

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2019

Awards

- The country which has conferred The King Hamad Order of Renaissance award on the Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi – **Bahrain**
- The Chairman of ISRO who has been awarded the APJ Abdul Kalam Award by the Tamil Nadu government – **Kailasavadivoo Sivan**
- The former Indian cricketer who has been awarded the Bharat Gaurav award by East Bengal football club – **Kapil Dev**

Defence

- The IAF Officer who has become the first female officer of the Indian Air Force to become the Flight Commander of a flying unit – **Wing Commander S Dhami**
- The country which has formally unveiled its long range surface to air missile defence system named Bavar 373 – **Iran**
- The award which has been conferred on Wg Cdr Abhinandan Varthaman for his role in aerial combat with Pakistani intruder jets – **Vir Chakra**

Sports

- The team which has won the Durand Cup 2019 football tournament defeating Mohun Bagan in the finals in Kolkata – **Gokulam Kerala**
- The Indian badminton player who has won the women's singles title at the 2019 BWF World Championships defeating Nozomi Okuhara of Japan in the finals at St. Jakobshalle in Basel, Switzerland- **PV Sindhu**
- The former Indian cricketer who has been appointed Indian cricket team's coach for the second time in a row – **Ravi Shastri**
- The team which has won the 2019 Ultimate Table Tennis League defeating Dabang Delhi in the finals in New Delhi – **Chennai Lions**

Places

- The venue of G-7 Summit held from 24 to 26 August 2019 with the theme Fighting Inequality (Indian PM Shri Narendra Modi attended it as a special guest) – **Biarritz, France**
- The venue of the World Youth Congress on Kindness organised by the UNESCO Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (MGIEP) from August 20 to 23, 2019 – **New Delhi**
- The city in which Amazon.com Inc has inaugurated its single largest campus in the world – **Hyderabad**
- The city chosen to be the main venue for National Handloom Day 2019 to be observed on 07 August 2019 – **Bhubaneswar**

Persons

- The first woman to become the Director General of Police of a state (Uttarakhand) who passed away on 26 August 2019 – **Kanchan Chaudhary Bhattacharya**
- The Hollywood actress who has been named the highest paid actress in 2019 by the Forbes magazine – **Scarlett Johansson**
- The new Home Secretary appointed to succeed Shri Rajiv Gauba who has been appointed the Cabinet Secretary – **Ajay Kumar Bhalla**
- The new Cabinet Secretary appointed for a period of 2 years to replace the present Cabinet Secretary Shri PK Sinha – **Rajiv Gauba**
- The veteran music composer of Bollywood, known for films like Umrao Jaan, Kabhi Kabhi etc who passed away on 19 August 2019 – **Khayyam**
- The former Chief Minister of Bihar (3 times) who passed away on 19 August 2019 – **Jagannath Mishra**
- The popular anchor of Doordarshan, a recipient of the Nari Shakti Puraskar and well-known for her show Tejaswini, who passed away on 17 August 2019 – **Neelum Sharma**
- The veteran Bollywood actress known for her role in films like Choti si Baat, Rajnigandha etc who passed away on 15 August 2019 – **Vidya Sinha**
- The veteran Bollywood film producer and director known for his movies like Asha, Apnapan, Aaya Sawan Jhoom Ke, Akhir Kyon who passed away on 07 August 2019 – **J. Om Prakash**
- The well-known writer of books like Beloved, Song of Solomon, The Bluest Eye etc and winner of

Nobel Prize for Literature in 1993 who passed away on 05 August 2019 – **Toni Morrison**

Miscellaneous

- The 15th century Hindu mystic and saint on whom world's first museum was inaugurated in Kolkata by Chief Minister Mamta Banerjee – **Shri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu**
- The patriotic song sung by Javed Ali, penned by lyricist Shrivastav, composed by Dushyant and released by Doordarshan is named – **Watan**
- The theme of World Biofuel Day to be observed on 10 August 2019 – **Production of Biodiesel from Used Cooking Oil**
- The rank of India in the Global GDP rankings released by World Bank for 2018 – **Seventh**
- The States in which One Nation One Card scheme has been launched on a pilot basis by the Union Government – **Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra**

