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National

UNESCO designates Mumbai and Hyderabad as member of UCCN

i. UNESCO has designated **Mumbai** as a member of **UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN)** in the field of **FILM** and **Hyderabad** in the field of **GASTRONOMY**.



ii. The 7 categories for recognition under UCCN are Crafts and Folk Arts, Design, Film, Gastronomy, Music, Media Arts and Literature.

iii. Previously, 3 Indian cities were recognized as members of UCCN, namely- Jaipur-Crafts and Folk Arts(2015), Varanasi-Creative city of Music (2015), Chennai-Creative city of Music(2017).

iv. UCCN, created in 2004, is a network of cities which are thriving, active centres of cultural activities in their respective countries. The UNESCO Creative Cities Network now counts a total of 246 cities.

Do You Know-

- UNESCO President: Audrey Azoulay;
Founded: 16 November 1945.
- Headquarters: Paris, France.

Govt releases maps of newly-created UTs of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh

i. The Government of India released the maps of newly created **union territories of Jammu-Kashmir and Ladakh** and the map of India depicting these union territories.



ii. According to the Home Ministry, the new Union Territory of Ladakh consists of Kargil and Leh – two districts. The rest of the former state of Jammu and Kashmir is in the new Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

iii. The maps prepared by **Survey General of India** depicting the new UTs of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh, as created on October 31, 2019, along with the map of India.

Moody's revises India's economic outlook to "negative" from "Stable"

i. The American financial service company **Moody's** has downgraded **India's economic**

outlook to **"Negative"** from **"Stable"**. This downgrade was due to slow growth in the economy. It also predicted that slow growth would be prolonged and would also have debt rises.

ii. Moody's has also predicted a budget deficit of 3.7% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the year through March 2020, which is a breach in the govt's target of 3.3%.

iii. This was due to corporate tax rate cuts, slow growth etc. The long term foreign currency bond and bank deposit ceilings were unchanged at Baa1 and Baa2 (both being 2nd lowest investment-grade score), respectively.

Do You Know-

- Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Moody's: Raymond W. McDaniel Jr.
- Headquarters: New York, United States;
Founded: 1909.

India Justice Report 2019: Maharashtra holds top, UP ranks bottom

i. According to **'India Justice Report 2019'**, **Maharashtra** is the top state in delivering justice to its citizens followed



by **Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Punjab and Haryana** in the first-ever ranking of states on their capacity to deliver justice to citizens.

ii. The list of seven small states (population less than one crore each) was topped by **Goa**, followed by **Sikkim** and **Himachal Pradesh**. In this classification, **Jharkhand, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh** are at the bottom.

iii. The ranking is part of the India Justice Report (IJR) 2019, an initiative of Tata Trusts in collaboration with Centre for Social Justice, Common Cause, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, DAKSH, TISS- Prayas and Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy.

iv. The India Justice Report brings together, in the first such exercise, otherwise soiled statistics, from authoritative government sources, on the four pillars of justice delivery – police, judiciary, prisons and legal aid.

Lok Sabha Speaker addresses 6th Speakers' Summit of G 20 Countries

i. Lok Sabha speaker **Om Birla** composed the Indian Parliament delegation for **6th parliamentary summit of G20 countries, held in Tokyo, Japan 2019**. G20 presiding



officer of parliament attended the summit.
 ii. The summit had three sessions on separate themes related to **trade, technology and sustainable development**.
 iii. The gathering of this summit was about the terrorism which destroying the system of economy.

IIT-Madras launches affordable standing wheelchair

i. **Indian Institute of Technology-Madras**, in collaboration with **Phoenix Medical Systems**, launched the country's first indigenously-designed **standing wheelchair**.

ii. wheelchair named "**Arise**", was designed and developed by the TTK Centre for Rehabilitation Research and Device Development (R2D2), headed by Sujatha Srinivasan, a professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at IIT-Madras.

iii. The wheelchair is priced at **Rs 15,000**. The assistive device helps the wheelchair-bound move from a sitting to standing position, and vice-versa, independently.

BBC's announced 100 'Novels That Shaped Our World' list

i. The **British Broadcasting Corporation** announced a list of '**100 Novels That Shaped Our World**'. A panel of



leading writers, curators and critics compiled the list for the network.

ii. The list contains ten categories including **identity, love, sex and romance, politics, power and protest, and class and society**. The BBC's novel list is to mark the 300th anniversary of the publication of Daniel Defoe's novel 'Robinson Crusoe'.

iii. Renowned Indian authors like **R K Narayan** (

Swami and Friends), **Arundhati Roy** (**The God of small things**), **Salman Rushdie** (**The Moor's Last Sigh**), **Vikram Seth** (**A Suitable Boy**) and **S. Naipaul** (**A House for Mr Biswas**) are among 100 writers who have featured on a list of the most inspiring novels chosen by a panel of experts and revealed by the BBC.

IFFI 2019 to screen 3 films for differently-abled

i. This year, at the **Golden Jubilee** of **International Film Festival of India (IFFI)**, will have the screening of **Accessible India Films**.

ii. This is a collaboration between IFFI, **Saksham Bharat** and **UNESCO** with the aim to promote the creation of inclusive spaces for the differently-abled to access the joy of cinema through **Audio Deion**.

iii. **Audio Deion** is an additional narration that translates images, visual information or non-dialogue portions of film into spoken words so that visually-impaired people can access, enjoy and learn from works of popular films.

iv. This unique film section will witness the screening of three films, two in Hindi – **Lage Raho Munna Bhai** and **M.S. Dhoni: The Untold Story** and one in **Konkani- Questao De Confusao** in Konkani.



Gujarat Govt gives approval to world's first CNG terminal at Bhavnagar port

i. *Gujarat Government has given approval to the world's first CNG terminal at Bhavnagar port, Gujarat.*



ii. The joint venture of **United Kingdom-based Foresight Group** and **Mumbai-based Padmanabh Mafatlal Group** will invest 1,900 crore rupees to set up a CNG terminal at Bhavnagar port.

iii. For this, a Memorandum of Understanding between Gujarat Maritime Board and London-based Foresight Group was signed during the Vibrant Gujarat Summit earlier this year.

Newly discovered species of spider named after Sachin Tendulkar

i. Dhruv Prajapati, a research scholar from the **Gujarat Ecological Education & Research (GEER) Foundation**, has



discovered two new spider species in **Kerala, TamilNadu and Gujarat**.

ii. One spider species was named after Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar as “**Marengo Sachin Tendulkar**” while the other was named as “**Indomarengo chavarapater**” after **Saint Kuriakose Elias Chavara**, who played a key role in creating awareness on education in the state of Kerala.

Chief Justice’s office comes under RTI, rules Supreme Court

i. The **Supreme Court ruled** that the office of **Chief Justice** comes under the transparency law, the **Right to Information (RTI) Act**.



ii. The decision by the five-judge bench of the Supreme Court, led Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi, who retires on November 17, comes on a petition filed by Central Public Information Officer of the Supreme Court against a Delhi high court ruling of 2010 that held the office of the CJI was a public authority and directed the secretary-general of the top court to disclose details of the assets of judges sought by RTI activist SC Agarwal.

Union Cabinet recommends President’s rule in Maharashtra

i. **President Ram Nath Kovind** has signed the proclamation imposing **President’s rule** in **Maharashtra**.



ii. The Union Cabinet has recommended the President rule on the report of the Governor invoking **Article 356** of the **constitution** in the state.

iii. Article 356, commonly known as President’s rule,

deals with ‘failure of constitutional machinery in the state’

iv. The Governor’s office stated that the government cannot be carried on in accordance with the Constitution, and submitted a report as contemplated by the provision of Article 356 of the Constitution.

Jair Bolsonaro to be chief guest at Republic Day 2020

i. Brazilian President **Jair Bolsonaro** will be the **chief guest** at **Republic Day 2020** celebrations.

ii. He has accepted the Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s invitation to be the chief guest at India’s Republic Day celebrations next year.

Suranga Bawadi selected as World Monument Watch list for 2020

i. **Suranga Bawadi** in **Bijapur, Karnataka** was selected as the **World Monument Watch List for 2020**, by the New York-based non-governmental organisation.



ii. Suranga Bawadi was selected under the category of “**Ancient Water System of the Deccan Plateau**” along with 24 monuments across the world.

iii. It is one of the integral parts of the ancient Karez system of supplying water through subterranean tunnels, is now set to get funding for restoration.

iv. It was built in the 16th century of **Adil Shahi-I** in Vijayapura.

Nita Ambani to join board of Metropolitan Museum of Art

i. Chairperson of the Reliance Foundation, **Nita Ambani** has been named an honorary trustee of “**The Metropolitan Museum of Art**”.



ii. This decision was taken due to her commitment to preserve and encourage Indian art and culture. She is the first Indian to be so honoured.

iii. In 2017, the museum honoured her at **The Met**

Winter Party, an event celebrating the achievements of those who foster greater diversity and inclusion in the world of art.

iv. In 2017, Nita Ambani received the prestigious **Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Award** from the President of India for the work of Reliance Foundation in the area of sports for development. In 2016, **Forbes** listed her as one of the **50 most powerful businesswomen in Asia**.

v. She is a member of the **International Olympic Committee** and is the first Indian woman to serve in that role.

Do You Know-

- Chairman of Metropolitan Museum of Art: Mr Daniel Brodsky
- Established: April 13, 1870.
- President & CEO: Daniel Weiss.

ISRO to launch Cartosat-3, 13 commercial nano satellites on Nov 25

i. **India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle, PSLV-C47** will launch **Cartosat-3** and **13 commercial nanosatellites** into **Sun Synchronous orbit** from Satish

Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) SHAR, Sriharikota on 25th November.

ii. Cartosat-3 satellite is a third-generation agile advanced satellite having high-resolution imaging capability.

iii. This will be the 74th launch vehicle mission from SDSC SHAR, Sriharikota.

iv. PSLV-C47 is the 21st flight of PSLV in 'XL' configuration, that is with 6 solid strap-on motors.

v. PSLV-C47 will also carry 13 commercial nanosatellites from the United States of America as part of a commercial arrangement with NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), Department of Space.



Yogi Adityanath inaugurates North India's 1st sugar mill which will produce ethanol

i. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** has inaugurated **North India's first sugar mill** which will produce **ethanol** direct from **sugarcane**.

ii. The mill was inaugurated in **Pipraich area of Gorakhpur**, which is a unit of Uttar Pradesh Sugar

and Sugarcane Development Corporation Limited.

iii. The mills, which previously produced around **8,000 quintals of sugar**, will now produce more than **50,000 quintals of sugar** every day.

Darjeeling's green and white teas get GI tag

i. The **green tea and white tea of Darjeeling** have been registered as a **geographical indication (GI) products** in the country.

ii. These two varieties of Darjeeling tea have been registered under Geographical Indications of Goods

(Registration and Protection) Act 1999, with effect from October 2019.

iii. This will "**strengthen the protection of the intellectual property rights of the Darjeeling tea**" which is considered as "**niche and luxury**" products in the country and abroad.



