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### Persons in News

- Bulgaria's economist Kristalina Georgieva (66) has been elected as the new head of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). She will be the second woman chief of the 189-member IMF & will take over as Managing Director of the IMF on October 1, 2019. She will replace Christine Lagarde, who resigned from her post after being elected president of the European Central Bank (ECB).
- On September 9, 2019, the American multinational technology company Microsoft has appointed Rajiv Kumar as the new Managing Director(MD) of Microsoft India Research & Development (R&D) Private Ltd (MIRPL). Kumar, who is currently corporate vice president of the company's Experiences and Devices (E+D) group, succeeds Anil Bhansali and will be relocating to Redmond, United States(US).
- 3. Rajasthan's Payal Jangir, aged 17, became the first Indian to receive the Changemaker Award 2019 at the Goalkeepers Global Goals Awards 2019 presented by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation at a ceremony held in New York, United States for her work towards the abolition of child marriage in her village and other neighboring areas.
- 4. The army chief general Bipin Rawat took over as the new Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee (COSC) by succeeding Indian Air Force (IAF) chief, Air Chief Marshal B.S. Dhanoa who retires on September 30, 2019.
- 5. On September 27, 2019 Air marshal Harjit Singh Arora who currently heads the Gandhinagar (Gujarat) headquartered South Western air command was appointed as the new Indian Air Force(IAF) Vice Chief. He will succeed Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria who will take over as the Chief of Air Staff on September 30, 2019.
- 6. On September 1, 2019 Lieutenant General Manoj Mukund Naravane took over as the new Vice chief of Army staff (VCOAS) replacing Lieutenant General Devraj Anbu who was superannuated on August 31, 2019.
- 7. On September 10, 2019 Wing Commander Anjali Singh became India's first female military diplomat posted on an Indian mission abroad after joining the Indian Embassy in Russia as Deputy Air Attache (air force officer involved in diplomatic operations). She previously served the Indian Air Force (IAF) for17 years as an Aeronautical Engineer(AE) and is also trained on MiG-29 aircraft
- 8. On September 19, 2019, the Indian Air force (IAF) has appointed Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria to take over as the next and 26th chief of air staff. Currently serving as the Vice Chief of the IAF, Bhadauria will replace incumbent Chief BS Dhanoa who will be superannuated on September 30, 2019
- 9. On September 6, 2019, Former President (2nd) and first prime minister of Zimbabwe, Robert Mugabe passed away at the age of 95 in Singapore due to old age related ailments
- 10. On September 12, 2019, Climate change campaigner of the South Pacific, Tongan Prime Minister (PM), Akilisi Pohiva, aged 78, passed away at Auckland hospital, New Zealand after suffering complications from pneumonia and liver disease. He was the first prime minister of the South Pacific island nation elected by parliament rather than appointed by the King. He was the 15th PM of Tonga.
- 11. Justice P Lakshman Reddy was sworn in as the first Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh. Justice Reddy will be holding the position for the next five years. He is the first Lokayukta to be assuming charge since the state bifurcated in 2014.
- 12. Centre has appointed defence Secretary Shri Sanjay Mitra to head a 3-member panel to look into assets, liabilities of Jammu and Kashmir(J&K) between two successor Union territories(UT) J&K and Ladakh, that comes into effect on October 31, 2019. The other members on the panel include, ArunGoyal- retired Indian Administrative Service(IAS) officer and, Giriraj Prasad Gupta- Retired Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS) officer.
- 13. Supreme Court (SC) of India has appointed 4 new judges which now took the total strength of judges to 34. Recently the parliament increased the no. of judges to 34 (inclusive of Chief Justice(CJ)) from previous count of 31. The four judges appointed to the supreme court are, Justices V Ramasubramanian, Krishna Murari, S Ravindra Bhat and Hrishikesh Roy.