Merger of Public Sector Banks 2019

1. Punjab National Bank, United Bank of India and Oriental Bank of Commerce
2. Canara Bank and Syndicate Bank
3. Union Bank of India, Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank
4. Indian Bank and Allahabad Bank
5. Total number of public sector banks after merger – 12

New Geographical Indications Tags

- **PalaniPanchamirtham**: An abishega Prasadam of Lord Dhandayuthapani Swamy, the presiding deity of Arulmigu Dhandayuthapaniswamy Temple, situated in palani Hills, Palani Town in Dindigul District of Tamil Nadu. It is a combination of five natural substances, namely, banana, jaggery sugar, cow ghee, honey and cardamom in a definite proportion. This is the first time a temple 'prasadam' from Tamil Nadu has been bestowed with the GI tag
- **Tawhlohpuan**: A medium to heavy, compactly woven, good quality fabric from Mizoram is known for warp yarns, warping, weaving & intricate designs that are made by hand.
- **Mizo Puanchei**: A colourful Mizo shawl/textile, from Mizoram, is considered as the most colourful among the Mizo textiles. It is an essential possession for every Mizo lady and an important marriage outfit in the state.
- **Tirur betel vine**: Mainly cultivated in Tirur, Tanur, Tirurangadi, Kuttippuram, Malappuram and Vengara block panchayaths of Malappuram District (Kerala), is valued both for its mild stimulant action and medicinal properties.

Arun Jaitley

- 28 December 1952 to 24 August 2019
- Minister of Finance and Minister of Corporate Affairs from 2014 to 2019. He was also the Minister of Defence and Minister of Information and Broadcasting for shorter durations during the period.
- He was the Minister of Information and Broadcasting under the Prime Ministership of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee

Sushma Swaraj

- 14 February 1952 to 06 August 2019
- Minister of External Affairs from 2014 to 2019. She was the first woman to independently hold the charge. Mrs. Indira Gandhi held the charge additionally to her Prime Ministership.
- Chief Minister of Delhi from Oct to Dec 1998
- Awarded the Best Parliamentarian Award twice in 2008 and 2010.

New Governors

- Shri Jagdeep Dhankar: West Bengal
- Shri RN Ravi: Nagaland

Ramon Magsaysay Awards 2019

#	Person	Nationality	Award for
01.	Raymundo Pujante Cayabyab	Philippines	Nurturing the gift and unifying power of music.
02.	Jong-ki Kim	South Korea	Stemming the destructive tide of youth violence.
03.	Ravish Kumar	India	Harnessing journalism to give voice to the voiceless.
04.	Angkhana Neelapaijit	Thailand	Championing justice, case after painful case
05	Ko Swe Win	Myanmar	Building the quality and force of media's truth-telling.

Composite Water Management Index - 17-18

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Non-Himalayan States NE & Himalayan States UTs

Rank	Non-Himalayan States	NE & Himalayan States	UTs
1.	Gujarat	Himachal Pradesh	Puducherry
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Uttarakhand	Delhi
3.	Madhya Pradesh	Tripura	

Important Days of August

International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples: 09 August 2019 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 1995 Theme: Indigenous Languages	World Humanitarian Day: 19 August 2019 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2009 Theme: Women Humanitarians
International Youth Day: 12 August 2019 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2000 Theme: Transforming Education	International Day against Nuclear Tests: 29 August 2019 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2010
World Elephant Day: 12 August 2019 Designated by: Patricia Sims and Elephant Reintroduction Programme of Thailand First observed: 2012	International Day of Victims of Enforced Disappearances: 30 August 2019 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2011

Sports Awards – 2019

Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award

#	Recipient	Discipline
1.	Bajrang Punia	Wrestling
2.	Ms Deepa Malik	Para Athletics

Dronacharya Award

#	Recipient	Discipline
1.	Shri Vimal Kumar	Badminton
2.	Shri Sandeep Gupta	Table Tennis
3.	Shri Mohinder Singh Dhillon	Athletics
4.	Shri Merzban Patel	Hockey (Life time)
5.	Shri Rambir Singh Khokhar	Kabaddi (Life time)
6.	Shri Sanjay Bhardwaj	Cricket (Life time)

