

NATIONAL NEWS

Government creates new Department of military affairs headed by Bipin Rawat:

Following the change in the Government of India (Allocation of Business), Rules 1961, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) has got its **5th department** namely '**Department of Military affairs (DMA)**', which is to be headed by Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General **Bipin Rawat**. The new department works for the unity of the three forces Army, Navy and Air Force and will also monitor the services except for capital acquisitions according to prevalent rules and procedures.

107th Indian Science Congress held in Bengaluru, Karnataka:

Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the 107th edition of the **Indian Science Congress (ISC)** also known as ISC 2020 at the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS) in **Bengaluru, Karnataka**. The theme of ISC for the year 2020 was "Science and Technology: Rural Development".

Objective: The main objective of the summit was to bridge the gap between farmers and tech-developers. The key highlights of the event are as follows:

- The Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) participated in the "Pride of India- Science Expo- 2020" at the 107th ISC.
- Prime Minister also launched the Indian Science Technology and Engineering facilities Map (I-STEM) Portal during ISC.
- During the ISC, Women Science Congress was held. DRDO Aeronautical Systems Director General Dr. Tessy Thomas famously known as Missile Woman of India was the chief guest for the event.
- During ISC 2020, for the 1st time **Farmer's Science Congress** was conducted.

For the 1st time, Vizag (Andhra Pradesh) to host 14th Global healthcare summit in 2021:

The American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (**AAPI**), a professional association for Indian American physicians, is set to organize a 3-days long **14th Global Healthcare Summit (GHS)** in **Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (AP)** from January 3, 2021 for the 1st time to focus on public health hazards, eradication of tuberculosis (TB), preventing maternal mortality, control of Hepatitis B etc.

Pragati Maidan metro station renamed as Supreme Court metro station in New Delhi:

The Delhi Government's renaming committee, headed by Delhi's Deputy CM Manish Sisodia, has renamed **Pragati Maidan metro station** as **Supreme Court metro station** following the demand made by Supreme Court (SC) in September 2019. The committee has also decided to rename **Mukarba Chowk** and its flyover after Kargil war **martyr Captain Vikram Batra**, MB Road as Acharya Sri Mahapragya Marg and The Lajpat Nagar flyover to Jhulelal Setu.

Centre sets up 7-member GoM led by Rajnath Singh to review crop insurance scheme-PMFBY:

Government has formed a 7-member group of ministers (GoM) headed by Defense Minister **Rajnath Singh** to review the crop insurance scheme, "Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)" for making improvements as per the need of the farmers. This move comes after the concerns over growing dissent among farmers about the scheme, dropping out of 4 insurance companies (ICICI Lombard, Tata AIG, Cholamandalam MS, and Shriram General Insurance), and exit of states like Bihar, West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh (AP) from the scheme.

India hosts Asia Pacific drosophila research conference 1st time; 5th edition overall:

The Asia Pacific drosophila research conference (**APDRC**) is being conducted in India for the 1st time from January 6-10 in **Pune, Maharashtra**. Overall this is the 5th edition of the biennial conference and is known by the name **APDRC5**. It is organised by Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER).

Aim: The conference aims to promote the interaction of Drosophila researchers in the Asia-Pacific region with the rest of the world.

Cabinet approval with foreign countries on January 8, 2020:

- Approval for MoU between India & **United Kingdom (UK)** for enabling **energy self sufficiency for Indian railways**.
- Approval for MoU between India & **Sweden** on cooperation in **Polar Science**.
- Approval for ratification of **migration and mobility** partnership agreement between India & **France**.
- Approval for agreement between India & **Mongolia** on cooperation in the **exploration and uses of outer space**.

Kerala became 1st State to pass resolution against citizenship Amendment Act:

Kerala has become the **1st state** in the country to pass a resolution scrapping the **Citizenship Amendment Act, 2019 (CAA)**. The resolution was moved by Kerala's Chief Minister Shri Pinarayee Vijayan and was seconded by the Leader of Opposition Ramesh Chennithala. As per Kerala cabinet, Citizenship Act was passed in 1955 followed all international conventions but present act is not adhering them.

2019-2025 National Infrastructure Pipeline report: Rs 102 lakh crore infrastructure plan unveiled:

The Union Minister of Finance Smt. **Nirmala Sitharaman** released a report of the task force on National Infrastructure Pipeline for 2019-2025 (NIP 2019-25) in **order to achieve the \$5 trillion economy by 2024-25**. Based on the information compiled by the **task force headed by Economic Affairs Secretary Atanu Chakraborty**, **Rs 102 lakh crores** has been

projected on the capital expenditure in infrastructure sectors in India during the fiscals 2020 to 2025. The capital expenditure will be shared by the **Centre, States and the private sector** in the ratio **39:39:22** respectively.

2nd National GST Conference to streamline GST system held in New Delhi:

2nd edition of the National GST Conference of the Commissioners of State Tax and Chief Commissioners of Central Tax was held in **New Delhi** under the chairmanship of Dr **Ajay Bhushan Pandey**, Revenue Secretary of the Ministry of Finance (MoF). The conference was held to streamline the GST (Goods and Service Tax) system and also to plug revenue leakages.

Committee constitution: A committee of the centre and state officers for examining and implementing quick measures to curb fraudulent refund claims was decided to be constituted. The committee will be implemented by the end of January 2020.

CBDT, CBIC and GSTN Mou Signing: A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) would be signed among Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) and GST-Network (GSTN) to exchange data through Application Program Interface (API) among them.

Data sharing: This data will be shared on a quarterly basis instead of yearly basis.

Maharashtra celebrates January 6, 2020, as State's Journalists' Day:

The Government of Maharashtra celebrates the **6th of January** as a **state's Journalists' Day** every year. It was celebrated in the memory of late thespian journalist Balshastri Jambhekar. He was born on January 6, 1812, in the village of Pombhurle in Devgad taluka in the Konkan region of **Maharashtra**. He was known as '**The Father of Marathi Journalism**', for his efforts in starting journalism in the Marathi language. □ He came out with the first newspaper in the Marathi language named '**Darpan**' in 1832. □ He was the first Indian to have published research papers in the quarterly journal of the Asiatic Society and was the first person to print Dnyaneshwari in 1845.

5th Swachh Survekshan League: Indore tops ranking among cities having 10lac+ population:

The result of Swachh Survekshan League (Quarter 1 and Quarter 2) was announced by Union minister of State (MoS- Independent Charge) Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) Shri **Hardeep Singh Puri**, at an event in New Delhi. The 5th edition of the Swachh Survekshan 2020 (urban cleanliness survey), which is to commence from 4 January 2020 by MoHUA was also rolled out across India **except West Bengal**. The key winners were:

- >10lakh population: Indore
- 1-10 lakh population: Jamshedpur (Jharkhand)

10k cameras to be used for 2020 Asiatic lion census in Gujarat:

Wildlife Institute of India (WII), an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate change (MoFCC), is set to conduct the Asiatic Lion Census in May 2020 by using around **8,000-10,000 cameras** across **25,000 sq.km** (Square kilometre) area spanning 7 districts in Gujarat. National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) 's technology will be used for the lion census. In the 2015 census, the area of 15,000 sqkm surveyed where 523 lions reported by WII in Gujarat.

Ritualistic Festival 'Lai Haroba' begins in Tripura:

The five-day long **Lai Haroba**, a ritualistic festival observed by Manipuri meitei communities in **Agartala, Tripura** was inaugurated by Speaker of State legislative Assembly, Rebati Mohan Das. The festival was organized by Department of Information and Cultural Affairs, Government of Tripura in collaboration with Puthiba Lai Haraoba Committee and Puthiba Welfare & Cultural Society, Agartala. The fest is celebrated through oral literature, music, dance and rituals.

Gujarat CM unveiled world's 2nd tallest statue of Vallabhbhai Patel in Ahmedabad:

Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Vijay Ramniklal Rupani unveiled the world's 2nd **largest statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel** at Sardardham campus near **Vaishnodevi** circle in **Ahmedabad, Gujarat**. This bronze statue which is 50 feet tall weighing 70,000 kilograms was built at a cost of **Rs 3.25 crores** by Padma Bhushan awardee Ram Vanji Sutar (Sculptor) who also designed the world's tallest, 'statue of unity' of Sardar Patel at Kevadiya in Narmada district of Central Gujarat at a cost of Rs 3000 crores.

Indian Railways launches integrated helpline number 139 for passengers:

The Indian Railways launched an integrated **helpline number 139** for quick grievance, needs and enquiries by the passengers during journeys. It is an integrated form of existing helpline numbers (except 182) to avoid the inconvenience over multiple helpline numbers. The helpline number will be available in 12 languages and it will be based on an interactive voice response system.

30% of Poshan Abhiyaan funds used in 3 years as per data shared in parliament:

According to an analysis of the data shared by Minister for Women and Child Development (MoWCD) Smriti Irani in the Parliament, merely **30% of the Poshan Abhiyan funds** have been used in 3 years. Apart from Mizoram, Lakshadweep, Himachal Pradesh and Bihar, none of the state govt has used the fund granted to them in the past 3 years. As per the data, a total of Rs 4,283 crore was disbursed by the Centre to different States and Union Territories (UTs). From this amount, Rs 1,283.89 crore was utilised until October 31, 2019, which is just 29.97% of the funds granted.

31st International Kite Festival launched in Ahmedabad, Gujarat:

The 31st International Kite Festival has been launched at Sabarmati riverfront in **Ahmedabad, Gujarat**. Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has inaugurated the colourful kite festival in the presence of Gujarat Governor Acharya Devvrat on this occasion.

India and Pakistan exchanged list of Nuclear Installations in their countries:

India and **Pakistan** exchanged lists of **nuclear installations** agreeing to not be targeted **in case of hostilities, through diplomatic channels** simultaneously at New Delhi and Islamabad (Pakistan). The exchange is based on the agreement of prohibition of attack against nuclear installations between India and Pakistan that came into force on January 27, 1991, under which the list is shared every year on January 1st.

Gujarat to set up Vikram Sarabhai Children Innovation Center soon:

Gujarat will set its Vikram Sarabhai Children Innovation Center (VSCIC) soon. The objective of the center is to identify, nurture and promote innovation of children up to 18 years in the state. The innovation centre will come up in Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Centre for Extension Research and Innovation at Gujarat University.

1st of-its kind turtle rehab centre comes up in Bihar:

A 1st of its kind rehabilitation centre for freshwater turtles is to be inaugurated in January 2020 in the **Bhagalpur forest division of Bihar**, which can shelter 500 turtles at a time. The centre will also treat turtles that are sick, severely injured or smuggled, and then returned safely into their natural habitat.

J&K registers highest Inpatient Department (IPD) care in the country:

Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), Union territory of India has registered the highest Inpatient Department, IPD care in the country. The state-wise fact sheet was released by National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC), **New Delhi**. Overall, all women in J&K are availing Antennal Care Services (ANC).

Eight Crore farmer families benefited under PM Kisan Scheme:

Nearly eight crore farmer families have benefited under PM Kisan (Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi) scheme. The scheme was launched on 24 February 2019 by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in **Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh**.

2nd phase of Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 2.0 begins in Uttar Pradesh:

The Union Government has launched 2nd phase of vaccination drive under Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 2.0 at block level in **35 districts of Uttar Pradesh (UP)**.

It is the 2nd phase of the nationwide immunization drive to mark the 25 years of Pulse polio program. The previous version (IMI 1.0) was launched by the centre in 2017. Prior to this, Mission Indradhanush launched in the year 2014, which sought to achieve 90 % immunisation coverage in India by 2020.

The 1st round of IMI 2.0 was completed in December 2019 and the next/ 3rd round of the mission will be launched in February 2020, where it will cover 425 blocks of 73 districts of Uttar Pradesh (UP) state and 4th round will be launched in March 2020.

Overview of PM Modi's 2-day visit to Karnataka:

The Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi paid a 2 day visit to Karnataka to attend events in Tumakuru and Bengaluru cities of the state. He

arrived at the **yelahanka air base in Bengaluru**. Following are the key highlights:

- a) 3rd installment of Rs 2000 to 6 crore beneficiaries under PM KISAN released.
- b) 5 high-tech DRDO labs with under 35year aged scientists inaugurated.
- c) TN farmers handed over with deep sea fishing vessels.
- d) 107th Indian Science Congress (ISC) inaugurated at the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS) in Bengaluru with Indian Science Congress (ISC) 2020 **theme: "Science and Technology: Rural Development"**.

NEST division is formed by Ministry of External Affairs:

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has set up a New, Emerging and Strategic Technologies (NEST) division which helps to deal with new and emerging technologies by partnering with 5G and artificial intelligence areas of **other countries**. This division acts as the intermediate agency within the Ministry for issues pertaining to new and emerging technologies.

Visakhapatnam to host naval exercise 'MILAN' in March 2020:

The **Visakhapatnam** city of Andhra Pradesh will host International naval **exercise 'MILAN'** in March 2020. The **theme** of the exercise for the year 2020 is **'Synergy Across the Seas'**. Milan exercise which will be hosted by Eastern Naval Command (ENC) aims to enhance professional interaction between foreign navies and also make use of the best practices in the maritime domain. **41 navies of different countries** were invited so far, of which 30 navies have confirmed their participation in MILAN 2020. Visakhapatnam previously hosted International Fleet Review (IFR) in February 2016.

KVIC's 1st Silk Processing Plant opens in Gujarat to boost Patola Saree production:

Khadi and Village Industries Commission (**KVIC**) opened its first Silk Processing Plant in Surendranagar district of **Gujarat** to increase the production of **Gujarat Patola Sarees**. The Plant was set up at a cost of Rs 75 lakh by Khadi institution where Rs 60 lakh was contributed by KVIC. Patola Sarees are the trademark of Gujarat.

Eight North-Eastern states to celebrate Madhavpur Mela in Gujarat on 2nd April 2020:

Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) chaired a high-level meeting for the preparation of the **annual festival Madhavpur Mela of Gujarat** which will be held at Madhavpur Ghed in Porbandar district of Gujarat on 2nd April 2020. The seven days festival celebrates the immortal journey of Lord Krishna and Rukmini from Arunachal Pradesh to Gujarat. The eight North-Eastern states namely Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura will participate in this festival.

Chapchar kut festival to be celebrated in Mizoram:

Chapchar Kut, the biggest and most important festival of the Mizos, will be celebrated by the Government of Mizoram on March 6, 2020. The festival is generally celebrated after the completion of the Jhum cultivation, which is also known as the slash and burn agriculture.

Gujarat ranked top for water efficiency, Delhi among worst performing states

Gujarat has been ranked the best for parameters on efficiency targets in the review of state and Central government water departments by the **ministry of Jal Shakti**. Rajasthan is the third best and Delhi is among the worst performing states, according to the ranking for 2019 circulated to different state governments recently.

Among the seven Central departments reviewed, the Survey of India has got the top billing followed by the **National Institute of Hydrology (NIH)** and Central Water Commission. The Central Pollution Control Board, the country's pollution watchdog, has got the lowest rank, in the ranking for the year 2019.

Department of Heavy Industries sanctioned 2636 EV charging stations across the country:

Department of Heavy Industries headed by Prakash Javadekar had sanctioned **2636 EV** (Electric Vehicles) charging stations in 62 cities across **24 State/UTs** under FAME India (Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles in India) phase II scheme to clean the mobility in Road Transport Sector. It aims to increase the electric vehicle users and also encourage Original Equipment Manufacturer's (OEM) to launch new electric models. FAME India II was started in April 1, 2019 with the **total outlay of Rs 10000 crore** for a period of three years.

Amit Shah to head group of ministers to examine the proposed National Tariff Policy:

Minister of Home Affairs (MoHA) Shri **Amit Shah** will head the Group of Ministers (GOM) to discuss and examine the proposed National Tariff Policy 2016. The policy if implemented, will bring a major reform in the stressed power sector but is opposing by the state govts and discoms (Distribution Companies) due to clauses like penalties for load shedding. The interministerial group will have 10 ministers comprising of 8 ministers in the cabinet rank and 2 ministers with independent charge. In the proposed draft amendments, the cross subsidies on industries should not exceed 20% and subsidy is to be provided through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

Home ministry issues revised guidelines for mutual legal assistance treaties

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has issued revised guidelines to expedite the delivery of mutual legal assistance and justice in criminal matters with other countries under the government's policy of zero tolerance for crime at all.

In this regard, India has signed Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (LLAT) with 42 countries in November 2019 for cooperation in criminal matters & the MHA is also designated '**Central Authority of India**' for it.

The guidelines, issued in December 2019, are steps to speed up the delivery of justice. The revised guidelines will provide investigative agencies with step-by-step guidelines on drafting and moving request letters, mutual legal aid requests or Letters Rogatory (LR) and summon requests, notices and other judicial documents.

Uttar Pradesh became 1st state to shortlist migrants for citizenship:

Uttar Pradesh (UP) became the 1st state in India to conduct an exercise to shortlist migrants from **Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan**

for eligibility under the new Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) 2019. This exercise will identify the people living illegally in UP. The state government will also update the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) on illegal Muslim migrants in the state and they could also be deported back to their countries.

2019 Forest Survey of India report: one-fifth (21.40%) of India's forests prone to fires:

According to a 2019 report by the **Forest Survey of India (FSI)**, about **21.40% of forest cover** of the country has been prone to fires. Among the total forest areas, the north-eastern region in the country was found to be more vulnerable. **Mizoram topped** among all the states with the highest number of fire alerts at 2,795. The forest fire points (FFP) identified during the 13 years (2004-2017) were 2,77,758. While overall green cover in the country has been increased but forest cover in the north east states have decreased drastically.

Chandigarh railway station is fifth in the country and first in North India to inaugurate Navigation facilities for visually impaired:

Navigation facilities for visually impaired was inaugurated in Chandigarh railway station in Mohali, Punjab by Shri Gurinder Mohan Singh, Divisional Railway Manager- Ambala Division. It is fifth in the country and first in North India to have this facility for visually impaired. It was developed by Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation (IRSDC) and Makemytrip Foundation through NGO (Non-government organization) 'Anuprayaas'. Mysuru Railway Station in Karnataka was India's first visually impaired-friendly railway station inaugurated in Nov 2015.

EC of India and Mauritius renewed MoU on cooperation in electoral management:

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has renewed its Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation in the field of electoral management with **the electoral commission of Mauritius**. The renewal was done at Port Louis of Mauritius and was signed by India's Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Sunil Arora and Mohammed Irfan Abdool Rahman, Electoral Commissioner of Mauritius.

CCI report: 'Market Study on E-commerce in India: Key Findings and Observations' released:

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) released a **report titled "Market Study on E-commerce in India: Key Findings and Observations"** after it was initiated by CCI in April 2019 for better understanding a functioning of e-commerce in India. The study was also launched to identify impediments (obstructions) to competition.

Revenue sector: Revenue from the e-commerce sector is expected to increase from \$39 billion in 2017 to \$120 billion in 2020, growing at an annual rate of 51%, the highest in the world.

Internet sector: The no. of internet users have increased from 445.96 million in 2017 to 665.31 million in 2019 and is also expected to increase to 829 million in 2021.

Goods sector: E-commerce in the goods category in India has grown at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 57% in the last 7 years, and is expected to grow by 18.6% till 2022

Food sector: The food tech industry in India is estimated to grow at a CAGR (Compounded Annual Growth Rate) of more than 12% between 2016 and 2021.

Eight States finalized Agriculture Export Policy by the Government of India:

As per Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), **eight states** namely Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, Nagaland, Tamil Nadu, Assam, Punjab, and Karnataka finalized an action plan for Agriculture Export Policy (AEP) to enhance exports. Agriculture Export Policy was approved by the Union Cabinet in 2018. It aims to increase the potential of Indian agriculture to make India a global power in agriculture.

171 hospitals de-empanelled & Rs 4.5 cr fine imposed for fraud under Ayushman Bharat scheme:

National Health Authority (NHA) which is the apex body regulating and implementing 'Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)'; has de-empanelled a total of **171 hospitals** and also imposed penalty of **Rs 4.5 crore** on hospitals for committing fraud and indulging in malpractices under the Ayushman Bharat health insurance scheme. The PMJAY health insurance cover provides health cover of Rs 5 lakh per family and not just Rs 5 lakh per e-card.

Indian Railways to install IP based Video Surveillance System and AI based Face recognition systems in stations:

Face recognition technology developed using Artificial Intelligence (IP) has been installed in Bengaluru, Manmad and Bhusawal stations as test cases. The objective of the Railway Protection Force (RPF) is to link the facial recognition system with existing databases and identify the criminals. Indian Railways is also in the process of installing Internet Protocol (IP) based Video Surveillance System (VSS) at railway stations. In the last budget Rs 250 crore was allocated to Indian Railways from Nirbhaya funds for installation of VSS in 983 railway stations.

4th Buxa bird festival 2020 commenced in West Bengal:

A 3-day long 4th edition of the Buxa Bird Festival 2020 has begun in **Buxa National Park** in the Alipurduar district of **West Bengal (WB)**. The festival, organized by West Bengal Forest Department, will see the participation of around 50 people, including prominent ornithologists, birdwatchers and bird enthusiasts from Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh and Delhi.

Kolkata Police started 3rd edition of 'Sukanya' project:

Kolkata police of West Bengal started the **3rd** edition of the '**Sukanya**' project in the state. The project provides self-defence training to girls studying in school and colleges of Kolkata city. In the 3rd batch of the project, 100 city based schools and colleges lying in the Kolkata police jurisdiction were given training. Sukanya project is an initiative by the Kolkata Police's Community Policing Wing and is funded by Women and Child Development (WCD) and Social Welfare Department (SWD) of the West Bengal government.

BEE: New Energy Performance Standards for ACs set; default AC temp at 24°C from Jan 1, 2020:

The central govt. in consultation with the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) has notified new energy performance standards for room Air Conditioner (AC) as on 30th October 2019. Under the ambit of BEE star-labelling program vide the notification, the default temperature setting for all ACs has been made mandatory at 24°C with effect from January 1, 2020. The Indian Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (ISEER) will also be ranging from 3.30 – 5.00 for split ACs and 2.70 – 3.50 for window air conditioners. This will become effective from January 1, 2021 onwards.

NCRB 2018: 50 lac crimes registered & is 1.3% more than 2017; UP tops in economic offence:

National Crime Record Bureau's (NCRB) report on Crime in India for the year 2018 was released. The report finds that over 50 lakh crimes have been registered in 2018 which is 1.3% more than that of 2017. The report findings in detail are as follows:

- a) The report stated that Uttar Pradesh (UP) accounted for the maximum number of economic offences in 2018 with 22,822 cases recorded. It was followed by Rajasthan (21,309 cases), Maharashtra (14,854 cases), Telangana (10,390 cases) and Bihar (9,209 cases) in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th rank respectively.
- b) **Crimes in 2018:** Totally 50,74,634 cognizable crimes were committed in 2018. It included 31,32,954 Indian Penal Code (IPC) crimes and 19,41,680 Special and Local Laws (SLL) crimes.
- c) **IPC crimes:** crimes under IPC have increased by 2.3% and stood at 61.7% in 2018.
- d) **SLL crimes:** Crimes under SLL have declined by 0.1% compared to 2017 and stood at 38.3% in 2018.

Mizoram set to organize 1st edition of Zo Kutpui festival 2020 in 10 states & US, Myanmar, Bangladesh:

In a bid to unify different tribes of Mizo community, the state Government of Mizoram will organize the 1st edition of **Zo Kutpui festival 2020** across 10 states in India & also in countries such as **Maryland** in the US (United States), **Tahan** in Myanmar and **Bangladesh** from January 9, 2020. The 1st such festival, organized by the Mizoram tourism department, would be held at Vanghmun, a hub of Mizos in neighbouring Tripura, from January 9 – 11, 2020. Then festival will carry forward to other states which have significant Mizo population.

1023 Fast Track Courts under safety of women mission to be set up in 24 states:

24 states and union territories (UTs) have joined together to set up a total of 1,023 'fast-track special courts' (FTSCs) to dispose of over 1.60 lakh cases of rape of children below the age of 12 years and women pending in various courts across the country. This has been done to bring out fast and time bound completion of trial of these cases for which Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2018 was enacted. The FTSC will be set up as part of National Mission for Safety of Women (NMSW).

Project cost: Total financial implication of the project is over Rs 767.25 crores.

Operational courts: 216 POCSO courts have already been operationalized in 12 States under the scheme.

Courts for POCSO cases: Out of the 1023 FTSCs, 289 courts were proposed in 2019 to be set up exclusively for POCSO Act related cases in Districts having more than 100 such cases.

Cases to be heard in a year: Each FTSC is expected to dispose of 41-42 cases in each quarter and at least 165 cases in a year.

India to set its New World-Class Facility centre in Karnataka's Challakere to train astronauts:

The new World-Class facility centre for training astronauts will come up in India in the next three years at Challakere in Chitradurga district of Karnataka. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has proposed Rs 2700 crores, to set its young House Space Flight Centre (HSFC) in Bengaluru, Karnataka, which will be the single-top for all space related activities for space travellers. Four pilots of India will train at the "Yuri Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Centre" in Russia for Gaganyaan mission 2022.

1st tri-dimensional expedition 'Maha-Navy Connect 2020' launched by Indian Navy in Maharashtra:

The first tri-dimensional expedition 'Maha-Navy Connect 2020' was launched by Indian Navy in **Mumbai**. It aims to promote the heritage of Indian Navy and to spread awareness about Coastal Security amongst the coastal communities in Maharashtra. It was launched by Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Western Naval Command Vice Admiral Ajit Kumar P. The expedition continues till January 11, 2020. The tri-dimensional expedition consists of yachting, running and cycling teams of 50 naval personnel.

4 Indian airports received international recognition for reducing emissions as per ACI:

The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has announced that 4 Indian airports have received international recognition for reducing the carbon emission level as per the standards set by Airports Council International (ACI) for the grading. The 4 airports are as follows:

- 1) Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport (West Bengal)
- 2) Biju Patnaik International Airport (Odisha)
- 3) Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport (Uttar Pradesh)
- 4) Trivandrum International Airport (Kerala)

The reduction in emissions was achieved by constituting Carbon Management Plan (CMP) and reducing carbon emissions at airports as per the Airport Carbon Accreditation (ACA) Program. ACI's grading system is based on 4 categories. They are mapping, reduction, optimization and neutrality.

12th naval exercise 'Naseem-Al-Bahr' between India and Oman held in Goa:

2 ships of the Royal Navy of Oman (RNO) arrived at **Mormugao Port in Goa** to participate in the 12th edition of the **Indo-Oman** bilateral naval exercise 'Naseem-Al-Bahr'. The meaning of the biennial exercise Naseem-Al-Bahr that has been conducted since 1993 between India and Oman is sea breeze. Among the Indian Navy ships (INS) Beas and Subhadra are participating while 2 naval ships of the RNO i.e, RNOV (Royal Navy of Oman Vessel) Al Rasikh and RNOV Khassab are participating.

1st Solar section in South Central Railways comes up in Nandyal-Yerraguntla section in Guntakal division of Andhra:

The **Nandyal-Yerraguntla** section in Guntakal Division of Andhra Pradesh has been declared as the first solar section in South Central Railway. In 2016 August Indian Railways opened Nandyal-Yerraguntla section in **Kadapa district of Andhra Pradesh**.

- a) All the 8 stations in the Nandyal-Yerraguntla section has been provided with solar panels which are capable of meeting all the power needs in these railway stations.
- b) Anticipated savings in terms of revenue is around Rs 5 lakh per annum and it also helps in reducing carbon footprint to the tune of 49 metric tonnes per annum.
- c) By 2021-22, Indian Railways has planned to source about 1000 MegaWatt (MW) Solar Power and about 200 MW of wind power across Zonal Railways & Production Units.

HLC chaired by Amit shah sanctioned Rs 5908 crore to 7 states from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) :

A High Level Committee (HLC) led by the Union Minister for Home Affairs Shri Amit Shah, has released **Rs. 5908.56 crores** to 7 states including Assam, Himachal Pradesh (HP), Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh (MP), Maharashtra, Tripura and Uttar Pradesh (UP) to help in the losses suffered by various disasters in 2019. The amount was released to seven states under additional central assistance from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) in the high-level meeting held in New Delhi.

Chenab Bridge: World's highest rail bridge by Indian Railways to connect Kashmir to rest of India by 2021

Government of India set a new deadline for the completion of the world's highest railway bridge- **Chenab bridge**. Kashmir will be connected to the rest of India by Indian railways by December 2021. Konkan railway is the implementing agency of this project.

The Chenab bridge will be 35m taller than the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France.

Forest Committee approves Green Credit Scheme to 'trade' in forests:

On January 09, 2020 the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) which is an apex body that considers questions on the diversion of forest land for non-forest uses such as mining, industrial projects, townships etc and also issues granting of forest clearances has approved Green Credit Scheme that would allow forests to be traded as a commodity.

UPSRTC launched 'Damini' helpline service for women in Uttar Pradesh:

UPSRTC (Uttar Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation) has launched '**Damini**' helpline service considering the safety of the women passengers in **Uttar Pradesh (UP)**. As the extension of 'Nirbhaya Yojana' the unique number "81142-77777" has been subscribed for this helpline, which was launched by transport minister Ashok Kataria in Lucknow, UP. Using these helpline women passengers can lodge their complaints by calling the helpline number and by using WhatsApp service from 9 a.m to 6 p.m everyday. After 6 p.m complaints can be lodged using general helpline number 1800-180-2877.

5th edition of 'The pulses conclave 2020' will be held in Lonavala, Maharashtra:

India Pulses and Grains Association (IPGA), the apex organisation of the import and export trader of pulses and grains in India will host the 5th edition of its biennial conference, 'The Pulses Conclave 2020' from February 12 – 14, 2020 at the Aamby Valley City in **Lonavala, Maharashtra.**

Aim: The Conclave aimed at increasing domestic production and consumption & other areas of the trade like improving processing efficiencies, increasing consumption, exports, value addition, post-harvest crop management, etc.

2020 declared as AI year in Telangana, 8 MoU inked:

Telangana Information Technology (IT) minister Kalvakuntla Taraka Rama Rao has declared 2020 as year of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and has signed 8 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with various companies and Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur (IIT-KGP) to make way for technological advancements in the Telangana. The MoU with IIT-KGP is for setting up centre of excellence in AI and research and Development Park.

OPPO, IIT-Hyderabad to take up joint R&D projects

OPPO, the global smartphone brand, and IIT-Hyderabad have joined hands to take up joint R & D projects in advanced and emerging technologies. The areas identified are battery, camera & image processing, networks (5G), system performance & AI among others.

Union Power Minister RK Singh released 2nd State Energy Efficiency Index 2019 in New Delhi:

The Minister of State (MoS- Independent Charge) for Power and New & Renewable Energy who is also MoS for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Shri Raj Kumar Singh has released the State Energy Efficiency Index 2019 in **New Delhi.** The index tracks the progress of Energy Efficiency (EE) initiatives undertaken in 36 states and Union Territories (UTs) based on 97 indicators.

Progressive states: The progressive states and UTs of the 2019 index which was grouped into 4 for rational comparisons were Haryana, Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Puducherry and Chandigarh.

Odisha govt launches India's 1st e-Gazette portal for all gazette notifications:

The State Government of **Odisha** has launched an online platform called "**e-Gazette portal**" (<http://egazetteodisha.nic.in>), a first-of-its-kind initiative in India designed and developed by the NIC (National Informatics Centre) for all departments. The portal was launched by Odisha Chief Secretary Asit Kumar Tripathy as a part of state's 5T initiatives (Transparency, Teamwork, Technology, Time and Transformation). Since e-publication is covered under Section- 8 of the Information Technology Act, 2000, it will save the transportation of trucks of papers & reduce wastage.