ECI to establish a visiting chair in memory of TN Seshan

i. The **Election Commission**

has decided to establish a **visiting chair** on the inter-disciplinary approach to electoral studies to commemorate

former **Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) TN Seshan's** "special connect with the young and aspiring India".

ii. Former Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) TN Seshan who passed away recently on November 10, 2019.

iii. It will be established in the **Centre for Curriculum Development at India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM)**, New Delhi from 2020-2025. iv. N Gopalaswami, former CEC will be the mentor of the chair. The chair is expected to be functional by August-September 2020.



India to host 19th council of heads of government of SCO 2020

i. India will host the **19th council of heads of government of the Shanghai Cooperation**

Organisation 2020. The first such high-level meeting of the 8-member grouping to be organised by New Delhi after its admission into the grouping in 2017.

ii. The SCO is a China-led eight-member economic and security bloc in which **India and Pakistan** were admitted as full members in 2017. Its founding members included **China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.**

iii. The latest Summit of heads of government was held in **Tashkent** in November 2019.

iv. It was proposed in Tashkent Summit that India would take the initiative to hold the 2020 meetings of the Heads of Government.

Do You Know-

- SCO Secretary-General: Vladimir Norov.

Amit Shah launches special winter-grade diesel for Ladakh

i. Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** launched the supply of **special winter-grade diesel** for high altitude **Ladakh**, which faces sub-zero temperatures during the winter months.

ii. Motorists in high-altitude areas like Ladakh, Kargil, Kaza and Keylong face the problem of freezing of diesel in their vehicles when winter temperatures drop to as low as minus 30-degree celsius.



India ranks 59th on IMD World Talent Ranking Report

i. The **International Institute of Management Development's (IMD) World Talent Ranking (WTR)** report for the year 2019 was released.

ii. In the released report, **India** was ranked at **59th position**, a slip by 6 places on a global annual list of **63 countries**. The list was topped by **Switzerland**.

iii. The top 10 countries that followed Switzerland were Denmark(2nd), Sweden(3rd), Austria(4th), Luxembourg (5th), Norway(6th), Iceland(7th), Finland (8th), Netherlands (9th) and Singapore(10th).

Do You Know-



- President of IMD: Jean Francois Manzoni; Established: 1990.
- Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland.

RBI supersedes DHFL board to initiate insolvency proceedings

i. The **Reserve Bank of India** superseded the board of debt-laden **Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited (DHFL)** as it intends to shortly initiate the process of resolution of the company under the **insolvency and bankruptcy rules.**

ii. The company is all set to become India's first financier to land up in bankruptcy courts.

iii. The central bank superseded the board "owing to governance concerns and defaults by DHFL in meeting various payment obligations.

iv. **R Subramaniakumar**, ex-MD and CEO of Indian Overseas Bank has been appointed as the administrator.

Do You Know-

- Headquarters of DHFL: Haryana; CEO of DHFL: Kapil Wadhawan.

Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella tops Fortune's Businessperson of the Year 2019 list

i. **Microsoft's** India-born Chief Executive Officer **Satya Nadella** has occupied the top spot in **Fortune's Businessperson of the Year 2019 list.**

ii. The list also includes Mastercard CEO Ajay Banga and Arista head Jayshree Ullal. Banga is ranked 8th, while Ullal comes in at the 18th spot in the list for which Fortune looked at 10 financial factors ranging from a total return to shareholders to return on capital. Both Banga and Ullal are of Indian-origin.

iii. Fortune's annual Businessperson of the Year list features 20 business leaders "who tackled audacious goals, overcame impossible odds, found creative solutions".



Parliament passes Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial (Amendment) Bill 2019

i. Parliament has passed the **Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial (Amendment) Bill, 2019**. The Bill seeks to amend the **Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial Act, 1951**.



ii. It has a provision to remove the **President of the Congress party as a trustee** and clarifies that when there is no Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, the leader of the single largest Opposition party will be the trustee.

iii. The Bill also allows the Central government to terminate the term of a nominated trustee before the expiry of the period of his term, without assigning any reason.

Census 2021 to be conducted in 16 languages

i. Union Minister of State for Home Affairs **Nityanand Rai** informed that **Census 2021** will be conducted in **16 languages**.



ii. During Census 2021, a mix mode approach is being adopted for data collection. Census will be conducted in two phases –

House-listing and Housing Census from April to September 2020 and **Population Enumeration** during February 09-28, 2021.

iii. The Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) has recommended an amount of **Rs. 8754.23 crore** for conducting Census 2021 in 16 languages.

Do You Know-

- Registrar General & Census Commissioner, India: Vivek Joshi.

Army dedicates Goodwill Park to Late Naib Subedar Chuni Lal

i. As a mark of tribute to one of the most decorated soldiers of Indian Army **Late Naib Subedar Chuni Lal**, an **Army Goodwill Park** was dedicated at his native village **Bhara in Doda, Jammu and Kashmir**.

ii. The Army Goodwill Park has a statue of the martyred soldier, beside a Children park and open Gym for the villagers.

J&K achieves highest road length under PMGSY in 2019

i. **Jammu and Kashmir** have achieved the highest road length in the country this year so far under a Centre's rural roads' programme with the completion of around **11,400 kilometres** covering **1,838 habitations**.

ii. The work is being carried under the centrally-sponsored **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)**, which is a mega flagship programme with the main objective of providing connectivity to rural areas.

Amaravati included in India map as the capital of Andhra Pradesh

i. The Survey of India, India's central engineering agency in charge of mapping and surveying has released an **updated map of India** with **Amaravati** as the capital of **Andhra Pradesh (AP)**.



ii. Amaravati had been missing from the previous map released by the Centre On November 2, 2019, which showed Hyderabad as the common capital of Telangana & Andhra Pradesh.

iii. The state of AP was bifurcated in the year 2014 and while it was initially decided that Hyderabad would serve as the common administrative capital for a period of 10 years.

Etawah Lion Safari inaugurated in Uttar Pradesh

i. The **Etawah Lion Safari**, formally known as **Etawah Safari Park** was thrown open for public in **Uttar Pradesh** without the lion segment.



ii. It is a drive-through safari park located in Etawah, Uttar Pradesh and is one of the biggest safari parks in Asia with an area of **350 hectares (860 acres)**.

iii. It has been developed as an educative tourist destination for children as well as youths.

iv. The safari is expected to attract tourist and make Etawah a major tourist centre in the country.

Global prosperity index 2019

i. The first-ever **Prosperity & Inclusion City Seal and Awards (PICSA)**

Index, released in the **Basque Country** capital of **Bilbao** in **northern Spain**.



ii. The Index is designed to showcase not only the quantity of economic growth of a city but also its quality and distribution across populations.

iii. **Bengaluru** emerged as India's highest-ranked city at **No. 83** in a new index of the world's 113 cities in terms of economic and social inclusivity, **topped by Zurich** in **Switzerland**.

iv. **Delhi** at **101** and **Mumbai** at **107** are the other Indian cities to make at the index, with the top 20 awarded a PICSA Seal as the world's highest-ranked cities building inclusive prosperity.

- **Vienna**, the **Austrian** capital in second place, scores close to top marks on healthcare.
- **Copenhagen**, **Luxembourg** and **Helsinki** complete the top five.

India's GDP growth further dips to 4.5% in July-Sept

i. India's GDP growth hit an over six-year low of 4.5 percent in July-September 2019, dragged mainly by deceleration in manufacturing output and subdued farm sector activity. The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth was recorded at 7 percent in the corresponding quarter of FY 2018-19. In the previous quarter of the ongoing fiscal, the economic growth was 5 percent.

ii. This GDP growth data for the September 2019 quarter is the lowest since January-March of 2012-13, when it was registered at 4.3 per cent.

World's biggest Islamic Congregation begins in Bhopal

i. In Madhya Pradesh, the 4-day **Aalmi Tablighi Ijtima**, world's biggest Islamic Congregation began

in **Bhopal**. More than one million people from 54 countries are expected to attend the congregation which will continue till 25th November.

ii. It is a forum for delivering some important religious-spiritual messages to Muslims around the world.

iii. Ijtima started in the era of Nawabs in Bhopal and now it has become the identity of Bhopal worldwide.

iv. The first Alami Tablighi Ijtima took place in **Bhopal in 1944** and only 14 people attended it then.

v. Now the number has increased to millions. Thousands of people from various countries across the world including **Russia, France, Indonesia, Malaysia, Iraq and Saudi Arabia** have reached Bhopal to participate in this event.

Lieutenant Shivangi is the first-ever woman pilot for Navy

i. The first woman pilot, **Lieutenant Shivangi**, will join naval operations on completion of operational training here on

December 2. She hails from Muzzafarpur, Bihar.

ii. She was inducted into **Indian Navy as SSC (Pilot)** as part of 27 NOC course in Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala, Kerala.

iii. She, who had been undergoing training at the Southern Naval Command, will get authorisation on December 2 to fly Dornier aircraft.



Oxford Dictionary names 'Climate Emergency' its 2019 Word of the Year

i. Oxford Dictionaries has named "**climate emergency**" as its **2019 Word of the Year**, choosing it from an

all-environmental shortlist that also included "climate action," "climate denial," "eco-anxiety," "extinction" and "flight shame."

ii. The word is selected because it shows the increase in usage since 2018. Climate emergency defines as "a situation in which urgent action is required to reduce or halt climate change and also to avoid the possible irreversible environmental loss resulting from it."

Do You Know-



- The Oxford English Dictionary is the principal historical dictionary of the English language, published by Oxford University Press.
- Headquarters: United Kingdom.

RIL market cap hits ₹9.5 lakh crore, a first for an Indian company

i. Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) is the first Indian company to cross **Rs.9.5 lakh in market capitalization (m-cap)**. Recently Vodafone India and Bharti Airtel had announced their tariff hike which will be implemented from December 2019.

ii. This has increased the share price of RIL in the market and is believed to attract more subscribers for Reliance Jio.

iii. On 26 Nov 2019, its m-cap touched Rs 9,99,045 crore nearing the Rs 10 lakh crore mark.

iv. Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), RIL's closest rival in market capital had a share price of Rs.2,110, 2% lower on BSE and m-cap of Rs.7,71,996.87 crore.

Do You Know-

- Reliance Industries Limited Founded: 8 May 1973.
- Founder (Reliance Industries Limited): Dhirubhai Ambani.
- CEO: Mukesh Ambani; Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Book titled "Hemant Karkare -A Daughter's Memoir" by Jui Karkare Navare released

i. On 11th anniversary of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, a book titled "**Hemant Karkare - A Daughter's Memoir**" by his daughter **Jui Karkare Navare** was released in Mumbai, Maharashtra.



ii. The book has been published by **The Write Place**. The book portrays former Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) chief Hemant Karkare's life as a father to Jui Karkare Navare.

iii. 18 security personnel lost their lives in the 26/11 terror attacks, also known as the 2008 Mumbai attacks.

iv. The attack was carried out by Lashkar-e-Taiba, an

Islamic terrorist organisation based in Pakistan, in 8 places of Mumbai.

