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Banking

News: Most Important

1. *Bimal Jalan panel to recommend transfer of RBI reserve surplus*

Bimal Jalan panel that was set up to review the economic capital framework of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to recommend transfer of surplus reserves to the government in a staggered manner over **3-5 years** based on a predetermined formula.

2. *SIDBI introduces web-based application system for contribution from Fund of Funds for Start-ups*

SIDBI has introduced a web-based application system for contribution from Fund of Funds for Start-ups to improve the turnaround time and increase transparency. SIDBI is the implementing agency for FFS with a corpus of Rs 10,000 crore.

3. *Andhra Bank unveils AI chatbot ABHi*

Andhra Bank launched its Artificial Intelligence interactive assistant — **ABHi**. The Bank's AI powered chatbot uses latest Artificial Intelligence & Natural Language Processing (NLP) algorithm to understand the customer query and fetch the relevant information in a matter of milliseconds.

4. *RBI names Deputy Governor B.P. Kanungo to run monetary policy*

RBI had assigned deputy governor B.P. Kanungo to run the monetary policy portfolio after the resignation of fellow deputy governor Viral Acharya. He would become the sixth member of the Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee.

5. *NPCI ties up with JCB for global RuPay card*

NPCI & JCB International, with domestic banks, have launched RuPay JCB Global Cards. Banks including SBI, PNB, Axis Bank, Union Bank, Central Bank of India, Andhra Bank, CUB & TJSB Bank will issue cards, which will be accepted at all POS terminals & ATMs.

6. *Maharashtra tops in ATM frauds: RBI data*

According to the RBI data, Maharashtra topped in ATM frauds in 2018-19 with 233 cases. Delhi grabbed the second spot followed by Tamil Nadu. Assam, Arunachal Pradesh & Tripura were the only 3 states that didn't report a single incident.

7. *ICICI Bank launches digital banking platform 'InstaBIZ' for MSMEs*

ICICI Bank has launched the digital platform called 'InstaBIZ' for MSME & self-employed customers to enable them to undertake business banking transactions digitally & instantly. They can get instant sanction of an overdraft facility up to **₹10 Lakh**.

8. *HDFC Bank, CSC launch credit card for small traders, village entrepreneurs*

HDFC Bank & CSC launched a co-branded 'Small Business MoneyBack Credit Card' for small traders & village level entrepreneurs. It is designed for CSC's VLEs, VLE-sourced customers & will give users easy access to credit for their day-to-day business expense.

9. *RBI slaps Rs 7 crore fine on SBI for violating norms*

RBI slapped a penalty of Rs 7 crore on SBI. The penalty has been imposed on SBI for non-compliance of income recognition & asset classification norms, code of conduct for opening & operating current accounts and reporting of data on (CRILC).

10. *RBI to release Currency Identification App for Visually Challenged*

The Reserve Bank of India will come out with a mobile application to help visually challenged people in identifying currency notes as cash still remains a dominant mode of transaction.

11. *India to be first recipient of AIIB local currency funding*

India is set to be the first recipient of local currency financing by the Asian Infrastructure and Investment Bank. Local currency financing provides more options to borrowers India is the second-largest shareholder of Beijing-based AIIB with a **7.5%** stake.

12. *PNB Housing Finance raises around ₹690 crore from IFC*

PNB Housing Finance Ltd has raised \$100 million (around 690 crore) from International Finance Corporation to finance the purchase of affordable housing projects. The investment was made under the central bank's automatic route in the revamped ECB framework.

13. *Postal dept decides to convert India Post Payments Bank into SFB*

The Postal Department has decided to convert the India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) into a small finance bank (SFB), enabling it to offer small loans to customers. The department also looks to open one crore accounts for IPPB in 100 days.

14. *Aditya Birla Payments Bank shuts operations 18 months after launch*

Aditya Birla Payments Bank, a venture between Idea Cellular and Aditya Birla Nuvo, has shut down its operations. The payments bank that was only 18-month old asked its customers to transfer their balances before July 26.

15. *RBI eases end-use norms for external commercial borrowings by corporates, NBFCs*

RBI relaxed norms for end-use of money raised through ECBs. ECBs with a minimum average maturity period of 7 years can be availed for repayment of rupee loans availed domestically for capital expenditure as also by NBFCs for on-lending for the same purpose.

16. *Wilful defaults exceed \$21 billion in India for the year 2018-19, SBI holds the highest*

The state-owned banks in India stated that ₹1.50 trillion (\$21.76 billion) worth of loans as wilful defaults in 2018-19. SBI holds the highest number of wilful defaults, worth around ₹ 461.58 bn, while PNB ranked second at Rs.250.9 bn and Bank of India at Rs.98.9 bn.

17. *India Received Highest-Ever FDI Of Over \$64 Billion In 2018-19*

Acc. to a report by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, India received \$64.37 bn in investments in 2018-19 under the foreign direct investment policy liberalization & reforms. FDI worth \$286 bn has been received in last 5 years.

News: Others

1. *Co-operative Bank in K'taka offers ₹5,000 incentive for rainwater harvesting*

Moodbidri Cooperative Service Bank Ltd., a cooperative bank in Dakshina Kannada is offering ₹5,000 as incentive to its members who carry out rainwater harvesting, to recharge open wells in two villages nearby during the ongoing monsoon season.

2. *Yes Bank launches Smart Edge, a lending program for MSMEs*

Yes Bank has announced a surrogate lending program 'Smart Edge' through which an MSME can avail secured working capital limits from ₹ 1 - 3 Crore in the form of Overdraft, Letter of Credit & Financial Bank Guarantees.

3. *Repco MFI wins award from NABARD for SHG linkage in TN*

Repco Micro Finance has received NABARD's award for outstanding performance in terms of self-help group linkage in Tamil Nadu for 2018-19. It has provided SHG loans worth ₹3600 Cr to over 12 L individual beneficiaries through 60,000 SHGs.

4. *NABARD to raise Rs 55,000 crore from market in FY20*

Nabard has planned to raise about ₹ 55000 Cr from the market in the current fiscal to fund its business growth & support various agricultural & rural development schemes of the govt. Nabard has raised ₹ 12000 Cr in the 1st quarter of the current FY.

Policy/Exchange rate & Reserve ratio	Percentage
Repo rate	5.40%
Reverse Repo rate	5.15%
Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate	5.65%
Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)	4%
Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)	18.75%
Bank Rate	5.65%

Insurance

News: Most Important

1. *LIC to lend ₹25,000 crore to NHAI to fund highways projects*

Life Corporation of India (LIC) will lend as much as ₹25,000 crore to National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) in the ongoing financial year to fund highway projects. NHAI plans to raise ₹75,000 crore from the markets in the 2019-20 financial year.

2. *Corporation Bank ink pact with Bajaj Allianz*

Corporation Bank has entered into a MoU with Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Co Ltd for providing insurance cover for accidental death to the specified saving bank account holders of the bank under the group personal accident insurance policy.

News: Others

1. *Edelweiss Tokio Life ties up with MobiKwik to offer insurance solutions*

Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance has tied up with MobiKwik to offer mobile-based group insurance solutions. Through the partnership, the company will offer life insurance in the variants of ₹1 Lakh, ₹3 Lakh & ₹5 Lakh via MobiKwik's wallet app & website.

2. *Digit Insurance to enter health insurance segment*

Private sector general insurer Digit Insurance will soon be entering the health insurance segment. The company that currently sells motor insurance, international travel insurance, home insurance and mobile insurance will sell medical policies as well.

Economy

News: Most Important

1. *HDFC Bank de-listed GDRs from Luxembourg Stock Exchange*

HDFC Bank announced that it has terminated and de-listed its global depository receipts (GDRs) from the Luxembourg Stock Exchange due to low trading volume. As many as 22 GDRs have been de-listed.

2. *Govt cuts interest rate on General Provident Fund (GPF)*

The interest rate on the general provident fund (GPF) has been cut by 10 basis points (bps) to 7.9 per cent from 8 per cent with effect from July 1. It was announced by the Ministry of Finance.

3. *GST Council Lowers Tax Rate on Electric Vehicles to 5% from 12%*

The Goods and Services Tax Council lowered tax on electric vehicles to 5 percent from 12 percent earlier. It also reduced the tax rate on the EV chargers or charging stations to 5 percent from 18 percent.

4. *IMF cuts India's FY20 growth forecast by 30 bps to 7%*

International Monetary Fund cut its annual growth forecast for India to 7% in the year ending 31 March 2020 and 7.2% for FY 2020-21. The downward revision of 0.3% point for both years reflects a weaker-than-expected outlook for domestic demand.

5. *ADB cuts India's GDP growth forecast to 7% for 2019*

As per Asian Development Bank's Asian Development Outlook report, India is expected to grow by 7% in 2019 (FY20) and 7.2% in 2020 (FY21), slightly slower than projected in April because the fiscal 2018 outturn fell short.

6. *AIIB to provide \$100 million to L&T Infra for clean energy play*

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank will give a \$100-million loan to L&T Infrastructure Finance Company for wind and solar infrastructure projects in India. This is the first time AIIB is extending a loan to a non-banking finance company.

7. *Inflation rises marginally to 3.18% in June*

According to the data released by the Central Statistics Office, Retail inflation increased marginally to 3.18% in June due to the rise in food prices. The retail inflation based on the Consumer Price Index stood at 3.05% in May & 4.92% in June last year.

8. *India lifted 271 mn people out of poverty between 2006 and 2016: UN*

India lifted 271 million people out of poverty between 2006 & 2016, recording the fastest reductions in the multidimensional poverty index values during the period.

News: Others

1. *India's current account balance deficit grew to \$68bn in 2018-19: IMF*

According to the International Monetary Fund, India's current account balance deficit grew to \$68 billion in 2018-19 from \$49 billion. India's overall international reserves stood at \$411.9 billion at the end of March 2019.

2. *IFCI aims to mobilise up to Rs 2,000 crore from sale of non-core assets*

IFCI expects to mobilize ₹ 1500-2000 Cr from sale of non-core assets during the current FY to fund business growth. The company is looking at a recovery of bad loans under Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code. Currently, IFCI holds 2.4% stake in NSE & 4% in CCIL.

3. *FDI inflow registered growth of 79% during last 6 years*

Foreign Direct Investment inflow has increased to 64.38 bn USD in 2018-19, registering a growth of 79%. The intent is to make the FDI policy more investor-friendly & remove the policy bottlenecks that have been hindering investment inflow into the country.

4. *India could lose 34 million jobs in 2030 due to global warming: ILO*

A UN reports say India is projected to lose 5.8% of working hours in 2030 due to global warming, particularly impacting agriculture and construction sectors. India is expected to lose the equivalent of 34 million full-time jobs in 2030 in productivity.

Quick revision

Organization/Parameters	Rate/Figures
General provident fund (GPF)	7.9 per cent
Tax Rate on Electric Vehicles	5% From 12%
IMF(GDP Forecast)	7% (FY 2020) 7.2% (FY 21)
ADB(GDP Forecast)	7%
IMF (current account balance deficit)	\$68 bn

State

News: Most Important

1. *UP becomes No. 1 in implementation of Pradhanamntri Suraksha Bima Yojana*

Uttar Pradesh has become No.1 in implementation of PM Suraksha Bima Yojana. 1.95 Cr people have been given insurance cover under the scheme till 31 Mar 2019. People can get accidental insurance cover of ₹ 2 L by paying a nominal premium of ₹ 12 annually.

2. *Gujarat tops in solar rooftop installations*

As per the data from central government, Gujarat has stood first in the country with total 261.97 MW of installed rooftop solar capacity. Maharashtra & Tamil Nadu have solar rooftop installations at 198.52 MW & 151.62 MW respectively.

3. *In a first, Andhra Pradesh reserves 75 percent private jobs for locals*

Andhra Pradesh became the first state to reserve 75% of jobs in private industrial units and factories for locals. The reservation would be implemented irrespective of whether the private entities get financial or any other help from the government.

4. *Lucknow to host DefExpo India 2020*

India's mega defence exhibition 'DefExpo' will be held for the first time at Lucknow in 2020. The main theme of the event will be **'India: The Emerging Defence Manufacturing Hub'** and it will focus on **'Digital Transformation of Defence'**.

5. *Chhattisgarh Gets India's 1st 'Garbage Cafe' For Ragpickers*

India's first garbage cafe has launched in Ambikapur, Chhattisgarh. Under the program, any person fetching a kilo of plastic waste to the garbage cafe will be assured of full meal & for collecting at least 500 gm will benefit from a substantial breakfast.

