities having 10lac+ population
- 2019-2025 National Infrastructure Pipeline report: **₹102 lakh crore** infrastructure plan unveiled
- **Kerala** became 1st State to pass resolution against **Citizenship Amendment Act**
- Government creates new Department of military affairs headed by **Bipin Rawat**
- Centre sets up 7-member GoM led by **Rajnath Singh** to review crop insurance scheme-PMFBY
- **Pragati Maidan** metro station renamed as Supreme Court metro station
- For the 1st time, **Vizag (Andhra Pradesh)** to host 14th Global healthcare summit in 2021
- RBI governor launched **MANI app** for visually challenged to identify currency notes
- Small savings schemes interest rates unchanged for **Jan-Mar** quarter of FY 2019-20:Fin Min
- CAD slips to **0.9% of GDP** in July-Sept 2019 from 2.9% :RBI
- **Piyuus jaiswal** wins Global Bihar excellence award 2019
- Telangana's mountaineer **Malavath Poorna** scaled Antarctica's highest peak Mt. Vinson Massif
- **V K Yadav** to continue as Railway board chairman for one more year
- Deputy Election Commissioner **Umesh Sinha** gets 1 year extension
- **S Sundar** appointed as interim MD and CEO of Lakshmi Vilas Bank
- HDFC gets requisite approval to hold a 51.2% stake in **Apollo Munich Health Insurance** Company
- IAF chief formally inducted Dornier aircraft into No. 41 Squadron
- India women's hockey player **Sunita Lakra** announces her retirement due to knee injury breakdown
- Former Rajya Sabha member **Alajangi Viswanath Swamy** from Odisha passed away at 91



- NCP leader Devi Prasad **Tripathi** passed away at 67
- UPSRTC launched '**Damini**' helpline service for women
- Renowned Assamese dramatist **Ratna Ojha** passed away at 88
- 30% of **Poshan Abhiyaan** funds used in 3 years as per data shared in parliament
- Indian Railways launches integrated helpline number **139** for passengers
- Gujarat CM unveiled world's 2nd tallest statue of **Vallabhbhai Patel** in Ahmedabad
- Ritualistic Festival '**Lai Haroba**' begins in Tripura
- 10k cameras to be used for **2020 Asiatic lion** census in Gujarat
- Pacific Island Nation Palau becomes first nation in the world to ban '**reef-toxic**' sun cream
- UNICEF:2019 concluded as deadly decade for children in conflict; >**1.7lac** grave violations verified
- BoB joins hands with **JM Financial** for co-lending to home buyers
- DPIIT: **FDI** inflows rose 15% to \$26 Bn in 1st half of FY2020; **Singapore largest FDI** source of India
- India to place restrictions on non-essential imports from **China** by March 2020
- Britain's Prince **William** unveils prize for climate innovation
- **Cristiano Ronaldo** bags best men's player title at Dubai Globe Soccer Awards
- 14 scientists conferred with **Swarna jayanti** fellowships for 2018-19
- Prof **Suresh Chandra Sharma** was appointed as the 1st Chairman of NMC
- **Hillary Rodham Clinton** appointed as 11th and 1st female Chancellor of UK's Queen's University
- Mastercard acquires **RiskRecon** to strengthen its cybersecurity front
- President released mobile app "**Telangana Red Cross**" of Red Cross Society of India in Telangan
- ISRO to set its 2nd launch port in **Thoothukodi** district of Tamil Nadu



- For the first time Lawn bowls & Cycling to be included in **3rd Khelo India Games 2020**
- Indian chess grandmaster **Koneru humpy** finishes 12th in FIDE World Blitz competition 2019 held in Moscow, Russia
- **Mahendra Singh Dhoni** picked captain of ESPN Cricinfo's ODI and T20 teams of past decade
- World Health Organization designated 2020 as International Year of the Nurse and Midwife
- **'Cyber Safe Women'** campaign was launched by Maharashtra Government
- **'K-RERA'** launched in Kerala to bring transparency in real estate sector
- Odisha govt launches **India's 1st e-Gazette portal** for all gazette notifications
- **Telangana govt** declared 2020 as AI year and signs 8 MoU
- Delhi gets First 20-feet-tall Smog Tower to Help Tackle Rising Levels of Air Pollution at **Lajpat Nagar**
- Department of Heavy Industries sanctioned **2636 EV** charging stations across the country
- KVIC's 1st Silk Processing Plant opens in Gujarat to boost **Patola Saree** production
- **NEST division** is formed by Ministry of External Affairs
- Overview of **PM Modi's** 2-day visit to Karnataka
- 1st of-its kind turtle **rehab centre** comes up in Bihar
- India and Pakistan exchanged list of **Nuclear** Installations in their countries
- Exim Bank grants **\$75 mn** line of credit to Cuba for solar parks
- **RevFin** partners with PNB MetLife to provide life insurance to its customers
- CSC signed pact with **Paytm Payments Bank** for sale of FASTags
- India's foreign exchange reserve touches a record level of \$457.46 bn: **RBI**
- Dubai-based Indian singer, **Sucheta satish** wins Global child prodigy award 2020
- North Macedonia **PM Zoran Zaev** submitted his resignation



- **ISRO** sets its fourth RAC-S in Karnataka
- Paddlefish of **China's** Yangtze River, declared as extinct
- India's **Manav Thakkar**, Uttar Pradesh jumped 9 spots to No.1 in U-21 table tennis category
- NBA mastermind **David Joel Stern** New York, United States dead at 77
- Centenarian Freedom fighter **Bhim Chandra Jana** dies at 107
- Former Tamil Nadu Assembly speaker, **P.H. Pandian** passes away at the age of 74
- **World Braille Day 2020** is observed on January 4
- **CM Jagan mohan reddy** inaugurates YSR Aarogyasri scheme at Eluru, Andhra Pradesh
- 171 hospitals de-empanelled & ₹4.5 cr fine imposed for fraud under **Ayushman Bharat** scheme
- Eight States were selected under **Agriculture Export Policy** by the Government of India
- Chandigarh railway station is fifth in the country and first in North India to inaugurate **Navigation facilities** for visually impaired
- **2019 Forest Survey of India report**: one-fifth (21.40%) of India's forests prone to fires
- **Uttar Pradesh** became 1st state to shortlist migrants for citizenship
- **Amit Shah** to head group of ministers to examine the proposed National Tariff Policy
- Top Iran general **Qassem Soleimani** killed at Baghdad airport in US airstrikes
- **Indian Bank** signed MoU with TN's WEWA to provide credit for business establishments
- IRDAI: Health insurance cover in the name '**Arogya Sanjeevani**' mandatory for insurance companies
- **PayPal** India launches adoption assistance programme for employees
- HAL inks pact with **Wipro 3D** to make aerospace components
- Singular '**they**' voted word of the decade by US linguists
- **Umaro Mokhtar Sissoco Embalo** wins the Guinea-Bissau's presidential election



- **Karur Vysya Bank** MD and CEO P R Seshadri resigns
- ISRO signs an agreement with **IIA** to set up optical telescopes
- **Indian Army** to sign MoU for 7.5 lakh AK-203 assault rifles procurement
- Red brittle star “**Ophiocoma wendtii**” becomes the 2nd creature to exhibit extraocular vision : UK scientists
- India’s all-rounder cricketer **Irfan Pathan** announces retirement
- Indian Sports Ministry gave ‘**in principle**’ approval to hold shooting and archery in 2022 CWG
- India’s star batsman **Rohit sharma** lays foundation of International cricket stadium in Hyderabad, Telangana
- Overview of **63rd National Shooting championship** competitions 2019 held in Bhopal, MP
- Former Karnataka Governor and Padma Vibhushan awardee **T N Chaturvedi** passes away at 90
- Former **MP Kamal Bahadur Singh** passed away at the age of 94 in Bihar
- Malayali novelist A **Sethumadhavan’s** first English novel, ‘The Cuckoo’s Nest’ published
- MP cabinet approves **Mukhyamantri karmchari swasthya bima yojana** rollout from April 1,2020
- New Zealand batsman **Leo Carter** becomes seventh cricketer to hit six sixes in an over
- 12th naval exercise ‘**Naseem-Al-Bahr**’ between India and Oman held in Goa
- HLC chaired by **Amit shah** sanctioned Rs 5908 crore to 7 states from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF)
- 1st tri-dimensional expedition ‘**Maha-Navy Connect 2020**’ launched by Indian Navy in Maharashtra
- India to set its **New World-Class Facility** center in Karnataka’s Challakere to train astronauts
- Mizoram set to organize 1st edition of **Zo kutpui festival 2020** in 10 states & US, Myanmar, Bangladesh
- BEE: New Energy Performance Standards for ACs set; default AC temp at **24°C from Jan 1, 2020**





- Kolkata Police started 3rd edition of '**Sukanya**' project
- **4th Buxa bird festival 2020** commenced in West Bengal
- **Shivalik Mercantile** became 1st urban cooperative bank to convert to SFB
- **RBI** revises supervisory action framework for Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks
- **RBI** allows banks to offer round-the-clock forex market operations
- NSE arm launches AI-powered '**knowledge hub**' to serve financial sector
- CONCOR incorporates **CONCOR** Last Mile Logistics
- Highlights of **77th Golden Globe Awards 2019** held in Beverly Hills, California, US
- **1st Antarrashtriya Yoga Diwas** Media Samman to 30 media houses in New Delhi
- **Arun Kumar Sahu** Appointed as India's Next Envoy to Dominica
- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** launched a web portal for undertaking aerial survey
- Bhubaneswar to host 1st edition of **Khelo India University Games 2020**
- World Cup winner **De Rossi** of Italy retired from football
- India's **Magesh Chandran** wins 95th Hastings International Chess title at Hastings in England
- Former Western Army Commander **Lt Gen PN Hoon** passes away at 90
- 1966 World Cup goalkeeper **Tilkowski** of Germany passed away at the age of 84
- Padma Bhushan artist **Akbar Padamsee** passes away at 91
- **CISF observes 2020** as the 'Year of Mobility'
- Himachal CM Jai ram launches **Himachal MyGov portal & CM app**
- 2019 recorded **7th Warmest Year** In India Since 1901: Met Department
- Highlights of **107th Indian Science** Congress held in Bengaluru, Karnataka





- India hosts **Asia Pacific** drosophila research conference 1st time; 5th edition overall
- **2nd National GST** Conference to streamline GST system held in New Delhi
- **31st International** Kite Festival launched in Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- Gujarat to set up **Vikram Sarabhai** Children Innovation Center soon
- J&K registers highest **Inpatient Department (IPD)** care in the country
- Eight Cr farmer families benefited under **PM Kisan Scheme**
- 2nd phase of **Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI)** 2.0 begins in Uttar Pradesh
- India ranks 34th on **World Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index (TTCI)** 2019
- First Advance **Estimates of National Income** of 2019-20 by NSO released
- SBI revised **GDP projection to 4.6%** for FY 20 from previous 5%
- **GoM** chaired by Amit shah clears EOI & share purchase agreement for privatization of Air India
- **Prashant kishor and Kanhaiya kumar** are among the '20 people to watch in 2020s' list of Forbes; political commentator Hassan minhaj of US tops
- Former PM **Zoran Milanovic** wins Croatia presidential polls
- Socialist leader **Pedro sanchez** took the oath as PM of Spain
- A **Sakthivel** appointed as the new Chairman of AEPC
- **Gaganyaan Mission:** ISRO to launch IDRSS satellites for space communication purpose
- NASA Discovers Potentially Habitable Earth-Sized World "**TOI 700 d**" in Star's '**Goldilocks**' Zone
- NADA bans Weightlifter **Sarbjee Kaur** for four years
- Veteran Odissi Danseuse Padma **Shri Minati Mishra** passes away at 91
- Former Vellore Lok Sabha MP **R.P. Ulaganambi** passed away at 82
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah released a book '**Karmayoddha Granth**' on the life of PM Modi



- Maharashtra celebrates January 6, 2020 as **State's Journalists' Day**
- Visakhapatnam to host naval exercise '**MILAN**' in March 2020
- Gujarat and Eight North-Eastern states to celebrate **Madhavpur Mela** of Gujarat on 2nd April 2020
- Home ministry issues revised guidelines for **mutual legal assistance** treaties
- EC of India and Mauritius renewed MoU on cooperation in electoral management
- CCI report: 'Market Study on E-commerce in **India:Key** Findings and Observations' released
- Indian Railways installs IP based Video **Surveillance System** in railway stations to enhance the security
- NCRB 2018: 50lac crimes registered & is **1.3%** more than 2017; UP tops in economic offence
- EIU survey 2015-20: 3 of world's 10 fastest-growing cities in **Kerala**; Malappuram tops list
- Henley Passport Index 2020: **India ranks 84th** with most powerful passport list; Japan tops
- SBI announces new '**RBBG**' scheme; SBI & Sunteck Realty Limited signed MoU on RBBG scheme
- Andhra Pradesh govt and KfW inks a loan agreement for **Rs.711 crore** under ZBNF
- **Paytm launches** all-in-one QR for merchants to make unlimited payment for free
- In a 1st, HDFC Bank launches customized '**myApps**' for large institutions
- World Bank slashes India's **GDP** forecast for FY 20 to 5% from 6%
- India-born author **Jasbinder Bilan** bags UK Costa Children's award, 2019
- Hudco appoints **M Nagaraj** as CMD
- Lokpal Member and the Former Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court, Justice **Dilip B Bhosale** resigns
- China successfully launches new communication experiment **satellite** '**TJSW-5**' on a Long March-3B rocket
- India's 1st indigenous aircraft carrier **Vikrant** to be commissioned by early 2021