Logo, motto introduced for Lokpal

i. Lokpal Chairman Justice (retired) **Pinaki Chandra Ghose** launched the new logo and motto for the apex anti-corruption ombudsman.

ii. A new motto, "**Ma Gridhah Kasyasvidhanam** (Do not be greedy for anyone's wealth)", was also adopted.

iii. Earlier, an open competition was conducted, inviting entries for the logo and the motto. A total of 2,236 entries for the logo and 4,705 entries for the motto were received.

iv. A logo designed by **Prashant Mishra**, a resident of Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh, was finally selected.

v. The logo symbolises how Lokpal protects and cares for the people of India by establishing justice as per law.



Ayodhya Verdict

i. The Supreme Court on Saturday cleared the way for the construction of a Ram Temple at the disputed site at Ayodhya, and directed the Centre to allot a 5-acre plot to the Sunni Waqf Board for building a mosque.

ii. In one of the most important and most anticipated judgements in India's history, a 5-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi put an end to the more than a century old dispute that has torn the social fabric of the nation.

iii. The apex court said the mosque should be constructed at a "prominent site" and a trust should be formed within three months for the construction of the temple at the site many Hindus believe Lord Ram was born.



iv. The bench, also comprising Justices S A Bobde, D Y Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S Abdul Nazeer, said possession of the disputed 2.77 acre land rights will be handed over to the deity Ram Lalla, who is one of the three litigants in the case. The possession however will remain with a central government receiver.

Sabarimala verdict highlights: SC refers to larger bench, debate over entry of women remains

A larger bench will decide whether traditional practices can prevent entry of women at religious places.



What the Supreme Court wants larger bench to decide

(i) Regarding the interplay between the freedom of religion under Articles 25 and 26 of the Constitution and other provisions in Part III, particularly Article 14.

(ii) What is the sweep of expression 'public order, morality and health' occurring in Article 25(1) of the Constitution.

(iii) The expression 'morality' or 'constitutional morality' has not been defined in the Constitution. Is it over arching morality in reference to preamble or limited to religious beliefs or faith. There is need to delineate the contours of that expression, lest it becomes subjective.

(iv) The extent to which the court can enquire into the issue of a particular practice is an integral part of the religion or religious practice of a particular religious denomination or should that be left exclusively to be determined by the head of the section of the religious group.

(v) What is the meaning of the expression 'sections of Hindus' appearing in Article 25(2)(b) of the Constitution.

(vi) Whether the "essential religious practices" of a religious denomination, or even a section thereof are afforded constitutional protection under Article 26.

(vii) What would be the permissible extent of judicial recognition to PILs in matters calling into question religious practices of a denomination or a section

thereof at the instance of persons who do not belong to such religious denomination?

Rafale verdict

i. The Supreme Court today rejected requests to review its clean chit to the

government in the Rafale fighter jet deal with French firm Dassault Aviation, saying there was no need for a "roving inquiry" into the case.



ii. On May 10, the Supreme Court had reserved the decision on the petitions, including one by former union ministers Yashwant Sinha and Arun Shourie, along with activist-lawyer Prashant Bhushan, seeking a re-examination of its findings that there was no occasion to doubt the decision-making process in the procurement of 36 Rafale fighter jets.

International

Spanish capital Madrid to host COP 25

i.The Spanish capital city of Madrid will host the UN Climate Change Conference (COP 25) from 2 to 13 December.



ii.The decision was taken following Chile's stepping down as host for the event due to the ongoing street protests in the South American country.

iii.The annual Conference of the Parties (COP) summit is a key event which allows representatives from around 200 nations to monitor and discuss the current situation of the world's warming climate.

Guyana to be fastest growing country in the world next year at 86%

i.According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Guyana's GDP is expected to be more at 86% in



2020 after expanding 4.4% in 2019.

ii.This growth expectation had done after Exxon Mobil Corp.'s discovery of oil at Guyana. Guyana's economy will grow more than three times within five years.

iii.Guyana's GDP is to get fourteen times as fast as China's GDP in 2020. Guyana is projecting \$300 million in petroleum revenue in 2020.

iv.It is a country of South America with 7,80,000 population and neighbour countries are Brazil & Venezuela.

v.The oil sector will represent about 40% of the economy within five years.

vi.It crosses \$4 billion annual Gross domestic product (GDP) and also it will expand to about \$15 billion by 2024.

Do You Know-

- President of Guyana: David A. Granger; Prime minister of Guyana: Moses Nagamootoo.
- Capital of Guyana: George Town; Currency of Guyana: Guyanese Dollar.

35th ASEAN Summit begins in Bangkok

i.The 35th ASEAN Summit began in Bangkok, Thailand from October 31 to 4 November.

ii.The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is a group of ten member countries that encourages political, economic and social co-operation in the region.

iii.The theme of the summit for this year is "Advancing Partnership for Sustainability".

iv.Apart from leaders of 10 ASEAN countries head of Eight dialogue partner countries including India, USA, China, Japan, Republic of Korea, Australia and New Zealand are also participating in the summit.

v.East Asia Summit (EAS) and Regional Comprehensive Economic Summit (RCEP) will be also held on the sidelines of 35th ASEAN Summit.

Do You Know-

- 10 ASEAN member countries: Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore, Philippines, Malaysia, Vietnam, Brunei, Cambodia, Myanmar (Burma), Laos.

World's first blockchain-based carbon trading exchange in Singapore

i.Singapore-based AirCarbon Pte launched the world's first blockchain-based carbon trading exchange.



ii.This will allow airlines and other corporate buyers to buy as well sell tokens backed by carbon offset credits approved by the International Civil Aviation Organisation.

iii.The company is applying to the Monetary Authority of Singapore for a recognized market operator license and targets for the exchange to be fully operational in 2020.

India to adopt Brazil model of human milk bank

i.India has taken inspiration from Brazil's success in the field of human milk bank decided to adopt a similar model in creating a wide network of human milk banks.

ii.The Centre has set a target of ensuring at least 70 per cent infants to have access to breast milk by the

year **2025**. Target will subsequently be increased to 100 per cent.

PM Modi to visit Brazil for BRICS summit

i. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be on a 2-day visit to Brazil from the 13th of this month to attend the **11th BRICS**



Summit in Brasilia, Brazil. **ii.** The theme of the Summit this year is **“Economic Growth for an Innovative Future”**. This will be the sixth time that Mr Modi participates in the BRICS Summit.

Do You Know-

- BRICS is the acronym coined for an association of five major emerging national economies: Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.
- Originally the first four were grouped as “BRIC”, before the induction of South Africa in 2010.

NASA unveils its first electric airplane

i. NASA (National Aeronautics and Space



Administration) has launched its **1st all-electric** experimental aircraft named the **X-57 “Maxwell”**.

ii. It is NASA’s 1st crewed X-plane (experimental plane) in nearly 2 decades adapted from **Italian Tecnam P2006T aircraft**.

iii. The first delivery of the all-electric experimental aircraft was taken from Empirical Systems Aerospace (ESAero) in California, United States(US). The aircraft is expected to be operational by late 2020.

Do You Know-

- NASA Administrator: Jim Bridenstine.
- NASA established: 29 July 1958.

Sri Lanka becomes 1st South Asian country to call match fixing a crime

i. Sri Lanka has become the **first South Asian**

nation to bring match-fixing cases to the category of crime as its parliament passed a bill related to **‘Prevention of Offences Related to Sports’**.

ii. This new legislation related to match-fixing and corruption will apply to all sports & if a person is found guilty of corruption in the game, he can be punished for up to **10 years** and also be required to **pay other fines**.

Do You Know-

- Sri Lanka Capitals: Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte.
- Currency: Sri Lankan rupee.

Bangladesh tops business bribery risk in South Asia

i. Bangladesh has **topped** the **business bribery risk** in **South Asia** according to the **Trace Bribery Matrix**.

ii. Bangladesh has the highest business bribery risk among South Asian countries according to the annual ranking for 200 countries.

iii. Bangladesh has been placed at 178th position among 200 countries in terms of business bribery risk. Overall, New Zealand, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, and Finland presented the lowest bribery risk.

iv. TRACE is a US-based organisation which provides ranking to various countries in terms of the risk of bribery companies face in doing business in those countries.

v. The Trace Bribery Matrix evaluates the countries under 4 parameters i.e. business interaction with the government, anti-bribery deterrence, transparency and civil society oversight.

Iran discovers new oil field with 53 Bn barrels of reserves

i. Iran has discovered a new oilfield with **53 billion barrels of crude oil** in **Khuzestan province**, home to Iran’s Khuzestan’s crucial oil industry.



ii. The announcement, however, did not reveal how much oil could be produced from the reservoir but the find could boost the country’s battered economy amid stringent US sanctions.

iii. The new oil field discovered is 2,400 square

kilometres (925 square miles), with the deposit some 80 metres (260 feet) deep.

Do You Know-

- Iran Capital: Tehran; Currency: Rial; President: Hassan Rouhani.

NASA renames Ultima thule to Arrokoth after Nazi controversy
i.National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has renamed a distant space rock **Ultima Thule**, to **Arrokoth**.

ii.It is the farthest cosmic body ever visited by a spacecraft, **Arrokoth** or “sky” is a name of the Native American Powhatan language following a significant backlash over the old name’s Nazi connotations.

iii.The name portrait the co-operation with Powhatan Tribal elders.

Russia is the focus country at IFFI 2019

i.International Film

Festival of India 2019, IFFI features a Country of Focus that brings out the cinematic excellence and contributions of that particular country every year and this year, the country of focus is **Russia**.

ii.The section will showcase eight movies from Russia.

Do You Know-

- President of Russia: Vladimir Putin; Prime Minister (PM) of Russia: Dmitry Medvedev.
- Capital of Russia: Moscow; Currency of Russia: Russian ruble.



Pakistan becomes 1st country to introduce new vaccine to combat typhoid

i.Pakistan became the 1st country in the world to introduce a new **Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine (TCV)** in an effort to combat a drug-resistant strain of the potentially fatal disease in the Sindh province.

ii.The vaccine, approved by the World Health Organisation (WHO) in 2018, will initially be used during a two-week immunisation campaign starting from November 18 to November 30 in the urban areas of Sindh.

iii.Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine (TCV) is a one-dose vaccine, that will be injected intramuscularly.

iv.The vaccine cost is low and it has high efficiency. It is expected to provide long-lasting immunity power in adults, children and 9-month infants.

Do You Know-

- Capital of Pakistan: Islamabad; PM of Pakistan: Imran Khan.
- President of Pakistan: Arif Alvi.