6. *Kerala to set up India's first space tech park in Thiruvananthapuram*

The Kerala government will set up the country's first space tech park at Thiruvananthapuram's Knowledge City. The move is aimed at making the city a manufacturing hub for space-related technology.

7. *WEF Centre, Telangana govt set to send medical supplies via drones*

Telangana govt and the World Economic Forum's Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution Network are set to launch an innovative project to deliver emergency medical supplies such as blood and vaccines via drones.

8. *World Bank, Centre and Kerala sign \$250-m loan pact*

GoI, Kerala govt & World Bank signed a loan agreement of \$250 million for the First Resilient Kerala Programme to enhance the state's resilience against the impact of natural disasters and climate change.

9. *BSE, Haryana govt sign pact to facilitate MSMEs raise capital*

BSE has inked a pact with Haryana to encourage and support state's MSMEs to raise capital. By getting listed on the BSE's SME platform, the enterprises will get equity financing opportunities to grow their business from expansion to acquisition.

10. *Arunachal CM launches state-wide tree plantation programme*

Arunachal Pradesh CM Pema Khandu launched the state-wide tree plantation programme 'Clean-Green Arunachal Campaign 2019' in Itanagar. The campaign under the State Forest department will plant 1-lakh tree saplings in the next 24 hours.

11. *TN CM announces formation of two new districts*

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami announced the creation of two new districts carved out from Kanchipuram and Tirunelveli. This will take the total number of districts in the State to 35.

12. *Meghalaya becomes 1st state to ensure water conservation*

Meghalaya became the 1st state to ensure conservation of water & have water policy. The aim of policy is to spot water resources as common pool resource, to provide safe & hygienic water for drinking, sanitation & livelihood development to all residents.

13. *APDCL opens online single window clearance system for Solar Rooftop installations*

Assam Power Distribution Company Limited (APDCL) has come up with a single window clearance system for accelerating deployment of Grid Connected Solar Rooftop installations in Assam.

14. *PepsiCo India to invest Rs 514 crore to set up snacks plant in Uttar Pradesh*

Food and beverages major PepsiCo India is planning to invest Rs 514 crore over the next three years to set up a greenfield snacks manufacturing plant in Uttar Pradesh. PepsiCo is committed to growing its food and beverage business sustainably in India.

News: Others

1. *Odisha Secretariat renamed as 'Lok Seva Bhawan'*

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announced that the Sachivalaya or Secretariat building in Bhubaneswar will now be called 'Lok Seva Bhavan'. The Odisha secretariat building was inaugurated on Nov 12, 1959, by Home Minister Govind Ballabh Pant.

2. *Film Divisions to launch documentary film club in Mumbai*

A documentary film club 'KSHITIJ' was launched by the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting in association with Indian Documentary Producer's Association (IDPA). The acclaimed documentary film 'Secret Life of Frogs' by Ajay & Vijay Bedi was screened.

3. *Chandrakant Kavlekar to be Deputy CM of Goa*

Chandrakant Kavlekar, is to be designated as Deputy Chief Minister of Goa. Michael Lobo, Chandrakant Kavlekar, Jeniffer Monserratte & Philip Neri Rodrigues were given portfolios as Goa Ministers.

4. *Agri-Business Incubation Centre started in Chhattisgarh*

An Agri-Business Incubation Centre has started in Chhattisgarh. It is set up under National Agriculture Development Scheme- RAFTAAR which aims to make farming a remunerative economic activity by strengthening farmer's effort & promoting agribusiness.

5. *Pink City Jaipur enters UNESCO World Heritage Site list*

Pink City Jaipur, known for its iconic architectural legacy and vibrant culture, has made its entry into the UNESCO World Heritage Site list. The decision was taken at the 43rd session of the World Heritage Committee of UNESCO at Baku in Azerbaijan

National

News: Most Important

1. *India's 7th Economic Census begins from Tripura*

India's seventh Economic Census began from Tripura and a similar task would be launched in other States and Union Territories across the country next month. The IT-enabled economic census would be done by the Common Service Centres in each gram panchayat.

2. *India has achieved its 2022 target of tiger population in the country*

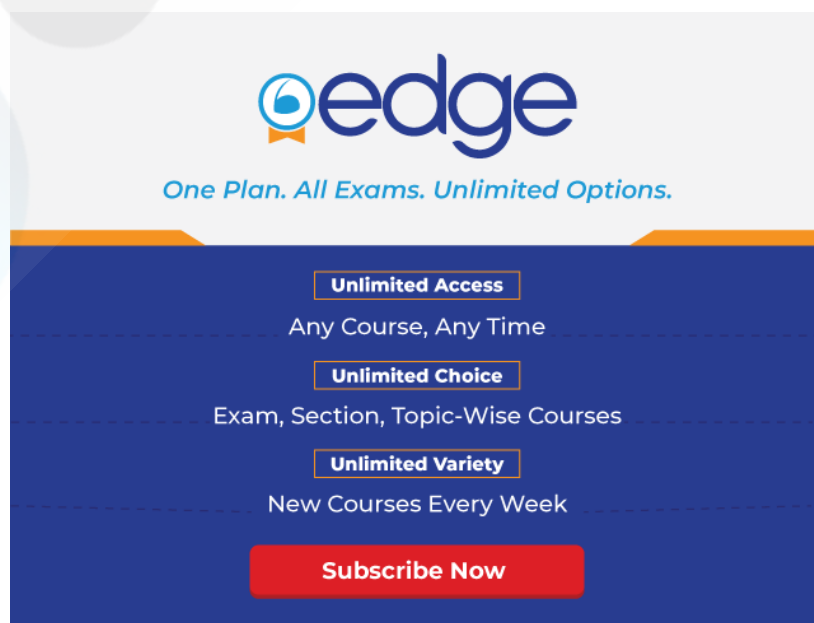
India now has 2,967 tigers & growth in the 4th cycle of the Tiger Census has been a 33%. PM Modi released All India Tiger Estimation Report 2018 emphasising that India has achieved the target of doubling tiger population 4 years before deadline. Madhya Pradesh saw the highest number of tigers at 526.

3. *MoU signed to eradicate TB by 2025*

Union Health Ministry has signed an MoU with Ministries of Ayush, Defence and Railways to strengthen the efforts towards a TB-Free India by 2025. Around 28 lakh people contract the disease every year in the country and four lakh people die every year.

4. *Govt approves Rs 206.8 crore for Implementation of Agriculture Export Policy scheme*

The government has approved an outlay of Rs 206.8 crore for 2019-19 for a central sector scheme titled 'Implementation of Agriculture Export Policy'. The policy seeks to double farm exports to \$60 billion by 2022.



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5. *10th Jagran Film festival inaugurated in New Delhi*

Prakash Javadekar inaugurated the 10th Jagran Film festival at Siri Fort Auditorium in New Delhi. JFF is an initiative towards creating a culture of cinema appreciation & creating a platform that connects great content with audiences across the country.

6. *Central government launches 'LaQshya'*

Government of India has launched 'LaQshya' (Labour room Quality improvement Initiative) to improve quality of care in labour room and maternity operation theatres in public health facilities. It's a multipronged approach focused at Intrapartum and immediate postpartum period.

7. *Govt constitutes committee for regulation of medical devices*

The Union health ministry has constituted a committee which will advise the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) regarding strengthening of medical devices regulations in the country and also examine issues relating to their implementation.

8. *Govt sets target for installation of Solar projects of 40,000 MW by 2022*

The government has set a target for the installation of Rooftop Solar projects of 40000 MegaWatt by 2022 in the country. The New and Renewable Energy Ministry is implementing Grid Connected Rooftop Solar programme.

9. *GoM on sexual harassment at workplace reconstituted*

Govt has reconstituted the GoM looking after the issues of how to prevent sexual harassment at workplace & strengthen legal frameworks with Amit Shah, replacing Rajnath Singh. Members are Nirmala Sitharaman, Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' & Smriti Irani.

10. *Cabinet approves merger of National Institute of Miners' Health with ICMR-NIOH*

Cabinet has approved the merger of National Institute of Miners' Health with ICMR - National Institute of Occupational Health. It would help them in terms of enhanced expertise in the field of occupational health besides efficient management of public money.

11. *Lok Sabha passes Companies (Amendment) Bill*

Lok Sabha gave its nod to the Companies (Amendment) Bill which seeks to tighten corporate social responsibility compliance and reduce the load of cases on the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).

12. *Hyderabad airport launches Face Recognition system for entry on pilot basis*

Rajiv Gandhi International Airport has initiated Face Recognition system on a trial basis for passengers for entry into the aerodrome by adding over 180 passengers enrolled voluntarily for the trials at the airport.

13. *National Museum of Indian Cinema's news bulletin launched*

A fortnightly bulletin of the National Museum of Indian Cinema, brought out by the Films Division, was launched, with veteran film maker Jahnu Barua hoping that it will become a platform for movie buffs and other stakeholders.

14. *Reliance Jio Becomes India's Top Telecom Services Provider*

Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd. won more subscribers to become India's biggest telecom operator, as companies prepare for the planned rollout of a 5G network next year. Reliance Jio's subscriber base grew to 331.3 million in the quarter ended June.

15. *Cabinet approves ISRO Technical Liaison Unit at Moscow*

Cabinet has given nod to the setting up of ISRO Technical Liaison Unit (ITLU) at Moscow in Russia. ITLU will also support the ongoing bilateral programmes of cooperation in space technology and act on behalf of ISRO.

16. *Motor Vehicles Bill gives govt power to regulate Uber, Ola*

The Parliament approved amendments to the Motor Vehicles Bill, expected to give the Centre power to regulate app-based taxi-hailing services such as Ola & Uber. It aims to address issues such as road safety, reducing deaths due to road accidents, etc.

17. *Nasscom, NSDC launch global Cloud computing challenge*

To develop a sustainable workforce for disruptive technologies, IT industry's apex body Nasscom, is organising 'WorldSkills India's International Cloud Computing Challenge 2019' in partnership with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).

18. *Lok Sabha passes Consumer Protection Bill*

Lok Sabha passed the Consumer Protection Bill that seeks to establish the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) to protect and enforce consumer rights. The CCPA will take immediate action after a complaint is filed by consumers.

News: Others

1. *Inter-Ministerial Committee recommends ban on crypto currencies in India*

An Inter-Ministerial Committee has recommended a ban on the cryptocurrencies in India & imposing fines and penalties for carrying on any activities connected with it. The panel was constituted in Nov 2017 to study the issues related to virtual currencies.

2. *Cabinet approves Rs 1,600 cr for Dibang Multipurpose Project in Arunachal*

The Cabinet has approved ₹ 1600 Cr for Dibang Project in Arunachal Pradesh. It is a storage-based hydro-electric project with flood moderation. Also, it approved the doubling of a railway line connecting Guwahati with New Bongaigaon at a cost of ₹ 2042 Cr.

3. *HRD Minister releases UGC guide to student induction programme*

HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank released the UGC Guide to Student Induction Programme - Deeksharambh in New Delhi. The guide will help new students to build bonds with fellow students and faculty members in the new environment.

4. *Amit Shah to head panel on Air India disinvestment*

Government reconstituted a GoMs tasked with working out the modalities for sale of Air India. It will be headed by HM Amit Shah including FM Nirmala Sitharaman, commerce & railway minister Piyush Goyal & civil aviation minister Hardeep Singh Puri.

5. *Public awareness campaign launched to accelerate vector control measures*

A three-day public awareness campaign to accelerate vector control measures got underway in Delhi. A three-day public awareness campaign to accelerate vector control measures got underway in Delhi.

6. *Northeast Frontier Railway zone introduces 'pink coaches' for women*

Indian Railways' Northeast Frontier Railway zone has started a unique initiative to earmark a special portion of the SLR coach with pink colour which is done to specially help the women passengers with better safety and security.

7. *Railways speeds up 261 trains & added 49 new trains*

Railways has speeded up 261 trains as part of Mission Raftaar, by up to 110 minutes over different zones. New trains, which have already been introduced, have been added in new timetable including Vande Bharat Express train, 34 Humsafar Express among others.

8. *Ola Electric races to unicorn status*

Ola Electric Mobility Pvt. Ltd has raised about \$250 million from SoftBank Group Corp., thus becoming the second company founded by Bhavish Aggarwal to join the coveted unicorn club of start-ups valued at more than \$1 billion.

9. *Railways to install CCTV cameras in over 7,000 train coaches by 2021: Govt*

The railways have set a target to install CCTV cameras in more than 7,000 coaches of mainline passenger trains by March 2021. The cameras have also been installed in 1,300 coaches of mainline passenger trains.