- 14. Nicole Meyer, a graduate student at the University of Alberta's Diamond Exploration Research and Training School (DERTS), Canada and the lead author of the research, discovered a new mineral named 'Goldschmidtite' inside a diamond from a mine- Koffiefontein pipe in South Africa run by De Beers. It is named goldschmidtite in honor of Victor Moritz Goldschmidt, the founder of modern geochemistry.
- 15. Christian Coleman scorched to the 100 metres world championship gold medal at the World Athletics Championships in Doha. The 23-year-old achieved this feat in 9.76 seconds, which is the fastest time of the year and the sixth all-time fastest overall. The world record of 100 meters race is Usain Bolt's 9.58 seconds. Coleman has won a gold medal at the World Championships for the first time in his career. Justin Gatlin finished the race in 9.89 seconds.
- 16. Deepak Punia has been ranked world number one in 86 kg category in the latest rankings issued by the International Wrestling Federation. Punia is also one of the four Indian wrestlers to have secured their place at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.
- 17. Bianca Andreescu (19) captured the US Open title, defeating 23-time major champion Serena Williams (6-3, 7-5). Earlier this year, she was ranked 152 but after winning US Open she is now ranked 15th.
- 18. Lionel Messi has bagged the FIFA's Best Men's Player Award for his outstanding performance. It was Messi's sixth FIFA best player award. In women's category, Megan Rapinoe has been awarded the FIFA Best Player Award 2019.
- 19. Indian cricket team's star batsman Rohit Sharma is launching "Rohit4Rhinos campaign" in partnership with WWF India and Animal Planet (wildlife channel) to spread awareness about the need for conservation of one-horned rhinos. This rhino conservation campaign will be launched on September 22 on World Rhino Day.
- 20. Hima Das (19yrs) from Assam was appointed as the ambassador of sports drink brand Gatorade India which is a subsidiary of PepsiCo India. Hima, nicknamed as Dhing express, joins shuttler P.V Sindhu and javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra as brand ambassadors in the country.
- 21. Sri Lanka cricket captain Lasith Malinga became the first bowler to take 100 wickets in the T20I (twenty-twenty International) format during a 3rd T20I match against New Zealand at Pallekele, Sri Lanka after which he also became the first-ever bowler to take a double hat-trick. Currently, Malinga is the only player with 5 limited-overs International hat-tricks.
- 22. "Ferrari's Charles Leclerc (Monaco) has won the 2019 Italian Grand Prix (formally known as "Formula 1 Gran Premio Heineken d'Italia 2019) Formula 1(F1) race at Monza, Italy. This "marks Ferrari's first Italian Grand Prix win in 9 years (last win 2010) and also Charles's second successive win in the F1 race after winning the maiden 2019 Belgian Grand Prix."
- 23. Australian international cricketer and former captain of the Australian national team Steve Smith created a world record by scoring 10 consecutive half century against England. He broke the record of most 50 plus runs in a row against a single nation on the second day of 5th Ashes test at the Oval Stadium, London, United Kingdom(UK). The previous record was held by Pakistan cricketer Inzamam-ul-Haq, who had hit 9 straight 50-plus scores against England from 2001 to 2006.
- 24. Indian wrestler Vinesh Phogat, defeated Greece's two-time world bronze medalist Maria Prevolaraki and won a bronze medal in the women's 53kg category at the "2019 World Wrestling Championships" held in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan. The 25-year-old also became the first Indian wrestler to secure a quota spot for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. She achieved that with an 8-2 win over world No. 1 and last year's runner Sarah Ann Hildebrandt of USA, in a show of exceptional defence in her second repechage round.
- 25. Britain's Lewis Carl Davidson Hamilton commonly known as Lewis Hamiltonof Mercedes, won the 2019 Russia F1 Grand Prix (Formula 1 GP) at Sochi Autodrom race track in Russia. Mercedes ValteriBottas(Finland) and Ferrari's Charles Lecrec (Monaco) won the second and third spot respectively. By this win, Hamilton became all-time record holder, winning his 143rd Grand Prix totally, surpassing Michael Schumacher's(Germany) mark which he held for 18 years.



