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Important Days

June 1	World Milk Day	"Drink Milk: Today & Everyday"
June 1	Global Day of Parents	"Honor Your Parents!"
June 3	World Bicycle Day	-
June 4	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression	-
June 5	World Environment Day	Beat Air Pollution
June 7	World Food Safety Day	"Food Safety, everyone's business!"
June 3 - 7	Financial Literacy Week	"Farmers"
June 8	World Oceans Day	Gender and the Ocean
June 8	World Brain Tumour Day	-
June 12	The World Day Against Child Labour	"Children should not work in fields, but on dreams!"
June 15	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	
June		

Important Banking News

RBI

RBI extends relaxed norms for NBFC loan securitisation till December 31

- The RBI has extended minimum holding period requirement for NBFCs to raise funds via loan securitisation to help the sector overcome liquidity shortage.
- As per the earlier notification issued by the Reserve Bank of India in November, the dispensation was valid till May, 2019. RBI has been decided to extend the dispensation provided therein till December 31, 2019,
- The relaxation in minimum holding period (MHP) criteria will primarily benefit housing finance companies and NBFCs, offering mortgage loans where the tenure is typically more than five years.

Second Bi-Monthly monetary policy:

- Repo rate reduced by 25 bps to 5.75 per cent for third time in a row
- Reverse repo rate now stands at 5.50 per cent, marginal standing facility (MSF) rate 6 per cent
- RBI changes policy stance to accommodative from neutral
- Cuts GDP growth forecast to 7 per cent from 7.2 per cent for FY20
- Raises retail inflation forecast for April-September to 3-3.1 per cent and 3.4-3.7 per cent in October-March
- Projects upward bias in food inflation in near term due to rising prices of food items
- Forecast risks to inflation trajectory from monsoon uncertainties, unseasonal spike in vegetable prices, crude oil prices, financial market volatility and fiscal scenario
- Waives RTGS and NEFT charges to promote digital transactions
- Sets up a panel to review ATM charges, fees levied by banks
- To issue draft guidelines for 'on tap' licensing of small finance banks by August

USEFUL INFO	
RBI Headquarters	Mumbai
RBI Governor	Shaktikant Das
RBI Deputy Governor	BP Kanungo, N S Vishwanathan, Viral Acharya and Mahesh Kumar Jain
Repo Rate	5.75%
Reverse Repo Rate	5.50%
MSF Rate	6.00%
Bank Rate	6.00%
CRR	4%
SLR	19.00%

RBI enters top-10 list of gold holders with 52.3-tonne purchase in FY19

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- The Reserve Bank of India purchased 52.3 tonnes gold in FY19 to augment its foreign exchange reserves, according to the latest data released by the World Gold Council.
- It has entered league of world's top-10 gold holding central banks. RBI currently holds 612.6 tonnes of the metal as part of its foreign exchange reserves. The United States is the top holder of Gold Reserves.

RBI imposes ₹2 cr fine on Kotak Bank for lack of disclosure on promoter stake

- The Reserve Bank imposed a penalty of ₹2 crore on Kotak Mahindra Bank for not complying with its directions regarding dilution of promoters' shareholding in the company.
- The private sector lender was directed by RBI to furnish information about details of the shareholding held by its promoters and to submit details of the proposed course of action for complying with the permitted timeline for dilution of promoter shareholding.
- However, Kotak Mahindra Bank failed to comply with the directions and a show cause notice was issued to the bank as to why penalty should not be imposed for non-compliance.
- As per RBI's banking licensing norms, a private bank's promoter holding has to be brought down to 40 per cent within three years of operations, 20 per cent within 10 years and 15 per cent within 15 years.