International

News: Most Important

1. *Boris Johnson take over as Prime Minister of Britain*

Boris Johnson took over as Prime Minister of Britain. He succeeded Theresa May who resigned recently. He is expected to use the opportunity to increase the number of women in full cabinet positions and boost the representation of ethnic minorities.

2. *European Commission elects first female president*

German Defence Minister Ursula von der Leyen has been elected as the European Commission's first female president. She will replace Jean-Claude Juncker. Her nomination was approved by 383 votes, 9 votes more than required to secure an absolute majority.

3. *Russia launched a space telescope in Kazakhstan*

Russia launched a space telescope from the cosmodrome in Baikonur, Kazakhstan, in a joint mission with Germany. A video posted on the website of Roskosmos, showed a Proton-M rocket carrying the Spektr-RG taking off from Baikonur.

4. *Indian origin Priti Patel appointed as Britain's Home Secretary*

British PM Boris Johnson has appointed Indian origin Priti Patel as Home Secretary. She had been a member of the 'Back Boris' campaign for the Conservative Party leadership. Former Home Secretary Sajid Javid appointed as the Finance Secretary/Chancellor.

5. *Vikas Swarup has been appointed as Secretary, Overseas Indian Affairs*

Swarup, a 1986-batch officer of the IFS, is at present India's High Commissioner in Ottawa. He has been appointed as the Secretary, (consular, passport, visa and Overseas Indian affairs) in the External Affairs Ministry.

6. *Google India's 'Internet Saathi' programme to empower rural women*

Google India's 'Internet Saathi' programme aimed to empower rural women on how to use the Internet has added two more states -- Punjab & Odisha. The programme launched as a pilot project in 2015, along with Tata Trusts. It focuses on educating women on how to use the Internet.

7. *London named world's best student city in new rankings*

London has been named as the world's best city for students for the 2nd consecutive year, beating international cities like Tokyo & Melbourne that came 2nd & 3rd respectively. The 'QS Best Student Cities Ranking' compiled by QS Quacquarelli Symonds.

8. *IFC to invest \$200 million in Shriram Transport Finance to fund CV purchases*

International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group, will channel \$200 million into Shriram Transport Finance to primarily fund purchases of commercial vehicles and support micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

9. *UK's Go Global programme expansion to boost Indian start-ups*

The UK government has expanded its Go Global initiative to India with the aim of giving the country's most innovative and cutting-edge start-ups the skills. India build links with the UK's digital sector and pave the way for future economic partnerships.

10. *New Zealand bans single-use plastic bags*

New Zealand has banned single-use plastic shopping bags & introducing hefty fines for businesses that continue to provide them. Plastic pollution is a growing global concern, with a million birds & 100,000 plus marine mammals injured or killed every year.

11. *French lawmakers approve 3% tax on online giants*

French parliament approved a small, pioneering tax on internet giants like Google, Amazon and Facebook & hopes that other countries will follow the suit. The bill foresees a 3% tax on the French revenues of digital companies with revenue of 750 mn+ Euros.

12. *Duty Free shops at Dubai airports to accept Indian currency*

The Indian Rupee will now be accepted for transaction at all airports in Dubai. The Indian currency is now acceptable at all three terminals of the Dubai International Airport and at Al Maktoum Airport.

13. *Kyriakos Mitsotakis sworn in as Greece's new prime minister*

Kyriakos Mitsotakis has been sworn in as Greece's new PM, after New Democracy party won a landslide over leftist Syriza. Results showed New Democracy gaining 39.85% of the vote in snap election.

14. *ISA's First Joint Security Exercise named 'ISALEX19' held in Abu Dhabi*

The first edition of the joint security exercise of International Security Alliance (ISA), ISALEX19 held in Abu Dhabi, UAE. ISA was launched in 2017 & comprises 9 countries, UAE, France, Italy, Bahrain, Morocco, Spain, Senegal, Singapore & the Slovak Republic.

15. *Japan officially resumes commercial whaling after more than 30 years*

Japan resumed commercial whaling for the 1st time in more than 3 decades after Tokyo's controversial decision to withdraw from the International Whaling Commission. With this, Japan joined Iceland & Norway as the only nations to allow commercial whaling despite the IWC moratorium.

16. *WHO launches its first guidelines on self-care interventions for health*

World Health Organization has introduced its first guideline on self-care interventions for health named "WHO Consolidated Guideline on Self-Care Interventions for Health". Its first volume has focused on sexual and reproductive health and rights.

17. *World's largest burn and plastic surgery institute inaugurated in Dhaka, Bangladesh*

World's largest burn and plastic surgery institute named Sheikh Hasina National Burn & Plastic Surgery Institute started its functioning in Dhaka, Bangladesh. It will provide advanced treatment to burn patients. It was built at a cost of over 500 crores Taka.

18. *Nigeria to host 2020 FIFA women U-20 World cup*

Federation of International Football Federation has awarded FIFA Women Under 20 World Cup hosting right to Nigeria after 10 years in 2020. The last FIFA event held in Nigeria was the 2009 FIFA U-17 World Cup.

19. *Ancient Babylon city named a World Heritage Site*

Ancient Mesopotamian city of Babylon has been declared a Unesco World Heritage Site. Iraq has been lobbying since 1983 for the 4,000-year-old site to be added to the UN's prestigious list. The city was famous for its Hanging Gardens.

News: Others

1. *Apple buys Intel's smartphone modem unit for \$1 billion*

Apple Inc took a major step toward supplying its own smartphone chips by purchasing the majority of Intel Corp's modem business in a deal valued at \$1 billion. It is Apple's second-largest ever after its \$3.2 billion purchase of Beats Electronics in 2014.

2. *SoftBank plans to launch second Vision Fund with \$108bn*

SoftBank Group announced will launch its second Vision Fund with participation from Apple, Foxconn, Microsoft and other tech companies and investors. Called the Vision Fund 2, the fund will focus on AI-based technology.

3. *Japan's space probe first to capture material beneath asteroid surface*

Japan's Hayabusa2 spacecraft has become the first ever space probe to gather material from beneath the surface of an asteroid. The asteroid mission first reached Ryugu in June 2018 & its first touchdown on the surface in February 2019.

4. *WHO declares Sri Lanka a 'measles-free' nation*

WHO declared that measles disease has been eradicated in Sri Lanka. The country's success demonstrates its commitment, and the determination of its health workforce & parents to protect children against measles.

5. *Tropical Storm Barry hits Louisiana in US*

In the US, Tropical Storm Barry began hitting Louisiana with wind and rain, building towards hurricane strength. Utility repair crews with bucket trucks have been moved into position in the region.

India & world

News: Most Important

1. *India, Mozambique sign two MoU in field of Hydrography*

India & Mozambique have signed two Memoranda of Understanding on sharing white shipping information & co-operation in the field of Hydrography. The agreement will further strengthen the ongoing Indo-Mozambican Defence co-operation and their relations.

2. *Sri Lanka signs agreement with India to upgrade railway lines*

Sri Lanka has signed an agreement with India to upgrade tracks in a key railway segment connecting the north and south at a cost of \$ 91.26 million. It is the first that the 130 km-long-tracks, running from Maho town to Omathai, are being upgraded.

3. *India, Italy to set up fast-track mechanism to facilitate investment*

India & Italy have decided to set up a fast track mechanism to facilitate investors & companies. The main aim of the system in India will be to pave the way to identify & solve problems faced by Italian companies & investors with their operations in India.

4. *Argentina extends assistance to boost India's agricultural productivity*

Argentina within the strategic partnership with India, has decided to be a partner for the development of the agricultural sector in India and further cooperate in this sector through technological exchanges that can boost the productivity.

5. *India, Russia sign Rs 1,500 crore deal for air-to-air missiles to be used by Su-30*

India has signed a deal worth around ₹ 1500 Cr to acquire R-27 air-to-air missiles from Russia to be equipped on the Su-30MKI combat aircraft. They have been acquired under 10-I projects which mandate the 3 services to maintain critical weapon systems.

6. *Ola gets green light for London taxi business*

India's ride-hailing platform Ola Cabs, run by ANI Technologies Pvt. Ltd, has received approval from London's transport regulator to start PHV in London. Ola UK Pvt. Ltd has received a 1-yr carriage licence from TFL to operate PHV vehicles across London.

7. *India has handed over 250 prefabricated houses to Myanmar*

India had taken up the project under its Rakhine State Development Programme under which 25 mn \$ are allocated for a period of 5 years. 22 other proposals which include solar power related projects are under consideration.

8. *India, Myanmar sign MoU on defence co-operation*

India and Myanmar inked a Memorandum of Understanding on defence cooperation aimed at enhancing military.

9. *India, Benin sign 4 MoU on export credit*

India and Benin signed 4 MoUs on Cooperation in the field of Export Credit and Investment Insurance, e-VBAB network project, Cultural Exchange Programme and visa requirement for holders of diplomatic, official/service passports.

News: Others

1. *Israel inks USD 50 mn deal with India to supply complementary Naval MRSAM systems*

Israel Aerospace Industries has inked a deal worth USD 50 million to supply complementary Naval MRSAM systems to the Indian Navy and the Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders. The IAI would provide complementary systems for the air defence system (ADS).

2. *India, Uzbekistan agree on effective information sharing mechanism to counter terror*

India and Uzbekistan decided to expand counter terror partnership and strengthen information sharing and capacity building mechanism against the menace. The 8th meeting of India-Uzbekistan Joint Working Group on Counter Terrorism was held in New Delhi.

Quick Revision: Facts

Country	Capital	Head of State /Govt.	Currency
Israel	Jerusalem	Reuven Rivlin	New Shekel
Mozambique	Maputo	Filipe Jacinto Nyusi	Metical
Sri Lanka	Colombo	Maithripala Sirisena	Rupee
Nepal	Kathmandu	Bidhya Devi Bhandari	Rupee
Argentina	Buenos Aires	Mauricio Macri	Peso
Afghanistan	Kabul	Ashraf Ghani	Afghani
UK	London	Boris Johnson	Pound Sterling
Benin	Porto-Novo	Patrice Talon	CFA France
Myanmar	Naypyidaw	Win Myint	Kyat
Uzbekistan	Tashkent	Shavkat Mirziyoyev	Som
Italy	Rome	Sergio Mattarella	Euro
Russia	Moscow	Vladimir Putin	Ruble

Appointments & Resignations

News: Most Important

1. *New Governors appointed by the President*

President appointed Governors of following states. RN Ravi - Nagaland; Jagdeep Dhankhar - West Bengal; Anandiben Patel - Uttar Pradesh; Lal ji Tandon - Madhya Pradesh; Phagu Chauhan - Bihar; Ramesh Bais - Tripura; Anusuiya Uikey - Chhattisgarh; Biswa Bhusan Harichandan - Andhra Pradesh; Kalraj Mishra - Himachal Pradesh; Acharya Devvrat - Gujarat.

2. *Indian Federation of Sports Gaming ropes in Justice AK Sikri as ombudsman*

The Indian Federation of Sports Gaming (IFSG) has appointed justice A K Sikri as its ombudsman and ethics officer. He will be responsible for investigating queries/complaints raised by the users of the online fantasy sports gaming platforms.

3. *Bandhan Bank appoints Siddhartha Sanyal as chief economist*

Bandhan Bank announced the appointment of Siddhartha Sanyal as chief economist and head of research who will spearhead the bank's research and business strategy. He was the director and chief India economist of Barclays Bank Plc.

4. *Bandhan Bank Appoints SBI's Sanjeev Naryani As Head of Business*

Bandhan Bank Ltd has appointed State Bank of India's Sanjeev Naryani as its head of the business. He will lead the private lender's branch banking, wholesale banking, agri-business, retail lending, third-party products and digital banking verticals.

5. *A M Naik appointed as Mindtree's new chairman*

Bengaluru-based IT services firm Mindtree Ltd has appointed A M Naik as the company's new non-executive chairman. He replaces Krishnakumar Natarajan. L&T became the new promoter of Mindtree after buying a 60.59% stake.

6. *SR Batliboi resigns as auditor of IndusInd Bank*

SR Batliboi & Co has resigned as the statutory auditor of IndusInd Bank. The move follows the decision of the Reserve Bank of India, on June 3, to not allow SR Batliboi to carry out statutory audits in commercial banks with effect from April 1, 2019. Srichand P Hinduja is promoter of IndusInd Bank.

