

# Abhyaas Newsboard...

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## ***Persons in News***

1. Pramod Sawant has been appointed as 13th Chief Minister of Goa, succeeding Manohar Parrikar, who passed away recently. Also, Vijai Sardesai and Manohar Ajaonkar are appointed as Deputy Chief Ministers of Goa. Sudin Dhavalikar was also appointed Deputy CM earlier, but later removed from the post.
2. Former SC judge Pinaki Chandra Ghose has been appointed first Lokpal of India (anti-corruption watchdog). President also appointed 4 Judicial Members (Dilip B. Bhosale, Pradip Kumar Mohanty, Abhilasha Kumari, Ajay Kumar Tripathi) and 4 non Judicial Members (Kumar Jain, Archana Ramasundaram, Mahender Singh and Indrajeet Prasad Gautam).
3. Government appointed Subhash Chandra Garg as Finance Secretary, replacing Ajay Narayan Jha who retired recently. Conventionally, senior-most among 5 secretaries in Finance Ministry is designated as Finance Secretary.
4. Distinguished scientist Dr Ajit Kumar Mohanty has been appointed new Director of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) for a period of 3 years. He is at present Director, Physics Group, in BARC and Director, Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics. The BARC is India's premier nuclear research facility based in Mumbai. It is a multi-disciplinary research centre with extensive infrastructure for advanced research and development covering the entire spectrum of nuclear science, engineering and related areas.
5. Vice Admiral Karambir Singh has been appointed the next Chief of Naval Staff (CNS). Singh will succeed Admiral Sunil Lanba who retires on May 31. At present, Vice Admiral Singh is serving as the Flag Officer Commanding in Chief of the Eastern Naval Command in Visakhapatnam. In his 36-year-old career, Karambir Singh has commanded an Indian Coast Guard Ship, a Naval Missile Corvette as well as Guided Missile Destroyers. The Chief of the Naval Staff is the commander and the highest-ranking officer in the Indian Navy. The position is abbreviated CNS in Indian Navy cables and communication, and usually held by a four-star officer in the rank of Admiral.
6. Former IAS officer Shah Faesal, who became first IAS topper from J&K in 2009, has launched a political party named 'Jammu and Kashmir Peoples' Movement' at a function in Srinagar. He resigned from the Indian Administrative Service in January to protest killings in Kashmir.
7. Kazakhstan's President Nursultan Nazarbayev has announced his resignation after nearly 30 years in power. The 78-year old leader had ruled the country since it emerged from the collapse of the Soviet Union in the early 1990s. The announcement came less than a month after the President sacked his government, citing a lack of economic development despite the country's vast energy resources.
8. Indian-origin Jagmeet Singh became first non-white leader of a major opposition party in Canada, as he made his debut in House of Commons. Singh, leader of the New Democratic Party, was elected in federal by-elections held in February 2019.
9. Macky Sall has been re-elected for a second term as President of Senegal with a 58% majority in the first round voting in February 2019 Senegalese presidential election. The President of Senegal is elected using the two-round system; a candidate must receive over 50% of the vote to be elected in the first round. If no candidate crosses the threshold, a second round will be held with the top two candidates. According to the 2001 Constitution of Senegal, the president is elected for a 5-year term.
10. Dr. Ausaf Sayeed, presently High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Seychelles, has been appointed as the next ambassador of India to Saudi Arabia. The Indian Foreign Service officer of the 1989 batch will succeed Ahmad Javed, who had been serving as envoy to Saudi Arabia since December 2015.
11. Mohammad Shtayyeh has been named as the new Prime Minister of Palestine by the President of Palestinian Authority Mahmoud Abbas. Shtayyeh, a long time ally of the Abbas, is the member of the central committee of the President's Fatah party. Shtayyeh replaces Rami Hamdallah, who had been prime minister since 2014.
12. Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika has announced that he will not seek a fifth term and delayed the next month's Presidential polls following weeks of protests against his candidacy. The 82-year-old leader said, the

elections would follow a national conference on political and constitutional reform to be carried out by the end of this year. He did not give a date or timeline for the delayed election.