RBI issues revised norms to deal with stressed assets

- The Reserve Bank of India released fresh guidelines to deal with bad loans after the Supreme Court quashed its 12 February, 2018, circular, which mandated lenders to start resolution even if there was a one-day default.
- New NPA resolution norms replace all the previous models, the central bank said. Under the new norms, defaults are to be recognized within 30 days.
- Lenders will get a breather from the one-day default norm. They will get a 30-day review period to frame a resolution strategy. They have to submit a weekly report to the RBI on defaults by borrowers with exposure of ₹5 crore and above. New norms also applicable to small finance banks and large NBFCs

RBI forms committee to review ATM Interchange Fee Structure

- The Reserve Bank of India had announced
- ed in the Second Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy for the year 2019-20 that it will constitute a Committee to Review the ATM Interchange Fee Structure with a view to give a fillip to the ATM deployment in the unbanked areas.
- The committee is headed by **V. G. Kannan**, Chief Executive, Indian Banks' Association.
- To review the existing structures and patterns of costs, charges and interchange fees for ATM transactions;
- To review the overall patterns of usage of ATMs by cardholders and assess the impact, if any, on charges and interchange fees;
- To assess the entire gamut of costs in respect of the ATM ecosystem;
- To make recommendations on the optimal charge/interchange fee structure and pattern

RBI waives off charges for transactions using NEFT, RTGS

- With an aim to encourage digital transfer of funds, the Reserve Bank has waived off all charges for transactions using National Electronic Funds Transfer - NEFT and Real Time Gross Settlement - RTGS systems.
- RBI has advised banks to pass on the benefits to their customers with effect from 1st July, 2019.
- The Reserve Bank levies minimum charges on banks for transactions routed through its RTGS and NEFT System. RTGS is meant for large-value instantaneous fund transfers while NEFT System is used for fund transfers up to 2 lakh rupees.

RBI relaxes norms for no-frills accounts

- Banks will now provide cheque books and other facilities to basic account holders.
- However, the banks cannot ask the account holders to maintain any minimum balance in lieu of such facilities.
- The apex bank eased regulations for Basic Savings Bank Deposit (BSBD) Accounts, popularly known as 'no-frills' accounts.
- As per the BSBDA norms, account holders are not required to maintain minimum balance and get certain minimum facilities for free.
- These facilities include, four withdrawals from ATMs in a month, deposit of cash at bank branch, and ATM Card or ATM-cum-Debit Card.
- Also there will be no limit on number and value of deposits that can be made in a month in BSBDA

RBI to pump in ₹12,500 crore liquidity on June 20

- The Reserve Bank of India stated that it will infuse ₹12,500 crore into the financial system through bond purchases on June 20

- The purchase of government securities under the Open Market Operation (OMO) for ₹125 billion (₹12,500 crore) will be conducted on June 20, 2019.
- Earlier in the day, the RBI injected ₹15,000 crore into the system through bond purchases.
- The RBI uses open market operations (OMO) for injecting liquidity into the system through the purchase of government bonds (G-sec).

SBI

SBI launches digital residential property show in Hyderabad

- SBI has set up a new marketing outfit called 'Destination: The Home Shoppe' near IKEA in Hitec City
- At this Home Shoppe, the bank will have a digital display of residential projects from leading developers and approved by SBI
- It will function as a virtual property show bringing builder, customers and SBI under one roof. The Home Shoppe would facilitate the short-listing of projects by prospective buyers. The bank has already got 12 builders with 17 projects on board.

OTHER BANKING NEWS

Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme 2019-20

- The Government of India, in consultation with the Reserve Bank of India, has decided to issue Sovereign Gold Bonds for 2019-20 starting from June 2019 to September 2019.

The Bonds will be sold every month between July and September only through:

- Scheduled Commercial banks (except Small Finance Banks and Payment Banks), Stock Holding Corporation of India Limited (SHCIL), Designated post offices, and Recognised stock exchanges viz., National Stock Exchange of India Limited and Bombay Stock Exchange Limited.

LIC revises rule to increase maternity leave to 15 months

- Female employees of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) will now get three more months of maternity leave during their service period.
- According to the revised rules for maternity leaves notified by the Finance Ministry, an employee will get a maximum of 15 months of maternity leave during her service period.
- As of March 31, 2018, out of LIC's total employee strength of nearly 1.12 lakh, 24,000 were women.