Uttar Pradesh government announced to build a 121-acre zoo named after Ashfaqullah Khan:

The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has approved a proposal to set aside Rs.234 crore for a zoological garden spread across 121 acres in **Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh** to be named after the freedom

fighter and revolutionary Shaheed Ashfaqullah Khan.

'K-RERA' launched in Kerala to bring transparency in real estate sector:

The Chief Minister of **Kerala** Pinarayi Vijayan launched **K-RERA (Kerala Real Estate Regulatory Authority)** to bring confidence and transparency in real estate sectors among the customers. As per the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act 2016, State governments needs to establish RERA for the effective regulations in real estate sectors. The buildings with more than eight apartments and real estate projects with 500 sq meters land or more will not be registered under **RERA.**

AP CM launches Rs 6,318 cr 'Jagananna Amma Vodi' scheme for indigent mothers:

Andhra Pradesh (AP) Chief Minister (CM) Yeduguri Sandinti Jaganmohan Reddy launched his government's flagship programme 'Jagananna Amma Vodi' scheme in **Chittoor, AP.** The scheme is to support lakhs of poor and needy mothers to educate their children.

- a) The Amma Vodi scheme is a first of its kind in the country to bring about historical changes in the education system of the state of Andhra Pradesh.
- b) An annual financial assistance to the tune of **Rs.15,000** credited into the accounts of indigent mothers to educate their children.

'Cyber Safe Women' campaign launched in Maharashtra by state cyber police:

Maharashtra cyber police launched 'Cyber Safe Women' campaign to mark the birth anniversary of a social reformer, Savitribai Phule in Maharashtra. It is a joint initiative of the Maharashtra state government, Maharashtra Cyber and Maharashtra police.

CM Jagan mohan reddy inaugurates YSR Aarogyasri scheme at Eluru, Andhra Pradesh:

In a bid to provide free medical treatment to the poor, The Chief Minister (CM) of Andhra Pradesh (AP), Yeduguri Sandinti Jaganmohan Reddy has inaugurated "**YSR Aarogyasri scheme**" at Eluru in West Godavari district of AP. The revamped healthcare scheme is aimed at providing free medical treatment to people having an annual income of up to Rs 5 lakh & those eligible people will also be given Aarogyasri cards. Free treatment will be provided to the person whose treatment cost is more than Rs 1,000. The flagship scheme will cover 2,059 medical ailments.

IEA launched 1st in-depth review of India 2020 energy policy review in New Delhi:

The International Energy Agency (IEA) in partnership with NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog has released the first in-depth review of India's energy policies 2020. The IEA conducts review on energy policies of its member countries. This is the 1st time the review is done for India after it became an IEA-association country in March 2017.

Renewable energy growth: India has strong growth in renewables in India accounting for almost 23% of the country's total installed capacity.

Doubling of energy demand: India's energy demand is expected to be doubled by 2040 and also the electricity demand may triple.

Share of variable renewables: The share of variable renewables in India is already above 15%.

Reduction in energy demand: The improvements made in energy efficiency helped India to avoid 15% of additional energy demand, oil and gas imports, and air pollution as well as 300 million tonnes of CO2 (carbon dioxide) emissions between 2000 and 2018.

MP cabinet approves Mukhyamantri karmchari swasthya bima yojana, rollout from April 1,2020:

Madhya Pradesh (MP) state Cabinet led by its Chief Minister (CM), Kamal Nath has approved the Mukhya Mantri Karmchari Swasthya Bima Yojana (Chief Minister Employees Health Insurance Scheme) implementation from April 1, 2020, for the welfare of all 12.55 lakh employees of the state. Under this, Rs 5 lakh for general illness and 10 lakh for critical illness & Cashless treatment facility up to Rs 10,000 per annum in OPD (Outpatient Department) will be provided / free medicines will be distributed. All the current and retired employees of the state will get the benefit of the scheme. Apart from this, a loan waiver scheme called "**Jai Kisan Fasal Rin Maafi Yojana**" was also launched.

DPIIT launches paperless licensing process for petroleum road tankers

Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (**DPIIT**), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, has launched paperless licensing process through **Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organization (PESO)** for **road tankers for transportation of petroleum** under the Petroleum Rules,2002.

This is a significant move towards paperless and green India that provides ease of doing business for petroleum road tankers. Moving towards digitalisation the process will include filing the applications through online processing of the application at every stage will be intimated via e-mail (electronic mail) and SMS (Short Message Service) whether discrepancy or approval or grant of license.

Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal launches a 10-point shorter election manifesto "Kejriwal Ka Guarantee Card":

Delhi Chief Minister (CM) and AAP (Aam Aadmi Party) national convenor **Arvind Kejriwal** has launched the "**Kejriwal Ka Guarantee Card**", a 10-point shorter election manifesto of the party.

CM Jai ram launches Himachal MyGov portal & CM app for HP:

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) Jai Ram Thakur has launched the Himachal MyGov portal - (<https://himachal.mygov.in/en>) to strengthen public participation in the government system. He also launched CM App during the occasion in Shimla, HP. **Himachal is the 11th state** in India to **provide this app.**

- a) Himachal MyGov portal: The portal will help the people of Himachal to take their views, suggestions, feedback and complaints to the government.
- b) CM app: With this app, citizens of Himachal will be able to get direct and quick information about various policies and programs of the government.

Delhi gets First 20-foot-tall Smog Tower to Help Tackle Rising Levels of Air Pollution at Lajpat Nagar:

Delhi gets its first 20-ft tall smog tower, which is used to purify the air, has been installed at south **Delhi's Lajpat Nagar market**. It can remove up to 80% of the particulate matter (PM 2.5 and PM10).

India welcomes highest number of New born babies on first day of 2020, Surpasses China: UNICEF:

As per UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund), India has recorded the highest number of births of 67,385 children on the first day of 2020 in the world. A Total of 3,92,078 babies were born around the world.

'Wings India 2020' to be held at Begumpet Airport of Telangana in March 2020:

Wings India 2020, an international exhibition and conference on civil aviation sector, will be held at **Begumpet Airport in Hyderabad**, Telangana from March 12-15, 2020. The theme of the event is "Flying for all". The biennial event will be inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi in presence of Minister for Civil Aviation and Minister of State for Civil Aviation.

New Zealand batsman Leo Carter becomes seventh cricketer to hit six sixes in an over: Leo Carter, the first New Zealand batsman, became the **seventh player** in world cricket to hit 6 sixes across all formats in both domestic and international level and only the fourth batsman to achieve the feat in T20(Twenty20) Cricket.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah dedicates National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal to the Nation:

National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal was dedicated to the Nation by Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi. He also inaugurated **Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C)** during the event.

- a) National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal **www.cybercrime.gov.in** portal was launched on August 30,2019 which helps the citizens of the Nation to report cyber crimes through online.
- b) The scheme to setup **I4C** was approved in October 2018 at an estimated cost of Rs. 415.86 crore to deal with all types of Cyber crimes.
- c) 15 States and UTs have given their consent to set up Regional Cyber Crime Coordination Centre's at respective States/UTs.

2019 recorded 7th Warmest Year in India Since 1901: IMD

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), India has recorded 7th warmest year(2019) since 1901, however it was lower than the highest warming, that was observed in 2016.

Global investor meet ASCEND 2020 held in Kochi, Kerala:

A two day organised **Global Investors Meet ASCEND 2020** was held in **Kochi, Kerala** at Lulu Bolgatty International Convention Centre, Grand Hyatt, from January 9-10. The meet was inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Kerala Shri Pinarayi Vijayan and was organised by states Department of Industries. Totally Rs 1 lakh crore worth investment proposals were received.

Industrial production grows 1.8% in November 2019: NSO's IIP data

According to the Index of industrial production (IIP) data released by the National Statistical

Office (NSO) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), Growth in manufacturing sector has resulted in 128.4 in November 2019, which is 1.8 % higher as compared to the level 126.1 in the month of November 2018.The result turning positive after 3 consecutive months (August to October 2019) of decline.

Manufacturing sector: As per the data, the manufacturing sector (13 of the 23 industry groups in the manufacturing category) grew by 2.7 % in November 2019, compared to a decline of 0.7 % in the same month in 2018.

Electricity generation: While there was a 5.1 % increase in power generation in November 2018, it declined by 5 % in November 2019.

Mining sector: Mining sector production was down 1.7 % as compared to a decline of 2.7 % in the reporting period.

Kolkata Port Trust renamed after Syama Prasad Mukherjee, Modi attended it:

M Narendra Modi on Sunday celebrated the 150th anniversary of the historic Kolkata Port Trust and renamed the port after Bharatiya Jana Sangh founder **Shyama Prasad Mukherjee**. PM Modi announced at an event at the Netaji Indoor Stadium on Sunday, "This port will now be known by the name of Shyama Prasad Mukherjee."

2 Coast Guard ships Annie Besant and Amrit Kaur commissioned at Kolkata, West Bengal:

Two Indian Coast Guard Ships (ICGS) - Annie Besant and Amrit Kaur were commissioned by Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar at **Kolkata**. Director General of Indian Coast Guard K. Natarajan, Additional Director General and Coast Guard Commander (Eastern Seaboard) V.S. Pathania, and other officials from Central and State agencies, were present during the impressive ceremony.

India's 1st Cyber Crime Prevention Unit AASHVAST and two other projects were launched in Gandhinagar, Gujarat:

The Union Home Minister Amit Shah has launched the first Cyber Crime Prevention Unit of India "**AASHVAST**" in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. Along with **AASHVAST**, he also launched 2 other projects: **VISWAS & Netrang**. The **AASHVAST** project will act as a helpline for the cyber crime victims.

The e-governance initiative Video Integration and State Wide Advanced Security (VISHWAS) was also launched with an objective to improve Law and Order Management, Proactive traffic management and control, Crime detection with the help of video analytics and post incident investigation and video forensics. Command and Control Room will be established in 33 districts of the state in the project '**Netrang**'.

Lohri, a harvest Festival of North India is celebrated in Jan 13:

Lohri is popular festival in north India, particularly in the Indian state of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, Jammu and Chandigarh. It falls on 13th of January every year. This is the time the Sun starts moving towards the northern hemisphere marking the auspicious period of Uttarayan. Lohri is observed a night before Makar Sankranti, a festival that marks the end of the winter solstice and beginning of longer days.

'Mission Purvodaya' will drive India's march towards \$5 trillion economy, by Dharmendra Pradhan:

Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Steel Dharmendra Pradhan launched mission **PURVODAYA**, which aims at accelerated development of eastern India through integrated steel hub in **Kolkata, West Bengal**. The mission will drive India's march towards USD 5 trillion economy set by the government.

Smriti Irani launches Yashaswini Scheme for Women entrepreneurship in Goa:

Smriti Irani launches **Yashaswini** Scheme for Women entrepreneurship in Goa. Union Minister for Women and Child Development and Textiles, Smriti Irani today launched Yashaswini Scheme for Women entrepreneurship in Goa. The event was held at Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium at Taleigao near Panaji.

Pulses Conclave 2020 Will be held in Maharashtra:

India Pulses and Grains Association (IPGA), the nodal body for India's pulses trade & industry announced that the **5th edition** The Pulses Conclave, their biennial global pulses conference will be held from 12th to 14th February, 2020 at Amby Valley City in **Lonavala, Maharashtra**.

National Youth Festival 2020 to be held in Lucknow:

The 23rd National Youth Festival (NYF) 2020 has been scheduled to be held from 12-16 January at Indira Pratishthan, **Lucknow**. The festival will be jointly inaugurated by Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath and Minister of State (I/C) for Youth Affairs & Sports, Shri Kiren Rijiju.

Transport Minister Gadkari inaugurates 31st RoadSafety Campaign in Nagpur:

In Maharashtra Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated 31st Road Safety Campaign organised by Regional Transport Office,Traffic Police and District Road Safety Committee in **Nagpur**.

Statue of Unity finds place in '8 Wonders of SCO':

The 182-meter tall **Statue of Unity** in Gujarat has been included in the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation's '**8 Wonders of SCO**' list, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar announced The 'Statue of Unity', the world's tallest statue, is a monumental tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, independent India's first home minister as well as deputy prime minister. The statue was inaugurated in October 2018 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the occasion of Patel's 143rd birth anniversary.

Venkaiah Naidu to inaugurate classical Telugu centre in Andhra's Nellore:

Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu is scheduled to inaugurate a new Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Telugu in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh. "The establishment of this Centre at Nellore would facilitate to focus its activities for the development of this rich classical Telugu through Research, seminars, debates and various activities," said an official statement. Union Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' is also set to attend the event. Andhra Pradesh governor Biswabhusan Harichandan, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, Telangana Chief Minister K

Chandrashekar Rao and other dignitaries have also been invited.

Captain Tania Shergil, the 1st woman Republic Day parade adjutant:

Captain **Tania Shergill**, an officer with Army's Corps of Signals, will be the first woman parade adjutant for the Republic Day parade. A parade adjutant is responsible for the parade. In 2019 during Republic Day parade, Captain Bhavna Kasturi was the first woman officer to lead an all-men contingent.

'Parshuram Mela' begins at Parshuram Kund in Arunachal Pradesh on the eve on Makar Sankranti:

The famous **Parshuram Kund Mela** began in **Arunachal Pradesh** on the eve of Makar Sankranti. Devotees from across the country and Nepal visit the sacred place to take a holy dip in the Kund on the occasion of Makar Sankranti every year. The Arunachal government has made many facilities for the pilgrims like tourist lodges, guest houses, transit hospital, and a Mela office to help the devotees. A police outpost and other facilities have been made by the district administration.

Exhibition 'India Heritage in Digital Space' inaugurated:

Union Culture and Tourism Minister **Prahlad Singh Patel** launched an exhibition titled **"Indian Heritage in Digital Space"** at National Museum, **New Delhi**. This exhibition is first of its kind in the country. The exhibition will stay online until February 15, 2020. The exhibition also consists of a special installation called **"VIRAASAT"**. Viraasat in Hindi means heritage. It provides mixed reality experience to visitors through 3D printing.

Om Birla inaugurates 7th Conference of CPA India Region in Lucknow:

The 7th conference of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, India region will be held in State capital **Lucknow** from 15th to 19th January, 2020. The conference will be inaugurated by Lok Sabha speaker Om Birla, chairperson of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association along with State Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

Fuel conservation mega campaign of PCRA Saksham 2020 launched:

'Saksham', an annual one-month long fuel conservation mega campaign of Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) under the aegis of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, was launched today by Dr. M.M Kutty, Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas in a function held in Delhi.

5th Raisina Dialogue Begins in New Delhi:

The 5th edition of the prestigious **Raisina Dialogue** kicked-off in **New Delhi** on 14 January 2020. The three-day conference will continue till 16 January 2020. The Dialogue has been jointly organized by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and the Observer Research Foundation.

Amit Shah chairs 6th meeting of the Island Development Agency:

The 6th meeting of the **Island Development Agency (IDA)** was chaired by the Union Home Minister Amit Shah in **New Delhi**. NITI Aayog has been given the onus of steering the process of "Holistic Development of Islands".

During the meet, initiatives of sustainable development in the identified Islands were taken under Island Development Agency. The initiative aims to create jobs for the island population by promoting tourism as well as boosting the seafood and coconut-based products export from the Island. The above initiative will be implemented in 5 islands of Lakshadweep as well as 4 islands of Andaman & Nicobar.

India's first e-waste clinic opens in Bhopal:

The country's first **e-waste clinic** is being opened in **Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh**. It will enable segregation, processing and disposal of waste from both household and commercial units. The e-waste clinic is jointly setting up by the **Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and Bhopal Municipal Corporation (BMC)**. In the absence of a safe disposal mechanism, electronic waste at present is being disposed along with other waste.

"The e-waste clinic is being started on the basis of a three-month pilot project. If this project is successful, e-waste clinics will be established at other places in the country. BMC officials informed that electronic waste will be collected door-to-door or could be deposited directly at the e-waste clinic.

India, Bangladesh sign MoU for content exchange programe between All India Radio and Bangladesh Betar:

India today signed an MOU with Bangladesh for content exchange programme between **All India Radio** and **Bangladesh Betar**. An MoU between National Film Development Corporation, India and Film Development Corporation, Bangladesh, was also signed.

The MoUs were signed in the presence of Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar and Bangladesh Information Minister Muhammad H Mahmud in New Delhi.

Mega campaign on fuel conservation 'Saksham' inaugurated in New Delhi:

Petroleum and Natural Gas MM Kutty has called for putting earnest efforts for petroleum conservation to bring down the huge import burden for energy requirements. Mr Kutty inaugurated fuel conservation mega campaign - **Saksham** of Petroleum Conservation Research Association, PCRA in New Delhi.

Rajnath Singh dedicates 51st K9 Vajra-T guns to nation:

Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** dedicated to the nation the **51st K9 Vajra self-propelled Howitzer gun** made by L&T at **Hazira in Gujarat**. The gun weighs 50 tonnes and can fire 47-kilogram bombs at targets up to a distance of 43 kilometres. It can also turn around at zero radius.

Fifth Science Film festival kick-starts in Goa:

The fifth edition of Science_Film Festival of India, SCI-FFI 2020, was kick-started on Wednesday in Goa's capital city **Panaji**. The four-day-long festival was inaugurated by Chief Minister, Dr. Paramod Sawant.

A special workshop titled **'Million SoUL'** will also be conducted by IIT Bombay on training about making solar lamps. The workshop is aimed at empowering people from backward communities.

Ladakh hosts first ever Food Processing Summit to attract investors:

Union Territory **Ladakh** is hosting the first ever Food Processing Summit to attract investors to the region. With the help of Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Ministry of **Food Processing Industries**, the UT Administration of Ladakh is organizing the Summit.

Postal Ballot facility made available for Super Senior Citizens and Person with Disabilities:

Postal Ballot facility has been made available for the Super Senior Citizens (over 80 years of age) and PwDs in the **Delhi** Assembly Election. Earlier it was only available to armed forces and those assigned in poll duties.

Om Birla inaugurates 7th Conference of CPA India Region in Lucknow:

Lok Sabha Speaker **Om Birla** said that the belief in the democracy has increased and so is the responsibility of the representatives. He was speaking after inaugurating the 7th Conference of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association India Region in the legislative assembly building in **Lucknow**.

The theme of the conference is **"ROLE OF LEGISLATORS"**.

DV Sadananda Gowda launches APNA UREA - SonaUgle" brand of HURL:

DV Sadanand Gowda Chemicals and Fertilizers Minister D.V. Sadananda Gowda today launched the APNA UREA - SonaUgle brand of **Hindustan Urvarak and Rasayan Limited (HURL)** at a function in New Delhi. HURL is Joint Venture Company promoted by the three Maha Ratna Companies - Coal India Limited, NTPC Limited and Indian Oil Corporation Limited.

Vice President addresses gathering at Dr B R Ambedkar Auditorium at Port Blair:

Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu has said that Andaman Nicobar Islands is place of pilgrims and every Indian should visit Cellular Jail once in their life. He was addressing a gathering at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Auditorium at **Port Blair**.

State of Art Tejas express train between Mumbai-Ahmedabad flagged off:

The state of art- new Tejas Express train between **Ahmedabad and Mumbai Central** has been flagged off by Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani at Ahmedabad Railway Station.

The fully air-conditioned Tejas has several modern features such as sliding doors, personalized reading lights, mobile charging points, attendant call buttons, bio-toilets, automatic entry and exit doors, CCTV cameras, reclining facility, comfortable seats, etc.,

15 new investment proposals worth Rs 6608 cr approved in Tamil Nadu:

In Tamil Nadu, **fifteen new investment proposals worth Rs 6608 crore** have been approved, which will generate 6763 direct employment. They have been cleared by the higher-level committee on industrial guidance and single window system, led by the state chief-minister Edappadi K Palaniswamy.

Ravi Shankar Prasad to inaugurate second edition of NIC Tech Conclave-2020:

Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ravi Shankar Prasad will inaugurate the second edition of NIC Tech Conclave-2020 in

New Delhi. The two-day event is being organized by the National Informatics Centre. This Conclave will contribute immensely to the capacity building of Government officers across the country and help in delivering high-quality citizen-centric services. This year's theme is "Technologies for Next-Gen Governance".

Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani launches 7th Economic Census process in Gujarat:

Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has launched the **7th Economic Census** process in the state. Economic Census process is being carried out by **Union Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation** with the help of **Common Service Centres**. Nearly 40 thousand enumerators will use mobile application for the first time to gather information under the guidance of 6,500 supervisors.

President Kovind lays foundation stone of Lakshadweep's 1st super specialty hospital at Kavaratti:

The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, who was on a first ever 2-day State Visit to the Union Territory of Lakshadweep, has laid the foundation stone for **Lakshadweep's 1st Super Specialty Hospital** at Kavaratti.

'cVIGIL' and 'Voter Helpline app' won e-Governance Award of Excellence 2019 in Bhubaneswar Odisha:

Award of Excellence for the year 2019 was given by Computer Society of India (CSI) and Special Interest Group on e-Governance (CSI SIG e-Gov) at **Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology** in **Bhubaneswar, Odisha**.

The two innovative Information and Communication Technology (ICT) applications developed by Election Commission of India (ECI), 'cVIGIL' and 'Voter Helpline App' has won the e-Governance award.

15th Raising Day celebrated by National Disaster Response Force:

The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) was founded on 19th January 2006. NDRF celebrated its 15th Raising Day on 19th January 2020. The organization plays an important role in Disaster Management and Community awareness for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in the country.

Atal Innovation Mission & UNDP hosts 3day Youth Co: Lab National Innovation Challenge:

Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) **NITI Aayog** and **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** Sunday hosted a three day long Youth Co:Lab -national innovation challenge here in **Delhi** after a series of successful challenges held in past two phases across the country. With efforts of AIM and UNDP to support young people by catalysing youth-led innovation, empowering them through Youth Co:Lab, four winning teams made it the list to represent India at the Youth Co:Lab Regional Innovation Challenge in **Malaysia** slated to be held in April this year.

President of India Presents 14th Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Awards:

The President of India, **Shri Ram Nath Kovind**, presented the 14th **Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Awards** at a ceremony held in **New Delhi**. **Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Awards** honour those journalists from print, broadcast and digital media who have maintained the highest standards of

their profession and, despite immense challenges, produced work that sustains public trust in the media and impacts the lives of people. The awards are meant to felicitate those who hold their pen for truth.

PM Modi chair 32nd interaction through PRAGATI platform:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair the 32nd interaction through PRAGATI- the ICT-based, multi-modal platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation in **New Delhi**.

Prime Minister had launched the multi-purpose and multi-modal governance platform PRAGATI on **25th March 2015**. PRAGATI is an integrating and interactive platform aimed at addressing the common man's grievances.

PRAGATI also helps in simultaneously monitoring and reviewing important programmes and projects of the Centre as well as projects flagged by various State governments.

Rs 70,000 crore loan amount disbursed till Jan 13 under MSMEs scheme:

Finance Ministry has said that a loan amount of nearly **Rs 70,000** has been disbursed till 13th of this month under the scheme of providing loan to Micro Small & Medium Enterprises through a dedicated online portal- **www.psbloansin59minutes.com**.

India opens its first Mahatma Gandhi convention centre in Niger:

External Affairs Minister **S. Jaishankar** and Nigerien President **Mahamadou Issoufou** jointly inaugurated the first convention centre established in Africa by India to honour the memory of Mahatma Gandhi.

The External Affairs Ministry said in a statement that the establishment of the **Mahatma Gandhi International Convention Centre (MGICC)** is a landmark for India-Niger friendship, as also a symbol of India's firm commitment towards Africa.

Govt to de-criminalise Income Tax Act, anti-money laundering law:

Govt to decriminalise Income Tax Act & the Prevention of Money Laundering Act as part of steps towards taking the country to a **\$5 trillion** economy, Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** announced at the Nani Palkhivala centenary celebrations in **Chennai**

Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 came into force in **2005**.

Indian Navy Signs MoU for offshore Data with Geological Survey of India:

Indian Navy has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Geological Survey of India (GSI) for 'Sharing of seabed sediments data, products and expertise for Naval Application in **Meteorology** and **Oceanography**'.

The MoU was signed between Commodore AA Abhyankar, who heads Indian Navy's Oceanology and Meteorology Directorate and Shri N Maran, Deputy Director General of GSI.

Shri Mansukh Mandaviya participates in the Round- table of UNAIDS:

The Union Minister of State for Shipping (I/C) and Chemical & Fertilizers **Shri Mansukh Mandaviya** participated in the High-level roundtable of UNAIDS (The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS).

The theme "Access for all: Leveraging Innovations, Investments and Partnerships for Health" at World Economic Forum at Davos, Switzerland.

Cabinet approves over Rs 4300 cr to establish permanent campuses for new NITs:

Union Cabinet approved to **Revised Cost Estimates** for establishment of permanent campuses of new National Institutes of Technology, NITs, at a total cost of **4371.90 crores rupees** for the period till **2021-2022**.

NITs were established in the year 2009 and started functioning from academic year 2010-2011 in their temporary campus with very limited space and infrastructure. These NITs will be fully functional from their permanent campuses by 31st March, 2022.

It also approved the extension of tenure of the Commission constituted under **Article 340** of the Constitution, to examine the issue of sub-categorization within **Other Backward Classes** in the Central List. Briefing media in New Delhi on Wednesday, Union Minister **Prakash Javadekar** said, the tenure has been extended by six months till 31st July, 2020.

Election Commission to host 1st Sukumar Sen Memorial Lecture:

Election Commission will host the first **Sukumar Sen Memorial Lecture**. Former President **Pranab Mukherjee** will deliver the first of the Lectures. The EC has decided to institute an Annual Lecture Series as a tribute to the first Chief Election Commissioner of India, **Sukumar Sen**.

He commendably conducted the first two General Elections to the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies, thereby putting India firmly on the map of democracy.

Nation pays homage to Subhas Chandra Bose on his 123rd birth anniversary:

The nation pays homage to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on his 123rd birth anniversary on 23rd January. It was on this day in 1897, Netaji was born in **Cuttack, Odisha**. A number of functions have been organised across the country to mark the occasion.

President **Ram Nath Kovind**, Vice President **M Venkaiah Naidu** and Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** have paid tributes to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Govt is fully prepared to take on challenge of Coronavirus outbreak in China: Health Ministry:

As regards the spread of Novel Coronavirus in our country, the Union **Health Ministry** officials have said that no case of Novel Coronavirus has been detected in India so far. In all, **12,828 passengers from 60 flights** have been screened till yesterday for Novel Coronavirus symptoms in the country and no passenger has been detected with the virus.

Thermal screening is being done at the International airports of Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Cochin. Airlines have been asked to follow International Civil Aviation Organization guidelines for managing and notifying anybody reporting illness on flights originating from China and disembarking in India.

ECI to host 10th Annual Meeting of Forum of Election Management Bodies of South Asia:

Election Commission of India will host the 10th Annual Meeting of the Forum of the Election Management Bodies of South Asia (**FEMBoSA**) in **New Delhi**. Election Commission of India will take over the Chair of the forum for the year 2020. On the occasion, International Conference on the theme '**Strengthening Institutional Capacity**' is also being organized.

The International Conference is being organized with the purpose of sharing the experience of different Election Management Bodies, International Institutions and Experts. The international delegates will also attend the National Voters' Day Celebrations in **New Delhi** on 25th of January.

Arunachal Pradesh adopts new logo for the state:

Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly (ARLA) adopted a **new logo** which will reflect the distinct identity and culture of the state. The new logo consists of the National Emblem to signify the federal system of the **Indian Constitution** and the **flower foxtail orchid** (*Rhynchosyilis retusa*) which represents the state, its people and culture, while the blue colour denotes the autonomy of the assembly secretariat.

Uttarakhand becomes first state to implement agricultural land leasing policy:

Uttarakhand has become the first state in the country where the government has made a **policy to lease agricultural land**. In lieu of giving land on a 30-year lease, the concerned farmer will get the rent for the land.

In the hilly areas of the state, the obstacles of leasing land for farming, agriculture, horticulture, herbs, off-season vegetables, milk production, tea plantation, fruit hybridization and solar energy has been removed with this step.

NITI Aayog, UT of Ladakh signed MoU for development of Infrastructure Projects:

The National Institution for Transforming India (**NITI Aayog**) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) with newly developed Union Territory(UT) of **Ladakh** in order to promote the **development of infrastructures** in the recently developed UT. Under the MoU, Niti Aayog will provide support to Ladakh through 'Development Support Services to States for Infrastructure Projects (D3S-i or DSSS for Infrastructure Projects)'. The MoU was signed by senior adviser of Niti Aayog Yogesh Suri and Ladakh's Lieutenant Governor Umang Narula in presence of Niti Aayog Chief Executive Officer(CEO) Shri Amitabh Kant and joint secretary MC Jauhari.

Uttar Pradesh Government launches Mukhyamantri Krishak Durghatna Kalyan Yojana

Mukhyamantri Krishak Durghatna Kalyan Yojana has been launched by the government of **Uttar Pradesh** to provide **financial assistance** to the **family of farmers** who die or become handicapped while working in fields.

Meghalaya celebrates 48th anniversary of its statehood day on 21 January:

Meghalaya celebrates the **48th anniversary** of its statehood day on **21 January** and the celebrations will continue till the Republic Day celebration.

Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijiju flag off 'Fit India Cyclothon':

Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijiju flag off 'Fit India Cyclothon' in **Panaji, Goa**. This inaugural event of '**Fit India Cyclothon**' organised by Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs and Government of Goa.

Madhya Pradesh govt made the reading of Preamble of Constitution mandatory in schools:

In **Madhya Pradesh**, state government has made the **reading of Preamble of the Constitution mandatory in schools** on every Saturday. The Department of School Education stated that orders in this regard have been issued to District Education Officers.

The order issued by the **School Education department** said that the Preamble to the Constitution will be read out by the headmaster or teacher in all the schools after prayer on every Saturday. The same will be read out by the students later.

Jharkhand's Jharia most polluted city in India:

Coal-belching **Jharia** in **Jharkhand** continues to be the most **polluted city in India** while Delhi has made marginal improvement in reducing air pollution, according to a Greenpeace India report.

Delhi is the 10th most polluted city in India. It was eighth a year ago.

Jharkhand's Dhanbad, known for its rich coal reserves and industries, is the second-most polluted city in India, according to the report based on an analysis of PM10 data from 287 cities across India. Lunglei in Mizoram is the least polluted followed by Meghalaya's Dowki, according to the report.

Six of the top 10 polluted cities are in Uttar Pradesh: Noida, Ghaziabad, Bareilly, Allahabad, Moradabad and Firozabad.

TN's Fishery and Music universities named after the late CM J Jayalalithaa:

Tamil Nadu (TN) Assembly passed the Bills to rename '**Tamil Nadu Fisheries University**' and '**Tamil Nadu Music and Fine Arts University**', after the late Chief Minister and AIADMK leader Jayaram Jayalalithaa as '**Tamil Nadu Dr.J.Jayalalithaa Fisheries University** (TNJFU)' and '**Tamil Nadu Dr. J.Jayalalithaa Music and Fine Arts University (TNMFAU)**' respectively.

Government of Maharashtra makes the reading of Preamble mandatory in Maharashtra schools:

Maharashtra Government has made the **reading of the Preamble** of the Constitution **mandatory** for the Maharashtra schools. The reading will be done after prayer in all primary and secondary schools in Maharashtra.

Chief Minister of Maharashtra: Uddhav Thackeray; Governor: Bhagat Singh Koshyari.