EU Parliament declares climate emergency

i.The European Union’s legislature has declared a **climate emergency**, in a symbolic move aimed at increasing pressure on the incoming European Commission to take a stronger stance on climate change.



ii.The parliament voted **429/225** with 19 abstentions to call the increasing environmental challenges linked to climate change an emergency.

iii.The climate declaration was passed in **Strasbourg** during a European Parliament debate on the upcoming **United Nations’ COP25** climate summit.

iv.The summit kicks off on 2nd December in Madrid. EU lawmakers urged the European Commission to fully ensure all relevant legislative and budgetary proposals are fully aligned with the 1.5-degrees-Celsius target limit on global warming.

v.The resolution calls on the EU to cut emissions by 55 per cent by 2030 to become climate neutral by 2050.

Do You Know-

- European Union Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium.
- European Parliament president: David-Maria Sassoli.

Defence

Russia's Nuclear Submarine test fires Ballistic Missile from White Sea

i. Russia's Knyaz Vladimir

submarine of Borei-class vessel, test-fired its most advanced nuclear-powered missile



named, **Bulavaintercontinental ballistic missile** which precisely hit the target range of 1000 km away in the Russian region of Kamchatka.

ii. The launch was conducted in the white sea of the northwest coast of Russia with a dummy payload.

iii. The Knyaz Vladimir submarine is the first upgraded model to be produced in the Borei class of Russian nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarines.

iv. The test-fire was conducted amid arms control tensions between Moscow and the West following the demise of a landmark Cold War-era nuclear pact.

India-Uzbekistan 1st-ever joint military exercise Dustlik-2019 begins

i. The first-ever **India-Uzbekistan** joint military exercise **Dustlik-2019** begin at Chirchiq Training Area near **Tashkent, Uzbekistan.**



ii. The exercise, which will be focused on counter-terrorism, will continue till November 13.

iii. During the exercise, an Indian Army contingent will train along with Uzbekistan Army.

iv. The exercise will enable the sharing of best practices and experiences between the Armed Forces of the two countries and will lead to greater operational effectiveness.

Lt Col Jyoti Sharma appointed as Army's first female JAG officer

i. Lieutenant Colonel **Jyoti Sharma** has been appointed as **Indian Army's first female Judge Advocate General officer** to be deployed on a foreign

mission.

ii. She will serve the government of the East African country of Seychelles as a legal expert & would give her opinion about defence and military act.

Indian Navy, Indonesian Navy bilateral maritime exercise 'Samudra Shakti'

i. India is jointly exercising its anti-submarine warfare

corvette **INS Kamorta** along with **Indonesian** warship **KRI Usman Harun**, a multi-role corvette, in the **Bay of Bengal** as part of an ongoing bilateral exercise "**Samudra Shakti**".

ii. The aim of the exercise is to strengthen bilateral relations, expand maritime co-operation, enhance interoperability and exchange best practices.

iii. The joint exercises include manoeuvres, surface warfare exercises, air defence exercises, weapon firing drills, helicopter operations and boarding operations.



India-U.S. tri-services exercise Tiger Triumph begins

i. The **India-U.S.** tri-services amphibious exercise "**Tiger Triumph**" has begun in



Visakhapatnam, **Andhra Pradesh.** Tiger Triumph will go on for 9 days off the Visakhapatnam and Kakinada coasts.

ii. The training events will enhance U.S.-India military-to-military relations and hone individual and small-unit skills in humanitarian assistance and disaster response.

iii. This kind of training is expected to build the capacity of both the U.S. and Indian participants as well as improving their ability to operate together.

Lt. Cdr. Karabi Gogoi posted as Assistant Naval Attache in Moscow

i. Lt. Cdr. **Karabi Gogoi** has been posted as the **Assistant Naval Attache** at the Indian embassy in **Moscow.**



ii. She will become the **first woman officer** from the **Indian Navy** to be posted as a Defence Attache at an Indian mission abroad.

iii. Lt. Cdr. Gogoi was commissioned into the Navy in 2010 and is currently posted at Karwar.

iv. India has over 100 Defence Attaches or Defence Advisors posted at missions across the world with all three Service Attaches posted at important missions.

Indian Naval Academy awarded President's Colour

i. President **Ram Nath Kovind** and Supreme Commander of Indian Armed Forces awarded **President's Colour to Indian Naval Academy (INA)**, Ezhimala at Kochi, Kerala.

ii. The President's Colour is the highest honour bestowed upon a military unit.

iii. It was awarded to INA in recognition of the yeoman service rendered by the institution in training and shaping Indian Naval officers over the last 50 years at three different locations – Goa, Kochi and Ezhimala.

The NIA will host the first-ever counter-terrorism (CT) exercise

i. The **National Investigation Agency (NIA)** will host the first-ever **counter-terrorism (CT) exercise** for the Quad countries in New Delhi.



ii. The Quad countries include the **United States (US), India, Australia, and Japan.**

iii. According to the NIA, the exercise is to assess and validate CT response mechanisms in the light of emerging terrorist threats.

iv. It also aims to provide opportunities to share the best practices and to explore areas for enhanced cooperation amongst participating countries.

Do You Know-

- DG of NIA: Yogesh Chander Modi.
- Headquarters: New Delhi.

US clears sale of \$1 billion worth of Naval Guns to India

i. The **US State Department** cleared the sale of

sophisticated **MK-45** naval guns worth **\$1 billion** to India. The MK-45 guns will enhance India's naval capabilities, particularly in the Arabian Sea.

ii. The Gun System will provide the capability to conduct anti-surface warfare and anti-air defence missions while enhancing interoperability with the U.S. and other allied forces.

Royal Aeronautical Society honour for DRDO chief G Satheesh Reddy

i. **Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS)** London has conferred the



Honorary Fellowship of the Society for the year

2019 to **G Satheesh Reddy**, Secretary Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO.

ii. He is the first Indian recipient of this prestigious award in over 100 years.

iii. The Society's highest award is bestowed in recognition of Reddy's pioneering technological contributions over the past three decades which has enabled the country to realise frontline military systems and world-class missile technologies.

iv. This fellowship is considered as Nobel Prize in the aerospace.

- The first Honorary Fellowship was awarded in the year **1917.**

Appointments or Resign/Retired

Sanjay Gupta appoints country manager at Google India

i. Google India has appointed **Sanjay Gupta** as its new country manager and vice-president of sales and operations for India. Gupta, the former Star and Disney India managing director, will contribute to Google's efforts to expand the internet ecosystem in the country.



ii. He will take on the role early next year, working closely with the teams based in Gurugram, Hyderabad and Bengaluru. He replaces **Rajan Anandan**, who left Google to join Sequoia Capital India.

Arvind Singh takes over as AAI chairman

i. **Arvind Singh**, a 1988-batch IAS officer of Maharashtra cadre, took charge as the **chairman of the Airports Authority of India (AAI)**.

ii. The AAI, which comes under the Ministry of Civil Aviation, owns and manages more than 100 airports across the country.

iii. Prior to this appointment, Singh was the additional chief secretary (Energy) of Maharashtra government.

iv. He also worked as chairman and managing director of Maharashtra State Power Generation Company Limited and Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Limited.

Justice AP Sahi sworn-in as Chief Justice of Madras High Court

i. Justice **Amreshwar Pratap Sahi** was sworn-in as **Chief Justice of the Madras High Court**.

ii. Tamil Nadu Governor Banwarilal Purohit

administered the oath of office to Justice Sahi. Justice Sahi replaces Justice **VK Tahilramani**, who quit on September 6.

iii. Prior to this appointment, Justice Sahi was Chief Justice of the Patna High Court from November 17, 2018.



FIFA names Arsene Wenger as global football development chief

i. Veteran coach **Arsene Wenger** has been named **FIFA's Chief of global football development**.



ii. The former Arsenal and Monaco coach would be responsible for the growth of the game for both men and women around the world and would also be the leading authority on technical matters, including potential changes to the sport's laws.

iii. Wenger made the English Club Arsenal one of the strongest football clubs in Europe, winning three Premier League titles and seven FA Cups and taking his team to the 2006 Champions League final.

iv. He also won the French league in 1987 with Monaco, adding the French Cup four years later before departing for Japan in 1995.

Do You Know-

- President of FIFA: Gianni Infantino;
- Founded: 21 May 1904.
- Headquarters: Zürich, Switzerland.

Nilam Sawhney appointed as Andhra Pradesh Chief Secretary

i. Senior IAS officer **Nilam Sawhney** has been appointed as the **Chief Secretary of Andhra Pradesh**. She has become the **first woman Chief Secretary of Andhra Pradesh**. She belongs to the 1984 batch of the IAS and from AP Cadre.

ii. She will replace Neerabh Kumar who is holding the additional charge as the Chief Secretary of Andhra Pradesh.

Justice Sanjay Karol sworn in as Chief Justice of Patna High Court

i. Justice **Sanjay Karol** was sworn in as the **Chief Justice of Patna High Court**. Bihar Governor Phagu Chauhan administered the oath of office to Justice Karol at the Raj Bhavan.

ii. He was earlier posted as Chief Justice of Tripura before this appointment.

Unilever appoints Nils Andersen as new Chairman

i. British-Dutch consumer goods company **Unilever** named non-executive director **Nils Andersen** as its new **chairman** to utilise his deep experience across consumer goods and logistics industries.

ii. Andersen will replace **Marijn Dekkers**, who is standing down after more than three years as chairman, to focus on his responsibilities as founder and chairman of investment and advisory firm **Novalis LifeSciences**.

Do You Know-

- Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Unilever: Alan Jope.
- Founded: 2 September 1929.
- Headquarters: London, United Kingdom (UK) and Netherlands.

Prakash Javadekar takes charge as Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises

i. **Prakash Javadekar** took charge as the **Union Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises**. This decision was taken after Shiv Sena leader **Arvind Sawant** resigned from the Union Cabinet.

ii. Javadekar also holds information & broadcasting, and environment, forest and climate change portfolios.

Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan re-elected as President of UAE

i. The UAE's Supreme Council of the Union has re-elected his Highness **Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan** as its President for a 4th five-year term, in accordance with the provisions of the UAE Constitution.



ii. He was first elected President on November 3, 2004, following the death of his father Shaikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan.

Pravind Jugnauth sworn in as Mauritius PM

i. **Mauritius's** incumbent Prime Minister **Pravind Jugnauth** was sworn in for a five-year term after elections in which his coalition consolidated its grip on parliament.

ii. Jugnauth took over from his father in 2017 without going through a vote, and the decisive victory of his centre-right **Morisian Alliance** in the November 7 elections have strengthened his legitimacy.

iii. Since attaining independence from Britain in 1968, Mauritius has become one of the most stable democracies in Africa.