Bank of Baroda tags Dighi Port chairman Vijay Kalantri as wilful defaulter

- State-owned lender Bank of Baroda (BoB) has declared Vijay GoverdhandasKalantri, chairman and managing director of Dighi Port, as a "wilful defaulter" for not repaying his loans.
- The leading industrialist Vijay GoverdhandasKalantri and his son Vishal Kalantri, director of Dighi Port, owe nearly Rs 3,334 crore to a consortium of 16 Indian banks, including BoB, and Bank of India is the lead lender.
- The bank had reportedly placed a public notice in a Mumbai-based newspaper, with photographs of Dighi Port Limited (borrower), Vishal Vijay Kalantri (Director) and Vijay Kalantri (Director and Guarantor), declaring them as "wilful defaulters".

IRDAI Hikes Third party insurance on small, medium cars by 12-12.5%

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has increased the third party (TP) motor insurance premium for small and medium private cars by 12-12.5 per cent for 2019-20.
- It has also proposed a hike in TP premium for two-wheelers and heavy vehicles for the current year.
- The new rates will come into effect from June 16. The insurance regulator had in March deferred the hike in third party insurance premium due to the elections.

CII launches new Index to measure fiscal performance

- Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has launched a Fiscal Performance Index (FPI) to assess state and central budgets.
- The Index incorporates qualitative assessments of revenue expenditure, capital expenditure, revenues, fiscal prudence and the level of public debt arrive at a more holistic picture of fiscal performance than the fiscal deficit to GDP ratio.
- The new index will use multiple indicators to measure the quality of Budgets at the Central and the State levels rather than a single indicator "fiscal deficit to GDP ratio" used till date.

Foreign exchange reserves swell by \$1.8 bn to \$421.8 bn: RBI

- The country's foreign exchange reserves increased by USD 1.875 billion to USD 421.867 billion in the week to May 31,

- In the reporting week, foreign currency assets, which is a major component of the overall reserves, rose by USD 1.946 billion to USD 394.134 billion. The country's reserve position with the fund also declined by USD 5.3 million to USD 3.331 billion.
- The special drawing rights with the International Monetary Fund fell by USD 2.3 million to USD 1.443 billion

Max Life Insurance launches unique 'My Protection Quotient' tool on second 'Protection Day'

- Max Life Insurance Co. Ltd. ('Max Life'/'Company'), one of India's fastest growing life insurance companies, announced the launch of a unique proprietary tool, 'My Protection Quotient' (MyPQ) further fortifying its commitment to ensure financial protection in the country.
- MyPQ is a smart tool designed to gauge the level of individual's financial protection and to promote awareness and importance of term plans in protecting the financial future of families.
- By launching MyPQ on the first-month anniversary of having dedicated 6th of every month as 'Protection Day'

YES Bank conducts e-auction for forest produce

- YES Bank has conducted the first e-auction of forest produce in Dhanora Mahasangh in Maharashtra, something it will now aim to replicate in other states.
- The online auction enables the online purchase of goods aimed at facilitating effective and transparent price discovery. For farmers, this brings in greater transparency and eliminates the middle man, ensuring that they get a better rate for their produce.
- This is done under the Tech for Change initiative where the bank work with the government and corporates to create technology-based solutions which have a social impact.

FDI flow into India rises 6% to \$42 billion in 2018: UNCTAD

- Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) to India grew by 6 per cent to USD 42 billion in 2018, with strong inflows in the manufacturing, communication and financial services sectors, and cross-border merger and acquisition activities, according to a UN report that ranked India among the top 20 host economies for FDI inflows in 2017-18.
- India ranks 10th amongst the top recipients of FDI in 2018
- The World Investment Report 2019, released by the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Wednesday, said global FDI flows slid by 13 per cent in 2018 to USD 1.3 trillion from USD 1.5 trillion the previous year the third consecutive annual decline
- India and UAE were considered among the top 10 most important sources of FDI for the 2019 to 2021 period
- India's FDI outflows more than doubled in 2017 to \$11.3 bn, mostly led by ONGC, which bought a 15% stake in an offshore field in Namibia from Tullow Oil

