

# Abhyaas Newsboard...

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## Persons in News

- 1. Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella topped the list of Fortune's Businessperson of the Year 2019. The list comprises names of three Indian-origin people. Besides Nadella, the two others are Master Card CEO Ajay Banga and Jayashree Ullal, Head of Arista.
- 2. Greta Thunberg has won the International Children's Peace Prize 2019 for her fight towards environmental protection. Thunberg had initiated 'Fridays for Future' campaign against climate change along with the school children across the world.
- 3. David Attenborough has been conferred with the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development 2019 for his lifetime worth of work to awaken the mankind to the need to preserve and protect the planet's biodiversity and stop being a "plague on earth".
- 4. Nita Ambani has become the first Indian to be elected to the board of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. The announcement was made by Reliance Foundation on November 13, 2019.
- 5. Lieutenant Shivangi has named as the First woman pilot of Indian Navy. She will join naval operations on completion of operational training in Kochi on December 2, 2019, two days before the navy day which is going to be celebrated on December 4. She will also get authorization to fly dornier aircrafts on December 2.
- 6. Sri Lanka has got a new president in form of Gotabaya Rajapaksa, the brother of former President Mahinda Rajapaksa. The 70-year-old is considered as a 'war hero' by a majority of the Sinhalese Buddhists.
- 7. Bolivia's former President Evo Morales has been granted asylum by Mexico. On November 10, Morales resigned due to heavy protest against him in the country. He announced that his life was in threat and he had to flee to Mexico.
- 8. Satoshi Suzuki has been appointed as Japan's ambassador in India. He has given this responsibility when both countries want to take their bilateral relations to the new heights.
- 9. Indian-origin journalist Aatish Taseer has been stripped off his Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) status after he failed to disclose the citizenship of his late father, who was a Governor in Punjab, Pakistan. The OCI status is not provided to those whose parents have been citizens of either Pakistan or Bangladesh.
- 10. Former Chief Election Commissioner, TN Seshan passed away on November 10, 2019. He had played a huge role in bringing educational reforms in India during the 1990
- 11. Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro will be the Chief Guest at the Republic Day 2020 celebrations in India. President Bolsonaro accepted the invitation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, showing his agreement to broaden the strategic partnership between the two countries.
- 12. Justice SA Bobde was on November 18, 2019, sworn in as the 47th Chief Justice of India (CJI), a day after the retirement of Justice Ranjan Gogoi. Justice SA Bobde was administered the oath of office of Chief Justice of India by President Ram Nath Kovind. Justice Bobde will serve as the CJI for one year and five months till April 23, 2021. Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde is the second senior-most judge of the Supreme Court after Gogoi and has been part of several high profile cases, including the recent Ayodhya land dispute case. He was one among the five-judge constitution bench which passed the historic judgement of construction of Ram Temple at the disputed site.
- 13. The Union Home Ministry has revoked the Indian citizenship of TRS MLA Ramesh Chennamaneni for hiding facts regarding his foreign trips from the Indian government. The MLA allegedly acquired German citizenship secretly. The MLA has no past criminal records.
- 14. Kalidas Kolambkar has taken oath as the pro-tem speaker of the Maharashtra assembly. He would be administering the oath to all the 288 MLAs of the assembly. Usually, the senior-most member of the assembly is appointed as the pro-tem speaker.



- 15. Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis has submitted his resignation from his post to Maharashtra Governor BS Koshyari. The resignation came just a day before the term of the state assembly was supposed to come to an end. The BJP along with Shiv Sena had won a majority in the Maharashtra assembly elections 2019 but the alliance has failed to come to an agreement on the CM post.
- 16. Uddhav Thackeray is going to become the first Thackeray family member to hold the post of Maharashtra CM. Before this, the party believed in wielding the power from behind the scenes. As Thackeray is not an elected member, he will be required to contest and win from one of the Shiv Sena seats within six months of being sworn in.
- 17. Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray took the oath as the 18th Chief Minister of Maharashtra on November 28, 2019. He has created history by becoming the first Thackeray family to hold the CM post. Thackeray assumed his duties as Maharashtra CM from November 29 and has called a special assembly session on November 30. Six cabinet ministers also took oath after Thackeray, two each from the three parties.
- 18. Veteran Indian boxer Sarita Devi has been elected unopposed as a member of the AIBA Athletes Commission. She was the sole nominee from the Asian region. She is now among the six boxers who were elected from five different continents to be the members of the AIBA Athletes Commission.
- 19. Manu Bhaker won India's first gold at the ISS World Cup 2019 in women's 10m Air Pistol event. She also became the second Indian to win gold in the 10m Air Pistol event at the ISS World Cup. With the feat, Manu Bhaker has booked her seat at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.
- 20. Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen has become the fourth Indian to win the Scottish Open title. Before him, only Pullela Gopichand, Anand Pawar and Arvind Bhatt have won the title. This is Sen's fourth title since September 2019.