Arjuna Award

#	Recipient	Discipline
1.	Shri Tajinderpal Singh Toor	Athletics (Shot put)
2.	Shri Mohammed Anas Yahiya	Athletics (Track & Field)
3.	Ms. Swapna Barman	Athletics (Heptathlon)
4.	Shri Bhamidipati Sai Praneeth	Badminton
5.	Shri S. Bhaskaran	Body building
6.	Ms. Sonia Lather	Boxing

7.	Shri Ravindra Jadeja	Cricket
8.	Ms. Poonam Yadav	Cricket
9.	Shri Fouaad Mirza	Equestrian
10.	Shri Gurpreet Singh Sandhu	Football
11.	Shri Chinglensana Singh Kangujam	Hockey
12.	Shri Ajay Thakur	Kabaddi
13.	Shri Gaurav Singh Gill	Motor Sports
14.	Shri Simran Singh Shergill	Polo
15.	Ms. Anjum Moudgil	Shooting
16.	Shri Harmeet Rajul Desai	Table Tennis
17.	Ms. Pooja Dhanda	Wrestling
18.	Shri Sundar Singh Gurjar	Para-Athletics
19.	Shri Pramod Bhagat	Para-Badminton

Dhyan Chand Award

#	Recipient	Discipline
1.	Shri Manuel Fredricks	Hockey
2.	Shri Arup Basak	Table Tennis
3.	Shri Manoj Kumar	Wrestling
4.	Shri Nitten Kirrtane	Tennis
5.	Shri C. Lalremsanga	Archery

Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar

#	Category	Recipient
1.	Identification and Nurturing of Budding and Young Talent	The Gagan Narang Sports Promotion Foundation
2.	Encouragement to Sports through Corporate Social Responsibility	GoSports Foundation
3.	Sports for Development	Rayalaseema Development Trust

Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards 2018

#	Recipient	Discipline
1.	Ms. Aparna Kumar	Land Adventure
2.	Late Shri Dipankar Ghosh	Land Adventure
3.	Shri Manikandan K.	Land Adventure
4.	Shri Prabhat Raju Koli	Water Adventure
5.	Shri RameshwerJangra	Air Adventure
6.	Shri Wangchuk Sherpa	Life Time Achievement

66th National Film Awards 2018

#	Name of the Award	Name of the Film	Awardees
1.	Best Feature Film	Hellaro (Gujarati)	Director: Abhishek Shah
2.	Indira Gandhi Award for Best Debut Film of a Director	Naal (Marathi)	Director: Sudhakar Reddy Yakkanti
3.	Best Popular Film	Badhaai Ho (Hindi)	Director: Amit Sharma
4.	Nargis Dutt Award for Best Feature Film on National Integration	Ondalla Eradalla (Kannada)	Director: D Satya Prakash
5.	Best Film on Social Issues	Padman (Hindi)	Director: R Balki
6.	Best Film on Environment Conservation/Preservation	Paani (Marathi)	Director: Addinath Kothare

7.	Best Children's Film	Sarkari Hiriy Prathamika Shale Kasargodu (Kannada)	Director: Rishab Shetty
8.	Best Hindi Film	Andhadhun	Director: Sriram Raghavan
9.	Best Direction	Uri, the Surgical Strike (Hindi)	Director: Aditya Dhar
10.	Best Actor	Ayushmann Khurrana for Andhadhun and Vicky Kaushal for Uri	
11.	Best Actress	Keerthy for Mahanati (Telugu)	
12.	Best Supporting Actor	Swanand Kirkire for Chumbak (Marathi)	
13.	Best Supporting Actress	Surekha Sikri for Badhaai Ho (Hindi)	
14.	Best Male Playback Singer	Arijit Singh for the song "Binte Dil Misriya mein" (Padmaavat)	
15.	Best Female Playback Singer	Bindhu Malini for the song "Maayavi Manave" Nathicharami (Kannada)	
16.	Best Book on Cinema	Mouna Prathanapole (Malayalam) Author: S Jayachandran Nair	
17.	Most Film Friendly State	Uttarakhand	