7. *Ehsan Mani appointed chairperson of powerful ICC committee*

Pakistan Cricket Board's chairman Ehsan Mani has been appointed as the head of the ICC's influential Finance & Commercial Affairs committee. He was appointed as the ICC's first F&CA chairman in 1996 and he served as the President of ICC from 2003 to 2006.

8. *IAS Ajay Kumar Bhalla appointed as Officer on Special Duty in MHA*

Ajay Kumar Bhalla has been appointed as Officer on Special Duty in the Ministry of Home Affairs. Subhash Chandra Garg will be the Power Secretary. Atanu Chakraborty has been appointed as Secretary in Department of Economic Affairs.

9. *IPS officer VK Johri named as next BSF DG*

IPS officer VK Johri has been appointed as next Director General of BSF. He is presently serving as the Special Secretary (RAW), under the Cabinet Secretariat & will take over the charge of the BSF from incumbent Rajni Kant Mishra, on 31st of July.

10. *Vivek Kohli elected chairman of Commonwealth TT Federation*

India's Vivek Kohli and M P Singh have been elected as chairman and secretary general respectively of the Commonwealth Table Tennis Federation (CTTF).

11. *P.K. Purwar to assume additional charge as BSNL CMD*

The government has appointed MTNL Chairman and Managing Director P.K. Purwar as the CMD of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd for a period of three months. He is expected to follow the directions by the Department of Telecom.

12. *K Natarajan takes charge as Indian Coast Guard chief*

Director General Krishnaswamy Natarajan took over as the 23rd Chief of Indian Coast Guard. He replaced Rajendra Singh, who was the first cadre officer to head the force. Natarajan is a 5th Batch Officer of the Indian Coast Guard.

13. *N.S. Vishwanathan reappointed RBI deputy governor for 1 year*

Appointments Committee of Cabinet has approved the extension of Vishwanathan's term as RBI deputy governor by one year with effect from 4 July. He is in charge of regulation of banks, non-banking finance companies and cooperative banks.

14. *Germany's Ursula von der Leyen nominated to lead EU Commission*

European Union (EU) leaders have put forward their nominations for the bloc's top jobs, with a woman, German Defence Minister Ursula von der Leyen proposed as European Commission Chief for the first time.

15. *B Harideesh Kumar is now Director of Institute of Banking Personnel Selection*

B Harideesh Kumar has been appointed as director of Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS) for a period of three years. Earlier, he was Executive Director of Canara Bank. He started his banking career with e Vijaya Bank in the year 1978.

16. *JK Bank appoints Rajni Saraf new CFO*

J&K Bank announced the appointment of Rajni Saraf as the chief financial officer (CFO) of the bank. He has an experience of more than three decades in the banking industry. She currently heads the Supervision and Control Division of the bank.

17. *Arun Kumar appointed as DGCA chief*

Arun Kumar will hold the full-time charge of the head of aviation regulator DGCA. Kumar is an IAS officer of 1989 batch of Haryana cadre. In between June 2016 and December 2016, Bhullar was heading the DGCA as additional charge.

18. *Karnam Sekar takes over as new MD and CEO of IOB*

Indian Overseas Bank (IOB), a public sector bank based in Chennai has appointed Karnam Sekar as its new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). He replaces R Subramaniakumar.

19. *Farooq Ahmad Khan appointed advisor to Jammu and Kashmir Governor*

Farooq Ahmad Khan was appointed as advisor to Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik. He is the fifth advisor to the Governor. He served as the Administrator of Lakshadweep. He had recently resigned from the post.

20. *India's Anshula Kant is World Bank MD and CFO*

Anshula Kant, an Indian national, has been appointed the next MD and CFO of World Bank. Ms. Kant will be the first woman CFO of the Bank. Ms. Kant will be responsible for financial and risk management and report to Mr. Malpass.

21. *Rajiv Kumar to be new Finance Secretary*

Government has designated financial services secretary Rajiv Kumar as finance secretary. He succeeds Subash Chandra Garg, who was shifted to the position of power secretary. Kumar has played a crucial role in initiating banking reforms for state-run banks.

22. *Former Cognizant exec Debashis Chatterjee to take over as Mindtree CEO on August 1*

Former Cognizant executive Debashis Chatterjee will take over as Mindtree's new Chief Executive Officer on August 1. He served as the executive vice president and president, global delivery, in Cognizant.

News: Others

1. **Balbir Singh Dhillon appointed as Head, Audi India**

Audi India's current Dealer Development head, Balbir Singh Dhillon, has been appointed as Audi India Head. His tenure as Head, Audi India will commence from September 1st 2019.

2. **ZTE appointed Yan Xiao as the new deputy CEO of the Indian operations**

Chinese telecom gear maker ZTE has appointed Yan Xiao as the new deputy chief executive officer of the Indian operations. He will report to India CEO Peng Aiguang. He had been serving the company as the chief executive of Myanmar.

3. **IFS officer Vivek Kumar appointed private secretary to PM Modi**

Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer Vivek Kumar was appointed as private secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He has been working as Director in the Prime Minister's Office.

4. **Ashok Ramachandran Takes Over as President of Schindler India & South Asia**


Schindler India appointed Ashok Ramachandran the President of Schindler India. Ashok Ramachandran joined the company in 2006 and has spent over a decade at the Company in various roles within the Schindler Group.

5. **RBI appoints AK Misra as additional director on J&K Bank board**

Under Section 36 AB of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, the Reserve Bank of India has appointed its former executive director AK Misra as Additional Director for a period of two years on the Board of troubled lender Jammu and Kashmir Bank.

6. **LinkedIn names Ashutosh Gupta as country manager for India**

Microsoft-owned social networking site for professionals, LinkedIn, appointed Ashutosh Gupta as the new country manager for India operations. He has about two decades of experience in IT & Software Services.



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Appointment/Resignation	Post
Justice AK Sikri	Ombudsman and ethics officer, IFSG
Siddhartha Sanyal	Chief economist ,Bandhan Bank
Sanjeev Naryani	Head of Business, ,Bandhan Bank
A M Naik	Non-executive chairman, Mindtree
Ehsan Mani	Head of the ICC's influential Finance & Commercial Affairs committee
Ajay Kumar Bhalla	Officer on Special Duty in the Ministry of Home Affairs
VK Johri	BSF, Director General
Vivek Kohli	Chairman, Commonwealth TT Federation
P.K. Purwar	CMD, BSNL
Krishnaswamy Natarajan	Chief of Indian Coast Guard.
N.S. Vishwanathan	RBI deputy governor
B Harideesh Kumar	Director, IBPS
Rajni Saraf	CFO, J&K Bank
Anshula Kant	MD and CFO of World Bank
Rajiv Kumar	Finance secretary, GOI
Debashis Chatterjee	Chief Executive Officer ,Mindtree
Balbir Singh Dhillon	Head, Audi India
Ashok Ramachandran	President of Schindler India
AK Misra	Additional Director, Jammu and Kashmir Bank

Ranks & Reports

News: Most Important

1. *India jumps 5 places to 52nd rank in global innovation index 2019*

India improved its ranking in the global innovation index by five places to 52nd in 2019. The GII rankings are published by Cornell University, INSEAD and the WIPO and GII Knowledge Partners. Switzerland retained its number-one spot on the index. 2019 theme of index is Evaluating the Medical Innovation Scenario of the Next Decade.

2. *Bengaluru tops list of most digitised cities, reports highest card payments*

Bengaluru has topped the list of 'most digitised cities' accounting for highest card payments in a study conducted by Razorpay. The top five digitised states as per the report are Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and New Delhi.

3. *India's renewable energy cost lowest in Asia Pacific: report*

According to the report by Wood Mackenzie, India's renewable energy cost is the lowest in the Asia Pacific. The levelised cost of electricity (LCOE) using solar photovoltaic has fallen to \$38 per MWh. It was 14% cheaper than coal-fired power.

4. *Bhubaneswar most affordable city for homebuyers: RBI survey*

According to a report by the Reserve Bank India, Bhubaneswar remains the most affordable city for homebuyers, while Mumbai remains the least affordable one in India. RBI has been conducting a quarterly residential asset price monitoring survey (RAPMS).

5. Money in Swiss banks: India ranked 74

India has moved down one place to 74th rank in terms of money parked by its citizens and enterprises with Swiss banks while the U.K. has retained its top position, as per data released by the central banking authority of Switzerland.

6. NITI Aayog launched Agricultural Marketing and Farmer Friendly Reforms Index 2019

NITI Aayog released its "Agricultural Marketing and Farmer Friendly Reforms Index" 2019. It ranks states and UTs based on the implementation of seven provisions proposed under the model Agricultural Produce Market Committee Act. Maharashtra was ranked first for implementing most of the marketing reforms

News: Others

1. Indian cities contribute between 59% & 70% of India's GDP: IDFC report

IDFC institute, a think-tank, Indian cities are more urban than recognised and contribute between 59% and 70% of India's gross domestic product. The report pegs India's urbanisation rate to be anywhere between 47% and 65%.

2. Japan and Singapore top the 2019 Henley Index list of world's most powerful passports

The Henley Passport Index is based on data provided by IATA and covers 199 passports and 227 travel destinations. Japan and Singapore have held onto their position as the world's most travel-friendly passports, with South Korea dropping into second place.

3. Overall Homicide Rate Declines by 10% in India: UN Report

Acc. to a UN report, the overall homicide rate in India has decreased by 10% over a period of six years till 2015 but the trend increased "noticeably" in some northern states.

4. 75% of children with disabilities don't attend schools in India: UNESCO

The 2019 "State of the Education Report for India: Children with Disabilities" took into account the 2011 census. 3/4th of the children with disabilities at the age of 5 years and 1/4th between 5-19 years do not go to any educational institution.

Important days

News: Most Important

1. National Doctors Day – July 1

National Doctor's Day is observed in India to recognize and appreciate the significant roles and responsibilities of doctors. 2019 theme is 'Zero tolerance to violence against doctors and clinical establishment'.

2. International Day of Cooperatives

The International Day of Cooperatives is an annual celebration of the cooperative movement that takes place on the first Saturday of July since 1923. The aim of this celebration is to increase awareness of cooperatives. 2019 Theme - COOPS 4 DECENT WORK

3. *World Zoonoses Day – July 6*

World Zoonoses Day is observed on July 6 every year to emphasize and bring the problem awareness amongst people and teach them to take right action.

4. *World Population Day 2019 observed on July 11*

World Population Day was observed on July 11. It creates awareness of the growing population issues. Population issue may be family planning, gender equality, child marriage, human rights, right to health, baby's health, etc.

5. *World Youth Skills Day 2019 observed on July 15*

World Youth Skills Day is marked to promote youth skills development and abilities. In 2019, UNESCO and the UNEVOC network will join the global celebrations to mark the day. This year, the theme is "Learning to learn for life and work".

6. *CBDT celebrates Aaykar Diwas*

The Central Board of Direct Taxes is celebrated the 159th Income Tax Day on 24th July. In 1860, Income Tax was introduced for the first time in India by Sir James Wilson to compensate for the losses incurred by the British regime.

7. *Kargil Vijay Diwas to be celebrated on July 26*

Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated on 26 July every year to commemorate India's victory and honour the brave war heroes. India won the two-month-long war by regaining control of all the previously held territory, re-establishing the status quo ante bellum.

8. *World Hepatitis Day – July 28*

World Hepatitis Day is celebrated on 28 July to raise awareness about the disease hepatitis and how it spread. 2019 theme is 'Find the Missing Millions'. The WHO campaign theme is "Invest in eliminating Hepatitis" which focuses on the hepatitis elimination goals by 2030, in the context of the universal health coverage.

9. *International Tiger Day – July 29*

Every year 29 July is celebrated across the world as Global Tiger Day to create awareness about tiger conservation and protection of natural habitat of tigers.

10. *World Day Against Trafficking in Persons 2019 – July 30*

July 30 is celebrated as World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. It is observed to raise awareness of the situation of victims of human trafficking & for the protection of their rights. 2019 Theme: 'Human Trafficking: Call Your Government to Action'.

News: Others

1. *World Sports Journalists Day 2019 observed on July 2*

World Sports Journalists Day was observed on July 2, 2019. It is celebrated to mark the services of sports journalists for the promotion of sports. It was established by the International Sports and Press Association (AIPS- Association Internationale de la Presse Sportive) in 1994.

2. *World UFO day observed on 2 July 2019*

On July 2 World UFO (Unidentified Flying Objects) day was observed all over the world. It is celebrated to increase awareness among people about the existence of UFO. The first World UFO Day was celebrated in 2001.