#### Places in News

- 1. China has officially launched 5G network services in 50 cities of the country. These cities include Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen among others. China has launched 5G network in the country by three state-owned companies China Telecom, China Mobile and China Unicom
- 2. A new oilfield with 53 billion barrels of crude oil ran has been discovered in Khuzestan province, home to Iran's Khuzestan's crucial oil industry. This discovery could boost the country's battered economy amid stringent US sanctions.
- 3. The United States (US) formally notified the United Nations (UN) about its withdrawal from the Paris climate agreement, citing unfair economic burden on the country.
- 4. China has been ranked as the world's worst abuser of internet freedom for the fourth consecutive year by Freedom on the Net report 2019.
- 5. The United States has retained the H-1B visa rule giving work permit to spouses. The decision brings relief to thousands on Indians living in the United States. The H-1B visa is a non-immigrant visa that allows foreign workers to get employment in the US companies in speciality occupations. Indian women are the biggest benefactors of the rule.
- 6. The Indian government has decided to extend the visa-on-arrival facility for the nationals of the United Arab Emirates. The visa-on-arrival facility will be available to the citizens of UAE for a period of up to 60 days with double entry for business, tourism, conference and medical purposes.
- 7. Canada was the largest refugee resettlement country, resettling more refugees than the United States in 2018. Syria and Turkey were the origin nations of the largest number of refugees globally with 6.7 million and 3.7 million refugees respectively.
- 8. The odd-even rule has begun in Delhi and from now on cars with odd and even numbers will only be able to ply on alternate days. The penalty for violation of the rule is a fine worth Rs 4000. The odd-even rule will be application from 8 in the morning till 8 in the evening on all days except on Sunday till November 15.
- 9. Kalapani inclusion in the new political map of India became an issue of contention between India and Nepal. The Nepal government has raised objections to India's move and claimed that the Kalapani territory is located in farwest of Nepal. As per India's new political map, Kalapani is shown as a part of Indian Territory.



- 10. The Lok Sabha approved the bill providing for the merger of two union territories Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu into one union territory. The name of the new Union Territory which comes into existence will be Dadara and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu. "The objective of merging the two union territories is to increase their administrative ease and ensure development. Minister of State for Home Affairs Kishan Reddy made it clear on the apprehensions of the members about the reservation of the people belonging to the tribal communities of the area that the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes will continue to get the reservation; there will be no change in it.
- 11. Pakistan is the first nation to introduce the WHO-approved India made typhoid vaccine. The Vaccine will be used in southern Sindh province because, since 2017, more than 10,000 cases of Typhoid were documented in this area. Indian Vaccines and Biotherapeutics Manufacturer, Bharat Bio-Tech received a Pre-Qualification tag from WHO for the TPV.
- 12. Pakistan hosted the 7th edition of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Asia Regional Conservation Forum. The forum was held in Islamabad.