13. Indian Origin industrialists Hinduja family topped Asian Rich List 2019 for 6th successive year with an estimated net worth of £25.2 billion. According to Asian Rich List 2019, Steel magnates Lakshmi Mittal remained in second place, with £11.2 billion. The list is compilation of 101 wealthiest Asians in Britain.
14. M R Kumar has been appointed the new Chairman of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) and will hold the post for a period of five years. Prior to this post, he was Zonal Manager (in-charge) of North Zone. LIC is the largest insurance company in India headquartered in Mumbai. It was founded in 1956 when the Parliament of India passed the Life Insurance of India Act that nationalised the private insurance industry in India. Over 245 insurance companies and provident societies were merged to create the state owned Life Insurance Corporation.
15. Telangana Sports Journalist Association (TSJA) named Badminton Player Saina Nehwal as sportsperson of the year, Pullela Gopichand as Coach of the Year and PV Sindhu as Outstanding Performer in women's section.
16. Hindi writer Leeladhar Jagudi named as winner of honoured with Vyas Samman 2018 by KK Birla Foundation for his collection of poems "Jitne Log Utne Prem". Vyas Samman started in 1991, and carries an amount of 4 lakh.
17. Indian Writer Raghu Karnad won Windham-Campbell Prize with cash \$165000, in non-fiction category for his debut book, The Farthest Field: An Indian Story Of The Second World War.
18. 13 years old pianist from Chennai Lydian Nadhaswaram won prize of \$1 million (6.9 crore) for his performance on the American reality show 'The World's Best'. Lydian Nadhaswaram is student of Chennai-based KM Music Conservatory which is run by A.R. Rahman in Chennai.
19. 16-year-old Swedish environmental activist Greta Thunberg has been nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of her work leading a youth campaign to halt climate change. If she wins, Greta would become youngest person to receive Nobel Peace Prize.
20. President Ram Nath Kovind was honoured with Croatia's highest state award - The Grand Order of the King of Tomislav, on March 26, 2019. Kovind is in the European country as part of his eight-day three-nation visit to Croatia, Bolivia and Chile to further strengthen bilateral ties between India and the three countries
21. The three pioneers of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Yoshua Bengio, Geoffrey Hinton, and Yann LeCun were on March 27, 2019 awarded with the 2018 ACM A.M. Turing Award "for conceptual and engineering breakthroughs that have made deep neural networks a critical component of computing".
22. President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated Festival of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (FINE) in Gandhinagar (Gujarat), organised by National Innovation Foundation. Ancient tribal language Gondi will be taught in tribal districts in Madhya Pradesh, including Gondi in primary education curriculum of state's tribal-dominated districts.
23. Former Deputy Prime Minister of Nepal and Senior leader of ruling Nepal Communist Party (NCP), Bharat Mohan Adhikari passed away at the age of 83 on March 2, 2019. Adhikari was very popular among the common people for introducing "Aafno Gaun Aafai Banau", a development programme aimed at developing villages across the country by giving them the authority to select local projects on their own.
24. Dr. Zhores Alferov (88), a Russian physicist and Nobel Prize laureate, has passed away on 2nd of March in St Petersburg. In 2000, Alferov received the Nobel Prize in Physics together with US scientists Jack Kilby and Herbert Kroemer, for developing semiconductor heterostructures used in high-speed-and optoelectronics. He was the first Russian to win a Nobel Prize since Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev won the peace prize in 1990. He was also elected a corresponding member of the USSR Academy of Sciences in 1972, and a full member in 1979.
25. Vinod Kashyap (88), the veteran Hindi Newsreader, has passed in New Delhi on March 10, 2019. She served All India Radio (AIR) for about 30 years. She started her career in Radio as a drama artist.