- **Sangeet-Natak Akademi** awardee Dhadi folk singer Idu Sharif passed away at 80
- Veteran screenwriter **Henry Zuckerman** passes away at 89
- NRI Day (**Pravasi Bharatiya Divas**) is observed on January 9, 2020
- Ladakh lifts **7th** National Ice Hockey Championship Women trophy
- **1023 Fast Track** Courts under safety of women mission to be set up in 24 states
- 4 Indian airports received international recognition for reducing emissions as per ACI
- 1st Solar section in South Central Railways comes up in **Nandyal-Yerraguntla** section in Guntakal division of Andhra
- **Chenab bridge**: World's highest rail bridge by Indian Railways to connect Kashmir to rest of India by 2021
- Forest Committee approves Green Credit Scheme to '**trade**' in forests
- 5th edition of '**The pulses conclave 2020**' will be held in Lonavala, Maharashtra
- Union Power Minister RK Singh released 2nd **State Energy Efficiency Index 2019** in New Delhi
- In a 1st, **RBI** introduced video-based identification process for KYC
- MS Swaminathan & Dr. Gutta honoured with **1st Venkaiah Naidu National Awards** in Hyderabad
- Rajya Sabha MP **Chandra Pal Singh Yadav** re-elected as the chairman of KRIBHCO
- **Uttam prakash agarwal** resigns as independent director of Yes Bank
- HDFC completes the acquisition of **Apollo Munich Health Insurance** for RS 1,495.81 crore and named as HDFC ERGO Health Insurance Ltd
- LIGO detects collision of neutron stars for the 2nd time to encourage Indian pompano cultivation in the country
- Kohli continues at No.1; **Rahane, Pujara slips**: ICC Men's test rankings 2020
- Odisha's Gajapati dynasty head former MP **Gopinath Gajapati Narayan Deo** passes away at 76



- **World Hindi day** celebrated on January 10, 2020
- AP CM launches Rs 6,318 cr '**Amma Vodi**' scheme for indigent mothers
- **Arunachal Pradesh** adopts new logo for the state
- TN's Fishery and Music universities named after the late **CM J Jayalalithaa**
- Uttar Pradesh government announced to build a 121-acre zoo named after Ashfaqullah Khan
- 1st time in two decades, **Fouaad Mirza** becomes 1st Indian equestrian to qualify for Tokyo Olympics
- IEA launched 1st in-depth review of **India 2020 energy** policy review in New Delhi
- DPIIT launches paperless licensing process for petroleum road tankers
- 'Wings India 2020' to be held at Begumpet Airport of **Telangana** in March 2020
- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** dedicates National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal to the Nation
- Global investor meet **ASCEND 2020** held in Kochi, Kerala
- Industrial production grows **1.8% in November 2019**: NSO's IIP data
- WTO: Dispute panel set up over **India's duty** hike on 28 American goods
- RBI formulates **National Strategy** for Financial Inclusion for the period 2019-2024
- **RBI** permits UPI transactions for recurring payments & releases framework for imposing penalties on payment system operators
- Central govt raised **India Overseas Bank's** authorized capital to Rs 25,000 crore
- **IEA's India 2020 energy policy review**: India to surpass China in terms of oil demand growth by mid-2020s
- Indian Scientist **Dr Sakya Singha Sen** and team wins 'Merck Young Scientist Awards 2019' in Karnataka
- India's Rani Rampal nominated for '**World Games Athlete of the Year**', 2019
- Hyderabad Scientist **Dr.Saha** elected as IUPAC bureau member



- Lt Col **Yuvraj Malik** appointed as director of National Book Trust
- Digital payment firm **PayU** India acquires Paysense for \$185 mn
- India lands LCA Tejas on INS **Vikramaditya** for the first time
- Omani leader **Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Said** passes away at 79
- Kannada Scholar **M Chidananda Murthy** passes away at 88
- Veteran broadcaster, academic-poet **Obaid Siddiqui** passes away at 63
- Canadian rock group drummer **Neil Peart** passed away at 67 years
- Indian Navy continues to maintain operation **Sankalp** in Gulf region amid growing tensions
- Petroleum minister Pradhan launched **PURVODAYA** mission in steel sector in Kolkata, West Bengal
- 'Yashaswini scheme' was launched by the Union Minister Smriti Irani in Goa
- Govt promulgated ordinance for amendment in laws to ease coal mine auctions
- Overview of Prime Minister **Modi's 2 day** official visit to Kolkata, West Bengal
- HM Amit shah 2-day visit to Gujarat; launches project **VISHWAS & Cyber AASHVAST** in Gandhinagar
- Tehran Dialogue Forum-23rd gulf conference; India supports **Hormuz Peace initiative 2020**
- RBI curbs functions of **Sri Guru Raghavendra Sahakara Bank**; withdraw limit set to Rs.35000
- **SEBI extends April 2022** deadline for separation of chairman & MD posts for top 500 listed entities firms
- BCCI annual awards 2018-19 announced: **Jasprit Bumrah** receives Polly Umrigar award
- **Robert Abela** wins Prime minister election of Malta
- **Tsai Ing-Wen** wins Taiwan's Presidential election for the second time
- **Haitham bin Tariq Al Said** appointed as the new ruler of Oman



- Flipkart former CEO **Sachin Bansal** acquires DHFL General Insurance for Rs 100 crore
- Shopper malware affects **14.23% Indian users**: Kaspersky report
- Two Coast Guard ships **Annie Besant** and Amrit Kaur commissioned at Kolkata
- Tennis legend **Novak djokovic** defeats **Nadal** to make Serbia winner of 1st ATP Cup 2020 held in Sydney, Australia
- Noted Kerala **Cartoonist Thomas Antony** passes away at 62
- Portuguese motorcycle rider **Paulo Goncalves** passes away at 40
- New India: Selected Writings 2014-19 of **Arun Jaitely**, Foreword by PM Modi to be released in Feb
- Union External Affairs Minister recently launched a book titled '**PAX SINICA**: Implications for the Indian Dawn'
- Indian embassy in Nepal celebrates **Vishwa hindi diwas** ; launches Nepali translation of Swami Vivekananda's 'Karma Yoga' among 4 books
- **National Youth Day** is observed on January 12, 2020 and PM marks 157th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda at Belur Math
- **Shri Nitin Gadkari** inaugurated 31st Road Safety Campaign in Nagpur, Maharashtra
- Lohri, a harvest Festival of North India is celebrated in January 13
- Japan coast guard Ship '**Echigo PLH08**' arrives Chennai to take part in the 19th edition of 'Sahyog-Kaijin' exercise
- **Amit Shah** chaired 6th IDA meeting in New Delhi; 26 islands identified to promote tourism
- 1st time India to host SCO heads meeting; **Statue of unity** included in 8 wonders of SCO
- Indian Railways signs MoU with **RailTel** for Phase 2 execution of e-office
- 11-member panel headed by mines additional secretary to chair royalty rate issues on minerals
- India's under-5 mortality of girls exceeds that of boys in **Child Mortality** report of UN



- Govt launches **Integrated Road Accident Database (IRAD)** developed by IIT-Madras
- Retail inflation rose to **7.35% in December 2019**, highest in last 5 years : NSO
- Football player **Mbappé** named as the most valuable player at €265 million: CIES Football Observatory
- **Captain Tania Shergill** to become first woman parade adjutant for Republic Day parade of 2020
- British Indian yoga champion **Ishwar Sharma** wins Global Child Prodigy Award
- **2020 Swachhata Darpan** plastic management awards conferred by actor Aamir Khan in New Delhi
- Highlights of 2nd edition of **Sport star Aces awards 2020** ceremony held in Mumbai, Maharashtra
- **A P Maheshwari** appointed as the new DG of CRPF
- **Michael Debabrata Patra** appointed as fourth Deputy Governor of RBI
- Lt General **Girish Kumar** reappointed as the Surveyor General of India for one year
- IOC launches special **NATO** class diesel for Indian Navy
- A 17-year-old intern at NASA, Wolf cukier discovers new planet '**TOI 1338b**' 1300 light years away
- **H9N2 virus**: Indian scientists detect India's 1st case of infection in Maharashtra
- **India finish 2019** as number one shooting nation in world: ISSF
- National Award Winner **Manmohan Mohapatra** passed away at 69
- Britain's conservative thinker and Philosopher Roger Vernon **Scruton** passes away at 75
- **Fourth Armed Forces Veterans' Day** is observed on Jan 14
- Fresh investment proposals worth **Rs 6608 cr** approved in Tamil Nadu
- **Sachin Tendulkar** nominated in Laureus's list for most inspiring sporting event of last 20 years





- Indian-American **Raja Jon VurputoorChari** is among NASA's new astronauts: set to conquer Moon, Mars
- National draft policy on Rare Disease: Govt to provide Rs 15 lakh under **Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi** scheme
- **Dr Mihir Shah** appointed as Chairman of 11 member Committee to draft the National Water Policy
- Union Minister for culture and tourism launched "Indian Heritage in Digital Space" exhibition in New Delhi
- Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan** launched 'Saksham' Campaign in New Delhi
- HM Amit Shah signs historic **Bru-Reang** refugee agreement in New Delhi; around 34,000 refugees to be settled in Tripura
- Overview of 5th edition of **Raisina** Dialogue 2020 held in New Delhi
- Mizoram sets to celebrate '**Chapchar Kut**' festival on March 6, 2020
- **India's 1st Sukhoi-30** squadron to be stationed in Thanjavur, TN: IAF chief RKS Bhadauria
- **e-commerce** platform was launched by the Ministry of Housing in real estate sector
- India and Bangladesh signs MoU in the field of Information and **Broadcasting sector** in New Delhi
- **Arunachal pradesh** becomes the 1st state in India to initiate IUCN's red-listing of orchids
- **23rd National Youth Festival** 2020 held in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- Centre accepts **SIT recommendations** in 1984 anti-Sikh riot cases headed by Justice SN Dhingra
- WHO released **Global health** challenges for 2020; 13 health challenges for the decade identified
- **World Economic Forum** released 15th Global Risk Report 2020
- **ICICI bank** unveils India's largest API banking portal called 'ICICI Bank API Banking portal' with nearly 250 APIs
- WB & India signed **\$88 million** loan pact for Assam Inland Water Transport Project



- South central zone of **Indian railways & SBI** ink pact for doorstep banking in 585 stations
- Sindhi writer **Vasdev Mohi** to be conferred with 29th Saraswati Samman
- 16th edition of **ICC awards 2019** announced ; Rohit sharma named ODI cricket of the year
- 17th edition of **Crossword Books Awards** held in Mumbai on January 14,2020
- **Mikhail Mishustin** becomes the next prime minister of Russia
- **Arilane 5 rocket** launches communications satellites for India, Eutelsat into geostationary orbit
- **Rajnath Singh** dedicated 51st K9 Vajra-T guns to nation—\$26 billion turnover by 2025 in Defence Production
- Three new frog species discovered in **Arunachal Pradesh**
- WWE legend **Rocky Johnson**, father of Dwayne Johnson, passes away at 75
- **China's 1st** and oldest female tractor driver Liang jun dies at 90
- Noted chess administrator **Ummer Koya** of Kerala dies at 69
- **Army Day 2020** observed on January 15
- **Magnus Carlsen** sets world record of longest unbeaten streak in chess history
- **Aashman Taneja** sets Guinness world record in Taekwondo
- Indian Army conducted airborne exercise '**Winged Raider**' involving Special Forces troops
- DV Sadananda launched HURL's brand "**APNA UREA-Sona Ugle**" & unveiled company logo in New Delhi
- Commemorative stamp of former footballer **Chuni Goswami** released by Indian Postal Department
- 1st Session of **India-Norway** Dialogue on Trade & Investment Held in New Delhi
- **Bahadurpur** and **Kheri Viran** to become India's first model sports villages
- Govt allocates over Rs 2000 crore for completing **Z Morh tunnel** in J&K



- 5th edition of Science **Film festival 2020** held in Panaji, Goa
- 10th World Future **Energy Summit 2020** held in Abu Dhabi, UAE; CLIX sustainability summit held
- **RBI tightens** norms for debit, credit card issuance & usage to improve security
- Digital payments body NPCI launches blockchain-based '**Vajra platform**' to make payments fast & secure
- UN slashes **India's GDP growth to 5.7%** from 7.6% for FY 2019-20
- Singer Suman & music director **Kuldeep** to get MP's Mangeshkar Award for 2017 & 2018 respectively
- Road transport minister **Gadkari** presents National highway excellence awards 2019 in New Delhi
- Harish Salve appointed **Queen's** Counsel for courts of England & Wales
- Ukraine PM **Oleksiy Honcharuk** resigns
- SC appoints former apex court judge Justice **Abhay Manohar Sapre** as head of road safety committee
- Equifax inks pact to acquire 100 % stake in its Indian **JV- Equifax** credit information services for Rs 370 crore
- Russia to deliver five **S-400** air defence systems to India by 2025
- CM **Bhupesh baghel** launches employment-oriented mobile app 'Rojgar Sangi' in Raipur
- Meteorite Contains The Oldest Material On Earth: **7-billion-year-old** Stardust
- Pakistan's **Mohammad Hafeez** to retire after Twenty20 (T-20) World Cup
- Former India all-rounder **Bapu Nadkarni** passed away at 86
- Senior journalist and former **MP Ashwini Kumar Chopra** passes away at 63
- Kerala announces sports awards, **Muhammad Anas** wins GV Raja award
- **NITI Aayog UT of Ladakh** signed MoU for development of Infrastructure Projects