### Events of Significance

- 1. Google Stadia, Google's new game streaming service has been launch in 14 countries across the world including the US, the UK, France, Germany and Spain. The cloud-based game includes a total of 22 launch titles.
- 2. Saudi Aramco, the world's largest integrated oil and gas company, will float initial public offering (IPO). Saudi Arabia's Aramco is considered one of the world's most profitable oil producing enterprise. It has decided to sell an unspecified percentage of its shares on the Saudi stock exchange, the Tadawul.
- 3. Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) is the first Indian company to cross Rs.9.5 lakh crore in market capitalization (m-cap). Recently Vodafone India and Bharti Airtel had announced their tariff hike which will be implemented from December 2019. This has increased the share price of RIL in market and is believed to attract more subscribers for Reliance Jio. On 26 Nov 2019, its m-cap touched Rs 9,99,045 crore nearing the Rs 10 lakh crore mark.
- 4. The 35th ASEAN Summit started in Bangkok from 31 October, it will run till 04 November 2019. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the meeting on November 3 and 4. The Association of Southeast Asia has 10 member countries in the group.
- 5. The World Health Organisation (WHO) would identify 'online shopping' as an addictive disorder by 2024. The decision came after the research firm Gartner revealed that millions of people overuse or misuse digital commerce and then encounter financial stress.
- 6. Brazil will be hosting the annual BRICS Summit 2019 during November 13-14, 2019. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be attending the summit to deliberate on boosting cooperation among the BRICS countries.
- 7. India has been selected to host the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation(SCO) forum of Young Scientists and Innovators for the year 2020. The decision was taken during the closing ceremony of the "5th Meeting of SCO Member States' Heads of Ministries and Departments of Science and Technology(S&T) and Permanent Working Group on S&T Cooperation". The meeting was conducted on November 20-22, 2019 in Moscow, Russia.
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- 18. National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) project will start by December 31. 2020. The announcement of this news was made on 20 November 2019, in Lok Sabha. National Intelligence Grid interconnects databases of important security agencies of India and so is known as counter-terrorism Programme.
- 19. West Bengal has completely banned the production and sale of gutka and pan masala in the state for a year starting from November 7, 2019. The Government has initiated the ban to control the adverse effect of tobacco use. Even minors were found using gutka in the state.
- 20. The new Indian political map depicts major parts of Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) as a part of Jammu and Kashmir. Pakistan rejected the map outrightly, as it shows three PoK districts- Mirpur, Muzaffarabad and Punch as a part of the new Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.
- 21. Bihar Government has banned the usage of government vehicles older than 15 years to combat air pollution in the state. The government has also banned all commercial vehicles older than 15 years from plying in Patna. The government has also directed all private vehicles to undergo pollution checks.
- 22. The MLAs of Punjab and Haryana came together for the first time in 5 decades to attend a special assembly session in Chandigarh on November 6, 2019. The session was organised to mark the 550th birth anniversary of Sikh Guru Guru Nanak Dev. Haryana Assembly MLAs attended the special session following the invitation of Punjab Assembly Speaker Rana K P Singh.