Tribal Affairs Ministry proposes 6th Schedule Area status to Ladakh:

Union Tribal Affairs Ministry has proposed **6th Schedule Area status** to Union Territory of **Ladakh**. Tribal Affairs Minister **Arjun Munda** said that his ministry has sent the proposal to the Union Home Ministry to declare the 6th Schedule status to Ladakh.

Tribal Affairs Minister also assured that his ministry will take all necessary measures to preserve and enrich the rich legacy of Ladakh. Environmentalist Sonam Wangchuk had last

month appealed Prime Minister Narendra Modi to preserve the culture and identity of Ladakh.

Income Tax searches detect undisclosed foreign assets worth Rs 1,000 crores:

Income Tax Department has conducted searches on a group which has been on their radar for having substantial undisclosed foreign assets. The searches led to the detection of undisclosed **foreign assets** of more than **Rs. 1000 crore**.

The operation conducted on 19th of this month covered 13 premises in the National Capital Region of the group. The search operation has so far resulted in seizure of unaccounted assets valued at around Rs. 25 crores.

The Department said that evidence seized during the search reveals that a large amount of black money was stashed abroad by the group, through the mechanism of Trusts, formed in early 1990s in tax havens.

ISRO to send robot 'Vyommitra' to space on unmanned Gaganyaan:

Before orbiting astronauts on India's first manned mission to space in December 2021, the Indian Space Research Organisation (**ISRO**) will send '**Vyommitra**', a '**lady robot**' in the unmanned **Gaganyaan** spacecraft.

ISRO Chairman K Sivan told reporters the half humanoid will simulate human functions in space and also interact with the environment control life support system.

'Women with Wheels' Cab Service Operated by Women for Women Begins At IGI Airport:

'Women with Wheels', a cab service operated by women for women has started at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport on Thursday. A Vadera, CEO, Sakha Consulting Wings Pvt Ltd, says, "We give driving training and self-defence training to women. We have cab services, provide women chauffeurs on demand and for short duration".

Russia to be focal theme of 44th Kolkata book fair:

The **44th International Kolkata Book Fair** will begin from January 29 next year and **Russia will be the focal country**. Around **22 countries** from Asia, Europe and Latin America would take part in the 12-day mega event, known over the decades for its huge footfall. It will be inaugurated by West Bengal Chief Minister **Mamata Banerjee**.

Government announces 141 Padma Awards for this year on occasion of 71st Republic Day:

The government has announced 141 Padma Awards for this year on the occasion of 71st Republic Day. The list comprises of 7 Padma Vibhushan, 16 Padma Bhushan and 118 Padma Shri awards. 34 awardees are women and 18 foreigners. 12 persons are awarded posthumously.

Former Union Ministers George Fernandes, **Sushma Swaraj** and **Arun Jaitley** will be awarded Padma Vibhushan.

Former Chief Minister of Goa **Manohar Parrikar** and Legal luminary and educator **NR Madhava Menon** to be conferred Padma Bhushan posthumously. Eminent Writer Manoj Das, Shuttler PV Sindhu, industrialist Anand Mahindra will get Padma Bhushan.

Footballer **Oinam Bembem Devi**, Film Director **Karan Johar**, Actress **Kangna Ranaut** will get Padma Shri.

Several unsung heroes like Jagdish Lal Ahuja, Javed Ahmad Tak, Tulasi Gowda, Mohammed Sharif, Satyanayana Mundayoor, S Ramakrishna and Yogi Aeron have been selected for Padma Shri.

Bharat Parv 2020' begins at Red Fort to celebrate spirit of India:

Bharat Parv 2020, a festival to celebrate the spirit of India has begun at Red Fort ground in New Delhi. It will continue till 31st of this month. The objective of Bharat Parv is to encourage people to visit different tourism places of the country and to inculcate the spirit of **'Dekho Apna Desh'**. More than 50 food stalls, 79 handicrafts stalls and 27 theme pavilions have been setup. The theme of this year's Bharat Parv is **'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'** and 'Celebrating 150 Years of Mahatma Gandhi.

2-day 'Innovation Festival' begins at Science Centre in Itanagar:

Arunachal Pradesh, the two-day **'Innovation Festival'** kicked off at the Science Centre in on Saturday. The festival is being organized by the Arunachal Pradesh State Council for Science & Technology in collaboration with the National Innovation Foundation.

More than 50 innovations are put on display by students from various educational institutions, grassroots innovators, artisans and entrepreneurs from Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and other states.

National Integration Camp highlighting 'Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat' scheme begins in Madurai, Tamil Nadu:

Five-day National Integration Camp, highlighting the Central Government's **'Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat'** scheme has begun in **Madurai**, the Cultural Capital of Tamil Nadu. Rural artists from more than 16 States and Union Territories are attending the camp, during which they will be showcasing their unique talents as well as getting acquainted with art forms from other parts of the country.

Orientation trips to nearby places of cultural importance and afforestation programmes are also being arranged as part of the camp. Cultural links between and its **'Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat'** partner **Jammu Kashmir - Ladakh** are also being highlighted in the camp activities.

Ganga Yatra under Namami Gange mission to begin from Bijnor, Ballia in Uttar Pradesh:

Five-day Ganga Yatra under Namami Gange mission will kick off today from Bijnor and Ballia in Uttar Pradesh. UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Uttarakhand CM Trivendra Singh Rawat and Union Minister Sanjeev Baliyan will launch the yatra from Bijnor, a place where Ganga enters Uttar Pradesh.

Governor Anandiben Patel, Union Minister Mahendra Nath Pandey and Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar Sushil Modi will launch it from Ballia in eastern UP, where the holy river leave the state to enter Bihar.

First-ever carnival of peace and harmony held in Shillong:

Shillong witnessed the 1st-ever carnival of peace & harmony as part of the weeklong Meghalaya Day Celebrations. Carnival procession passed through the busy streets of Shillong city

showcasing different ethnic communities of the State & neighbouring areas.

World's largest meditation centre coming up in Hyderabad:

The world's largest meditation centre and the global headquarters of the Heartfulness Institute will be inaugurated on January 28. To mark the 75th anniversary of the organisation, Kanha Shanti Vanam- spread over 30 acres-will be dedicated to Lalaji.

It can accommodate 100,000 practitioners at one go.

Prime Minister to inaugurate 3rd Global Potato Conclave-2020 at Gandhinagar in Gujarat

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 3rd Global Potato Conclave-2020 at **Gandhinagar** in Gujarat through video conferencing.

Netherland is the partner country of this conclave. This conclave is being organized by the **Indian Potato Association (IPA)** in collaboration with **(Indian Council of Agricultural Research ICAR)**, Central Potato Research Institute, Shimla and International Potato Center, **Lima, Peru.**

Home Minister Amit Shah chairs 22nd meeting of Central Zonal Council in Chhattisgarh

22nd meeting of the Central Zonal Council is progressing at Raipur, the state capital of Chhattisgarh. Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** is presiding over the meeting.

Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath, CM of Madhya Pradesh Kamal Nath, CM of Uttarakhand Trivendra Singh Rawat and CM of host state Chhattisgarh Bhupesh Baghel are attending the 22nd meeting of **Central Zonal Council.**

Centre & Assam govt to provide 1,500 crore rupees assistance for economic development of community under agreement

Centre signed an accord with the Assam-based different insurgent groups and civil societies including the National Democratic Front of Bodoland. The tripartite agreement was signed in the presence of Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** and Assam Chief Minister **Sarbananda Sonowal.**

Minister of Foreign, European Affairs of Luxembourg arrives in New Delhi on 3-day visit to India

Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of Luxembourg **Jean Asselborn** arrived in New Delhi on a three-day visit to India. During his stay, Mr Asselborn will meet External Affairs Minister **Dr S Jaishankar.**

Maharashtra govt launches its much-awaited 'Shiv Bhojan' scheme

Maharashtra government launched its 'Shiv Bhojan' scheme, which is aimed at providing meal to the poor for **10 Rs**, on the 71st Republic Day. Lunch plates would be available to people at designated centres during a stipulated time in all the districts.

"**Shiv Bhojan Thali**" canteen was launched in Mumbai.

Arunachal's 'eForest Fire app' bags e-Governance 'Jury Award'

A digital app to detect forest fire, developed under district level initiative in e-Governance has bagged the **'Jury Award'** under Category-III, to be given during the 23rd National Conference on e-Governance, to be held on 7 and 8 February in Mumbai.

Uttar Pradesh government signs MoU for efficient e-procurement on GeM

Uttar Pradesh government has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the government eMarketplace (GeM), under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry to set up a **GeM Organizational Transformation Team (GOTT) Project Management Unit (PMU).**

India's first Super Fab Lab inaugurated in Kerala

Country's 1st Super Fab Lab, that will give a major push to the hardware industry in the country & the only such facility outside U.S, was launched at the Integrated Start-up Complex of the Kerala Start-up Mission. CM **Pinarayi Vijayan** inaugurated the lab.

It will collaborate with **Massachusetts Institute of Technology.**

Odisha launches virtual police station

Odisha Government has launched a virtual police station where people can lodge complaints from their respective districts regarding theft of their vehicles without visiting Police Station. The e-police station will function from State Crime Records Bureau in Bhubaneswar.

Mumbai International Film Festival got off to a colourful start

The oldest international event for non-feature films in South Asia, the Mumbai International Film Festival for Documentary, Short Fiction and Animation Films, got off to a colourful start in Mumbai.

Dr. V Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award was conferred **on Dr. S. Krishnaswamy.**

Dr Jitendra Singh launches Bhuvan Panchayat V 3.0 Web portal

The Union Minister of State (I/C) Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh launched the Bhuvan Panchayat V 3.0 web portal in **Bengaluru.**

India's first underwater Metro: To begin in March 2022 in Kolkata

Kolkata Metro Rail Corp. expects to complete East-West project, which runs partly under the Hooghly river, by March 2022 after several years delay. A soft loan of 41.6 billion Rs from Japan International Cooperation Agency helps fund 48.5% of the project.

Indian Railways to run 100% on electricity by 2024

Railways minister Piyush Goyal stated that the Railways is expected to switch completely to electricity by **2024** as diesel locomotives are steadily being shunted out of service. It will be the 1st railway network in the world to be run on 100% electricity.

Andhra Pradesh Cabinet nods to abolish Legislative Council

YS Jagan Mohan Reddy-led govt passed a resolution in the Legislative Assembly to abolish the Legislative Council. It comes after the upper house stalled critical resolutions on shifting the capital city from Amaravati through their **'3 capital cities'** plans.

NCML released first estimates for 2019-20 rabi crop production

NCML (**National Collateral Management Services Limited**) has released its first estimates for 2019-20 rabi crop production. The monsoon season of 2019 witnessed **10%** above normal rainfall.

Wheat production during 2019-20 is estimated at **1090** lakh tonnes. Paddy has increased by **5%** compared to previous year.

Royal Australian Navy Ship HMAS Toowoomba at Mumbai

Royal Australian Navy (RAN) Ship HMAS Toowoomba is currently on a visit to Mumbai. Cmde Ray Leggatt, Commander Combined Task Force (CTF) - 150 and Commander Mitchell Livingstone, Commanding Officer.

Indian Navy Launches 'Operation Vanilla' to Provide Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief at Madagascar

Indian Navy Ship Airavat, whilst mission deployed in the Southern Indian Ocean has been diverted to Antsiranana based on request received from Madagascar.

S Jaishankar lays foundation stone of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Centre at Kevadia in Gujarat

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar laid the foundation stone of the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Centre for Empowerment and Livelihoods near the Statue of Unity at Kevadia in Gujarat.

Bengaluru is the 'Most Traffic Congested city' in the world

As per the results of the **TomTom Traffic Index**, a report detailing the traffic situation in 416 cities in 57 countries, Bengaluru takes the top spot this year with drivers in the southern Indian city expecting to spend an average of 71 per cent extra travel time stuck in traffic.

Mumbai at fourth position followed by **Pune** at fifth place and **New Delhi** at eighth position.

Mangalore Smart City and Indian Green Building Council ink pact

The Indian Green Building Council & Mangalore Smart City Ltd have signed a MoU for sustainable development in Mangalore. The MoU envisages a joint assessment study to evaluate the green criteria of Mangalore as per the IGBC Green Cities rating system.

Mangaluru Smart City Ltd is the 1st smart city in India to sign an MoU with IGBC.

Cabinet approves upper limit for abortion at 24 weeks

Cabinet gave nod to extend the upper gestation limit for abortion from the existing 20 to 24 weeks, amending the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971. Globally, pregnancies are aborted even at 32 wks in case there are substantial foetal abnormalities.

Flipkart signs MoU with GSHHDC to promote artisans and craftsmen

Flipkart Private Limited, an Indian e-commerce company, has entered into an MoU (memorandum of understanding) with the **Gujarat State Handloom and Handicrafts Development Corporation Ltd** (GSHHDC) for the promotion of local handicrafts by bringing on board thousands of artisans, weavers and craftsmen.

TERI's World Sustainable Development Summit 2020 held in New Delhi

TERI's World Sustainable Development Summit 2020 on '**Energy Future Road Map**' held in New Delhi. Started in 2001, the Summit has become a focal point for leaders and stakeholders across the world to bridge thought and action for sustainable development.

Union HRD Minister chairs the meeting of the Indian National Commission For Cooperation (INCCU) with UNESCO in New Delhi

Union Human Resource Development Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' chaired the meeting of the Indian National Commission for

Cooperation with UNESCO (INCCU) in **New Delhi**.

The Director General of UNESCO **Ms Audrey Azoulay**.

Indian Railways implementing Automatic Identification and Data Collection (AIDC) of Rolling Stock (RFID Project)

Creating a new segment in the AIDC (Automatic Identification and Data Collection) industry in India uniquely suited for the Indian Railways requirements.

Shri Nitin Gadkari Launches Special Edition of Khadi Watches

On the occasion of Martyrs' Day, paying tribute on the 72nd death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Union Minister for MSME, Shri Nitin Gadkari, launched the limited edition of Khadi wrist watches in **New Delhi**.

Chairman of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) : **Vinai Kumar Saxena**.

Delhi airport gets a new women-only cab service

'**Women with Wheels**' cab service was started at Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), New Delhi. The service was initiated by 'Sakha cabs' for the safety of women.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

World Future Energy Summit:

World Future Energy Summit Held at **Abu Dhabi (UAE)**, with theme Rethinking Global Consumption, Production and Investment. 5 main pillars of summit are **energy, water, solar, waste and smart cities**. It is being conducted at Abu Dhabi since 2011.

International Conclave:

International Conclave on "**Globalizing Indian Thought**" held at **IIM Kozhikode (Kerala)**.

World Economic Forum released its Global Risks Report 2020:

World Economic Forum released its Global Risks Report 2020, identifying global risks. Report has listed 5 top risks in terms of Likelihood and in terms of Impact. Risks in terms of likelihood includes extreme weather, climate action failure, natural disasters, biodiversity losses and human-made environmental disasters. For the first time, all 5 risks of likelihood are **climate-related**. Global Risks in terms of impacts include climate action failure, weapons of mass destruction, biodiversity losses, extreme weather and water crisis.

International Film Festival:

Filmmaker Martin Scorsese has been honored by 31st Palm Springs International Film Festival as recipient of Sonny Bono Visionary Award for film '**The Irishman**', in **California (US)**.

Indian-American Raja Jon Vurputoor Chari completed Astronaut Training:

Indian-American **Raja Jon Vurputoor Chari** is among 11 new NASA graduates to have completed over two years' of basic astronaut training and are set to be a part of **NASA's** future missions.

Annual Status of Education Report 2019:

Non-Profit Organization Pratham released its annual report Annual Status of Education Report 2019, based on survey covering 36,000 children in age group of 4 to 8 years. Around **56.8% of girls and 50.4% of boys** are enrolled in government schools. Also, 4 out of every 10

children entering Class I are less than 5 years old, which should be 6 years. Report suggests that network of Anganwadi Centres should be strengthened.

Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical radio Telescope (FAST) :

China operationalised telescope with a diameter of 500 Meters, called **Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical radio Telescope (FAST)**. It is a single-dish telescope, located in southwest China's Guiyang city. It has receiving area of around 30 football fields. It is expected to pave way for major discoveries in due course.

1. Dubbed as "**China Sky Eye**", FAST is world's largest telescope and capable of receiving maximum of 38 gigabytes of information per second.

2. It is world's largest filled-aperture radio telescope, and second-largest single-dish aperture after sparsely-filled **RATAN-600 (Russia)**.

Tech Firm Visa acquired software startup Plaid:

US Based Payments Tech Firm **Visa** acquired software startup **Plaid** in a **\$5.3 billion** deal, aimed at boosting Visa's access to financial technology space.

GEFCO to digitally transform its worldwide operations:

IT Firm Infosys signed 5 years deal with **France based Logistics Firm GEFCO** to digitally transform its worldwide operations. It will help GEFCO to transform GEFCO's next-generation business application management services.

China as a currency Manipulator:

US rolled back designation of **China as a currency manipulator**. Instead, it placed China along with nine other trading partners like **Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea and Vietnam** on a monitoring list.

Dispute settlement body of WTO has set up a panel:

Dispute settlement body of World Trade Organisation's (WTO) has set up a panel to examine complaints of United States (US) against India for hiking customs duties of 28 American goods in July 2019. US alleged India's move of increasing custom duties for being inconsistent with 2 global trade norms of **GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) 1994 agreement**.

Oxfam Report: India's richest 1% people's Wealth is 4 times of 70% of population:

Rights group **Oxfam International** released a report titled '**Time to Care: Unpaid and underpaid care work and the global inequality crisis**'. As per the report, **India's richest 1%** of the population has **more than 4 times of wealth** held by 953 million people making up for the bottom 70% of the country's population. 2,153 of total billionaires globally in 2019 had more wealth than the 4.6 billion people who make up **60%** of the planet's population. The reports in detail are as follows:

Report on India:

Indian billionaires' wealth: Total combined wealth of **63 Indian billionaires** is higher than the country's total Union Budget for the fiscal year 2018-19 which stood at Rs 24,42,200 crore.

Unpaid care work of Indian females: Women and girls put in 3.26 billion hours of unpaid care

work every day which marks a contribution to the Indian economy of at least Rs 19 lakh crore a year.

Highlights of NSA Ajit Doval's visit to Sri Lanka; \$50mn assistance pledged to SL:

The National Security Advisor (NSA) of India Shri **Ajit Doval** paid a day-long visit to Colombo in the Island nation of Sri Lanka (SL). On his visit, Shri Doval met the President of SL Shri **Nandasena Gotabaya Rajapaksa** and held talks on various bilateral issues. The highlights of the visit in detail are as follows:

\$50 million assistance: India pledged to provide **\$50 million** security assistance to Sri Lanka for purchasing equipment for its security forces.

SL and India vowed to strengthen military ties and also to widen their maritime links with neighbours. After the talks, NSA Ajit Doval discussed on **setting up** of a **maritime research coordination centre** in SL.

Lok sabha speaker Om Birla attends 25th conference of speakers and presiding officers 2020 in Ottawa, Canada:

A parliamentary delegation headed by **Lok Sabha speaker Om Birla** has attended the 25th edition of the **Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth (CSPOC) 2020** held in **Ottawa, Canada** from January 6 -January 10,2020. The conference aimed at topics of parliamentary engagement: openness, transparency and accountability, and on Parliamentarians as effective legislators and representatives.

In **2022, Australia** will be the host of commonwealth speakers meeting & **Uganda to host 2024** Commonwealth speakers conference with additional CSPOC Standing Committee meetings to be held in **Guernsey in 2021** and **Trinidad & Tobago in 2023**.

10th World Future Energy Summit 2020 held in Abu Dhabi, UAE; CLIX sustainability summit held:

Recently the **10th** edition of **World Future Energy Summit (WFES) 2020** hosted by Masdar renewable energy company, was held at Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre in **Abu Dhabi**, United Arab Emirates(UAE) from January 13-16, 2020. The theme for the year 2020 was **"Rethinking Global Consumption, Production, and Investment"**.

3rd Climate Innovations Exchange:

Alongside the World Future Energy Summit, **3rd** edition of the **Climate Innovations Exchange, 'CLIX'** in short and the Future Sustainability Summit had also held in Abu Dhabi. The event showcased innovative ideas related to energy, food, agriculture and sustainability in space

WHO released Global health challenges for 2020; 13 health challenges for the decade identified:

The World Health Organisation (WHO) released the **Global challenges for 2020**. **13** health challenges in this decade were also identified. The details are as follows:

Global health challenges for 2020:

i. Top global challenges: Antimicrobial resistance (AMR), climate crisis, eventuality of an influenza epidemic and spread of infectious diseases such as malaria, HIV (Human immunodeficiency virus) and tuberculosis (TB)

were listed as the top global health challenges for 2020.

It is also the second straight year that these challenges have topped the WHO list.

ii. 13 challenges: The 13 global challenges are addressing climate crisis; delivering health amid conflict; fighting health care inequality; expanding access to medicines; stopping infectious diseases; preparing for epidemics; guarding against dangerous products; investing in health workers; Protecting the world's youth; gaining public trust; harnessing new technologies; Protecting lifesaving medicines and finally keeping health care clean.

World Economic Forum released 15th Global Risk Report 2020:

The World Economic Forum(WEF) released the **15th** edition of the **"Global Risk Report 2020: An Unsettled World"**. This report is a part of WEF's Global Risks initiative and presents about the major risk the world is expected to face in the future. It is also to be noted that the year 2020 marks the 50th anniversary of the World Economic Forum, with the 2020 theme being **"Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World."**The report in detail are as follows:

Climate accounts for Top5 crisis: As per the report for the 1st time in the survey's 10-year outlook, severe threats to the climate account for the top 5 long term risks with extreme weather events, human-made environmental damage and disasters and major biodiversity loss and natural disasters from earthquakes to tsunamis. Over 78 % of the 750 global experts expect rise in "economic confrontations" and "domestic political polarization" in 2020. The survey rated "information infrastructure breakdown" will be the 6th most impactful risk in the years until 2030.

Tehran Dialogue Forum-23rd gulf conference; India supports Hormuz Peace initiative 2020:

India participated in the **Tehran Dialogue Forum**, the **23rd** Persian Gulf International Conference held in Tehran, Iran from January 06-07, 2020. During the forum, **India supported the Hormuz Peace initiative 2020**. The initiative was done so as to seek stability in one of the world's busiest and strategically located shipping lanes i.e, Strait of Hormuz amid escalating US-Iran tensions. Oman, India, China and Afghanistan were the key participants.

Plans under HOPE: The meeting reviewed the latest developments in the Persian Gulf region and also evaluated the regional cooperation plans under the **'Hormuz Peace Endeavor'** (HOPE), proposed by Tehran at the 74th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) that was held in September 2019.

Strait of Hormuz:The Strait of Hormuz is one of the world's most strategically important choke points. It acts as an important gateway for significant amount of global oil supplies.

Oil & LNG supply to India: 2/3rd of oil and 50% of liquefied natural gas (LNG) imported to India comes through the strait between Iran and Oman.

Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev steps down:

The Prime Minister of Russia, **Dmitry Medvedev** has **resigned** to lead the Russia's Security Council. Paving way to President Putin to do reforms the constitution.

Slovenian Prime Minister Marjan Sarec resigns

Slovenian Prime Minister Marjan Sarec announced for step down and called for fresh elections, following weeks of rising tensions within his minority five-party coalition government.

IIT Kharagpur develops AI-powered tech for reading legal cases:

Researchers at **IIT Kharagpur** have evolved an Artificial Intelligence (AI) -aided method to automate the reading of legal case judgments. Two deep neural models to understand the rhetorical roles of sentences in a legal case judgment have been developed.

France to train Indian flight surgeons for ISRO's Gaganyaan Mission:

France will train Indian flight surgeons to enable them to monitor the health of astronauts selected for the ambitious **human space mission** Gaganyaan. The two-week training is a critical aspect of the **Gaganyaan** project that is aimed at sending three Indians to space by **2022**.

Aurobindo Ashram Schoolbuilding constructed with India's assistance inaugurated in Nepal:

New building of **Aurobindo Ashram** School in Thankot, **Kathmandu** is constructed with the Government of India's grant assistance of **28.25 million Nepali rupees**. The three story building comprises eleven class rooms, three labs, four store rooms, two staff rooms. Besides rooms for accounts, administration, record, library and principal, it also has examination and multi-purpose hall.

ICJ orders Myanmar to take steps to prevent Rohingya Genocide:

The **International Court of Justice (ICJ)** at **Hague** ordered the Myanmar government to take measures to prevent the genocide of Rohingyas as part of its obligations under the Genocide Convention. In a unanimous decision by **17 Judges of the ICJ**, the court observed that there was prima facie evidence of breaches of the convention by Myanmar. The ICJ said that the estimated 600,000 Rohingya remaining in Myanmar were **"extremely vulnerable"** to violence at the hands of the military.

Aunties, uncles, tube lights among 26 new Indian words in Oxford dictionary:

Aunties, uncles & tube lights have made it to the latest edition of Oxford dictionary, with 26 new Indian English words being added to a total of 384 existing ones. 10th edition of the Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary come with an Indian English label. Oxford Dictionaries Hindi Word of the Year for 2018-**Nari Shakti**.

Qatar signs \$470 Million solar deal:

Gas-rich Qatar signed a \$470-million deal to build its first solar energy plant, capable of meeting up to one-tenth of peak national power demand. The Al-Kharsaah plant near Doha is a 10-square-kilometre joint venture with French and Japanese partners.

China now world's second biggest weapons producer: SIPRI

China Ranked World's Second Largest Arms Producer Trailing Behind US. Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) has hinted on China being world's second largest producer of munitions.

India & WB signed \$210 million loan pact for Maharashtra's Agri & Rural Transformation Project:

Govt of Maharashtra and the **World Bank (WB)** signed a loan agreement of \$210 million for Maharashtra's Agribusiness & rural transformation project. This project will help the farmers in Maharashtra to take part in competitive agriculture value chains, enhance agribusiness investments thereby increasing productivity of commodities.

Department of Biotechnology held International Summit on Women in STEM:

Department of Biotechnology held an International Summit on Women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) on the theme **Theme: Visualizing the Future: New Skylines.**

Ganga-Volga Dialogue held with Russia to enhance Connectivity:

The Ganga-Volga Dialogue was held between **India and Russia** in **New Delhi**. The dialogue focused in providing interface between the civilizations of the countries. Highlights The dialogue prioritized people-to-people contact.

Britain unveils 50 pence coin minted to mark Brexit

Britain unveiled a new 50 pence coin minted to mark the country's departure from the European Union, which bears the inscription **"Peace, prosperity & friendship with all nations"** and the Brexit date of 31 January 2020. Britain Finance Minister-Sajid Javid.

UK launches 4-mn pound Innovation Challenge Fund in India

UK government has launched about **Rs 37** Crore fund in India to support collaborative research into emerging technologies. Fund will encourage industry & academia to collaborate & develop tech solutions for social, economic & environmental challenges in India.

Focus is on AI in Karnataka & future mobility in Maharashtra.

Qatar names Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdelaziz Al Thani new PM

Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdelaziz Al Thani appointed as a new Prime Minister of Qatar. He replacing **Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani**.

Jerusalem will remain Israel's undivided capital

United States President Donald Trump said Jerusalem will remain Israel's undivided capital as he unveiled his Middle East peace plan aimed at solving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, describing it as historic and a giant step towards peace.

Oxford University Press named 'Samvidhaan' as Hindi word of 2019

Oxford University Press (OUP) named Samvidhaan (**Constitution**) the Oxford Hindi Word of 2019, saying it received widespread attention in the year which was witness to the spirit of the Indian Constitution being embraced across segments of the society.

The Oxford University Press, which chose **"Aadhaar"** as its first "Hindi word of the year 2018.

China to launch its first Mars probe mission in July 2020

While NASA is preparing to send its Mars 2020 rover to explore the red planet, China also announced its plan to launch first Mars mission probe in July 2020. A total of 24 high thrust hydrogen-oxygen rocket engine tests will be conducted for this in 2020.

It will be launched by the **Long March-5 Y4** carrier rocket.

Boris Johnson defies Trump, grants Huawei limited role in UK's 5G network

Prime Minister Boris Johnson granted Huawei a limited role in Britain's 5G mobile network, frustrating a global attempt by the United States to exclude the Chinese telecoms giant from the West's next-generation communications.

Passport Seva Kendras started passport renewal reminder service

2 SMS are being sent to the concerned passport holders - one before 9 months & another before 7 months of the date of expiry of passport. An ordinary passport for adults is valid for **10 years** from the date of issue and can be renewed for another 10 years. Validity of minor's is restricted to 5 years/till attain 18 yrs.

ISRO to launch 10 satellites to replace its ageing fleet

The first such satellite, GSAT-30, which will replace the 15-year-old INSAT 4-A satellite, was launched on January 17. The satellite carried 12 C band transponders for communication and 12 Ku band transponders designed for direct-to-home transmission. **K Sivan** chairperson of the Indian Space Research Organisation (**ISRO**).

NCCS scientists find new microbial species "Natrialba swarupiae"

The studies on the microorganism archaea from the **Sambhar lake** in Rajasthan helped scientists at the **National Centre for Cell Science**, Pune, to discover a novel archaeal species called **'Natrialba swarupiae'**. They named the species after **Dr. Renu Swarup**.

India-Bangladesh JT Exercise SAMPRITI-IX

Indo-Bangladesh defence cooperation, a joint military training exercise SAMPRITI-IX is being conducted at **UMROI, Meghalaya**, India from 03 Feb to 16 Feb 2020.

WHO declares coronavirus as Public Health Emergency of International Concern

The decision was taken in the second consecutive meeting of the Emergency Committee convened by the WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) : **Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**.

India, France to partner to develop museums, culture spaces and organise exhibitions and festivals

Ministry of Culture would explore partnership between the National Museum in Delhi and a French counterpart to be designated by the **French government**.

RANKINGS

WEF's 1st Global Social Mobility Index 2020: India ranks 76th & Denmark tops the list:

The World Economic Forum (**WEF**) released **1st edition** of a report titled **"The Global Social Mobility Report 2020: Equality, Opportunity and a New Economic Imperative"**. The global social mobility index (GSMI) of 82 countries were launched in this report. As per the Index, **India** ranked at the **76th** position with a score of 42.7 while **Denmark topped** the list.

Hyderabad, Bengaluru top 2 most dynamic cities globally in list of 130:

Hyderabad has emerged as world's **most dynamic city**, performing better on parameters like socio-economic & commercial real estate, as per JLL India report **Bengaluru has been ranked 2nd**, while Chennai is at 5th and

Delhi at 6th position in the list. 7 Indian cities feature in the top 20 in 2020 rankings.

India falls to 51st position in EIU's Democracy Index:

India's **overall score** fell from 7.23 in 2018 to **6.90** on the Index that provides a snapshot of the current state of democracy worldwide for **165 independent states and two territories**. On India, the report said, the country dropped ten places in the **Democracy Index's global ranking to 51st**. The primary cause of the democratic regression was an erosion of civil liberties in the country

India pips US to become 2nd largest smartphone market in 2019:

Riding on Chinese brands, the **India** smartphone market **surpassed** the **US** for the first time on an annual level, becoming the **second-largest** smartphone market **after China** globally-reaching 158 million shipments in the calendar year 2019 with **7 per cent growth**, a report from Counterpoint Research.

While **Xiaomi** continued to be the **top player** with 28 per cent market share in the calendar year 2019, **Samsung** was **second** with 21 per cent and Vivo at 16 per cent market share, said Counterpoint's 'Market Monitor' service.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

India to place restrictions on non-essential imports from China by March 2020:

India has decided to place stricter quality standards for importing of 371 items. The proposed rules will be framed by respective ministries in coordination with the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and spearheaded by Union trade minister Shri Piyush Goyal.