Quick Revision

Date	Day	Theme
July 1	National Doctor's Day	Zero tolerance to violence against doctors and clinical establishment
July 2	World UFO (Unidentified Flying Objects) day	
July 2	World Sports Journalists Day	
July 4	International Day of Cooperatives	COOPS 4 DECENT WORK
July 6	World Zoonoses Day	
July 11	World Population Day	
July 15	World Youth Skills Day	Learning to learn for life and work
July 24	159 th Income Tax Day	
July 26	Kargil Vijay Diwas	
July 28	World Hepatitis Day	Find the missing millions/Invest in eliminating Hepatitis
July 29	International Tiger Day	
July 30	World Day Against Trafficking in Persons	Human Trafficking: Call Your Government to Action

Sports

News: Most Important

1. *Veer Chotrani wins U-19 Asian Squash title*

In Squash, India's Veer Chotrani beat Yash Fadte to win the Under-19 title at the Asian Junior Championship in Macau, China. He became the third Indian to win the Asian trophy after Ravi Dixit and Vela Senthilkumar.

2. *Sai Praneeth enters top 20 in World Badminton Rankings*

B. Sai Praneeth has jumped 4 places to enter in the top 20 players in the latest World Badminton Rankings. He is now World No.19 in Men's Singles badminton ranking. Kidambi Srikanth & Sameer Verma retained his 10th & 13th position respectively.

3. *Indian pro boxer Vaibhav Yadav wins WBC Asia title*

Indian pro boxer Vaibhav Yadav became the World Boxing Council (WBC) Asia silver welterweight champion after defeating Thailand's Fahpetch Singmanassak in the title bout held in Pattaya, Thailand.

4. *Max Verstappen wins Austrian Grand Prix 2019*

In Formulae 1 Austrian Grand Prix 2019, Red Bull's Max Verstappen won the race while Ferrari's Charles Leclerc was placed second and Mercedes' V. Bottas stood at the 3rd position.

5. *Poznan Athletics Grand Prix: Hima Das wins Gold in women's 200 metres*

Indian sprinter Hima Das won the women's 200m gold in the Poznan Athletics Grand Prix in Poland. It was Hima's first competitive 200m race of the year. Also, Short putter Tajinder Pal Singh Toor bagged a bronze.

6. *Mexico beats US to lift 8th Gold Cup*

Mexico's men's soccer team have won their record eighth Gold Cup by defeating the United States in the final. The loss for the US men came hours after the women's team lifted its second consecutive World Cup title.

7. *4th World Wealth Yoga Championship: Para-athlete Toran Yadav wins 3 silver medals*

Para-athlete Toran Yadav from Chhattisgarh has won 3 silver medals at 4th World Wealth Yoga Festival & Championship in Europe. The 19-year-old started yoga at the age of 9 and soon was selected to represent India.

8. *Mirabai claims another gold*

S. Mirabai Chanu totalled 191kg to claim the women's 49kg title in the Commonwealth weightlifting championships. Jhili Dalabehera & S. Bindyarani Devi among women and Ch. Rishikanta Singh among men were the other Indians to win golds in the elite division.

9. *Dutee Chand wins 100m gold at World University Games*

Ace Indian sprinter Dutee Chand has won the gold medal in women's 100-metre sprint at the 30th Summer University Games in Napoli, Italy becoming the first Indian to win do so. She clocked 11.32s in the final.

10. *G. Sathyan, Anthony Amalraj win bronze at World Tour Platinum Australian Open*

In Table Tennis, the Indian pair of G. Sathyan and Anthony Amalraj won the bronze at the World Tour Platinum Australian Open after they lost to top seed Korean pair of Jeoung Youngsik and Lee Sangsu in Geelong near Melbourne.

11. *Ellyse Perry becomes first cricketer to reach 1000 runs, 100 wickets in T20Is*

Australia all-rounder Ellyse Perry became the first cricketer of either gender to reach the rare milestone of scoring 1000 runs & taking 100 wickets in the T20 format. Bangladesh's Shakib al Hasan (1471 runs & 88 wickets) stands next in line to join Perry.

12. *Hima Das wins gold in Tabor Athletics Meet*

Indian sprinter Hima Das clinched her fourth gold in a fortnight as she won the 200m race with a creditable timing of 23.25 seconds in the Tabor Athletics Meet in Czech Republic. In men's 400m, Muhammad Anas won in 45.40 seconds.

13. *Sarabjot Singh wins India's ninth gold in ISSF Junior World Cup*

India's Sarabjot Singh shot a 239.6 to bag the men's 10 metres air pistol gold. 14-year-old Esha Singh also won a silver in the women's 10 m air pistol event. India remains on top of the medal standings with 9 gold, 9 silver & 4 bronze medals.

14. *Vinesh Phogat wins gold at Yasar Dogu International*

Vinesh Phogat won her second consecutive gold in 53kg, winning the Yasar Dogu International in Istanbul. She defeated Russia's Ekaterina Poleshchuk. It was the third gold in the women's competition for India.

15. *Amir khan wins WBC international welterweight title*

Amir Khan clinched the WBC international welterweight title after knocking out Australian Billy Dib in the fourth round. He was knocked out by WBO welterweight champion Terence Crawford in his last bout in April.

16. *Hima Das wins 5th gold of the month after successful return to 400m*

Hima Das won the gold medal in the final of the women's 400m at the IAAF World U20 Championships in Tampere, Finland. It was Hima's fifth gold medal in July.

17. *Mary Kom, Simranjit Kaur win gold in President's Cup Boxing Tournament*

6-time world champion Mary Kom in 51kg category and Simranjit Kaur in 60kg category grabbed a gold each in 23rd President's Cup Boxing Tournament in Labuan Bajo, Indonesia. Indian boxers finished their campaign in the Tournament with nine medals.

18. *India drops two places in FIFA rankings*

Indian football team slipped 2 places to 103rd in the FIFA rankings. The team lies at 18th among Asian countries. Iran (23) is at the top among Asian countries, followed by Japan (33). Belgium leads the chart, followed by Brazil, France, England & Uruguay.



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19. *Table Tennis: India tops medal tally with seven gold at Commonwealth C'ships*

India topped the medal tally with 7 gold, 5 silver & 3 bronze medals at the 21st Commonwealth Championships, Cuttack. Harmeet Desai & Ayhika Mukherjee won the men's & women's singles titles. Anthony Amalraj & Manav Thakkar claimed the men's doubles gold.

20. *John Isner Makes History with Fourth Newport Title*

John Isner of the United States has become the first player to win four titles in Newport. He defeated seventh-seeded Kazakh Alexander Bublik in the final. It was his first ATP tour title of the year.

21. *P V Sindhu loses to Akane Yamaguchi in Indonesia Open final*

In Badminton, P V Sindhu was defeated by Akane Yamaguchi in the finals of Indonesia Open BWF Tour Super 1000 tournament in Jakarta. Taiwan's shuttler Chou Tien-Chen won the men's singles title after defeating Denmark's Anders Antonsen.

22. *Shiva Thapa becomes India's first gold-medallist in Kazakhstan President's Cup*

Four-time Asian medallist Shiva Thapa became India's first gold-medallist in the new 63-kg category at the President's Cup boxing tournament in Astana, Kazakhstan. Sweety Boora (81kg) and Duryodhan Singh Negi (69kg) ended the tournament with a bronze.

23. *Shooting Junior World Cup: Aishwarya Pratap Singh clinches gold in rifle 3-position event*

In the Shooting Junior World Cup, Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar clinched gold with a junior world record in the final of rifle 3-position event in Suhl Germany. He defeated Zalan Pekler of Hungary for the gold.

24. *Max Verstappen clinches German Grand Prix*

Red Bull's driver Max Verstappen clinched the rain-hit German Grand Prix at Hockenheim while Ferrari driver Sebastian Vettel claimed the second spot and Russian Daniil Kvyat achieved the third spot for Toro Rosso.

25. *Lifter Ajay Singh wins gold at Commonwealth Championships*

Ajay Singh has won Gold in 81 kg category at Commonwealth Championships in Apia, city of Samoa. Papul Changmai clinched the silver medal by lifting a total of 313kgs in the same event. P Anuradha lifted 221kg to grab the 1st place in men's 87kg category.

26. *A 10-year old Karate Girl, Arinjeeta Dey wins a silver medal for India in World Youth Cup 2019*

A 10-year old Karate girl, Arinjeeta Dey (Barasat, West Bengal) has won a silver medal in the under 12 age categories in the World Youth Cup 2019 which was held in Umag, Croatia (from July 1 to July 5, 2019).

27. *Former athlete PT Usha nominated for IAAF's Veteran Pin*

PT Usha has been nominated for the International Association of Athletics Federation's 'Veteran Pin' for her outstanding service to the sport. She won 5 gold medals and a bronze medal in the Asian Games which were held at Jakarta in 1985.

28. *Novak Djokovic beats Roger Federer in five sets to win Wimbledon*

Novak Djokovic beat Roger Federer 7-6(5), 1-6, 7-6(4), 4-6, 13-12(3) to lift his fifth Wimbledon Men's title. Simona Halep won her second Grand Slam singles title, defeating Serena Williams in the final, 6-2, 6-2.

29. *England defeats New Zealand in astonishing Cricket World Cup final*

England became only the 3rd team after India and Australia to win the World Cup on their home soil defeating New Zealand in final. England reached the final of the World Cup for the first time since 1992.

30. *Abhay, Tanvi win Bengal Open squash titles*

Abhay Singh of Tamil Nadu and Asian Games medallist Tanvi Khanna clinched the men's and women's titles respectively in the sixth Bengal Open squash tournament in Kolkata. Singh defeated Abhishek Pradhan while Tanvi defeated TN's Aparajitha Balamurukan.

31. *ICC suspends Zimbabwe Cricket with immediate effect*

ICC has suspended Zimbabwe Cricket with immediate effect over violation of global body's constitution which doesn't allow any government intervention. Croatia, Morocco & Zambia Cricket Union have also been suspended for continuing to be non-compliant.

32. *Lewis Hamilton wins record sixth British Grand Prix after Sebastian Vettel crash*

Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton beat his teammate Valtteri Bottas to take another win of the season. In fact, this is Hamilton's 6th win at Silverstone as he edges further towards the world title with a lead of 39 points.

33. *Vijayveer wins his 3rd gold at Junior Shooting World Cup*

Vijayveer Sidhu won the gold medal at the ISSF Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany, combining with Rajkanwar Singh Sandhu and Adarsh Singh in the men's 25m pistol event. India maintained its top spot at the medal standings with 7 gold medals.

News: Others

1. *Ambati Rayudu retires from all forms of cricket*

Indian middle-order batsman Ambati Rayudu retired from all forms of cricket. He played 55 ODIs for India, scoring 1694 runs at an average of 47.05. The 33-year-old Andhra Pradesh batsman was in India's official standbys list for the on-going World Cup.

2. *Dutch star player Arjen Robben retires from football*

35-year old Dutch player Arjen Robben won 12 league titles in a glittering career, and 96 caps for his country including playing in the 2010 World Cup final in Johannesburg has retired from football

3. *Copa America 2019: Brazil wins Title on home soil*

Ten Man Brazil won the Copa America on home soil. Jesus scored the decisive goal after a penalty from Peru captain Paolo Guerrero cancelled out Everton's opener for hosts Brazil at Rio de Janeiro's Maracana stadium.

4. *An Se Young, Li Shi Feng wins Canada Open badminton*

An Se Young defeated Wang Zhiyi of China to win the Women's singles title. In men's singles title, Li Shi Feng defeated India's Parupalli Kashyap. Canada Open badminton 2019 took place at Markin-MacPhail Centre in Canada.

5. *Mohammed Salahuddin won the men's triple jump gold at the Tatyana Kolpakova memorial international athletics meet at Bishkek*

Mohammed Salahuddin won the men's triple jump gold at the Tatyana Kolpakova memorial international athletics meet at Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Inderjeet Singh took the shot-put gold with 18.67m. He has a personal best of 20.65m which came in 2015.

6. *ICC inducts Sachin Tendulkar, Allan Donald in its Hall of Fame list*

Sachin Tendulkar has been inducted into the International Cricket Council's Hall of Fame alongside South African pace legend Allan Donald. Sachin is the sixth Indian to be inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame. Donald is known as 'White Lightning'.

7. *Tennis Hall of Fame: Kafelnikov, Pierce and Na enshrined with game's best*

Former Chinese star Li Na became the first Asian-born player to be inducted into Tennis Hall of Fame along with Mary Pierce of France and Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov. Li became the 1st Asian to win a Grand Slam tournament, capturing the 2011 French open.