- 23. Supreme Court has given its final judgment on Ayodhya dispute. Supreme Court said that five acres of alternate land will be given to the Muslim parties and Ayodhya site belongs to the Hindu parties. Nirmohi Akhara's claim to the land was dismissed but the court-mandated its representation in the trust to be set up by the centre. Apex court clearly said that the disputed land will be given to the Hindus for the construction of a Ram Temple and an alternate land of five acres will be provided to the Sunni Waqf Board for the construction of a Mosque.
- 24. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated much-awaited Kartarpur Corridor on November 9. He flagged off the first batch of devotees to the Kartarpur Sahib Gurudwara situated in Pakistan. This corridor has been opened for the first time after partition of India and 575 devotees from India visited Kartarpur Sahib. The first batch includes various VVIPS including former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh, Chief Minister of Punjab Captain Amarinder Singh, besides MPs, Ministers, MLAs and one representative from each state of the country.
- 25. The Supreme Court has made it clear that now the office of Chief Justice will come under the purview of Right to Information (RTI). The Supreme Court said during the delivering of judgment that transparency does not undermine judicial freedom. However, the Supreme Court has also issued some directives. It has been said in the judgment that the CJI office is a public authority. However, office secrecy will remain intact during RTI. The Constitutional Bench of five judges reserved the judgment on April 4 on the appeals filed by the central public information officers against the orders of the High Court and the Central Information Commission (CIC) in 2010. The CJI-led bench, while completing the hearing, said that no one wants a 'system of darkness', but the judiciary cannot be destroyed in the name of transparency.
- 26. President's rule was imposed in Maharashtra on November 12, 2019 upon the recommendation of Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyar. The Maharashtra Governor decided on sending the state under the direct rule of the centre after both the BJP and Shiv Sena failed to form the government within the given deadline. Shiv Sena has approached the apex court protesting against the Governor's move to reject its request demanding extra time to prove the majority.
- 27. The Supreme Court has dismissed all Rafale review petitions, declining an independent probe into corruption allegations in the Union Government's Rafale deal. The apex court dismissed the petitions saying that they lacked merit.
- 28. The All India Muslim Personal Law Board has decided to file a review petition against the Supreme Court's landmark Ayodhya verdict on November 9, 2019. The All India Muslim Personal Law Board stated that under the Sharia law the mosque land cannot be given up just like that and a mosque cannot be built on any alternate land.
- 29. Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory has constituted an administrative council to fulfill the functions of a government. The Lieutenant Governor of J&K, G C Murmu has been appointed as the council's chairman. The announcement was made through a government order issued by the General Administration Department on November 19, 2019. The order stated that the Chief Secretary of the UT will be the secretary to the Administrative Council, while the Lieutenant Governor's advisers will be its members.
- 30. The Rajya Sabha referred the Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill to a select committee on November 21, 2019, seeking certain amendments proposed by the members of the house. The Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill seeks to prohibit commercial surrogacy and regulate altruistic and proved infertility surrogacy in India. The bill was passed by the Lok Sabha during the monsoon session of the Parliament on August 5. "The resolution to refer the bill to a select committee was moved by Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan. The house was divided upon certain contentious provisions of the bill.
- 31. Assam has announced the launch of 'Arundhati Swarna Yojana', under which the state would provide 10gm of gold as a gift to every bride who is an adult, has completed her education at least till 10th standard and has got her marriage registered.
- 32. The process of National Register of Citizen (NRC) will now be carried out across India. The announcement regarding this was made by Union Minister of Home Minister, Amit Shah in the Rajya Sabha on November 20, 2019. No Indian citizen will be left out of the NRC list.
- 33. The UP government has launched an intensive campaign to eradicate Filaria from the state. The Filaria disease is caused due to biting by infected mosquitoes. It is spread through mostly female mosquitos. The central government has made the goal of eradicating Filaria from India by 2021.



