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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
- **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 ESPNCricinfo’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 Sarbjeet 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 Madhvapur 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 Jaitley, 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

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• 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 Vurputoor Chari** 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
• 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 Sare 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 1sttime, 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’s 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 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-Akaura 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: Sri Lanka tops in supporting breastfeeding women

• WEF’s 1st Nature Risk Rising report: $44 trillion 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

• 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 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 24×7 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 India

• 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
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

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 Liaison 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 **ESPNcricinfo** 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

• 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
• 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. 16th

- **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** defense 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 Joshi

• 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
- **Dharmapal 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 2021AFC 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 Gandhi agar, 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 ‘PMMVV’ 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 ai+A2:D24r 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 WhatsApp for delivering 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 Mastercard

• 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