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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

- ❖ The **commerce ministry** has laid out a detailed procedure for claiming benefits under the **Transport and Marketing Assistance (TMA) scheme**, which aims at **boosting agricultural exports**.
 - ✓ The government announced this scheme for providing **financial assistance** for transport and marketing of agriculture products to boost exports of such commodities to certain countries in **Europe** and **North America**.
- ❖ The **Ministry of Home Affairs** has constituted **Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal**, to determine the sufficient cause to ban **Jamaat-e-Islami**, and **Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF)** faction. It headed by Justice **Chander Shekhar** of the Delhi High Court.
- ❖ **International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)** Red List of Threatened Species **hump-back mahseer** - a large freshwater fish also known as '**Tor remadevii**' or '**tiger of water**' and found only in the **Cauvery river** basin (including Kerala's Pambar, Kabini and Bhavani rivers)- is now "Critically Endangered" **species** list.
 - ✓ **IUCN: Headquarter:** Gland, Switzerland, CEO: Inger Andersen.
- ❖ The **Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority (EPCA)** comes out with **parking management plan** for **Delhi**. In report, agency flags free parking on public land, multiplicity of agencies to be key cause of congestion and parking menace.
- ❖ Vice President of India, **Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu**, inaugurated **GRIDTECH-2019**, 6th International Exhibition and Conference on 3rd April 2019. This international event has been organized by **PowerGrid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID)**, with the support of **Ministry of Power, Government of India** and in association with Central Board Of Irrigation And Power (**CBIP**) and Indian Electrical and Electronics Manufacturers' Association (**IEEMA**) at Pragati Maidan, **New Delhi**.
 - ✓ This international event will showcase new technologies in the fields of Transmission, Distribution, Renewable Integration, Smart Grid, Communication etc.
- ❖ The **Centre** has extended the "disturbed area" tag under **Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA)** for three districts of **Arunachal Pradesh** for another **six months**, while **withdrawing** it partly from **three** other districts bordering **Assam**.
- ❖ The **Maitri Bridge**, the **longest suspension bridge** over the **Indus River** at Choglamsar village in **Leh** was opened to the public.
 - ✓ The bridge has been named 'Maitri Bridge', symbolising the excellent **civil-military** relations existing in the **Leh-Ladakh** region.
- ❖ A National Seminar on "**Greenery and Landscaping**" was organized by the **Central Public Works Department (CPWD)**. The seminar focused on **Green Urban Areas**.
- ❖ The **International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT)** will organize a **NuGen Mobility Summit, 2019**, at **Manesar, NCR**, from 27th to 29th November 2019.
 - ✓ The objective of the Summit is to share new ideas, learnings, global experiences, innovations and future technology trends for faster adoption, assimilation and development of advanced **automotive technologies** for a **smarter and greener future**.
- ❖ The **National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog)** together with **Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI)** has released a report titled "**India's Electric Mobility Transformation: Progress to Date and Future Opportunities**". The report analyses the opportunities for the automobile sector and government under the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles II (**FAME II**) scheme.
 - ✓ **NITI: Formed:** 1 January 2015, **Headquarter:** New Delhi, CEO: Amitabh Kan.
- ❖ The **National Cardiology Conference 2019** has been started at Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of medical sciences in **Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh**.
 - ✓ The conference being held for the first time in Uttar Pradesh to provide an opportunity to showcase newer innovations in Cardiology which can help to deliver cost-effective cardiology care for the patients.
 - ✓ **Uttar Pradesh: Chief Minister:** Yogi Adityanath, Governor: Ram Naik.
- ❖ The **National Handloom week** is being observed from **7th April to 14th April** this year. On this occasion, a book named '**The Indian textile Sourcebook**' authored by **Avalon Fotheringham** and published by Thames and Hudson will launch on 9th April.
- ❖ **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** along with **World Health Organization (WHO)** formed a **Solidarity Human Chain** as part of the **World Health Day** celebrations to reaffirm their commitment to bridging gaps and working collaboratively towards **Universal Health Coverage**.

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- ✓ The theme of World Health Day 2019 is **Universal Health Coverage: Everyone, Everywhere**.
- ❖ The **Election Commission of India (ECI)** has barred parties, candidates and others from publishing political advertisements on **polling day** and a **day prior** to it in each of the seven phases of **Lok Sabha** polls unless their contents are pre-certified by **screening committees**.
- ❖ According to a new survey conducted by the **Research Institute for Compassionate Economics**, **85%** of the **Ujjwala beneficiaries** in rural Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan still use solid fuels for cooking.
- ❖ A music and poetry festival titled '**Jashn-e-Itihaad**' was held at the **Jamia Milia Islamia** central university in **New Delhi** to spread awareness about unity amongst the youth.
 - ✓ The festival was organized by Delhi-based entertainment company **Question Associates Pvt Ltd**.
 - ✓ **New Delhi: Chief Minister:** Arvind Kejriwal, **Lt Governor:** Anil Bajjal.
- ❖ The **President of India** has announced the results for **National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF)-2019** and **Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA)-2019** at a function held in Vigyan Bhawan at **New Delhi**.
 - ✓ These were the **4th** edition of **NIRF Rankings** and **first** edition of **ARIIA ranking**.
 - ✓ **NIRF Rankings 2019:** Indian Institute of Madras (**IIT Madras**) has **topped** the list in '**overall category**'. while the **Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore** bagged the **2nd** rank followed by **IIT Delhi**. whereas **JNU, Delhi** has secured the **7th** rank.
 - **IISc Bengaluru** has **topped 'University category'**, followed by Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, **Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi**, has retained its **third position**.
 - ✓ **ARIIA Rankings 2019:**
 - **IIT Madras** has topped the '**Public funded Institutions Category**'.
 - **Vellore Institute of Technology, Tamil Nadu** has topped the '**Private Institutions Category**'.
 - ✓ **AIIMS** has been ranked **first** among medical sciences institutes followed by **Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh** and **National Law School, Bangalore** has topped **law colleges**.
- ❖ The quality of air in **Varanasi**, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi's** 2014 Lok Sabha constituency, is positioned **3rd** on the WHO's (**World Health Organisation**) list of 15 most polluted cities in the world, by the '**Political Leaders Position and Action on Air Quality in India 2014-2019**' report, released by **Climate Trends**. **Kanpur** (Uttar Pradesh) is the most polluted city in the world and is **positioned 1** on the list.
 - ✓ **Faridabad** in Haryana is in **2nd** position after **Kanpur**, whereas **Delhi** is ranked **6th** on the list. Other than these, the list of the most polluted cities according to WHO include Gaya and Patna in Bihar, Lucknow, Cities of Agra, Muzaffarpur, Srinagar, Gurugram, Jaipur, Patiala and Jodhpur.
- ❖ A bench headed by **NGT (National Green Tribunal)** Chairperson Justice **Adarsh Kumar Goel** has formed a **Central Monitoring Committee** to enforce a national plan to **reduce the river pollution**.
- ❖ The **Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI)** and the **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** have joined hands to map, validate and **protect smaller wetlands** in coastal regions. The programme is aimed at restoring them through **coastal livelihood programmes**.
 - ✓ A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between the CMFRI and the Space Applications Centre of ISRO to develop a **mobile app** and a centralised **web portal** that will have a **comprehensive database of wetlands** that are smaller than 2.25 hectares in the country.
 - ✓ **ISRO: Headquarter:** Bangalore, **Director:** Kailashwadi Sivan.
- ❖ The **100th** anniversary **Jallianwallah Bagh Massacre** also known as the Amritsar massacre was observed.
 - ✓ On **13th April 1919** a huge number of people gathered at Jallianwalla Bagh in Amritsar to celebrate the harvest festival of Baisakhi and to protest against the **Rowlatt Act**.
- ❖ The **8th** edition of **Home Expo India 2019** opened at India Expo Centre and Mart, **Greater Noida**. The three-day exhibition has been organized by the **Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH)**.
 - ✓ Home Expo India covers sectors with maximum thrust and growth potential in home decor, furnishing, furniture, flooring, and textiles.
 - ✓ **EPCH** is the nodal export promotion body for handicrafts in India and plays an important role with the main objective of boosting trade in handicrafts and also projects India's image in the global market as a reliable supplier.
- ❖ President **Ram Nath Kovind** and Vice President **M Venkaiah Naidu** have greeted the people on occasion of '**Mahavir Jayanti**'.
 - ✓ This day marks the birth of **Vardhamana Mahavira**, who was the **24th** and the last **Tirthankara** who succeeded the **23rd** Tirthankara, **Parshvanatha**.

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- ✓ The birth anniversary of 24th and last Jain Tirthankar Lord Mahavir was celebrated across the country on **17 April**.
- ❖ The **National Green Tribunal (NGT)** has directed the **Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF)** to submit a report on the constitution of **Biodiversity Management Committees (BMC)** at the local level in every state within **three months**.
 - ✓ A bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice **Adarsh Kumar Goel** also asked the states who have not constituted the committees to file an affidavit stating the reason for the delay.
- ❖ The Ministry of **Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH)**, has signed **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), New Delhi** for cooperation in the field of research and education of traditional system of medicines and its integration with modern science.
- ❖ **20 States and Union territories** have so far joined pan-India network of **single emergency helpline number '112'** launched as part of **Emergency Response Support System (ERSS)**. This single number for emergency services is similar to '**911**' in **United States**.
 - ✓ Under it, all emergency numbers like 100 (police), 101 (fire), 102 (ambulance and disaster response) have been integrated into one single number '112'.
- ❖ The **Indian Council of Medical Research** has launched the '**Malaria Elimination Research Alliance**' (MERA India) which is a conglomeration of partners working on malaria control in order to eliminate the disease from India by **2030**.
 - ✓ The **National Vector Borne Diseases Control Program (NVBDCP)** of India has developed a comprehensive framework to achieve the target of "**Malaria free India by 2030**" and for this reason the Malaria Elimination Research Alliance (**MERA India**) established.
- ❖ The **Union Ministry of Home Affairs** has distributed around **3,100 special kits** among **states and union territories**. The kits are termed **The Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits (SAECKs)** and are also called '**rape investigation kits**' that help to collect **blood and semen samples** for carrying out immediate effective medico-legal investigations on sexual assault cases.
 - ✓ The SAECK kits are obtained only with the financial support under the Central government's '**Nirbhaya Fund**', termed after the 2012 Delhi gang-rape victim.
- ❖ The largest construction agency of the central government, **Central Works Public Department (CPWD)** has set up an expert 8-member committee under **M K Sharma**, CPWD's Additional Director General, Chairman for developing a design scheme to **construct buildings and develop infrastructure**.
 - ✓ The prime objective of this policy is to revive all levels of building construction and infrastructure development in CPWD, under the Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry.
- ❖ **Supreme Court** bench headed by Justice **L Nageswara Rao** has directed the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** to **disclose information** related to its annual inspection report of banks under the **Right to Information (RTI)** Act until and unless they are exempted under law. The bench has also directed the RBI to review its policy to **disclose information** relating to **banks** under **RTI**.
 - ✓ The bench was hearing a contempt petition filed by RTI activists **Subhash Chandra Agarwal** and **Girish Mittal** against the Reserve Bank of India.
- ❖ **United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF)** India and **NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)** has signed a **Letter of Intent (LOI)** to provide an open platform to promote participation, **skill and empowerment** among **young children** across different communities.
 - ✓ **UNICEF: Headquarter:** New York, United States, **Head:** Henrietta H. Fore.
- ❖ The **Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MOEFCC)** notified that a committee will be formed to implement the **National Clean Air Programme (NCAP)** which was launched to handle the major issue of **air-pollution in India**. Overall guidance would be provided by the committee to implement and review the progress of NCAP for each financial year. The committee would be headed by its Secretary, **C K Mishra**.
 - ✓ Target: Reducing **20–30%** of PM 2.5 and PM 10 concentration by **2024** taking **2017 as the base year** for the comparison of concentration.
 - ✓ Coverage: It will be implanted in **102 identified non-attainment cities** for implementing mitigation actions under NCAP.
- ❖ The **Fire Service Week** is observed nation-wide from **14th April to 20th April**. Since 1968, **14th April** is observed every year as the **National Fire Service Day** in remembrance of the lives lost in the devastating fire that erupted and the explosions that followed on 14th April 1944 at freighter **SS Fort Stikine** at the **Victoria Dock in Bombay Port**. This year the National Fire Service Week was observed with a theme "**Fire Prevention is better than Fire Fighting**".