Gotabaya Rajapaksa wins Sri Lanka Presidential election

i. Sri Lanka's former Defence Secretary **Gotabaya Rajapaksa** has won the Presidential election. He is the brother of former President **Mahinda Rajapaksa**.



ii. Gotabaya got **52.25 per cent** of the total valid votes. According to the final vote count released by the country's Election commission, he received around **6.9 million votes** against his main rival, **Sajith Premadasa** who got around **5.56 million votes**.

iii. Gotabaya served as the Defence Secretary during the end of the LTTE War.

Do You Know-

- Sri Lanka Capitals: Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte; Currency: Sri Lankan rupee.

Justice Dr Ravi Ranjan takes oath as Chief Justice of Jharkhand HC

i. Justice **Dr Ravi Ranjan** took oath as the **Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court**. Justice Ranjan has been appointed as the **13th Chief Justice of the Jharkhand High Court**. The post was lying vacant since May this year after the former Chief Justice, **Anirudh Bose** was appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court.

ii. Justice Dr Ravi Ranjan was a judge in the **Punjab and Haryana High Court**. He was elevated to Additional Judge of the Patna High Court on July 14, 2008.

iii. Later, he was appointed as a permanent judge on January 16, 2010. He also served as the Acting Chief Justice of the Patna High Court for a brief period last year.

Do You Know-

- Governor of Jharkhand: Draupadi Murmi;
Chief Minister: Raghuwar Das.

Justice SA Bobde takes oath as 47th Chief Justice of India

i.Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde took oath as the **47th Chief Justice of India**. **ii.**President Ram Nath Kovind administered him the oath of office at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Justice Bobde succeeds **Justice Ranjan Gogoi**, who retired on 17 November.

iii.Justice Bobde will have a tenure of around 18 months till his retirement on **April 23, 2021**.

iv.Justice Bobde was elevated as a Judge of the Supreme Court on April 12, 2013. He was part of the five-judge constitution bench which delivered the landmark **Ayodhya verdict**.

Kerala cadre IAS officer to head UN tourism body

i.Kerala cadre senior IAS officer **Suman Billa** is set to join the **United Nations**

World Tourism Organisation

(UNWTO) at its headquarters in **Madrid, Spain**.

ii.He will take charge

next week as **Director, Technical Cooperation and Silk Road Development** at the D1 level at UNWTO, a specialised agency responsible for the promotion of responsible, sustainable and universally accessible tourism.

Do You Know-

- UNWTO's membership includes 158 countries.
- Founded: October 1975.

Devendra Fadnavis announces to resign as Maharashtra CM

i.Chief Minister of Maharashtra **Devendra Fadnavis** announced his resignation after the Supreme Court asked him to face a floor-test to test the strength of his **BJP-led government's position**.

ii.His deputy, **Ajit Pawar** of the NCP, had resigned minutes before.



Tata Comm board appoints A S Lakshminarayanan as MD and CEO

i.The **Board of Tata Communications (Tata Comm)** appointed **Amur Swaminathan Lakshminarayanan** as the managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of the telecom company for a term of five years with effect from 26 November 2019.

ii.Prior to joining Tata Comm, Lakshminarayanan was the president and CEO of TCS, Japan where he was in charge of accelerating the company's market opportunity and developing the brand in the region.

Uddhav Thackeray takes oath as Maharashtra CM

i.Shiv Sena Chief and Maha Vikas Aghadi nominee **Uddhav**

Thackeray took oath as the Chief Minister of **Maharashtra**. He is the **19th Chief Minister of Maharashtra**.

ii.He was named as the leader of the **Shiv Sena-NCP-Congress alliance** called the '**Maha Vikas Aghadi**'.

Governor of Maharashtra **Bhagat Singh**

Koshyari administered the oath to Thackeray at Shivaji Park, Dadar in Central Mumbai.

iii.He is the first Thackeray family member to become Maharashtra's CM. The alliance is yet to decide the candidate for the Deputy CM post.



Bipin Rawat to be first Chief of Defence Staff

i.General **Bipin**

Rawat to be first Chief of Defence Staff. He will end his tenure as the Army Chief in December 2019. He

will take over as the first Chief of Defence Staff – a four-star position being created as part of a defence management overhaul.

ii.He will get a term of **2 years as the CDS**. He took over as the 27th Chief of Army Staff on 31 December 2016 after General Dalbir Singh retired.



Honours/ Awards

Documentary on Real Kashmir Football Club bags BAFTA & Scotland Awards

i. A documentary on **Real Kashmir Football Club** has bagged the prestigious **British Academy of Film and Television Awards (BAFTA)** and **Scotland Awards** at a



glittering ceremony in Glasgow, Scotland.

ii. The documentary narrates the journey of former Rangers ace David Robertson as the coach of Real Kashmir FC, which in its first season finished third in the I-League, which is currently India's second-tier football league. The hour-long film won in the 'Single Documentary' category.

Sudarsan Pattnaik selected for Italian Golden Sand Art Award

i. International acclaimed Sand Artist **Sudarsan Pattnaik** who belongs to Odisha has been selected for the prestigious **Italian Golden Sand Art Award 2019**.



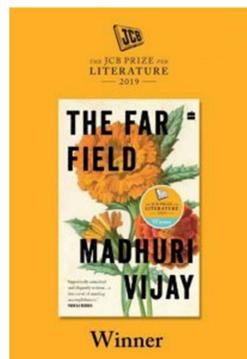
ii. He will be felicitated during the International Scorrana Sand Nativity festival in Italy which is to be held from November 13 to 18, 2019.

iii. He was honoured by the union government with the fourth highest civilian 'Padma Shri' award in 2014.

Madhuri Vijay's debut novel 'The Far Field' wins 2019 JCB prize for Literature

i. U.S. based-Indian author **Madhuri Vijay's** debut novel, "**The Far Field**" bagged this year's **JCB prize for Literature**, the most expensive Indian award for writing.

ii. The novel, published by Fourth estate India, sets a complex personal story against the backdrop of the conflict in the 1990s in Kashmir.



iii. She also received the Rs 25 lakh as the prize money, a sculpture by Delhi artist duo Thukral & Tagra entitled Mirror Melting.

iv. JCB prize is an annual Indian literary award instituted in 2018. It is awarded to a distinguished work of fiction by an Indian writer working in English or to a translated fiction by an Indian writer. The award is funded by English construction manufacturing group JCB, which established the JCB Literature Foundation to maintain this award.

v. In 2018, the JCB Prize for Literature was awarded to Jasmine Days by Benyamin, translated from Malayalam by **Shahnaz Habib**.

Nawazuddin Siddiqui wins Golden Dragon Award at 2019 CIFF

i. Indian actor **Nawazuddin Siddiqui** has been awarded the prestigious **Golden Dragon Award** for his works in Hindi cinema at the Cardiff International Film Festival (CIFF) 2019 held in Wales, United Kingdom.

ii. Veteran Hollywood star-actress **Dame Judith Olivia Dench** was also honoured with the Lifetime Achievement award at the ceremony.

Pepsico India wins US award for saving water

i. US Secretary of State **Mike Pompeo** presented the prestigious **Award for Corporate Excellence to Pepsico India**.



ii. This award is given for its efforts to save more than 17 billion of litres of water by conducting various community programs and replenished over 5 billion litres of water, by impacting 60,000 community members.

iii. This award is given by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs.

Do You Know-

- Chairman and CEO of Pepsico: Ramon Laguarta.

Rajinikanth to be honoured special Icon award at IFFI

i. The **50th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)** will honour superstar **Rajinikanth** with a **special Icon of**

Golden Jubilee Award and the Life Time Achievement Award for a Foreign Artiste will be conferred to French



Actress **Isabelle Huppert**. The festival will be held in Goa from November 20 to 28. **Russia** will be the partner country at the festival this year.

Kumar Mangalam Birla conferred ABLF Global Asian award

i. **Kumar Mangalam Birla**, chairman of the **Aditya Birla Group**, was conferred the **ABLF Global Asian Award**, for “**powerful individual whose business footprint and commitment to excellence have engaged international interest and attention**”.



ii. The Asia Business

Leadership Forum (ABLF) is backed by the UAE government and currently runs in three forms- talks, awards, and publications.

iii. The previous awardees include Dhirubhai Ambani, Lakshmi Mittal, Mohamed Ali Alaber, chairman of Emaar group, and Sheikh Ahmed Bin Saeed Al Maktoum, chairman of Emirates.

Serbia's Sara Damjanovic wins “Miss Asia Global title 2019”

i. The **5th Edition of ‘Miss Asia Global Title 2019’** was organized at Gokulam



Convention centre in **Kochi, Kerala**. **Sara Damjanovic** from **Serbia** has been crowned ‘**Miss Asia Global 2019**’.

ii. The title is given to the winner from the Asian region. **Nguyen Thi Yen Trang** from Vietnam was

awarded the **Miss Asia** title given to the winner from the rest of the world.

iii. **Samiksha Singh** from India won the sub-title of ‘**Miss Beautiful Face**’ Title. The Next ‘**Miss Asia Global Title 2020**’ will be held in **Malaysia**.

Gulab Kothari to be awarded Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award

i. **Rajasthan Patrika** group chairman **Gulab Kothari** has been chosen for the prestigious **Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award**, presented by the **Press Council of**



India, for his outstanding contribution towards journalism.

ii. **Sanjay Saini**, Correspondent, **Dainik Bhaskar**, **Mandi**, and **Raj Chengappa**, Group Editorial Director, **India Today**, have been jointly named as winners of the award in the category of ‘**Rural Journalism**’.

Do You Know-

- Press Council of India Formation: 1966; Headquarters: New Delhi.

Tata Literature Live! to honour Shanta Gokhale with Lifetime Achievement award

i. The **Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award for 2019** was



conferred on writer, translator and film critic **Shanta Gokhale**.

ii. She, born in 1939 in the town of **Dahanu** in **Maharashtra**, recently published her memoir **One Foot on the Ground: A Life Told Through the Body**. She received the **Sangeet Natak Academy Award** in 2015.

iii. **Poet K Satchidanandan** was named the **Tata Literature Live! Poet Laureate for 2019**.

Movie “Bhonsle” Wins awards at Asian Film Festival Barcelona

i. The Critically acclaimed movie “**Bhonsle**” has won prestigious awards at the **Asian Film Festival Barcelona**.

- ii. The film has bagged two awards in the 'Best Screenplay' and 'Best Director' categories at the festival. The film is directed by **Devashish Makhija**.
- iii. **Bhonsle** revolves around a police constable played by **Manoj Bajpayee**, who tries to help in the struggles of migrants and their battles with the local politicians.

Robert De Niro to be conferred with SAG Life Achievement award

i. Hollywood veteran and double Oscar winner **Robert De Niro** will receive the **SAG-AFTRA's**



highest tribute: the **SAG Life Achievement Award** for career achievement and humanitarian accomplishment, at the 26th edition of the ceremony 2019.

ii. The **SAG Life Achievement Award** is given annually to an actor who fosters the "finest ideals of the acting profession".