#### Places in News

- 1. In a survey conducted by Airport Council International (ACI), Cochin International Airport Ltd (CIAL) at Kochi, Kerala was named as the best airport in terms of services it offered to passengers for the year 2018. It stood at the top spot in 5-15 million passenger category among the airports in the Asia-Pacific region.
- 2. The Midnapore railway station of West Bengal became the 5000th railway station to be enabled with Wi-fi. The project for providing Wi-fi was started by RailTel in 2016, with Mumbai central railway station being the first for wifi implementation.
- 3. The International Energy Agency (IEA) notified that the United States (US) became the top oil exporter in the world by overtaking Saudi Arabia and Russia. In June 2019, crude exports grew above 3 million barrels per day (bpd) in the US.IEA has estimated the growth in global oil demand in 2019 at 1.1 million bpd and 1.3 million bpd for 2020.Non- Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) production growth will grow to 2.3 million bpd in 2020, up 400,000 from 2019.
- 4. The Telangana State Assembly on September 16, 2019 unanimously passed a resolution against proposed Uranium mining in Nallamala forest area. The Assembly urged the Central Government to withdraw the proposal of Uranium mining in the area stating that it could pose a threat to the habitation and biodiversity in and around Nallamala.
- 5. The two Union Territories- Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh will have a common high court, Jammu and Kashmir High Court. Among the old laws, 164 state laws would be repealed and 166 state laws will continue to be applicable and 108 Central Laws would be made applicable for the two Union Territories.
- 6. The two southern-most states, Tamil Nadu and Kerala have decided to form a panel to resolve water sharing issues. An inter-state committee comprising five members from each side will be formed to sort the difference between the two states.
- 7. Odisha government implemented the "One nation one ration card" programme on a pilot basis initially in areas under the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC), to people possessing ration card ensuring inter-state portability of ration cards. The beneficiaries can avail the ration from any Public Distribution System (PDS) outlet under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013 and State Food Security Scheme (SFSS).
- 8. Shondol dance, which is best known as the royal dance used to be performed by artists for King of Ladakh, has created history by entering into the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest Ladakhi dance. On the occasion of 4 days long (September 16-20, 2019) annual Naropa Festival 2019 themed 'Environmental sustainability of Ladakh and the Himalayan region', as many as 408 women attired in traditional dresses and beautiful headgears performed the dance, which broke the previous record of 299 artists dance of Shondol in the 2018 festival.
- 9. Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine of Jammu and Kashmir was named as India's 'Best Swachh Iconic Place'. President Ram Nath Kovind bestowed the award to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) on September 6, 2019 during the 'Swachh Mahotsav'.
- 10. Geologists under the principal researcher Douwe van Hinsbergen, Professor at Utrecht University, Netherlands, have discovered a new continent named "Greater Adria" in the mediterranean region under Europe, after successful analysation of mountain ranges from Spain to Iran in detail for 10 years. The discovery of this continent is published in the journal 'Gondwana Research'.

## Events of Significance

- The 16th Global SME (Small and Medium Enterprises) Business Summit for 2019 was held in New Delhi under the theme "Making Indian MSMEs Globally Competitive" on September 24-25, 2019. The summit organized by Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) and Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) was inaugurated by union minister for MSME and Road Transport & Highways Mr Nitin Gadkari in the presence of Arun Kumar Panda, Secretary, MSME and others.
- 2. The Indian multinational corporation, Infosys Limited has won the United Nations (UN) Global Climate Action Award 2019 in the 'Climate Neutral Now' category for its efforts to combat climate change.