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- ❖ A **red alert** has been declared in **Tamil Nadu** for April 30 and May 1 as a major **cyclone, Fani**, is likely to hit the north coast of the state. Fishermen have been advised not to venture out into the sea during the coming week.
 - ✓ The **India Meteorological Department** (IMD) said that after gaining more strength, the cyclonic circulation has finally induced a low-pressure area.
 - ✓ The system is formed over Equatorial Indian Ocean and adjoining the southeast Bay of Bengal.
 - ✓ There are four types of colour codes signifying the level of caution -- **green** (which means no action), **yellow** (situation to be watched), **amber** [yellowish-orange] (government agencies to be prepared for severe weather) and **red** (action needed by the agencies).
- ❖ **Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting** announced that **66th National Film Awards** will be declared after **General Elections 2019**.
 - ✓ The selections of awards are made by an independent jury consisting of eminent filmmakers and film personalities and declared in **April every year**.
- ❖ **The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights** (NCPCR) has ordered **five** states, including Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Assam, Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand to **stop sale of Johnson & Johnson baby shampoo** and remove it from stock. This comes this J&J product was tested positive for formaldehyde, which is harmful for the children in tests conducted in **Rajasthan**.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

- ❖ **India** and the **US** have structured the **first** reliable **communication link** between the Indian Navy & US Central as well as **Pacific Naval Commands** under the **the Communications, Compatibility, Security Agreement (COMCASA)** pact at **New Delhi**, India.
- ❖ **Japan** announced "**Reiwa**," two characters that symbolize auspiciousness and harmony, as the name for a **new era** under a **new emperor**.
 - ✓ The name '**Reiwa**' which consists two Chinese characters, the first meaning '**good**' or '**beautiful**' as well as '**order**' or '**command**' and the second meaning '**peace**' or '**harmony**'.
 - ✓ The country's **current era, Heisei**, will end in a month with Emperor **Akihito**'s historic abdication.
- ❖ **India** and **Bolivia** have signed an agreement for the development and industrial use of **lithium**, a prime component used to **power electric vehicles** and **cell phones** during the state visit of the President **Ram Nath Kovind** to **Bolivia**.
 - ✓ **Bolivia: Capital:** Sucre, **Currency:** Bolivian boliviano.
- ❖ **India** and **Ukraine** have discussed **bilateral trade** featuring the importance of **exports and imports** between the 2 countries. The deliberation was part of the **4th Meeting of India-Ukraine Working Group on Trade and Economic Cooperation (IU-WGTEC)** held in **New Delhi**.
 - ✓ **Ukraine: Capital:** Kiev, **Currency:** Ukrainian Hryvnia.
- ❖ **India** has signed an agreement with **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development Consultancy Service** (NABCONS) for setting up India-Africa Institute of Agriculture and Rural Development (**IAIARD**) in **Malawi** to enhance capacity in the areas of **agro-financing** and **entrepreneurship development** for African countries.
 - ✓ **Malawi: Capital:** Lilongwe, **Currency:** Malawian kwacha.
- ❖ **India** and **Chile** signed three **MOU** for cooperation in the fields of **mining, culture** and Empowerment of persons with **disabilities**.
 - ✓ **Chile: Capital:** Santiago, **Currency:** Chilean peso.
- ❖ **South Korea** launched the **world's first** nationwide **5G** mobile networks April 3, 2019. Three top telecom providers SK Telecom, KT, and LG Uplus launched the 5G services.
 - ✓ **South Korea: Capital:** Seoul, **Currency:** South Korean won.
- ❖ In accordance with the annual **2019 Global Report on Food Crises**, around **113 million** people across **53 countries** faced severe hunger in **2018**. In comparison to the figures of **2017**, the number is reduced from **124 million** but it requires urgent humanitarian assistance.
 - ✓ The report prepared by 15 leading global and regional organizations was led by **UN Food and Agriculture Organization** (FAO), the **World Food Programme** (WFP) and **International Food Policy Research Institute** (IFPRI). It was released by **Food Security Information Network** (FSIN).



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- ❖ The **State Of Global Air Report 2019**, produced by the **Boston-based Health Effects Institute (HEI)** has revealed that **1.2 million Indians** died due to ailments triggered by **air pollution** in 2017.
- ❖ The **Global Cooling Coalition** was launched at the **first** Global Conference on Synergies between the **2030 Agenda** and **Paris Agreement** held at **Copenhagen, Denmark**.
- ❖ The **US** designated **Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps** a **foreign terrorist organisation**, an unprecedented declaration against a **foreign government** that may prompt retaliation and make it harder for American diplomats and military officers to work with allies in the region.
- ❖ **India** and **Sri Lanka** have agreed to enhance collaboration in **security and defence** spheres in several fields, including regional security, controlling **drug smuggling** and **human trafficking**.
 - ✓ Defence Secretary of India **Sanjay Mitra** and Sri Lankan President **Maithripala Sirisena's** meeting in **Colombo** resulted in this agreement.
 - ✓ **Sri Lanka: Capitals:** Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte, **Currency:** Sri Lankan rupee.
- ❖ **17th** edition of **World Economic Forum** on the **Middle East and North Africa** was held at **Dead Sea, Jordan**. Over 1000 representatives from more than **50 countries** participated in the meeting. It is the **10th** meeting in **Jordan** and **17th** meeting in the **MENA region**.
 - ✓ **WEF: Headquarter:** Cologny, Switzerland, **Chairman :** Klaus Schwab.
- ❖ **London** became the **first city** in the **world** to implement a **Ultra Low Emission Zone** for 24×7 hours a week, inside which vehicles will have to meet tough **emissions standards**.
- ❖ The **World Economic Outlook (WEO)** is a survey conducted and published by the **International Monetary Fund**, India's **growth rate** is estimated to rise from **7.3%** in 2019 to **7.5%** in 2020 provided it receives impetus from the **fiscal policy** and is backed by the ongoing recovery of investment and consumption within expanded approach of monetary policy.
 - ✓ **China**, the **2nd** largest economy in the world, is forecast to slow to **6.3%** in 2019 and to **6.1%** in 2020.
 - ✓ The global growth will be **3.3%** in 2019, down from **3.6%** in 2018 and **4%** in 2017.
- ❖ **India** was agreed to improve the bilateral cooperation with the **Netherlands** in various fields, including political, economic scientific and cultural cooperation.
 - ✓ **Netherlands: Capital :** Amsterdam, **Currencies:** Euro, US Dollar.
- ❖ Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** was conferred with the '**Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle**', by **Russia** for exceptional services in promoting bilateral ties.
 - ✓ **Russia: Capital:** Moscow, **Currency:** Russian Rubel.
- ❖ **India** and **Sweden** inked a pact that will deal a range of challenges around **smart cities** and **clean technologies** among others. The programme is co- sponsored by **Indian Department of Science and Technologies (DST)** and **Swedish agency Vinnova**.
 - ✓ **Sweden: Capital :** Stockholm, **Currency:** Swedish krona.
- ❖ **India** has built **maternity hospital** in **Nepal**. The hospital has been built under the Government of India's **Small Development Projects Scheme**.
 - ✓ Indian Ambassador to Nepal **Manjeev Singh Puri** inaugurated the **Chandra Narayan Yadav Memorial Maternity Hospital** in Siraha district.
- ❖ **UAE** has announced that **India** will be the **Guest of Honour country** at the **Abu Dhabi International Book Fair, (ADIBF) 2019**. It was held from **24th to 30th** April 2019.
 - ✓ The fair aims to highlight the UAE's rich heritage, showcasing its authenticity and modernity, as well as its cultural and literary output.
- ❖ The **United Nations Population Fund** has released the **State of World Population 2019 report**.
 - ✓ **India's population** grew at an average annual rate of **1.2 per cent** between 2010 and 2019 to 1.36 billion. It was more than double the annual growth rate of China.
- ❖ The **21st ASEAN-India Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM)** was held at **New Delhi** to improve the connectivity and strengthen the cooperation in the **maritime sector** between **Indian** and the **Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)** countries.
 - ✓ **ASEAN: Founded:** 8th August 1967, **Headquarter:** Jakarta, Indonesia.
- ❖ **World Allergy Week** is an annual global initiative of the **World Allergy Organisation (WAO)** and is being observed worldwide between **7th to 13th** of April, 2019. The theme for this year is "**The Global Problem of Food Allergy**".



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- ❖ **China** signaled its intent to **ban cryptocurrency mining**, dealing a fresh blow to an industry buffeted by tumbling virtual currency prices, stiff competition and waning investor interest.
 - ✓ The **National Development Reform Commission**, the country's powerful economic planner, this week listed crypto-mining among a plethora of industries it intends to eliminate because they "seriously wasted resources" or **polluted the environment**.
- ❖ The **World Health Organization (WHO)** has released new **measles surveillance data for 2019**.
 - ✓ According to WHO, measles cases rose **300%** worldwide through the **first three months of 2019** compared to the **same period in 2018**.
 - ✓ **WHO: Founded:** 7 April 1948, **Headquarter:** Geneva, Switzerland, **Head:** Tedros Adhanom.
- ❖ The **4th Resilient Cities Asia-Pacific (RCAP) Congress 2019** was recently organized by the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) in association with **South Delhi Municipal Corporation** in **New Delhi**.
 - ✓ It is the annual global platform for **urban resilience** and **climate change adaptation**.
- ❖ The **Ministry of External Affairs** has set up an **Indo-Pacific division** in the foreign office. The Indo-Pacific division is intended to give a coherent architecture to the Indo-Pacific policy articulated by PM **Narendra Modi** at the **Shangri-La Dialogue in 2018**.
- ❖ **United Arab Emirates** will host first '**Artificial Intelligence Everything**', the world's foremost **artificial intelligence (AI) summit** to empower global dialogue on future of government, business and society.
 - ✓ The UAE Cabinet has adopted the **National Artificial Intelligence Strategy 2031**. Its aims at positioning the UAE as a global leader in artificial intelligence by 2031 and to develop an integrated system that employs artificial intelligence in vital areas in the country.
 - ✓ It will be hosted by **UAE National Programme** for AI with support of **International Telecommunication Union (ITU)** and **World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)** and in strategic partnership with Smart Dubai.
 - ✓ **UAE: Capital:** Abu Dhabi,
Currency: UAE Dirham.
- ❖ **Union Cabinet** has apprised Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) signed between **India** and **South Korea** to jointly issue **Postage Stamps** on the theme "**Queen Hur Hwang-ok of Korea**" (Suriratna). The MoU was signed between Department of Posts, Union Ministry of Communications and South Korea's Ministry of Science and ICT (Korea Post).
 - ✓ **South Korea: Capital:** Seoul, **Currency:** South Korean won.
- ❖ The **United Nations** owes **India USD 38 million**, the highest it has to **pay to any country**, for the **peacekeeping operations** as of March 2019, UN Secretary General **Antonio Guterres**.
 - ✓ **UNSG: Headquarter:** New York City, US, **Secretary General:** Antonio Guterres.
- ❖ **Notre-Dame cathedral**, the symbol of the beauty and history of **Paris**, was scarred by an **extensive fire**.
- ❖ **Saudi Arabia** will host **G20 summit** in **November 2020** in **Riyadh**. This will be the **first G20 meeting** in the Arab world and the **15th meeting** of the **G20** (Group of Twenty).
 - ✓ **Japan** will host this year's G20 summit in **Osaka**, which will be held June 28-29. In **2018**, the conference was held in **Buenos Aires, Argentina**.
- ❖ Recently, **Reporters Without Borders** released **World Press Freedom Index 2019** in which **Norway topped** the index in **third consecutive year** and **India** drops down by two positions (138th rank in 2018) to be ranked **140th out of 180 countries** in 2019. The reason for decrease in India's rank is because of at least six Indian journalists being killed in last one year.
 - ✓ **RWB: Headquarter:** Paris, France, **Director General:** Christophe Deloire.
- ❖ The **Asian Tea Alliance (ATA)**, a union of **five tea-growing and consuming countries**, was launched in **Guizhou in China**.
 - ✓ Indian Tea Association, China Tea Marketing Association, Indonesian Tea Marketing Association, Sri Lanka Tea Board and Japan Tea Association.
- ❖ The **Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)** has released the **2019 Index of Cancer Preparedness (ICP)** in which out of **28 countries** India is in **19th position** from the top.
 - ✓ **Australia tops** the ICP, followed by the **Netherlands** and **Germany**. **Saudi Arabia, Romania, and Egypt** face at the **bottom in Index**.
 - ✓ The title of the report under which ICP has been introduced is "**Cancer preparedness around the world: National readiness for a global epidemic**".