- Law minister inaugurated NIC's Centre of Excellence in **Blockchain** Technology in Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Gujarat leads in water efficiency survey under **National hydrology project**, Delhi among worst performing states
- 3rd International symposium on marine ecosystems challenges and opportunities (**MECOS**) 2020 held in Kochi, Kerala
- For the 1st time, Govt to collect data including families headed by **transgenders** for census 2021
- **President Kovind** lays foundation stone of Lakshadweep's 1st super specialty hospital at Kavaratti
- Centre to cut wasteful expenditure on travel and food by **20 %** to control fiscal deficit
- Union ministers Prakash Javadekar, **R K Singh** inaugurate 14th edition of ELECRAMA 2020 being held in Greater Noida, UP
- **Magh Bihu** festival celebrated in Assam
- 1st of **Krishi Manthan 2020** begins in Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- Union HRD Minister inaugurated 28th New Delhi **World Book Fair 2020** in New Delhi
- WEF's 1st **Global Social Mobility Index 2020**: India ranks 76th & Denmark tops the list
- Highlights of **NSA Ajit Doval's** visit to Sri Lanka; \$50mn assistance pledged to SL
- **Lok Sabha** speaker **Om Birla** attends 25th conference of speakers and presiding officers 2020 in Ottawa, Canada
- WGC: **RBI** ranked 6th among central banks in buying gold abroad; China's central bank tops
- UN revises **India's GDP** growth forecast for 2019-20 to 5% from 5.7%
- 'cVIGIL' and 'Voter Helpline app' won **e-Governance Award** of Excellence 2019 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- **Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw**: 4th Indian to receive highest Australian civilian honour
- **General Satinder Kumar Saini** appointed as the new vice Chief of Army Staff



- **Arjun Munda** becomes President of Archery Association of India (AAI)
- India successfully test-fired **SLBM K-4 of 3,500 kilometer** range in Visakhapatnam coast in Andhra Pradesh
- **Jacqueline Williams** of Jamaica becomes the 1st woman third Umpire in men's T20I
- **Sangeet Natak Akademi** awardee & Odia Hindustani vocalist Sunanda Patnaik passed away at 85
- Former Haryana Congress Chief **Shamsher Singh Surjewala** passes away at 87
- Book 'Essays and Reminiscences: A Festschrift in Honour of **Nani A Palkhivala**' released on noted jurist and economist Nani A Palkhivala
- Former Indian Cricketer WV Raman's book '**The Winning Sixer**', released by Anil Kumble in Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 15th raising day of **National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)** observed on 19 Jan 2020
- **National Immunization Day** observed on January 19, 2020
- Gujarat Chief Minister **Vijay Rupani** flagged off Ahmedabad-Mumbai Tejas Express
- PM Modi & Nepal PM Sharma Oli inaugurated 2nd Integrated Check Post at **Jogbani-Biratnagar**
- '**One Nation, One Ration Card**' scheme will be implemented by June 1, 2020: Union Minister Ram Vilas Paswan
- **APEDA** sets up 186 Agri Products testing laboratories across the country
- International Conclave on '**Globalising Indian Thought**' held in IIT-Kozhikode from January 16-18, 2020
- 3rd edition of **Pariksha Pe Charcha 2020**: PM Modi interacts with students, teachers in New Delhi
- **Andhra Pradesh Cabinet** clears the Proposal for three capitals: Visakhapatnam, Amaravati, Kurnool
- **12th National Tribal** Youth Exchange Programme inaugurated in Puducherry
- Panel headed by **Amit Shah** to create tougher law against sexual harassment at work



- Supreme Court sets up a panel for draft mediation law headed by mediator **Niranjan Bhat**
- Seismic Hazard **Microzonation** project was launched by the Ministry of Earth Science
- Oxfam Report: **India's richest** 1% people's Wealth is 4 times of 70% of population
- Airtel joins hands with **Bharti AXA** to provide Rs 179 prepaid plan with life insurance of Rs 2 lakh
- **Reserve Bank** cancels certificate of authorisation of Vodafone m-pesa
- IMF trims **India's 2019 GDP** growth forecast to 4.8% from 6.1%
- **India ranked 8th** among the top 10 nations receiving FDI in 2019, US tops: UNCTAD report
- **Priya Prakash** wins Cisco Youth Leadership Award 2019
- Royal Bank of Scotland appoints **Punit Sood** as RBS India Head
- **Challa Sreenivasulu Setty** appointed as the Managing Director of SBI
- Former principal secretary to the PM, **Nripendra Misra** appointed as the new chairperson of NMML council
- Govt appoints **Sanjiv Chadha**, Atanu kumar & Lingam to head BOB, BOI & Canara bank respectively
- WHO: TB diagnostic test '**TrueNat**' developed in India has high accuracy
- **VGM** mobile app was developed by Mrityunjay Singh and Priya Rai, Students of IIT (BHU), Varanasi, UP
- Highlights of **India Vs Australia ODI 2020** series held from January 14 – 19
- Former Indian cricketer **Man Mohan Sood** passed away at 80
- **Hariharan Balagopal's** Book 'The Gateway': A Social Commentary on Safety of Senior Citizens released
- **Ashwani Kumar's** latest book, Human Dignity – A purpose in perpetuity, launched by Manmohan Singh
- Delhi CM **Arvind kejriwal** launches a 10-point shorter election manifesto "Kejriwal Ka Guarantee Card"



- **Tropical Cyclone Tino** batters Fiji
- Union minister **Ravi shankar prasad** inaugurates 2nd edition of 'NIC TechConclave 2020' in New Delhi
- 70,000 crore rupees has disbursed till January 13, 2020 under MSME loan scheme: Ministry of Finance
- 'Youth Co:Lab- **National innovation Challenge**' was hosted by Atal Innovation Mission and UNDP in New Delhi
- **Uttarakhand** is the 1st state in the country to implement agricultural leasing policy
- **Indian Navy Signs MoU** for offshore Data with Geological Survey of India
- Central Government **Notifies National Startup** Advisory Council
- **Bengaluru** airport first in India to get disabled aircraft recovery equipment
- Defence Ministry approves procurement of military hardware worth **Rs. 5,100 crore**
- UAE has been declared '**reciprocating territory**' by India under section 44A of CPC, 1908
- **Guyana** takes over the chairmanship of G77
- N's decarbonization target of Shipping industry could cost over **\$1 trillion**: UMAS study
- CDP India annual report 2019: **India ranks 5th** in Carbon disclosure project 2019, US tops
- Hyderabad ranked 14th globally in **Knight Frank's Global Residential** Cities Index Q3, 2019, Budapest in Hungary tops
- **ICICI Bank** launches 'cardless cash withdrawal' through ATMs using 'iMobile'; daily transaction limit set at Rs 20,000
- **NICL board** approves its merger proposal with OICL & UIIC
- For the 1st time, **RBI Releases** Minutes of board meeting
- Former President Pranab Mukherjee Confers '**Champions of Change 2019**' Award to Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren





- President of India Presented 14th **Ramnath Goenka** Excellence in Journalism Awards
- Food delivery startup **Zomato** acquires Uber Eats in all-stocks deal for \$350 mn
- In a 1st, TSEC to use face recognition app in 2020 **Telangana Municipal polls** on pilot basis
- Health ministry takes action for the recent novel **coronavirus** outbreak in China
- **Xenobots**: World's first living, self-healing robots
- **Sania Mirza** wins 2020 doubles title at 27th WTA Hobart International Trophy in Australia
- India wins 7 medals in **1st UWW Rome** ranking series 2020 held in Rome, Italy
- Bhopal's titular queen **Saleha Sultan** passed away at 80
- RBI denies banning **cryptocurrencies** ;but restriction for Banks
- PM Modi chairs **32nd PRAGATI meeting 2020** in New Delhi; 9 delayed projects worth Rs 24,000 crores discussed
- Minister of steel launched **SAIL SERVICE** scheme and Portal for SAIL employees
- Jharkhand' Jharia is the most polluted **Indian city & Lunglei**, Mizoram least polluted: Greenpeace India report 2018
- Overview of Cabinet Approvals on **January 22, 2020**
- Overview of Cabinet Approval with **Foreign Countries** on Jan 22, 2020
- EIU's 12th edition of **Democracy Index 2019**: India slips 10 ranks to 51st position, Norway tops
- Switzerland tops the **Global Talent Competitiveness Index 2020**, India ranks 72<sup>nd</sup>
- UNWTO: **1.5 billion** international tourist arrivals in 2019; arrivals grew by 4% from 2018
- India Opens **1st Mahatma Gandhi** Convention Centre in Niger
- **Swiss bank** Julius Baer report 2020: Mumbai among cheapest cities in the world for luxury goods, Hong Kong most expensive
- 23rd CEO survey: **India** 4th best market for global companies looking for growth abroad; US tops



- Exim Bank extends **\$35.80 mn LoC** to Suriname for rural electrification
- ICICI Lombard gets **IRDAI approval** to pilot 5 projects under Regulatory Sandbox
- **Bajaj Finserv** partners with Apollo Hospitals to launch health EMI cards to patients
- **Ind-Ra** predicts India's GDP to grow at 5.5% for FY21
- Indian oil signs MOU with **NPA Ghana** for assistance in LPG programme
- Airtel joins hands with **Google** cloud to bring G Suite to Indian SMBs
- **Reliance Jio** becomes 1st telecom operator to launch UPI payments feature
- Department of Telecommunication approves **100% FDI** in Bharti Airtel
- Gujarat secures top spot the **SKOCH** State of Governance 2019 ranking
- President Kovind conferred 2020 **Rashtriya Bal Puraskar** awards in New Delhi
- **SoftBank** appoints Manoj Kohli as India head
- **Katerina Sakellaropoulou** becomes Greece's first woman president
- Lebanon announces formation of new govt headed by **Hassan Diab**
- Adani group's **NBFC Adani** Capital acquired Essel Finance's MSME loan business
- **POLNET 2.0** was inaugurated by the Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Ra
- Indian Army to induct Artillery gun '**Sharang**' by March 31, 2020
- Ministry of **Sports de-recognised** the Rowing Federation of India for violating the Sports Code of 2011
- Overview of 3rd **khelo india** youth games 2020 held in Guwahati, Assam
- **Monty Python** star Terry Jones passed away at 77
- Book titled **The Story of Yoga: From India to the Contemporary World** by Alistair release
- Uttar Pradesh government implements '**Mukhyamantri Krishak Durghatna Kalyan Yojana**' for the farmers in the state



- India, Bangladesh signed agreement to upgrade **Ashuganj-Akhaura** road into 4-lane highway
- 'Vigyan Samagam', **India's 1st global Mega Science** Exhibition inaugurated at National Science Centre in New Delhi by Dr. Jitendra Sing
- IR sets up its Waste to energy plant at **Mancheswar** Carriage Repair Workshop in Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- **India's 1st War Memorial** for Animals to be set up in Meerut, UP
- 13th Jaipur **Literature Festival** began in Jaipur, Rajasthan
- **Srinagar** declared Open Defecation Free
- Govt sets up 3 **high-level** steering committees to dispose of enemy properties
- Govt think-tank **NITI Aayog** releases its vision for National Data and Analytics Platform
- Union Minister **Mansukh Mandaviya** attends the World Economic Forum held in Davos, Switzerland
- MoRD inks MoU with BMGF under **DAY-NRLM** to strengthen grassroots institutions of the rural poor
- **Corruption Perception Index 2019**: India ranks 80th; Denmark and New Zealand top the list
- **World Breastfeeding** Trends Initiative: Srilanka tops in supporting breastfeeding women
- WEF's 1st Nature Risk Rising report: **\$44trillion** of global GDP depend on nature
- **Global** unemployment to increase by around 2.5 million in 2020: UN's ILO report
- **WEF** to conserve 1 trillion trees by 2030 to combat climate change through 1t.org
- Switzerland mints **world's smallest** gold coin values ¼ Swiss francs
- **RBI** hikes short-term debt investments limit for FPI to 30% from 20%
- In a 1st , City **Union Bank** launches multilingual voice based 'All-In-One' app
- New **India Co-operative Bank(NICB)** to be converted as Small Finance Bank



- 22 children from 12 States selected for **ICCW National bravery awards 2019**
- 2nd **Subhash Chandra** Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar 2020:DMMC & Kumar singh awarded
- Kerala Tourism's disabled-friendly project won **UNWTO's** Accessible Destination Awards 2019
- Former IOB Executive Director **A.D.M. Chavali** appointed as CVC panel member
- 1st unmanned mission will be launched in December 2020 as a preparation for '**Gaganyaan**': ISRO
- **World's** oldest ever mushroom fossil discovered in Congo, Africa
- Australia to host **11th Indoor Cricket World Cup** in October, 2020
- 6 cities across **New Zealand** to host the ICC Women's cricket world cup 2021; Hagley oval in Christchurch to host final
- World Archery lifts suspension on AA <sup>TM</sup>
- **National Girl Child Day 2020** observed on January 24 in Madhya Pradesh
- 2nd edition of **International Day of Education** observed on 24 January,2020
- Dept of **Biotechnology** holds international summit on women in STEM in New Delhi
- India's first **e-waste** clinic opens in Bhopal
- Government sets up 10 chairs to encourage women in research activities on **National Girl Child Day**, January 24, 2020
- **West Bengal** leads in vegetable production, Andhra Pradesh tops in Fruits in 2018-19: Horticultural production data
- India supplies 30k doses of Measles and **Rubella** vaccine to Maldives within 72 hours
- NIRDPR ties up with UNICEF, **Hyderabad (Telangana)** field office to establish 'communication resource unit'
- Highlights of **50th WEF** annual meeting 2020 held in Davos, Switzerland
- WEF: Survey on trust on climate science & 1st positive impact rating 2020 launched