Source: <http://www.leadthecompetition.in/index.html>

3 Lakh houses sanctioned under PMAY(U) in the 46th CSMC for 2019

In the 46th meeting of the Central Approval and Monitoring Committee (CSMC) for the year 2019, which was chaired by Shri Durga Shanker Mishra, Secretary, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs in New Delhi, approved 865 proposals from 10 States for the construction of 2.99 lakh houses, with an overall investment of Rs. 15,109 cr. The Central assistance will be Rs. 4,482 crore.

Amit Shah meets his Singaporean counterpart in New Delhi, discusses bilateral issues

The Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah met his Singaporean counterpart K Shanmugam in New Delhi and they discussed bilateral and regional issues of mutual interest. The two sides agreed to step up cooperation in dealing with trans-national organized crime, including drug trafficking and economic offenses.

Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan held meeting with Australian Minister for Resources and Northern Australia Senator, Matthew Canavan in New Delhi

Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan held a meeting with Australian Minister for Resources and Northern Australia Senator, Matthew Canavan in New Delhi. They agreed to work towards strengthening the energy pillar of bilateral engagement. India is the largest importer of Australian metallurgical coal.

Overview of France's NSA Emmanuel Bonne visit to India

Emmanuel Bonne, Diplomatic Adviser and G7 Sherpa to French President Emmanuel Macron, arrived in New Delhi for the biannual Indo-French Strategic Dialogue 2019. He is also the National Security Advisor (NSA) of France. He met National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval and spoke on all aspects of the Indo-French strategic partnership, major regional and international issues, and G7 priorities on global challenges backed by India.

3-day International Snacks Festival 2019 inaugurated in Hyderabad

A 3-day International Snacks Festival 2019 was inaugurated in Hyderabad, Telangana. It was inaugurated at the Ameerpet Metro station by Hyderabad Metro Rail (HMRL) Managing Director (MD) NVS Reddy, along with secretary to Tourism, Culture & Youth Affairs of Telangana, B Venkatesham and Larsen & Toubro Metro Rail Hyderabad (L&TMRH) project director MP Naidu and others.

5th edition of Aqua Aquaria India for the year 2019 held in Hyderabad

The 5th edition of Aqua Aquaria India for the year 2019 was held at Hitex International Convention & Exhibition Centre, Hyderabad, Telangana with the theme "To take Blue Revolution to India's hinterland". It was inaugurated by the Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu. The 3-day biennial event was organized by the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) under the Commerce Ministry. It is the largest aquaculture exhibition in India.

Election Commission of India launches "Electors Verification Programme" voter verification & authentication

The election commission of India (ECI) has launched Electors Verification Programme (EVP), that seeks updation of electoral rolls through crowdsourcing. A special camp was held at the election commission's headquarters in New Delhi, where National Voters' Service Portal (NVSP) and Voter helpline app were unveiled by the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Sunil Arora. The portal is <https://www.nvsp.in/>

Cultural event 'Namaste Pacific' organised in Delhi

Cultural event 'Namaste Pacific' was organised in Delhi jointly by the high commissions of Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, and Fiji to showcase Pacific region cultures in India. Para-athlete Deepa Malik (Shot Put player) and future Secretary (East) of Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) from October 1, 2019 Vijay Thakur Singh were the guest of honours at the event.

CGHS Bhawan inaugurated in Sector 13 of R K Puram in New Delhi

Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr Harsh Vardhan inaugurated the state-of-the-art Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) Bhawan in Sector 13 of R K Puram in New Delhi.

CGHS services, started in 1954 from Government of India Market in Delhi, was expanded to only 25 cities till 2014. In the last 5 years (Till 2019), the Modi government has extended it to 71 cities.

Prakash Javadekar launched the new logo and certificate design of Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC)

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).