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- ❖ India ranked at **17th** position among **100 countries** in 2018, from the **37th** spot in 2017 in the **Startup Ecosystem Ranking for 2019** as per the data released by **StartupBlink**.
 - ✓ The **United States, United Kingdom, and Canada** are the **top three** countries ranked the first, second and third respectively in terms of global rankings.
- ❖ As part of the **70th** Anniversary of **People's Liberation Army Navy** celebrations in **China**, two Indian Navy warships, namely **INS Kolkata** and **INS Shakti** will participate in the **Chinese International Fleet Review (IFR) maritime parade** in **Qingdao**.
- ❖ The **7th China International Technology Fair** opened in **Shanghai (china)**. It is a national-level professional fair focused on **international technology trade**.
 - ✓ With an exhibition space covering 35,000 square meters, the fair has five exhibition areas including professional technologies, technological innovation, and trade services.
 - ✓ **China: Capital:** Beijing, **Currency:** Renminbi.
- ❖ India has rebuilt **Chhyoihel Kundeling Monastery** in **Nepal**. The Monastery has been reconstructed with Government of India grant of **18.9 million Nepalese rupees**.
 - ✓ The Chhyoihel Kundeling Monastery was established in 1946 with the active initiation and contribution of Lisankhu villagers.
- ❖ A total of **150 Indian peacekeepers** serving with the **UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)** have received **medals of honour** for their dedicated **service and sacrifice**.
 - ✓ Under the UNMISS, the **Indian Horizontal Mobility Engineering Company** had completed the renovation of 145 km of roadway connecting Bentiu and Leer in South Sudan, easing the way for the delivery humanitarian aid, trade, and inter-communal dialogue.
- ❖ **Indonesia** released a **special stamp** on the **theme of Ramayana** at the **70th** anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between **India and Indonesia** event in the presence of India's Ambassador **Pradeep Kumar Rawat** and Indonesia's Deputy Foreign Minister **Abdurrahman Mohammad Fachir** to mark the 70th anniversary of diplomatic ties with India.
 - ✓ **Indonesia: Capital:** Jakarta, **Currency:** Indonesian rupiah.
- ❖ **Kazakhstan** has set up Coordinating Council for attracting **foreign investments** including from **India**. A decision was taken to lay down the functions of **Investment Ombudsman** in order to venture for new approaches to improve the **investment scenario in Kazakhstan**.
 - ✓ The meeting identified the **Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC)** as a Unified Center for the coordination of work on investment and promotion of the investment image of Kazakhstan.
 - ✓ **Kazakhstan: Capital:** Nur-Sultan, **Currency:** Kazakhstani Tenge.
- ❖ Iranian President **Hassan Rohani** and Pakistani Prime Minister **Imran Khan** have agreed for setting up a joint border '**Reaction Force**' to combat the attacks by militant groups on both sides their frontier.
 - ✓ **Iran: Capital:** Tehran, **Currency:** Iranian rial.
- ❖ **The government** has extended the ban on **import of milk and milk products** from **China** (including chocolates, chocolate products, candies, confectionary, food preparations with milk or milk solids as an ingredient).
- ❖ **Israel** would name a new place in the **Golan Heights** after **U.S. President Donald Trump**.
 - ✓ It will be named as an expression of gratitude for his recognition of its claim of sovereignty over the strategic plateau.
- ❖ **Sri Lanka** banned the use of **drones** and **unmanned aircraft** following the massive Easter bombings that killed over 350 people and injured more than 500 in the country's worst terror attack.
- ❖ Sri Lankan President **Maithripala Sirisena** has issued an order for a **ban on burqa, veil or covering** of the face in a manner which prevents anyone from being identified.
- ❖ African country **Malawi** became the **first** to immunise children against Malaria through the vaccine '**RTS,S' (Mosquirix)** under the WHO-coordinated **Malaria vaccine pilot programme**.
 - ✓ Malawi is also the first of three countries in Africa in which the vaccine RTS,S will be made available to children up to 2 years of age; **Ghana** and **Kenya** will introduce the vaccine later.
- ❖ In the backdrop of the **US refusal** to extend the sanctions waiver for **India to import crude from Iran**, the **Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas** has taken steps necessary steps to **end the imports from Iran**.



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- ❖ Recently, **Etihad Airways**, UAE based **flag carrier**, has become the **first** major airline in the **gulf region** to operate a flight without any single-use plastics on board. The objective is to raise awareness about pollution on **Earth Day** (April 22). The flight named **EY484, first flight without use of plastics** landed in Brisbane, Australia on April 22, Earth Day.
 - ✓ **UAE: Capital:** Abu Dhabi, **Currency:** UAE dirham. **Australia: Capital:** Canberra, **Currency:** Australian Dollar.
- ❖ The **5th Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) Media Summit on Climate Action and Disaster Preparedness** began in **Kathmandu, Nepal**.
 - ✓ The theme of the summit is "**Media Solutions for Sustainable Future: Saving Lives, Building Resilient Communities**".
 - ✓ The basic aim of the summit is to address the issue of fully utilizing media's potential of accelerating climate action and disaster preparedness and connect stakeholders to media professionals for collaboration and joint practical projects.
 - ✓ **Nepal: Capital:** Kathmandu, **Currency:** Nepalese Rupee.
- ❖ The **2nd edition of Belt and Road Forum (BRF)** was held in **Beijing, China** from April 25th to April 27th, 2019 in which 37 heads-of-state had participated along with United Nations Secretary-General **Antonio Guterres** and **International Monetary Chief (IMF) Christine Lagarde**. The theme of this event was "**Belt and Road Cooperation: Shaping a Brighter Shared Future**".
 - ✓ **China: Capital:** Beijing, **Currency:** Renminbi.
- ❖ UN's **International Labour Organization (ILO)** announced that **Qatar** is set to abolish its exit visa system for all foreign workers by the end of 2019. The country was committed to labour reform following an **Amnesty international report** that the **World Cup host 2022** was failing to stop widespread labour abuse.
 - ✓ In 2018, Qatar approved legislation to dismiss the sponsorship system or "**kafala**", which claimed that foreign workers obtain permission from their employers to leave the country.
 - ✓ **ILO: Formation:** 29 October 1919, **Headquarter:** Geneva, Switzerland, **Head:** Guy Ryder.
 - ✓ **Qatar: Capital:** Doha, **Currency:** Qatari riyal.
- ❖ Russian President **Vladimir Putin** and North Korean leader **Kim Jong Un** hold **first-ever** talks at the Eastern Federal University Campus on **Rusky Island** in the far eastern Russian Pacific port city of **Vladivostok**. The aim of this meeting is to break the deadlock over **North Korea's nuclear weapons programmed**.
 - ✓ **Russia: Capital:** Moscow, **Currency:** Russian Ruble.
 - ✓ **North Korea: Capital:** Pyongyang, **Currency:** North Korean Won.
- ❖ Defence Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** attended the **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)** Defence Ministers' meeting in the **Kyrgyzstan** capital Bishkek.
 - ✓ **Mrs Sitharaman** will also hold bilateral meetings with her counterparts from some SCO member countries on the sidelines of the conclave.
- ❖ According to **The 2019 Global Food Policy Report (GFPR)**, rural areas continue to be in a state of crisis and threatening to slow the progress toward the **Sustainable Development Goals**, global climate targets, and improved food and nutrition security due to hunger, malnutrition, poverty, environmental degradation.
 - ✓ The report was prepared by the Washington DC-based **International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)**.
 - ✓ **Founded:** 1975. **Headquarter:** Washington, D.C., USA, **Director General:** Shenggen Fan.

STATES HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ **Odisha** is celebrating **84 years** of its foundation. The day is also known as '**Utkal Divas**.' To commemorate the sacrifices of people for the formation of Odisha province in 1936.
 - ✓ Odisha was the first State to be formed on linguistic basis in 1936. Earlier, Odisha was part of Bihar.
 - ✓ **Odisha: Capital:** Bhubaneswar, **Chief minister:** Naveen Patnaik, **Governor:** Ganeshi Lal.
- ❖ **Kandhamal Haldi**, a variety of indigenous turmeric grown only in southern **Odisha**, has received **Geographical indication (GI)** tag from **Intellectual Property India**. It has been placed under Class-30 type trademark/GI for grains and agricultural, horticultural, and forestry products.
- ❖ For the **second successive year**, **Telangana** has been ranked **first** in **e-learning training programme of Department of Personal and Training (DoPT)** of the **Government India**.
- ❖ **Nagaland** observed the **75th Anniversary of the Battle of Kohima**. The event was attended by the representatives from the **UK** and **Japan** who spoke on the theme of '**Remembrance, Reconciliation and Rebirth**'.