- Bangladesh **PM Sheikh Hasina** launched e-passport in Dhaka; South Asia's 1st and 119th e-passport in the world
- Overview of External affairs Minister **Jaishankar's** 3-day visit to Niger & Tunisia
- European Commission, Council presidents sign **Brexit** agreement
- Pakistan may be out of FAFT's "**Grey List**" by February 2020
- Western Union joins hands with Airtel payments bank & **Airtel Africa** for money transfer service
- India & WB signed **\$210 million** loan pact for Maharashtra's Agri & Rural Transformation Project
- **IndusInd Bank** launches asset management platform "PIONEER"
- WEF appoints IMF chief **Kristalina Georgieva** and ARM chairman Patrice Motsepe to its board of trustees
- CEC **Sunil Arora** takes over as the new chairman of FEMBoSA<sup>TM</sup>
- Pakistan successfully launched ballistic missile "**Ghaznavi**"
- **Nitin Gadkari** launches 'GATI' web portal to monitor 3 lakh crore rupees project
- ZSI documents another new snake eel species "**Ophichthus kailashchandrai**" in Odisha
- ICC Test ranking **Virat Kohli** tops the list with 928 points
- Former Minister of Odisha, **Jagannath Rout** passes away at 78
- Former **Rajya Sabha** MP Melhupra Vero passed away at 88
- Minority Affairs minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi's new novel '**Balwa**' to be released
- 10th **National Voters' Day** is observed on January 25, 2020
- 26 new Indian English words featured in 10th **Oxford dictionary**; Aadhaar, hartal among them
- India completely phased out one of the most potent ozone depleting **HCFC-141 b** chemical
- France to be the guest of honour at 2022 New Delhi **World Book Fair**
- **RBI** increased Investment Limits Under Voluntary Retention Route to Rs 1.5lakh crore



- Graphic designer **Sneha pamneja** wins Oxford Bookstore Book Cover Prize 2020 for 'Tiffin' at 13th Jaipur Literature Festival
- Journalist & Hindu group chairman **N Ram** honored with Kerala's national media award
- English actor Andy Serkis to get **BAFTA** award for outstanding British contribution to cinema in Feb 2020
- Qualcomm launches **3 new chipsets** – Snapdragon 720G, 662 & 460 with Indian GPS system NavIC
- Tennis player **Joao Souza** of Brazil banned for life due to match-fixing
- Eminent artist and sculptor **Sher Singh Kukkal** dies at 86
- Reading preamble of constitution made mandatory in schools of **Madhya Pradesh**
- 1st ever 2-day long **"Innovation festival"** was organised by Arunachal Pradesh government at Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh
- Kerala **CM Pinarayi Vijayan** inaugurated India's 1st Super Fab Lab
- **Bharat Parv 2020** to be celebrated from 26th to 31st January
- Ministry of Tourism to fund the travel expenses of the tourist who visit 15 destinations of our country in 1 year
- 1st **Ganga-Volga** Dialogue of civilizations 2020 between India & Russia held in New Delhi
- **UCBs** hit by around 972 cases of fraud worth Rs 221 crore in past 5 fiscals: RBI
- BSE signed licensing agreement with **ICE Futures Europe**
- Ministry of Home Affairs announces Padma awards 2020 ; **Arun Jaitley**, Sushma Swaraj honoured
- TN agri university Vice Chancellor **N Kumar** honoured **2019 Harit Ratna Award**
- **Election Commission of India (ECI)** award for The Hindu Tamil
- **Sunil Mehta** got appointed as Chief Executive of Indian Banks' Association



- 11th edition of **DefExpo 2020** to be held in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh from February 5-9 2020
- **INS Kavaratti** was delivered to Indian Navy by the Defence PSU GRSE
- New meat-eating Dinosaur species **Allosaurus jimmadseni** found in Utah, US
- **ICC men's T20 World cup 2021 in India**: 4 countries to qualify from 16-team Qualifier
- American basketball legend **Kobe Bean Bryant** and his daughter dies in a helicopter crash
- JDS leader and former Karnataka Minister **Kodman Amarnath Shetty** passes away at 80
- Assamese linguist **Golok Chandra Goswami** passed away at 96
- **International Holocaust Remembrance Day** was observed on Jan 27,2020
- **International Customs Day** observed on January 26, 2020
- Shiv Sena-led Maharashtra govt launched '**Shiv Bhojan**' scheme
- **Andhra Pradesh** cabinet approves proposal to abolish legislative council
- GeM signed MoU with UP for **GOTT Project** Management Unit
- Centre & Assam govt signed tripartite agreement with the banned **NDFB**
- Horticulture output to be **313.35 million tonnes in 2019-20: First advance estimates**
- India's first underwater metro, '**Kolkata metro**' to be opened by March 2022
- 1st estimate of rabi crop released by **NCML**; record grain output to be witnessed in 2020
- Overview of Brazilian **President Bolsonaro's 4-day** Visit to India
- **Rajya Sabha** panel submits report on child porn
- WHO has declared the global risk of **Noval Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)**
- EU moves resolutions against **India over CAA**, Kashmir
- 13th edition of International **Children's Film Festival** inaugurated at Dhaka, Bangladesh
- **NABARD predicts** Rs 90,395cr credit potential for Odisha in FY21





- Government of India has decided to sell **100 per cent** stake of Air India
- Bajaj Housing Finance Limited Bags the **BFSI Digital Innovation Awards 2020** for Cloud Solutions
- Assam and **Jal Shakti Mission** wins the best tableaux awards for the Republic Day Parade 2020
- **Samvidhaan'** named as Oxford Hindi Word of the Year for 2019
- Anil Khanna nominated as Life President of **Asian Tennis Federation (ATF)**
- **Joao Vale de Almeida** appointed as the 1st head of EU to United Kingdom
- Sachin Bansal, the independent director of **Ujjivan Small Finance bank** resigns from the post
- Slovenian PM **Marjan Sarec** announced his resignation
- Domestic Cricket stalwart **Vineet Saxena** announced retirement
- Arjuna awardee & Former Indian women's hockey team captain **Sunita Chandra** passed away at 76
- Veteran film producer **Vinay Sinha** passed away at 74
- Netherland's football player **Robbie Rensenbrink** passes away at 72
- '**Relentless**' Autobiography by Former finance minister Yashwant Sinha released by Pranab Mukherjee
- **West Bengal** becomes fourth state to scrap CAA resolution
- SIPRI report: China is the **world's 2nd-biggest** weapons producer
- Nepal is the **1st South Asian Nation** to offer to mediate between India and Pakistan
- Indian Navy launched '**Operation Vanilla**' to aid the cyclone-hit Madagascar
- 10 more wetlands from India declared as **Ramsar** sites
- PM Modi Addressed **3rd Global Potato** Conclave held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- World's largest meditation centre opened in **Hyderabad**, Telangana



- Government to release the report of **100 Smarts Cities** in June 2020
- SC allows govt to bring **African** cheetah to suitable wildlife habitat in India
- **MGNREGA** scheme faces fund crunch as 96% funds been spent
- Country's 1st and biggest 'walk-through' aviary inaugurated at **Byculla Zoo** in Maharashtra
- ICG commissioned high-speed interceptor boat **C-448** in Mangaluru, Karnataka
- Overview of Cabinet Approval on Jan 29, 2020
- UK Govt launches **£4 Million** pound Innovation challenge fund in India
- **India's** crude steel production rose by 1.8 % to 111.2 MT in 2019: WSA
- Britain unveils new **50 pence** coin to mark its departure from EU
- NTPC to develop **300 MW** solar power projects in West African country Togo
- **Abhijit Banerjee** conferred D Litt by alma mater Calcutta University
- Environmentalist **Pavan Sukhdev** and Prof. Gretchen C. Daily won the Tyler Prize 2020
- Noted Theatre artist **Sanjna Kapoor** gets French honour 'Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters' in New Delhi
- **Vakrangee** appoints Ramesh Joshi as its Non-Executive chairman as per Kotak committee recommendations
- Diplomat **Taranjit Singh** Sandhu appointed as India's Ambassador to US
- Sheikh Khalid bin **Khalifa bin Abdulaziz Al Thani** appointed as new PM of Qatar
- England's Alastair Cook and ex-West Indies team manager **Ricky Skerrett** appointed as the members of MCC's World Cricket Committee
- Researchers at **IIT-H** develops essential-oil-based drug carrier to treat fungal diseases
- Dr Jitendra Singh launched **ISRO's Bhuvan Panchayat V 3.0** Web portal
- New mission launched by **NASA & ESA** to take first pics of Sun's poles



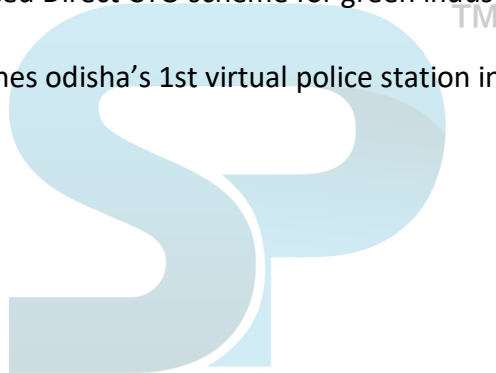
- 71st International Boxing tournament **Strandja 2020** held in Sofia, Bulgaria ; India bags 3 medals
- New Zealand spinner **Todd Astle** announces first-class retirement
- For the 2nd straight year, India to host **Barca** Academy Cup – Asia Pacific 2020 in Gurgaon, Haryana
- Indian squash player **Saurav Ghosal** loses in Pittsburgh Open 2020 final held in US
- Highlights of 2020 **Sri Lanka tour of India**, T20 series in Indore, Guwahati and Pune
- Ex Bihar minister and RJD MLA **Abdul Ghafoor** passed away at 60
- Veteran south actress Jameela Malik passed away at 73
- Flipkart signs MoU with **GSHHDC** to promote artisans and craftsmen
- IAHE committee headed by **YS Malik** submits its report to Road transport minister Nitin Gadkari
- **NITI Aayog's** Aspirational district ranking : Chandauli of UP tops in December 2019
- **Assam** Rifles builds war memorial in Nagaland for 357 martyrs.
- 44th **International Kolkata Book Fair 2020 (IKBF)** begins in Kolkata, West Bengal with Russia as the theme country
- Luxembourg foreign minister **Jean Asselborn** meets EAM Jaishankar during his 2-day visit to India
- **Assam** tops in best budgetary practices followed by states, Meghalaya at bottom: TII survey
- No charge on UPI, **RuPay** transactions If MDR is zero: Banks to NPCI
- FICCI estimates India's **GDP growth at 5 % for FY20**; could reach 5.5% in FY21
- Dr. Partap chauhan honoured with Ayurveda ratan award 2020 in Brussels, Belgium
- **Gita Sabharwal** of India appointed UN Resident Coordinator in Thailand
- RBI appoints **ED Janak Raj** as member of the Monetary Policy Committee
- **NCRB** Launched 'Searching the missing persons' & 'Generate Vehicle NOC' services.
- Padma Shri awardee and Indian Social Worker **Tushar Kanjilal** passed away at 85



- Former Kerala Minister **M. Kamalam** passed away at 93.
- **World Leprosy Day 2020** is observed on Jan 30, 2020.
- World Neglected **Tropical Diseases day 2020** was observed on Jan 30
- **Delhi** airport gets a new women-only cab service
- 9th India-Bangladesh joint exercise **SAMPRITI-IX** to be conducted in Umrong, Meghalaya
- **Telangana** tops in best performing state in sustainable growth: UNDP India
- IR Undertakes **RFID project** for Automatic Identification & Data Collection of Rolling Stock
- Under **PMAY-G**, centre aims to achieve objective of housing for all by 2022
- **12th South Asia** Conference held in New Delhi
- Government took over process related to **IMEI from private body MSAI**
- **Nagoba Jatra** festival celebrated in Telangana
- **India Railways** to offer content on demand service by 2022
- **9th Tomtom Traffic Index 2019**: Bengaluru has world's worst traffic; 4 Indian cities in top 10 list
- **Coronavirus** declared as a global health emergency by WHO
- **ICICI Bank** launches first-of-its-kind 24x7 self-service delivery facility , 'iBox'
- **Indian Bank** launched two-tailor made credit products for textile sector
- Google commits **\$ 1 million** grant to Inter news for news literacy promotion in Indi
- **Tata AIG** in collaboration with DFI to develop insurance products for drone industry
- Journalist **Yusuf Jameel** won 2019 PEN Gauri Lankesh Award for Democratic Idealism
- Padma Shri awardee **Rani Rampal** became 1st hockey player to win World Games Athlete of the Year
- **Shri Vinay Mohan kwatra** designated as the next Ambassador of India to Nepal