DPIIT: FDI inflows rose 15% to \$26 Bn in 1st half of FY2020; Singapore largest FDI source of India:

According to the data released by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India rose **15% to \$26 billion** in the first half of FY2020. **Singapore** continued to be the largest source of FDI in India during the first half of FY2020 with \$8 billion investments followed by Mauritius.

India's foreign exchange reserve touches a record level of \$457.46 bn: RBI:

According to the "Bulletin Weekly Statistical Supplement - Extract" released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), India's foreign exchange (Forex) reserves rose by \$ 2.520 billion to a record **\$ 457.468 billion** during the week ended 27 December 2019.

HAL inks pact with Wipro 3D to make aerospace components:

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), has signed a MoU with **Wipro 3D**, the metal additive manufacturing (AM) business of Wipro Infrastructure Engineering (WIN), to jointly design, develop and manufacture aerospace components using metal additive technology (Three Dimensional (3D) printing).

CONCOR incorporates CONCOR Last Mile Logistics:

Container Corporation of India (CONCOR) has incorporated with a wholly-owned subsidiary company with the name **CONCOR Last Mile**

Logistics Limited. The authorized share capital of the company is **Rs 100 crore**. The new company will be engaged in the development, operation, and management of goods sheds.

NSE arm launches AI-powered 'knowledge hub' to serve financial sector:

National Stock Exchange (NSE) launched '**NSE Knowledge Hub**' an Artificial Intelligence-powered learning platform for **BFSI** (Banking, Financial services and Insurance) sectors to enhance **skills for their employees**, during an event in New Delhi. The function was inaugurated by Piyush Goyal.

IEA's India 2020 energy policy review: India to surpass China in terms of oil demand growth by mid-2020s:

According to the report, '**India 2020 Energy Policy Review**' which covers the key energy sectors of oil, natural gas and electricity and identify the main energy security issues, released by the **International Energy Agency (IEA)** in collaboration with **NITI Aayog** stating that India will overtake China by mid-2020 in terms of crude oil demand growth. The report noted India's crude oil demand will rise from 4.4 million barrels per day in 2017 to **6 million barrels per day in 2024**.

Retail inflation rose to 7.35% in December 2019, highest in last 5 years: NSO

According to the Consumer Price Inflation (CPI) / Retail inflation figures, released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), Retail inflation rose to a 5-year high of **7.35%** in December 2019. Earlier, in July 2014, the retail inflation had reached 7.39 %. The reason behind this rise is high food prices. Food inflation rose to 14.12% from 10.01% in November 2019.

GoM chaired by Amit shah clears EOI & share purchase agreement for privatization of Air India:

A Group of Ministers (GoM) chaired by Union Home Minister (HM) Amit Shah has approved the **Expressions of Interest (EOI)** and Share Purchase Agreement for **privatization of Air India**, a debt-ridden state-run airline. In 2019, the Air India Specific Alternative Mechanism (AISAM) once again approved the sale of **100%** government stake in Air India along with Air India Express and the carrier's stake in joint venture AISATS (Air India -SATS (**Singapore** Airport Terminal Services Private Limited).

SBI revised India's GDP projection to 4.6% for FY 20 from previous 5%:

State Bank of India (SBI) Eco wrap report has downgraded India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth forecast for FY20 to **4.6%** from its previous estimate of 5%.

First Advance Estimates of National Income of 2019-20 by NSO released:

National Statistical Office (NSO) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has released the 1st Advance estimates of the national income at both constant (2011-12) and current prices for FY (Financial Year) 2019-20.

a) GDP growth: The growth in real GDP for 2019-20 is estimated at 5% compared to 6.8% for 2018-19.

b) GVA estimate growth: GVA has been estimated to grow in real at 9% in 2019-20 as against 6.6% in 2018-19.

c) Per Capita Income: In real terms (at 2011-12 prices) during 2019-20 is likely to attain a level of Rs.96,563 as compared to Rs. 92,565 for the year 2018-19.

d) The growth rate in Per Capita Income is estimated at 4.3% during 2019-20, as against 5.6% in the 2018-19.

World Bank slashes India's GDP forecast for FY 20 to 5% from 6%:

World Bank (WB), an international financial institution, in its report, "January 2020 Global Economic Prospects: Slow growth, policy challenges", has Slashed India's GDP(Gross domestic product) growth for financial year -FY 2020 to **5%** from 6% estimated earlier in October 2019.

India's GDP growth to 5.7% from 7.6% for FY 2019-20: UN WESP

On January 16, 2020, According to the 'World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2020' report released by the United Nations (UN), it has slashed India's GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth forecast for the year 2019-20 by 1.9% to 5.7%. Earlier in 2019, it had projected GDP growth rate of **7.6%** for FY 2019-20

UN predicts India's GDP growth forecast for 2019-20 to 5%:

On January 18, 2020, United Nations (UN), an intergovernmental organization responsible for maintaining international peace and security, has predicted the India's GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth forecast for the year 2019-20 to **5%**.

IMF trims India's 2019 GDP growth forecast to 4.8% from 6.1%:

On January 20, 2020, The International Monetary Fund (IMF), an international organization, in its World Economic Outlook 2020, has reduced India's economic growth forecast for 2019 to **4.8%** from 6.1% predicted earlier in October 2019. The growth projections have been lowered, citing pressure from non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) and weak income growth in rural India.

India ranked 8th among the top 10 nations receiving FDI in 2019, US tops: UNCTAD report:

On January 20, 2020, According to the "**Global Investment Trend Monitor report 2020**" released by United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), India ranked 8th among the top 10 countries attracting foreign direct investment (FDI) in 2019. During this period FDI in India grew by **16% to \$ 49 billion (bn)**. This led to a surge in FDI growth in South Asia (SA), which recorded a 10% increase in FDI to \$ 60 billion. The United States (US) remained the largest recipient of FDI in flow, attracting \$251 billion, followed by China with flows of \$140 bn & Singapore with \$110 bn.

Food delivery startup Zomato acquires Uber Eats in all-stocks deal for \$350 mn:

Zomato, an Indian restaurant aggregator and food delivery startup has acquired **Uber's** food delivery business in India, Uber Eats in an all-stocks deal valued at about **\$350 million** (Rs 2,485 crore).

Ind-Ra predicts India's GDP to grow at 5.5% for FY21:

a) It is to be noted that earlier in November 2019, Ind-Ra had estimated India's GDP to grow by 5.6 % for FY20. As per the agency, earlier it believes that there would be some improvement in the next financial year, but the Indian economy seems to be stuck in a period of low consumption and low investment demand.

b) Financial loss will exceed target: With the Union Budget coming up for 2020-21, the rating agency has estimated that the fiscal deficit could come down to 3.6% (3.3% in the budget) in FY21 due to the fall in tax and non-tax revenue.

Indian oil signs MOU with NPA Ghana for assistance in LPG programme:

On January 22, 2020 **Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) with the **National Petroleum Authority (NPA)** of Ghana Oil Regulator, for the implementation of Ghana's National LPG (Liquified Petroleum Gas) Promotion Policy. The MoU was **signed** in New Delhi in the presence of Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoP&NG) & Steel Shri Dharmendra Debendra Pradhan and Micheal Aaron, High Commissioner of Ghana. Mr.Alhassan Sulemna Tampuli, Chief Executive, NPA, Ghana and Mr. L.K.S Chauhan, Chief General Manager (LPG), Indian Oil signed MoU.

Airtel joins hands with Google cloud to bring G Suite to Indian SMBs:

Bharti Airtel Limited (also known as Airtel), an Indian global telecommunications services company, has entered into the partnership with cloud computing services provider **Google Cloud**, under which Airtel will offer services provided by Google's **G Suite to small and medium-sized businesses (SMBs)** in India, which are already clients of Airtel's information and communications technology (ICT) services.

Reliance Jio becomes 1st telecom operator to launch UPI payments feature:

On January 20, 2020 telecom operator **Reliance Jio** of the Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) has become the **1st Indian telecom operator** to launch **UPI** (Unified Payments Interface) **payments** space. Thus Reliance Jio will now compete with other private UPI payment providers such as Paytm, Google Pay and PhonePe.

India opens its first Mahatma Gandhi convention centre in Niger:

External Affairs Minister **S. Jaishankar** and President of Niger **Mahamadou Issoufou** jointly inaugurated the first convention centre established in Africa by India to honour the memory of Mahatma Gandhi. The External Affairs Ministry said in a statement that the establishment of the **Mahatma Gandhi International Convention Centre (MGICC)** is a landmark for India-Niger friendship, as also a symbol of India's firm commitment towards Africa.

It is the **first centre** to be established in Africa by India to **honour** the memory of **Mahatma Gandhi** whose **150th Birth Anniversary** was observed last year. The convention centre has been designed as a spacious, modern and eco-friendly facility, including a 2,000 capacity Plenary Hall, to witness high-level and wide-ranging participation from African Union member states and other high-level conventions.

India, Bangladesh sign agreement to upgrade Ashuganj-Akhaura road into 4-lane highway:

India and Bangladesh signed an agreement to upgrade the **50.58-km** long road between **Ashuganj river port** and the **Akhaura land port** in **Bangladesh** into a 4-lane highway. The deal to upgrade the 39 km long road between Ashuganj river port to Dharhar area was signed between the Roads and Highways Department (RHD) of Bangladesh and an Indian Company **Afcons Infrastructure Limited**. The RHD and an India-Bangladesh joint venture firm will take up the work of upgrading the remaining part of the road from **Dharhar to Akhaura**.

The project is part of the **dollar 2 billion** second line of credit extended by India to Bangladesh in 2016. The project will boost connectivity between Bangladesh and North-eastern part of India which will facilitate sub-regional connectivity among South and South-east Asian countries.

Vodafone m-pesa's certificate of authorisation cancelled by RBI:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said it has **cancelled** the Certificate of Authorisation (CoA) of **Vodafone m-pesa** on account of voluntary surrender of authorisation.

Following the cancellation of the CoA, the company cannot transact the business of issuance and operation of prepaid payment instruments, the central bank said.

RBI raises investment limit for FPIs in government and corporate bonds:

RBI raised the **investment limit for FPIs** in government and corporate bonds, a move that is likely to bring in more foreign funds in the country.

According to the current norms, short-term investments by a foreign portfolio investor (FPI) **should not exceed 20 percent** of the total investment of that FPI in either central government securities (including treasury bills) or state development loans.

Reliance Jio the First Telecom to Launch UPI Payments Feature:

India's largest telecom operator **Reliance Jio** is all set to join the **UPI bandwagon**. Reliance Jio has rolled out a UPI payments facility for selective users. This feature is available in the **MyJio app** and can be acquired through an update.

Remarkably, the **MyJio app** also allows "hassle-free payments" through **Paytm, PhonePe, JioMoney**, and the recently launched **JioAutoPay** (for recurring payments).

Budget 2020: Nomura Expects India's Fiscal Deficit for FY20 Likely to Slip To 3.7%:

Due to significantly lower nominal growth, a slowdown in tax revenue growth and lower than expected disinvestment proceeds, **Nomura** the government is likely to reveal a fall in fiscal deficit by around 0.4 percent to **3.7 percent** for the current fiscal year at the upcoming Union Budget 2020 presentation.

For the fiscal year 2019-20, the government had budgeted fiscal deficit at 3.3 percent of GDP (gross domestic product).

RBI raises investment limit for FPIs in debt

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government securities (including treasury bills) or state development loans.

Short-term investment limit has now increased from **20% to 30%**.

Western Union joins hands with Airtel payments bank & Airtel Africa for money transfer service

Western Union Company, a leader in cross-border, cross-currency money movement and payments, has partnered with India's largest integrated telecommunications services company, Bharti Airtel's 2 arms- **Airtel Payments Bank & Airtel Africa Plc**, to enable millions of latter's customers in India to receive international remittances in their bank accounts & and Mobile Wallets across **14 countries in Africa**.

Janak Raj to succeed Michael Patra at RBI's monetary policy department

The Reserve Bank of India has appointed Janak Raj, principal advisor to the monetary policy department, as executive director. He succeeds Michael Patra effective January 24. With this, the RBI will have 12 EDs, its full strength.

Yes Bank sells shares worth Rs 5.7 crore in Reliance Power

Yes Bank offloaded shares worth over Rs 5.7 crore in Reliance Power through an open market transaction.

ICICI Bank Launches 'iBox', A Self-Service Delivery Facility For Customers

ICICI Bank, announced the launch of a unique self-service delivery facility, called 'iBox', enabling its customers to collect their deliverables such as debit card, credit card, cheque book and returned cheques from a branch close to their home or office. President of ICICI Bank: **Sandeep Batra**.

RBI fines HDFC Bank 1 crore for non-compliance of KYC norms

RBI has imposed a penalty of **1 crore** on HDFC Bank for non-compliance with its KYC norms.it has imposed the penalty in exercise of powers under the provisions of section 47 A (1) (c) read with section 46 (4) (i) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.CEO Of HDFC: **Aditya Puri**

IDFC First Bank shares slump 5% on Q3 results

Pre-provisioning profit of IDFC First Bank however increased to ₹682 crore in Q3.IDFC First Bank has provided 50% for the legacy stressed telecom account.CEO OF IDFC Bank: **V Vaidyanathan**.

APPOINTMENTS:

| S.N | NAME | DESIGNATION |
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| 1 | Vinod Kumar Yadav | Chairman of Railway Board |
| 2 | Dr Kritika Shukla (IAS) M Deepika (IPS) | Andhra Pradesh Govt's 'Disha Special Officers' |
| 3 | Esmail Qaani | Commander of the Iran Revolutionary Guards' foreign operations arm |
| 4 | Abhinav Kumar | Inspector General of Border Security Force (BSF) |
| 5 | Suresh Chandra Sharma | Chairman of National Medical Commission |

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| 6 | Rakesh Kumar Vats | Secretary of National Medical Commission |
| 7 | Harjeet Kaur Joshi | Chairperson & Managing Director of Shipping Corporation of India |
| 8 | Rajiv Rai Bhatnagar | Advisor to the Lt Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir |
| 9 | A Sakthivel | Chairman of Apparel Export Promotion Council of India |
| 10 | M Nagaraj | Chairman and Managing Director of State-owned Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) |
| 11 | Michael Debaprata Patra | 4 th Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) |
| 12 | Anand Prakash Maheshwari | Director General (DG) of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) |
| 13 | Robert Abela | Prime Minister of Malta |
| 14 | Bipul Behari Saha | The bureau member of International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) |
| 15 | Lt Col Yuvraj Malik | Director of the National Book Trust (NBT) |
| 16 | Arjun Munda | President of Archery Association of India |
| 17 | Nripendra Misra | chairman of Nehru Memorial Museum and Library |
| 18 | Dr A Surya Prakash | Vice-chairman of Nehru Memorial Museum and Library |
| 19 | General Bipin Rawat | Head of 'Department of Military affairs (DMA)' in the Ministry of Defence |
| 20 | Mr.Umesh Sinha | Deputy Election Commissioner of India |
| 21 | S Sundar | Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Lakshmi Vilas Bank |

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| 22 | Hillary Clinton | Rodham | Chancellor of United Kingdom's Queen's University |
| 23 | Umaro Sissoco Embalo | Mokhtar | Won in West African state of Guinea-Bissau's Presidential election |
| 24 | Arun Kumar Sahu | | Ambassador of India to the mountainous Caribbean island of Dominica |
| 25 | Zoran Milanovic | | Won in Croatia's presidential election |
| 26 | Pedro Sanchez | | Spanish prime minister (PM) |
| 27 | Chandra Pal Singh Yadav | | Chairman of Krishak Bharati Cooperative Limited (KRIBHCO) |
| 28 | Sudhakar Chowdhary | | Vice Chairman of Krishak Bharati Cooperative Limited (KRIBHCO) |
| 29 | Tsai Ing-wen | | Won the Taiwan's presidential election |
| 30 | Haitham bin Tariq Al Said | | Ruler of the Oman |
| 31 | Lt General Girish Kumar | | Surveyor General of India in Survey of India |
| 32 | Mikhail Vladimirovich Mishustin | | Prime Minister of Russia |
| 33 | Dr Mihir Shah | | The chairman of the 11-member committee to draft the National Water Policy |
| 34 | Harish Salve | | Queen's counsel for the courts of England and Wales |
| 35 | Abhay Sapre | Manohar | Chairman of the committee on road safety |
| 36 | Lt General Satinder Kumar Saini | | Vice Chief of Army Staff |
| 37 | Punit Sood | | RBS India Head (Royal Bank of Scotland) |
| 38 | Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | | Managing Director (MD) of the State Bank of India |
| 39 | Sanjiv Chadha | | MD & CEO Bank of Baroda |
| 40 | Atanu kumar Das | | MD & CEO Bank of India |
| 41 | Lingam Prabhakar | Venkat | MD & CEO Canara Bank |
| 42 | Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | | Managing Director of SBI |

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| 43 | Katerina Sakellaropoulou | | President of Greece |
| 44 | Sunil Arora | | chairman of Forum of the Election Management Bodies of South Asia |
| 45 | Ramesh Joshi | | Non-Executive Chairman of Vakrangee |
| 46 | Sunil Mehta | | Chief Executive of Indian Banks' Association |
| 47 | Taranjit Singh Sandhu | | India's ambassador to US |
| 48 | Harsh Shringla | Vardhan | Foreign secretary |
| 49 | Arvind Krishna | | CEO of IBM |
| 50 | M Ajit Kumar | | Head of Union Budget |
| 51 | Gita Sabharwal | | UN Resident Coordinator in Thailand |
| 52 | Abidali Neemuchwala | | Steps down from Wipro |

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Telangana's mountaineer Malavath Poorna: 1st and youngest tribal women in the World to scale 6 mountain peaks in 6 continents: 18-years-old **Malavath Poorna** from Telangana scaled Mt Vinson Massif, the highest mountain peak in Antarctica at 4,892 meters and becomes the first and **youngest tribal women** in the World to scale six mountain peaks in six continents. Sekhar Babu Bachinepally is her coach. She scaled Mt. Everest in 2014, Mt. Kilimanjaro (Tanzania) in 2016, Mt. Elbrus (Russia) in 2017, Mt. Aconcagua (Argentina) in 2019, and Mt. Carstnez (Indonesia) in 2019. **'Poorna'**, a biography of **Poorna Malavath** was written by **Aparna Thota**.

Piyuus jaiswal wins Global Bihar excellence award 2019: **Piyuus Jaiswal** has been awarded the **Global Bihar Excellence Award 2019** by Rajya Sabha MP (Member of Parliament) and Padma Shri Awardee Dr CP Thakur & Bihar Women Commission president Dilmani Devi in Patna, Bihar for his invaluable and outstanding contribution towards social welfare, women empowerment and introducing new talent in the field of arts and culture.

14 scientists conferred with Swarna Jayanti fellowships for 2018-2019: The Union Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India (GoI), have awarded Swarna Jayanti Fellowships for 2018-19 to **14 Scientists** under 40 years of age, associated with innovative research projects and capable of impacting research and development (R&D) work in their respective fields.

Cristiano Ronaldo bags best men's player title at 11th Dubai Globe Soccer Awards 2019 in Dubai: Famous **Portuguese** professional football player **Cristiano Ronaldo** was awarded by **11th Dubai Globe Soccer Awards 2019** as the best men's player of the year in the international football function held in **Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE)**. Ronaldo has won the award six times out

of its nine years of its existence and also marked **4th consecutive time**. **England** international **Lucy Bronze** was awarded the **best women's player of the year**.

Britain's Prince William unveils prize for climate innovation: **Prince William Arthur Philip Louis** has announced a multi-million-pound prize for "visionaries" working to solve "Earth's greatest environmental problems," from climate change to air pollution. The **Earthshot Prize** will be awarded to five winners, every year, for the next 10 years. The initiative's goal is to provide **"at least 50 solutions to the world's greatest problems by 2030"**. The prize was initially designed and handled by the Royal Foundation of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, and it was headed by Prince William and Kate Middleton.

Dubai-based Indian singer, Sucheta Satish wins Global child prodigy award 2020: A Dubai-based Indian girl, **Sucheta Satish**, who sings in 120 languages, has won the **'100 Global Child Prodigy Award 2020'** in the category of singing. The award ceremony was held in **Ashok Hotel, Delhi**. She was awarded by Puducherry iutenant (Lt) Governor Kiran Bedi.

Singular 'they' voted word of the decade by US linguists: A jury of 350 US linguists of the **American Dialect Society** (ADS) chose **'they'** as their Word of the Decade to recognize its growing use to refer to a person whose gender identity is non-binary. The most popular pick for the Word of the Year 2019 was **"(my) pronouns"**. The recognition comes after US dictionary **Merriam-Webster** in December named **'they'** as word of the year.

1st Antarrashtriya Yoga Diwas Media Samman to 30 media houses in New Delhi: Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting (MoIB) Shri Prakash Javadekar conferred the 1st edition of the Antarrashtriya Yoga Diwas Samman (AYDMS) to 30 media organisations in **New Delhi**. The awards were given as an honour to media organisations for contributing to the spread of yoga in the society. The award consists of a medal, plaque, trophy, and a citation.

Highlights of 77th Golden Globe Awards 2019 held in Beverly Hills, California, US: The 77th Golden Globe Awards honouring the best films and television of calendar year 2019 was held at **Beverly Hills, California** in the USA (United States of America). English stand-up comedian, actor, writer, director, producer, and musician **Ricky Gervais** hosted the ceremony for the **fifth time**. The highlights in brief are as follows:

- a) **Film with most awards:** The film **Once Upon a Time in Hollywood** won the most awards (3) including Best Motion Picture, Musical and Comedy. In television, **Succession**, **Fleabag**, and **Chernobyl** were the most awarded, with two awards each.
- b) **Carol Burnett Award:** American comedian, television host, actress, writer, and producer **Ellen Lee DeGeneres** won the Carol Burnett Award for 2019.
- c) **Golden Globe Ambassadors:** The Golden Globe Ambassadors for the year 2019 were **Dylan Brosnan** and **Paris Brosnan**.
- d) **Best Motion Picture – Drama:** 1917

- e) **Best Actor – Drama:** Joaquin Phoenix for "Joker"
- f) **Best Actor – Musical or Comedy:** Taron Egerton for "Rocketman"
- g) **Best Actress – Musical or Comedy:** Awkwafina for "The Farewell"
- h) **Best Supporting Actor:** Brad Pitt for "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood"
- i) **Best Supporting Actress:** Laura Dern for "Marriage Story"
- j) **Best Director:** Sam Mendes for "1917"
- k) **Best Screenplay:** Quentin Tarantino for "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood"
- l) **Best Original Score:** Hildur Guðnadóttir for "Joker"
- m) **Best Original Song:** "(I'm Gonna) Love Me Again" (by Elton John, Bernie Taupin) in "Rocketman"
- n) **Best Animated Feature Film:** Missing Link
- o) **Best Foreign Language Film:** Parasite (South Korea).

Jasprit Bumrah receives Polly Umrigar and Dilip Sardesai award:

India pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah will receive the prestigious Polly Umrigar and Dilip Sardesai Award for the best international cricketer (2018-19) at the **BCCI Annual Awards** to be held in **Mumbai** on Sunday.

The full list of the winners at the BCCI Annual Awards is as follows:

- i) COL. C.K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award: Kris Srikanth
- ii) BCCI Lifetime Achievement Award in women's category Anjum Chopra
- iii) BCCI Special Award: Dilip Joshi
- iv) POLLY Polly Umrigar Award for Best International Cricketer in men's category: Jasprit Bumrah
- v) Best International Cricketer in women's category: Poonam Yadav
- vi) Best International debut - in men's category: Mayank Agarwal
- vii) Best International - in men's category: Shafali Verma
- viii) Dilip Sardesai Award - Highest Run Getter in Test Cricket (Male) : Cheteshwar Pujara
- ix) Dilip Sardesai Award - Highest Wicket taker in Test Cricket (Male) : Jasprit Bumrah
- x) Highest Run Getter in women's category: Smriti Mandhana
- xi) Highest Wicket taker ODIs in women's category: Jhulan Goswami
- xii) Best umpire in domestic cricket: Virendra Sharma
- xiii) Best performance in domestic tournaments: Vidarbha Cricket Association
- xiv) Lala Amarnath Award for Best all-rounder in Ranji Trophy: Shivam Dube.

M.S.Swaminathan honoured with 'Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu National Award':

Famous Agricultural Scientist **Dr M S Swaminathan** was honoured as the first recipients 'Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu National Award for Excellence' for his distinguished contribution to the field of agriculture. The Award instituted by the Muppavarapu Foundation was announced recently during its **10th-anniversary celebrations in Hyderabad**. This award carries a cash prize of Rs. 5 lakhs and a citation. Along with Dr Swaminathan, **Dr Gutta Muniratnam** also was chosen for 'Muppavarapu National Award for Social Service'. **Gutta** has

been awarded for his contributions in improving the quality of life of people through social service.

British Indian yoga boy Ishwar Sharma wins 'Global Child Prodigy Award':

A 10-year-old British Indian yoga boy Ishwar Sharma wins Global Child Prodigy Award. He was chosen from the UK for the awards which **honour child prodigies** from across **45 countries** and 30 different categories such as palaeontology, biking, choreography, fitness and martial arts etc. **Ishwar Sharma** also has the skill to chant up to 50 shlokas from the Vedas and 'Bhagavad Gita' and practices yoga. Sharma, originally from Mysore, has participated in over 100 yoga events across the UK and worldwide.

Puri, Odisha receives Swachhata Darpan Awards 2019:

Puri, Odisha has been awarded for its initiatives for plastic waste management with the Swachhata Darpan Awards 2019. The award ceremony was held during the **Open Defecation Free Sustainability Workshop** held in **New Delhi**.

The Swachhata Darpan Award 2019 was **presented by** Indian Bollywood actor **Aamir Khan** to Puri Municipality Additional Executive Officer Saroj Kumar Swain.

ICC Awards 2019 - Complete List of All Winners

The International Cricket Council came up with a list of ICC awards on 15 January. ICC also released the Test XI and ODI Team of the year. Indian captain Virat Kohli leads both the teams of the year.

Here are all the ICC Awards of 2019:

- i) The Indian opener **Rohit Sharma** who had a stellar year in 2019 was awarded the **ODI player of the year** by the ICC.
- ii) **Pat Cummins** who was the leading wicket-getter with 59 wickets in 23 innings gets the **Test player of the year**.
- iii) **Marnus Labuschagne** who top-scored in the Test fold in 2019 receives the **Emerging player of the year award**.
- iv) **Virat Kohli** was awarded the **Spirit of the game** award as he had stopped the crowd from booing Steven Smith in the league match of the ICC World Cup 2019.
- v) **Umpire of the year:** Richard Illingworth (England)
- vi) **T20I Performance of the Year:** Deepak Chahar's 6/7 against Bangladesh. Chahar also scalped a hat-trick in the same match.
- vii) **Associate Cricketer of the Year:** Kyle Coetzer (Scotland)

ICC ODI XI of 2019: Rohit Sharma, Jonny Bairstow, Virat Kohli (c), Joe Root, Jos Buttler, Ross Taylor, Ben Stokes, Mustafizur Rahman, Rashid Khan, Kuldeep Yadav, Jasprit Bumrah.

ICC Test XI of 2019: Mayank Agarwal, Tom Latham, Marnus Labuschagne, Virat Kohli (c), Steven Smith, Ben Stokes, BJ Watling, Pat Cummins, Mitchell Starc, Neil Wagner, Nathan Lyon.

Iranian Film 'Castle of Dreams' gets Best Film Award at Dhaka International Film Festival:

The Iranian film 'Castle of Dreams' directed by Reza Mirakarimi won the Best Film Award in Asian Competition section of the 18th **Dhaka International Film Festival (DIFF)** which

concluded. The film also won the Best Director Award.

Information Minister of Bangladesh **Hasan Mahmud** gave away the award carrying prize money of Tk 1 lakh, a citation and crest in the closing ceremony held in Dhaka.

In the Asian Competition segment, Sri Lankan director Prasanna Vithanage's film 'Children of the Sun' won **Special Jury Award**.

In Bangladesh Panorama Section, 'No Dorai' directed by Taneem Rahman Angshu bagged the **Best Film Award**.

Indian film 'Finally Love' directed by Anjan Dutt bagged **Best Audience Award** in Cinema of the World Category.

Government awards over Rs 2000 crore for completing Z Morh tunnel:

A Concession Agreement for completing the 6.5-kilometre long Z-Morh tunnel in Jammu and Kashmir was signed in New Delhi.

Under the agreement, the two-lane bi-directional tunnel with parallel escape tunnel will be completed in 3.5 years at a cost of 2379 Crore rupees.

The pact between NHIDCL and APCO Amarnathji Tunnelway was signed in the presence of Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari, MoS Road Transport and Highways Gen (Retd) V K Singh and Secretary Road Transport and Highways Sanjiv Ranjan.

Sindhi writer Vasdev Mohi to be conferred with 29th Saraswati Samman:

Eminent **Sindhi** writer **Vasdev Mohi** will be conferred with 29th Saraswati Samman. He has been selected for this prestigious literary award for his short stories collection- Chequebook. This short story collection talks about the agonies and sufferings of marginalized sections of the society. Saraswati Samman carries a cash award of 15 lakh rupees, a citation and a plaque. Mr Mohi has authored 25 books of poetry, stories and translations. He has also received Sahitya Akademi Award.

Singer Suman & music director Kuldeep Singh to get MP's Lata Mangeshkar Award for 2017 & 2018:

Indian singer **Suman Kalyanpur** was chosen for the 2017 National Lata Mangeshkar Award of the state govt. of Madhya Pradesh (MP) while Indian Music composer Kuldeep Singh has been chosen for the same Mangeshkar award for the year 2018.

They have been chosen for this award for their contribution in the field of music and will be awarded in February 2020 at an event in **Indore, Madhya Pradesh**.

Sanjiv Chadha appointed managing director and chief executive of Bank of Baroda:

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) appointed **Sanjiv Chadha** as the managing director and chief executive of **Bank of Baroda**, Lingam Venkat Prabhakar as MD & CEO of Canara Bank and Atanu Kumar Das as MD & CEO of Bank of India.

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw fourth Indian to receive highest Australian civilian honour:

Australia has conferred its highest civilian honour, the Order of Australia honour, on **Biocon** founder **Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw** for her contribution towards advancing the country's relationship with India.

She contributes immensely to promoting women in **STEM** through the joint research programmes developed between Biocon and Deakin University, Australia, as part of her deep and long-standing commitment to gender equality.

Global Child Prodigy Awards 2020:

Dubai-based Indian girl **Sucheta Satish**, has won in 'Global Child Prodigy Awards 2020', in singing category. She is known to be able to sing in 120 languages. Global Child Prodigy Award is a platform to celebrate children's talent and power in different categories. 10 year old **Ishwar Sharma** from UK has also been honoured with Global Child Prodigy Award 2020, for his achievements in spiritual discipline yoga. Sharma is originally from **Mysore** has participated in over 100 yoga events worldwide.

Priya Prakash wins Cisco Youth Leadership Award 2019:

Priya Prakash, the founder and CEO of India based **HealthSetGo**, has won the **Global Citizen Prize: Cisco Youth Leadership Award** for 2019 for her school health programme that aims at providing 360 degree healthcare support to children. The prestigious award honours an **individual aged 18 - 30** who is bringing about a positive change in the world by solving some of its biggest global challenges.