## Places in News

1. World's largest e-waste recycling plant opened in Dubai, by 'Enviroserv', with total cost of \$5 million. It will recycle Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE), IT asset disposition (ITAD), refrigerant gas and specialized waste. The processing capacity of this recycling hub is 100,000 tonnes of total integrated waste (per year), of which 39,000 tonnes is e-waste.
2. Pakistan approved establishing a corridor which would allow Hindu pilgrims from India to visit Sharda Peeth in the region of Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK). It will be second corridor to be established after Kartarpur Corridor which provides access to Gurudwara Darbar Sahib at Kartarpur in Pakistan.
  - Sharda Peeth is an abandoned Hindu temple and ancient centre of learning in Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK), dedicated to goddess Sharada, Hindu goddess of learning.
  - Goddess Sharada is Kuldevi of Kashmiri pandits.
  - Sharada Peeth is also revered as one of 18 Maha Shakti Peethas, or "Grand Shakti Peethas" which commemorates the location of fallen body parts of the Hindu deity Sati.
3. Norway's capital Oslo will become the world's first city to install wireless induction-based fast-charging systems for electric taxis, allowing taxis to charge for up to 75 kilowatts.
4. Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) is named world's 12th busiest airport with 6.9 crore domestic and international flyers in 2018, 10.2% points more than 2017, According to preliminary world airport traffic rankings for 2018 by Airports Council International (ACI). IGIA is fastest growing among top 20 airports in world, moving up four places from 16th spot in 2017.
5. Intense Tropical Cyclone Idai struck Africa, with damage in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi, causing over 1000 casualties. It is regarded as one of the worst tropical cyclones. Indian Navy sent Squadron containing INS Sujata, Sarathi and Shardul, for providing Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) in Mozambique.
6. Government ordered monitoring West Nile Virus spread in Kerala, after A seven-year-old in Kerala was tested positive. It typically spreads by mosquitoes and results in neurological disease as well as death in people. Virus is the member of the flavivirus genus and belongs to Japanese encephalitis antigenic complex of family Flaviviridae, first detected in a woman in the West Nile district of Uganda in 1937.
7. Indian Sundarbans has been accorded status of 'Wetland of International Importance' in Ramsar Convention. Indian Sundarban is also a UNESCO world heritage site, and is home to Royal Bengal Tiger.  
 Ramsar status will help to highlight conservation issues of the Sundarbans at the international level at the time when concerns have been raised about natural ecosystems being changed for cultivation of shrimp, crab, molluscs & fish. Ramsar Convention, is an international agreement promoting the conservation and wise use of wetlands. It is the only global treaty which focus on a single ecosystem.
8. A new species of frog known as 'Starry Dwarf Frog' has been discovered in Western Ghats mountain range. It has been named 'Astro Batrachus kurichiya' and is found in Kurichiyarmala, Kerala. India ranked 16th in terms of highest number of impacted species in biodiversity-rich zone is (also known as hotspots) due to human actions. In India, 35 species affected on an average in biodiversity-rich zones.
9. Govt. dedicated to the nation a 1,000-megawatt (MW) thermal power project of Neyveli Tamil Nadu Power Ltd (NTPL) at Thoothukudi and a 150-MW solar power projects of Neyveli Lignite Corporation India Limited (NLCIL) at Ramanathapuram and Virudhunagar districts in Tamil Nadu.
10. The United States has officially shuttered its consulate in Jerusalem & downgraded the status of its main diplomatic mission to the Palestinians by folding it into the U.S. Embassy to Israel. For decades, the consulate functioned as a de facto embassy to the Palestinians. Now, that outreach will be handled by a Palestinian affairs unit, under the command of the embassy. The downgrade is the latest in a string of divisive decisions by the Trump administration that have backed Israel and alienated the Palestinians, who say they have lost faith in the US administration's role as a neutral arbiter in peace process.
11. The United States has revised its visa policy for Pakistani citizens by slashing visa validity from five years to one year. Journalists and media persons from Pakistan will not be allowed to stay in the US now for over three months without renewing travel permit.

12. The Austrian capital Vienna has topped the Mercer's index of most liveable cities for the 10th year in a row, followed by Zurich in Switzerland. In joint third place are Auckland, Munich and Vancouver. Luxembourg was the safest city in the world. In 105th place, Chennai ranks as the Asia-Pacific region's safest city, while Karachi (226) is the least safe. According to Mercer's 21st annual Quality of Living Rankings, Hyderabad and Pune have been named the most liveable city in India with rank 143rd. New Delhi featured at the 162nd position on the list, Mumbai at 154 and Bengaluru at 149.
13. Venezuela has barred opposition leader Juan Guaido from holding public office for 15 years. The opposition leader, who had invoked the constitution to assume the interim presidency, was recognized by many nations including the United States as the country's rightful interim ruler, as against current President Nicolas Maduro.
14. Brunei, a small Southeast Asian nation, has announced the enforcement of a strict Sharia law, under which those found guilty of adultery or gay sex would be subjected to death by stoning from April 3, 2019. The harsh Islamic law had been put on hold for four years amidst heavy criticism.