Secretary-General of INTERPOL, Mr. Jurgen Stock, called on Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah, in New Delhi

International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) Secretary General, Mr. Jürgen Stock, called on Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah, in New Delhi. He assured the best support of INTERPOL for the fight against terror. The proposal was made to host the INTERPOL General Assembly in New Delhi in the year 2022, as part of celebrations of the 75th Anniversary of Indian Independence.

India's longest electrified rail tunnel in Andhra Pradesh inaugurated by Vice president

Vice President of India, Shri Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the longest electrified railway tunnel (6.7km) between Cherlopalli and Rapuru costing Rs 437 crores, and the electrified railway line (112km) between Venkatachalam (Krishnapatnam) and Obulavaripalli costing Rs 1,993 crores in Andhra Pradesh.

New health insurance scheme, 'AB-MGRSBY' launched in Rajasthan

The Rajasthan state government has launched a new health insurance scheme called Ayushman Bharat-Mahatma Gandhi Rajasthan Swasthya Bima Yojna (AB-MGRSBY) by integrating the Bhamashah Health Insurance Scheme(BSBY) of the State Government and Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna Scheme(AB-PMJAY) of the Central Government. Read full details here: [New Health Insurance Scheme, 'AB-MGRSBY' Launched In Rajasthan](#)

72nd Session Of The WHO Regional Committee For South-East Asia' Held In New Delhi

Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare(MoHFW) Dr. Harsh Vardhan inaugurated the '72nd Session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia' in New Delhi and was also unanimously elected as the chair of the 72nd Session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia. The month of September to be observed as "PoshanMaah" (Nutrition Month) addressing malnutrition problems and improve healthy eating and move towards 'Malnutrition- Free India'. Read full details here: [72nd Session Of The WHO Regional Committee For South-East Asia' Held In New Delhi](#)

"Garvi Gujarat Bhavan" inaugurated by PM Modi in New Delhi

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the "Garvi Gujarat Bhavan" at Akbar Road in New Delhi. The building was built by the Gujarat government at a cost of Rs 131 crore which will serve as a home for Gujarati people in Delhi and the old Gujarat Bhavan at Chanakyapuri, Delhi will also continue to function.

Central Government To Invest Rs 25,000 Crore In Different Sectors Of Fisheries In Next 5 Years With an aim to improve the fisheries sector, the Union government has plans to invest Rs. 25,000 crore in different sectors of fisheries in the next 5 years. It will help in the accomplishment of the goals of the ambitious Blue Revolution (Fisheries) project. Read full details here: [Central Government To Invest Rs 25,000 Crore In Different Sectors Of Fisheries In Next 5 Years](#)

4th General Assembly of the Association Of World Election Bodies (A-WEB) for the Year 2019 held in Bengaluru

The Election Commission of India (ECI) hosted the 4th General Assembly of the Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB) for the year 2019. It was held in Bengaluru, Karnataka from September 2-4, 2019. India took over as A-WEB's Chair for the 2019-21 term. The General Assembly meeting was presided by the Chief Election Commissioner of India Shri Sunil Arora. The meeting of the Executive Board of A-WEB was held on September 2, 2019. Read full details here: [4th General Assembly of the Association Of World Election Bodies \(A-WEB\) for the Year 2019 held in Bengaluru](#)

'Terracotta Grinder' Launched by KVIC at Varanasi to Re-use wasted pottery

Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) based at Mumbai, has launched 'Terracotta grinder' at Sewapuri, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. It is manufactured under KVIC's project REPLAN (REducingPLastic in Nature) and grinds waste and broken pottery items for reuse in pottery making. It is designed by KVIC chairman Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena and Fabricated by Rajkot(Gujarat) based engineering unit.

DST selects IIT-Delhi & IIT Kharagpur to establish shared science and technology infrastructure facility SATHI

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi and IIT Kharagpur have been selected by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) to establish a shared science and technology infrastructure facility named Sophisticated Analytical and Technical Help Institute (SATHI). DST will provide Rs 125 Crore over a period of 3 years, starting from 2019-20, to set up SATHI.