Muhammad Anas wins GV Raja award:

Kerala Sports Minister **EP Jayarajan Nambiar** announced the sports award instituted by Kerala State Sports Council. Indian Sprinter **Mohammad Anas** won **GV Raja**(Lt.Col. P. R. Godavarma Raja) **award** (Male) for athletics. GV Raja award is awarded yearly for excellence in Sports. Anas has won silver for India in the 400-meter race at Jakarta Asian games.

Graphic designer Sneha pamneja wins Oxford Bookstore Book Cover Prize 2020 for 'Tiffin' at 13th Jaipur Literature Festival:

Sneha Pamneja, a wellknown Graphic designer based in New Delhi, was awarded **Oxford Bookstore Book Cover Prize 2020**, a 1st of its kind award for brilliance in book design, at Jaipur BookMark of ongoing 13th edition of the Zee Jaipur Literature Festival (JLF) in **Jaipur, Rajasthan**.

She was honoured for designing the cover of the book **'Tiffin: Authentic Recipes Celebrating India's Regional Cuisine'**.

Journalist & Hindu group chairman N Ram honoured with Kerala's national media award:

Popular journalist and Chairman of the Hindu Group of Publications Shri **N Ram** was honoured by **Kerala Media Academy's National media award** as part of its 40th anniversary of formation. He was awarded for his outstanding contribution to journalism. The award carried a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh, a citation and a memento. Award presentation: The award will be presented by the chief minister of Kerala Shri Pinarayi Vijayan by the end of March 2020.

TNAU Vice-Chancellor gets Harit Ratna Award:

N Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, has been conferred **'Harit Ratna Award 2019'** by the All India Agricultural Students Association for dissemination of Rs 30 Crore entrepreneurship project in agri-business.

Election Commission of India (ECI) award for The Hindu Tamil

Election Commission of India(ECI) awarded National Media Award for print to **"The Hindu Tamil"** as part of the poll panel's national awards for voter awareness and education campaign in 2019 on the occasion of the 10th National Voters Day held at New Delhi.

Navy's Commodore Jyotin Raina awarded Nao Sena Medal

Commodore Jyotin Raina of the Indian Navy has been awarded the Nao Sena Medal (gallantry) for ensuring that the Western Fleet was ready to meet operational tasks within a very rapid time frame post the Pulwama attack in February last year, the Navy.

Greta Thunberg nominated for Nobel Peace Prize

The 17-year-old Swede was mentioned as a possible Nobel Peace Prize winner in 2019, when the honour ultimately went to Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed for his efforts to resolve a long-running conflict with neighbouring Eritrea.

Dr. Partap chauhan honoured with Ayurveda ratan award 2020 in Brussels, Belgium

Dr Partap Chauhan conferred with prestigious Ayurveda award, the pioneer of Ayurvedic Telemedicine, has Conferred with Prestigious Ayurveda Ratan Award 2020 in Brussels, Belgium during Ayurveda Day Celebratio at the European Parliament.

BOOKS AND AUTHOR

Indian embassy in Nepal celebrates Vishwa Hindi Diwas; launches Nepali translation of Swami Vivekananda's 'Karma Yoga':

In order to mark the event of **Vishwa Hindi Diwas** on January 10, 2020, the Indian Embassy in Kathmandu, Nepal has launched 4 books including Nepali translation of Swami Vivekananda's **'Karma Yoga'** (Publisher -Advaita Ashrama).The other 3 books launched by Indian embassay include: → **Nepali translated book** consisting of 5 popular stories penned by Indian writer Premchand → Hindi translations of 'Ashwathama' penned by Nepalese poet Madhav Prasad Ghimire (Publisher- Royal Nepal Academy) → 'Utkrishta Kahaniyan', a book published by Unicorn Books comprising 25 new age Nepali stories written by young Nepali story writers.

Union External Affairs Minister recently launched a book titled 'PAX SINICA: Implications for the Indian Dawn':

Union External Affairs Minister **Subrahmanyam Jaishankar** launched a book on China, titled **'PAX SINICA:Implications for the Indian Dawn'** authored by **Samir Saran and Akhil Deo** and published by Rupa Publications India. PAX SINICA presents a comprehensive view of how President Xi Jinping's, China will implicate the world order in the 21st century.

New India: Selected Writings 2014-19 of Arun Jaitely, Foreword by PM Modi to be released in Feb:

Juggernaut Books publishing house New Delhi, India has announced a new book of compilation of selected writings by former finance minister Arun Jaitely, namely **"New India:Selected Writings 2014- 19"** which offers readers with the late's politicians sharp insight on topics including GST (Goods and Services Tax),demonetisation and Kashmir Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** released the book **'Karmayoddha Granth'** on the **life of Prime Minister Narendra Modi** during an event

in New Delhi. The book states that the politics of appeasement, casteism, and dynasty, the three curses of Indian Politics, were removed by the PM Modi after 2014

Malayali novelist A Sethumadhavan's first English novel, 'The Cuckoo's Nest' published:

Malayali novelist **A Sethumadhavan** authored **'The Cuckoo's Nest'**, his first novel in English and was published by Niyogi Books. In this book, the author attempts to fight against the division in society through the character of the eternal optimist, Madam Agatha, a former nun and also other Indian girl-child raised in an orthodox community. The story progresses to show how these 'birds' take flight and become self-reliant. He bagged many awards including the Vayalar award, Odakkuzhal award, and Kerala Sahitya Akademi award.

Ashwani Kumar's latest book, Human Dignity – A purpose in perpetuity, launched by Manmohan Singh:

Former Union Minister of Law and Justice, **Ashwani Kumar** authored the book title **"Human Dignity – A purpose in perpetuity"**, which was released by Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh during a book launch event at the India International Centre in New Delhi. The book was published by US (United States) based publisher LexisNexis.

'Relentless' Autobiography by Former finance minister Yashwant Sinha released by Pranab Mukherjee

Former president of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee released the autobiography of former Finance Minister **Shri Yashwant Sinha** titled "Relentless" at the India International Centre in New Delhi.

SPORTS

Kento Momoto from Japan won Malaysia Masters 2020:

Japanese badminton player **Kento Momota** (world number 1 ranked) won the **Malaysia Masters 2020** title. He has defeated Viktor Axelsen from Denmark by 24-22, 21-11. Kento Momota won a record 11 titles in 2019.

ICC U-19 World Cup Cricket begins in South Africa:

The **ICC Under-19 World Cup Cricket 2020** begins in **South Africa**. India is the defending champions in U19 World Cup 2018. Total 16 teams are participating in the tournament, split into four groups of four.

Sania Mirza wins WTA doubles title in Hobart:

Sania Mirza (India) and **Nadiia Kichenok** (Ukraine) have won the **women's doubles title** of the **WTA International trophy** at Hobart, **Australia**. They beat Shuai Peng and Shuai Zhang from China 6-4,6-4.

India women's hockey player Sunita Lakra announces her retirement due to knee injury breakdown:

Indian **women's hockey** team defender **Sunita Lakra** from Odisha aged 28, who was part of the 2018 Asian Games silver-winning side, **announced her international retirement**, citing a knee injury. However, she will continue to represent domestic hockey and NALCO (National Aluminium Company Limited), Odisha.

For the first time Lawn bowls & Cycling to be included in 3rd Khelo India Games 2020 to be held in Guwahati, Assam:

Chief Executive Officer of "Khelo India Games" has announced the inclusion of "Lawn bowls" and "Cycling" in the 3rd edition of Khelo India Games. These two games will be included in the event for the first time.

Indian chess grandmaster Koneru humpy finishes 12th in FIDE World Blitz competition 2019 held in Moscow, Russia:

Humpy Koneru, an Indian chess grandmaster from Andhra Pradesh, has settled 12th overall in the 2-day FIDE World Blitz competition 2019 held at the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow, Russia. She ended the tournament with 10.5 points out of 17 games.

Kateryna Lagno (13 points) of Russia and **Magnus Carlsen** of Norway (16.5 points) retained their titles in the Women's and Men's Blitz Championships respectively.

MS Dhoni named captain of ESPNCricinfo's ODI and T20 teams of past decade; Virat as captain of their test team:

Virat Kohli was named the leader in Tests. On the other hand, Former skipper **Mithali Raj** and fast bowler **Jhulan Goswami** were named in the same women's team picked for both the ODIs and T20s. Australia's inspirational cricketer, **Meg Lanning** was named the captain of the side.

India's Manav Thakkar, jumped 9 spots to No.1 in U-21 table tennis category:

Manav Thakar, an Indian table tennis player from Uttar Pradesh jumped nine places and become the world's No.1 player U-21 (Under-21) Men's single category rankings released by the IITF (International Table Tennis Federation).

India's all-rounder cricketer Irfan Pathan announces retirement:

For 35 years old, all rounder cricketer from Vadodara, Gujarat, **Irfan Pathan** (nicknamed Guddu) has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.

Indian Sports Ministry gave 'in principle' approval to hold shooting and archery in 2022 CWG:

The Sports Ministry has given 'in principle' approval to hold the Commonwealth Games shooting and archery events in India. These events will be held under the aegis of the Commonwealth Games (CWG) Friendship Program in March 2022.

Indian batsman Rohit Sharma lays foundation of International cricket stadium in Hyderabad, Telangana:

India's cricket batsman, **Rohit Gurunath Sharma** has laid the foundation of the Cricket Stadium and Training Center at 'Heartfulness Institute's headquarters in Hyderabad, Telangana. The cricket stadium has been named as "Rohit Sharma Cricket stadium" by spiritual guru **Kamlesh Patel**.

Overview of 63rd National Shooting championship competitions 2019 held in Bhopal, MP:

The 63rd National Shooting Championship Competitions (NSCC) 2019 in Small Bore Rifle & Pistol events (including Para events) was held at Shooting Academy Shooting Ranges, **Bhopal**,

Madhya Pradesh (MP) from 7th December 2019 – 4th January 2020.

Bhubaneswar to host 1st edition of Khelo India University Games 2020:

Bhubaneswar, Odisha has been selected to host the 1st edition of the 2020 Khelo India University Games (KIUG) which will be held from February 22nd to March 1, 2020, at Bhubaneswar's **KIIT University**.

Mascots: the mascots unveiled at the launch event were named as mascots 'Jay and Bijay'.

World Cup winner De Rossi of Italy retired from football:

Former Roma & Italian professional footballer and the 2006 FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) world cup winner **Daniele De Rossi** has announced his retirement from the game after retiring from Argentina's Boca Juniors Football club.

Vinesh Phogat shines with gold medal at the Rome Ranking Series:

Indian wrestler **Vinesh Phogat** defeated Ecuador's Luisa Elizabeth Melendres in the 53 kg category to win the gold medal at the 2020 season of the Rome Ranking Series held in Rome. **Anshu Malik** has won the silver medal in the 57kg category of the competition after losing the match to Odunayo Adekunle from Nigeria.

Ratchanok Intanon bags Indonesia Masters title 2020:

Ratchanok Intanon of Thailand defeated Carolina Marin of Spain to win the Indonesia Badminton Masters 2020 women's singles title held in Jakarta, Indonesia.

India's Magesh Chandran wins 95th Hastings International Chess title in Hastings, England:

India's grandmaster (GM) **Magesh Chandran Panchanathan** from Madurai, Tamil Nadu wins the title in the 95th edition of the prestigious Hastings International Chess Congress at Hastings in England.

NADA bans Weightlifter Sarbjeet Kaur for four years:

Indian weightlifter **Sarbjeet Kaur** from Punjab has been banned for four years from the sport by the National Anti Doping Agency (NADA) for involvement in doping violations. Sarbjeet won the 71kg event at the 34th Women Senior National Weightlifting Championship 2019 held in Visakhapatnam, **Andhra Pradesh**

Kohli continues at No.1; Rahane, Pujara slips: ICC Men's test rankings 2020:

As per the ICC (International Cricket Council) Men's test ranking 2020 Indian cricket team captain **Virat Kohli** has retained his top position with 928 points in the list of batsmen.

Fouaad Mirza became 1st Indian equestrian to qualify for Tokyo Olympics in over 2 decades:

Double Asian Games medallist equestrian (horse riding), **Fouaad Mirza** became the 1st Indian rider to compete at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan after 2 decades.

Tennis legend Novak Djokovic defeats Nadal to make Serbia winner of 1st ATP Cup 2020 held in Sydney, Australia:

Serbian professional tennis player, **Novak Djokovic** has defeated Rafael Nadal of Spain to make Serbia the champion of 1st edition of ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) Cup i.e. ATP Cup 2020 held at Ken Rosewall Arena in **Sydney, Australia**.

India finished 2019 as number one shooting nation in world: ISSF:

In 2019 according to International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF), **India** is the top Shooting Nation in the World with 21 gold, 6 silver, and 3 bronze. India secured first position in all the Rifle-pistol World Cups and Finals in the year.

16th edition of ICC awards 2019 announced ; Rohit sharma named ODI cricket of the year:

Indian opener **Rohit Gurunath Sharma** became ODI (One Day International) Cricketer of the Year for the first time. At the same time, **Virat Kohli** bagged Spirit of Cricket award.

England's World Cup winning all-rounder **Ben Stokes** won the prestigious Sir Garfield Sobers trophy for the Cricketer of the Year, While Australian fast bowler **Pat Cummins** became the best Test cricketer of the year, taking 59 wickets in 2019.

Pakistan's Mohammad Hafeez to retire after Twenty20 (T-20) World Cup:

Pakistan's All-rounder cricket player **Mohammad Hafeez**, announced that he will be retiring from international cricket after the upcoming T-20 World Cup to be held in **Australia** in October 2020.

Jacqueline Williams of Jamaica becomes the 1st woman third Umpire in men's T20I:

Jacqueline Williams of Jamaica becomes the first woman third umpire in men's international cricket match. The 43-year-old Jamaican woman oversaw all 3 matches of the Twenty20 International (T20I) series in Grenada, West Indies between **West Indies and Ireland**.

Ladakh wins 7th National Ice Hockey Championship women trophy:

In the final match, **Ladakh** scoring 2 goals against Delhi and won the tournament. The tournament was organised by the Ice Hockey Association of India (IHAI) in association with the Ladakh winter sports club. President of Ice Hockey Association of India: **K. L. Kumar**.

India beat Pakistan to lift Diplomat Cup Cricket Championship:

The team of the Indian Consulate has won the Diplomat Cup Cricket Championship of 2020 held in **Sharjah**. The team of the Indian Consulate defeated the Pakistan Consulate to win the trophy.

India's Federation Cup games moved from virus-hit China to Kazakhstan

Indian Federation Cup team today heaved a sigh of relief after the International Tennis Federation (ITF) shifted the Federation Cup matches from the Coronavirus-hit China to Kazakhstan.

Concerned for its players' health due to a medical emergency in China, the All India Tennis Association (AITA) had written to the ITF, requesting the world governing body to consider

either shifting the venue or postponing the tournament. The tournament was originally scheduled to be held in Dongguan from 4th of next month.

Tennis player Joao Souza of Brazil banned for life due to match-fixing

Tennis Integrity Unit (TIU), which is responsible for investigating match fixing in tennis, Joao Olavo Soares de Souza (31), a former Brazilian professional tennis player has been banned for life due to match fixing and corruption. It also fined Souza with \$200,000.

World Archery lifts suspension on India

The World Archery has lifted the suspension on India and hence allowed the Indian Archers to represent India in the upcoming International tournaments. The world body has advised the Archery Association of India to comply with the rules set up by the World Archery constitution to ensure the good governance in the sport.

Shooting: Kiran Ankush Jadhav wins 10m air rifle T1 trial

In Shooting, Kiran Ankush Jadhav of the Indian Navy won the men's 10 metres air rifle T1 trial even as Maharashtra's Rudranksh Balasaheb Patil clinched both the junior and youth trials in Thiruvananthapuram. Rudranksh came in second in the men's final.

R. Pragnanandhaa beats former world champion Veselin Topalov

Indian Grand Master R. Pragnanandhaa pulled off a huge upset, beating former world champion Veselin Topalov in the sixth round of the 18th Gibraltar Chess Festival to record his fifth straight win.

India's Esow Alben bags gold in men's Keirin individual event of Six Day Berlin Tournament

India's Esow Alben has bagged a gold in the men's Keirin individual event of the Six Day Berlin Tournament. The 18-year-old finished on top of the podium, earning 20 classification points.

Mizoram defeats Sikkim in North East Dr T Ao Trophy

Two times champion Mizoram defeated Sikkim by a solitary goal to emerge as the champion of the Northeast Dr. T Ao Football Trophy 2020 at Indira Gandhi Stadium in Kohima.

Neeraj Chopra qualifies for Tokyo Olympics 2020

Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra has qualified for the Tokyo Olympics. He threw the spear to 87.86 metres at the Athletics Central North East meeting in South Africa. Rohit Yadav threw 77.61m to finish second.

New Zealand spinner Todd Astle announces first-class retirement

Todd Duncan Astle, 33 years old from New Zealand, Wellington, leg-spinner had announced his retirement from first-class cricket to focus on the limited-over cricket (one day cricket). Astle scored more than 4000 runs in his 119 first-class matches.

India to host Barca Academy Cup – Asia Pacific 2020 in Gurgaon, Haryana

For the 2nd time, India to host Barca Academy Cup – Asia Pacific 2020, hosted by Barca Academy, scheduled to be held in Gurgaon, Haryana from January 30 -February 2, 2020.

OBITUARY

Former Rajya Sabha member Alajangi Viswanath Swamy from Odisha passed away at 91:

Social activist and former Rajya Sabha member, Alajangi Viswanath Swamy popularly known as AV Swamy passed away in Nuapada district, Odisha.

NBA mastermind David Joel Stern of New York, US dead at 77:

David Joel Stern born in New York, **United States** (US), the former commissioner of the **NBA** (National Basketball Association), passed away due to brain haemorrhage at the age of 77 in New York.

Former Karnataka Governor and Padma Vibhushan awardee T N Chaturvedi passes away at 90:

Former **Karnataka Governor** Triloki Nath Chaturvedi passed away in Noida, Uttar Pradesh. He was 90. He served as the Governor of Karnataka from **2002-2007**.

Former Western Army Commander Lt Gen PN Hoon passes away at 90:

Former Western **Army Commander** Lieutenant General Prem Nath Hoon, 90 years old, passed away in Chandigarh. He was born at Abbottabad in Pakistan and commissioned into the army in 1947. He is one of the most senior military veterans in the country.

Veteran Odissi Danseuse Padma Shri Minati Mishra passes away at 91:

Veteran **Odissi Danseuse** (ballet dancer) Padma Shri Minati Mishra passed away in Zurich, Switzerland after suffering from age-related issues. She was born in 1929 in Cuttack, Odisha and known for expertise in the Indian Classical dance form of Odissi.

Sangeet-Natak Akademi awardee Dhadi folk singer Idu Sharif passed away at 80:

Dhadi **folk singer** Idu Sharif 80 years old died at Manji Majra, Chandigarh as he was suffering from paralysis. Idu Sharif was born in the village Lalodi of Nabha in Patiala, Punjab.

Odisha's Gajapati dynasty head former MP Gopinath Gajapati Narayan Deo passes away at 76:

Odisha's Gajapati dynasty head and the former MP **Gopinath Gajapati Narayan Deo** passed away due to prolonged illness in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

Veteran screenwriter Henry Zuckerman passes away at 89:

Oscar nominated **screenwriter** Henry Zuckerman passed away at Cedars-Sinai Health Center in Los Angeles, United States (US) due to heart attack. Born in New York, **US**, he was known as Buck Hendry.

Former Vellore Lok Sabha MP R.P. Ulaganambi passed away at 82:

Former Vellore, Tamil Nadu Lok Sabha MP (Member of Parliament) R.P. Ulaganambi, 82 years old, passed away due to age-related illness. He was elected from Vellore for the DMK (Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam) party and served as an MP in the 5th Lok Sabha from 1971-76.

1966 World Cup goalkeeper Tilkowski of Germany passed away at the age of 84:

Former West **Germany football Goalkeeper** Hans Tilkowski, passed away at the age of 84 due to old age ailments. He played in the 1996 world cup against England. He was born in Dortmund-Husen, Germany.

Padma Bhushan artist Akbar Padamsee passes away at 91:

The **celebrated painter and artist** Akbar Padamsee, 91 years old, died at the Isha Yoga Ashram near Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. Art Icon Padamsee was born on 12 April 1928 in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Former MP of India's 1st Lok Sabha, Bahadur Singh passed away at 94 in Bihar:

Former Member of Parliament (**MP**) of the country's 1st Lok Sabha – constituted in 1952 and last maharaja of erstwhile Dumraon Raj (zamindari estate) Kamal Bahadur Singh passed away at the age of 94 in Buxar district of Bihar due to old age ailments.

Tamra Patra awardee Centenarian Freedom fighter Bhim Chandra Jana dies at 107:

Centenarian **Freedom fighter** Bhim Chandra Jana, who spied on British police, has died of old-age related ailments in West Bengal's Howrah District at the age of 107.

Former Tamil Nadu Assembly speaker, P.H. Pandian passes away at the age of 74:

Paul Hector (PH) Pandian, an **Indian politician** of the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) party & former Speaker of Tamil Nadu (TN) Assembly passed away at a private hospital in Chennai, Tamil Nadu after prolonged illness.

NCP leader Devi Prasad Tripathi passed away at 67:

General Secretary of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and former Member of Parliament (MP) Devi Prasad Tripathi passed away after battling with cancer in New Delhi. He was the former MP of Rajya Sabha from Maharashtra.

Former Indian cricketer Man Mohan Sood passed away at 80:

Former test **Cricketer** and National selector Man Mohan Sood, 80 years old, passed away in New Delhi. Sood played 1 Test and 39 first-class matches with 1 century.

Sangeet Natak Akademi awardee & Odia Hindustani vocalist Sunanda Patnaik passed away at 85:

Indian **Classical Singer** Sunanda Patnaik, 85 years old passed away in Kolkata, West Bengal due to age-related complications. She was famously known as 'Guruma' in the classical music circle.

Former Haryana Congress Chief Shamsher Singh Surjewala passes away at 87:

The former Haryana Congress Chief Shamsher Singh Surjewala passed away after in All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) hospital, New Delhi after suffering from a brief illness. He was 87 and hailed from Haryana.

Former India all-rounder cricketer Babu Nadkarni passed away at 86:

Former Indian all-rounder **cricketer** Rameshchandra Gangaram Babu Nadkarni, 86 years old, a left-handed batsman and slow-left

arm orthodox bowler passed away in Mumbai, Maharashtra. He was best known for bowling a record of 21 consecutive maiden overs in a test match against England.

Senior journalist and former MP Ashwini Kumar Chopra passes away at 63:

Senior **Journalist** and former Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Member of Parliament (MP) Ashwini Kumar Chopra passed away at a private hospital in Gurgaon after battling with terminal cancer.

WWE legend Rocky Johnson, father of Dwayne Johnson, passes away at 75:

World Wrestling Entertainment (**WWE**) legend Rocky Johnson, passed away at 75 in Lutz, Florida, United States. He was the father of Hollywood actor and retired wrestler Dwayne Johnson.

China's 1st and oldest female tractor driver Liang Jun dies at 90:

Liang Jun, a woman who became China's **1st female tractor driver**, and eventually, a national icon, has passed away after a brief illness.

Noted chess administrator Ummer Koya of Kerala dies at 69:

P.T. Ummer Koya, the former **vice-president of world chess** governing body FIDE (International Chess Federation) from 1996 to 2006, has passed away at his residence at Panniyankara in Kozhikode, Kerala after a protracted illness.

8 times National Award Winner Manmohan Mohapatra passed away at 69:

Manmohan Mohapatra, Odisha's legendary **filmmaker and director**, passed away at the age of 69 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. Mohapatra is considered as the 'Father of New Wave Odia Cinema' and consecutively won eight national awards for 'Best Feature Odia film'.

Britain's conservative thinker and Philosopher Roger Vernon Scruton passes away at 75:

Philosopher and Britain's most prominent conservative thinker Roger Vernon Scruton passed away after battling with cancer.

Natyasurya Awardee dramatist Ratna Ojha passed away at 88 in Assam:

Renowned Assamese **dramatist, writer** and social **activist Ratna Ojha** passed away in Guwahati, Assam. He was 88. He took part in an ongoing protest against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019.

Noted Kerala Cartoonist Thomas Antony passes away at 62:

Kerala **Cartoonist** and Secretary of Kerala Cartoon Academy Thomas Antony passed away at Kottackal town in Malappuram district, Kerala after suffering from heart attack.

Portuguese motorcycle rider Paulo Goncalves passes away at 40:

Portuguese motorcycle rider Paulo Goncalves passed away after a crash in the seventh stage of the 42th edition of **Dakar Rally 2020** which was held for the first time in **Saudi Arabia**.

Omani leader Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Said passes away at 79:

Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Said, the **Omani leader** who was ruling the country from 1970 has

passed away after suffering from colon cancer. He was 79. He was succeeded by the Culture Minister Haritham bin Tariq Al Said.

Kannada Scholar M Chidananda Murthy passes away at 88:

Renowned Kannada **scholar** and **researcher** M Chidananda Murthy, 88 years old, passed away on Bengaluru, Karnataka due to age-related illness. He was popularly known as "ChiMu".

Veteran broadcaster, academic-poet Obaid Siddiqui passes away at 63:

Veteran **Broadcaster, poet** and **academician** Obaid Siddiqui, 63 years old, passed away in Ghaziabad hospital, Uttar Pradesh (UP) due to health related problems. Siddiqui also worked with NDTV (New Delhi Television) and also known as an Urdu poet.

Canadian rock group drummer Neil Peart passed away at 67 years:

Canadian drummer and **lyricist** of rock band Rush, Neil Ellwood Peart passed away at the age of 67 due to brain cancer (glioblastoma) in California, United States(US). He hailed from Hamilton, Canada.

Acclaimed Sindhi writer Vasdev Mohi will be honoured with 29th Saraswati Samman.

Acclaimed **Sindhi poet** and **writer** Vasdev Mohi has been selected for the prestigious Saraswati Samman. He has been selected for his short stories collection: **Chequebook**, published in 2012. He has also received the Sahitya Akademi Award.

Kobe Bryant, daughter Gianna among 9 killed in helicopter crash in California

Kobe Bryant, 41-year-old National Basketball Association (**NBA**) legend and his 13-year-old daughter, Gianna died yesterday in a helicopter crash in the city of Calabasas, California.

Robbie Rensenbrink, who almost won 1978 World Cup, dies at 72

Robbie Rensenbrink, who famously came within a goalpost's width of winning the 1978 **football** World Cup for the **Netherlands**, has died at the age of 72, former teammate Jan Mulder told the Belga news agency..

Eminent artist and sculptor Sher Singh Kukkal dies at 86

Sher Singh Kukkal, an eminent **artist & sculptor**, has passed away in New Delhi after a brief illness. He was 86. Kukkal, a former art teacher at Sainik School Satara in Maharashtra, has received several awards.

'Andaz Apna Apna' producer Vinay Sinha passes away

Filmmaker Vinay Sinha, best known for producing cult comedy "**Andaz Apna Apna**", has died at the age of 74. Sinha was also the man behind popular Hindi films such as "Ameer Aadmi Gharib Aadmi", "Naseeb" and "Chor Police". He was also vice president of **IMPPA** (Indian Motion Picture Producers' Association).

JDS leader and former Karnataka Minister Kodman Amarnath Shetty passes away at 80

Janata Dal (Secular) (JDS) leader and former Minister of Karnataka Kodman Amarnath Shetty passed away in Mangaluru, **Karnataka**. He was 80.

Assamese linguist Golok Chandra Goswami passed away at 96

Eminent linguist Golok Chandra Goswami passed away at the age of 96, in Guwahati, Assam due to old age ailments.

Golok Chandra Goswami was born in Morigaon, **Assam** in 1923.

Former Indian women's hockey team captain & Arjuna awardee Sunita Chandra passed away at 76

Sunita Chandra 76 years old, passed away in her hometown Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. Sunita Chandra was an **Arjuna awardee**.

Netherland's football player Robbie Rensenbrink passes away at 72

Pieter Robert Rensenbrink, a dutch football player passed away at the age of 72 in Brussels, Belgium, as he was suffering from muscular atrophy for a number of years. He was born on 3rd July 1947 in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Padma Shri awardee and Indian Social Worker Tushar Kanjilal passed away at 85

Tushar Kanjilal Dies at 85 On January 29, 2020 Famous social worker, environmentalist, educationist & writer Tushar Kanjilal, 85 years old, passed away in Kolkata, West Bengal.

Former Kerala Minister M. Kamalam passed away at 93.