- 3. The 50th Edition of World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting for 2020 will be held in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland from January 21-24, 2020. The Chief Minister of Punjab Captain Amarinder Singh will be attending the meeting as he has accepted the invitation of WEF president Borge Brende which was issued on behalf of the Forum Board of Trustees
- 4. On September 4, 2019, Indian credit rating agency CRISIL (formerly Credit Rating Information Services of India Limited) has reduced the India's GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth to 6.3% for FY20 (Fiscal Year 2020) from its previous estimate of 6.9%. The lower GDP growth forecast states about the India's deep economic slowdown and is broad-based than suspected.
- 5. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) selected Daffodil Software Pvt Ltd to develop a mobile phone based application for visually impaired people to identify currency notes. It informed the Bombay High Court that an internet connection would not be required for its proposed mobile application.
- India has the largest share among developing countries in computer services industry. In 2018, digitally deliverable service exports amounted to \$2.9 trillion, or 50% of global services exports. In least developed countries (LDCs), such services accounted for an estimated 16% of total services exports, and they more than tripled from 2005 to 2018.
- 7. In World University Rankings 2020, published by the United Kingdom (UK) based Times Higher Education (THE), Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Ropar and Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore were ranked number 1 among the 56 Indian institutes on the list of the best universities of the world, beating IIT Bombay and IIT Delhi.
- 8. On September 24, 2019, nearly 17 Indian companies were listed in the Forbes World's best 'regarded' companies list 2019. The first and second place were held by global payments technology company Visa and Italian carmaker Ferrari respectively.
  - 1. Visa 2. Ferrari 3. Infosys 4. Netflix 5. PayPal 76. Microsoft
- 9. The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind on August 31st, 2019 has appointed 5 new governors namely Dr.Tamilisai Soundararajan, Bhagat Singh Koshyari, Kalraj Mishra, Arif Mohammed Khan and Bandaru Dattatreya for Telangana, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Kerala, and Himachal Pradesh respectively. Tamilisai Soundararajan: She is appointed as the governor of Telangana. She is the former Tamilnadu chief of the BJP(Bharatiya Janata Party) and its National secretary. The governor post was preceded by ESL Narasimhan who was the Governor of both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh (AP) after its Bifurcation since 2014. He is also recently replaced by Biswabhusan Harichandan as AP governor.
- 10. The Supreme Court has set the deadline for the conclusion of hearings in the Ram janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid title dispute as October 18. The constitution bench hearing the Ayodhya dispute is headed by CJI Ranjan Gogoi, who is set to retire on November 17, 2019 so the verdict has to be delivered before then or the case will be heard afresh with a new judge in place of Justice Gogoi.
- 11. The Union Government has set up a three-member panel to oversee the bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union Territories. The committee headed by Former Defence Secretary Sanjay Mitra will have Retired IAS officer Arun Goyal and Retired Indian Civil Accounts Service officer Giriraj Prasad Gupta as members.
- 12. The Chief Minister of Delhi, Arvind Kejriwal has reintroduced odd-even scheme in Delhi. This scheme will return to Delhi's roads from November 4 to 15. CM Arvind Kejriwal has suggested seven point measures to curb pollution in the Delhi NCR.
- 13. The Director of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Rishi Kumar Shukla inaugurated the first National Conference on Cyber Crime Investigation and Cyber Forensics in New Delhi at the CBI headquarters. It was a 2-day conference held on September 4-5, 2019.
- 14. In order to commemorate 20 years of Kargil Vijay Diwas, Air Chief Marshal B S Dhanoa flagged off the ultramarathon named as 'Kargil to Kohima (K2K): Glory Run' spanning more than 4,500 km from Kargil War Memorial at Dras in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) to Kohima War Cemetery in Nagaland commencing on September 21, 2019 & will culminate on 6 November 2019.
- 15. Union minister for environment, forest and climate change Shri Prakash Javdekar(also Information & Broadcasting minister) flagged off a bus named "Jaldoot" in Pune, Maharashtra which showcases the importance of water



conservation. This bus which is redesigned to create "Jaldoot: Travelling Exhibition on Jalshakti Abhiyan", would travel to 8 districts of Maharashtra for 2 months and would also convey to people about the work of govt. in last 100 days, along with bold initiatives and decisions undertaken.