### ***Events of Significance***

1. The UK's Royal Mint has recently issued a new commemorative 50 pence coin inspired by the late legendary British physicist Stephen Hawking's seminal work on black holes. The coin was designed by British engraver and printmaker Edwina Ellis. The purpose of the commemorative coin is to celebrate the life and "ground-breaking" achievements of Hawking, who passed away in 2018. Hence, Hawking joined an elite group of scientists having appeared on coins—including Sir Isaac Newton and Charles Darwin.
2. 64th Filmfare Awards Winners :
  - Best Film - Raazi
  - Critics' Award for Best Film - AndhaDhun
  - Best Actor in a Leading Role (Female) - Alia Bhatt, Raazi
  - Best Actor in a Leading Role (Male) - Ranbir Kapoor, Sanju
  - Best Director - Meghna Gulzar, Raazi
3. Geographical Indication (GI) tags granted to Coorg Arabica Coffee, Wayanad Robusta Coffee, Chikmagalur Arabica Coffee, Araku Valley Arabica Coffee and Bababudangiris Arabica Coffee, by Geographical Indications Registry. Sirsi Supari of Karnataka got GI tag by the Registrar of Geographical Indications, being first product from Arecanut sector to get GI tag. A new species of frog known as 'Starry Dwarf Frog' has been discovered in Western Ghats mountain range. It has been named 'Astro Batrachus kurichiya' and is found in Kurichiyarmala, Kerala. Marayoor Jaggery, traditional and handmade product from Idukki district of Kerala, received Geographical Indication (GI) tag from Central Government. This will provide more opportunities to traditional sugarcane farmers in Marayoor.
4. A book titled 'Every Vote Counts' written by Former Chief Election Commissioner Navin Chawla has been released.
5. A book titled 'The Great Disappointment: How Narendra Modi Squandered a Unique Opportunity to Transform the Indian Economy' written by Salman Anees Soz has been released. Spiritual teacher Kamlesh Patel, popularly known as Daaji, released his new book Designing Destiny: The Heartfulness Way.
6. The U.K. Sinha led Expert Committee on Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) undertook a comprehensive review of the MSME sector to identify causes and to propose long term solutions for its development.
7. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently appointed 5-member committee under the chairmanship of Nandan Nilekani to further deepen digital payments and enhance financial inclusion through Fintech. The panel would assess the current levels of digital payments in financial inclusion, suggest measures to strengthen the safety and security of digital payments, provide a road map for increasing customer confidence to use digital transactions, and suggest a medium-term strategy for deepening of digital payments.
8. Political Party Indian National Congress announced minimum income guarantee scheme called Nyay for poorest 20 % of families if voted to power. 20 % of families who earn below Rs 12000 monthly will be given Rs 72000 annually. Although economists quashed possibilities of such a scheme saying that its not commercially viable.



9. Central Government banned the Yasin Malik-led Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) as an unlawful association under the provisions of Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA).
10. SC bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi stayed Meghalaya High Court's judgment against Shillong Times editor, Patricia Mukhim and Publisher, Shobha Chaudhuri who were found guilty of contempt of court. Both Patricia Mukhim and Shobha Chaudhuri were fined with Rs. 2 lakh by Meghalaya HC.
11. National Green Tribunal (NGT) directed the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) to prepare a noise pollution map and remedial action plan to solve issue across country. NGT asked CPCB to consider setting up of such mechanisms in all cities where noise pollution is beyond permissible limits.
12. Government formed an inter-ministerial panel for monitoring, sanctioning and implementation of projects under the Rs 10,000-crore Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles in India (FAME-II) programme, aimed at incentivising clean mobility. It will be chaired by secretary in Department of Heavy Industries, A. R. Sihag. 2nd phase of FAME India scheme will be implemented over 3 years from April 2019.
13. Supreme Court proposed a court-monitored mediation in Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land dispute case to arrive at a permanent solution to the politically and religiously sensitive issue. Panel will be headed by Justice Kalifullah. Government approved establishment of 2 new benches of National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), one at Amaravati in Andhra Pradesh and the other at Indore in Madhya Pradesh. At present Andhra Pradesh comes under Jurisdiction of NCLT Bench at Hyderabad and Madhya Pradesh comes under jurisdiction of NCLT Bench, Ahmedabad.
14. Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik launched scheme 'Mukhya Mantri Karigar Sahayata' for financial assistance to craftsmen. Craftsmen with 10 years of experience and having annual income below Rs.1 lakh are eligible to get an assistance of Rs.800 per month, INR 800 For craftsmen above 80 years. Delhi Govt launched a new mobile application named ONE DELHI, aiming to be universal journey planner app for all commuters in capital with several features such as accessing real-time arrival of all cluster buses at any bus stop and static data of DTC buses.
15. Ministry of Textiles has started Yarn bank, a first of its kind in Karnataka, to help thousand of weavers at the Mysore Powerloom Silk Manufacturers Cooperative Society by ensuring steady supply of silk yarn and zari. Currently, the weavers from southern Karnataka have to source yarn locally through agents and wholesalers.
16. A UK court has issued an arrest warrant against fugitive jewellery designer Nirav Modi. He is the main accused in the PNB scam case. The warrant is in response to an ED request for his extradition in a money laundering case. Nirav Modi is expected to be put under formal arrest by the local police soon.
17. The Reserve Bank of India and Bank of Japan have signed a Bilateral Swap Arrangement (BSA). It may be recalled that the BSA was negotiated between India and Japan during the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Tokyo in October 2018. The BSA provides for India to access 75 billion US dollars whereas the earlier BSA had provided for 50 billion dollars.
18. Technology giant Google has unveiled a new app 'Bolo' that aims to help children in primary school learn to read in Hindi and English. The free app, which is being launched in India first, uses Google's speech recognition and text-to-speech technology.
19. Indian budget carrier, SpiceJet on March 19, 2019 announced its membership of global airlines' grouping 'International Air Transport Association' (IATA). SpiceJet is the first Indian low-budget carrier to join the IATA, which has over 290 airlines as members including Air India, Jet Airways and Vistara.
20. Supreme Court threatened to slap punitive order against RBI for not adhering to its earlier order on making its bank inspection report public. SC stated that it may initiate contempt proceedings against RBI for not disclosing annual inspection report of various banks under transparency law. SC bench was hearing three petitions filed concerning the same.
21. Karnataka Govt. suspended licence of taxi aggregator Ola for 6 Months, and ordered immediate stoppage of its services in Bengaluru, after illegal operation of bike taxis by Ola.
22. National Green Tribunal (NGT) imposed INR 5-crore fine on the Adani Group over its power plant in Karnataka's Udupi, also cancelling environmental clearance given to Adani Group to expand its power plant in the area. The National Green Tribunal slapped fine of Rs 500 crore on German auto major Volkswagen for damaging environment through the use of "cheat device" in its diesel cars in India.