Kerala Minister M. Kamalam On January 30, 2020 Former Kerala Minister & Senior Congress leader M.kamalam passed away at the age of 93 in kozhikode, Kerala.

| IMPORTANT DAYS | | |
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| DATE | DAY | THEME |
| Year 2020 | International Year of the Nurse and Midwife | Designated by World Health Organisation (WHO) |
| Year 2020 | Year of Mobility | Observed by Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) |
| January 01 | Global Family Day | One Day of Peace |
| January 02 | Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti | |
| January 04 | World Braille Day | - |
| January 09 | 16 th NRI Day (Pravasi Bharatiya Divas) | - |
| January 10 | World Hindi Day | - |
| January 12 | National Youth Day | Channelizing Youth Power for Nation Building |
| January 14 | 4 th Armed Forces Veteran's Day | - |
| January 15 | 72 nd Army Day | - |
| January 19 | National Immunization Day / Polio Ravivar | - |
| January 19 | 15th Raising day of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) | - |
| January 23 | Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Jayanti | - |
| January 24 | National Girl Child Day | Empowering Girls for a Brighter Tomorrow |
| January 25 | National Voters Day | Electoral Literacy for |

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| | | Stronger Democracy |
| January 25 | National Tourism Day | - |
| January 26 | International Custom Day | - |
| January 27 | International Holocaust Remembrance Day / International Day of Commemoration | 75 years after Auschwitz - Holocaust Education and Remembrance for Global Justice |
| January 28 | Birth Anniversary of Lala Lajpat Rai | - |
| January 30 | Martyrs Day / Shaheed Diwas | - |
| January 30 | World Leprosy Eradication Day | "Leprosy isn't what you think" |

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Q.1) who has unveiled infrastructure projects worth 102 lakh crore rupees for five year?
 a) Narendra Modi
 b) **Nirmala Sitharaman** c) Venkaiah Naidu
 d) Rajnath Singh e) Kiren rijiju

Q.2) 27th National children's science congress 2019 held for the 1st time in?
 a) **Kerala** b) Bangalore
 c) Hyderabad d) Lucknow
 e) Mangalore

Q.3) who will be honoured with Lokmanya Tilak journalism award?
 a) Sanjay Arora b) Sanjay Dute
 c) **Sanjay Gupta** d) Sanjay Singh
 e) Sanjay Gaurav

Q.4) who Released 2nd SDG India Index 2019 in New Delhi?
 a) **NITI AYO**
 b) NCLT
 c) NGT
 d) Ministry of Commerce
 e) IRDAI

Q.5) who has approved the extension in the deputation tenure of Special Protection Group (SPG) director?
 a) Aravind kumar b) Ashwini Lohani
 c) **Arun Kumar Sinha**
 d) Ashok kumar Geholt e) Anand shanker

Q.6) Government of India signed MoU with organisation under DAY-NULM scheme?
 a) Amazon b) Flipkart
 c) **Wipro** d) Infosys
 e) IBM

Q.7) Recently Vikho-o Yhoshū passed away. He is belongs to?
 a) Lok Shaba Speaker
 b) Governor
 c) Freedom Fighter
 d) **Legislative Assembly Speaker**
 e) Writer

Q.8) The International Cricket Council plans to scrap five-day Tests from?
 a) 2021 b) 2022
 c) **2023** d) 2024
 e) 2025

Q.9) Peter Siddle has announced his retirement from international cricket. He belongs to which country?
 a) England b) South Africa
 c) West Indians d) **Australia**
 e) Srilanka

Q.10) who has retired from service Director-General of All India Radio?
 a) **F Sheheryar** b) Rajaram
 c) Raghubar Das d) Sanjay Gupta
 e) None of the Above

Q.11) Birth anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh is being celebrated on?
 a) Jan 1 b) **Jan 2**
 c) Jan 3 d) Jan 4
 e) Jan 5

Q.12) who address Krishi Karman Awards for good agriculture production?
 a) Ramnath kovind b) Ramvilas Paswan
 c) **Narendra Modi** d) Venkaiah Naidu
 e) Rajnath Singh

Q.13) which of the following day celebrated on January 2?
 a) **National Science Fiction day**
 b) Environmental day c) Global Family day
 d) Farmers day e) National Youth day

Q.14) which metro station renamed as Supreme Court metro station?
 a) Pramod b) Pallava
 c) Parivaran d) **Pragathi**
 e) Punith

Q.15) Government has slashed import duty on refined palmolein from 50 per cent to what per cent?
 a) 40 percent b) 55 percent
 c) **45 percent** d) 35 percent
 e) 60 percent

Q.16) ISRO to set up its second launch port in which district of Tamilnadu?
 a) Thiruvanamalai b) Tiruchy
 c) Thiruthani d) **Thoothukudi**
 e) Thanjavur

Q.17) Which state Government plans to delivery sand at door steps?
 a) **Andhra Pradesh** b) Telangana
 c) Madhya pradesh d) Maharastra
 e) Karnataka

Q.18) who launches MANI mobile app for visually challenged to identify denomination of currency notes?
 a) NCLT b) NPCI
 c) **RBI** d) SEBI
 e) BSE

Q.19) which IIT develop materials to produce energy from water on a small scale?
 a) **IIT Guwahati** b) IIT Kanpur
 c) IIT Kharagpur d) IIT Hyderabad
 e) IIT Madras

Q.20) Nuclear Installations exchanged between India and which country?
 a) Russia b) China
 c) **Pakistan** d) Bangladesh
 e) Nepal

Q.21) who was picked as captain of ESPN Cricinfo's mens ODI and Twenty20 teams of the decade?
 a) Steve Smith b) **MS Dhoni**
 c) Virat Kholi d) Kane Williamson
 e) Kieron Pollard

Q.22) who sets new Guinness World Records for most side lunges?
 a) Samrath b) **Sai Deepak**
 c) Naren Gupta d) Sangeetha Sen
 e) Rajput Singh

Q.23) who launched to enhance security & ease of doing at airports?
 a) **CACS and e-BCAS** b) BARC
 c) NACL d) NABARD
 e) NCLT

Q.24) which bank implement OTP-based ATM cash withdrawals?
 a) Bank of Baroda b) PNB
 c) Canara d) **SBI**
 e) UCO

Q.25) Crude palm oil (CPO) from 40 per cent to?
 a) 35.5 percent b) **37.5 percent**
 c) 38.5 percent d) 36.5 percent
 e) 39.5 percent

Q.26) which country deploys its 1st Avangard Hypersonic missile system?
 a) China b) Japan
 c) India d) **Russia**
 e) Germany

Q.27) Pragati maidan metro is located in?
 a) Mumbai b) Kolkata
 c) **New Delhi** d) Chennai
 e) Bangalore

Q.28) who is RBI governor?
 a) K P Kanungo b) Viral Acharya
 c) Adharsh kumar
 d) **Shakthikantha Das** e) None of the above

Q.29) Where is the Headquarters of ISRO?
 a) Odisha b) **Bangalore**
 c) Hyderabad d) Mumbai
 e) Kolkata

Q.30) who is the Governor of Andhra Pradesh?
 a) Jagdish mukhi
 b) **Biswabhusan Harichandan**
 c) Tamilsai Soundarajan
 d) Acharya Devrat
 e) Banwarilal Purohit

Q.31) who inaugurates new campus of National Fire Service College (NFSC) ?
 a) Rajnath Singh b) Ramnath Kovind
 c) **Amit Shah** d) Narendra Modi
 e) Dharmendra Pradhan

Q.32) PM Modi disburses how much rupees to six crore farmers as third instalment of PM-KISAN scheme?
 a) 13000 b) **12000**
 c) 20000 d) 22000
 e) 15000

Q.33) who inaugurate 28th New Delhi World Book Fair?
 a) **Ramesh Pokhriyal** b) Rajnath singh
 c) Aravind Kejriwal d) Biswabhusan Patel
 e) Anil Baijal

Q.34) who integrated the new helpline number 139?
 a) Women and child development
 b) Indian Forest Guard
 c) **Indian Railways**
 d) Indian Police
 e) Rajasthan Government

Q.35) which ministry signs Contracts for 7 Blocks Awarded under Open Acreage Licensing Programme?
 a) Ministry of Railways
 b) Ministry of Commerce
 c) Ministry of Finance
 d) Ministry of Civil Aviation
 e) **Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas**

Q.36) who appointed as new chancellor of Queen's University Belfast in Ireland?
 a) Donald Trumph b) **Hillary Clinton**
 c) Indra Nooyi d) Angela Markel
 e) None of the Above

Q.37) who launches 'Visit Nepal Year 2020' campaign to promote tourism?
 a) **Bidya Devi Bhandari** b) K P Sharma oli
 c) Prahlad Singh Patel d) Narendra Modi
 e) Aranvind Bhandari

Q.38) which Pacific Island nation Palau bans 'reef-toxic' sunscreen?
 a) Samao b) Coco Island
 c) Funafuti d) **Palau**
 e) Palikir

Q.39) Ritualistic festival Lai Haraoba begins in?
 a) **Tripura** b) Nagaland
 c) Meghalaya d) Assam
 e) Mizoram

Q.40) Dr. Ambedkar's memorial to be build in?
 a) New Delhi b) **Mumbai**
 c) Nagpur d) Kolkata
 e) Indore

- e) Morena, MP
 Q.86) Who head the group of ministers to examine the proposed National Tariff Policy?
 a) Narendra Modi b) Rajnath Singh
 c) Nirmala Sitharaman d) Jai Shankar
 e) **Amit Shah**
 Q.87) Who is the Director General of World health Organization?
 a) Soumya Swaminathan b) Takehiko Nakao
 c) Margaret Chan d) **Tedros Adhanom**
 e) Tom Frieden
 Q.88) Which year observed as Year of Mobility by CISF?
 a) 2019 b) 2022
 c) 2025 d) 2030
 e) **2020**
 Q.89) Which word has been voted word of the decade by US language experts?
 a) The b) **They**
 c) But d) Their
 e) Them
 Q.90) Which state became 1st state to shortlist migrants for citizenship?
 a) MP b) Gujarat
 c) Goa d) **UP**
 e) Assam
 Q.91) Which railway station is fifth in the country and first in North India to inaugurate Navigation facilities for visually impaired?
 a) **Chandigarh** b) Surat
 c) Jodhpur d) Jaipur
 e) None of these
 Q.92) Zo Kutpui Festival organised in which state?
 a) Meghalaya b) Manipur
 c) Assam d) **Mizoram**
 e) Goa
 Q.93) Global Drosophila Conference held at?
 a) Mumbai b) Delhi
 c) **Pune** d) Hyderabad
 e) Lucknow
 Q.94) Which bank signed MoU with TN's WEWA to provide credit for business establishments?
 a) HDFC Bank b) **Indian Bank**
 c) SBI d) BOB
 e) ICICI
 Q.95) CSC inks pact with which payment bank for sale of FASTags?
 a) Airtel payment Bank b) Adithya Birla
 c) **Paytm payment Bank**
 d) Fino Payment Bank e) None of these
 Q.96) RevFin and which other tie-up to offer life cover?
 a) **PNB Met Life** b) HDFC Life
 c) ICICI
 d) HDFC Housing Finance e) None of these
 Q.97) IRDAI: Health insurance cover in the name 'Arogya Sanjeevani' mandatory for insurance companies. The minimum and Maximum limit is?
 a) 1-2 laks b) 2-5 laks
 c) 1-3 laks d) **1-5 laks**
 e) 2-3 laks
 Q.98) AI powered National Stock Exchange Knowledge Hub inaugurated in which city?
 a) Mumbai b) **Delhi**
 c) Pune d) Hyderabad
 e) Lucknow
 Q.99) Who won Global Child Prodigy Award 2020?
 a) **Sucheta Satish** b) Aayushi Dholakia
 c) Sudha Satish d) Sujithra Satish
 e) None of these
 Q.100) Who become Miss Teen International 2019?
 a) Sucheta Satish b) **Aayushi Dholakia**
 c) Sudha Satish d) Sujithra Satish
 e) None of these

- Q.101) Indian Sports Ministry gave 'in principle' approval to hold which sports in 2022 CWG?
 a) Shooting b) Javelin Throw
 c) Archery d) **Both a and c**
 e) None of these
 Q.102) India's star batsman Rohit sharma lays foundation of International cricket stadium in which city?
 a) Mumbai b) Delhi
 c) Pune d) **Hyderabad**
 e) Lucknow
 Q.103) 63rd National Shooting championship competitions 2019 held in which state?
 a) **MP** b) UP
 c) Maharashtra d) Assam
 e) Goa
 Q.104) CWG 2022 held in which place?
 a) France b) Russia
 c) Ireland d) **UK**
 e) India
 Q.105) Headquarters of IRDAI?
 a) Mumbai b) Delhi
 c) Pune d) **Hyderabad**
 e) Lucknow
 Q.106) Who is the Governor of Mizoram?
 a) **Shreedharan Pillai** b) Acharya dev virat
 c) Satya dev Narayanan d) Baby Rani Mouriya
 e) Sathasivam
 Q.107) Rajnath Singh inaugurates 3-day National Traders Convention in which place?
 a) **Delhi** b) Mumbai
 c) Pune d) Kolkata
 e) None of these
 Q.108) Who lays foundation stone of Delhi Cycle Walk?
 a) Rajnath Singh b) **Amit Shah**
 c) Nirmala Sitharaman d) Piyush Goyal
 e) Narendra Modi
 Q.109) President Kovind lays foundation stone to Lakshadweep's first Super Specialty Hospital in which place?
 a) Kalpeni b) Bangaram Atoll
 c) Kadmat d) **Kavaratti**
 e) None of these
 Q.110) First-ever Antar-rashtriya Yoga Diwas Media awards presented to how many media houses for promoting Yoga?
 a) 25 b) 32
 c) 20 d) 36
 e) **30**
 Q.111) 12th naval exercise 'Naseem-Al-Bahr' between India and which country held in Goa?
 a) Russia b) Israel
 c) **Oman** d) Nepal
 e) China
 Q.112) Union Minister of Commerce and Industries inaugurates NSE Knowledge Hub in which place?
 a) **Delhi** b) Mumbai
 c) Pune d) Kolkata
 e) None of these
 Q.113) India's GDP growth rate for 2019-20 estimated at how much percentage, says NSO?
 a) 5.1% b) 5.5%
 c) 5.2% d) **5.0%**
 e) 5.3%
 Q.114) Navigation facilities for visually impaired inaugurated at which railway station?
 a) Surat b) Jaipur
 c) **Chandigarh** d) Jodhpur
 e) Varanasi
 Q.115) Which Cabinet approves issuance of 5-Year multi-entry tourist visa?
 a) **UAE** b) Abu Dhabi
 c) Iran d) Saudi Arabia
 e) North Korea

- Q.116) Which State to set up Vikram Sarabhai Children Innovation Centre?
 a) Maharashtra b) Assam
 c) **Gujarat** d) Goa
 e) UP
 Q.117) Which Govt to provide insurance coverage of Rs 5 lakh to Ganga Sagar pilgrims?
 a) Maharashtra b) Assam
 c) UP d) **West Bengal**
 e) Andra Pradesh
 Q.118) P N Hoon passes away. He was associated with which field?
 a) Actor b) Journalist
 c) **Lieutenant General** d) Writer
 e) Political Leader
 Q.119) Tilkowski of Germany passed away. He was associated with which field?
 a) **Sports Person** b) Actor
 c) Writer d) Song Composer
 e) Journalist
 Q.120) Akbar Padamsee passes away. He was associated with which field?
 a) Sports Person b) Actor
 c) Writer d) **Artist**
 e) Journalist
 Q.121) Who was appointed as Advisor to J&K LG?
 a) Rajiv Kumar b) Rajiv Gauba
 c) **Rajiv Rai** d) Vinoth Rai
 e) Rakesh Kumar
 Q.122) Which city to host 1st edition of Khelo India University Games?
 a) Guwahati b) Pune
 c) **Bhubaneshwar** d) Panaji
 e) Lucknow
 Q.123) Who becomes 7th cricketer to hit six 6s in an over?
 a) Cane Williamson b) Stevie Smith
 c) David Warner d) **Leo Carter**
 e) Markel
 Q.124) Who won 95th Hastings International Chess title?
 a) Magesh Kumar b) Mahesh jain
 c) **Magesh Chandran** d) Magesh Varma
 e) Magesh Sharma
 Q.125) Who won 5th IHAI National Ice Hockey Championship 2020?
 a) **Leh-Ladakh** b) Manipur
 c) Delhi d) Assam
 e) Meghalaya
 Q.126) What is the currency of UAE?
 a) Euro b) **Dirham**
 c) Peso d) Dinar
 e) Pound
 Q.127) Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) is celebrated on _____.
 a) January 5 b) January 7
 c) January 8 d) **January 9**
 e) January 6
 Q.128) The 4th edition of 'Buxa Bird Festival' has begun in _____.
 a) **West Bengal** b) Madhya Pradesh
 c) Odisha d) Nagaland
 e) Uttarkhand
 Q.129) Next Census India will begin in _____.
 a) 2020 b) **2021**
 c) 2022 d) 2023
 e) 2024
 Q.130) The 5th edition of the Asia Pacific Drosophila Research Conference (APDRC5) held in _____.
 a) Maharashtra b) Bhopal
 c) Delhi d) **Pune**
 e) Lucknow
 Q.131) "Advantage Maharashtra expo 2020" was held at which of the following cities?
 a) **Aurangabad** b) Mumbai
 c) Pune d) Nasik

e) None of the above
 Q.132) Forbes' list of people to watch in the 2020s was topped by _____.
 a) Kanhaiya Kumar b) Prashant Kishor
 c) Mahua Moitra d) Anil Ambani
 e) **Hasan Minhaj**
 Q.133) According to the report released by _____, Malappuram (India) city ranks first among the top 10 fastest-growing urban areas in the world.
 a) World bank (WB)
 b) European Central Bank (ECB)
 c) **Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)**
 d) World Economic Forum (WEF)
 e) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
 Q.134) A signed dress worn by whom has been auctioned off to raise funds for firefighters tackling Australia's bushfire emergency?
 a) Roger Federer b) Rafael Nadal
 c) Ashleigh Barty d) **Serena Williams**
 e) Naomi Osaka
 Q.135) Eurasia's annual 'Top 10 Risks' of the year list was topped by?
 a) Geopolitical Europe
 b) **Rigged! : Who Governs the US**
 c) India gets Modi-fied
 d) The great Decoupling
 e) US/China
 Q.136) Iran designate which country as 'terrorist entities'?
 a) China b) Pakistan
 c) **US** d) Afghanistan
 e) Syria
 Q.137) Which are the two Indian based banks have closed their operations in Sri Lanka?
 a) SBI and ICICI b) HDFC and Axis
 c) SBI and HDFC d) **ICICI and Axis**
 e) HDFC and ICICI
 Q.138) National Statistical Office (NSO) projects India's GDP growth rate for 2019-20 at _____.
 a) **5.0%** b) 5.6%
 c) 6.1% d) 4.9%
 e) 5.4%
 Q.139) Which bank projects India's economy to reach \$7 trillion by 2030?
 a) World Bank b) RBI
 c) Standard Chartered
 d) Asian Development Bank
 e) **Deutsche Bank**
 Q.140) Which bank has announced 'residential builder finance with buyer guarantee' (RBBG) scheme which was implemented by RBI?
 a) ICICI b) **SBI**
 c) BOB d) SIB
 e) HDFC
 Q.141) Judges Archana Rao and Deepa Ambedkar have been appointed as judges to criminal and civil courts of which of the following cities?
 a) **New York** b) Sydney
 c) Washington DC d) Birmingham
 e) London
 Q.142) Who is appointed as the new chairman of Apparel Export Promotion Council of India (AEPC) ?
 a) **A Sakthivel** b) Dharman
 c) Krishnaswamy Vijayragavan
 d) Gopal Krishnan
 e) Parthasarathy Mukherji
 Q.143) Jasbinder Bilan has been conferred the UK's famous Costa Children's Award 2019 for which of her novel?
 a) Dark Fear
 b) Testament
 c) **Asha and the Spirit Bird**
 d) Girl, Women and Power
 e) The Sorrow Beyond Trees

Q.144) Who has recently released food items that will be part of the space menu of Gaganyaan mission?
 a) ISRO b) FSSAI
 c) Food Corporation of India (FCI)
 d) **Defence Food Research Laboratory (DFRL)**
 e) DRDO
 Q.145) Daniele De Rossi belongs to which of the following sports?
 a) Tennis b) Badminton
 c) **Football** d) Chess
 e) Weightlifting
 Q.146) Who released a book 'Karmayodha Granth' on the life of Prime Minister Narendra Modi?
 a) Ramesh Pokhriyal b) Prakash Javadekar
 c) Narendra Modi d) Rajnath Singh
 e) **Amit Shah**
 Q.147) What is the maximum amount that can be paid in recurring payment in UPI _____.
 a) Rs. 1000 b) **Rs.2000**
 c) Rs.1500 d) Rs.5000
 e) Rs.2500
 Q.148) How much did the industrial output grew in the month of November?
 a) 4.5% b) 3.4%
 c) 1.5% d) **1.8%**
 e) 4%
 Q.149) The Board of YES Bank approves Rs. _____ crore funding.
 a) 50000 b) 40000
 c) **10000** d) 5000
 e) 2000
 Q.150) US State department put sanctions on _____ Iranian exports.
 a) Oil & Gas b) Coal
 c) **Metal**d) Nuclear Fuel
 e) Glass
 Q.151) Where does Bishwa Ijtema takes place?
 a) Aurangabad b) Mumbai
 c) Islamabad d) **Dhaka**
 e) Haj
 Q.152) World Hindi day is celebrated on _____.
 a) January 13 b) January 17
 c) January 20 d) January 21
 e) **January 10**
 Q.153) Sultan Qaboos is from which of the following country?
 a) **Oman** b) Saudi Arabia
 c) Kuwait d) Abudabi
 e) Baharin
 Q.154) Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation approves 17 projects worth over Rs 110 crore in _____.
 a) **Jammu and Kashmir** b) Tamil nadu
 c) Kerala d) Uttarpradesh
 e) Assam
 Q.155) Which of the following releases state energy efficiency index 2019?
 a) CAG
 b) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
 c) RBI
 d) **Union Government**
 e) IMF
 Q.156) DPIIT expand?
 a) Department for Promotion of Industry and Information Trade
 b) Department for Promotion of Informal and Internal Trade
 c) Department for Promotion of Income and Internal Trade
 d) **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade**
 e) Department for Promotion of Incubation and Industry Trade

Q.157) Third edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha will be held on _____.
 a) January 13 b) January 19
 c) **January 20** d) January 22
 e) January 17
 Q.158) Where did I&B Ministry organised digital exhibition on I&B Ministry organises digital exhibition ?
 a) Bidar b) Belgaum
 c) Vijayapura d) Bijapur
 e) **Ballary**
 Q.159) Which state or UT is likely to get SMS-based taxi aggregator scheme soon?
 a) Ladakh b) Assam
 c) **Jammu and kashmir** d) Delhi
 e) Daman
 Q.160) Who will succeed Sultan Qaboos as ruler of Oman?
 a) Said bin Taimur
 b) **Haitham bin Tariq Al**
 c) Taimur bin Feisal
 d) Sheikha Mazoon binti Ahmed
 e) Faisal bin Turki
 Q.161) Under the recently amended RBI KYC norms, which of the following is possible?
 a) Biometric based Customer Identification Process
 b) Retina based Customer Identification Process
 c) Image based Customer Identification Process
 d) **Video based Customer Identification Process**
 e) Interview based Customer Identification Process
 Q.162) Dakar Rally was held at _____.
 a) Singapore b) Italy
 c) **Saudi Arabia** d) Mexico
 e) Austria
 Q.163) Thomas Antony belongs to which of the following professions?
 a) **Cartoonist** b) Actor
 c) Singer d) Badminton
 e) Cyclist
 Q.164) Who won WTA singles title at the Shenzhen Open?
 a) Belinda Bencic b) Ashleigh Barty
 c) Simona Halep
 d) **Ekaterina Alexandrova**
 e) Naomi Osaka
 Q.165) Which team win the first ATP Cup in Sydney?
 a) **Serbia** b) Spain
 c) Switzerland d) Germany
 e) China
 Q.167) Who won BCCI Lifetime Achievement Award in women's category?
 a) Smriti Mandhana b) Deepti Sharma
 c) Mithali Raj d) **Anjum Chopra**
 e) Harmanpreet Kaur
 Q.168) Who won Best International debut award - in men's category?
 a) Rishab Pant b) Shivam Dube
 c) Shreyas Iyer d) **Mayank Agarwal**
 e) Navdeep Saini
 Q.169) Haitham bin Tariq Al Said sworn in as which country's Ruler?
 a) Iraq b) Iran
 c) Saudi Arabia d) **Oman**
 e) Qatar
 Q.170) Who is the Present Prime Minister of Malta?
 a) Joseph Muscat
 b) Askar Uzakbaiuly Mamin
 c) Chris Fearne
 d) Shavkat Miromonovich Mirziyoyev
 e) **Robert Abela**
 Q.171) Recently Tsai Ing-wen was elected as which country's president?

a) Hungary
c) Portugal
e) Thailand
Q.172) Flipkart co-founder and former CEO Sachin Bansal has reportedly acquired DHFL General Insurance from Wadhwan Group Capital (WGC) for how much capital?
a) Rs 200 crore
c) Rs 300 crore
e) Rs 250 crore
Q.173) Who led SEBI's panel recommendations to split CMD and chairman's posts in listed companies?
a) Ratan Tata
c) Rajiv Gauba
e) **Uday Kotak**
Q.174) What is the theme of 18th edition of Dhaka International Film Festival?
a) **Better Film, Better Audience and Better Society**
b) Gandhi: The Writer's Writer
c) Environment and Climate Change
d) Best Film, Better Audience and Best Society
e) Think Today, Act Tomorrow
Q.175) Which country to hold world's second largest Muslim congregation 'Bishwa Ijtema' in January 2020?
a) Pakistan
c) **Bangladesh**
e) UAE
Q.176) World Future Energy Summit (WFES) is held at _____.
a) **Abu Dhabi**
c) Riyadh
e) Male
Q.177) Nitin Gadkari inaugurated 31st Road Safety Campaign at _____.
a) Mumbai
c) **Nagpur**
e) Delhi
Q.178) The 23rd National Youth Festival (NYF) 2020 was held at _____.
a) Varanasi
c) Amethi
e) Gandhinagar
Q.179) What is the theme of the 23rd National Youth Festival 2020?
a) MISSION YOUTH
b) **FIT YOUTH FIT INDIA**
c) HEALTHY YOUTH
d) LIVE YOUNG
e) FIT INDIA
Q.180) The 5th edition of The Pulses Conclave will be held at?
a) **Lonavala, Maharashtra**
b) Panaji, Goa
c) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
d) Mumbai, Maharashtra
e) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
Q.181) Who launched Yashaswini Scheme for Women entrepreneurship in Goa?
a) Rajnath Singh
c) Nirmala Sitharaman
e) **Smriti Irani**
Q.182) Dharmendra Pradhan launched mission PURVODAYA at _____.
a) **Kolkata**
c) Delhi
e) Jaipur
Q.183) Project 'Netrang' was launched in which state?
a) Punjab
c) Rajasthan
e) Uttar Pradesh
Q.184) First Cyber Crime Prevention Unit of India "AASHVAST" was launched by _____.
a) Rajnath Singh
b) **Amit Shah**

b) Oman
d) **Taiwan**
c) Narendra modi
d) Dharmendra Pradhan
Q.185) ICGSs Annie Besant and Amrit Kaur were commissioned at _____.
a) **Kolkata**
c) Kochi
e) Goa
Q.186) Kolkata Port Trust was renamed after _____.
a) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
b) Baba Guru Nanak Dev
c) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
d) **Shyama Prasad Mukherjee**
e) Arun Jaitley
Q.187) National Youth Day was celebrated on _____.
a) January 11
c) January 15
e) January 13
Q.188) Polly Umrigar award was awarded to _____.
a) Virat Kohli
c) **Jasprit Bumrah**
e) Dilip Joshi
Q.189) Dilip Sardesai Award for Highest Run Getter in Test Cricket (Male) was awarded to _____.
a) Ajinkya Rahane
c) Rohit Sharma
d) **Cheteshwar Pujara**
e) Mayank Agarwal
Q.190) Dilip Sardesai Award for Highest Wicket taker in Test Cricket (Male) was awarded to _____.
a) Mohit Sharma
c) **Jasprit Bumrah**
d) Bhuvaneshwar Kumar
e) Ravinchandran Ashwin
Q.191) Who was awarded C.K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award?
a) **Krishnamari Srikant**
c) Anil Kumble
e) Sachin Tendulkar
Q.192) Tennis player Ekaterina Alexandrova belongs to which country?
a) Spain
c) Germany
e) Kazakhstan
Q.193) Statue of Unity which finds place in '8 Wonders of SCO' is in which state?
a) **Gujarat**
c) Uttar Pradesh
e) Bihar
Q.194) Who will inaugurate classical Telugu centre in Andhra's Nellore?
a) Narendra Modi
c) Ramnath Govind
e) Nitin Gadkari
Q.195) Who will be the first woman parade adjutant for the Republic Day parade?
a) Punita Arora
b) Padmavathy Bandopadhyay
c) **Tania Shergill**
d) Mitali Madhumita
e) Priya Jhingan
Q.196) The famous Parshuram Kund Mela began in which state?
a) Andhra Pradesh
c) Uttar Pradesh
d) **Arunachal Pradesh**
e) Assam
Q.197) Union Culture and Tourism Minister Prahlad Singh Patel launched an exhibition titled "Indian Heritage in Digital Space" in which city?
a) Mumbai
c) Bengaluru
e) **New Delhi**

Q.198) The 7th conference of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, India region will be held in which city?
a) **Lucknow**
c) Bengaluru
e) New Delhi
Q.199) The 5th edition of the prestigious Raisina Dialogue kicked-off in which city?
a) Lucknow
c) Bengaluru
e) Ahmedabad
Q.200) 6th meeting of the Island Development Agency (IDA) was chaired by the Union Home Minister Amit Shah in which city?
a) Lucknow
c) **New Delhi**
e) Ahmedabad
Q.201) The fifth edition of Science Film Festival of India, SCI-FFI 2020, was kick-started in which state/UT?
a) New Delhi
c) Kerala
e) Tamil Nadu
Q.202) Robert Abela elected new PM of which country?
a) Austria
c) Argentina
e) **Malta**
Q.203) Who is the new Director General of the CRPF?
a) **Anand Prakash Maheshwari**
b) SS Deswal
d) Anup Kumar Singh
Q.204) Which scientist has been elected as a bureau member of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) for the period 2020-23?
a) MS Swaminathan
b) **Bipul Behari Saha**
c) K Sivan
d) Mayilsami Annadurai
e) Abhishek Kumar Sharma
Q.205) Who was recently appointed as 4th Deputy Governor of RBI?
a) Shakti Kanta Das
c) **Michael Patra**
d) Raghu Ram Rajan
e) Subramanya Swamy
Q.206) Indian Armed Forces Veterans Day was celebrated in which date?
a) January 11
c) January 13
e) January 15
Q.207) Indian Army Day is celebrated on which day?
a) January 11
c) January 13
e) **January 15**
Q.208) Which organisation celebrated its 145th Foundation Day on 15 January 2020?
a) **IMD**
c) ITBF
e) ICAR
Q.209) Which organisation extends deadline to Apr 2022 to split CMD post?
a) RBI
c) NABARD
e) NHB
Q.210) Which E-commerce giant will invest USD one billion in India over the next five years?
a) Microsoft
c) **Amazon**
e) Google
Q.211) "The Global Risks Report 2020" has been released by which organisation?
a) IFC
c) IMF
e) ADB
b) Ahmedabad
d) Chennai
b) **New Delhi**
d) Chennai
b) Mumbai
d) Chennai
b) Karnataka
d) **Goa**
b) Australia
d) Belgium
c) Surjeet Singh
e) Ajit Doval
b) Viral Acharya
d) **Michael Patra**
b) January 12
d) **January 14**
b) January 12
d) January 14
b) January 12
d) January 14
b) ICG
d) BSF
b) **SEBI**
d) ECGG
b) Facebook
d) Flipkart
b) World Bank
d) **WEF**

Q.212) Who received 'Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu National Award for Excellence'?

a) Gutta Muniratnam b) K Sivan
c) Mayilsamy Annadurai d) Raghu Ram Rajan
e) **M S Swaminathan**

Q.213) Who received 'Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu National Award for Social Service'?

a) **Gutta Muniratnam** b) K Sivan
c) Mayilsamy Annadurai d) Raghu Ram Rajan
e) M S Swaminathan

Q.214) Who won Global Child Prodigy Award?

a) Adithya K b) **Ishwar Sharma**
c) Greta Thunberg d) Mohammed Dalilah
e) Yousef Malala

Q.215) Which city has been awarded for its initiatives for plastic waste management with the Swachhata Darpan Awards 2019?

a) Jamshedpur b) Indore
c) **Puri** d) Kamakodi
e) Hyderabad

Q.216) Who leads both the ICC Test XI and ODI Team of the year?

a) Pollard b) Kane Williamson
c) Aaron Finch d) **Virat Kohli**
e) Joe Root

Q.217) Who was awarded the ODI player of the year 2019 by the ICC?

a) Virat Kohli b) Steve Smith
c) David Warner d) Babar Azam
e) **Rohit Sharma**

Q.218) Who was awarded the Test player of the year 2019 by the ICC?

a) **Pat Cummins** b) Cheteshwar Pujara
c) Virat Kohli d) Mayank Agarwal
e) Steve Smith

Q.219) Who was awarded the Spirit of the game award by ICC?

a) Steve Smith b) **Virat Kohli**
c) David Warner d) Babar Azam
e) Rohit Sharma

Q.220) Which badminton player won the Malaysia Masters title?

a) Chen Long b) Viktor Axelsen
c) **Kento Momota** d) Shi Yuqi
e) Srikanth Kidambi

Q.221) Recently Manmohan Mahapatra who recently passed away, Belongs to which field?

a) Writer b) Politician
c) Athlete d) **Film Maker**
e) Educationist

Q.222) Who received T20I Performance of the Year from ICC?

a) Glenn Maxwell b) Aaron Finch
c) Rashid Khan d) Navdeep Saini
e) **Deepakh Chahar**

Q.223) Om Birla inaugurates 7th Conference of CPA India Region in?

a) New Delhi
b) Lucknow
c) Mumbai
d) Chennai
e) Kolkata

Q.224) Rajnath Singh dedicates which type of guns to nation?