8. *Egan Bernal claims Colombia's first Tour de France title*

22-year-old Bernal, the youngest rider & first Colombian to win the Tour de France when he retained the overall leader's yellow jersey after 21st and final stage won by Caleb Ewan of Australia.

Awards

News: Most Important

1. *Michael Pepper wins Isaac Newton Medal and Prize*

Michael Pepper won the Isaac Newton Medal and Prize "for the creation of the field of semiconductor nanoelectronics and discovery of new quantum phenomena". Presented by the Institute of Physics (IOP), the international award attracts a prize of £1000.

2. *Mastercard's Banga, Wipro's Premji to receive excellence awards from USISPF*

The US-India Strategic Partnership Forum honours Mastercard CEO and President Ajay Banga and Wipro Chairman Azim Premji with the 2019 Global Excellence Awards at its Second Annual Leadership Summit in Washington.

3. **'Best Innovation Award' won by NEFR**

Northeast Frontier Railway has won the 'Best Innovation Award' for unique strategy adopted to keep wild elephants away from train tracks. A cash prize of Rs 3 lakh was awarded.

4. **Nagarkirtan wins Best Feature Film award at SAARC film festival**

Director Kaushik Ganguly's Bengali outing Nagarkirtan, has won big at prestigious 2019's SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) film festival, bagging 4 awards in total, including Best Feature Film.

5. **Keshav Dutt, Prasun Banerjee chosen for Mohun Bagan Ratna**

Two-time Olympic gold medallist Keshav Dutt & former India Football Captain Prasun Banerjee will be conferred the 'Mohun Bagan Ratna'. It will felicitate pacer Mohammed Shami and Ashok Chatterjee will be given the Lifetime Achievement award.

6. **Ruhan Rajput honoured with 'Entrepreneur of the Year Award, 2019'**

Ruhan Rajput was awarded the prestigious Entrepreneur Award 2019 in the category of 'Entrepreneur of the Year in Service Business - BPO/KPO'. He was acknowledged for his contributions & achievements in the business industry.

7. **Vocalist S Sowmya wins Sangita Kalanidhi award**

A noted Carnatic vocalist, S Sowmya has won the Sangita Kalanidhi award. She is known for her intellectual approach to music. Seetha Narayanan & MS Sheela will get Sangita Kala Acharya awards. Nritya Kalanidhi award will be conferred on Priyadarsini Govind.

News: Others

1. **Sunil Chhetri & Ashalata Devi bag top honours at AIFF Awards.**

Indian men's football team captain Sunil Chhetri & women's footballer Ashalata Devi bagged the top honours at the AIFF Awards. Chhetri was named the men's footballer of the year, while the title in the women's category was won by Devi.

2. **Kiren Rijiju Confers Arjuna Award to Rohan Bopanna, Smriti Mandhana**

Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju conferred Arjuna Awards to tennis player Rohan Bopanna and women cricketer Smriti Mandhana. Bopanna who won the tennis gold medal in men's double category in Asian Games 2018.

Quick Revision

Winner	Award
Michael Pepper	Isaac Newton Medal
Ajay Banga & Azim Premji	2019 Global Excellence Awards
Northeast Frontier Railway	Best Innovation Award
Nagarkirtan	Best Feature Film at SAARC Film Festival
Keshav Dutt & Prasun Banerjee	Mohun Bagan Ratna
Ruhan Rajput	Entrepreneur Award 2019
S Sowmya	Sangita Kalanidhi award
Sunil Chhetri & Ashalata Devi	AIFF Awards
Rohan Bopanna & Smriti Mandhana	Arjuna Award

Obituaries

News: Most Important

1. *Noted film director Babu Narayanan passes away*

Noted Malayalam movie director Babu Narayanan passed away in Thrissur. He was 59. He debuted in 1989. Anagha, starring Nedumudi Venu, Parvathi and Murali was his first directorial venture. The last movie directed by him was Noora with Love in 2013.

2. *Former Chrysler CEO Lee Iacocca aged 94, passed away*

Lee Iacocca, the auto executive and master pitchman who put the Mustang in Ford's lineup in the 1960s and became a corporate folk hero when he resurrected Chrysler 20 years later, passed away in Bel Air, California. He was 94.

3. *Birla Group patriarch BK Birla passes away*

Industrialist Basant Kumar Birla has passed away at the age of 98. He was Chairman of the BK Birla Group of Companies, the Krishnarpan Charity Trust & BK Birla Institute of Engg & Tech. He also set up the Birla Public School in Qatar.

4. *American actor Cameron Boyce passed away at the age of 20*

Actor Cameron Boyce, known for his roles in the Disney Channel franchise "Descendants" and the TV show "Jessie," has died. He was just 20 years old due to "an ongoing medical condition".

5. *Former India football goalkeeper A.U. Celestine, passed away*

Former India football goalkeeper A. U. Celestine passed away. Celestine played for the Tamil Nadu men's team in the senior Nationals as a 'keeper in the 1965 and '69 National championships. He represented India in the Merdeka Cup in Malaysia in 1969.

6. *Santosh Rana, a stalwart leader of the Communist Party of India passed away at 76*

Santosh Rana, one of the foremost leaders of the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) (CPI-ML) passed away in Kolkata at the age of 76. He was born in Gopiballavpur, West Bengal. CPI-ML was one of the very first Naxalite groups to participate in elections.

7. *Former Argentine President Fernando de La Rúa passed away at a Buenos Aires*

Former Argentine President Fernando de La Rúa, aged 81, passed away. He suffered from severe cardiac and kidney complications. He had served the country from 1999 to December 2001. He was born on September 15, 1937 at Córdoba, Argentina.

8. *Hal Prince, Broadway legend and 21-time Tony winner dies*

A Broadway director and producer Harold Prince has died at the age of 91. He was the 2-time Tony award winner. He was famous for his fluid, cinematic director's touch and was unpredictable and uncompromising in his choice of stage material.

9. *Fernando Corbato, the inventor of computer password passed away at 93*

Fernando Corbato, who invented the computer password, has died at the age of 93. The MIT researcher devised the concept of password-protected user accounts when establishing his Compatible Time-Sharing System.

10. *1971 war hero JS Gharaya passes away at 93*

Lt Gen JS Gharaya, who was awarded the Maha Vir Chakra in the 1971 Indo-Pak war and Kirti Chakra in the 1947 Hyderabad operations, passed away. He was 93. During the 1971 war, he was commanding a brigade in the Jessore Sector on the eastern front.

11. *Former Delhi CM Sheila Dikshit passed away*

Former chief minister of Delhi and senior Congress leader Sheila Dikshit, 81 passed away. She was admitted to Fortis Escorts Heart Institute in a critical state due to a cardiac problem. She was the chief minister of Delhi for 15 years.

12. *LJP MP Ramchandra Paswan passes away*

Lok Janshakti Party Member of Parliament Ramchandra Paswan died due to cardiac arrest. He was a four-time MP and was first elected in 1999. He was re-elected to the Lok Sabha in 2004 and then again for the third time in 2014.

13. *IAEA chief Yukiya Amano passes away*

Former Japanese diplomat & International Atomic Energy Agency Chief Yukiya Amano died. He was 72. He was deeply involved in the negotiations that led to landmark Iran nuclear deal with world powers that restricted the country's nuclear uranium enrichment.

14. *Former tennis star Peter McNamara dies aged 64*

Former Australian Davis Cup tennis player, Peter McNamara, has died aged 64. He reached a career-high No 7 in 1983, beat Jimmy Connors and Ivan Lendl to win 2 of his 5 singles titles. He was best remembered for his double's partnership with Paul McNamee.

15. *Former Chinese premier known as 'Butcher of Beijing' dies aged 90*

Former Chinese Premier Li Peng has died at the age of 90. He was best known as the 'Butcher of Beijing' for his role in the Tiananmen Square crackdown on pro-democracy protesters in 1989. He was the first Premier of the People's Republic of China.

16. *'Blade Runner' actor Rutger Hauer passes away at 75*

Dutch actor Rutger Hauer, who specialized in menacing roles, including a memorable turn as a murderous android in 'Blade Runner' opposite Harrison Ford, has died. He was 75. He won a supporting-actor Golden Globe award in 1988 for 'Escape from Sobibor.'

17. *Former Union minister S. Jaipal Reddy passes away*

Former union minister and senior Congress leader from Telangana, S. Jaipal Reddy passed away. The five-time member of Lok Sabha, four-time MLA and two-time Rajya Sabha member died while undergoing treatment for pneumonia. He was aged 77.

18. *Meghalaya Assembly Speaker Donkumar Roy passes away*

Meghalaya Assembly Speaker and former Chief Minister Donkumar Roy passed away recently in a Gurugram hospital at the age of 64. He was seen as one of the most influential politicians from the Khasi community.

19. *Senior BJP leader Vithalbhai Radadiya passes away*

In Gujarat, senior BJP leader and former Lok Sabha MP Vithalbhai Radadiya died. He was 61. He was the six-time MLA and also served as a Minister in the Gujarat government. He was considered as a popular farmers' leader of Saurashtra.

20. *Former Bangladesh military dictator Ershad passes away*

Bangladesh's former military dictator Hussain Muhammad Ershad died. He was 91. He took over the state power in a bloodless coup in 1982 and subsequently ran the country for eight years until he was forced to quit in a pro-democracy mass upsurge in 1990.

21. *Former BJP Delhi President Mange Ram Garg passes away at 82*

Former BJP Delhi President, MLA and senior Sangh Associate Mange Ram Garg passed away. He was elected to the assembly in 2003. He was an MLA from Wazirpur constituency between 2003 and 2008.

22. *Former RBI Deputy Governor Subir Vithal Gokarn passes away*

Dr. Subir Vithal Gokarn passed away at 60. He was the RBI Deputy Governor (2009-12) & oversaw Monetary Policy Research & Financial Markets dept. He served as Chief Economist of Standard & Poor's Asia-Pacific (2007-09) & Chief Economist of CRISIL (2002-07).

News: Others**1. *Ex-Uttarakhand Governor Sudershan Agarwal passes away***

Former Uttarakhand Governor Sudershan Agarwal died after a prolonged illness in New Delhi. He was 88. He had served as the second Governor of the hill state between 2003 and 2007. He had also been the Secretary General of the Rajya Sabha.

2. *Rakesh Shukla, former leg-spinner of India passed away in Delhi*

Former leg-spinner of India, Rakesh Shukla passed away in Delhi at the age of 71. He had represented Delhi and Bihar in First-Class cricket and earned his Test cap against Sri Lanka in 1982.

3. *Emmy winning actor Rip Torn passed away at Lakeville, Connecticut, US*

Emmy winner actor Rip Torn, aged 88, passed away in United States. He was known for his acting and comedy. He had a seven-decade-long career which included performances in 'Cross Creek,' 'Sweet Bird of Youth' and other dramas.

4. *Saravana Bhavan founder P Rajagopal dies in Chennai*

Founder of the popular South Indian food chain Saravana Bhavan, P Rajagopal recently passed away in a private hospital in Chennai. Earlier Rajagopal had surrendered along with another accused to serve life term as accused of a murder.

5. *Johnny Clegg, South African musician and activist, dies aged 66*

A south African Musician, Johnny Clegg has died at the age of 66. He was Known as the 'white Zulu'. He was a vocal critic of the apartheid government which ruled until 1994. His best-known hit Asimbonanga, released in 1987, was dedicated to Nelson Mandela.

6. *Beji Caid Essebsi: Tunisia's first freely elected president dies aged 92*

Tunisia's first freely elected President, Beji Caid Essebsi, has died aged 92. He was the world's oldest sitting president. He won Tunisia's first free elections in 2014 following Arab uprisings across the region.