Tobacco Board of India wins Golden Leaf Award

i. The **Tobacco Board of India**, Guntur, has been awarded the **Golden Leaf Award at Tab Expo 2019** event in **Amsterdam, Netherlands**.



ii. Executive Director of Tobacco Board, **K. Sunitha**, was presented the award. The award was presented to the board for its efforts to initiate various sustainability (green) initiatives in **Flue-Cured Virginia (FCV)** tobacco cultivation in India.

iii. The award was given in the most impressive public service initiative category for the year 2019.

iv. This is the 2nd time the board has bagged the award. In the year 2014, the board bagged the award for its implementation of an electronic auction system, which has made the marketing of flue-cured tobacco in India more transparent and accountable.

Veteran actors Sridevi and Rekha conferred with ANR National Award

i. The veteran actors **Sridevi** and **Rekha** were

conferred with the **Akkineni Nageswara Rao National Award** for 2018 and 2019 respectively. The award was presented by renowned Telugu actor **Chiranjeevi**.

ii. The award is instituted by the **Akkineni International Foundation** and honours those who have made a lasting impact on Indian cinema.

Bajrang Punia, Mahant Gaurav Sharma honoured in Dubai

i. Indian wrestler **Bajrang Punia** has been conferred the **Indian Personality of the Year Award (Sports)** at the **Indo Arab Leaders Summit & Awards 2019** in Dubai.



ii. World powerlifting champion **Mahant Gaurav Sharma** was also honoured with **Visionary Leaders of the Year (Sports)** award.

Do You Know-

- President of UAE: **Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan**; Capital: **Abu Dhabi**.
- Currency: **United Arab Emirates dirham**.

Delhi Metro wins 2 awards at Urban Mobility India Conference

i. The **Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC)** has been conferred with **two awards** for its commendable initiatives in promoting the metro as a green and sustainable mode of transport among the masses.



ii. DMRC was awarded for the '**Last Mile Connectivity**' project in the category of best non-motorised transport and the '**Green Metro project – An Initiative for Sustainable and Viable Urban Transport**' in the category of best green initiative in urban transport, at the 12th Urban Mobility India Conference and Expo 2019 held from November 15 to 17 in Lucknow.

Do You Know-

- The Delhi metro's first service began in December 2002 on **Shahdara-Tis Hazari** corridor of **Red Line**, Delhi. It currently

spans over 350 kilometers having over 250 metro stations.

- Founded: 3 May 1995; Headquarters: New Delhi.

Naturalist Sir David Attenborough will receive Indira Gandhi peace prize 2019

i. The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2019 will be conferred on renowned naturalist and broadcaster **Sir David Attenborough** for his tireless



work to preserve and protect biodiversity.

ii. His name was selected for the prize by an international jury chaired by former president Pranab Mukherjee, the Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust.

iii. This prestigious award, named after former prime minister (PM) Indira Gandhi, has been accorded annually by Indira Gandhi Trust since 1986.

iv. It is awarded to individuals or organizations in recognition of their creative efforts towards promoting international peace, development.

v. The award consists of a monetary award of **25 lakhs and a citation**. The 2017 Prize had gone to former Prime Minister of India, **Manmohan Singh**.

Virat Kohli named PETA India's Person of the Year

i. India captain **Virat Kohli** was named **People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India's 'Person of the Year for 2019'** for his animal advocacy efforts.



ii. Kohli's efforts to improve conditions for animals include sending a letter on PETA India's behalf to officials calling for the release of Malti, an elephant used for rides at Amer Fort, who was reportedly violently beaten by eight men.

iii. The PETA awards are given to people or organisations that take initiative in the welfare of animals and violence against animals.

Do You Know-

- PETA established: March 22, 1980
- Headquarters: Norfolk, Virginia, United States.

Swachh Survekshan Grameen Awards 2019

i. The Union Minister of the Ministry of Chemical and Fertilizers, conferred the **Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2019 awards** to top-ranked states, union territories, and districts in the various categories on the occasion of World Toilet Day at Pravasi Bhartiya Kendra, New Delhi.

ii. The top-ranked state: **Tamil Nadu**, and the top-ranked district: **Peddapalli (Telangana)**, along with the state with the maximum citizen participation: **Uttar Pradesh**.

Do You Know-

- Union Minister of the Ministry of Chemical and Fertilizers: **D.V. Sadananda Gowda**.

Greta Thunberg awarded international children's peace prize

i. Swedish teen activist **Greta Thunberg** was awarded



an **international children's peace prize**, for her work in the struggle

against climate change which has resonated with schoolchildren across the world.

ii. Cameroonian peace activist **Divina Maloum**, aged 15, also received the International Children's Peace Prize, for her fighting spirit and 'Peaceful struggle' against Boko Haram jihadist group.

iii. The prizes were distributed by Laureate **Kailash Satyarthi**, an Indian children's rights activist and 2014 Nobel Peace Prize winner.

iv. The award ceremony was organized by the Dutch Kids Right Organization.

Indian journalist Neha Dixit recipients of International Press Freedom Award

i. Indian journalist **Neha Dixit** has receipt **2019 International Press Freedom Awards**.

ii. This award is awarded by **Committee to Protect**



Journalists (CPJ), a non-profit organization whose aim is to enable journalists to work without the fear of reprisal.

iii. Dixit received the award for her reports on sex trafficking scandals in India by Investigative reporter in Miami Herald, Julie k. Brown.

Do You Know-

- Committee to Protect Journalist (CPJ) formation: 1981.
- Headquarters: New York, United States.

Billie Eilish is Billboard's 2019 'Woman of the Year'

i. Singer **Billie Eilish** will be honoured as **Billboard's 2019 Woman of the Year**.

ii. Pop star **Taylor Swift** will also be honoured at Billboard's event, receiving the inaugural **Woman of the Decade award**.

iii. Billie has disrupted the entertainment industry through her music and social media platforms, leaving an indelible impact on the global cultural zeitgeist.

Floating school project of Bangladesh wins Aga Khan Architecture Award

i. Floating school project of Bangladesh wins Aga Khan Architecture Award.

Bangladesh is a land of water. A large part of its landscape remains submerged underwater during the monsoon months.



ii. When **Razia Alam** came back from England after retirement as a teacher, she wanted to build a school for children which is spacious, modern and healthy for learning.

iii. **Razia** also wanted it to be built at the land which was underwater for about six months of the year during the monsoon period. She contacted the internationally renowned architect of Bangladesh **Saif Ul Haque** to design the school.

iv. He took up the project and came with a school which has won many prestigious awards including the Aga Khan award. It is a floating school named '**The Arcadia Education Project**'. 'The Arcadia Education Project' in South Kanarchor of Bangladesh is an

innovative concept.

v. It is an amphibious school built with local material and expertise near the capital city Dhaka. The floating school is unique in its design and novel in its concept. The school also serves as a shelter, a day care centre and a vocational training centre for the local people.

'Particles' wins the Golden Peacock Award at IFFI 2019

i. '**Particles**' directed by **Blaise Harrison** and produced by **Estelle Fialon** has won the coveted **Golden Peacock Award at the 50th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)**, which concluded in Goa on November 28, 2019.

ii. The Golden Peacock Award carries a cash prize of **Rs 40 lakhs** to be shared equally between the Director and the Producer, Trophy and the citation. '**Particles**' is an "ambitious yet modest film about the mysteries of being a teenager,".

Sports

Pooja Gehlot wins silver in UWW Under-23 World Championships

- i. **Pooja Gehlot** (53kg) in wrestling claimed India's second **silver medal** after going down to Japan's **Haruna Okuno** in the finals of the UWW Under-23 World Championships in Budapest.
- ii. She lost 0-2 to Okuno in the summit clash. Ravinder (61kg), had won India's first silver earlier this week.

Novak Djokovic won the Paris Masters 2019 title

i. **Novak Djokovic** won the **Paris Masters 2019**

- title. He won the title for the fifth time.
- ii. He sealed his 34th Master's title and fifth overall ATP victory of the year 2019.



- iii. He defeated Canada's **Denis Shapovalov**. He secured 6-3 6-4 to win the title.

Lakshya Sen wins SaarLorLux Open badminton tournament

- i. India's **Lakshya Sen** has won the **SaarLorLux Open badminton tournament** at Saarbrücken in Germany.
- ii. He defeated **Sen Weng Hong Yang** of China. Lakshya, seeded eighth, needed 59 minutes to overcome Weng 17-21 21-18 21-16 in the summit clash for his third successive singles title of the season.

South Africa wins Rugby World Cup 2019

i. **South Africa** defeated **England's** team by 32-12 scores in the final of the **9 edition of Rugby World Cup 2019** held at

International Stadium, Yokohama, Japan.

- ii. This was the 3 time the South African(SA) team reached the final of the World Cup and won the tournament.



- iii. The SA team, which won the World Cup for the first time in 1995, also won the final in 2007. With this, the team also equalled New Zealand's record of

winning the World Cup three times.

India to play first day-night Test with Bangladesh at Eden Gardens

- i. The **Indian cricket team** will play its first-ever Day-Night Test match against **Bangladesh**.



- ii. The Test is scheduled to be held at the **Eden Gardens, Kolkata** from November 22-26 and will be the second game of a two-match series.
- iii. The match will start at 2 pm (IST) and will comprise a Tea and Dinner break. **SG pink balls** will be used for the 1st time in Test cricket.

Mary Kom named in IOC's 2020 Olympics athlete ambassadors group

- i. The 6-time world champion **Mangte Chungneijang Mary Kom** has been inducted into the 10-member sports ambassador group by the **International Olympic Committee (IOC)** on Boxing workforce to represent boxers ahead of the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.
- ii. Mary Kom will represent the Asian bloc in the group, which also comprises the likes of Ukrainian legend **Vasyl Lamachenko** (Europe), a two-time Olympic and world gold-medallist who now plies his trade in the professional circuit, and five-time world champion and 2016 Olympic gold-winner **Julio Cesar La Cruz** (Americas) among others.



Women's boxing icon Nicola Adams announced retirement

- i. Two-time Olympic boxing champion **Nicola Adams (37 years)** announced her retirement from the sport on medical advice due to the vulnerability of losing eyesight.



- ii. She became the **first-ever women's Olympic**

boxing champion at London 2012 in the United Kingdom(UK), and also the first female boxer to become a double Olympic champion after winning a second gold medal at the Rio Olympics 2016, in Brazil.

Manu Bhaker bags gold medal in Asian Shooting Championships 2019

i.Manu

Bhaker won gold medal in women's 10m air pistol event. She put up a dominant showing, shooting 584 in



qualification and 244.3 in the final to take gold.

ii. While **Vivaan Kapoor and Manisha Keer** also won the yellow metal in junior trap mixed event at the Asian Shooting Championships 2019.