a) K9 Vajra-T
b) K8 Vajra-T
c) K7 Vartha-T
d) K2 Virat-T
e) K7 Varaha-T

Q.225) Who launches APNA UREA – SonaUgle” brand of HURL?

a) Venkaiah Naidu
b) Ramnath Kovind
c) Sadananda Gowda
d) Narendra Modi
e) Amit Shah

Q.226) Recently Union minister launches APNA UREA – SonaUgle” brand of HURL. Full form of HURL?

a) Hindustan Urvarak and Rasayan Limited
b) Hindustan Uniliver and Research Limited
c) Hindustan Union and Rasayan Limited
d) Hindustan Urvarak and Research Limited
e) None of the Above

Q.227) What is the Main theme of the 7th Conference of CPA India Region?

a) Role and Responsibility
b) Role and regional connectivity
c) Responsible of work
d) Role of Legislators
e) Role of sustainable development

Q.228) Mega campaign on fuel conservation 'Saksham' inaugurated in?

a) Mumbai
b) Hyderabad
c) Kolkata
d) Pune
e) New Delhi

Q.229) Vice President addresses gathering at Dr B R Ambedkar Auditorium at?

a) New Delhi
b) Port Blair
c) Mumbai
d) Lucknow
e) Gandhinagar

Q.230) State of Art Tejas express train between Mumbai and which of the following stations?

a) Port Blair
b) Lucknow
c) Hyderabad
d) Ahmadabad
e) Leh

Q.231) Who releases the report of Economies face huge risks from biodiversity loss and climate change?

a) WHO
b) UNICEF
c) UNDP
d) UNESCO
e) WEF

Q.232) Prime Minister Oleksiy Honcharuk recently resigns. He is the PM of which country?

a) Ukraine
b) Uruguay
c) Ghana
d) Algeria
e) Iran

Q.233) Hong Kong Chief Executive says 'one country, two systems' can continue beyond which year?

a) 2041
b) 2047
c) 2057
d) 2043
e) 2033

Q.234) Sri Lankan President decides estate workers' daily wage to be?

a) 900
b) 1000
c) 1200
d) 1500
e) 2000

Q.235) Who predicts Sri Lanka's economic growth at 3.3 percentage for 2020?

a) UNDP
b) World Bank
c) ADB
d) WEF
e) FCI

Q.236) India successfully launches high power communication satellite?

a) GSAT-31
b) GSAT-33

c) GSAT-30
d) GSAT-34
e) GSAT-37

Q.237) Who appointed Queen's Counsel for courts of England & Wales?

a) Harish Selladurai
b) Harsha Kumar
c) Hari Mohan
d) Harish Salve
e) Hari Chandran

Q.238) Alok Kansal takes over as General Manager of which Railways?

a) Eastern Railways
b) Northern Railways
c) Southern Railways
d) North East Railways
e) Western Railways

Q.239) Who takes over as the new DG of CRPF?

a) Anand Prakash Maheshwari
b) Anand kumar
c) Alok kansal
d) Harish Salve
e) Anurag Thakur

Q.240) Which state signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with International Union for Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) ?

a) Gujarat
b) Andhra Pradesh
c) Telangana
d) Maharastra
e) Arunachal Pradesh

Q.241) 3rd edition of North Zone Conference' of Media Units of I&B Ministry held in?

a) Jammu
b) Leh
c) Ladakh
d) Himachal Pradesh
e) Manipur

Q.242) Who inaugurates ELECRAMA 2020, a flagship showcases of electrical industry?

a) Piyush Goal
b) Dharmendra Pradhan
c) Prakash Javadekar
d) Rajnath Singh
e) S Jaishankar

Q.243) ELECRAMA 2020, a flagship showcases of electrical industry held in?

a) Guwahati
b) Greater Noida
c) Shimla
d) Lucknow
e) Indore

Q.244) Kiren Rijiju and Pramod Sawant flag off 'Fit India Cyclothon' in?

a) Dispur
b) Imphal
c) Itanagar
d) Panaji
e) New Delhi

Q.245) Which film gets Best Film Award at Dhaka International Film Festival?

a) Castle of Dreams
b) Game of Thrones
c) The Witcher
d) Lost City
e) The Sword

Q.246) Which Indian film bagged Best Audience Award in Cinema of the World Category?

a) Love with Life
b) Asuran
c) Andhadum
d) Finally Love
e) Raaz

Q.247) 6.5-kilometre long Z-Morh tunnel got 2000 crore award price. It is located in?

a) Himachal Pradesh
b) Ladakh

c) Jammu and Kashmir

- d) Leh
e) Assam
Q.248) Vasdev Mohi to be conferred with 29th Saraswati Samman. He belongs to which language?
a) Sanskrit
b) Marathi
c) Odia
d) Kannada

e) Sindh

- Q.249) Sania Mirza (India) and Nadiia Kichenok (Ukraine) have won the women's doubles title of the WTA International trophy. Event held in?
a) Sydney, Australia

b) Hobart, Australia

- c) Melborne, Australia
d) California, USA
e) Ottawa, Canada

- Q.250) Bapu Nadkarni passed away. He belongs to which Sports?

- a) Foot ball

b) Cricket

- c) Basketball
d) Tennis
e) Table Tennis

- Q.251) ICC U-19 World Cup Cricket begins in?

- a) Australia
b) India

c) South Africa

- d) England
e) Qatar

- Q.252) Who is the Chairman of NSE?

a) Girish Chandra Chaturvedi

- b) Ashok Gehlot
c) Ram Mohan
d) Soma Roy
e) Shakthi kumar

- Q.253) Who is the 1st woman third umpire in men's international T20 cricket?

- a) G S Lakshmi
b) **Jacqueline Williams** c) Claire Polosak
d) Kim Cotton e) Lauren Agenbag

- Q.254) Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium is located at _____?

a) Dhaka, Bangladesh

- b) Sharjah, UAE
c) Islamabad, Pakistan
d) Dharmashala, Himachal Pradesh
e) Kolkata, West Bengal

- Q.255) Who is the fastest Indian spinner to claim 100 wickets in ODI?

- a) Yuzvendra Singh Chahal
b) **Kuldeep Yadav** c) Ravindra Jadeja
d) Washington Sundar e) None of these

- Q.256) Derrara Hurisa has broken the event record in the 7th edition of the Mumbai marathon. She belongs to which country?

- a) Kenya b) Jamaica
c) Eritrea d) Japan

e) Ethiopia

- Q.257) Ravi Kumar Dahiya belongs to which sports?

- a) Badminton b) **Power Lifting**
c) Weight Lifting d) Wrestling
e) Boxing

- Q.258) Who lifted the Indonesia Badminton Masters 2020 women's singles title?

- a) Carolina Marin b) Tai Tzu-ying
c) **Ratchanok Intanon** d) Nozomi Okuhara
e) Akane Yamaguchi

- Q.259) Who consolidated top batting position in ODI rankings?

- a) Rohit Sharma b) **Virat Kohli**
c) Steven Smith d) Kane Williamson
e) Aaron Finch

- Q.260) Who is the author of the book 'The Winning Sixer: Leadership Lessons To Master'?

- a) Anil Kumble b) Virendra Sehwar
c) Hemant Badani d) **Woorkeri Venkat Raman**

- e) Sadagopan Ramesh
Q.261) Who was chosen for the 2017 National Lata Mangeshkar Award?

- a) Uttam Singh b) Usha Khann
c) Vijay Patil d) Kuldeep Singh

e) Suman Kalyanpur

- Q.262) Who was chosen for Mangeshkar award for the year 2018?

- a) Usha Khann b) Vijay Patil
c) Uttam Singh d) **Kuldeep Singh**
e) Suman Kalyanpur

- Q.263) Who is appointed as the new Vice Chief of Army Staff?

- a) Manoj Mukund Naravane
b) **Satinder Kumar Saini**

- c) Ravendra Pal Singh
d) Anil Chauhan
e) Ranbir Singh

- Q.264) Who was elected as President of Archery Association of India?

- a) Muskan Kirar b) Sunil Sharma
c) Virendra Sachdeva d) Deepika Kumari
e) **Arjun Munda**

- Q.265) The first ever Food Processing Summit held at _____.

- a) **Ladakh**
b) Jammu and Kashmir c) Shimla
d) Dehradun e) Hyderabad

- Q.266) Excellence in Blockchain Technology centre has been inaugurated at _____.

- a) Mysuru b) Hyderabad
c) Delhi d) **Bengaluru**

- e) Lucknow
Q.267) SQAY competition kicks off at _____.

- a) Chandigarh b) Raipur
c) Assam d) Bihar

e) Bhopal

- Q.268) 1st edition of Krishi Manthan begins at _____.

- a) Allahabad b) **Ahmedabad**
c) Gandhinagar d) Kolkata
e) Secunderabad

- Q.269) 12th National Tribal Youth Exchange Programme was held at _____.

- a) **Puducherry** b) Tamil Nadu
c) Jharkhand d) Uttar Pradesh

- e) Gujarat
Q.270) 9th International Children's Film Festival begins in _____.

- a) Kochi b) Bengaluru
c) **Kolkata** d) Mumbai

- e) Delhi
Q.271) Who has launched blockchain technology based "Vajra Platform"?

- a) SBI b) BOB
c) HDFC d) RBI

e) NPCI

- Q.272) 3rd edition of the Climate Innovations Exchange was held at _____.

- a) **Abu Dhabi** b) Dubai
c) Qatar d) Riyadh

- e) Muscat
Q.273) What is the theme of 10th edition of World Future Energy Summit?

- a) Future depends on AI
b) **Rethinking Global Consumption, Production, and Investment**

- c) Yesterday, Today, tomorrow
d) Think about Future

- e) Future: Climate change and action

- Q.274) What is the position of India in Global Social Mobility Report 2020?

- a) 72 b) 84
c) 96 d) **76**
e) 86

- Q.275) Which country topped in Global Social Mobility Report 2020?

- a) USA b) Singapore
c) China d) **Denmark**

- e) Netherland

- Q.276) What is the theme of 50th World Economic Forum?

- a) Creating a shared future in a fractured world
b) Partnering for security and prosperity
c) Leadership in fragile times
d) New global context
e) **Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World**

- Q.277) Who is the Indian representative in 50th World Economic Forum?

- a) Nirmala Sitharaman b) **Piyush Goyal**
c) Dharmendra Pradhan d) Narendra Modi

- e) Prakash Javadekar
Q.278) "cVIGIL" app was developed by _____.

- a) CBI b) CRPF
c) Indian Army

d) Election Commission of India

- e) The Bureau of Police Research and Development

- Q.279) 'Voter Helpline App' has won the e-Governance award in Award of Excellence 2019 which was held at _____.

- a) Delhi b) Mumbai
c) **Bhubaneswar** Bengaluru

- e) Guwahati

- Q.280) Who laid foundation stone of Lakshadweep's 1st super specialty hospital at Kavaratti?

- a) **Venkaiah Naidu** b) Ram Nath Kovind
c) Narendra Modi d) Smriti Irani

- e) Harsh Vardhan

- Q.281) 7th Economic Census process is being carried out by which ministry?

- a) **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation**
b) Ministry of Finance
c) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
d) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances
e) None of the above

- Q.282) What is the theme of 2nd edition of NIC Tech Conclave-2020?

- a) **Technologies for Next-Gen Governance**
b) Technology for future Governance
c) Tomorrow depends on Good Governance
d) e-Governance
e) Good Governance for all

- Q.283) Who Presents 14th Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Awards?

- a) Narendra Modi
b) Venkaiah Naidu
c) **Ramnath Kovind**

- d) Jitendra Singh
e) Kirren Rijiju

- Q.284) Recently which organisation celebrated 15th Raising Day?

- a) CISF
b) **NDRF**

- c) NSDL
d) CSPF

- e) NSG

- Q.285) Statehood day celebrated on January 21st by?

- a) Tripura
b) Nagaland

- c) Manipur
d) **A and B**

- e) All of The Above

Q.286) Atal Innovation Mission & which organisation hosts 3day Youth Co: Lab National Innovation Challenge?

- a) UNDP
- b) UNESCO
- c) WEF
- d) ADB
- e) UNWTO

Q.287) IMF lowers India's 2019 growth forecast from 6.1% to?

- a) 5.5%
- b) 4.9%
- c) 6%
- d) 4.8%
- e) 4.3%

Q.288) 14th Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Awards held in?

- a) Mumbai
- b) Kolkata
- c) New Delhi
- d) Guwahati
- e) Lucknow

Q.289) Who releases Global investment Trend report?

- a) WEF
- b) UNCTAD
- c) UNWTO
- d) UNESCO
- e) IMF

Q.290) India to set up Maritime Research Coordination Centre in?

- a) Mauritius
- b) Maldives
- c) Nepal
- d) Bangladesh

e) **Srilanka**

Q.291) Chapchar kut festival to be celebrated in?

- a) Mizoram
- b) Nagaland
- c) Tripura
- d) Manipur
- e) Assam

Q.292) Which state has been ranked the best for parameters on efficiency targets?

- a) Mumbai
- b) Kolkata
- c) Gujarat
- d) New Delhi
- e) Rajasthan

Q.293) Who appointed as the vice chairman of Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML) ?

- a) Nripendra Misra
- b) Surya Prakash
- c) Soma Roy Burma
- d) Hari Prasad
- e) None of the Above

Q.294) Sanjiv Chadha appointed managing director and chief executive of Which bank?

- a) Indian Bank
- b) Bank Of Baroda
- c) Union Bank of India
- d) UCO Bank
- e) Allahabad Bank

Q.295) Name the Indian to receive highest Australian civilian honour?

- a) Kiran Advani
- b) Prithiv Shaw
- c) Alexis Bern

d) **Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw**

e) Mahammad Shaw

Q.296) Sunanda Patnaik Passes Away. She belongs to?

- a) Sports
- b) Politics
- c) Singer
- d) Actor
- e) Dramatist

Q.297) Name the World's shortest man Passed away recently?

- a) Khagendra Thapa Magar
- b) Kalinga shervar
- c) Sudharsan Magar
- d) Thappan Roy
- e) Tai zeng

Q.298) India successfully test-fired K-4 Ballistic Missile from?

- a) Odisha
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Kerala
- d) Tamilnadu
- e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.299) Zomato acquires which food delivery business for Rs 2,485 crore?

- a) Swiggy
- b) Jusfood
- c) Uber Eats
- d) Food India
- e) Fast Food

Q.300) Harbhajan and who included in government panel on sports?

- a) Srikanth
- b) Kapil dev
- c) Anjum Chopra
- d) Ravi Shastri
- e) Irfan Pathan

Q.301) what is the loan amount disbursed till Jan 13 under MSMEs scheme?

- a) 75000 crore
- b) 70000 crore
- c) 65000 crore
- d) 55000 crore
- e) 86000 crore

Q.302) Who chaired 32nd interaction through PRAGATI platform?

- a) Ramnath Kovind
- b) Venkaiah Naidu
- c) Narendra Modi
- d) Amit Shah
- e) Rajnath Singh

Q.303) India opens its first Mahatma Gandhi convention centre in?

- a) Niger
- b) Nigeria
- c) Namibia
- d) Mauritius
- e) Maldives

Q.304) Govt decriminalise Income Tax Act & the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. Which of the following is Prevention of Money Laundering Act?

- a) Prevention of Money Laundering Act 2007
- b) Prevention of Money Laundering Act 2002
- c) Prevention of Money Laundering Act 2005
- d) Prevention of Money Laundering Act 2001
- e) Prevention of Money Laundering Act 2008

Q.305) Who Signs MoU for offshore Data with Geological Survey of India?

- a) Indian Army
- b) Indian Air Force
- c) Indian Navy
- d) Indian Coast Guards
- e) NSF

Q.306) Which ministry participates in the Round-table of UNAIDS?

- a) Minister of State for Health
- b) Minister of State for Science and Technology
- c) Minister of State for Road and Transport
- d) Minister of State for Shipping (I/C) and Chemical & Fertilizers
- e) None of the Above

Q.307) What is India rank in Global Social Mobility Index 2020?

- a) 86th
- b) 59th

c) 76th

d) 44th

e) 73rd

Q.308) Who released the 1st edition of Global Social Mobility Report 2020 titled?

- a) World Economic Forum.
- b) World Bank
- c) IMF
- d) WHO
- e) UNDP

Q.309) Which city has emerged as world's most dynamic city?

- a) Bangalore
- b) Chennai

c) **Hyderabad**

d) Mumbai

Q.310) Which IIT develops AI-powered tech for reading legal cases?

- a) IIT Guwahati
- b) IIT Kharagpur

c) IIT Madras

d) IIT Hyderabad

e) IIT Trichy

Q.311) Who appointed as a managing director of SBI?

a) **Challa Sreenivasulu Setty**

b) Srinivasan Reddy

c) Rajnish Kumar

d) Sanjiv Chadha

e) Sanjay Batra

Q.312) Google partners with whom to offer G Suite to small, medium businesses?

- a) Microsoft
- b) Wipro

c) **Airtel**

d) Adithya Birla

e) Reliance

Q.313) Name the Titular Queen of Bhopal recently passed away?

a) Sajitha Begam

b) **Saleha Sultan**

c) Sameera Shetty

d) Ramlila Begam

e) Helan Mariam

Q.314) Divyansh Singh Pawar, Apurvi Chandela Clinch Gold in which Sports?

- a) Swimming
- b) Wrestling

c) **Shooting**

d) Weightlifting

e) Archery

Q.315) Who won 5th gold in swimming in the Khelo India youth games?

a) **Shivangi Sarma**

b) Deepak Kumari

c) Anjum Moudgil

d) Seema Punima

e) Saranya sharma

Q.316) 3rd Khelo India youth games held in?

- a) Pune
- b) New Delhi

c) **Guwahati**

d) Lucknow

e) Mumbai

Q.317) Who won the Diplomat Cup Cricket Championship of 2020 held in Sharjah?

- a) Pakistan
- b) Australia
- c) West Indies

d) **India**

e) England

Q.318) Wrestler Yogeshwar Dutt and Paralympian Deepa Malik inducted in AICS. Full form of AICS?

- a) **All India Council of Sports**
- b) All India Cricket of Sports
- c) All India Centre for Sports

- d) All India Course For Sports
e) None of the above
- Q.319) Harmeet Desai belongs to which of the following sports?
a) Tennis
b) Table Tennis
c) Badminton
d) Chess
e) Cricket
- Q.320) Diplomat Cup Cricket Championship 2020 held at _____.
a) India
b) Sri Lanka
c) Australia
d) Bangladesh
e) Sharjah
- Q.321) who will host 10th Annual Meeting of Forum of Election Management Bodies of South Asia?
a) **Election Commission of India**
b) Federal Election Commission, USA
c) The Commission on Elections, Philippines
d) Elections Department Singapore
e) Election Commission of Sri Lanka
- Q.322) which country is going to train Indian flight surgeons for ISRO's Gaganyaan mission?
a) Russia
b) China
c) USA
d) **France**
e) England
- Q.323) Which world body ordered Myanmar to take steps to prevent Rohingya Genocide?
a) International Criminal court of Justice
b) International Civil court of Justice
c) **International Court of Justice**
d) UN General Assembly
e) US Justice Department
- Q.324) In which city Mumbai malls, shops, eateries can stay open 24X7 from January 27?
a) Banalore
b) Chennai
c) Panaji
d) Cochin
e) Mumbai
- Q.325) Where is India's first e-waste clinic located?
a) Banalore
b) Chennai
c) **Bhopal**
d) Cochin
e) Mumbai
- Q.326) Which is the first state to implement agricultural land leasing policy?
a) Tamil nadu
b) Gujarat
c) Maharashtra
d) **Uttarakhand**
e) Uttar Pradesh
- Q.327) According to a Greenpeace India report, Which is the most polluted city in India?
a) Dhanbad
b) **Jharja**
c) Dowki
d) Lungle
e) Firozabad
- Q.328) Who is the Managing Director of the State Bank of India
a) T Manoharan
b) Sanjiv Chadha
c) **Challa Sreenivasulu Setty**
d) Lingam Venkat Prabhakar
e) Atanu Kumar Das
- Q.329) Who is the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bank of India?
a) T Manoharan
b) Sanjiv Chadha
c) Challa Sreenivasulu Setty
d) Lingam Venkat Prabhakar
e) **Atanu Kumar Das**
- Q.330) Who is the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bank of Baroda?
a) T Manoharan
b) **Sanjiv Chadha**
c) Challa Sreenivasulu Setty
d) Lingam Venkat Prabhakar
e) Atanu Kumar Das
- Q.331) Who is the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Canara Bank?
a) T Mannocharan
b) Sanjiv Chadha

- c) Challa Sreenivasulu Setty
d) **Lingam Venkat Prabhakar**
e) Atanu Kumar Das
- Q.332) UN lowers India's growth forecast for FY20 to _____.
a) 4.9%
b) 5.6%
c) **5.7%**
d) 5.4%
e) 5.9%
- Q.333) IMF lowers India growth estimate to _____ for 2019
a) **4.8%**
b) 4.6%
c) 4.7%
d) 4.4%
e) 5.9%
- Q.334) Who won the Cisco Youth Leadership Award 2019?
a) Geetha Prakash
b) Gita Gopinath
c) Priya Varrier
d) Greta Thunberg
e) **Priya Prakash**
- Q.335) Which field does Man Mohan Sood belong to?
a) Actor
b) **Cricketer**
c) Anchor
d) Politics
e) Scientist
- Q.336) Which Bank recently rolled out cardless cash withdrawal facility at ATMs?
a) Axis Bank
b) **ICICI Bank**
c) HDFC Bank
d) YES Bank
e) RBL Bank
- Q.337) Where is Aurobindo Ashram School building constructed with India's assistance located?
a) Bangladesh
b) Sri Lanka
c) **Nepal**
d) Maldives
e) Myanmar
- Q.338) What is the other name for Corona virus?
a) Peaking virus
b) Beijing Virus
c) Canton Virus
d) **Wuhan Virus**
e) Hong kong flu
- Q.339) Which sports organization lifted the suspension on India enabling Indian archers to represent country?
a) **International Hockey Federation**
b) FIFA
c) World Rugby Federation
d) World Archery
e) World Athletics
- Q.340) Where did Strandja Memorial Tournament took place?
a) New York, USA
b) London, England
c) Stockholm, Sweden
d) Lyon, France
e) **Sofia, Bulgaria**
- Q.341) Tribal Affairs Ministry proposed 6th Schedule Area status to which UT/State?
a) **Ladakh**
b) J&K
c) Mizoram
d) Assam
e) Meghalaya
- Q.342) What is the name of the Lady robot developed by ISRO for unmanned mission?
a) Agnimitra
b) **Vyommitra**
c) Bhoomimitra
d) Sophia
e) Nao
- Q.343) India opens its first Mahatma Gandhi convention centre in which country?
a) Mongolia
b) Mali
c) **Niger**
d) Somalia
e) US
- Q.344) India signed agreement with which country to upgrade Ashuganj-Akhaura road into 4-lane highway?
a) Pakistan
b) Afghanistan
c) Nepal
d) **Bangladesh**
e) Myanmar
- Q.345) Katerina Sakellaropoulou became first woman president of which country?
a) Poland
b) Spain
c) Finland
d) Netherland
e) **Greece**

- Q.346) Which state govt made the reading of Preamble of Constitution mandatory in schools?
a) **Madhya Pradesh**
b) Uttar Pradesh
c) Karnataka
d) Tamil Nadu
e) Kerala
- Q.347) 'Women with Wheels' Cab Service Operated by Women for Women Begins at which city's airport?
a) Hyderabad
b) **New Delhi**
c) Bengaluru
d) Kochi
e) Mumbai
- Q.348) Which country to be focal theme of 44th Kolkata book fair?
a) Bangladesh
b) US
c) **Russia**
d) South Korea
e) Nepal
- Q.349) India falls to which position in EIU's Democracy Index?
a) 71
b) 61
c) 41
d) **51**
e) 31
- Q.350) Which country topped in EIU's Democracy Index?
a) Iceland
b) Sweden
c) Finland
d) Ireland
e) **Norway**
- Q.351) Which country surpassed the US for becoming the second-largest smartphone market globally?
a) **India**
b) China
c) Russia
d) North Korea
e) Canada
- Q.352) Which of the following country is the largest smartphone market globally?
a) India
b) **China**
c) Russia
d) North Korea
e) Canada
- Q.353) National Voter's Day is celebrated on which day?
a) January 23
b) January 25
c) **January 26**
d) January 27
e) January 24
- Q.354) What is the theme for 2020 National voter's day?
a) No Voter to be left behind
b) Inclusive and qualitative participation
c) Proud to be a voter - Ready to vote
d) **Electoral Literacy for Stronger Democracy**
e) Empowering young and future events
- Q.355) On Which day National Girl Child Day is celebrated?
a) January 23
b) January 25
c) January 26
d) January 27
e) **January 24**
- Q.356) International Day of Education is celebrated globally on which day?
a) **January 24**
b) January 25
c) January 26
d) January 27
e) January 23
- Q.357) What is the theme for 2020 International Day of Education?
a) Learning for peace
b) **Learning for people, planet, prosperity and peace**
c) Learning for people
d) Learning for planet
e) Learning for prosperity
- Q.358) Which of the following is the first Telecom to Launch UPI Payments Feature?
a) Aircel
b) Airtel
c) **Reliance JIO**
d) Vodafone
e) Idea
- Q.359) Which state crowned champion Khelo India Youth Games?
a) Karnataka
b) Uttar Pradesh
c) Madhya Pradesh
d) **Maharashtra**
e) Tamil Nadu

Q.360) Nomura Expects India's Fiscal Deficit for FY20 Likely to Slip to which percentage?

- a) 5.9 %
- b) 5.8 %
- c) 5.5 %
- d) 5.6 %
- e) **5.7 %**

Q.361) 2-day 'Innovation Festival' begins at Science Centre in?

- a) New Delhi
- b) **Itanagar**
- c) Mumbai
- d) Lucknow
- e) Ladakh

Q.362) National Integration Camp highlighting 'Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat' scheme begins in?

- a) Chennai
- b) Trichy
- c) **Madurai**
- d) Salem
- e) Thanjavur

Q.363) _____ Republic Day celebrated on 26 January 2020?

- a) 69th
- b) 70th
- c) **71st**
- d) 72nd
- e) 73rd

Q.364) Ganga Yatra under Namami Gange mission to begin from Bijnor, Ballia in?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Tamilnadu
- c) Gujarat
- d) **Uttar Pradesh**
- e) Bengalore

Q.365) The International Customs Day celebrated on?

- a) January 25
- b) **January 26**
- c) January 27
- d) January 28
- e) January 30

Q.366) International Day of Commemoration celebrated on January 26. What is the theme?

- a) **75 years after Auschwitz - Holocaust Education and Remembrance for Global Justice.**
- b) Customs fostering Sustainability for People, Prosperity and the Planet.
- c) Environmental Prosperity and the Planet.
- d) 70 years after Auschwitz - Holocaust Education and Remembrance for Global Justice.
- e) None of the Above

Q.367) First-ever carnival of peace and harmony held in?

- a) Lucknow
- b) Jaipur
- c) Shimla
- d) **Shillong**
- e) Dehradun

Q.368) 26 new Indian words in Oxford dictionary. which of the following words are not included?

- a) Aunties
- b) Uncles
- c) Tube lights
- d) A & B
- e) **None of The Above**

Q.369) Who Ranked World's Second Largest Arms Producer Trailing Behind US?

- a) **China**
- b) Russia
- c) Japan
- d) Indian
- e) Germany

Q.370) Gas-rich Qatar signed how much million deal to build its first solar energy plant?

- a) \$270-million
- b) **\$470-million**
- c) \$190-million

- d) \$487-million
- e) \$550-million

Q.371) Whom among the following is the culture partner of Tamil Nadu for the 'Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat' scheme?

- a) **Ladakh**
- b) Chandigarh
- c) New Delhi
- d) Puducherry
- e) Lakshadweep

Q.372) What is the theme for the Bharat Parv 2020, the programme to celebrate the spirit of India?

- a) Social Interdependence
- b) Family Authority and Harmony
- c) **Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat & Celebrating 150 Years of Mahatma Gandhi**
- d) Indian Society and Ways of Living
- e) Village Structure and Unity

Q.373) Shillong celebrated the first-ever carnival of peace & harmony as part of the weeklong Meghalaya Day Celebrations. Who is the Meghalaya Chief Minister?

- a) **Conrad K Sangma**
- b) Prem Singh Tamang
- c) Neiphiu Rio
- d) Sarbananda Sonowal
- e) Zoramthanga

Q.374) In which Indian city, the world's largest meditation centre and the global headquarters of the Heartfulness Institute will be inaugurated on January 28?

- a) Lucknow
- b) Mumbai
- c) **Hyderabad**
- d) Ranchi
- e) Imphal

Q.375) What is the theme of the 13th edition of the International Children's Film Festival of Bangladesh?

- a) Arts for social change
- b) Climate Change and Environment
- c) Film Festival for World Unity and World Peace
- d) **Under the World**
- e) Violence Against Children

Q.376) India & which organization signed \$210 million loan pact for Maharashtra's Agri & Rural Transformation Project?

- a) ADB
- b) **World Bank**
- c) AIIB
- d) NDB
- e) IFC

Q.377) International Summit on Women in STEM held in?

- a) **New Delhi**
- b) Mumbai
- c) Kolkata
- d) Chennai
- e) Jaipur

Q.378) what is the theme of International Summit on Women in STEM?

- a) Women and child Strength
- b) **Visualizing the Future: New Skylines**
- c) Violence Against Children
- d) Visualizing new skylines
- e) None of the Above

Q.379) Ganga-Volga Dialogue held with which country to enhance Connectivity?

- a) China
- b) Japan
- c) **Russia**
- d) Germany
- e) France

Q.380) RBI Raise Short-term investment limit has now increased from 20% to?

- a) 25%
- b) **30%**
- c) 45%
- d) 35%
- e) 50%

Q.381) which union joins hands with Airtel payments bank & Airtel Africa for money transfer service?

- a) Northern Union
- b) Eastern Union
- c) **Western Union**
- d) Sothern Union
- e) None of the Above

Q.382) Who wins Oxford Bookstore Book Cover Prize 2020 for 'Tiffin' at 13th Jaipur Literature Festival?

- a) **Sneha Pamneja**
- b) Venkat Padmaja
- c) Sonal Ved
- d) Namita Gokhale
- e) Shobhaa De

Q.383) Who honoured with Kerala's national media award?

- a) Vijayan
- b) **N Ram**
- c) Manashi
- d) Selvi
- e) None of the above

Q.384) Kobe Bryant recently died. He belongs to?

- a) Politics
- b) Actor
- c) Writer
- d) **Sportsman**
- e) Pilot

Q.385) Robbie Rensenbrink died. He is a?

- a) Basket Ball
- b) Cricket
- c) Volley Ball
- d) Swimming
- e) **Football**

Q.386) TNAU Vice-Chancellor gets Harit Ratna Award. Name the vice chancellor?

- a) Bala Chandran
- b) Sarath
- c) **N Kumar**
- d) Rajiv Kumar
- e) Ram Kumar

Q.387) India's Federation Cup games moved from virus-hit China to?

- a) **Kazakhstan**
- b) Japan
- c) Tajikistan
- d) Afghanistan
- e) England

Q.388) Joao Souza banned for life due to match-fixing. He belongs to which country?

- a) Russia
- b) Germany
- c) France
- d) **Brazil**
- e) Spain

Q.389) Recently World Archery lifts suspension on which country?

- a) China
- b) **India**
- c) Russia
- d) Japan
- e) England

Q.390) 13th edition of International Children's Film Festival held in?