Quick Revision

Obituary (Name)	Related Field
Babu Narayanan	Malayalam Director
Lee Iacocca	Former Chrysler CEO
Basant Kumar Birla	Industrialist
Cameron Boyce	American Actor
A. U. Celestine	Former India football goalkeeper
Santosh Rana	Politician
Fernando J. Corbato	Inventor of Computer password
Fernando de La Rua	Former Argentine President
Harold Prince	Broadway Director
Sheila Dikshit	Former CM of Delhi
Ramchandra Paswan	Politician
Yukiya Amano	Chief of International Atomic Energy Agency
Li Peng	Former Chinese Premier
Peter McNamara	Former Tennis Player
Donkupar Roy	Meghalaya Assembly Speaker
Vithalbhai Radadiya	BJP leader
S. Jaipal Reddy	Former Union Minister
Hussain Muhammad Ershad	Bangladesh Military Dictator
Mange Ram Garg	Politician
Dr. Subir Vithal Gokarn	Former RBI Deputy Governor
Sudershan Agarwal	Former Uttarakhand Governor
Rakesh Shukla	Former leg – Spinner of India
Rip Torn	Actor
Johnny Clegg	South African Musician
Beji Caid Essebsi	Tunisia's President

Schemes

News: Most Important

1. *UGC approves new initiative STRIDE to boost research culture*

University Grants Commission approved a new Scheme for Trans-disciplinary Research for India's Developing Economy. It will provide support to research projects that are socially relevant, locally need-based, nationally important & globally significant

2. *PMAY-G aims to achieve the objective of Housing for all by 2020*

PMAY-G aims to achieve the objective of Housing for All by 2020. The houses will be provided with amenities like toilets, electricity & LPG connections. PMGSY-III envisages to upgrade 125000 km of road length over the next 5 yrs, with a cost of ₹ 80250 Cr

News: Others

1. *Govt's "Find the Incredible You" campaign wins PATA award*

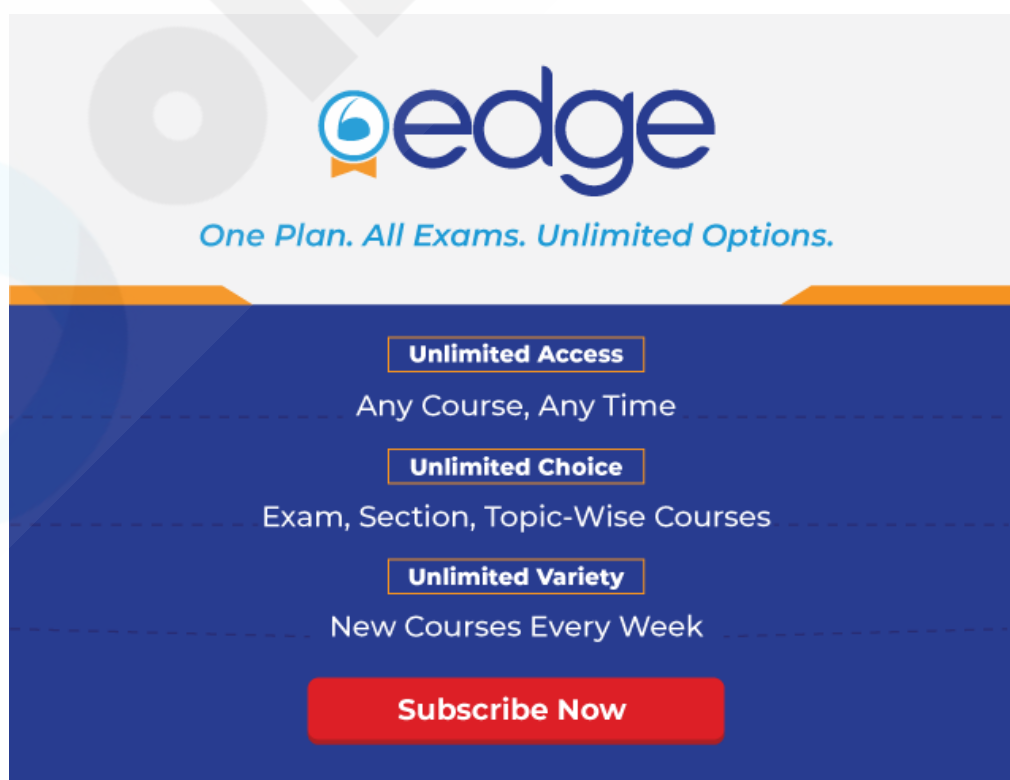
'Find the Incredible You' campaign of the Tourism Ministry, has won the Pacific Asia Travel Association Gold Award, 2019 under the 'Marketing - Primary Government Destination' category. It focuses on digital, social media & promotion of tourism product.

Person in News

News: Most Important

1. *Aparna Kumar becomes first IPS officer to complete Seven Summit challenge*

Aparna Kumar scaled Mount Denali in Alaska to become the first IPS officer to complete the Seven Summit challenge. In January, she became the first Indian Police Service and ITBP officer to complete her expedition to the South Pole.



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2. *Rahul Dravid appointed as Head of Cricket at NCA*

Former India captain Rahul Dravid was appointed as Head of Cricket at the NCA. Dravid will oversee all cricket related activities at NCA and will be involved in mentoring, coaching, training and motivating players, coaches and support staff at the NCA.

3. *Reebok signs Katrina Kaif as the new brand ambassador*

Fitness brand Reebok announced that Bollywood actor and wellness enthusiast Katrina Kaif will be their new brand ambassador in India. Reebok is headquartered at Canton, Massachusetts.

4. *Ellyse Perry becomes first cricketer to reach 1000 runs, 100 wickets in T20Is*

Australia all-rounder Ellyse Perry became the first cricketer of either gender to reach the rare milestone of scoring 1000 runs & taking 100 wickets in the T20 format. Bangladesh's Shakib al Hasan (1471 runs & 88 wickets) stands next in line to join Perry.

5. *Sharath Kamal voted Indian Oil Corporation Sportsperson of the Year*

Sharath Kamal was voted the Sportsperson of the Year in the annual Indian Oil Sports Conclave. He was among the five nominees. The other nominees were cricketer Cheteshwar Pujara, Grandmaster B, Adhiban, hockey player Simranjeet Singh and table tennis player Manika Batra.

6. *Sachin Bansal invests ₹200 cr in Piramal Enterprises' debt*

Flipkart co-founder and tech entrepreneur Sachin Bansal has invested ₹200 crore in debt paper issued by Piramal Enterprises Ltd. He has subscribed to non-convertible debentures (NCDs) issued by Piramal Enterprises

News: Others

1. *France's Bernard Arnault Is Now World's Second-Richest Person*

According to Forbes' calculations, Bernard Arnault is now the world's second-richest person. He has overtaken Bill Gates as the second richest person in the world with a fortune of £86billion (\$107billion).

2. *Indian bodybuilder Ravinder Malik clinches Mr South Asia title*

Ravinder Kumar Malik has clinched the overall champion at 12th South Asian Bodybuilding & Physique Sports Championship in Kathmandu. He was the winner of 80 kg category & was adjudged best bodybuilder. Afghanistan won team championship with 535 points.

3. *Cristiano Ronaldo tops Instagram Sports Rich List, scoring almost \$1 million per post*

Soccer star Cristiano Ronaldo has topped an Instagram Sports Rich List for 2019, after it was revealed he received \$975,000 per post to endorse products from companies on the social media platform. Second on the list is Neymar Jr.

Summits & Conference

News: Most Important

1. *Abu Dhabi Climate Meeting concluded*

Abu Dhabi Climate Meeting, the precursor to the upcoming UN Climate Action Summit, concluded with a clear agreement that 2019 offers perfect opportunity to embrace a new era of economic growth spurred by global collaborative investment in climate action.

2. *National Seminar Cum Workshop on Statistics and Sustainable Development Goals in Lucknow*

A two days' National Seminar Cum Workshop on "Statistics and Sustainable Development Goals" was inaugurated by Pravin Srivastava, CSI and Secretary, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI), at the University of Lucknow.

3. *Kerala Startup Mission to host Women Startup Summit in Kochi*

Kerala Start-up Mission hosted the Women Startup Summit, in association with the Indian Women Network floated by Confederation of Indian Industry. It aimed at encouraging aspiring women professionals to take up the entrepreneurial journey & developing an inclusive entrepreneurship.

4. *Global Ayurveda Summit 2019 to be held on October 30 & 31 at Kochi*

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) will be organizing the 3rd edition of Global Ayurveda Summit 2019 on October 30 and 31 at Kochi. The main theme will be 'Mainstreaming Ayurveda Start-ups, Innovation and Branding'.

5. *IFFI's Golden Jubilee Edition to be held from Nov 20 till 28 in Goa*

The Golden Jubilee Edition of International Film Festival of India, IFFI will be held in Panaji, Goa. The business exhibition will showcase the latest technology, film production and distribution and other aspects regarding films.

News: Others

1. *Fuzhou (China) to host 2020 session of World Heritage Committee*

The city of Fuzhou (China) will host the next session of the World Heritage Committee in 2020. This decision concluded the work of the 43rd session of the World Heritage Committee, meeting in Baku.

2. *22nd National Conference on e-Governance 2019 to be held at Shillong*

DARPG in association with MeitY, GoI & Meghalaya govt will organize the 22nd National Conference on e-Governance 2019 at Shillong. It is the first time the event is being organized in North-Eastern region. Theme is 'Digital India: Success to Excellence'.

Quick Revision

Summit/Conference	Venue
National Seminar Cum Workshop on 'Statistics and Sustainable Development Goal'	Lucknow
Women Start-up Summit	Kochi
3rd edition of Global Ayurveda Summit	Kochi
Golden Jubilee Edition of International Film Festival of India	Goa
World Heritage Committee 2020	Fuzhou (China)
22nd National Conference on e-Governance 2019	Shillong

Defence

News: Most Important

1. *Gaganyaan: ISRO teams up with Russian company to train Indian astronauts*

ISRO has signed a contract with a Russian company Glavkosmos for selection support, medical examination & space training of Indian astronauts for the country's proposed maiden manned space mission 'Gaganyaan'.

2. *India signs ₹200 crore anti-tank missile deal with Russia*

India signed a deal to acquire Strum Ataka anti-tank missile from Russia for its fleet of Mi-35 attack choppers. Deal for missiles is around ₹200 cr in order to give an added capability to the Mi-35 attack choppers to take out enemy tanks/armoured element.

3. *Indian Army to buy American howitzer ammo for long-range accurate strikes*

To acquire the capability to hit enemy positions close to populated areas without causing collateral damage, the Indian Army is in the process of acquiring Excalibur guided long-range artillery ammunition which can strike targets more than 50 km away.

4. *Two new heavy-lift Chinook helicopters for IAF arrive in Gujarat*

Boeing announced the arrival of two new heavy-lift Chinook helicopters for the IAF at the Mundra port in Gujarat. It has been battle-tested in diverse, extreme conditions throughout the world, and can operate in a wide range of Indian conditions.

5. *INS Tarkash reaches Morocco for overseas development programme*

To establish India's credentials as a net security provider in the Indo-Pacific region, INS Tarkash reached Tangier in Morocco, for a 3-day visit. It is part of an ongoing overseas deployment by the Indian Navy to the Mediterranean Sea, Africa and Europe.

6. *DRDO conducted 3 tests of Nag Missile in a day in Pokhran, Rajasthan*

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully carried out 3 successful test firings of Nag missiles in one day (day & night) in Pokhran, Rajasthan. It is in the final stage to be inducted in the Indian Army.

7. *INS Tarkash reached Tangier in Morocco as part of a visit for overseas development programme*

INS Tarkash reached at Tangier in Morocco as part of a visit for overseas development programme. It seeks to strengthen the bonds of friendship between India and Morocco.

8. *Indian Airforce receives four Apache helicopters*

According to US Aerospace company Boeing the first four of 22 AH-64E Apaches helicopters ordered by India had been received by the Indian Air Force at the Hindon Station near New Delhi. An additional four Apaches will arrive in the coming week.

9. *India's first space war drill, IndSpaceEx, kickstarts*

The Indian armed forces conduct the country's first-ever stimulated space warfare exercise named 'IndSpaceEx'. It aims to assess 'imminent threats' to the nation beyond earth. It also plans on drafting a joint space doctrine for future battles.

10. *World Media hails India's successful launch of Chandrayaan - 2*

International Media have hailed India's successful launch of its 2nd moon mission Chandrayaan-2. It aims to become the 1st mission to conduct a surface landing on the lunar south pole region, where it will collect crucial info about the moon's composition.

News: Others

1. *Russia Launches Soyuz Carrier Rocket with 33 Satellites from Vostochny Spaceport*

Russia successfully launched its Soyuz-2.1a carrier rocket with a hydrometeorological satellite and 32 small satellites. The rocket blasted off at 8.41 a.m. (local time) from the Vostochny spaceport in the Far Eastern Amur Region.

2. *Kalyani JV gets missile kits order for \$100mn*

Kalyani Rafael Advanced Systems (KRAS), the joint venture, in which the Indian partner's holding is 51% and the rest is with Rafael, will manufacture the kits at its production facility near Hyd. & supply them to Bharat Dynamics for further integration.