Official emblem unveiled for FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup India 2020

i. The official emblem of FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup for the year 2020 which is to be conducted



in **India** was unveiled.

ii. The emblem was unveiled by Fédération Internationale de Football Association(FIFA) and Local Organising Committee(LOC) at the launch event in the gateway of India, Mumbai, Maharashtra.

iii. The design of the emblem is bright blue waves rise from the base and reach up along the form of the trophy towards a crown forming the shape of Paisley or Boteh motif commonly used in Kashmiri Pashmina shawl and carpets.

iv. The droplet of the design framing a ball made from a marigold flower depicts a symbol of growth and development. The colour and style are inspired by Bandhani textiles, an Indian tie-dye technique dating back thousands of years. The stem of the marigold's symbol is derived from traditional Warli paintings with Bandhani patterns.

Javelin thrower Sundar Singh wins gold in World Para Athletics Championships

i. Javelin thrower **Sundar Singh Gurjar** has won

India's second gold and defending his **World Para Athletics Championships** title in the **men's F46 javelin throw** event in **Dubai**.

ii. With this, India has secured three Tokyo Paralympic Games quota, along with the bronze winner Ajeet Singh and Rinku.

India to host 2023 Men's Hockey World Cup

i. India will host the **2023 Men's Hockey World Cup** from **13th to 29th of January**.

ii. The International Hockey Federation (FIH) India will play host to the men's tournament while Spain and the Netherlands have been named as the co-hosts of the 2022 Women's World Cup scheduled to be held from 1st to 22nd of July. **iii.** The decisions were made during FIH's Executive Board Meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland.



Hat-trick man Deepak Chahar records best-ever figures in T20

i. India pacer **Deepak Chahar** recorded the best-ever figures in the **Twenty20**



Internationals when he returned figures **6 for 7 runs** in 3.2 overs

against **Bangladesh** at the **Vidarbha Cricket Association Stadium** in **Nagpur**.

ii. The previous record of 6 for 8 by Sri Lankan mystery spinner **Ajantha Mendis** against Zimbabwe in 2012.

iii. Chahar also became the **first Indian bowler** to take a **hat-trick** in the shortest format of the game as he wrapped up the Bangladesh innings with the wickets of Shafiul Islam, Mustafizur Rahman and Aminul Islam in three consecutive deliveries.

Thomas Dennerby takes charge as Indian Head Coach in FIFA U-17 Women's WC

i. All India Football Federation (AIFF) has announced the appointment of **Thomas Dennerby** (Sweden) as the Indian head coach of the



Women's U-17 football team.

ii.The FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) U-17(under 17) women's football World Cup 2020 will be hosted by India. Thomas led the Sweden Women's national team to finish third in the FIFA World Cup in 2011.

iii.He previously worked as coach of Super Falcons, the Nigerian women's national team to the 2019 FIFA World Cup in France.

iv.He was also awarded the coach of the year for 2018 in Nigeria.

India set to host World Kabaddi cup 2019 in Punjab

i.The **2019 World Kabaddi Cup** will take place from December 1 to 9 and will be organised by the **Punjab government in Punjab**.



ii.This year's tournament will be dedicated to the 550th birth anniversary of Sikh guru, Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

iii.Nine teams: India, USA, Australia, England, Sri Lanka, Kenya, New Zealand, Pakistan and Canada are expected to take part in the tournament.

Korea's Kim Joo Hyung wins Panasonic Open

i.South Korea's **Kim Joo Hyung** has won the Panasonic Open held at the Classic Golf and Country Club in Gurugram, **India**.

ii.India's **Shiv Kapur** finished tied **runner-up** with S. Chikkarangappa.

iii.The victory has made Hyung the second-youngest winner behind Thailand's Chinnarat Phadugsil on the Tour at 17 years and 149 days.

IAAF officially changes its name to "World Athletics"

i.The **International Association of Athletics Federations** (IAAF) has officially changed its name and will now be known as "**World Athletics**". The name has been changed in a bid to make the sport more accessible.

ii.The IAAF was founded in 1912 as the International Amateur Athletic Federation and

changed its name to the "International Association of Athletics Federations" in 2001.

Spain's striker David Villa retires from football

i.Spain's striker **David Villa** has announced his **retirement** from **football**.

ii.He represented **Spain** in three World Cups and was also a member of the Spanish side that lifted the trophy in 2010, and won the European Championships in 2008.



iii.He netted 59 times for Spain which is a national record. His achievements also includes a Champions League title with Barcelona, as well as two La Liga wins and a World Club Cup medal.

Harmeet Desai claims Indonesia Open TT Championship

i.Indian paddler **Harmeet Desai** wins men's singles title at **International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Challenge Indonesia Open 2019** Table Tennis tournament held at **Batam, Indonesia**.

ii.Harmeet had defeated compatriot **Amalraj Anthony** by 11-9, 9-11, 11-9, 11-9, 10-12, 11-9 score.

Sarita Devi elected as member of AIBA athletes commission

i.**Laishram Sarita Devi** (Manipur) is among the 6 boxers from 5 continents who were elected as **members of AIBA Athletes Commission**.



ii.She was inspired by Muhammad Ali's achievements and turned professional in boxing in the year 2000. She is DSP in Manipur Police.

iii.The election of the Athletes Commission members was organized during AIBA Men and Women World Boxing Championships 2019 in Russia. **iv.**Boxers from all over the world voted for new members – one per continent, except Europe which has two representatives.

Do You Know-

- International Boxing Association
Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland.

Brazil beats Mexico to lift U-17 World Cup title

i.The **Brazilian football team** defeated the football team of **Mexico** in the finals for **2-1**, to win the **18th edition of the FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) under 17 World Cup trophy** held in Brasilia, Brazil.

ii.The victory added to Brazil's successes in 1997, 1999 and 2003 as it moved within one of Nigeria's record of five championships.

Manu Bhaker bags gold medal in ISSF World Cup Finals

i.India's **Manu Bhaker** created history at **World Cup Finals in Women's 10m Air Pistol** event. She bagged India's first gold medal in the tournament this year.



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ii.She shot 244.7 to claim the top prize in the season-ending tournament of **International Shooting Sport Federation at Putian in China**. Serbia's **Zorana Arunovic** won the silver while **Quian Wang** of China bagged the bronze.

Red Bull's Max Verstappen won F1 Brazilian Grand Prix

i.Red Bull's **Max Verstappen** (Netherlands) won **F1 Brazilian Grand Prix** at Interlagos in São Paulo, **Brazil**.

ii.Verstappen was followed by **Pierre Gasly (France)** and **Carlos Sainz Vázquez de Castro (Spain)** in the second and third place respectively.

Elavenil Valarivan, Divyansh Panwar win gold medals at ISSF World Cup

i.**Elavenil Valarivan** and **Divyansh Panwar** clinching gold medals in their events to give the country its best ever single-day show in the **ISSF World Cup Finals in Putian, China**.



ii.The 20-year-old **Elavenil** claimed the top honours in the women's 10 metres air rifle competition.

iii.Later, another teen sensation **Divyansh** finished on top in the men's 10 metres air rifle competition.

iv.India is currently top of the table with 3 gold medals, followed by China 2 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze.

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Bodybuilder Chitahresh Natesan crowned Mr Universe 2019

i.**Chitahresh Natesan** 33yr old former hockey player turned bodybuilder also known as the 'Indian Monster' by bodybuilding circles became the first Indian to win '**Mr. Universe (Pro) 2019**' in 90kg category at the **11th World Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championship(WBPF)** in **South Korea**. **ii.**India secured the second position in the team championship category at the same event.

Australian Steve Smith becomes fastest Cricketer to reach 7,000 Test runs

i.Steve Smith became the fastest cricketer to score 7,000 Test runs, shattering a record that had stood since 1946, while moving past Donald Bradman to become Australia's 11th highest scorer. The 30-year-old took a single off Muhammad Musa during the second Test against Pakistan in Adelaide to reach the milestone and take possession of a record held for 73 years by English great **Wally Hammond**.



ii.Hammond reached the mark in 131 innings, while Smith, who played his first Test nine years ago, made the grade in his 126th. India's **Virender Sehwag** is the third fastest in 134 innings.

Marathon man Kipchoge, hurdle heroine Muhammad win Athlete of the Year

i. Eliud Kipchoge, the first man to run a marathon in less than two hours, and 400 metres hurdles world champion **Dalilah Muhammad** won the World Athlete of the Year awards.



ii. Kipchoge, claimed governing body World Athletics' year-ending prize in Monaco after making history last month when he ran the marathon distance of 42.195 kilometres (26.219 miles) in 1hr 59min 40.2sec.
iii. American Muhammad won her award after a magnificent year that saw her set a world record of 52.20 seconds at the US Trials in Iowa in July breaking a record that had stood since 2003.

Lakshya Sen wins Scottish Open title

i. India's **Lakshya Sen** has won the **Scottish Open badminton men's singles title**, defeating Brazilian **Ygor Coelho** to seal his fourth title in 3 months.

ii. Entering the tournament as the top seed, the world number 41 registered an 18-21, 21-18, 21-19 win in 56 minutes to claim the title in Glasgow, Scotland.

Do You Know-

- Capital of Scotland: Edinburgh; Currency: Pound sterling.

Rafael Nadal wins Davis Cup title 2019

i. **Rafael Nadal** has clinched **6th Davis Cup title** for Spain after beating **Denis Shapovalov** of Canada in front of a jubilant home crowd in Madrid.

ii. Nadal defeated Shapovalov 6-3, 7-6 (9-7) to clinch Spain's 2-0 win against Canada.

Indian archers bag recurve bronze at Asian Championships

i. Indian archers **Deepika Kumari** and **Atanu Das** won a bronze medal in the recurve and compound mixed event at the **Asian Archery Championships in Kolkata**.

ii. They defeated China by 6-2 to clinch the medal in the championships.

Abhishek-Jyothi wins compound mixed pair gold at Asian Archery C'ships

i. **Abhishek Verma** and **Jyothi Surekha Vennam** claimed the gold in compound mixed pair event at the **21st Asian Archery**



Championships, which ended in Bangkok, Thailand.

ii. The Indians defeated Chinese Taipei opponents Yi-Hsuan Chen and Chieh-Luh Chen 158-151 in the final clash.

iii. India picked up seven medals including one gold, two silver and four bronze medals in the event.

Obituaries

Veteran CPI leader Gurudas Dasgupta passes away

i. Former

Parliamentarian and veteran CPI leader **Gurudas Dasgupta** passed away.



ii. He was elected

General Secretary of All India Trade Union Congress – AITUC, in 2001.

iii. He was a member of Rajya Sabha and also elected in Lok Sabha from Midnapore district of West Bengal. He was also former Deputy General Secretary of CPI and well-known trade unionist.

Film producer Champak Jain passes away

i. Film producer **Champak Jain** passed away. He was one of the owners of Venus Records and Tapes which produced hit films like the 1994 blockbuster Main Khiladi Tu Anari starring Saif Ali Khan and Akshay Kumar.