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- ❖ An Android-based application named “**Sahulat**” was launched to facilitate and to encourage the **elder voters for participating** in the elections in **Jammu and Kashmir’s** Rajouri district.
- ❖ Femina Miss India 2017 runner up **Sana Dua** has been appointed as the **brand ambassador** of **Jammu and Kashmir election department** for general polls.
- ❖ **Phayeng Village** of **Manipur** has been tagged as India's **first carbon-positive tag**.
- ❖ The **Naga tribe’s** (Nagaland) annual ‘**Aoleng**’ festival ends with a special day dedicated to its women who made an attempt to create the ‘**largest Konyak traditional dance**’.
 - ✓ The theme of this year’s Aoleang, also called Mini Hornbill festival, was ‘**Empowering women for cultural heritage**.’ The event was organised by the **Konyak Union** in coordination with **Konyak Nyupuh Sheko Khong (KNSK)** and **Konyak Students’ Union (KSU)**.
 - ✓ Over **4,700 Konyak women** to create the ‘**largest Konyak traditional dance**’ and enter the hallowed portals of the **Guinness World Records**.
 - ✓ **Nagaland: Capital:** Kohima, **Chief minister:** Neiphiu Rio, **Governor:** Padmanabha Acharya.
- ❖ **The Ramappa Temple** (Dedicated to Lord Shiva), it is situated in **Palampet Village**, around 67 km from the city of **Warangal (Telangana)**, a Kakatiya era structure, has been nominated for the **UNESCO World Heritage** site selection process for 2019.
 - ✓ Also famous as **Ramalingeshwara Temple**, it was built under the supervision of Chief Commander **Recherla Rudra**, during the reign of Ganapati Deva from Kakatiya dynasty in 1213 century AD.
 - ✓ There are **37** (7 Natural + 29 Cultural + 1 Mixed) Indian sites on the **World Heritage** List.
- ❖ The **Guwahati Railway Station** has become the **first** ever railway station in the Indian Railways to get an ISO (**International Organisation for Standardization**) certification from the **National Green Tribunal (NGT)**.
- ❖ The **Meteorological Department** issued a **yellow weather warning** for rain in **Himachal Pradesh**. Rainfall had occurred at isolated places over the state.
 - ✓ Code color yellow is the least dangerous weather warning which indicates the possibility of severe weather over the next few days that could affect people.
 - ✓ **Himachal Pradesh: Capital:** Shimla, **Chief Minister:** Shri Jai Ram Thakur, **Governor:** Acharya Dev Vrat.
- ❖ The **National Green Tribunal** has slapped an interim penalty of **Rs 100 crore** on the **Andhra Pradesh government** for inaction to prevent illegal sand mining in the state.
- ❖ The schemes under the **West Bengal government**, namely, “**Utkarsh Bangla**”(Skill training of the youth) and “**Sabooj Sathi**”(cycles for students) projects have won the distinguished **World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) awards 209** of the **United Nations**.
- ❖ The **Nizamabad Lok Sabha constituency** in **Telangana** may enter in the **Guinness World Records** for the maximum number of **Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs)** used in the **polling booth**.
 - ✓ **Telangana: Capital:** Hyderabad, **Chief Minister:** K. Chandrasekhar Rao, **Governor:** E. S. L. Narasimhan.
- ❖ Justice **Vikram Nath**, the senior most judge of Allahabad High Court, was appointed on as the **first Chief Justice** of the newly-constituted **Andhra Pradesh High Court**.
- ❖ **Project Kannamma** provides access to **sanitary napkins** made by the **Irula Tribal Women’s Welfare Society (ITWWS)** (The Irula tribes are classified as Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups.), to over 300 students from across Government Schools in and around **Chennai**.
 - ✓ in the August of 2018, she would start Project Kannamma, providing free, biodegradable sanitary napkins to 82 students at the Government High School in **Uthandi** of **Tamil Nadu**.
- ❖ **Rajouri Day** was celebrated on **April 13** to commemorate the bravery and valour of the soldiers who laid down their lives for the liberation of **Rajouri district, Jammu and Kashmir**.
- ❖ Haryana Chief Electoral Officer **Rajeev Ranjan** inaugurated **India’s** first-of-its-kind ‘**Voter Park**’ in Vikas Sadan building complex, **Gurugram**, to raise voter awareness instructing people about the electoral process.
 - ✓ **Haryana: Capital:** Chandigarh,
 - ✓ **Chief Minister:** Manohar Lal Khattar,
 - ✓ **Governor:** Satyadev Narayan Arya.
- ❖ The **Global Forest Watch (GFW)** is released by **World Resources Institute (WRI)** which reveals that India has lost over 1.6 million hectare of **tree cover** between 2001 and 2018, about four times the geographical area of **Goa**.
 - ✓ GFW is an open source web application to monitor global forests in near real time.

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- ✓ In India, five north-eastern states—Nagaland, Tripura, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Manipur — were responsible for over 50% of all tree cover loss in the same period.

✓ **WRI: Founded:** 1982,

Headquarter: Washington, D.C,

CEO: Andrew Steer.

ECONOMY AWARENESS

- ❖ The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** in consultation with the **government of India** has set the limits for **Ways and Means Advances (WMA)** for the first half of the financial year 2019-20 (April 2019 to September 2019) at **Rs 75000 crore**.
- ❖ **India's external debt** has witnessed a decline of **1.6%** to US\$ 521.2 billion at end-December 2018 over its level at end-March 2018, on account of the decrease in commercial borrowings and trade credit.
- ❖ **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)**, which has been leading the digital payments push since demonetisation, will no longer be **free to use** for peer-to-peer (**P2P**) transactions as **Kotak Mahindra Bank** has become the **first lender** to charge beyond a monthly limit of **30 transactions** from **May**.
- ❖ **One97 Communications**-owned **Paytm Money**, the wealth management arm of Paytm, has got approval from the **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** to start offering a **stock broking service** such as the ability to trade in equities and cash segments, derivatives, and exchange-traded funds (**ETFs**) among other exchange-traded products.
- ❖ **The Government** infused a capital of **Rs. 205 crore** into the state owned **Bank of Maharashtra** in lieu of **preferential allotment of shares**.
 - ✓ Following the allotment of shares, the shareholding of the government has increased to 87.74 percent in the bank from 87.01 percent earlier.
 - ✓ **BOM: Headquarter:** Pune, Maharashtra, **MD & CEO:** A.S. Rajeev, **Tagline:** One Family One Bank.
- ❖ The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** released its **1st Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy** for 2019-20, cut repo rate by **25 basis points** to **6%** - the lowest since 2010 -- in its bi-monthly monetary policy, amid benign **inflation** and **global slowdown** indications.
 - ✓ RBI projected the GDP growth forecast of India for the current fiscal to 7.2% from the earlier estimate of 7.4 %.
 - **Repo rate (RR):** 6%, **Reverse Repo Rate (RRR):** 5.75%, **Marginal Standing Facility (MSF):** 6.25%,
• **Bank Rate (BR):** 6.25%, **Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR):** 4%, **Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR):** 19.25%.
- ❖ **Fitch Rating** affirms **India's sovereign rating** at the lowest investment grade of **BBB-** with a stable outlook. The growth rate of India forecasted by Fitch is **6.8%** in financial year 2019-20 and **7.1%** in FY 2020-21.
- ❖ For the first time, markets regulator **SEBI** (Securities and Exchange Board of India) has approved an '**Airport**' specific fund. '**Taking Off To The Future Airport Fund**', which can raise a capital of up to **Rs 10,000 crore** (\$1.5 billion), has been approved by SEBI as a '**Category II Alternative Investment Fund**' (AIF).
 - ✓ Chennai-based '**Taking Off To The Future Investment Management LLP**' is the sponsor and the investment manager of the fund.
- ❖ The **National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)** and global private infrastructure operator **ROADIS** (owned by Public Sector Pension Investment board abbreviated as PSP investment) have jointly set up a platform for investing up to **\$2 billion** in road projects in India.
- ❖ **Lakshmi Vilas Bank**, Private sector lender announced to approved a merger with **Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd**, mortgage financier in an all-stock deal. The merged entity will be known as '**Indiabulls Lakshmi Vilas Bank**'.
- ❖ **Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)** and **INX (India International Exchange)** are the **first Indian exchanges** to sign MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) with **MOEX** (Moscow Exchange) in order to allow capital formation platform and connect investor community and companies in both **India and Russia**.
- ❖ **National Thermal Power Corporation (NPTC)** has signed a term- loan Pact of **Rs.2,000 crore** with **Canara Bank**. The Loan facility prolonged at an interest rate linked to 3-Month **Marginal Cost of Funds based Lending Rate (MCLR)** of Bank. The lent amount would be utilized to part finance company's capital expenditure.
- ❖ According to the **World Bank**, **India's GDP growth** is expected to accelerate moderately to **7.5 per cent** in **Fiscal Year 19-20**, driven by continued investment strengthening, particularly private-improved export performance and resilient consumption.
- ❖ The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has issued guidelines for banks to set up **new currency chests**. Currency chest is place where currency is stored. It acts as distributives of RBI cash and enable RBI to take back soiled notes and mutilated notes from the public.



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- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India came out with guidelines for banks to set up new currency chests, which include a minimum area of **1,500 square feet** for strong room.
- ✓ Besides, the new chests should have a processing capacity of **6.6 lakh pieces of banknotes per day**.
- ✓ For those situated in the **hilly/ inaccessible places**, the capacity of **2.1 lakh pieces** of banknotes per day.
- ✓ Earlier, a RBI appointed committee had recommended that the apex bank should encourage banks to open large currency chests with modern facilities and **Chest Balance Limit (CBL)** of at least **Rs 1,000 crore**.
- ❖ According to recently published World Bank's **Migration and Development brief**, India retained its position as world's **top** recipient of **remittances** by receiving record \$79 billion back home in 2018. India was followed by **China** (\$67 billion), **Mexico** (\$36 billion), **Philippines** (\$34 billion), and **Egypt** (\$29 billion).
- ❖ In a bid to further improve the **cash position of banks**, RBI has tweaked **liquidity coverage ratio (LCR)** norms to provide an additional **2 per cent** window to lenders.
 - ✓ LCR indicates the proportion of highly liquid assets held by banks to ensure their ability to meet short-term obligations.
- ❖ As per the **first Forbes World's Best Bank survey**, **HDFC Bank** has been recognized as **number 1 bank** by customers in India. The research was done with the help of market research firm '**Statista**'.
 - ✓ ICICI Bank took the 2nd spot and DBS bank grabbed the 3rd position, followed by Kotak Mahindra Bank and IDFC Bank which are at the 4th and 5th spot. Also, the public sector banks like Syndicate Bank, PNB, Allahabad Bank, Vijaya Bank, and Axis Bank were in the top 10.
- ❖ **The RBL Bank** has partnered with **CreditVidya** to enhance the lender's customer experience (by offering them relevant credit products) and construct customised offerings for over **15 lakh customers**.
- ❖ **PAISALO Digital Limited** signed the first co-origination loan agreement with **State Bank of India**.
 - ✓ It is the first agreement of its kind in the country that **State Bank of India** has signed.
- ❖ **Retail inflation** saw a marginal rise of **2.86 per cent** in March this year on account of increase in prices of food articles and fuel.
- ❖ **India** has met the revised **fiscal deficit** target of **3.4% of gross domestic product** in **fiscal year 2018-2019**. Target has been achieved by cuts in state spending and higher borrowings from small savings funds.
- ❖ **Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)**, the largest insurance company in India, got **12 years** from RBI for **cut down stake** in **IDBI Bank**. LIC is the lender's major shareholder, and it has a 51 per cent stake in the Bank.
- ❖ **Kotak Mahindra Bank** has launched the **first** debit card-based authentication solution on NPCI's (**National Payments Corporation of India**) e-Mandate (electronic mandate) **API** (Application Program Interface) platform, thus being the first ever Destination Bank to go live with both **Net Banking** and **Debit Card**-based e-mandate authentication.
 - ✓ **NPCI: Founded:** 2008, **Headquarter:** Mumbai, **MD/CEO:** Dilip Asbe.
- ❖ The RBI (**Reserve Bank of India**) has granted approval to **HDFC Ltd** for holding up to **9.9%** stake in **Bandhan Bank** following the **Gruh Finance** deal.
- ❖ The **Fitch ratings** notified that the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** becomes the **first** central bank in the **Asia-Pacific region (APAC)** to begin an **interest rate easing cycle floated** by benign food inflation and easier global financial condition.
- ❖ According to a report by **The Economic Times**, India's Central Bank, the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** would tighten rules on opening and operating **current accounts of corporate borrowers** to prevent the **diversion of funds**.
 - ✓ The rules would be applicable to corporates who have borrowed and used credit facilities of more than **Rs 50 crore** from the banking system.
- ❖ **BuyUcoin**, oldest **Cryptocurrency Exchange** in India, has introduced a new and unique platform for **wholesale cryptocurrency trading**. This platform works on '**free trading model**' which means it charges **zero free** on any trade. This wholesale platform also known as **OTC (Over-the-counter)** Desk allows users to trade on a large scale with low price fluctuations.
 - ✓ This new platform will help to improve the problem of liquidity of cryptocurrency in Indian market. This will also help in quicker transactions, better prices and market stability.
- ❖ Recently, **The Securities and Exchange Board of India** in his guidelines titled Guidelines for Determination of Allotment and Trading Lot Size for **Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)** and **Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs)** has reduced the minimum subscription requirement as well as defined trading lots for REITs and InvITs.
 - ✓ **SEBI: Founded:** 12 April, 1992, **Headquarter:** Mumbai, **Chairperson:** Ajay Tyagi.