Centre reduces rate of ESI contribution to 4% from 6.5%

- The government has reduced the rate of contribution towards the Employees' State Insurance scheme from 6.5% to 4%.
- After the reduction of rates, effective from July 1, 2019, employers' contribution will be reduced to 3.25% from current rate of 4.75% while employees' contribution will be reduced from 1.75% to 0.75%, as per the provisions of the Employees' State Insurance Act 1948.
- The move "would benefit 12.85 lakh employers and over 3.6 crore employees."
- ESI Act, 1948 applies to organisations where 10 or more people are employed. All employees drawing salary upto Rs 21,000 are covered under the Act.

SEBI directs rating agencies to disclose probability of default

- The markets regulator directed credit rating companies to start disclosing the probability of default for the issuers they rate, troubled by the raters' track record of detecting defaults or near-defaults.
- Rating companies, in consultation with the regulator, will now create a uniform probability of default benchmark for each rating category on their website, for one-year, two-year and three-year cumulative default rates, both for the short term and long term
- The regulator introduced computation of cumulative default rates (CDR), standard operating procedure (SOP) in respect of tracking and timely recognition of default, probability of default (PD) benchmarks, rating symbol for instruments having explicit credit enhancement feature, disclosure of rating sensitivities in press release, disclosure on liquidity indicators and tracking deviations in bond spreads.

World Bank

Tamil Nadu Health System reform programme gets \$287 mn loan from World Bank

- The central government, Tamil Nadu and the World Bank have signed a \$287 million loan agreement for the state's Health System Reform Programme that aims to improve the quality of health care, reduce the burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs), and fill equity gaps in reproductive and child health services.
- Tamil Nadu ranks third among all Indian states in the NITI Aayog Health Index.

Important Financial & Economy Affairs

ORGANISATION	GDP RATE	
	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021
World Bank	7.5%	-

Important Business News

Tata Mutual Fund launches India's first mutual fund side pocket

- Tata Mutual Fund has announced plans to introduce segregated portfolios (side pockets) in three schemes hit by the DHFL debt crisis – Tata Corporate Bond Fund, Tata Medium Term Fund and Tata Treasury Advantage Fund. It has also suspended fresh inflows into these schemes.
- This instance is India's first formal use of the side pocketing provisions introduced by SEBI in December 2018.
- Other AMCs have made amendments to SIDs to allow side pocketing but this is the first time an AMC is actually proposing to carry out the procedure.
- Side pocketing requires an amendment of the Scheme Information Document (SID). Since this amendment constitutes a 'fundamental change of attribute,' investors have to be given a 30 day exit load free window to leave the fund.

ICAT Releases India's 1st BS – VI Certificate in Two Wheeler Segment

- International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT) released India's first Type Approval Certificate (TAC) for Bharat Stage - VI (BS – VI) norms for the two wheeler segment in New Delhi.
- The certificate was released and handed over by Director ICAT, Dinesh Tyagi to top officials of the OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturers).
- ICAT has taken many steps in providing assistance and support to the automotive industry for the development, optimization and calibration of engines and vehicles for complying with these upcoming emission norms.

ONGC overtakes IOC as most profitable PSU after profits jump by 34% in FY19

- ONGC, India's top oil and gas producer, has toppled Indian Oil Corp (IOC) to regain crown of being the country's most profitable public sector company. Oil and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC) reported a 34 per cent jump in its 2018-19 fiscal net profit to Rs 26,716 crore. In comparison, IOC registered a net profit of Rs 17,274 crore for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019.

China, India lead charts for fintech adoption growth

- Fintech adoption rate has risen to an average of 64 percent this year, with emerging markets like China and India leading the way, according to a report by Ernst & Young (EY).
- In its report titled 'Global FinTech Adoption Index 2019', EY said emerging markets like China and India (87 percent adoption rate) led the charts, followed by Russia and South Africa (82 percent).