French Resistance member & Nazi camps survivor Yvette Lundy passes away

i. French Resistance legend & Nazi camps survivor **Yvette**

Lundy who helped Jewish prisoners of war to escape prison

during the Nazi occupation of France passed away at the age of 103.

ii. She was born on 22 April 1916 in France, Yvette was made Grand Officer of the Legion of Honour, which is one of the highest decorations in France.



Former President of FICCI & Industrialist K.K. Modi passes away

i. Former President of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and Chairman of Modi Enterprises **Krishnan**



Kumar Modi (K.K. Modi) passed away.

ii. He was also the president of the confederation of

Asia-Pacific chambers of commerce and industry from 2002 to 2006. He hailed from Patiala district, Punjab.

Former chief election commissioner TN Seshan passes away

i. Former chief election commissioner **TN**

Seshan passed away. A 1955 batch IAS officer of the Tamil Nadu cadre,

Seshan had led the Election Commission from 1990 to 1996.

ii. He held various key posts in the government including that of Defence Secretary and Cabinet Secretary.



Renowned mathematician Vashishtha Narayan Singh passes away

i. Renowned mathematician **Vashishtha Narayan Singh** passed

away. He was born in 1942 in Basantpur village of the Bhojpur district in Bihar, Narayan Singh was

said to have challenged Einstein's theory of relativity.

ii. He completed his PhD on cycle vector space theory in 1969 and served as a professor at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (IITK) and the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Kolkata.

iii. He was also a visiting professor at Bhupendra Narayan Mandal University, Madhepura, Bihar.



Former PM of Japan, Yasuhiro Nakasone Passed Away

i. Yasuhiro Nakasone, one of Japan's longest-reigning Prime Ministers and known for his friendship with Ronald Reagan, has passed away at the age

of 101. Nakasone, Prime Minister from 1982 to 1987, shared the world stage with Reagan and Margaret Thatcher while battling with bureaucrats over domestic reforms.



ii. In 1983, he became the first Japanese premier to officially visit South Korea, mending fences with a country that Japan had brutally colonised from 1910 to 1945.

Former Madhya Pradesh CM Kailash Joshi passes away

i. Former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister **Kailash Joshi** has passed away. He was called as the ‘saint of politics’, served as the state’s chief minister from 1977 to 1978.

ii. He was MLA for eight terms and also served as a member of both the Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha.

Renowned cartoonist Sudhir Dar passes away

i. Renowned cartoonist **Sudhir Dar** whose works graced several newspapers in a career spanning 58 years, passed away. He began his career with The Statesman in 1961 after which he moved to Hindustan Times. **ii.** His cartoons have also appeared in The Independent, The Pioneer, Delhi Times, New York Times, Washington Post and Saturday Review among others.

World-renowned rock climber Brad Gobright passes away in Mexico fall

i. A world-renowned rock climber, US national **Brad Gobright**, fell to his death while climbing a sheer rock face in northern Mexico. He was known for his gravity-defying solo ascents with no ropes.

Important Days with theme

International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists

i. The **International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists** is a UN-recognized day observed annually on **2 November**.



ii. The day draws attention to the low global conviction rate for violent crimes against journalists and media workers, estimated at only one in every ten cases.

iii. This year's International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists, is focused on local journalists.

World Tsunami Awareness Day: 5 November

i. The **World Tsunami Awareness Day** was observed across the world on **5 November**.

ii. The day is celebrated to spread awareness among people across the world in matters



related to the dangers of tsunami. In December 2015, the UN General Assembly designated 5 November as World Tsunami Awareness Day.

iii. In 2019, World Tsunami Awareness Day promotes Target of the “**Sendai Seven Campaign**,” which focuses on reducing disaster damage to critical infrastructure and disruption of basic services.

iv. World Tsunami Awareness Day was the brainchild of Japan, which due to its repeated, bitter experience has over the years built up major expertise in areas such as tsunami early warning, public action and building back better after a disaster to reduce future impacts.

World Science Day for Peace and Development: 10 November

i. **World Science Day for Peace and Development** is celebrated every year on **10 November**.

ii. The theme for 2019 is “**Open science, leaving no**

one behind”.

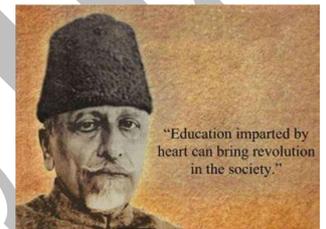
iii. The day highlights the significant role of science in society and the need to engage the wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues.

iv. It also underlines the importance and relevance of science in our daily lives. The day was proclaimed by UNESCO in 2001.

National Education Day: 11th November

i. The **National Education Day** is celebrated on **11 November** on the birth

anniversary of Independent India's first Education Minister, freedom fighter, scholar and eminent educationist **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad**.



ii. He was a freedom fighter, scholar and the first Education Minister of independent India.

iii. The Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) on September 11, 2008, announced, “The Ministry has decided to commemorate the birthday of this great son of India by recalling his contribution to the cause of education in India.”

iv. Abul Kalam Ghulam Muhiyuddin served as the first education minister of independent India from 1947 to 1958.

World Diabetes Day: 14 November

i. The **World Diabetes Day (WDD)** was observed globally on **14 November**.

ii. The theme for diabetes awareness month and World Diabetes Day 2019 “**Family and Diabetes**”.

World Diabetes Day (WDD) was created in 1991 by the **International Diabetes Federation (IDF)** and the World Health Organization in response to growing concerns about the escalating health threat posed by diabetes.

iii. World Diabetes Day became an official United Nations Day in 2006. It is marked every year on 14 November, the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, who co-discovered insulin along with Charles Best in 1922.



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Children's Day: 14th November

i. On 14th November, Children's Day is celebrated every year to mark the birth anniversary of our

first **Prime Minister**

Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru.

ii. Pandit Nehru had a great love for children. He wanted to be among them, talk to them and play with them.

iii. The children also loved and respected him and called him **CHACHA NEHRU**. Children's Day is celebrated across India to increase awareness of the rights, care and education of children.



International Day for Tolerance: 16 November

i. The **United Nations** observes "**International Day for Tolerance**" on **16th November** every year. The United Nations is committed to strengthening tolerance by fostering mutual understanding among cultures and peoples.

ii. In 1995, to mark the United Nations Year for Tolerance and the 125th anniversary of the

birth of Mahatma Gandhi, **UNESCO** created a prize for the **promotion of tolerance and non-violence.**

iii. The **UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize** for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence rewards significant activities in the scientific, artistic, cultural or communication fields aimed at the promotion of a spirit of tolerance and non-violence. The prize is awarded every two years on the International Day for Tolerance, 16 November.



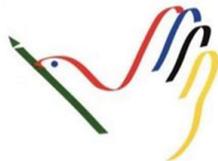
National Press Day: 16th November

i. India celebrates "**National Press Day**" on **16th**

November every year. The day is symbolic of a free and responsible press.

ii. On this day the **Press Council of India** started functioning as a **moral watchdog** to ensure that the press maintains high standards and is not constrained by any influence or threats.

National Press Day



iii. To celebrate the day, Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu will confer excellence in journalism awards.

World Toilet Day: 19 November

i. **World Toilet Day** is celebrated on **19th**

November every year. It's all about inspiring action to tackle the global sanitation crisis and help achieve Sustainable Development Goal, which promises sanitation for all by 2030.

ii. World Toilet Day 2019 is drawing attention to those people being left behind without sanitation.

iii. However, it was not formally recognized as an official UN day until 2013.

iv. 2019 Theme: **Leaving No One Behind**

v. 2019 Theme: "**Positioning African Industry to Supply the AfCFTA Market**" will raise awareness in the international community on the challenges and opportunities for Africa's industrialization within the framework of the newly created African Continental Free Trade Area.



World Television Day: 21 November

i. **World Television Day** is observed on **21**

November every year. The day is observed to acknowledge the role of broadcast media. **ii.** On this day, the journalists, writers, bloggers, and others who are associated with the medium promote the role of television in communication and globalization.

World Children's Day: 20 November

i. **World Children's Day** was first established in 1954 as Universal Children's

Day and is celebrated on **20 November** each

year to promote international

togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare.

ii. November 20th is an important date as it is the date in 1959 when the UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child.



iii. It is also the date in 1989 when the UN General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

NCC celebrates its 71st Raising Day

i. The National Cadet Corps (NCC), the

world's largest uniformed youth organization, is celebrating its **71st Raising Day** on 24 November.



ii. The celebrations began, with Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar and DG NCC Lt Gen Rajeev Chopra paying homage to the martyrs, who made the supreme sacrifice in the service of the nation, at the National War Memorial in New Delhi.

iii. The NCC Raising Day was also celebrated all over the country with the cadets participating in marches, cultural activities and social development programs. NCC continues its relentless efforts towards moulding the youth into responsible citizens of the country.

Do You Know-

- Director-General of NCC: Lt Gen Rajeev Chopra.
- Founded: 16 April 1948.

International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women: 25 November

i. The **International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women** is observed across the world on **25 November** annually. The theme for this year is “**Orange the World: Generation Equality Stands Against Rape**”.

ii. This is a efforts to prevent and end violence against women at the global, regional and national levels show that there is widespread impunity on sexual violence and rape. The colour orange in the theme symbolizes a better future without the pervasive human rights violation that affects 1 in 3 women and girls all over the globe.

Constitution Day of India 2019

i. **Constitution Day or Samvidhan Divas** is celebrated **26 November** cross the country to mark the

adopting of the Indian Constitution by the Constituent Assembly on this day in 1949.

ii. In 2019, it marks the **70th anniversary** of the adoption of the Constitution. It came into force on **26th January 1950**, marking the beginning of a new era in the history of the Indian Republic.

iii. It is aimed at reiterating and reorienting the citizens towards the values and principles expressed in the Constitution and encouraging all Indians to play their rightful role in strengthening the Indian Democracy. It also aims to create awareness of Fundamental Duties as enshrined in the Constitution.

Do You Know-

- India's constitution is the longest written constitution in the world. It took around 2 years, 11 months and 17 days to complete the Constitution.

National Milk Day: 26 November

i. **National Milk Day** is celebrated across the country on **November 26** every year on the birthday of **Dr Verghese Kurien**. This day marks the birth anniversary of Verghese Kurien, the **Father of White Revolution** in India. India is celebrating **98th** birth anniversary of Dr Kurien this year.

ii. The significance of National Milk Day lies in the fact that this day celebrates the importance of milk in a person's life. The Indian Dairy Association (IDA), in 2014, took the initiative to celebrate this day for the first time.

iii. The first National Milk Day was celebrated on **26 November 2014** where various milk producers from 22 states participated.

Do You Know-

- World Milk Day is observed on 1 June every year by the United Nations.