- a) Nepal
- b) India
- c) Bhutan
- d) **Bangladesh**
- e) Myanmar

Q.391) Which state launched 'Shiv Bhojan' scheme aimed at providing meal to the poor for 10 Rs, on the 71st Republic Day?
 a) **Maharashtra** b) Rajasthan
 c) Andhra Pradesh d) Madhya Pradesh
 e) Tamilnadu

Q.392) Former RBI and SEBI Executive Director Ramesh Joshi has been appointed as the Non-Executive Chairman of which of the following company?
 a) Rolta India Ltd
 b) **Vakrangee Limited**
 c) Persistent Systems
 d) Sasken Communication Technologies
 e) KPIT Technologies

Q.393) Lala Lajpat Rai Birth Anniversary to be celebrated on?
 a) January 27th b) **January 28th**
 c) January 29th d) January 30th
 e) January 31st

Q.394) Amit Shah chairs 22nd meeting of Central Zonal Council in?
 a) Himachal Pradesh b) Jharkhand
 c) **Chhattisgarh** d) Maharashtra
 e) Gujarat

Q.395) National Kazoo Day celebrated on?
 a) **January 28th** b) January 29th
 c) January 21st d) January 23rd
 e) January 25th

Q.396) Vinay Sinha, who passed away at the age of 74 was a well-known?
 a) Politics b) **Film Industry**
 c) Sports d) Cartoonist
 e) Artist

Q.397) Country's first Super Fab Lab, that will give a major push to the hardware industry in the country & the only such facility outside U.S, was launched in the Indian state of?
 a) Tamilnadu b) Karnataka
 c) **Kerala** d) Andhra Pradesh
 e) Telangana

Q.398) Which state government signs MoU for efficient e-procurement on Government eMarketplace?
 a) **Uttar Pradesh** b) Uttarkhand
 c) Madhya Pradesh d) Meghalaya
 e) Mizoram

Q.399) Arunachal Pradesh which app bags e-Governance 'Jury Award'?'
 a) Fire Alert b) Forest Fire
 c) Fire Alarming d) **eForest Fire app**
 e) Fast Fire

Q.400) Which country Prime Minister Marjan Sarec resigns?
 a) Serbia b) **Slovenia**
 c) Kazakhstan d) Algeria
 e) Russia

Q.401) Which Coast Guard Ship reaches base harbour at Chennai?
 a) INS Vikrant b) INS Vikram
 c) **Annie Besant** d) INS Vajra
 e) Khanderi

Q.402) 3rd Global Potato Conclave 2020 held in?
 a) **Gujarat** b) Madhya Pradesh
 c) Manipur d) Himachal Pradesh
 e) Tripura

Q.403) Who inaugurates 3rd Global Potato Conclave?
 a) Rajnath Singh b) Ramnath Kovind
 c) **Narendra Modi** d) Amit Shah
 e) Jitendra Singh

Q.404) Kodman Amarnath Shetty passes away. He Blongs to?
 a) **Politics** b) Drama Artists
 c) Sports d) Singer
 e) Athlete

Q.405) Saurav Ghosal finished runners-up at the Pittsburgh Open. He belongs to which Sports?
 a) Cricket b) Football
 c) Tennis d) Badminton
 e) **Squash**

Q.406) Who beats former world champion Veselin Topalov?
 a) Magnes Carlesen b) GM Wang Hao
 c) Carolin Martin
 d) **R. Praggnanandhaa** e) None of the Above

Q.407) Who got appointed as Chief Executive of Indian Banks' Association?
 a) Mallikarjun b) **Sunil Mehta**
 c) Rajinish Kumar d) VG Kannan
 e) Kamal Nath

Q.408) 62nd Annual Grammy Awards to take place in?
 a) **Los Angeles** b) California
 c) New York d) London
 e) Brigham

Q.409) Who inaugurated 18.5 kilometre-long stretch of Nagpur Metro Aqua line?
 a) Devendra Fednavis b) Ramnath Kovind
 c) Venkaiah Naidu
 d) **Uddhav Thackeray** e) Prakash Javadekar

Q.410) Data Privacy Day to be observed on?
 a) January 27th b) **January 28th**
 c) January 29th d) January 30th
 e) January 31st

Q.411) Which state Government has launched a virtual police station where people can lodge complaints from their respective districts regarding theft of their vehicles without visiting Police Station?
 a) Maharashtra b) **Odisha**
 c) Telangana d) Karnataka
 e) Gujarat

Q.412) Which Indian city is planning to operationalize its first underwater Metro project in March 2022?
 a) **Kolkata** b) Mumbai
 c) Chennai d) Lucknow
 e) Jaipur

Q.413) Which state has been emerged as the champion of the Northeast Dr. T Ao Football Trophy 2020?
 a) Madhya Pradesh b) Meghalaya
 c) Tripura d) **Mizoram**
 e) Manipur

Q.414) Who bags silver medal in men's Keirin individual event of Six Day Berlin Tournament?
 a) Esow Alben b) **Maximilian Lev**
 c) Tomas Babek d) Kelvin Robert
 e) Tarun Gobi

Q.415) Pranab Mukherjee released a book titled 'Relentless' Autobiography of Former finance minister?
 a) Arun Jaitley b) Rajnath Singh
 c) Nirmala Sitharaman d) **Yashwant Sinha**
 e) Viral Acharya

Q.416) Railways minister Piyush Goyal announced that the Railways is expected to switch completely to electricity by _____ as diesel locomotives are steadily being shunted out of service?
 a) 2020 b) 2023
 c) 2026 d) 2025
 e) **2024**

Q.417) What is the estimated Wheat production during Rabi 2019-20 period, as per the National Collateral Management Services Limited's data?
 a) **1090 lakh tonnes** b) 1156 lakh tonnes
 c) 1200 lakh tonnes d) 1315 lakh tonnes
 e) 1190 lakh tonnes

Q.418) China announced its plan to launch first Mars mission probe in _____ with the help of Long March-5 Y4 carrier rocket.

a) March 2020 b) June 2021
 c) **July 2020** d) March 2023
 e) July 2022

Q.419) Oxford University Press named _____ as Hindi word of 2019?
 a) Aadhaar b) Climate
 c) Nari Shakthi d) **Samvidhaan**
 e) Mitra

Q.420) Who appointed as a new Prime Minister of Qatar?
 a) Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani
 b) Mohammodu Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani
 c) **Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdelaziz Al Thani**
 d) Sheikh Abdullah bin Khalifa bin Abdelaziz Al Thani
 e) None of the Above

Q.421) Esow Alben is related with which among the following sports events?
 a) Ice skating b) **Cycling**
 c) Swimming d) Badminton
 e) Squash

Q.422) Which union Minister launched the Bhuvan Panchayat V3 web Portal that will enhance network application of gram panchayats?
 a) Santosh Kumar Gangwar
 b) Raj Kumar Singh c) **Jitendra Singh**
 d) Shripad Yesso Naik
 e) Mansukh L. Mandaviya

Q.423) Royal Australian Navy Ship HMAS Toowoomba visited _____ to strengthen the relations between Indian and Australian navies.
 a) Chennai b) Bhubaneswar
 c) Mangalore d) Kochi
 e) **Mumbai**

Q.424) UK launches 4-mn pound Innovation Challenge Fund in India which mainly focus on Artificial Intelligence in Karnataka and future mobility in?
 a) Jammu and Kashmir b) Ladakh
 c) Meghalaya d) **Maharashtra**
 e) Telangana

Q.425) Who has been appointed as the India's Ambassador to US?
 a) Pavan Kapoor
 b) **Taranjit Singh Sandhu**
 c) Navdeep Singh Suri
 d) Ruchi Ghanashyam
 e) M.J.Akbar

Q.426) What is inscribed in the newly launched 50 pence Britain coin, minted to mark the country's departure from the European Union?
 a) Peace, love & Happiness
 b) Living together in peace
 c) Peace and freedom to all
 d) Peace and Harmony
 e) **Peace, prosperity & friendship with all nations**

Q.427) Which Defence Launches 'Operation Vanilla' to Provide Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief at Madagascar
 a) Indian Army b) Indian Cost Guard
 c) Indian Air Force d) **Indian Navy**
 e) NSG

Q.428) The Reserve Bank of India has appointed _____ principal advisor to the monetary policy department?
 a) **Janak Raj** b) Michael Patra
 c) Harsha Kumar Shringla d) Viral Acharya
 e) N S Vishvanathan

Q.429) Which Bank sells shares worth Rs 5.7 crore in Reliance Power?
 a) Canara Bank b) Axis Bank
 c) ICICI Bank d) **Yes Bank**
 e) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Q.430) Sunita Chandra passed away. She belongs to which Sports?
 a) Basketball b) Cricket
 c) **Hockey** d) Tennis
 e) Badminton

Q.431) World Leprosy Day and Martyrs Day is celebrated on?
 a) **January 30** b) January 31
 c) January 28 d) January 27
 e) January 29

Q.432) Which minister laid the foundation stone of the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Centre?
 a) **S Jaishankar** b) Ramnath Kovind
 c) Narendra Modi d) Vijay Rupani
 e) Rajnath Singh

Q.433) Bengaluru is the 'Most Traffic Congested city' in the world. The Report was released by?
 a) Traffic congest Index
 b) **TomTom Traffic Index**
 c) UNDP
 d) World Trade Organisation
 e) City Traffic Index

Q.434) Assam Rifles builds war memorial in?
 a) Gujarat b) Assam
 c) **Nagaland** d) Tripura
 e) Mizoram

Q.435) Which Ministry releases Bureau of Police Research and Development publication "Data on Police Organizations".
 a) Defence Ministry
 b) Commerce Ministry
 c) Rural and Development Ministry
 d) **Home Ministry**
 e) Food Processing Ministry

Q.436) Which is the first smart city in India to sign an MoU with the Indian Green Building Council for accelerating the sustainable developments in the city?
 a) Bengaluru b) Mumbai
 c) Pune d) Lucknow
 e) **Mangalore**

Q.437) The studies on the microorganism archaea from the Sambhar lake in _____ helped scientists at the National Centre for Cell Science, Pune, to discover a novel archael species called 'Natrialba swarupiae'
 a) **Rajasthan** b) Haryana
 c) Nagaland d) Punjab
 e) Assam

Q.438) Who has been appointed as Foreign Secretary?
 a) Harsh Kumar Banwala b) Aravind Kumar
 c) Vijay Gokhale d) **Harsh Vardhan Shringla**
 e) Bimal Jalan

Q.439) Who state wins first prize at 71st Republic Day parade?
 a) Odisha b) Uttar Pradesh
 c) **Assam** d) Maharashtra
 e) Gujarat

Q.440) Ind-Ra expects states fiscal deficit to touch _____ of GDP in FY21?
 a) 5.6% b) 6%
 c) **3%** d) 2.9%
 e) 3.3%

Q.441) Which Bank Launches 'iBox', A Self-Service Delivery Facility For Customers?
 a) Axis Bank b) Yes Bank
 c) Kotak Mahindra Bank d) **ICICI Bank**
 e) HDFC Bank

Q.442) Neeraj Chopra qualifies for Tokyo Olympics 2020. He belongs to?
 a) Shotput b) Archery
 c) Long Jump d) Swimming
 e) **Javelin Throw**

Q.443) Todd Astle announces first-class retirement. He belongs to which country?

a) South Africa b) West Indians
 c) **New Zealand** d) Australia
 e) England

Q.444) Which country host Barca Academy Cup Asia Pacific 2020?
 a) **India** b) China
 c) Qatar d) Serbia
 e) Australia

Q.445) What is the theme of World Leprosy Day?
 a) Prevention against Leprosy
 b) **Leprosy isn't what you think**
 c) Family and Children
 d) Prevention for All
 e) None of the Above

Q.446) External minister lays foundation stone of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Centre in?
 a) Madhya Pradesh b) Rajasthan
 c) Nagaland d) **Gujarat**
 e) Telangana

Q.447) Cabinet approves upper limit for abortion at 24 weeks From?
 a) 21 weeks b) 22 weeks
 c) **20 weeks** d) 19 weeks
 e) 23 weeks

Q.448) Which Private limited signs MoU with Gujarat State Handloom and Handicrafts Development Corporation Ltd to promote artisans and craftsmen?
 a) Amazon b) Apple
 c) Myntra d) Wipro
 e) **Flipkart**

Q.449) Passport Seva Kendras has started passport renewal reminder service. What is the validity of an ordinary Indian passport for adults?
 a) 15 Years b) 12 Years
 c) 16 Years d) **10 Years**
 e) 20 Years

Q.450) RBI fines HDFC Bank _____ crore for non-compliance of KYC norms?
 a) 2 Crore b) **1 Crore**
 c) 5 Crore d) 7 Crore
 e) 10 Crore

ENGLISH VOCABULARY

Meaning: originating or occurring naturally in a particular place; native.
Synonyms: domestic, homegrown
Antonyms: alien, foreign
 Example : "ISRO successfully test-fired an indigenous missile"

2) Inkling
Meaning: a slight knowledge or suspicion; a hint.
Synonyms: clue, hunch
Antonyms: knowledge, information
 Example : "The records give us an inkling of how people saw the world"

3) Espionage
Meaning: typically by governments to obtain political and military information.
Synonyms: reconnaissance, intelligence
Antonyms: candid, frank
 Example: "He will be punished severely if he is found guilty of espionage"

4) Contemporaneous
Meaning: existing at or occurring in the same period of time.
Synonyms: simultaneous, contemporary
Antonyms: different, separate
 Example: "The contemporaneous ringing of the multiple phone lines kept the new receptionist very busy"

5) Caulk
Meaning: Secure
Synonyms: block, barricade
Antonyms: free, loosen
 Example: "Adeel caulked me from a broken reed"

6) Purge
Meaning: an abrupt or violent removal of a group of people.
Synonyms: expulsion, extermination
Antonyms: keeping, holding
 Example: "Manoj was feeling shy of telling her about her purge from the contest"

7) Precinct
Meaning: the area within the walls or perceived boundaries of a particular building or place, department;
Synonyms: area, ward
Antonyms: whole, full
 Example : "I am working in this precinct"

8) Quietude
Meaning: a state of stillness, calmness, and quiet in a person or place.
Synonyms: doldrums, hush
Antonyms: disturbance, agitation
 Example: "Be quietude don't escape your lips"

9) Radicalization
Meaning: process of making someone more extreme in religious belief
Synonyms: fanaticism, infatuation
Antonyms: secondary, unimportant
 Example: "This was the period of growing radicalization of the working class"

10) Hackles
Meaning: erectile hairs which rise when angry or alarmed.
Synonyms: chop, clip
Antonyms: raise, assist
 Example : "The dog continued to growl, its hackles raised"

11) Abrogation
Meaning: repeal or abolition of a law or agreement.
Synonyms: annulment, ending
Antonyms: introduction, commencement
 Example : "Article 371 was abrogated in 2019"

12) Spurt
Meaning: gush out in a sudden forceful stream, spray, fountain.
Synonyms: outburst, eruption
Antonyms: peace, continuity
 Example: "He cut his finger and blood spurted over the sliced potatoes"

13) Revulsion
Meaning: a sense of disgust, loathing
Synonyms: dislike, distaste
Antonyms: like, love
 Example: "He expressed his revulsion against whale hunting"

14) Truce
Meaning: agreement between enemies to stop fighting for sometime.
Synonyms: amnesty, detente
Antonyms: persistence, war, disagreement
 Example : "After years of rivalry the two countries have agreed a truce"

15) Touted
Meaning: persuade people to buy goods or services, to talk about
Synonyms: praise, proclaim
Antonyms: blame, condemn, conceal
 Example : "There were hundreds of taxis at the airport all touting for business"

16) Punitive
Meaning: intended as punishment, penal, disciplinary
Synonyms: missing, deprived of
Antonyms: abundant, enough
 Example: "The UN has imposed punitive sanctions on the invading country"

17) Overwhelming
Meaning: very large in amount, profuse
Synonyms: overpowering, amazing

Antonyms: ordinary, unamazing
 Example: "She felt an overwhelming desire to giggle"
 18) Consensus
Meaning: a general agreement, harmony
Synonyms: concord, accord
Antonyms: disagreement, dissent
 Example: "There is a growing consensus that the current regime has failed"
 19) Defied
Meaning: openly deny, refuse to obey.
Synonyms: confront, resist
Antonyms: flatter, regard
 Example: "It is rare to see to see children openly defying their teachers"
 20) Unprecedented
Meaning: never done or known before
Synonyms: exceptional, bizarre, miraculous
Antonyms: ordinary, regular
 Example: "The government took the unprecedented step of releasing confidential correspondence"
 21) Drips
Meaning: in small scattered or sporadic amounts.
Synonyms: gradually, progressively
Antonyms: fastly, suddenly
 Example: "The guest began arriving in dribs and drabs"
 22) Culminated
Meaning: reach a climax or point of highest development.
Synonyms: climax, conclude
Antonyms: advance, development commence, begin
 Example: "The star culminates at midnight on about the 30th April."
 23) Incursion
Meaning: an invasion or attack, especially a sudden or brief one.
Synonyms: aggression, intrusion
Antonyms: retreat, retirement
 Example: "The bandits made brief incursions on the village"
 24) Coveted
Meaning: greatly desired, envied.
Synonyms: envy, crave, begrudge
Antonyms: dislike, abjure
 Example: I gave up a coveted job, that of editor-in-chief.
 25) Heft
Meaning: lift or carry something heavy
Synonyms: boost, soar
Antonyms: decrease, fall
 Example: "I watched him heft the heavy sack onto his shoulders"
 26) Sans
Meaning: lacking, without
Synonyms: missing, deprived of
Antonyms: abundant, enough
 Example: "It is great to have a grownup meal in a restaurant, sans kids"
 27) Spanned
Meaning: extend from side to side
Synonyms: connect, extend
Antonyms: unlink, condense
 Example: "The stream was spanned by a narrow bridge"
 28) Encapsulated
Meaning: express essential features of something, summarize
Synonyms: box, cover
Antonyms: free, let go
 Example: "It is difficult to encapsulate the story of the revolution in a single hour"
 29) Tenet

Meaning: one of the principles on which a belief or theory is based.
Synonyms: belief, principle
Antonyms: doubt, skepticism
 Example: "A major tenet of the women's movement is that society needs their talents"
 30) Tantamount
Meaning: equivalent in seriousness to, as good as
Synonyms: arise, exude
Antonyms: conceal, hold, keep
 Example: "His refusal to answer was tantamount to the admission of guilt"
 31) Verbose
Meaning: expressed in more words than needed, garrulous.
Synonyms: bombastic, diffuse
Antonyms: concise, succinct
 Example: "Shashi Tharoor's writings are often difficult and verbose"
 32) Ebb
Meaning: movement of tide out of sea, going out, flowing back
Synonyms: abatement, drop
Antonyms: advance, development
 Example: "My enthusiasm was ebbing away after constant failures"
 33) Resuscitate
Meaning: bring back to life.
Synonyms: energize, resurrect
Antonyms: destroy, bore
 Example: "Various measures are being taken to resuscitate our ailing economy"
 34) Straddles
Meaning: sit or stand with one leg on either side.
Synonyms: mount, ride
Antonyms: drop, lower
 Example: "Our farm straddles the railway line"
 35) Interplay
Meaning: The way in which two or more things have an effect on each other.
Synonyms: mesh, exchange
Antonyms: stag, torpidity
 Example: "This interplay is especially the case between touch and sight"
 36) Palpable
Meaning: so obvious that it can be easily seen or known.
Synonyms: apparent, credible
Antonyms: ambiguous, obscure
 Example: The tension in the room was palpable during the exam.
 37) Thicket
Meaning: a dense group of bushes or tree.
Synonyms: grove, tangle
Antonyms: open place, prairie
 Example: A thicket is often dominated by a few species.
 38) Mutilation
Meaning: dismembering, damage
Synonyms: amputate, distort
Antonyms: beautify, decorate
 Example: "Her body had been mutilated beyond recognition"
 39) Prudent
Meaning: acting with or showing care and thought for the future.
Synonyms: careful, cautious
Antonyms: hasty, fool, imprudent
 Example: "No prudent money manager would authorize a loan without first knowing its purpose"
 40) Emanate
Meaning: to express in a way that you look and behave
Synonyms: arise, exude
Antonyms: conceal, hold, keep

Example: "He emanated a powerful brooding air"
 41) Dissenting
Meaning: strong difference in opinion.
Synonyms: disagree, decline
Antonyms: accept, approve
 Example: "There were a couple of dissenting voices"
 42) Sagging
Meaning: become weaker
Synonyms: slump, bulge
Antonyms: ascend, rise

 Example: "A comprehensive overhaul meant to revive sagging sales"
 43) Queer
Meaning: spoil or ruin the situation.
Synonyms: blight, bruise
Antonyms: create, beautify
 Example: "Reg didn't want someone meddling and queering the deal at the last minute"
 44) Deliberations
Meaning: long and careful consideration or discussion.
Synonyms: conference, consideration
Antonyms: ignorance, inattention
 Example: "After much deliberation we arrived at a compromise"
 45) Decrepit
Meaning: worn out or ruined because of age or neglect.
Synonyms: battered, ramshackle
Antonyms: firm, good, healthy
 Example: "But now the world is decrepit, and all good things are gone"
 46) Abdicate
Meaning: fail to fulfill or undertake (a responsibility or duty).
Synonyms: disown, spurn, renounce
Antonyms: keep, assume, hold
 Example: "She abdicated all responsibility for the project"
 47) Veered
Meaning: suddenly change an opinion, subject, type of behaviour, etc.
Synonyms: bend, shift
Antonyms: stay, straighten
 Example: "If we do not veer we will be upon the rocks within the hour"
 48) Stampede
Meaning: sudden panicked rush of a number of horses, cattle, or other animals.
Synonyms: charge, panic
Antonyms: retreat, standing
 Example: "Among the strikers there was a break that swiftly spread and became a stampede"
 49) Cognizable
Meaning: perceptible; clearly identifiable.
Synonyms: visible, palpable
Antonyms: hidden, vague
 Example: "His was a cognizable offence"
 50) Conversely
Meaning: in an opposite way.
Synonyms: reversed, contrary
Antonyms: similar, alike, same
 Example: "Conversely youth is depicted as a time of vitality and good health"
 51) Ominous
Meaning: impression that something bad is going to happen.
Synonyms: menacing, apocalyptic
Antonyms: bright, happy, lucky
 Example: "It seemed an extraordinary thing, an ominous object, a sign"
 52) Writ
Meaning: a form of written command in the name of a court or other legal authority to act.
Synonyms: summons, warrant, indictment

Antonyms: exoneration, praise
 Example: "The two reinstated officers issued a writ for libel against the applicants"
 53) Cynical
Meaning: believing that people are motivated purely by self-interest;
Synonyms: derisive, mocking
Antonyms: believing, hopeful
 Example: "He was brutally cynical and hardened to every sob story under the sun"
 54) Scourge
Meaning: person or thing that causes great trouble or suffering.
Synonyms: afflict, plague
Antonyms: reward, advantage, delight
 Example: "Political methods used to scourge and oppress workers"
 55) Hobnob
Meaning: mix socially, especially with those of perceived higher social status.
Synonyms: socialize, associate with
Antonyms: live alone, disassociate
 Example: "Now a days he is hobnobbing with avant-garde musicians"
 56) Stash
Meaning: store (something) safely in a hidden or secret place.
Synonyms: cache, inventory
Antonyms: debt, lack
 Example : "He got down to brass tacks in keeping the stash fulfilled"
 57) Entwine
Meaning: wind or twist together; interweave.
Synonyms: coil, entangle
Antonyms: unwind, untwist
 Example : "The twins lay entwined in each other's arms"
 58) Revelry
Meaning: merrymaking, lively and noisy festivities,
Synonyms: festivity, celebration
Antonyms: mourning, sadness
 Example: I called the police when my neighbours refused to settle down and end their revelry.
 59) Clannish
Meaning: (of a group or their activities) tending to exclude others outside the group.
Synonyms: selected, reserved
Antonyms: welcoming, open
 Example Sentence:
 Celebrities believe in wearing clannish dresses.
 60). Rhetoric
 Meaning: an art of effective speech
Synonyms: hyperbole, oratory
Antonyms: quiet, conciseness
 Example :Our Principal is rhetoric, and of late he has toned it down.
 61). Disconcertingly
Meaning: shake up, confuse
Synonyms: agitate, embarrass
Antonyms: assist, soothe, encourage
 Example :He had a disconcerting habit of offering jobs to people he met at dinner parties.
 62) Belie
Meaning: fails to give a true impression of something, contradict
Synonyms: contradict, negate
Antonyms: approve, endorse
 Example :The quality of the music seems to belie the criticism.
 63) Ordained
Meaning: make someone a priest or minister
Synonyms: appointed, determined, ordered
Antonyms: elected,
 Example: Equal punishment was ordained for the two crimes.
 64) Mayhem

Meaning: violent and extreme order
Synonyms: chaos, disorder, havoc
Antonyms: calm, peace, harmony
 Example : With 20 kids around, and only me to supervise, it was a complete mayhem.
 65) Eloquently
Meaning: in a fluent and persuasive manner
Synonyms: affecting, ardent
Antonyms: apathetic, dull, calm
 Example:She argued her point eloquently and persuasively.
 66) Reticent
Meaning: not revealing one's thought.
Synonyms: bashful, restrained
Antonyms: confident, extroverted
 Example :Most of the students were reticent about answering questions.
 67) Enunciate
Meaning: speak clearly
Synonyms: affirm, utter
Antonyms: conceal, repress
 Example: Her speech is not clear, she doesn't enunciate very clearly.
 68) Exigency
Meaning: in urgent need or demand
Synonyms: contingency, dilemma
Antonyms: advantage, boon
 Example:Economic exigency obliged the government to act.
 69) Intrusive
Meaning: annoy someone
Synonyms: invasive, nosy
Antonyms: ignore, neglect
 Example :The media asked a lot of intrusive questions to the film star.
 70) Undergirds
Meaning: to support something by forming a strong base for it.
Synonyms: bolster, reinforce
Antonyms: undermine weaken
 Example : The knowledge armored him against her.
 71) Eradicate
Meaning: destroy completely;
Synonyms: abolish, annihilate
Antonyms: create, build
 Example :The disease that once claimed millions of lives have now been eradicated.
 72) Prevalent
Meaning: widespread in a particular area.
Synonyms: common, everyday
Antonyms: abnormal, different
Example :The social ills prevalent in society today.
 73) Ambit
Meaning: the scope, extent
Synonyms: boundary, extension
Antonyms: centre, inside
 Example :A full discussion of this complex issue was beyond the ambit of one book.
 74) Unanimous
Meaning: in agreement, uncontested
Synonyms: consistent, solid
Antonyms: divided, split
 Example :The doctors were unanimous in their diagnoses.
 75) Bewildered
Meaning: perplexed and confused; very puzzled.
Synonyms: baffled, confused
Antonyms: clear, aware, oriented
 Example : He saw the bewildered look on my face.
 76) Cliff
Meaning: a steep rock face, especially at the edge of the sea.
Synonyms: precipice, crag
Antonyms: bottom, nadir

Example :A coast path along the top of rugged cliffs.
 77) Lease
Meaning: grant (property) on lease; let.
Synonyms: hire, sublet
Antonyms: sell, vend
 Example :She leased the site to a local company.
 78) Acquisition
Meaning: an asset or object bought or obtained, typically by a library or museum.
Synonyms: purchase, addition,
Antonyms: loss, failure, dearth
 Example :The legacy will be used for new acquisitions.
 79) Parochialism
Meaning: a limited or narrow outlook, especially focused on a local area; narrow-mindedness.
Synonyms: localism, insularity
Antonyms: standard, silence
 Example :We have been guilty of parochialism, of resistance to change
 80) Armor
Meaning: provide (someone) with emotional, social, or other defences.
Synonyms: defense, mail
Antonyms: destruction, harm
 Example :The knowledge armored him against her
 81) Languish
Meaning: deteriorate
Synonyms: dwindle, faint
Antonyms: develop, grow
 Example :If I don't bother him, my cat will languish on the windowsill all day long.
 82) Plagiarism
Meaning: the practice of taking someone else's work
Synonyms: falsification, appropriation
Antonyms: return, originality
 Example :There were accusations of plagiarism.
 83) Extradite
Meaning: abandon
Synonyms: apprehend, arrest
Antonyms: hold, keep
 Example :Until the country receives proof of Mark's guilt, they refuse to extradite him to local authorities.
 84) Foment
Meaning: instigate
Synonyms: abet, arouse
Antonyms: finish, tranquilize
 Example :He fomented the innocent people.
 85) Tilt
Meaning: move or cause to move into a sloping position.
Synonyms: angle, slant, leaning
Antonyms: ascent, increase
 Example :Yet he can tilt or play his part at hand-strokes as merrily as ever.
 86) Nuances
Meaning: a subtle difference in or shade of meaning, expression, or sound.
Synonyms: distinction, nicety, hint
Antonyms: brightness, information
 Example :He was a stickler for the nuances of behaviour, especially in women.
 87) Truncate
Meaning: shorten (something) by cutting off the top or the end.
Synonyms: abbreviate, abridge
Antonyms: enlarge, expand
 Example :Truncate command is used in Database.
 88) Explosion
Meaning: a violent shattering or blowing apart of something
Synonyms: detonation, eruption, bang

Antonyms: outburst, flare up

Example : "Three explosions damaged buildings at the barracks."

89) Idolatry

Meaning: the worship of idols.

Synonyms: fetishism, idolizing

Antonyms: vilification, criticism

Example : We must not allow our idolatry of art to obscure issues of political significance.

90) Brink

Meaning: the extreme edge of land before a steep slope or a body of water.

Synonyms: fringe, verge

Antonyms: center, middle

Example : The country was on the brink of a constitutional crisis.

91) Contour

Meaning: an outline representing or bounding the shape or form of something.

Synonyms: outline, shape

Antonyms: dullness, crookedness

Example : She traced the contours of his face with her finger.

92) Triumvirate

Synonyms: threesome, triplets

Antonyms: single, loneliness

Example : Rome the triumvirate decided to defend the republic to the last.

93). TROOP

Meaning: (of a group of people) come or go together or in large numbers.

Synonyms: crew, gang

Antonyms: individual, one

Example : The girls trooped in for dinner.

94) Tangible

Meaning: perceptible by touch.

Synonyms: palpable, tactile, real

Antonyms: conceptual, unreal

Example: The atmosphere of neglect and abandonment was almost tangible.

95) Upsurge

Meaning: an upward surge in the strength or quantity of something; an increase.

Synonyms: boom, upturn, improvement

Antonyms: downturn, decline

Example : This is an upsurge in vandalism and violent crime.

96) Retrieve

Meaning: get or bring (something) back from somewhere.

Synonyms: recover, salvage

Antonyms: break, endanger, destroy

Example : I was sent to retrieve the balls from his garden.

97) Shrift

Meaning: confession, especially to a priest.

Synonyms: absolution, remorse

Antonyms: happiness, joy

Example : He lost his place, his money, and at last came to beg for shrift and punishment.

98) Claptrap

Meaning: absurd or nonsensical talk or ideas.

Synonyms: bombast, bunk

Antonyms: sense, feel

Example : Such sentiments are just pious claptrap.

99) Petition

Meaning: a formal written request,

Synonyms: application, prayer

Antonyms: answer, demand

Example: She was asked to sign a petition against plans to build on the local playing fields.

100) Dichotomy

Meaning: a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed

Synonyms: disunion, difference

Antonyms: sameness, similarity

Example : The nature of the universe is proved too subtle for this dichotomy.