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- ❖ The **central government** has increased the **authorized capital** of state-owned **Allahabad Bank** from **Rs. 3,000 crore** to **Rs. 8,000 crore** after consultation with the **Reserve Bank of India**.
 - ✓ **Allahabad Bank: Founded:** 24 April, 1865, **Headquarter:** Kolkata, **Tag Line:** A tradition of Trust.
- ❖ As the **Bimal Jalan Committee** prepares to submit its report on RBI's **economic capital framework**, a report by **Bank of America Merrill Lynch (BofAML)** has said the excess reserves that the central bank holds could be up to **Rs. 3 lakh crore** or 1.5% of the GDP.
 - ✓ The Jalan Committee was set up in end-December and is expected to submit its report within 90 days of its first meeting. RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das had said during the post-monetary policy interaction on April 4 that the deliberations were in advanced stages and it would require **'a few more days'** to finalise the report.
- ❖ **Syndicate Bank** and **BEML Limited** (Bharat Earth Movers Limited) have signed an agreement for financing **Earth Moving and Construction Equipment** which is manufactured by BEML. Also, it will facilitate the availability of loans and address the growing demand for higher capacity equipment in the Mining Industry.
 - ✓ Under this agreement, the customers will be provided loans in the range of **Rs 20 Lakh to Rs 300 Lakh** and preferential pricing by **Syndicate Bank**.
 - ✓ **Syndicate Bank: Headquarter:** Manipal, **CEO:** Mrutyunjay Mahapatra, **Tagline:** Faithful. Friendly.
- ❖ Based on the recommendation of the **2nd Narasimham Committee**, the Reserve Bank has **divested** its entire stake in **National Housing Bank (NHB)** and the **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)**.
 - ✓ RBI has sold the entire stake worth **20 crore rupees** in NABARD and **1,450 crore rupees** in NHB in the last quarter of 2018-19. With this, the government now holds a **100 per cent stake** in both these financial institutions.
 - ✓ **RBI: Headquarter:** Mumbai, **Governor:** Shaktikanta Das.
 - ✓ **NABARD: Headquarter:** Mumbai, **Chairman:** Dr. Harsh Kumar Bhanwala.
 - ✓ **NHB: Headquarter:** New Delhi, **MD & CEO:** Dakshita Das.
- ❖ **Germany**-based global provider of digital payments and commerce solutions **Wirecard** entered into a partnership with **RBL Bank** to promote **financial inclusion** in India.
 - ✓ **RBL Bank: Headquarter:** Mumbai, **MD/CEO:** Vishwavi Ahuja, **Tagline:** Apno ka Bank.
- ❖ **Mobikwik**, digital **financial services company** collaborated with pioneer of **digital insurance** in India, **Aegon Life Insurance** to launch a **Rs 20 smart digital insurance product** in order to protect its wallet users from death and accident related disability cover for up to **Rs 2 lakh**.
- ❖ On **World Earth Day**- April 22, 2019 the **State Bank of India (SBI)** has launched India's first **'Green Car Loan'** (Electric Vehicle) to encourage customers to **buy electric vehicles**. The new scheme 'Green Car Loan' will offer loan at 20 basis points lower than the interest rate on the existing car loan schemes.
 - ✓ SBI has already notified 100% migration to EVs (Electric Vehicles) by 2030 in order to decrease carbon footprints, thus being in line with the government's pledge of ensuring 30% EVs on road by 2030.
- ❖ The **Reserve Bank of India** has eased norms for **foreign portfolio investors (FPIs)** by allowing them to invest in **Municipal Bonds** (Muni bond) under prescribed limits.
 - ✓ The limits for investing in **Muni bond** is same as that of FPI investment in **State Development Loans (SDLs)**, which is currently **2%** of outstanding loans.
- ❖ The **US** has said that India's **"Escrow Account"** used for **Rupee-Rial trade** cannot be operated after May 2 deadline.
 - ✓ **Escrow Account:** An escrow account is a temporary pass-through account held by a third party during the process of a transaction between two parties.
- ❖ **Canara Bank** and its life insurance partner **Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance** launched **'Webassurance'** to enable its customers to purchase life insurance in a convenient and hassle-free way.
 - ✓ Total **Four** life insurance products of Canara HSBC OBC Life would be made available to its customers with various facilities like key needs of child future, savings, and investments, retirement planning and protection.
 - ✓ **Canara Bank: Headquarter:** Bangalore, Karnataka, **Chairman:** Shri. T.N. Manoharan, **Tagline:** Together we can.
- ❖ The **Government Of India** has formed a 13-member committee having representatives from **GST Network (GSTN)**, central and state governments to examine the **electronic tax invoice system** of various countries like South Korea, Latin America and suggest a model for India.
- ❖ The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** set up a 13-member committee in order to review regulatory framework on **micro insurance**, and suggest the steps to be taken to raise demand for such products in India by

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recommending product designs with customer-friendly underwriting, example, easy premium payment methods and simple claims settlement procedures.

- ✓ The committee is headed by **Suresh Mathur**, IRDAI's Executive Director. It constitutes of officials from IRDAI, life, general and health insurance companies in public and private sectors, as well as NGOs (Non-Government Organizations).
- ❖ **Max Bupa**, India's health insurance company collaborated with **HDFC Bank**, India's leading private sector banks, and launched '**AnyTimeHealth (ATH)** machines. The machine is an automated, web-based model that permits customers to avail health assessment, namely, 'Body Mass Index', 'Blood Pressure', '**Body Type & Fat percentage**', 'Muscle percentage', 'Bone Mass', 'Body Temperature' and buy health policy dynamically without incorporation of any kind of conventional manual efforts.
- ❖ The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** extended the ombudsman scheme coverage to **non-deposit** taking (NBFCs) Non-banking Financial Companies having an asset size of **Rs.100 crore** or higher. This was notified in the **Statement of Developmental and Regulatory Policies** under the **Monetary Policy Statement**.
- ❖ The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** will issue new **Rs 20 denomination banknotes** having a base colour of **greenish -yellow** with size of **63 X 129 mm**. The first Rs 20 notes were issued in the Mahatma Gandhi Series in August 2001.
- ✓ The new note will have a motif of **Ellora caves** on the dorsal side.

CORPORATE AFFAIRS

- ❖ **Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management (RNAM)** has joined hands with **Google** to enable the customers of **Reliance Mutual Fund** to carry out voice-based **financial transactions**.
- ✓ RNAM becomes the first company in India, to provide conversational interface that would help customers regarding funds transactions.
- ❖ Consulting arm of **Global IT Services** major, **Infosys** will buy **75% stake** in **Starter NV** which is a subsidiary of Dutch based **ABN AMRO Bank** for **\$144 million** in an all-cash deal.
- ❖ **Tata Power** has signed an agreement with **Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL)** for **green energy** solutions including rooftop solar projects, setting up of commercial-scale **EV charging/battery** swapping stations.
- ❖ **Reliance Jio Digital**, a subsidiary of **Reliance Industries** has acquired a chatbot making startup firm **Haptik** for **Rs.700 Crore**.
- ❖ **Larsen and Toubro (L&T)** has received the approval to acquire up to **66.15 percent stake** in the Bengaluru-based IT services firm **Mindtree** from **Competition Commission of India (CCI)**.
- ❖ **Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)** has received the In-Flight Connectivity **license** from the Department of Telecommunications (**DoT**) for enabling **in-flight** and **maritime connectivity** (IFMC) within Indian airspace.
- ❖ **Alphabet**, Google's parent company, launched its **first commercial drone service** through its **Wing** subsidiary in **Canberra, Australia** after the country's **Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA)**, granted it regulatory approval.
- ❖ **The Government** has sold **enemy shares** worth around **Rs 1,150 crore** in **information technology** firm **Wipro Ltd**.
- ✓ Apart from Life Insurance Corporation, General Insurance Corporation and The New India Assurance Corporation have bought the shares.
- ❖ **Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)**, Asia's oldest exchange has signed an agreement with **HDFC Bank** to spread more awareness about the benefits of listing **startups** as well as to strengthen **BSE startup platform**.
- ✓ **BSE:Headquarter:** Mumbai, **Chairman:** S. Ravi.
- ❖ **PTC India Financial Services (PFS)** an Infrastructure finance company has partnered with (**USICEF**) the US-India Clean Energy Finance to leverage funds for **solar projects in India**.
- ❖ India's **asset management companies (AMCs)** own **assets under management (AUM)** worth **Rs.24.46 trillion**, according to data released by the **Association of Mutual Funds in India (Amfi)**, a mutual fund industry lobby, for the January-March period.
- ✓ **HDFC Asset Management Co. Ltd** has claimed the **top spot** with an average AUM of Rs.3.42 trillion, overtaking **ICICI Prudential Asset Management Co. Ltd** with an average AUM of at Rs.3.20 trillion. HDFC AMC saw a solid AUM growth of 14%.
- ✓ **SBI Asset Management Co. Ltd** climbed **two places** from the **fifth** to the **third spot** with an AUM of Rs.2.83 trillion.
- ❖ Indian IT consulting company, **Tata Consultancy Services** collaborated with **Google Cloud** to build industry-specific **cloud solutions**. These Cloud solutions will support organisations speed up their digital transformation and leverage data-driven insights.



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- ❖ The **world's largest aeroplane** - a **Stratolaunch behemoth** with two fuselages and six Boeing 747 engines - made its first test flight in **California**.
- ❖ Recently, **National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)** approved **merger** of private sector lender **IndusInd Bank** with **Bharat Financial Inclusion (BFIL)**, a microfinance company. Last year, IndusInd Bank had received 'No Objection' from **Reserve Bank of India, National Stock Exchange and Bombay Stock Exchange**.
- ❖ Exporters' body, the **Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO)** has inked an agreement with Mumbai-based **Prin. L N Welingkar Institute of Management Development and Research** in order to support **startups** engaged in the **export sector**.
 - ✓ Under the memorandum of understanding (MoU), FIEO has launched a **postgraduate programme in foreign trade management (PGP-FTM)** at Mumbai.
 - ✓ The aim of this industry-academia partnership is to attract new entrepreneurs in exports to bridge the gap of availability of qualified skilled manpower in Exim trade.
- ❖ The **Commerce and Industry Ministry** has proposed measures such as **tax incentives to promote entrepreneurs** as part of the '**Startup India Vision 2024**'. The aim of the vision document is to facilitate setting up of 50,000 new start-ups in the country by 2024 and creating **20 lakh** direct and indirect employment opportunities.
- ❖ Seattle-based tech giant **Microsoft** has reached a valuation of **\$1 trillion** for the **first time** after a jump in stock valuation that followed a qualitative-laden third fiscal quarter and has again taken over Apple as the world's most valuable company.
 - ✓ Microsoft has become the third company to cross that once-unimaginable line following Apple, earned in August 2018 and Amazon, earned in September 2018.
- ❖ **HCL Technologies** announced the launch of its **CyberSecurity Fusion Center (CSFC)** in Texas, **US**.
 - ✓ CSFC is powered by HCL's Dynamic CyberSecurity Framework and analyses millions of events per second and monitors IT and OT systems using multiple cyberthreat intelligence sources.
- ❖ **Wipro Consumer Care and Lighting (WCCL)**, the consumer care business of software provider Wipro Ltd, has acquired the Philippines-based personal care maker **Splash Corporation** for an undisclosed amount to enter the country which has a consumer base of around **100 million**.
 - ✓ Splash Corporation is among the top five local companies in the Philippines, where it gets 85% of its annual revenue of around \$80 million.