- 16. Union Ministry of Human Resource & Development (MHRD) has announced a new scheme named National Educational Alliance for Technology (NEAT) for better learning outcomes in higher education and is expected to be operational in early November 2019. The main objective of this scheme is to use Artificial Intelligence(AI) in making personalized learning. AICTE (All India Council for Technical Education) will be the implementing agency of this scheme.
- 17. The Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman handed over the 12th-century Buddha statue to Culture Minister Prahlad Singh Patel.The statue was stolen 57 years ago and was finally acquired during an auction in Masstricht, Netherlands organized by dealer Rossi & Rossi (London). This 12th century statue of Buddha was stolen from the Museum of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in Nalanda, Bihar in August 1961.
- 18. Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) announced that Non-resident Indians (NRIs) with valid Indian passport could apply for the Aadhaar on arrival, without the need to wait for 182-day period by scheduling a prior appointment. A valid Indian passport will be accepted as proof of identity, proof of address (PoA) and date of birth document.
- 19. Chief Minister(CM) Shri Ashok Gehlot, of the govt. of Rajasthan has launched a portal called 'Jan Soochna Portal' under the Rajasthan Innovation Vision (RAJIV) campaign that was started to commemorate former Primeminister(PM) Rajiv Gandhi's 75th anniversary. This portal designed by the information and technology(IT) department, is a first of its kind in India to provide access to information about govt. departments in a single platform.
- 20. The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) issued a gazette notification stating Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) chief and Pulwama terror attack (February 14, 2019) mastermind Maulana Masood Azhar, Jamaat ud Dawa chief and Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) founder Hafiz Saeed, LeT's chief operational commander and 26/11 attack key accused Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi and United Nations (UN) designated global terrorist Dawood Ibrahim as individual terrorists under Clause (a) of Sub-section (1) of Section 35 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), 1967. They are the first individuals to be designated as terrorists under the law.
- 21. The Prime Minister (PM) of India Mr Narendra Modi visited United States (US) from September 21-27, 2019. PM Modi's seven-day visit was jam-packed with intensive discussions on diplomatic relations, trade wars, economic disparities, terrorism and global issues. PM Modi tour kicked-off on a positive note. He was welcomed with a grand event--"Howdy, Modi!" at NRG Stadium in Houston, Texas where he and US President Donald Trump jointly addressed a 50,000-strong crowd of Indian nationals in America. PM Modi also addressed the 74th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York.
- 22. On September 25, 2019, Japan's unmanned H-2B rocket lifted off with cargo vessel Kounotori8 also known as HTV 8 towards the International Space Station (ISS) from the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency's (JAXA) Tanegashima Space Center in southwestern Japan, which is considered as the world's biggest transport spaceship. It intends to deliver about 5.3 tonnes of supplies to astronauts at the ISS.
- 23. The Defence Minister of India, Mr Rajnath Singh commissioned India's second Scorpene-class attack submarine INS Khanderi. The motto of INS (Indian Navy Ship) Khanderi is 'Akhand Abhedya Adrishya' that implies unity of the crew and its stealth capabilities. Its name and features are inspired by the fish named 'Kanneri', found in Arabian Sea.
- 24. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), successfully test fired the land attack version of the BrahMos supersonic cruise from Chandipur coast in Odisha in its Balasore district. Having a strike range of 290 km, this missile can be fired from both land and sea based platforms and also adds strength to the "Make in India" flagship programme.
- 25. On September 2, 2019, The Indian Air Force (IAF) has received 8 US-made 'Apache AH-64E' fighter helicopters from US (United States)aerospace major Boeing at Airforce Station, Pathankot, Punjab. Air Chief Marshal B. S. Dhanoa was the chief guest of the ceremony held at the Pathankot Station.