A ministerial panel chaired by FM Nirmala Sitharaman to study Health Ministry proposal to ban e- cigarette

A panel of ministers from commerce, health, agriculture, chemicals and petrochemicals, and food processing departments chaired by finance minister (FM) Nirmala Sitharaman will study the proposal of Ministry of Health, Government of India (GoI) to ban the production and import of e- cigarettes, through an ordinance.

Health ministry proposes The Health Care Service Personnel and Clinical Establishments (Prohibition of Violence and Damage to Property) Bill, 2019

In order to address the issue of violence faced by doctors and the damages caused to clinical establishment properties, the Union health ministry has decided to propose a legislation bill titled “The Health Care Service Personnel and Clinical Establishments (Prohibition of Violence and Damage to Property) Bill”, 2019, which provides 10yr imprisonment treating it as a non-bailable offence and fine of upto Rs.10 lakhs to a person assaulting doctor or other health care personnel.

3rd India-Australia Cyber Dialogue For The Year 2019 Held In New Delhi

3rd India-Australia Cyber Policy Dialogue for the year 2019 was held in New Delhi. Shri Upender Singh Rawat, Joint Secretary in charge of e-Governance, Information Technology and Cyber Diplomacy at the Indian Ministry of External Affairs led the Indian delegation and Australian delegation was led by the Ambassador for Cyber Affairs Dr. Tobias Feakin. Read full details

here: [3rd India-Australia Cyber Dialogue For The Year 2019 Held In New Delhi](#)

India-Pakistan 3rd Round Of Negotiations On Kartarpur Sahib Corridor Held In Attari, Amritsar The 3rd round of meeting between officials of India & Pakistan on the modalities for operationalization of the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor held at Attari in Amritsar, Punjab. This is the second meeting between the two countries in the backdrop of tensions arising between India and Pakistan after the withdrawal of special state status from Jammu and Kashmir (J&K). The Indian delegation was led by SCL Das, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs and the Pakistani delegation led by Dr. Mohammad Faisal, Director General (South Asia and SAARC), Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Read full details here: [India-Pakistan 3rd round of negotiations on Kartarpur Sahib corridor held in Attari, Amritsar](#)

“National Conference On India-Africa Partnership In A Changing Global Order” Addressed By Vice President in New Delhi

Vice President of India Shri Venkaiah Naidu addressed the valedictory session of the national conference on 2019 ‘India-Africa Partnership in a Changing Global Order–Priorities, Prospects and Challenges’ in New Delhi organised by Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA). During the conference, India had also signed the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement (AfCFTA) to make Africa the largest trade area in the world. Read full details here: [“National Conference On India-Africa Partnership In A Changing Global Order” Addressed By Vice President](#)

Naval Quality Assurance Establishments hosted 2019 Joint Naval Annual Quality Conclave in Vizag The Naval Quality Assurance Establishments with the support of Director General Quality Assurance (DGQA), Ministry of Defence, hosted the 2019 Joint Naval Annual Quality Conclave (JNAQC) at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh on September 5, 2019. The theme for 2019 is “Transformation of QA Paradigm: Opportunities and Challenges”. Vice Admiral Atul Kumar Jain, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Eastern Naval Command, was the chief guest for the event.

Food ministry announces single-use plastic bottles ban from Sep 15

Union Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Shri Ram Vilas Paswan announced the ban of single- use plastic bottles in various departments and Public Sector Units (PSU) which also includes the Food Corporation of India (FCI). The ban becomes effective from September 15 onwards.

First National Conference on Cyber Crime Investigation and Cyber Forensics held in New Delhi 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.

Union environment ministry to draft a master plan for tigers at high altitude

Union environment minister Shri Prakash Javadekar (also information & broadcasting minister) decided to draft a master plan for the tigers after releasing a report on the presence of tigers in high altitude ecosystems prepared by the Global Tiger Forum (GTF).

Under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act 1967, Maulana Masood Azhar, Hafiz Saeed, Zaki- ur-Rehman Lakhvi & Dawood Ibrahim have been declared as individual terrorists

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.