- OPPO signs MoU with **IIT Hyderabad** for research on 5G, AI
- **Bala Devi** the first Indian woman to sign up for a Rangers FC foreign football club
- **Canada's Christine Sinclair** becomes all-time top scorer with 185 goals in international soccer
- Noted Urdu poet **Ajmal Sultanpuri** passed away at 97
- Former India basketball captain Matthew **Satya Babu** passes away 79
- Assamese litterateur **Sashi Sarma** passed away at 89
- "**Calcutta Nights**" – Book reveals Kolkata's best kept secrets
- **72nd Martyrs' Day** observed on Jan 30, 2020
- CM **Palaniswamy** announced Direct CTO scheme for green industries in Chennai, TN
- CM **Naveen patnaik** launches odisha's 1st virtual police station in Bhubaneswar





## Current Affairs One Liners February 2020

- Andhra Pradesh flagged off India's 1st of its kind first '**fruit train**'
- HRD Minister chaired meeting of the **INCCU** with **UNESCO** in New Delhi
- 2019 Global Go To Think Tank Index Report: **India's ORF ranks 27th; CEIP, US tops the list**
- **Bank of Baroda** signed pact with **CARE Ratings** to assess the credit quality of SMEs
- NABARD approved loan worth Rs 140 crore at low interest to **Punjab Agri Development Bank**
- **Govt data: BoM & SBI** were only PSBs rated 'good' in digital transactions in Dec 2019
- **Ajay Bisaria** Appointed as Next High Commissioner of India to Canada
- Indian-origin techie **Arvind Krishna** elected as **CEO** for **IBM**
- **Abidali Neemuchwala** quits as CEO and MD from Wipro
- Govt appoints **M.Ajit kumar** as chairman of **CBIC**
- Canara Bank MD & CEO **R.A. Sankara Narayanan** retires
- In a first IAF'S AN-32 aircraft landed at **Leh** with **indigenous bio-jet fuel**
- Veteran social activist and feminist writer **Vidya Bal** dies at **83**
- **Padmashri awardee & Eminent Punjabi** novelist **Dalip Kaur Tiwana** passed away at **84**
- YSR Pension Kanuka doorstep pension scheme launched in AP; **pensioner age reduced to 60** from 65
- World's largest solar telescope reveals never-before-seen images of **Sun's turbulent surface**
- Indian Navy conducts 5-day coastal security exercise, '**Matla Abhiyaan**' in **Kolkata, West Bengal**
- President of India Inaugurated 34th Surajkund International Crafts Mela in **Surajkund, Haryana** from **Feb 1 – 16, 2020.**
- India banned export of all kinds of personal **protection equipment**
- **Prakash javadekar** inaugurates World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) 2020 in New Delhi



- 3-day **Narmada Mahotsav** was celebrated on Madhya Pradesh (MP)
- **Maldives readmitted** and becomes 54th member of Commonwealth family
- **Counterpoint data**: India surpassed US to become 2nd largest smartphone market globally; China tops
- India and Maldives inks 5 MoUs to establish **Addu tourism Zone**
- Fiscal deficit reached **132.4 %** of budget estimate for **2019-2020 till December: CGA**
- NSO revises India's **GDP** growth rate for **2018-19 to 6.1% from 6.8%**
- **Amulya Mica** chosen as Most Promising Brand 2019 at 7th **MSME Excellence Award in New Delhi**
- MP won 1st place for implementation of **PMMVY**; Indore topped for better performance
- **Mohammed Tawfiq Allawi** appointed as new PM of Iraq
- BCCI inducted **Madan Lal, R.P. Singh & Sulakshana** in Cricket Advisory Committee
- **Gopal Baglay** appointed as Next High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka
- Padma Shri awardee **Deepa Malik** elected as President of Paralympic Committee of India
- **Pramod Agrawal** became the Chairman of Coal India Limited
- **ISRO** to **unveil low-cost satellite** launch vehicles
- **NASA** decommissioned its **Spitzer Space Telescope** after 16 years
- **Rubigula** state bird of Goa declared as official Mascot for 36th National Games in Goa
- NADA suspends Weightlifter **Ramshad AR** for 2 year & **Wrestler Ravinder Kumar** for 4 years
- Overview of 108th Australian open 2020 held in **Melbourne, Australia**
- Highlights of India Vs Newzealand **T20I** series **2020**
- Famous Punjabi writer **Jaswant Singh** passed away at 101
- Author **Mary Higgins Clark**, known as '**Queen of Suspense**', passed away at 92





- **World Wetlands Day** 2020 was observed on February 2
- Online lottery scheme sales banned by **Punjab govt** to check illegal sales
- **DST launches SATHI** initiative to address need for building strong science & technology infrastructure
- **RCS-UDAN** marked 250th route through Bhubaneswar-Varanasi daily flight operations
- 47 Lakh people trained under **Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana** from 2016-20
- **GoM** headed by **MoH&FW Harsh Vardhan** to monitor novel coronavirus outbreak constituted
- India's biggest rural technical festival '**Antahpragnya 2020**' in Telangana
- **IHME Report**: 14% of India's under-five aged deaths were due to pneumonia
- Pakistan, Somalia declare locusts a '**national emergency**' after worst locust invasion
- Fitch forecast India's **GDP growth** to 4.6 % for FY20 & 5.6 % for FY 21
- Bank credit up by **7.21%**, **deposits** up by **9.51%**: **RBI**
- Amazon India partnered with Eastern Railways to set up **kiosk at Sealdah railway station in Kolkata**
- ICCI Nod for Combination between **Yum Restaurants & Devyani Intl**
- RBI governor **Shaktikanta Das** wins 'Central banker of the year 2020, **Asia-Pacific**' award
- Noted Hindi writer **Vinod shukla** wins 1st Mathrubhumi book of the year 2020 award
- Actress **Waheeda Rehman** to be honoured **MP govt's** with Kishore Kumar Samman 2018
- **Delhi's DTC** awarded **Road Safety Award** 2018-19; Nagaland State Transport won under Hill category
- **16th MIFF 2020: Babenco**: Tell Me When I Die by Barbara Paz bags Golden conch award for best documentary film
- 73rd **BAFTA** 2020 in London, UK: '1917' wins best film award
- **Albin Kurti** appointed as the new PM of Kosovo



- **ICAR & IVRI** released Classical Swine Fever (CSF) cell culture **vaccine** in New Delhi
- **IIT-Madras** develops new AI tech to convert speech Impaired Humans Brain Signals into Meaningful Language
- **L&T MBDA Missile Systems** sets up missile integration facility in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
- In a 1st, **HAL** to make advanced armed **UAVs** with **Israeli Company**
- **ICC test batsmen rankings:** Kohli retained no. 1 spot; Rahane slips to 9th place
- Famous Odia poet **Rabindranath Singh** passed away at 89
- Kenya's longest serving Ex-President **Daniel Moi** Passed Away at 95
- Former **Nizamabad Lok Sabha MP Narayana Reddy** passed away at 89
- World Cancer Day 2020 was observed on **February 4** <sup>TM</sup>
- **Kerala Government** declares outbreak of novel coronavirus as state disaster
- BCCI President **Sourav Ganguly** to be Goodwill Ambassador of Indian team at **Tokyo Olympics: IOA**
- India & Norway signed **4 MoUs** in field of research, higher education
- AP Govt made history with '**Intivadhakey** Pension' scheme by covering 94 % within few days
- New Delhi hosts Ministerial-level defence dialogue 2020 between **India & South Korea**
- **APEDA-CFTRI** Sign **MoU** for **Liason** Office in **Guwahati** to Promote Food Processing & Organic Agri Exports in North-East States
- **MSME** implemented new scheme **SFURTI** to set up traditional industries clusters
- **Greenbone Sustainable Resilience data:** Maharashtra tops States hit by global medical data leak
- SC directs States to notify setting up '**Gram Nyayalayas**' within 4 weeks
- One in 10 Indians to have cancer in their lifetime: **WHO report**
- Bhutan ends free entry for **Indian tourists**



- **Paytm unveils all-in-one** QR, PoS device and merchant SDK
- **RBI hikes** Insurance cover on bank deposits to Rs 5 lakh from Rs 1 lakh
- Digital transactions through **IMPS, UPI and BHIM** at record high in January 2020
- Reliance general insurance introduces comprehensive health insurance plan “**Infinity**”
- **Big Bang Boom Solutions** wins prestigious **SKOCH** Award
- India’s top refiner **IOC acquires** minority stake in **Israeli battery** developer Phinergy
- **UAE** discovers new natural ‘**Jebel Ali gas field**’ between **Abu Dhabi, Dubai**
- **World’s oldest Bamboo Fossil** Discovered turns out to be Conifer
- Former Karnataka Minister **D. Manjunath** passed away at 92
- Former Assam Speaker and sitting **MLA Pranab Kumar Gogoi** passed away at 84
- Pop singer Lord J launches his **Autobiography Book “Lord J: Lord of Anonymity”**
- Karnataka CM launches **Janasevaka** Scheme to Provide delivery of Govt Services at Doorste
- Swedish climate activist **Greta Thunberg** nominated for Nobel Peace Prize 2020
- PM Modi announced 15-member trust named ‘**Sri Ram Janma Bhoomi Tirtha Kshetra trust**’ for **Ayodhya temple**
- Overview of **Cabinet approvals** on February 5, 2020
- Union cabinet approves relaxation of rules to **Alliance Air** in operating flights between **India & Sri Lanka**
- Only **7** in **100 anganwadi beneficiaries** are in urban areas
- India signs 1st ever term contract with **Russia** for Importing **Russian Crude Oil**
- **Soil health card cuts fertiliser** use by 10%: NPC study
- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** announced to create 10 more Defence Attache posts
- **MoFPI** sanctioned 39 Mega Food Parks & 298 Integrated Cold Chain Projects under PMKSY



- Around 38 Cr bank accounts opened under **PMJDY** till January 2020 : Finance ministry
- **SAI** and **Hockey** India Launch 7 High Performance Hockey Centres Across the Country
- India slips to **40th rank on GIPC's** 8th International Intellectual Property (IP) Index for 2020, US tops
- **Prince Charles** unveils children's protection fund for India & Katy Perry as new Ambassador
- G7 to work with **WHO, EU, China** to **tackle nCoV**; Hong Kong reported 1st Coronavirus death
- Overview of 6th Bi-monthly monetary policy 2020 released by **RBI**
- **Unemployment rate** in **India** was 6.1% in 2017-18 as per new PLFS
- **Rishabh Pant** appointed as brand ambassador of **JSW Steel**
- Uddhav Thackeray presents lifetime achievement award to veteran **journalist Raikar**
- Kohli most-valuable celebrity 3rd time in a row; **Akshay, SRK** in top 5 in **Duff & Phelps'** celebrity report
- WB chief economist **Pinelopi** announced resignation
- **Jeff Weiner** becomes Executive Chairman of LinkedIn
- **Cognizant Tech** Acquires EI Technologies and Code Zero Consulting Companies
- **Navy** to get third Scorpene submarine in December 2020
- Famous Hollywood Actor **Kirk Douglas** Passes Away at 103
- International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation **2020 was observed on Feb 6**
- **Rakhi Halder** bags gold at 35th Senior Women's National Weightlifting Championships
- **FICCI & Central asian** countries jointly launches India-Central Asia business council in New Delhi
- Financial closure of **Arun-III** hydropower project inked b/w India and Nepal
- Railway Line between **India and Bangladesh** project to End by 2021



- **Uttarakhand's** iconic **Lakshman Jhula** to be replaced by India's first Glass floor bridge
- 22nd edition of India International Seafood Show (IISS) 2020 commenced in **Kochi, Kerala**
- For the first time in MP, drones are used for **mapping villages**
- Maharashtra registers maximum number of missing women in 2018, MP tops in missing children: **NCRB** report
- Overview of **UNESCO DG** Audrey Azoulay three day visit to India from Feb 4-6, 2020
- U.S. announces launch of International Religious **Freedom Alliance**
- **Govt data:** \$118.3 billion received in remittances since 2018-19
- Padma Shri awardee **Manoj Das** to receive **Mystic Kalinga Literary Award**
- President of India Presents International Gandhi Awards for **Leprosy**
- **Diplomat Philip Barton** Appointed as Britain's New High Commissioner to India
- **Tidjane Thiam** resigns as Credit Suisse CEO after spying scandal
- Energy major Total to acquire 50% in **Adani's solar** portfolio for \$510 mn
- DoT okays merger of **Bharti Airtel, Tata Teleservices**
- Emami Group Signs Binding Pact with **Nuvoco Vistas** for selling of its 100% stake in **Emami Cement**
- IIT-H finds molecule to cure rare **ALS neurodegenerative** disease
- **NASA astronaut Christina Koch** returns to Earth after record longest stay in **ISS**
- **IT department** introduced **e-calculator** to compare due tax under new and old regime
- **Rohit Rajpal** to continue as India's Davis Cup captain 2020
- Famous cricket journalist & film historian **Raju Bharatan** passed away at 86
- Jammu & Kashmir admin renames **PHE & IFC** department as '**Jal Shakti Dept**'
- UP govt allots 5 acres of land to **Sunni Waqf Board** to construct **mosque in Ayodhya**



