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- **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 TM
- **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-foot-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 TM
- 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 **Sarbjeeet 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 Kfwd 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 Arogaya 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
- **Ariane 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 TM
- **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 Rupan** 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 72nd
- 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 Sakellariopoulou** 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
- **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
- 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 TM
- 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 jimmadsemi** 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 Skerritt** 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

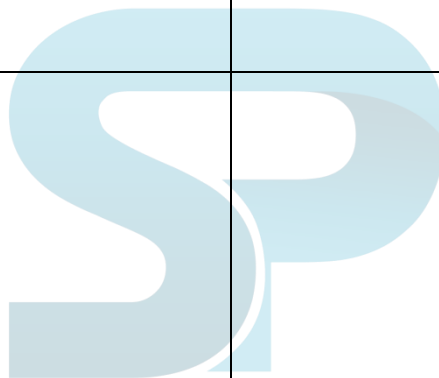




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