2019 South Asian Parliamentarian conference for Children of UNICEF held in Colombo

9th edition of weeklong joint maritime naval exercise between India and Srilanka(SL) named SLINEX for the year 2019 has commenced in the port of Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh. Two Sri Lanka Navy Ships(SLNS) namely Sindurala and Suranimala that are offshore patrol vehicles left the Trincomalee port of Srilanka to participate in the exercise.

Centre clears over Rs 5,000 crore worth Akash missile project for Air Force

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.

First 'Make in India' Metro Coach In Mumbai inaugurated by PM Modi in Mumbai

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi inaugurated the first Metro Coach in Mumbai under the 'Make in India' initiative at Jio World Centre, Maharashtra, Mumbai. He also launched Rs.19,000 crore worth metro projects with previous investment of Rs 1.5Lakh crore and laid foundation stone of 3 Metro lines to the metro network of the city expected to be operational from 2031.

Read full details here: [First 'Make In India' Metro Coach In Mumbai Inaugurated By PM Modi In Mumbai](#)

A Task Force Headed By Economic Affairs Secretary Mr Atanu Chakraborty Set Up To Draw Up National Infrastructure Pipeline Of Rs 100 Lakh Crore

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman constituted a task force headed by Secretary of the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) Mr Atanu Chakraborty for drawing up National Infrastructure Pipeline of Rs 100 lakh crore (\$1.4 trillion) from the fiscal year 2019-20 to 2024-

25. It also includes the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NITI Aayog Mr Amitabh Kant. Read full details here: [A Task Force Headed By Economic Affairs Secretary Mr Atanu Chakraborty Set Up To Draw Up National Infrastructure Pipeline Of Rs 100 Lakh Crore](#)

5 public institutes were awarded IoE status by the HRD Ministry

Ministry of Human Resource & Development (MHRD) awarded Institute of Eminence (IoE) status to a total of 5 institutions, and Letter of Intent (LoI) for granting the IoE to 5 private universities, based on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission(UGC). The universities with IoE status are Delhi University, Banaras Hindu University, University of Hyderabad, Indian Institute of Technology- Madras, and IIT-Kharagpur. Read full details here: [5 public institutes were awarded IoE status by the HRD Ministry](#)

UNESCO Ties Up With Rajasthan to Promote State's Intangible Cultural Heritage

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), a specialized agency of the United Nations based in Paris, France has joined hands with Rajasthan state government to further enhance music, art and craft forms, and other intangible cultural heritage of the state. Read full details here: [UNESCO Ties Up With Rajasthan To Promote State's Intangible Cultural Heritage](#)

Govt. launches POSHAN Maah 2019 campaign to promote 'eat right India movement'

Union Health Minister Shri Harsh Vardhan launched mass media campaign POSHAN Maah (nutrition campaign) 2019 to promote the "eat right India movement" (launched 10th July 2018) to improve public health and combat negative nutritional trends. The campaign will have weekly themes in the upcoming 365 days. The three major pillars for the program are : Eat Safe, Eat Healthy and Eat Sustainably.

Ladakh's first ever Mobile Science Exhibition (SCIENCE EXPLORER) of NCSM in Leh flagged off by Shri Prahlad Singh Patel

First-ever Mobile Science Exhibition (SCIENCE EXPLORER) was flagged off in Leh, Ladakh by Union culture and tourism minister (Independent charge) Shri Prahlad Singh Patel and would be available as first of its kind in the entire Ladakh region. He also launched 25 new Mobile Science Exhibition(MSE) buses for Aspirational Districts across the country in order to reach the unserved/unreached areas and it is fully funded by the culture ministry.

Kochi to host 22nd India International Seafood Show after 12 years

The 22nd edition of the India International Seafood Show (IISS) which is one of the largest seafood fairs in Asia, is to be hosted by the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) in association with Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI) in Kochi (known as queen of Arabian sea) at Hotel Grand Hyatt from February 7-9, in 2020. This biennial show would be Kochi's first hosting after 12 years.

An upcoming movie 'Coolie No.1' is the first Bollywood film which is set to go plastic-free

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