23. Russian lawmakers have approved a law under which officials will now be able to fine or block online media outlets for publishing news they deem fake. The law would allow prosecutors to decide what amounts to 'fake news' and gives a media watchdog the power to demand an outlet the information.
24. India and the United States have agreed to build six American nuclear power plants in India, in an effort to boost bilateral civil nuclear energy cooperation. The United States also reaffirmed its strong support of India's early membership in the 48-member Nuclear Suppliers Group.
25. The United States has recently clinched a strategic port deal with Oman that allow American ships and warplanes to take advantage of two Arabian Sea ports of Duqm and Salalah located near strategic Strait of Hormuz. The framework agreement is aimed at bolstering Omani-American military relations. With this pact, the US military will have better access to Gulf region and will reduce the need to send ships through the Strait of Hormuz, a maritime choke point off Iran.
26. The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) on March 28, 2019 unanimously passed the first-ever resolution to suppress the funding of terror groups worldwide. The resolution directs the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), set up in 2017, to implement global counter-terrorism strategy to play a leading role in identifying ways to suppress terrorist financing.
27. New Zealand has imposed an immediate ban on assault weapons following the Christchurch massacre that claimed the lives of 50 mosque-goers.
28. US President Donald Trump informed the US Congress on March 4, 2019 that he intends to end the designation of India and Turkey as beneficiary developing countries under the GSP programme. The key reason behind the decision is the vast growth seen in the economy of Turkey in the last four-and-a-half decades.
29. Exercise Al Nagah III, third in the series of bilateral joint exercise between India and Oman, is scheduled to be held from March 12 to 25, 2019 at Jabel Al Akhdar Mountains in Oman. The exercise will see both the armies exchanging expertise and experience in tactics, weapon handling and firing.
30. The 8th edition of joint military exercise 'Sampriti-2019' between the armies of India and Bangladesh has recently started at Bongobondhu Cantonment iangail, Bangladesh. The aim of the 14-day exercise is to increase mutual cooperation, bonhomie and camaraderie between the armies of two countries. The exercise is a part of the ongoing India-Bangladesh defence cooperation. The Bangladesh contingent was represented by 36 East Bengal Battalion, while Indian side was represented by 9th Battalion of the Rajputana Rifles.
31. Exercise MITRA SHAKTI is conducted annually as part of military diplomacy and interaction between armies of India & Sri Lanka. The joint exercise for the year 2018-19 will be conducted from 26 March to 08 April 2019 in Sri Lanka. Troops from 1st Battalion the BIHAR Regiment of the Indian Army and Gemunu Watch Battalion of Sri Lankan Army would be jointly undertaking the exercise. The aim of the exercise is to build and promote close relations between armies of both the countries and to enhance ability of joint exercise commander to take military contingents of both nations under command.
32. The Langkawi International Maritime Aero Expo (LIMA-2019) has started in Langkawi, Malaysia from 26 March 2019 to 30 March 2019. Indian Air Force (IAF) is participating in the Maritime Aero Expo for the first time, during which it will showcase its indigenously developed Light Combat Aircraft (LCA)-
33. NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO) spacecraft has observed water molecules moving around the dayside of Moon, a finding that could help scientists learn about accessibility of water that can be used by humans in future lunar missions.
34. To reduce casualties in Pulwama type attacks & warefare, the Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS) has developed a range of 'combat casualty drugs' that can extend the golden hour till the trooper is shifted to hospital. INMAS is a medical laboratory of DRDO. The spectrum includes bleeding wound sealants, super absorptive dressings, and glycerated salines, all of which can save lives in the event of warfare in a jungle and high altitude areas as well as in terror attacks.
35. INS Khanderi, the second of the 6 Scorpene Class Submarines, will soon be inducted into the Indian Navy by May 2019. INS Khanderi was launched at the Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) in Mumbai on January 12, 2017 and since then it has been undergoing trials and tests.