- Ellyse Perry unveils mural ahead of **ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2020 Trophy Tour**
- **MoHUA** launched Ease of Living Index and Municipal Performance Index 2019 to assess cities' performance
- Sum of Rs 6,717.18 crore released under **Amended Technology Upgradation** Fund Scheme between FY16 and FY20
- **Hyderabad Metro Rail** becomes Country's **2nd Largest** Operational Metro Project
- **DPIIT** releases quality order for **LPG rubber hose**
- **LPG coverage reached 96.9 % as on Jan 1, 2020:** Dharmendra Pradhan
- UN releases USD 30mn for humanitarian operations in **Syria's Idlib** province
- **Treating female genital** mutilation annually costs \$1.4 bn globally: WHO
- **IIM Bengaluru** ranks third in **Global MOOC** performance among Business schools
- Reserve Bank set to conduct **Financial Literacy Week (FLW)** 2020 from February 10–14
- ADB approved \$2 million fund amount to combat **nCoV**
- **Cipla** acquires 4 key brands from Wanbury for up to Rs 89 crore
- Indian leopard population declined by 75-90% as per study conducted by CWS
- **NCL** sets up **R&D** centre for sustainable coal mining
- Indian Army Major **Anoop mishra** develops world's 1st bulletproof helmet that can stop AK-47 firing
- **IIT Madras & AIIMS Mangalagiri** to collaborate for patient safety, quality healthcare delivery
- **Astronomers** discover monster galaxy XMM-2599 from early universe
- **American tennis** player Spears handed 22-month doping ban
- American Author **Roger Kahn dies at 92**
- **Haryana Launches** Rs.1500 crores Mukyamantri Parivar Samridhi Yojana



- **Kerala budget 2020:** 1000 Kudumbashree hotels to serve meals at Rs 25
- **CM Jagan mohan reddy inaugurates AP's** 1st Disha police station in Rajamahendravaram
- Prime Minister attends celebrations on signing of **Bodo Peace Accord at Kokrajhar in Assam**
- **Ministry of Housing & Urban** Affairs pairs up 20 best performing smart cities with poorly performing 20 cities
- An 18-day **Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat Campaign** begins across India to promote cultural unit
- 4th **EAS conference** on maritime security cooperation 2020 held in **Chennai, Tamil Nadu**
- **BBIN Nations** deliberated on **MoU** to implement **Motor Vehicles Agreement (MVA)**
- 1st **Hornbill festival** was celebrated in Tripura on Feb 8, 2020
- **GSTN** formulates panel to improve IT system
- The International Olympic Committee selects **Gopichand** for the Lifetime Award
- **Kaamya Karthikeyan**, Mumbai Youngest Girl in World to climb South America's Highest Peak Mt. Aconcagua
- 23rd National conference on e-Governance 2020 held in **Mumbai, Maharashtra**; **NAeG 2019-20** awards presented
- Prasar Bharati Chairman **Surya Prakash** gets retired
- Indian Army & Private firm developed the World's Cheapest Gun Shot Locator "**Parth**"
- Iran unveils new ballistic missile 'Raad-500'; dedicated to former Major General **Qasim Sulemani**
- Overview of **13th ICC** Under 19 Cricket World Cup 2020 held in South Africa
- Australia clinches **ICC women's championship trophy** 2020 for the 2nd time
- **ITF women's tennis** event 2020 in Thailand: India's **Ankita Raina** wins 18th career doubles title
- Padma Shri awardee **Giriraj Kishore** passed away at 83
- Famous Philosophical Author & **RSS veteran P Parameswaran** dies at 93



- Vice President released the book '**A Child of Destiny**' an Autobiography by prof K. Ramakrishna Rao
- National **Deworming Day** was observed on February 10, 2020
- **World Pulses Day** 2020 was observed on February 10, 2020
- Uttarakhand Govt launched **First Helicopter Services** under **UDAN Scheme**
- India to host 13th COP of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals in Gujarat
- **First 'Jerusalem-Mumbai Festival'** will be held in Mumbai on Feb 15 & 16, 2020
- Five day 11th edition of the Biennial Mega Defence Exhibition "**DefExpo 2020**" held in **Luck now**, UP from Feb 5 – 9, 2020
- **India-UK joint Military EX: Ajeya Warrior** to be conducted in Salisbury plains, UK
- India stands 17th on a list of countries at risk of importing coronavirus, **Thailand tops: Study**
- **PFRDA doubles** minimum net worth for pension fund managers to Rs 50 cr from Rs 25 cr
- RBI grants 5-year CRR relief to banks for lending to **auto, housing, MSMEs**
- **BSNL, Air India and MTNL** saw highest losses for 3rd consecutive year, ONGC most profitable: DPE survey
- Overview of **92nd Academy** awards 2020 (Oscars 2020) held in **Los Angeles, US**
- Indian hockey players **Lalremsiami & Vivek sagar** wins FIH women and men's rising star of year 2019
- 13th edition of **ESPNcrinfo** Awards 2019: **England's Eoin Morgan** named captain of the year
- **DRDO** developing a new ballistic missile **Pranash** with striking range of 200km
- **Ministry of Coal** (MoC) launched Web Portal for Star Rating of Mines in India
- India boxers bags 5 medals at 64th "**Bocskai Istvan Memorial**" boxing 2020 held in Debracen, Hungary
- **National snooker championship 2020** in Pune, Maharashtra: Aditya Mehta & Vidya Pillai wins men and women's title





- **Mondo Duplantis** breaks pole vault world record with 6.17m jump
- **International Day of Women and Girls in Science** was observed on **February 11, 2020**
- **World Unani Day** was observed on **February 11, 2020**
- Haryana Government launched '**Reading Mission**'
- **Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi** forms 28th District of Chattisgarh
- **Cauvery Delta Region** to be declared as Protected Agricultural Zone by TN Govt
- **Sophie Devine** becomes 1st cricketer to hit 5 successive 50-plus scores in T20 International
- 2nd BIMSTEC Disaster Management Exercise-2020 held at **Bhubaneswar, Odisha**; inaugurated by **Naveen Patnaik**
- **20th 'Hunar Haat'** 2020 to be held in New Delhi from Feb 1<sup>TM</sup>
- Union health ministry notifies medical devices used on humans and animals into the category of "drugs"
- **NIFM**, Faridabad renamed '**Arun Jaitley** National Institute of Financial Management'
- Kerala to hosts Intl conference on Climate change & Ocean health "**CLIMFISHCON-2020**"
- **Mumbai** to get India's largest air quality monitoring network
- SNA to compile a National List of **Intangible Cultural Heritage** (ICH)
- 33rd edition of **African Union** (AU) Summit 2020 held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- WHO renames deadly coronavirus from China as '**COVID-19**'
- **Union Ministry of Finance** has notified 'Printing of One Rupee Currency Notes Rules, 2020'
- RBI publishes draft framework for **New Umbrella Entity** (NUE) for retail payment systems
- **PSBs** recover record ₹2.03 lakh crore bad loans in last one-and-half years: **FM**
- **South Indian Bank** bags 2 Awards at **IBA** Banking Technology Awards



- **CCI** approved joint venture between **Mahindra & Mahindra** and **Ford Motor**
- Adani Transmission sold 25.1% stake in arm **AEML** to QIA for Rs 3,220 crore
- S. approves sale of Integrated Air Defense **Weapon System to India**
- **Ananth Technologies** first Indian private firm to build foreign-owned satellites
- **Premier Badminton League 2020** in Hyderabad, Telangana: Bengaluru Raptors become champions for 2nd time in a row
- New Zealand beats India to win the **3rd ODI 2020** series held in New Zealand from Feb 5 – 11
- Famous journalist **Nandu R Kulkarni** passed away at 70
- **Dharmendra Rai**, Mind Map & Brain Literacy trainer launched his book “**The Thin Mind Map**”
- **National Productivity Day 2020** was observed on February 12, 2020
- **International Darwin Day** celebrated on February 12, 2020
- Ground water act 2020 approved by **Uttar Pradesh cabinet**
- **AP govt inks MoU** with 11 agri institutions to help farmers
- **Tamil Nadu CM** Inaugurates SCF cricket ground in Salem
- **India's foreign investment** jumps 40% to USD 2.10 bn in January 2020
- **Union HRD Minister** and **Union Health Minister** jointly release curriculum for School Health Ambassador Initiative under **Ayushman Bharat**
- India bans **E-Cigarettes** on **Flights and Airports**
- **MP CM** Inaugurates National Water Conference at Bhopal
- Cabinet approval on **February 12, 2020**
- Overview of **Cabinet approval** with **foreign countries** on February 12, 2020
- Highlights of Sri Lankan **PM Mahinda Rajapaksa** visit to India from Feb 7-11, 2020
- 43rd Governing council meet of **IFAD 2020** held in **Rome, Italy**



- **IndusInd** Bank records highest growth in brand value among Top 500 Banking Brands 2020
- **EIU** lowers Global Growth Forecast 2020 to 2.2% from 2.3%
- Retail inflation rises to 7.59% in January 2020; industrial output declines 0.3% in December 2019: **NSO data**
- **Facebook launched** digital literacy training to 1 lakh women in 7 Indian states
- **Arvind Kejriwal** will sworn as Delhi CM for 3rd time on Feb. 16, 2020
- Former India all-rounder **Robin Singh** appointed as **UAE's Director of Cricket**
- **AICF elects Ajay patel** as its new president, Bharat singh as secretary
- **BARC's** Bhabha Kavach inducted in **CISF**
- **Kohli continues at No.1, Babar azam moves up two places to 5th** : ICC Men's test rankings 2020
- 54th All India Bombay Gold cup hockey championship 2020 in Mumbai, Maharashtra: Indian navy wins the title
- Padma Shri awardee & Fashion designer **Wendell Rodricks** passed away at 59
- A book "**Messages from Messengers**" by **Priti K Shroff** launched
- Haryana CM released book titled "**A Commentary and Digest on The Air, Act 1981**"
- **World Radio Day** (WRD) celebrated on February 13, 2020
- **Safer Internet Day 2020** was observed on February 11, 2020
- **Puducherry** becomes 1st UT to pass resolution against CAA, NRC, NPR in Assembly
- "**Operation Nakail**" for Auto-rickshaws in Ghaziabad to bear unique number aim to curb crime
- **UP Govt. Inks MoU** With **eGov** Foundation for State-wide Implementation of Municipal Financial Accounting Platform
- **INS Jamuna** initiated Joint **Hydrographic Operations** off Sri Lanka



- Amit Shah inaugurated two-day BIMSTEC 'Conference on Combating Drug Trafficking', in New Delhi from Feb 13 – 14, 2020
- **Anti-Hijack mock drill** conducted at Visakhapatnam Airport
- Government renames two Famous Institute after **Sushma Swaraj**
- Union minister **Jitendra singh** attends National workshop on e-office in New Delhi; CPGRAMS reforms launched
- **Gandhinagar railway station** in Gujarat to be the 1st in India to add 5-star hotel above the tracks: VK Yadav
- **TB notifications** to Govt up 38% to 23.98 lakhs in 2019: Ministry of Health and family welfare
- **Vietnam's** Vice President visited India from Feb 11 – 13, 2020; holds bilateral level talks with **Venakaih Naidu**
- **Arth-Ganga** project to channelize economic activity along Ganga river bank: Shipping ministry
- Odisha **MSME** Dept inked **MoU** with **HDFC Bank** to boost startups
- Indian imports to U.S. will face countervailing duties as India removed from **USTR's list of subsidy preference**
- Amazon Web Services to invest **\$1.6 billion for 2 data centres** in India
- **BioAsia 2020** announces Genome Valley Excellence Award
- India's renowned Feminist scholar & activist **Gita Sen** wins **Dan David Prize 2020**
- India's President **Shri Ram Nath Kovind** awarded President's Color to Indian Naval Station Shivaji
- **Rajendra Indraman Singh** and **Dr Sohini Sastri** won Indian Achievers Award 2020
- Hockey player **Manpreet singh** became the 1st Indian to receive **FIH player of the year award 2019**
- ISRO space scientist **G. Narayanan** becomes chairman of **NSIL**
- Government of India appointed **Rajiv Bansal** as new **CMD of Air India**
- CARE Ratings Chairman **S B Mainak** resigned



- **NASA's 'SuperCam'** to study mineralogy of Mars during Mars 2020 rover mission
- US scientists discover the newborn massive planet closer to earth called "**2MASS 1155-7919 b**"
- 79-million-year-old fossils of new **Thanatotheristes** found in Canada
- Inaugural National winter games 2020 to be held in **Ladakh** and **J&K's Gulmarg**
- **Boxer Amit Panghal** ranks world No. 1 in IOC's ranking for Olympic qualifiers
- Womens **T20I Tri-Series 2020 in Melbourne**; Host Australia beats India by 11 runs
- Nobel Prize awardee & Former TERI, **IPCC chief Rajendra Kumar Pachauri** passed away at 79
- **Board Exam 2020**: UP Govt launched toll free helpline numbers for students
- Scientist finds Mysterious **Yaravirus in Brazil**
- Govt to invest over Rs **1 lakh cr on infrastructure** development in next 5 years
- **South Central Railways zone** becomes India's 1st to have energy-neutral stations
- Govt amends **Arbitration and conciliation act 1996** for making arbitration user friendly
- **Nitin gadkari** flags off **KVIC's 'Apiary on wheels'** for bee keeping in New Delhi
- 15th finance commission forms 5-member panel led by **NK singh** on defense & Internal security fund
- **Nitin Gadkari** inaugurated first **inter-city electric** bus service in Maharashtra
- Government of India hosts **National Organic Food Festival** in New Delhi
- **43rd IFAD Governing Council in Rome, Italy**: Climate Change to push 100 million to poverty by 2030
- **IISS Study**: World Defense spending rose by 4.0% in 2019; India ranked 5th & US tops
- Mobile World Congress 2020 cancelled
- **SEBI** constituted municipal bonds development committee headed by **Sujit Prasad**
- **DMart's** Founder **Radhakishan Damani** becomes India's 2nd richest person after Mukesh Ambani