- 26. 2 Week Indo-US defence corporation's 15th edition of biggest joint military exercise 'Yudh Abhyas' 2019 between Indian and the United States(US) at Lewis McChord Joint Airforce Base,Washington(US) has commenced on september 5, 2019 and will continue till 18th September
- 27. In a bid to strengthen the Indian Air Force (IAF), the central government has approved the procurement of 6 squadrons of indigenous Akash Air Defense missile for the Air Force at a cost of Rs 5,000 crore. They will be deployed along the borders with Pakistan and China.
- Japan-India-U.S trilateral maritime exercise "MALABAR 2019" will be held from late September to early October, 2019.India, Japan Annual Defence Dialogue 2019 resolved to further deepen bilateral defence and strategic ties.
- 29. On September 11, 2019, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully flight tested indigenously developed low weight, fire-and-forget Man Portable Anti Tank Guided Missile (MP-ATGM) from a firing range in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh. It was the third successful test-firing of the 100% indigenous ATGM, developed for the infantry battalions of the Indian Army. The missile weighs around 14 kg with maximum range of around 2.5 kms, will replace Soviet-era anti-tank missiles.
- 30. The Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) has handed over the 2nd indigenously developed AWAC (Airborne Early Warning and Control) aircraft, 'Netra' to the Indian Air Force (IAF). Western Air Command Chief Air Marshal R Nambier Nambiar accepted the planes at the acceptance ceremony at Bathinda Airbase in Punjab. At the time of the Balakot attack in February 2019, Netra has played a major role.
- 31. 5 days maiden trilateral exercise of Singapore, India and Thailand named SITMEX (Singapore-India-Thailand Maritime Exercise) was commenced on September 16, 2019 at Port Blair, the capital of Andaman and Nicobar islands to strengthen the maritime relationships of the three countries and to enhance security. The maiden IN-RSN-RTN Trilateral exercise will conclude on September 20, 2019.
- 32. On September 17, 2019, The Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully flight-tested air-to-air missile Astra from Su-30 MKI as a part of user trials from the Bay of Bengal off the coast of Odisha. It is India's first air-to-air missile which is engaged accurately with the live aerial target demonstrating its capability.
- 33. On September 18, 2019 the Indian army conducted massive integrated exercise named 'Chang Thang' in the Eastern Ladakh region bordering China in a very high altitude area in order to test and improve its capabilities in war fighting. The exercise involved all the arms of the Indian army like T-72 tanks, artillery guns and helicopters, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles etc. The exercise was monitored by Lieutenant General Ranbir Singh, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command.
- 34. Astronomers unexpectedly discovered a gas giant Jupiter-like planet named "GJ 3512 b" which is orbiting a dwarf star, located about 30 light-years from the sun. The discovery was published in the journal Science and the lead author of the study is Juan Carlos Morales from the Institute of Space Studies of Catalonia, Spain.
- 35. The International Astronomical Union (IAU) has named minor planet 2006 VP32 (number -300128), located between Mars and Jupiter, as "Panditjasraj", after Indian classical vocal musician PanditJasraj. By this he became the first Indian musician to have a minor planet named after him.
- 36. The communication from Chandrayaan-2's Vikram lander of 1471 kg to Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) ground station was lost before its soft landing on the unexplored lunar south pole of the Moon. The contact was lost when the lander was 2.1km away from the surface of the moon.
- 37. Astronomers have found water for the first time in atmosphere of habitable exoplanet- K2-18b which orbits in its star's "habitable zone". The article was published in the scientific journal Nature Astronomy and the lead scientist of the research is Prof Giovanna Tinetti of University College London (UCL), United Kingdom. Upto 50% of the atmosphere of K2-18b consists of water, which could support life.Scientists found the unmistakable signature of water vapour with concentrations between 0.1 and 50%.