- 34. Constitution Day 2019: This day is celebrated every year on 26 November in the country. On this special day Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, the creator of the Constitution, is remembered. On 26 November 1949, the Constituent Assembly of India formally adopted the Constitution of India. It came into force on 26 January 1950. It was declared by the government of India on 19 November 2015 to celebrate 26 November as Constitution Day every year. The announcement was made while laying the foundation stone of Ambedkar's Statue of Equality Memorial.
- 35. "Transgender Bill 2019: The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2019 has been passed by the Parliament. The Rajya Sabha passed the bill without any amendments on November 26, 2019 by voice vote. The Lok Sabha had passed the bill earlier during its monsoon session on August 5, 2019."The Transgender Bill was moved in the upper house by Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Thaawarchand Gehlot. The bill aims to protect the rights of transgender persons by granting them their due recognition and making welfare provisions for them. The bill will now be sent for Presidential assent, after which it will become a law."
- 36. The Maharashtra Vikas Aghadi has staked claim to form government in Maharashtra. The tripartite alliance nominated Shiv Sena chief as their nominee for the CM post. Uddhav Thackeray is scheduled to take oath as the new Maharashtra CM on November 28. The Governor has asked the alliance to submit letters showing majority support in the assembly by December 3.
- 37. The term of the 15th Finance Commission has been extended toll October 30, 2020 so that it gets more time to prepare its final report with recommendations for the financial period starting from 2021 till 2026. The term extension was granted by cabinet chairing PM Narendra Modi.
- 38. The bill banning usage, sale, production and storage of e-cigarettes has been passed by the Lok Sabha. The bill proposes jail term of up to 1 year and fine up to Rs 1 lakh for first time offenders and jail term of up to 3 years and fine up to Rs 5 lakh for subsequent offenders.
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- 49. According to data released by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), India's unemployment rate in October rose to 8.5%, the highest level since August 2016.
- 50. The Bilateral Exercise 'Samudra Shakti' was held during November 6-7, 2019 between Indian Navy and Indonesian Navy in the Bay of Bengal. An Anti-Submarine Warfare Corvette INS Kamorta took part in the naval exercise.
- 51. Pakistan has recently test-fired surface-to-surface Shaheen-1 missile. This missile is capable of hitting all types of weapons on the target. It can hit a target upto 650 kilometers. Its purpose is to check the availability of missiles for military use.
- 52. USA approved sale of 13 MK45 Naval guns to India at an estimated cost of USD 1.0210 billion. MK-45 Gun System will enable the Indian Navy to carry out anti-air defence missions and anti-surface warfare.
- 53. The National Investigation Agency (NIA) will host the first-ever counter-terrorism (CT) exercise for the Quad countries in New Delhi. The Quad countries include the United States (US), India, Australia, and Japan. China is not in the list.
- 54. On November 21 2019, NVIDIA announced the World's Largest GPU-accelerated cloud-based supercomputer named NDv2 on Microsoft Azure. NDv2 is a supercomputer which was built to handle most demanding Artificial intelligence (AI) and its High Performance Computing (HPC) application.
- 55. The Japanese space organization's (JAXA) spacecraft Hayabusa-2 reached the asteroid Ryugu, 300 million kilometers from Earth, after a three-and-a-half-year journey. It has collected some samples of the asteroid and now it is returning to Earth.
- 56. Twelve people of the Indian Air Force have been selected as potential astronauts for the Gaganyaan mission. Seven of them have gone to Russia for training. Once these seven potential astronauts come back from Russia, the remaining selected astronauts will be sent for training
- 57. The farthest cosmic body, earlier known as 'Ultima Thule' has been renamed by The US Space Agency National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to 'Arrokoth' or Sky. The decision of renaming the cosmic body was taken by NASA because it was criticized over the old name's Nazi connections.
- 58. On November 22, 2019, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)'s researches discovered a new "Warm Jupiter" exoplanet. It has been named as TOI-677 b. It is an alien world exoplanet transiting the main sequence late F-type star on an eccentric orbit by TESS (Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite). It is about 23% bigger and massive than Jupiter.



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- 61. India's second test against Bangladesh at the Eden Gardens is its first-ever pink ball day/ night test. The test will be played with a pink ball instead of the traditional red and the match will be half played under floodlights. The pink ball was chosen for better visibility under the yellow lights.
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- 64. 11258 scientists from 153 countries around the world have declared a climate emergency. There are 69 Indian scientists who have signed this declaration. These scientists have introduced a six-point program, which can control climate change.
- 65. The Brown to Green Report is developed by experts from 14 research organizations and is the most comprehensive review of climate actions of G20 nations. 80 indicators are covered by the report. Out of 181 countries, Russia, India, Italy, Germany, and France were the highest-ranked countries that faced economic losses from extreme weather events. Two countries with long term goals were Brazil and Germany. Russia, Indonesia, China, Saudi Arabia, EU, and Turkey are lagging ambitious NDC targets as required by the Paris Agreement.
- 66. Avian Botulism has been revealed as the reason behind the death of over 10,000 migratory birds at Sambhar Lake. Botulism bacteria are reported to produce a toxic substance that has led to the death of the migratory birds. The bacterium is suspected to spread in the body of birds through water or worms. The Avian Botulism is difficult to cure.
- 67. The World Tsunami Awareness Day is celebrated every year on November 5, 2019 across the world. The Day was proclaimed in the year 2015. The Day aims to raise awareness about Tsunami among people living in low-lying areas.
- 68. Every year National Education Day is observed on November 11. This day is celebrated on the birth anniversary of India's first education minister Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. He was awarded Bharat Ratna in 1992.
- 69. The World Children's Day is celebrated every year on November 20 with an aim to promote togetherness and awareness among the children and boost children's welfare.
- 70. The National Press Day is observed annually on November 16. National Press Day is a symbol of free and responsible press. On this day the Press Council of India started working, which is a monitoring press related institutions. The Press Council of India is a legal quasi-judicial body created by an Act of Parliament.

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