- **Indian origin, Rishi Sunak**, named **UK's** new Chancellor of the Exchequer
- **Vinay Dube** appointed as **CEO of GoAir**
- **ICC women's T20I rankings 2020**: Smriti mandhana reached 4th place
- **Parikrama** lead guitarist & founder **Sonam Sherpa** passed away at 48
- **February 15**: World Pangolin Day & Madhya Pradesh radio-tags first-ever Indian Pangolin
- Bihar govt launches '**Pyaar ka Paudha**' campaign to promote the practice of planting trees
- Manipur's 'Anganphou Hunba' programme launched at **Arapti Mayai Leikai in Imphal East**
- **GOI** sanctioned **9 Medical colleges** and **2 AIIMS** for Jammu & Kashmir
- A 3-day long **17th edition of Bio Asia 2020** begins in **Hyderabad, Telangana**
- 1st -ever Global investors **summit 2020** will be held in Jammu & Kashmir
- **CDS** aims to establish Air Defense Command by June 2020
- **Manipur**: Seed sowing festival '**Lui-Ngai-Ni**' celebrated at **Ukhrul**
- Overview of **PM Modi** visit to **Varanasi, UP** on Feb 16, 2020
- Overview of Four day **Portugal's** President visit to India from Feb 13-16
- 2020 UN Climate Summit '**COP26**' to be held in **Glasgow, UK** in November
- **Thailand** **hosts** 13th Asian Business & Social Investor Forum 2020 & 4th Asia's Greatest Brands & Leaders 2020
- **RBI** board recommends aligning accounting year with fiscal year from 2020-21
- **Moody's** lowers **India's GDP** growth estimate for 2020 to 5.4% from 6.6%
- 65th Amazon Filmfare Awards 2020 in **Guwahati, Assam**: **Gully Boy** bags best film
- **NCLAT** clears JSW Steel's acquisition of Bhushan power for Rs 19,700 cr
- **ISRO** to launch 10 surveillance satellites in 2020-21



- Kerala CM launched **"Yodhavu"** mobile app to combat drug menace
- Credai launched **'Credai Awaas'** app to connect homebuyers with developers
- **"United by Emotion"** to be 2020 Tokyo Olympics Motto
- India wins bronze in Badminton Asia team championships 2020 held in **Manila, Philippines**
- India's **Koneru Humpy** wins **Cairns Cup chess tournament**
- Disney's **'Queen of Katwe'** child actress **Nikita Pearl Waligwa** passed away at 15
- American actress **Lynn Cohen** passes away at 86
- Penguin published the Book **Chanakya Niti: Verses on Life and Living** translated by **A.N.D. Haksar**
- Haryana Govt announced Rs **6 crores cash rewards** to gold medal winners at **Olympics games**
- **Ambala city** bus stand renamed after late Sushma Swaraj by Haryana Govt
- Punjab to honour cops under **'Appreciate and Commend'** scheme
- Uddhav Thackeray approves renaming of Latur Medical College after former **CM Vilasrao Deshmukh**
- Pole vaulter **Armand Duplantis** sets new world record at **Glasgow Indoor Grand Prix**
- India's female Race Walker **Bhawna Jat** qualifies for **Tokyo Olympics 2020**
- India to get **Peninsular & Air Defence Command** by next 2021, **theatre commands** by 2022
- **Soil health card** scheme completes 5 years on 19 February 2020
- **Sanjay Agarwal** inaugurated 4th National Conference on **PMFBY** in Udaipur, Rajasthan
- Bihar to get north India's first bird ringing station and MoU inked in Gujarat
- Delhi-based **IGIA** becomes 1st single-use **plastic-free airport of India**
- UP becomes 1st in India to **enforce Performance regulation act 2019** for electricity department
- 80% Indian bird species population on decline in past 5 yrs: **State of India's Bird 2020 report**



- **Pak High Commission** issues visas to Indian pilgrims to visit Katas Raj temples
- **UAE** becomes 1st Arab Nation to issue license to operate a reactor at its Nuclear power plant
- **RBI** conducts 3- year **Long term Repo Rate Operations**(LTRO) for ₹25,000 crore
- **Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABHY)**: World Bank inks \$ 450 mn loan with India for groundwater management in select states
- **World Population Review Report**: India becomes 2019's 5th largest economy; US tops
- **Laureus** world sports awards 2020 in **Berlin, Germany**: **Sachin tendulkar** collects sporting moment of the year 2000-2020
- 15th Finance commission constitutes 8-member panel headed **by ITC chairman Sanjiv Puri** to boost **agri exports**
- Australia appointed **Barry O'Farrell** as new high commissioner to India
- **CCI** approves acquisition of **WABCO** Holdings by **ZF Friedrichshafen AG**
- Delhi Police integrated with Uber launched "**Himmat Plus app**"
- India to host 16-team **FIH Junior Men's World Cup 2021**, South Africa to host women's edition
- Indian Captain **Virat Kohli** slips to 10th position in **ICC T20I Rankings**
- **NADA** bans Javelin thrower Amit Dahiya for four years
- Tapas Pal, former **Trinamool Congress MP & Bengali** actor, passed away at 61
- Former Manchester United **goalkeeper** and **Munich hero, Harry Greg**, passed away at 88
- Hall of Fame golfer **Mickey Wright** passed away at 85
- **IDSA** to be renamed as **Manohar Parrikar Institute** for Defence Studies and Analyses
- **SC** approves to give permanent commission to women officers in the army
- Govt plans to doubling of **Milk** processing capacity to 108 million MT by 2025
- **India & Norway** signs **LoI** for collaboration on blue economy for sustainable development





- **AICTE** bars universities from offering **PGDM** and **MBA** courses simultaneously
- Overview of **Prez Kovind's** 2- day visit to Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu
- **Hindi** is the 3rd most spoken language in the world after English & Mandarin Chinese
- India ranked 35th in **Worldwide Education for The Future Index** (WEFFI) 2019, Finland tops
- **THE's emerging economies university rankings 2020**: India has 11 institutes among world's top 100 universities, IISC at No. 16<sup>th</sup>
- **SEBI** to tighten eligibility criteria for investment advisors
- Gujarat govt signs MoU with SBI to facilitate **MSME loans**
- **Ashraf Ghani** wins second term as **Afghanistan's** President
- **Supratim Bandyopadhyay** appointed as PFRDA Chairman
- **Ex-IAS** officers **Sanjay Kothari** and **Bimal Julka** to become next Chief Vigilance Officer (CVC) and Chief Information Commissioner (CIC)
- **Lithium** reserve found in Mandya near Bengaluru
- **India-Russia** defiance deals set to cross USD 16 billion
- **GRSE** delivers 4th Anti-Submarine warfare corvette INS Kavaratti to Navy
- Pakistan successfully tests nuclear-capable air launched **cruise missile Ra'ad-II**
- Famous journalist **M.S. Mani** passed away at 79
- Veteran Kannada actor **Kishori Ballal**, passed away at 82
- **Soil Health Card Day** was observed on February 19, 2020
- AP CM Jagan Mohan Reddy launched Nadu-Nedu scheme for modernizing hospitals
- India turn on to World's Cleanest **petrol and diesel** from April 1,2020: Bharat Stage(BS)-VI
- Report **"Today for tomorrow**: realizing the potential of Life Sciences 4.0" released at 17th BioAsia 2020 in Hyderabad, Telangana



- **Northern Frontier Railway** Construction built **India's tallest pier bridge** on February 2020 in Manipur
- India to end Thermal coal import from **FY 2023-2024- Pralhad Josh**
- **Ganga Kayak** Festival celebrated in Uttar akhand
- **Centre Changes Pension Rules** of Government Employees recruited before January 1, 2004 but joined later
- **India's food grain** production to hit a record high of 291.95 million tones for crop year 2019-20
- **MOU** signed by **India-Myanmar** for bus service
- India ranks 77th in terms of sustainability & 131st in flourishing index: UN report
- **EAM Jaishankar** attends Munich security conference 2020 in Germany
- Overview of Food Processing Minister **Harsimrat Kaur Badal's** 3- day visit to Dubai, UAE
- **Indian Pavilion** inaugurated by external affairs minister **Dr S. Jaishankar** at 70th Berlin ale 2020
- **HDFC**, MasterCard and SAP concur jointly developed Corporate credit card for Travelers
- **Kotak Mahindra Bank** gets RBI's approval for reducing the promoter's stake to 26%
- **Women entrepreneurship can create 170 million jobs:** 'Women Entrepreneurship in India— Powering the economy' report
- **EESL, BSNL** in **MoU** for 1000 public EV charging stations
- Centre appoints three experts as **NDMA** members
- Twitter acquired Chroma Labs founded by **Facebook veterans**
- First ever long Endurance **solar-powered** unmanned **aircraft PHASA-35** flies successfully
- Football — India to host **2022 AFC Women's Asian Cup**
- **AIFF** received '**Grassroots Charter Bronze Level**' membership of AFC
- **Brazil Para badminton International 2020 in Sao Paulo:** India finish with 11 medals



- India to host the **FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup 2020**; '**Kick Off the Dream**' is official slogan
- Former **FICCI** president & Executive Chairman of **KCP Group V L Dutt** passed away at 82
- Union Minister **Shri Prakash Javadekar** unveils an annual reference book India/Bharat 2020
- **World Day of Social Justice** was observed on February 20, 2020
- Tamil Nadu govt to celebrate former **CM Jayalalitha's** birth anniversary as '**State Girl Child Protection Day**' on Feb 24
- Overview of **Cabinet approvals** on February 19, 2020
- **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)** Delhi, tops in Nature Ranking Index 2020
- **SBI Card** join hands with Landmark group to launch 3 new retail co-branded credit cards
- **Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw** won EY Entrepreneur of the Year award for 2019
- **ESPN** Multi-Sport Annual Awards 2019 announced: **PV Sindhu** & **Saurabh Chaudhary** becomes Sport person of the year Female & Male
- Indian freelance journalist **Ahmer Khan** wins **AFP's Kate Webb Prize**
- **Venkaiah Naidu** presented the Ideal Legislative Assembly Speaker/ Ideal Legislative Council Chairman Award 2019 to **P. Ramakrishnan**, Speaker of Kerala
- Indian Railways Customer grievance portal "**RailMadad**" gets **National e-Governance Awards**
- Two 1 Million Dollar worth '**Food Planet Prize**' created by The New Curt Bergdorf Foundation in **Stockholm, Sweden**
- **RBI** appointed **Sunil Gurbaxani** as **Dhanlaxmi Bank MD & CEO**
- Irish PM **Leo Eric Varadkar** resigns, retains as interim leader
- **Mahant Nritya Gopal Das** is elected as the President and **Champat Rai** as general secretary of The **Ram Janmabhoomi Teertha Kshetra Trust**
- **Netherlands Scientists discovered new snail species**; named after Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg



- Cabinet approved Procurement of 24 US made **MH-60R Seahawk helicopters**
- **Indian Railways** launched **HRMS** Mobile app for its employees
- Left arm **Indian spinner Pragyan Ojha** announced retirement from all forms of cricket
- **Larry Tesler** Inventor of **Copy-Cut-Paste** passed away at 74
- **International Mother Language Day** (IMLD) was observed on Feb 21, 2020
- **Central and UP** government renamed 4 railway stations of Prayagraj
- National Payments Corporation of India launches '**UPI Chalega**' campaign
- Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya Inaugurated India's First Floating Jetty & Immigration office in Goa
- Ministry of MSME launched **national level awareness programme(NLAP)** 2020
- **India & Sri Lanka** signed **MoU** for up-gradation of infrastructure in plantation schools
- Indian Army is Set to Get **New Headquarters – the Thal Sena Bhawan**
- Parsi population went up by 233 since the launch of **Jiyo parsi scheme**: Mukhtar abbas Naqvi
- **Smart City Mission**: Centre devises 20-20 model to help backward cities
- Union Food Processing Minister **Harsimrat Kaur Badal** and Union Minister of Women and Child Development inaugurated **National Organic Food Festival** for women entrepreneurs
- **IRSDC** installs India's 1st squat machine at Delhi's **Anand Vihar railway station**; Free platform ticket will be given for 30 squats
- A 2-day long **first-ever Bharat-Bangla tourism festival** 2020 held in Agartala, Tripura
- Pakistan continues at grey list of **FATF** for another 4 months
- **Nitin Gadkari** led India at the 3rd High Level Global Conference on Road Safety in Stockholm
- 9th Defence and Security Expert Working Group meeting of **SCO** held in **Islamabad, Pakistan**
- **India's GDP** growth to be 4.9% in 2019-20: NCAER