DEFENCE & SECURITY

- ❖ The **3rd** iteration of **India-Australia** bilateral maritime exercise, **AUSINDEX 19** will be held from **2nd April to 16th April 2019** at **Vishakhapatnam**. The bilateral exercise will deepen defence and strategic relationship between the two countries.
 - ✓ **Australia: Capital:** Canberra, **Currency:** Australian Dollar.
- ❖ The **US administration** has approved the sale of **24 multi-role MH-60 Romeo Seahawk helicopters** to **India** at an estimated cost of 2.4 billion US dollars.
 - ✓ The choppers will provide the Indian defence forces with the capability to perform anti-surface and anti-submarine warfare missions.
- ❖ Border guarding force **Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)** along with **Sky Running Association of India** organised the **1st National Sky Running Championship** at Mountaineering and Skiing Institute of ITBP at Auli in **Uttarakhand**.
- ❖ The **Indian Army** has inducted the **first six** of the indigenously built long-range artillery gun, **Dhanush**, also known as the '**Desi Bofors**', which will now add to its firepower along the borders with **Pakistan and China**.
- ❖ The **54th Valour Day** (April 9, 2019) of **Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)** was observed to Pay Tribute to Martyrs of police at the **National Police Memorial** in **New Delhi**.
 - ✓ On the occasion, President **Ram Nath Kovind** launched '**Veer Parivar App**', a mobile application for families of CRPF personnel killed in the line of duty.
- ❖ Military forces of **India** and **Singapore** got together to participate in a joint exercise in **Babina Cantonment** in **Jhansi**.
 - ✓ The three-day exercise, '**Bold Kurukshetra-2019**', is being conducted to develop **military technology**, boost maritime security and bolster the nations' fight against terrorism.
- ❖ Navy chief Admiral **Sunil Lanba** inaugurated state-of-the-art **Virtual Reality Centre (VRC)** in **New Delhi**. The Virtual Reality Centre is expected to provide a major boost to indigenous warship design capabilities of the Navy.
- ❖ The **Centre** has revamped its high-level '**anti-hijack panel**' to include top officials in the Prime Minister's Office, especially National Security Advisor, **Ajit Doval** who will be able to coordinate any immediate military response.



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- ❖ Recently, **Indian Army** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with **National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC)** Limited, to build **four underground tunnels** along **China** and **Pakistan** borders for storage of ammunition and other war-related equipment.
 - ✓ **China: Capital:** Beijing, **Currency:** Renminbi.
- ❖ **Kolkata**-based defence shipyard **Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers** signed an **Rs. 6,311-crore** contract with the Defence Ministry to build **eight anti-submarine warfare** shallow watercraft for the **Indian Navy**.
 - ✓ The first vessel is to be delivered within 42 months from the contract, that is by October 2022.
 - ✓ The ASWSWCs are equipped with sophisticated sonar, with an algorithm that differentiates the signals reflected off the enemy submarine from those bouncing off the sea bed.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- ❖ The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** has launched the **EMISAT satellite** on onboard the **PSLV-C45** from the **Satish Dhawan Space Centre** in **Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh**.
 - ✓ The **Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV)** was also carrying 28 international nanosatellites — 24 from the US, two from Lithuania and one each from **Spain** and **Switzerland**.
 - ✓ **EMISAT** was jointly developed by ISRO and DRDO, two frontline research agencies of the country.
- ❖ **China** successfully launched its **first 2nd generational data relay satellite** named **Tianlian II-01** with the help of a **Long March-3B Carrier rocket** from **Xichang Satellite Launch Centre** in **Sichuan Province**.
 - ✓ **China: Capital:** Beijing, **Currency:** Renminbi.
- ❖ Social Media Platform **WhatsApp** has launched **checking point tip line** to combat **fake news** and **rumours** starting with the run-up to the **Lok Sabha elections**.
 - ✓ The feature is essentially a tipline, which is live as of today. Interested users can now send over messages to +919643000888, and get the rumors or a news verified.
- ❖ **Researchers** have discovered a new **five-billion-year-old planet** that is 60 times bigger than Earth using data from **NASA's** space telescope **Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS)**.
 - ✓ The exoplanet is dubbed **TOI-197.0** or "**hot Saturn**" because of its size and hot temperature.
- ❖ The **Center for Cell and Molecular Biology (CCMB)** scientists have discovered a new enzyme called "**Murein EndopeptidaseK**" while studying the cell growth in bacteria. This new discovery has paved the way for a new drug treatment that prevents anti-bacterial resistance by existing antibiotics.
- ❖ The **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) with **IIT-Delhi** to collaborate in the field of standardisation and conformity assessment. The MoU was signed by IIT Delhi Professor **V Ramgopal Rao** and Director General of BIS **Surina Rajan**.
 - ✓ **BIS: Establishment:** 1986. **Headquarter:** Manak Bhawan, **Director General:** Surina Rajan.
- ❖ **American conglomerate**, General Electric in association with **IIT Madras**, established India's first '**Cold Spray**' **SMART (Surface Modification and Additive Research Technologies)** Laboratory in the institution and thereby IIT-M became the only academic institution with **High-Pressure Cold Spray (HPCS)** facility in India.
- ❖ **Emirates Islamic bank** launched a chat banking facility for its customer via **Whatsapp** and become the **world's 1st bank** in the **Islamic banking sector** to give such facility.
- ❖ **Astronomers Captured** the First Image of a **Black Hole** which was a halo of dust and gas, tracing the outline of a colossal black hole at the center of the **galaxy M87** with the help of The **Event Horizon Telescope (EHT)** observations.
- ❖ **Google Cloud** has announced a new open platform called **Anthos** that aims to deliver on the promise of write once, run anywhere by **allowing businesses** to run their applications on existing on-prem **hardware investments** or in the **public cloud**.
- ❖ **International Day of Human Space Flight 2019** was observed on **April 12** to commemorate the date of the **first human space flight** in the history of mankind.
 - ✓ It was on **April 12, 1961**, the **Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR)** Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin undertook first successful first human space flight.
- ❖ **Bharti Airtel** has launched a mobile app, "**My Circle**" in collaboration with **FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO)** to assist **women** in case they face any **panic situation or problem**.



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- ❖ Researchers at the **Lund University Diabetes Centre** have discovered how lifestyle affects genes and disease development in a human body in a new study called '**Epigenetic Mechanisms**'.
- ❖ A modern money lending platform named **Money Loji** has launched an application which offers loan to salaried professionals within **5 minutes** with flexible repayment options starting from **7 days** to a maximum of **90 days**.
- ❖ The 70 MW '**Akademik Lomonosov**', world's **first floating nuclear power plant** successfully tested by **Rosenergoatom**, operator subsidiary of **Rosatom**, state owned atomic energy cooperation of **Russia**. The ship was named after famous academician **Mikhail Lomonosov**.
 - ✓ **Russia: Capital:** Moscow, **Currency:** Russian ruble.
- ❖ NASA'S **INSIGHT MARS** lander has recorded first "**marsquake**," quake on the mars due to volcanic eruptions or land tides. The **first** faint signal, equal to a 2.5 magnitude earthquake came on April 6, the lander's **128th Martian day**, or sol.
 - ✓ The scientists believe that the tremble comes from the Martian interior, rather than from surface forces. It has been observed that Mars is still seismically active.
- ❖ **Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC)** is a **free** Web-based **distance learning program** that is designed for the participation of large numbers of geographically dispersed students.
 - ✓ They are changing the world of education by providing **free online courses** for higher education, executive education, and employee development. These courses are provided by well-qualified lecturers from some of the most renowned institutes in the world.
- ❖ The report by **Akamai Technologies** notifies that with more than **120 crore account** takeover attacks in 2018, **India** ranked **2nd** for **hacking attempts** in the world after the **US**.
 - ✓ According to a new edition of the "**State of the internet/security**" report, Akamai Technologies, each of the attacks represented an attempt by a person or a computer to log in to an account with a stolen or generated username and password. Canada ranks third for attacks.
- ❖ The **Indian Institute of Management-Bangalore's (IIM-B)** **Post-Graduate Programme in Enterprise Management (PGPEM)** has secured the **12th rank** in APAC listing and came **61st globally** in the **QS Executive MBA Rankings 2019**.
- ❖ **Financial Software Services (FSS)** has launched **FSS Voice Commerce** which is a **real-time voice banking platform** to provide customers with **personalized banking interactions**.
- ❖ The research team from **IIT Madras** has used a multi-lingual **Optical Character Recognition (OCR)** scheme to develop a method for reading documents in **Bharati script**. The researchers have also developed a **finger-spelling method** that can be used by hearing-impaired persons to generate sign language, in collaboration with **TCS Mumbai**.
- ❖ Researchers from **Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delh** have developed **ultrasensitive quantum thermometer** which can measure very minute **micro Kelvin changes in temperature** and has quick response time.
 - ✓ Ultrasensitive quantum thermometer:- It has been developed using **graphene quantum dots (GQDs)** consisting of graphene oxide and mixed with ceramic (aluminium oxide) to produce.

SPORTS

- ❖ **India** Clinches 25 Medals viz, 16 gold, 5 silver and 4 bronze medals in **12th Asian Airgun Championship 2019** held in Chinese Taipei.
 - ✓ **Sarabjot Singh** and **Esha Singh** won gold medals in the 10m air pistol events.
- ❖ **The Indian Badminton Tournament 2019** was held at K. D. Jadhav Indoor Hall in **New Delhi** from 26 to 31 March 2019 and had a total purse of \$350,000.
 - ✓ India's **Srikanth Kidambi** lost to **Viktor Axelsen** of Denmark 7-21, 20-22 in the men's singles summit clash.
 - ✓ Champions of Indian Open Badminton 2019:
 - Men's Singles: **Viktor Axelsen** (Denmark).
 - Women's Singles: **Ratchanok Intanon**. (Thailand).
 - Men's Doubles: **Lee Yang and Wang Chi-lin** (Chinese Taipei).
 - Women's Doubles: **Greysia Polii and Apriyani Rahayu** (Indonesia).
 - Mixed Doubles: **Wang Yilü and Huang Dongping** (China).