- 38. On September 23, 2019, An independent space agency of the United States(US), NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) has successfully launched a miniature satellite called "RamanSat 2" made by a 17-year old New Delhi-based Indian student Aabhaas Sikka, from NASA's Columbia Scientific Balloon Facility in New Mexico, US and achieved an altitude of 38 km.



- 39. The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) derecognised the Paralympic Committee of India(PCI) for violating the National Sports Development Code of India (NSDCI), 2011 in accordance with provisions under clause I (ix) and (x) of Annexure-III of NSDCI, 2011. It has been penalised for misgovernance.
- 40. The host city for 2022 FIFA World Cup, Qatar unveiled the logo for the same displaying it in public spaces in Doha and cities around the world. 2022 FIFA World Cup, which is the 22nd Edition, will be hosted by the Gulf Emirate. FIFA and the Qatari organizing committee launched the logo/emblem in Doha, capital of Qatar. 2026 FIFA World Cup will be hosted by 3 nations- Canada, Mexico and the United States (US).
- 41. The World Wrestling Championships 2019 were held from September 14-22, 2019 at Barys Arena in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan. Wrestlers from 101 nations participated for medals across Greco-Roman, freestyle and women's wrestling categories. It is organized by United World Wrestling (UWW), the Kazakh Ministry of Culture and Sports, the National Olympic Committee (NOC of Kazakhstan), the Kazakh Confederation of Martial Arts and Power Sports and the Kazakh Federation of Greco-Roman, Freestyle and Women's Wrestling.
- 42. India Red defeated India green by an innings and 38 runs to win the 2019 Duleep trophy held at Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru. Akshay Wakhare (India red) of Vidarbha, Maharashtra took a 5 wicket haul leading to the team's victory while Abhimanyu Easwaran(India red) was awarded player of the match title.
- 43. The Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting (I&B) and Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Shri Prakash Javadekar has unveiled the new logo and certificate design of Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) at an event in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The design of the new logo has been designed by designer Rohit Devgan in collaboration with the technical support team of National Securities Depository Limited(NSDL).
- 44. Union home ministry announced a new honour on the Padma awards pattern named the Sardar Patel National Unity Award to individuals and persons for promoting national unity and integrity. The award was first instituted by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in December 2018. The name of the recipients of the award will be maintained under President's direction and published in Gazette of India.
- 45. Bathukamma, a 9-day wonderful festival of flowers celebrated by the women on a grand scale has commenced in the Warangal city of Telangana on September 28, 2019, & will conclude on October 6, 2019. The festival is celebrated for the entire 9 days of Navratri (begins on the day of Mahalaya Amavasya and ends on Saddula Bathukamma festival on Durgashtami, two days before Dussehra).
- 46. On September 18, 2019, The Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman handed over the 12th-century Buddha statue to Culture Minister Prahlad Singh Patel. The statue was stolen 57 years ago and was finally acquired during an auction in Masstricht ,Netherlands organized by dealer Rossi & Rossi(London). This 12th century statue of Buddha was stolen from the Museum of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in Nalanda,Bihar in August 1961. This copper statue of Buddha (Ht. 6.5) seated in the Bhumipasara mudra was among the 19 statues and statues that were stolen from this museum.
- 47. The annual event of International Day for the total elimination of nuclear weapons was observed on September 26, 2019. The day creates public awareness of nuclear disarmament matters, educates people on the potential threat by nuclear weapons and stresses the need for their elimination.
- 48. World Environmental Health Day (WEHD) was observed on September 26, 2019 under the theme "Climate change challenges, time for global Environmental Health to act in unison". The day was declared by the International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH) to review environmental health issues and take appropriate actions. It was first observed in the year 2011 in Indonesia.
- 49. The theme of 74th edition of United Nations (UN) Climate Action Summit 2019 was "Climate Action Summit 2019: A Race We Can Win. A Race We Must Win".
- 50. The 2019 United Nations Climate Change Conference, also known as COP25 in Santiago, Chile from December 2-13, 2019.

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