36. Chandrayaan-2, the second moon mission Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), will be carrying laser retroreflector arrays owned by the US space agency National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).
37. Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) launched a new podcast app 'Shiksha Vani' that will disseminate crucial information to students and parents in a timely manner."CBSE also introduced Artificial Intelligence (AI), Early Childhood Care Education (ECCE), and Yoga as skill subjects in the school curriculum for academic session 2019-20.
38. 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Abu Dhabi (UAE) -
  - 7500 Athletes from 190 Nations participated in 24 Events.
  - Indian team with 285 athletes won 368 medals (85 gold, 154 Silver, and 129 Bronze).
  - Indian powerlifters bagged maximum number of medals (20 gold, 33 silver and 43 bronze).
  - Roller Skating earned India 49 medals(13 gold, 20 silver and 16 bronze).
39. Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) paid \$1.6 million as compensation to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) after losing a case in the ICC's Dispute Resolution Committee.
  - PCB had filed a compensation case against BCCI in 2018 before ICC Dispute Resolution Committee for an amount of around \$70 million.
  - PCB sought huge amount as compensation from BCCI for not honouring a MoU signed between two boards, as per which, India and Pakistan were supposed to play 6 bilateral series between 2015 and 2023, which BCCI failed to honour.
  - BCCI said that it was unable to play against Pakistan as Indian government did not give required permission. BCCI also maintained that discussion with PCB was a proposal and never a legally binding MoU.
40. Bengaluru Football Club (FC) won their first Indian Super League (ISL) title, defeating FC Goa in Mumbai.
41. The National Science Day (NSD) is observed every year on 28th of February to mark the discovery of Raman effect by Physicist C V Raman on 28th February, 1928. For his discovery, Sir CV Raman was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930. In honour of this discovery and as a mark of tribute to the scientist, National Science Day was marked for the first time on February 28, 1987. The purpose of the day is to spread the message of importance of science and its application among the people. This year, the theme for the 2019 NSD is, 'Science for the People and the People for Science'.
42. The Zero Discrimination Day (ZDD) is observed every year on 1st of March to promote equality before the law and in practice throughout all of the member countries of the UN. The days aims to tell people that nobody should be differentiated based on their HIV status, age, sex, gender identity, race, ethnicity, language, geographical location or migrant status. The 2019 campaign 'Act to change laws that Discriminate' challenges people to act against laws that discriminate in their country.
43. The World Wildlife Day (WWD) is observed every year on 3rd of March to celebrate the many beautiful and varied forms of wild fauna & flora and to raise awareness of the multitude of benefits that conservation provides to people. The 2019 theme "Life Below Water: For people and planet" aims to "conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.
44. The International Women's Day 2019 was observed across the world on March 8, 2019 with an aim to empower women in all settings, be it rural and urban, and celebrate the activists who work constantly to assert women's rights and realise their full potential.
45. The World Consumer Rights Day was observed across the world on March 15, 2019 with an aim to promote basic rights of consumers and to ensure that these rights are respected and protected. The theme of 2019 World Consumer Rights Day was 'Trusted Smart Products'.

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