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- ❖ The **35th edition** of ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) **Miami Open 2019** which was held at Miami Gardens in **Florida, USA**.
 - ✓ **Roger Federer** lifted the **101st title** of his remarkable career by winning the **Miami Open**.
- ❖ The **2019 Malaysia Open Badminton tournament** was held at **Axiata Arena** in **Malaysia**.
 - ✓ Winners of the Tournament:
 - Men's Singles: **Lin Dan** (China). Women's Singles: **Tai Tzu-ying** (Taiwan).
 - Men's Doubles: **Li Junhui & Liu Yuchen** (China) Women's Doubles: **Chen Qingchen & Jia Yifan** (China).
 - Mixed Doubles: **Zheng Siwei & Huang Yaqiong** (China).
- ❖ Australian **Graham Reid's** appointment as the **men's hockey national team** chief coach till the end of 2020 was ratified after **Hockey India** received necessary clearance from the **Sports Authority of India (SAI)**.
- ❖ **Dream11** has just become a **Unicorn**, that is a **billion-dollar startup**. Few exciting developments have made Dream11 to be **India's first** gaming unicorn which has made it to the elite club of privately-held startups valued at **\$1 billion** or more.
- ❖ A **National Anti-Doping Agency** disciplinary panel has banned Asian champion woman professional Olympic shot putter, **Manpreet Kaur** for four years.
- ❖ In Football, **Indian women's** team bowed out of the **2020 Olympic Qualifying tournament** in **Mandalay** on goal difference despite a 3-3 draw against **Myanmar**.
- ❖ **All India Tennis Association (AITA)** has collaborated with **Serbian Tennis Federation (STF)** to train Indian junior players under world renowned Serbian coaches, at the **RK Khanna Stadium, New Delhi**.
 - ✓ **Serbia: Capital:** Belgrade, **Currency:** Serbian Dinar.
- ❖ Indian captain **Virat Kohli** was named the '**Leading Cricketer in the World**' for the 3rd time in a row in this year's edition of the **Wisden Cricketers'**. **Smriti Mandhana** was the **Leading Cricketer** in the women's game.
- ❖ The **Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)** has bestowed the honour of '**Honorary Life Members**' to Pakistan's **Inzamam-ul-Haq** and South Africa's **Mark Boucher** for their exemplary achievements in the field of cricket.
- ❖ The **23rd edition** of the **Asian Athletics Championship** concluded in **Doha, Qatar** on April 24, 2019. **India** with 17 medals (3 Gold, 7 silver and 7 bronze) finished **4th** in the tournament.
 - ✓ The four-day event saw participation from **63 nations across** the world. **Bahrain topped** the tally with 11 gold, 7 silver and 4 bronze, followed by **China** with 10 gold, 13 silver, 7 bronze and then **Japan** with 5 gold, 4 silver, 9 bronze. **Tajinder Pal Singh Toor**, the favourite, secured the **men's shot put gold**.
- ❖ **Stephanie Frappart**, a French football referee, will become the **first female** referee, who will take charge of a Ligue 1 Conforama match in **French football history**. she will be taking charge of the match between **Amiens and Strasbourg**.
- ❖ India's **Pankaj Advani** defeated **Ehsan Heydari Nezhad** of Iran 6-4 to claim the inaugural **Asian Snooker Tour title**.
- ❖ In Wrestling, India's **Divya Kakran** and **Manju Kumari** bagged bronze medals for the country in the women's competition of the Asian Championships in Xi'an, **China**.
- ❖ The **2nd Marshal of the Indian Air Force Arjan Singh Memorial International Hockey Tournament** was held at Astro Turf Hockey Ground, 3 Base Repair Depot, Air Force, **Chandigarh** from 15th April to 25th April 2019.
 - ✓ A Total of 16 teams participated in this tournament. Apart from the elite Indian teams, Air Force teams from Bangladesh and Sri Lanka also participated in this edition, making it truly an international event.
- ❖ **Indian** cricketer, **Ajinkya Madhukar Rahane** became the **first** overseas player from India to represent **Hampshire** and he will replace **Aiden Kyle Markram**, who will join the national team for the **World Cup**.
- ❖ Australia's **Claire Polosak** became the **first woman umpire** to stand in a men's **ODI** in the final match of ICC World Cricket League 2 on April 27. Previously, she stood in 15 women's ODI matches, the first one played between Australia and South Africa in November 2016.
 - ✓ **Australia: Capital:** Canberra, **Currency:** Australian Dollar.
- ❖ **India** has topped in medal tally at recently concluded **International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Rifle/ Pistol 2019** held in **Beijing, China**. This was for 2nd consecutive time India topped at ISSF World Cup, 3rd time in last 2 years. In last edition of Shooting World Cup held in **New Delhi**, India jointly topped standings with **Hungary**. **ISSF World Cup Rifle 2019**.
- ❖ India's **Divyansh Singh Panwar** secured the country's **4th Olympic quota place** in shooting by winning a **silver** in the **ISSF World Cup** in **Beijing**. With the Gold, **Abhishek** has secured India's **5th 2020 Tokyo Olympic quota**.
- ❖ Ace wrestler **Bajrang Punia** became **first Indian** to be invited by **USA Wrestling** to participate in "**Grapple at the Garden - Beat the Streets**" fight night to be held on 6 May 2019 at **iconic Madison Square Garden** in **New York, US**.



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- ❖ The **Asian Wrestling Championship 2019** was held in Xi'an, China from April 23 to April 28, 2019. **India** won **16 medals** which include 1 gold, 3 silver and 4 bronze by men's freestyle wrestlers, 3 silver and 1 bronze by men's Greco-Roman wrestlers and 4 bronze won by women's freestyle wrestlers. **India** ranked **8th place** in the tournament and the **first three countries** ranked in the tournament were **Iran** followed by **China** and **Japan**.
 - ✓ World number one **Bajrang Punia** won a gold medal, He defeated Kazakhstan's **Sayatbek Okassov** 12-7 in a nail-biting 65kg men's freestyle final.
 - ✓ India's **Gurpreet Singh** and **Sunil Kumar** settled for a **silver medal** each in their **Greco-Roman categories** at the **Asian Wrestling Championships** in Xi'an, China.
- ❖ The **39th edition of Badminton Asia Championship 2019** was held from 23 to 28 April 2019 at the **Wuhan Sports Center Gymnasium** in **Wuhan, China**. This tournament was hosted by the **Chinese Badminton Association**, sanctioned from the **Badminton Asia**.
- ❖ **Valtteri Viktor Bottas** of Mercedes captured **Formula 1 State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic (SOCAR) Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2019** by beating Mercedes team-mate **Lewis Hamilton** at the **Baku City Circuit** in **Baku, Azerbaijan**.

AWARDS & HONOURS

- ❖ Hero MotoCorp Chairman, **Dr. Pawan Munjal** has been honoured with 'the **Asian Tour with a Special Achievement Award**' at the ceremony of **Hero Indian Open Golf tournament** for his contributions to **Asian Golf**.
- ❖ The **Gairdner Foundation** announced the **2019 Canada Gairdner Award** laureates, recognising Goa and Boston-based **Vikram Patel** for his research career raising the global profile of **mental health problems**.
- ❖ Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has been conferred the prestigious **Zayed medal** by President of the **UAE Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan**. The prestigious award was presented to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for giving "a big boost" to bilateral relations between both the countries.
- ❖ Vice-President of India gave the 'Presidential Award of **Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman**' to **Dr. Gyanaditya Shakya** in **New Delhi**.
 - ✓ Dr. Shakya was conferred the award for his outstanding contribution in the field of Pali language and literature.
- ❖ **Tata Steel** bagged the "Global Slag Company of the Year" award at the **14th Global Slag Conference and Exhibition 2019**, for its innovative practices in the development of new applications for Steel by-products (Slag).
- ❖ Eminent Bollywood actor **Shah Rukh Khan** was conferred with an honorary doctorate in Philanthropy by the **University of Law, London**.
- ❖ The Chairman and Managing Director of the **General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC)**, **Alice G. Vaidyan** has been honoured with the **Freedom of the City of London** for the recognition of her work to **promote insurance ties** between **India** and the **UK**.
- ❖ **Asian Athletic Association (AAA)** declared **Indonesian Eni Nuraeni** as the best athletic coach in Asia for the short-haul run category in 2019. It was published by the **Indonesian Athletic Sports Association (PBPASI)**.
 - ✓ **AAA: Headquarter:** Singapore, **President:** DahlanJumaan al-Hamad.
- ❖ **Sudhanshu Kumar**, the founder of **Digital Sukoon** has been honored with the **Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Nobel Award** by **International Human Rights Council** at Hotel Sea Princess Juhu Mumbai.
 - ✓ This agency named as the **Best Digital Agency of the Year 2019**. The other recipients of this award in various categories were **Yogesh Lakhani of Bright Outdoor Media**, Actor **Johnny Lever**, **Jasleen Matharu**.
 - ✓ **Maharashtra: Capital:** Mumbai, **Chief Minister:** Devendra Fadnavis, **Governor:** Vidyasagar Rao.
- ❖ Telugu poet **K Siva Reddy** has been honoured with the prestigious **Saraswati Samman, 2018** with a cash prize of 15 lakh rupees for his collection of poetry titled '**Pakkaki Ottigilite**'.
- ❖ "**Dost Education**", an education technology startup from India has bagged a \$25,000 (Rs 17 lakh) tech prize along with two other winners from **Tanzania** and **Egypt**.
 - ✓ The Next Billion Edtech Prize 2019, by UK-based Varkey Foundation, is awarded to the most innovative technology destined to have a radical impact on education in low income and emerging world countries.
 - ✓ **Tanzania: Capital:** Dodoma, **Currency:** Tanzanian shilling.
- ❖ The **UNESCO/Guillermo Cano Press Freedom Prize 2019** has been awarded to Reuters reporters **Wa Lone** and **Kyaw Soe Oo**. The jury has recognised their exceptional courage in reporting on alleged human rights violations in the **Myanmar's state of Rakhine**.



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- ❖ **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) or Namami Gange** has received the distinction of “**Public Water Agency of the Year**” by Global Water Intelligence at the **Global Water Summit** in **London**.
- ❖ **Columbia University’s Graduate School** of Journalism has selected Mint’s **Teena Thacker** as the winner of the **2019 Citi Journalistic Excellence Awards**.
- ❖ **Jhulan Goswami**, former captain of **India national women’s cricket team**, awarded the ‘**Best Sportsperson**’ honor at the **Calcutta Sports Journalists’ club** annual awards function 2019 held at **Kolkata, West Bengal** while **Sukumar Samajpati**, former India winger and **Sambaran Banerjee**, former national selector and Bengal’s **Ranji Trophy** winning captain honoured ‘**Lifetime Achievement**’ awards.
- ❖ **Three organizations** All India Radio, Publication Division and Children’s Film Society of India conferred **Swacchta Pakhwada Award 2019**. The award was given by **Amit Khare**, Secretary Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
 - ✓ The award was received by Director General of All India Radio **F. Sheheryar** and Director General (News) **Ms. Ira Joshi** on behalf of All India Radio.
- ❖ The **Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize 2019** was awarded to author **Rana Dasgupta** for his 2010 novel “**Solo**” which is a tale of estrangement and the ultimate failure of material existence. It is the **2nd** edition of the **Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize**.
- ❖ **Puranik Yogendra** has become the **1st Indian-origin** person to win an election in **Japan**, having gotten elected to **Tokyo's Edogawa Ward assembly**.
- ❖ **Dawn** editor and Columnist **Cyril Almeida** from **Pakistan** has won the IPI’s (**International Press Institute**) **World Press Freedom Hero award in 2019** for his “**critical**” and “**tenacious coverage**” of the civil-military relations in Pakistan.
- ❖ The prestigious **Master Deenanath Mangeshkar Award 2019** was awarded to National Award-winning filmmaker **Madhur Bhandarkar**, popular scriptwriter **Salim Khan** and dancing diva **Helen**. The Award which is organized by **Master Deenanath Mangeshkar Smruti Pratishthan charitable trust**, Pune, aims to encourage legends from the fields of music, drama, art and social work. the awards were given away by **Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS)** chief **Mohan Bhagwat** and Directorate General of CRPF **Vijay Kumar** presided over the function.
- ❖ **Dr. Benny Antony**, Joint Managing Director and co-founder of the Kochi-based **Arjuna Natural Ltd**, has been honoured with the **National Intellectual Property Award, 2019** in the category of Top Individual for Patents and Commercialization.
- ❖ Managing Director, Heidelberg Prominent Fluid Controls India Pvt. Ltd., **Prasanna Kumar Rao**, received the **Corporate Excellence award** in the Manufacturing Industry, from **Enterprise Asia of Malaysia for 2019**, at event in Andaz, Hyatt Hotel, **New Delhi**.
- ❖ Indian Professional Golfer, **Gaganjeet Bhullar** has been awarded outstanding achievement as a player award at the 4th Edition of the annual **India Golf Industry Association (GIA) award for the year 2019** at the **Delhi Golf Club**.
 - ✓ The GIA awards were held along with 8th edition of South Asia’s largest trade show, India Golf & Turf Expo (IGTE).
- ❖ **Raheem Sterling** has been voted the **2019 Footballer of the Year** by the **Football Writers’ Association**.
 - ✓ He was more than 100 votes ahead of Liverpool defender Virgil Van Dijk.