- RBI unveils 5 year **National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (NSFI)**: 2019-2024
- Securities market regulator **SEBI** redefines '**pledge**' to protect client securities
- Sweden's Riksbank begun testing world's 1st digital version of currency, e-krona
- **Dharampal Satyapal** Limited won Best In-House direct tax Team of the Year award in **BRICS CCI's** 2nd edition of Annual Direct Tax Summit & Awards 2020
- **Manoj Kumar** felicitated by London's World Book of Records for his contribution to Indian cinema
- **US-India Business Council (USIBC)** appoints Vijay Advani as a New chairman of Global board
- **IRCTC 'ASKDISHA'** upgraded to converse with Railway Customers in Hindi Language
- Great Britain Olympic hockey champion **Alex Danson-Bennett** announced her retirement
- Russia will host new edition of **AIBA World Cup 2020**
- **FC Goa** created history by becoming the 1st Indian club to reach **2021 AFC** Champions' league group stage
- **World Thinking Day** celebrated on February 22, 2020
- **Odessa government** presented Rs 1.5 Lakh crore paperless budget 2020-21
- Govt of Haryana to open **Atal kisan – majdoor canteens** to provide affordable meals to farmers
- Centre paid Rs 50,850 crore to farmers under **Pradhan Mantri Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)** scheme
- **PM Modi** addressed the International Judicial Conference 2020 held in New Delhi
- **Shyama Prasad Mukherji** National Rurban Mission completes 4 years on Feb 21, 2020
- Mumbai airport gets **world's largest 'Export Cold Zone'** to Store Agro, Pharma Products
- Overview of **13th COP** on Conservation of Migratory Species of wild animals held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- **Saudi Arabia** hosts G20 finance ministers and central bank governors meeting 2020 from Feb 22-23
- **Hrithik Roshan** awarded as the Best Actor in **Dadasaheb Phalke** International Film Festival 2020



- Mangalore's Adline Castelino won **LIVA Miss Diva Universe 2020** title
- CDRI's scientist **Dr. Niti kumar** to get **SERB** women excellence award-2020
- **Rajlaxmi Singh Deo** re-elected as President of Rowing Federation of India
- **Ms. Padmaja** has been concurrently accredited as the next High Commissioner to Vanuatu
- GOVT approves merger of Indus Towers with **Bharti Infratel**
- Scientists discover **breathable oxygen** in galaxy outside of Milky Way for 1st time
- **HPF** validated its 1st explant called G 9-40b
- Young Indian Grand Master **D.Gukesh** wins title at 34th Cannes open chess
- **PM Modi** inaugurated **first-ever Khelo India** University Games at Cuttack, Odessa
- Overview of **Asian Wrestling Championship 2020** held in New Delhi
- Former Karnataka Minister **C. Chennigappa** passed away at 76
- Former Indian Footballer **Ashok Chatterjee** passed away at 78
- Three-time MP, **Netaji kin Krishna Bose** passed away at 89
- **Manmohan singh** released the books "**who is bharat mata** " in Both English and Kannada versions
- Vice President **Venkaiah naidu** released **Sadhguru's** book '**Death-An Inside Story**'
- **Central Excise Day** was observed on feb 24, 2020
- **Dial 112:** Kerala gets integrated number for police, medical and fire emergencies
- AP CM Jagan Mohan launches '**Jagananna Vasthi Deevena**' scheme for Students
- **Venezuela's Yulimar Rojas** sets new indoor women's triple jump world record
- **GSI** estimates 160 Kg Gold Deposits in Uttar Pradesh's Sonbhadra district, not 3,000 Tones
- **Govt amended provisions of Arms Act, 1959** and Arms Rules, 2016 for renowned shooters
- **Losar festival** was celebrated in Himachal Pradesh



- MoU signed between **NMCG, (SPMG-UK) & ICT** to renovate **Ghats at Gangotri & Badrinath**
- Haryana tops in **Direct Benefit Transfer** (DBT) payouts rating for 2019-20; West Bengal worst
- **Himachal Pradesh**: 1st State to achieve 100% LPG coverage
- 1 in 3 payments for maternity benefit scheme '**PMMVY**' credited to wrong account: **NITI Aayog report**
- Amit Shah holds talks with Maldivian home minister **Sheikh Imran Abdulla**
- NABARD grants Rs 400.64 cr for **UT of J&K** to boost infrastructure
- **Microsoft**, SBI join hands to train differently-abled for employment in **BFSI** sector
- Union HRD Minister **Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'** presented 3rd **Chhatra Vishwakarma Awards** 2019; 4 MoUs inked
- **Dr N Kumar TNAU VC** conferred with **Lifetime Achievement Award**
- **The Indian Air Force (IAF), The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)** won trophies for Republic Day Parade 2020
- World's Oldest govt leader **Mahathir Mohamad** (94) resigned as Malaysia's PM
- Abhay Kumar Singh appointed as CMD of NHPC
- Togo's President **Faure Gnassingbe** re-elected for a fourth term with 72% of votes
- **CCI** approves **NTPC** to acquire 100% of the issued & paid-up share capital of **NEEPCO** & 74.5% stake of **THDC India**
- **4,000-year-old crafts village** unearthed near **Varanasi**, Uttar Pradesh by Banaras University
- **Ministry of Corporate Affairs introduces new portal**: SPICe+ web form, reduce and cost time for incorporation
- An e-commerce app "**Thirumathi Kart**" for SHG products launched at Tiruchi, Tamil Nadu
- **CGF** approved India to host 2022 Commonwealth Archery and Shooting Championships in Chandigarh



- **ICC bans Oman player Yousuf Abdulrahim Al Balushi from cricket for 7 years**
- **ITTF World Tour Hungary Open 2020 in Budapest:** Indian duo of Sharath kamal & Sathiyan won silver medal
- Famous **NASA** mathematician **Katherine Johnson** passed away at 101
- **Indradhanush – V 2020:** Indo-UK bilateral air exercise begins in Hindan, Uttar Pradesh
- Union HRD Minister launched **UKIERI-UGC** Higher Education Leadership Development Programme
- Madhya Pradesh becomes the 1st state to launch **unified vehicle registration card** & 2nd to launch **unified driving license**
- India 5th most polluted country with **Ghaziabad** as the most polluted city, **globally:** IQAir AirVisual Report
- National cyber research and Innovation centre, inaugurated by MoS **G.K.Reddy** in Hyd, T.S
- 1st 'National Conference on **Coastal Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience(CDRR&R)** 2020: Organised by The **National Institute of Disaster Management ( NIDM)**
- A 3-day international conference on **"EMMDA 2020"** held in Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- 16th session of joint ministerial commission was held between **India** and **Australia**
- High-level committee headed by retired Justice **Biplab sharma** submits report on clause 6 of Assam accord
- Overview of US President **Donald Trump** visit to India on February 24-25
- Digital payments rising sharply but cash remains the king: **RBI study**
- **RBI** allows Bandhan Bank to open new branches without prior approval
- **IRDAI** forms 9-member panel led by Srinivasan to examine the possibility of allowing life insurers offer indemnity based health policies
- **ADB** raises \$118 mn through offshore India rupee linked 10-year bonds
- **Hurun Global Rich List 2020:** Jeff Bezos retains 1st rank, Mukesh Ambani at 9th position





- Michael Ziebach named as **Mastercard's** new President & CEO, Ajay Banga moves to Executive Chairman
- **Shri Jawed Ashraf** to be next Ambassador of India to France
- **Crisil** completed acquisition of Greenwich Associates
- The labor ministry to launch "**Santusht**" mobile app for ESI beneficiaries
- **INCOIS** launched three new advance warning systems
- World's largest species of **cave fish** discovered in Meghalaya's Jaintia Hills
- 8,000 years old Carbon founded inside The **Yongle Blue Hole** (YBH)
- **Shri Kiren Rijiju** inaugurated 1st Khelo India Winter Games in Leh, Ladakh
- Former Egyptian President **Hosni Mubarak** passed away at 91
- **Bihar 1st NDA state** to adopt resolution against **NRC**, and to implement **NP**
- Naval special child **Jiya Rai** creates world record in open water swimming
- Government of India announced 1st **Artificial intelligence summit**: RAISE 2020- 'Responsible AI for Social Empowerment 2020'
- 2 days Conference on Enhancing Energy Cooperation in the **BIMSTEC** region held in Dhaka, Bangladesh
- MP tops the list for outgoing patients for treatment under **PM-JAY: NHA**
- **NTPC** and **CPCB** signed MoU to set up air quality monitoring stations in 6 States & 3 UTs
- Overview of **Cabinet approvals** on February 26, 2020
- Cabinet approved three **MoUs** with **Myanmar**
- Ordnance factory boards becomes the 1st govt entity to adopt centralised invoicing platform, **TreDS**
- Sri Lankan Govt withdraws from **UNHRC** resolution on war crimes
- **RBI** introduced 12 indicators for calculating India's growth: RBI Working Paper



- **Bharti AXA** General Insurance becomes the 1st company in India to use Whats app for deliver policy & renewal documents
- Government to include non-scheduled urban, district cooperative banks in 3 schemes for **MSME**
- **RBI mandates banks** to link all new floating rate loans to medium enterprises with external benchmark from April 1,2020
- Finance Minister **unveils EASE** Roadmap for Banking of the Future EASE 3.0, and PSB EASE Reforms Annual Report 2019-20
- Finance secretary Rajiv Kumar launches "**Baroda Startup Banking**" initiative for start-ups in 15 cities
- **Capri Global Capital Ltd** launched UDAAN new SME lending scheme for Women Entrepreneurs
- **DPIIT** amended **FDI** Policy to allow 100% FDI for insurance intermediaries
- **Sahitya Akademi's** Translation Prize 2019 awarded to English translation of '**Kusumabale**'
- Union Food Processing Industries Minister **Harsimrat Kaur Badal** Launched **Market Intelligence and Early Warning System (MIEWS)**
- Russian tennis star and 5 time Grand Slam winner **Maria Sharapova** gets retired
- Steve Smith dethrones **Virat Kohli** to regain top spot in ICC Test rankings
- Former Tamil Nadu Minister **K P P Samy** passed away at 57
- **India's First Protein Day** was observed on February 27, 2020
- Atal Innovation Mission partnered with Nasscom to launch **AI-based module in 5000 ATLs**
- International Conference on Standardization of alternate medicines, '**ICoSDiTAUS-2020**' held in New Delhi
- Government approves Rs 162 crore under Operation **Green Scheme**
- **NCAER releases 1st edition of land records and services index 2020:** MP emerges as top performer, Ladakh at bottom
- Govt approved 32 projects under **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY)**



- Tribal affairs ministry launches **Capacity building programme of ST** representatives in LSG & '1000 Springs Initiatives' in Bhubneshwar ,Odessa
- **HDFC bank ties-up** with Indi Go to launch co-branded credit card 'Ka-ching, powered by Master card
- **Diplomat Abhishek** appointed as next Ambassador of India to Venezuela
- **ONGC & HPCL** acquires 34.56 % of bankers' stake in Petro net MHB for Rs 371 crore
- Union Minister of **Shri Rajnath Singh** inaugurates new **Light Combat Helicopter** (LCH) Hangar at **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited** (HAL) complex in Bengaluru
- 6th offshore patrol vessel "**Yard 45006 VAJRA**" launched in Chennai
- L&T-built 5th offshore patrol vessel called '**ICGS Varad**' commissioned for Indian Coast Guard
- Scientists found first-Ever Animal '**Henneguya salminicola**' that doesn't need oxygen to survive
- Astronomers at **UBC Astronomy club** discovers **17 new planets**, including earth-sized world
- Centenarian Vedic Scholar & Kannada Rajyotsava awardee Pundit Sudhakar Chaturvedi passed away at 122
- Famous Historian and Professor **S. Settar** passed away at 85 in Karnataka
- **National Science Day** (NSD) was observed on Feb 28, 2020
- **World NGO Day** was observed on 27th Feb, 2020
- M.H Assembly passed bill, teaching **Marathi language** compulsory across all schools in the state
- Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti Urdu, Arabi-Farsi University renamed as **Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti languages University** in Luck now
- Haryana **CM Manohar lal khattar** presents Rs 1,42,343-crore budget for 2020-21
- Maharashtra: "**Smart gram yojana**" will be named after ex-minister R R. Patil
- President gives nod for delimitation exercise in **NE States of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland**



- 19th edition of **World Productivity Congress (WPC)** 2020 will be held in Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Indian Railways launched its First **“Restaurant on Wheels”** at Asansol Station, West Bengal
- 76% of Jan Dhan account holders have RuPay debit cards: **Govt Data**
- 1st **“Nimad Chilli Festival 2020”** begins at Kasrawad in Khargone district, Madhya Pradesh; mascot named **“chilli chacha”** released
- Overview of New Zealand Deputy PM & Finance Minister **Winston Peters** 4-day visit to India
- Fiscal deficit reached 128.5% of budget estimate at end-January 2020: **Govt data**
- **Bengaluru** recorded highest number of digital transactions among cities while MH topped among states in 2019: Report by **World line India**
- Forest Man of India & environment a list Padma **Shri Jadav Payeng** honoured with **6th Swami Vivekananda Karmayogi Award 2020**
- **Ajay Tyagi** Chairman of SEBI gets 6 month extension
- **UGC** to set up 11 Chairs in the names of women scientists across India: **Smriti Irani**
- Astronomers discovered a mini-moon or planet's 2nd moon, **“Dubbed 2020 CD3”**
- Astronomers detect biggest explosion in the Universe since the **Big Bang in Ophiuchus galaxy cluster**
- Tamilnadu **DMK MLA S Kathavarayan** passed away at 58
- Bihar Lok Sabha **MP Baidyanath Prasad Mahto** passed away at 72
- **Rare Diseases Day** was observed on February 29, 2020
- **Manpreet Singh Badal** presented Punjab govt's 1.54 lakh cr budget for FY20-21
- RBI approves appointment of **Sumant Kathpalia** as MD & CEO of IndusInd Bank
- India withdraws from Shooting World Cup in **Cyprus**