Agreements

News: Most Important

1. *Agriculture Ministry signs a Statement of Intent with IBM*

The agriculture ministry has signed an SoI with IBM for undertaking a pilot study on weather forecast & soil moisture information in 3 dists of Bhopal, Rajkot & Nanded in Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat & Maharashtra respectively for the Kharif crop season 2019.

2. *EESL And Noida Authority Sign MoU for 100 EV Charging Points in the city*

The Noida Authority has entered into a pact with Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) for setting up infrastructure for mobility based on clean energy. It will provide EESL with space at parking lots for setting up 100 charging stations.

3. *GeM, SAIL ink pact to set up project management unit*

Government eMarketplace and SAIL signed a pact to set up a GeM Organizational Transformation Team - Project Management Unit for transforming their procurement landscape and increasing their footprint on GeM. SAIL is the first PSU to establish GOTT PMU.

4. *NTPC, BHEL ink pact for environment friendly power plant in Chhattisgarh*

NTPC has signed a pact with BHEL to set up an 800 MW technology demonstration plant (TDP) at its power plant in Chhattisgarh. TDP shall be based on the advanced ultra- super critical technology. The plant can reduce the CO2 emission by 20%.

News: Others

1. *Govt inks MoU with NATHEALTH to streamline delivery of services under Ayushman Bharat*

The partnership between National Health Authority (NHA) and the Healthcare Federation of India (NATHEALTH) aims to streamline all innovations ensuring that it increases the efficacy of service delivery of Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.

2. *WB govt to sign MoU with British Council to brush up spoken English skills of polytechnic students*

West Bengal government has decided to sign an MOU with the British Council for brushing up the English-Speaking skills of the students studying in Polytechnic Colleges in the state. The move is aimed to improve English speaking capacity for job seekers students.

Books & Authors

News: Most Important

1. *Vice President releases book titled 'Vivekadeepini' in ten languages*

The Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu has released a book titled "Vivekadeepini". It has been released in 10 languages. It is a book that contains facts and principles of spiritual leaders like Adi Shankaracharya and Swami Vivekananda.

2. *PM Modi releases book on former PM Chandra Shekhar*

PM Modi has released the book on former Prime Minister Chandra Shekhar in New Delhi. The book titled 'Chandra Shekhar- The Last Icon of Ideological Politics' is written by Deputy Chairman in the Rajya Sabha, Harivansh and Ravi Dutt Bajpai.

News: Others

1. *The book 'untold stories from Kargil War' released*

The book titled, 'Kargil: Untold stories from the War' is published by Penguin Random House and it is authored by Rachna Bisht Rawat. The book is based on Rawat's interviews with war survivors and martyrs' families.

2. *'War over Words: Censorship in India' explores censorship in pre and post-colonial India*

War over Words: Censorship in India, 1930-1960 is a book by Devika Sethi, who teaches modern Indian history at IIT-Mandi, explores the diverse mechanisms and motivations for censorship and its role in the shaping of the modern Indian republic.

Quick Revision

Books	Authored By/Launched By/Published By
Vivekadeepini	M. Venkaiah Naidu
Chandra Shekhar- The Last Icon of Ideological Politics	Harivansh and Ravi Dutt Bajpai
Kargil: Untold stories from the War	Rachna Bisht Rawat
War over Words: Censorship in India	Devika Sethi

Science & Technology

News: Most Important

1. *New gene linked to schizophrenia discovered by Indian and Australian scientists*

Scientists from the University of Queensland in Australia and a team of Indian researchers led by R Thara, have discovered a new gene directly linked to schizophrenia. They identified a gene called NAPRT1 which encodes an enzyme involved in vitamin B3 metabolism.

2. *A new human atlas initiative named 'Manav' launched for holistic understanding of human biology*

Manav, a new human atlas initiative has been launched by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and Persistent Systems, a biotechnology company towards improving knowledge on human biology. DBT has invested ₹ 13 Crore shared between two institutions NCCS & IISER.

3. *IIT Madras students develop 'Agricopter' to eliminate manual spraying of pesticides*

IIT Madras have developed a 'smart agricopter' to eliminate manual spraying of pesticides in agricultural fields & help identify crop health by using an imaging camera. It will be allowing spraying pesticides 10 times faster with 100% precision.

4. *Plastic-like Jute material developed in Bangladesh*

Scientists in Bangladesh have developed a method to convert Jute fibre into low cost biodegradable cellulose sheets named Sonali . It can be used in garments & food packaging work & they are not harmful for human health.

5. *IIT Hyderabad develops low-cost, eco-friendly solar cells*

Scientists at IIT Hyderabad have developed low-cost, environment-friendly solar cells by employing an off-the-shelf dye used to make Kumkum/vermilion in India. A dye-sensitized solar cell is based on New Fuchsin dye with an aqueous electrolyte.

News: Others

1. *Rajghat coal plant to be turned into solar park*

The Delhi govt. announced that a solar park — of 5,000 KW capacity — will come up in place of the defunct Rajghat thermal power plant. Acc. to Delhi Power Minister Satyendar Jain , a waste-to-energy plant will replace the coal-fired power plant.

2. *NASA's PUNCH mission has selected Indian Scientist Dipankar Banerjee as its co-investigator*

Dipankar Banerjee has been selected by NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) for its PUNCH mission. PUNCH is an acronym for "Polarimeter to Unify the Corona and Heliosphere". The objective is to understand the transition of particles from the Sun's outer corona to the solar wind that fills interplanetary space.

Environment

News: Most Important

1. *India's first elephant rehabilitation centre in the works at Kerala's Kottor*

The Kerala govt. is working to set up the country's 1st elephant rehabilitation centre in Kottor, an ecotourism village near the state capital Thiruvananthapuram. The 1st phase of the Rs 105 crore-project was launched last month by CM Pinarayi Vijayan.

2. *Six Indian metros are hotspots of air pollutant nitrogen oxide: Greenpeace*

Acc. to the analysis by Greenpeace India, Delhi, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai and Hyderabad are the hotspots of the country's worst air pollutant Nitrogen Oxide (NOx). The cities have high vehicular population and diesel consumption.

3. *IIT Kharagpur researchers develop process to manage wet municipal solid waste*

Researchers from IIT Kharagpur has adopted a process called Hydro-Thermal Carbonization for the Indian conditions which can effectively manage mixed MSW with high moisture content. The mixed MSW can be converted into biofuel, soil amendment & absorbents.

News: Others

1. *Coffee Table Book commemorating 5 decades of partnership with UNWFP launched*

Coffee Table Book commemorating 50 years of partnership with United Nation World Food Programme towards food and nutrition security in India has been launched by Narendra Singh Tomar, Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare along with Dr. Hameed Nuru.

2. *As per the first comprehensive survey of BSI, India is a home to 1256 species of orchid*

The Botanical Survey of India (BSI) in its First Comprehensive Census of Orchids of India stated that the country has 1256 species of orchid or taxa. They belong to 155 genera and 388 species which are endemic to India.

Apps & Portals

News: Most Important

1. *Reliance Jio 'Digital Udaan' program launched for first-time Internet users*

Reliance Jio launched a new initiative called 'Digital Udaan'. This is a digital literacy programme that will help those with internet but are not savvy enough to use the various apps and features available online.

2. *Haryana launches 'Meri Fasal Mera Byora' portal for farmers*

The Haryana government announced the launch of 'Meri Fasal Mera Byora' portal whereby farmers can avail benefits of several government schemes directly after uploading their crop-related details.

3. *Army, NeGD ink pact for developing revamped app*

The Army and the National eGovernance Division inked a pact for developing a revamped application to maintain the centralised database to provide management-related information to the force. The National eGovernance Division is a part MeitY.

News: Others

1. *ICMR launches platform to boost health*

Indian Council of Medical Research launched a platform named 'National Data Quality Forum' (NDQF) to improve quality of health and demographic data. It would integrate learning from scientific & evidence-based initiatives via periodic workshops & conferences.

2. *Haj App introduced in Saudi Arabia*

Indian Haj mission in Saudi Arabia adopted digital technology by introducing Haj App. Indian diplomats in Saudi Arabia are trying to form a bridge with the pilgrims to facilitate hassle-free services.

Quick Revision

App/Portal/Platform	Launched By
Haj App	Saudi Arabia
Digital Udaan	Reliance Jio & Facebook
'Meri Fasal Mera Byora'	Haryana government
National Data Quality Forum	Indian Council of Medical Research

Acquisitions & Mergers

News: Most Important

1. *CapitaLand completes \$8 bn acquisition of Ascendas-Singbridge*

CapitaLand Ltd has completed the purchase of Temasek Holdings-owned Ascendas-Singbridge Pte. Ltd. The CapitaLand Group will operate as a unified entity. CapitaLand will acquire Ascendas-Singbridge's stakes in two of its subsidiaries.

2. **IBM completes \$34 billion acquisition of Red Hat**

International Business Machines Corp closed its \$34 billion acquisition of software company Red Hat Inc to ramp up its cloud computing business. The company won approval for the purchase from U.S. regulators & European Union regulators.

3. **US-based Ebix buys online travel portal Yatra.com**

Ebix acquired online travel platform Yatra.com at an enterprise value of around \$338 million. Yatra will become part of the EbixCash travel portfolio alongside Via and Mercury and will continue to serve customers under the Yatra brand.

News: Others

1. **Milkbasket acquires Bengaluru's e-grocery store PSR Supply Chain**

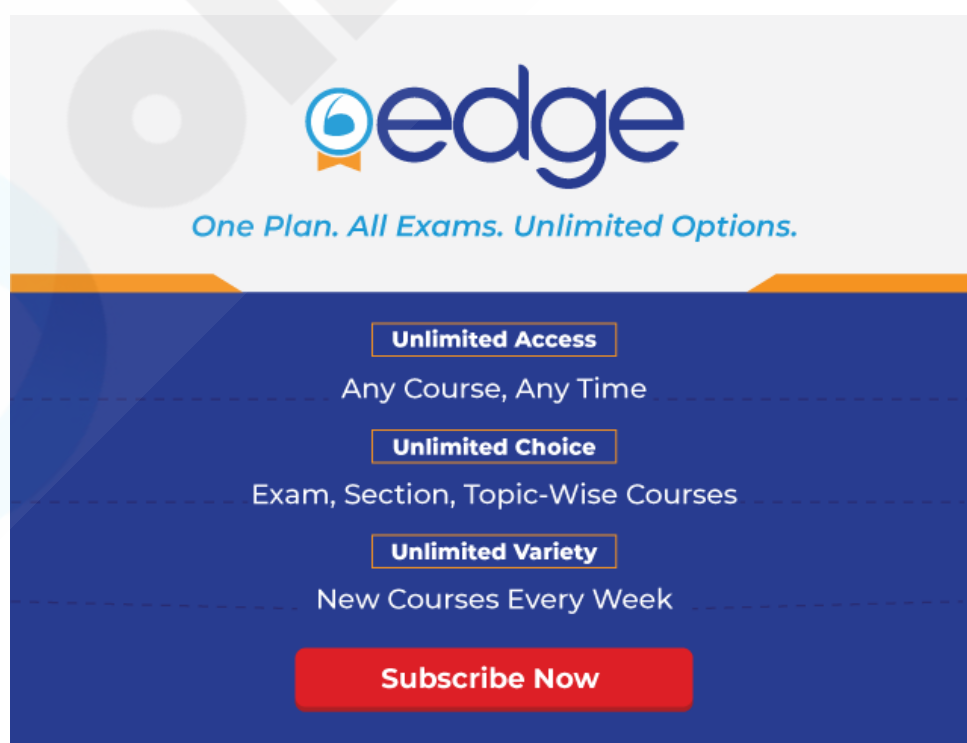
Online grocery delivery platform Milkbasket, has bought Bengaluru-based e-grocery distributor PSR Supply Chain for an undisclosed amount. The acquisition of PSR Supply Chain helps us in further strengthening our customer base and offerings in Bengaluru.

2. **Walmart Labs acquires Indian startups FloCare and BigTrade**

Walmart Labs has bought two Bengaluru-based startups to strengthen its customer service systems. The company acquired healthtech startup FloCare and B2B wholesale trading platform BigTrade for undisclosed sums.

3. **YES Bank acquires 9.47% stake in Eveready Industries by invoking pledged shares**

Mumbai based Private sector lender, YES Bank has acquired a 9.47 % stake in dry cell battery maker, Eveready Industries India by invoking shares pledged by McLeod Russel.



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