PERSON APPOINTED /RESIGNED

- ❖ Air Marshal **NS Dhillon** was appointed new Commander in Chief of **Strategic Forces Command (SFC)**. He succeeded **Jasbir Walia**.
- ❖ Former ESPN Star Sports MD, **Manu Sawhney** has formally joined **International Cricket Council (ICC)** as its Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**).
 - ✓ **ICC: Headquarter:** Dubai, United Arab Emirates, **Chairman:** Shashank Manohar.
- ❖ Algerian President **Abdelaziz Bouteflika** resigned after weeks of mass protests against his 20-year rule.
 - ✓ **Algeria: Capital:** Algiers, **Currency:** Algerian dinar.
- ❖ Air Marshal **D Choudhury AVSM VM VSM** has been appointed as Senior Air Staff Officer, **Western Air Command**.
- ❖ **ICICI Securities** appointed **Vijay Chandok** as an additional director and as a **Managing Director** and **CEO** of the company with effect from May 7, 2019.
- ❖ **Eicher Motors Ltd.** has appointed **Vinod K. Dasari** as the chief executive officer of **Royal Enfield**.
- ❖ **Vipin Anand** has assumed the charge of **Managing Director** of the **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)**.



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- ❖ Ex-Bollywood actress and Managing Director of Performics (A Performance Marketing Agency), **Mayoori Kango** has been appointed as the Industry head of **Google India**.
- ❖ Justice **Pradeep Nandrajog** was sworn in as the **Chief Justice** of Bombay high Court.
- ❖ **Davis Malpass** senior Treasury official and staunch supporter of President Donald Trump, was unanimously chosen as the next **president** of the **World bank**.
- ❖ Chairman and Managing Director of **Kirloskar Systems Ltd**, and Vice Chairman of Toyota Kirloskar Motor, **Vikram Kirloskar** was appointed as the president of **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** for the period 2019-20.
- ❖ **Gianni Infantino**, President of FIFA (**Federation Internationale de Football Association**) hailed the re-election of **Sheikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa**, Asian football chief to help the region move forward in stability.
- ❖ Justice **T B N Radhakrishnan** sworn-in as the new **Chief Justice** of Calcutta High Court.
- ❖ **All India Football Federation** president **Praful Patel** has become the **first Indian** to be elected as a member of the **FIFA Executive Council**.
- ❖ **Lori Lightfoot** makes history as **Chicago's first** black woman and first openly gay mayor.
- ❖ **Vikramjit Singh Sahney**, Chairman of SUN Group, elected as the President of **International Chamber of Commerce- India**.
- ❖ The acting Prime Minister of **Haiti**, **Jean Michel Lapin** confirmed as the country's new Prime Minister by the President **Jovenel Moise**. He succeeds **Jean-Henry Ceant**.
 - ✓ **Haiti: Capital** : Port-au-Prince, **Currency** : Haitian gourde.
- ❖ The **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)** has approved proposals of the **Department of Financial Services (DFS)**, providing new postings for various **Public Sector Banks (PSBs)**.
 - **R A Sankara Narayanan** has been appointed as the new MD & CEO of **Canara Bank**.
 - **Karnam Sekar** has been appointed as the new chief of **Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)**.
- ❖ The speaker of the upper house **Abdelkader Bensalah** has been appointed as **Algeria's first** new president in 20 years by the Lawmakers of Algeria.
 - ✓ **Algeria: Capital**: Algiers, **Currency**: Algerian dinar.
- ❖ Rio Paralympics silver medalist **Deepa Malik** has been honoured with the New Zealand Prime Minister's **Sir Edmund Hillary Fellowship for 2019** in recognition of her "inspiring achievements".
- ❖ Former India cricketer **Murali Kartik** was made the brand ambassador of a **fantasy game**.
- ❖ The **Ministry of Human Resources and Development** has issued a statement about appointing Professor **Najma Akhtar** as vice-chancellor of **Jamia Millia Islamia University (JMI)** by the President of India.
 - ✓ Professor Najma Akhtar will be the **first woman** to hold the post.
- ❖ **Bibhu Kalyan Nayak**, a native of the temple City, became the **first Indian** to be appointed Chair of **International Hockey Federation (FIH)** Health and Safety Committee by the world governing body, Hockey India (HI).
- ❖ **Shri. Rajendra Kumar Nayak** has been appointed as the **52nd Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA)**. Nayak, who is from the Indian Defence Accounts Service of 1983 batch, will succeed **Smt. Madhulika P Sukul**.
- ❖ The president of Wipro's **banking monetary services and insurance (BFSI)** business unit, **Shaji Farooq** has **resigned** from the company after 5 years due to health reasons. He will precede **Angan Guha**, who will take over as senior VP and global head of the BFSI unit from 1st July.
- ❖ General (Retd.) **Dalbir Singh Suhag** has appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the **Republic of Seychelles**.
- ❖ Former executive director of LIC of India, **Siddhartha Mohanty** has been appointed as **Chief Operating Officer (COO)** of **LIC Housing Finance**.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- ❖ The Indian Publishing company, **Garuda Prakashan Private Limited**, launched its two books "**#Modi Again**" and "**Saffron Swords – Centuries of Indic Resistance to Invaders**".
 - ✓ "**#Modi Again: Why Modi is right for India, An Ex-Communist's Manifesto**" authored by Aabhas Maldahiya.
 - ✓ "**Saffron Swords: Centuries of Indic Resistance to Invaders**" written by Manoshi Sinha Rawal.
- ❖ **Kundan: Saigal's Life & Music**, book authored by documentary filmmaker and former DDG of Doordarshan **Sharad Dutt** was released on 4th April, on the 115th birth anniversary of Saigal.
 - ✓ The book has been translated in English by Jyoti Sabharwal of Stellar Publishers.

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- ❖ A booklet of the 'Selected speeches of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar in the Constituent Assembly' was published by Prasar Bharati Chairman, A **Surya Prakash** on an event in **New Delhi**.
- ❖ **Jeff Kinney**, an eminent author has emerged out with a new book titled "Diary of an Awesome Friendly Kid: Rowley Jefferson's Journal".
- ❖ 'Ashakiranam' (A Ray of Hope), an autobiography of noted social worker **Sankurathri Chandrasekhar**, was released by Religious scholar **Chaganti Koteswara Rao**.
- ❖ The Mangaluru Bishop **Peter Paul Saldanha** has released A Konkani translation of the Indian Constitution at the Rosario cathedral.
 - ✓ **Prof Stephen Quadros Permude**, who has authored several books in Konkani has translated the book.
- ❖ Journalist **Saba Naqvi** has composed a book named "Politics of Jugaad: The Coalition Handbook" in which she examines the possibility of coalition government after the **2019 Lok Sabha polls**.

OBITUARY

- ❖ Famous Tamil Director, Screenwriter and actor, **J. Mahendran** passed away.
- ❖ **Kartik Chandra Rath**, a veteran dramatist, theatre organiser and Economics teacher passed away.
- ❖ South African Born biologist, **Sydney Brenner** passed away at the age of 92. He was born in Gauteng, South Africa.
- ❖ Padma Shri awardee **Viharidas Gopaldas Patel**, noted economist and 'Father of Entrepreneurship Movement' passed away at the age of 79 in **Ahmedabad, Gujarat**.
- ❖ South Africa Women's World Cup cricketer **Elriesa Theunissen-Fourie** passed away.
- ❖ The Serbian actress **Nadja Regin** passed away.
 - ✓ **Serbia: Capital:** Belgrade, **Currency:** Serbian dinar.
- ❖ Veteran **Kerala politician** and former state finance minister **KM Mani** passed away.
 - ✓ **Kerala: Capital:** Thiruvananthapuram, **Chief Minister:** Pinarayi Vijayan.
- ❖ Veteran communist leader and former parliamentarian **Drupad Borgohain** passed away.
- ❖ Hindi poet **Pradeep Choubey** passed away.
- ❖ Eminent **Paripooranand Painuli**, former Congress MP and freedom fighter passed away.
- ❖ Liverpool legend **Tommy Smith** who was famously nicknamed the 'Anfield Iron' passed away.
- ❖ Veteran lady mountaineer **Rama Sengupta Paul** passed away at the age of 66 at a city hospital due to cardiac arrest.
- ❖ **Terry Rawlings**, a British film editor, who earned BAFTA nominations for his work on 'Alien' in 1980 and 'Blade Runner' in 1983 as well as Oscar nomination for 'Chariots of Fire' in 1982, died at his home in Hertfordshire, England.
- ❖ Former Ethiopian president **Negasso Gidada Solon** passed away.
- ❖ Oscar-Nominated and Tony Award winner for writing 'Children of a Lesser God', **Mark Medoff** passed away.
- ❖ **Pungam Kannan**, former India's ace footballer passed away.
- ❖ Former Himachal Pradesh minister and senior BJP leader **Chaudhary Vidyasagar** passed away.

Days|Week|Year

- ❖ **2nd April 2019:- World Autism Awareness Day.**
 - ✓ **Theme:-** Assistive Technologies, Active Participation.
- ❖ **4th April 2019:- International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action.**
 - ✓ **Theme:-** Safe Ground - Safe Home.
- ❖ **5th April 2019:- National Maritime Day 2019.**
 - ✓ **Theme:-** "Indian Ocean – An Ocean of opportunity".
- ❖ **6th April 2019:- International day of Sport for development and Peace.**
- ❖ **7th April 2019:- World Health Day 2019.**
 - ✓ **Theme:-** Universal Health Coverage: Everyone, Everywhere.
 - ✓ slogan: **Health for All.**
- ❖ **8th April 2019:- International Romani Day.**
- ❖ **10th April 2019:- World Homeopathy Day.**



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- ✓ **Theme:-** Linking Education and Clinical Practice with Research: Advancing Scientific Collaborations.
- ❖ **11th April 2019:- National Safe Motherhood Day.**
 - ✓ **Theme:-** Midwives for Mothers.
- ❖ **12th April 2019:- World Aviation and Cosmonautics Day.**
- ❖ **17th April 2019:- World Haemophilia Day.**
 - ✓ **Theme:-** Outreach & Identification—"The first step to care.
- ❖ **18th April 2019:- World Heritage Day.**
 - ✓ **Theme:-** Rural Landscapes.
- ❖ **19th April 2019:- World Liver Day.**
- ❖ **21st April 2019:- National Civil Service Day.**
- ❖ **21st April 2019:- Administrative Professionals Day.**
- ❖ **21st April 2019:- World Creativity and Innovation Day.**
- ❖ **22nd April 2019:- Global Earth Day.**
 - ✓ **Theme:-** 'Protect Our Species'.
- ❖ **23rd April 2019:- English Language Day.**
- ❖ **23rd April 2019:- World Book and Copyright Day.**
- ❖ **24th April 2019:- International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace.**
- ❖ **24th April 2019:- World Day For Animals In Laboratories (also known as World Lab Animal Day).**
- ❖ **24th April 2019:- National Panchayati Raj Day.**
- ❖ **25th April 2019:- World Malaria Day.**
 - ✓ **Theme:-** Zero malaria starts with me.
- ❖ **26th April 2019:- World Intellectual Property Day.**
 - ✓ **Theme:-** Reach for Gold: IP and Sports.
- ❖ **28th April 2019:- World Day for Safety and Health at Work (WDSHW).**
- ❖ **28th April 2019:- World veterinary day.**
 - ✓ **Theme:-** Value of vaccination.
- ❖ **29th April 2019:- International Dance Day.**
 - ✓ **Theme:-** Dance and Spirituality.

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