Nilekani panel suggests 24x7 RTGS, NEFT, elimination of all charges

- To encourage digital payments, the Nandan Nilekani committee has suggested a host of measures, including elimination of charges, round the clock RTGS and NEFT facility and duty-free import of point-of-sales machines.
- The committee, which was appointed by the RBI, had submitted its suggestions on promoting digital payments to Governor Shaktikanta Das
- The committee had recommended that the Interchange on card payments be reduced by 15 basis points (0.15 per cent) as this will increase the incentive for acquirers to sign up merchants. Current import duty of POS machine was 18 per cent. The Committee recommends large scale usage of common and interoperable mobility cards by public across different transit options

Dell emerges as India's most trusted brand

- Dell has emerged as the most trusted brand in India in 2019, according to a report released by brand analytics firm TRA Research. Dell climbed five ranks over the previous year to grab the top spot and also introduced the laptop category in the report.

- The mother-brand Dell has grown its India revenues from US\$ 600 million in 2008 to nearly US\$ 20 billion in 2018 and US and India are the only two countries that have all Dell's business functions and provide support globally.
- LIC and Amazon are ranked on the third and fourth spots and Apple iPhone emerged as India's fifth most trusted brand, rising 116 ranks from 2018.

UDIN mention now mandatory for audit reports

- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) has mandated the mention of the Unique Document Identification Number (UDIN) in audit reports starting July 1.
- The UDIN would help to verify online whether a certificate or audit report that has been submitted has actually been signed by a chartered accountant.
- DIN is a unique number, which will be generated for every document certified/attested by Practising Chartered Accountants and registered with the UDIN portal. The portal is available at <https://udin.icai.org/>.

Razorpay launches digital payment support for 100 currencies

- Razorpay, a converged payments solution company, announced that it now supports 100 currencies for international digital payments - including all popular currencies such as U.S. Dollar (USD), European Dollar (EUR), British Pound (GBP), Arab Emirates Dirham (AED) and Singapore Dollar (SGD).
- With this offering, the company aims to open new growth avenues for the MSME segment, by enabling them to accept payments from other countries.
- Razorpay's International payments is integrated across the entire range of its product offering including Payment Gateway, Payment Links, Payment Pages, Subscriptions and Invoices.

Important State Wise National News

Assam

Capital – Dispur; CM – Sarbananda Sonowal; Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

Assam government hikes parental income limit under fee waiver scheme

- Assam government has waived admission fees for students taking admission up to Post Graduate level whose parental income is less than 2 lakh rupees per year. All provincialized government colleges and 5 universities are incorporated under the scheme.
- Assam Education Minister Siddhartha Bhattacharya said that the quality of the government schools is improved following the Gunotsav.

Assam government to provide subsidy of Rs 1.7 lakh for admission in North East Skill Centre

- Assam government to provide a subsidy of 1.7 lakh rupees for the admission in the North East Skill Centre.
- Total 400 students will get admission in first batch. The total course fees for the first batch students would be around Rs 2.2 lakh for which the state government has planned to provide a subsidy of Rs 1.7 lakh.
- NESCC has been set up by the Assam government in collaboration with ITE Education Services (ITEES), Singapore and was inaugurated in March 2019. It will provide International Standard, quality skill training facility in Food & Beverage Service, Housekeeping, Retail Service and Beauty & Wellness

Centre approves setting up of e-Foreigner Tribunal (e-FT) in Assam

- The Centre has approved setting up of e-Foreigner Tribunal (e-FT) in Assam.
- The CEO of e-FT Mission Anand Prakash Tiwari said that the proposed integrated e-FT IT system will be implemented across the state for effective monitoring and resolution of cases registered with Foreigner Tribunal.
- The main objective of the project is to maintain a statewide bio-metric and biographic data, to capture the illegal migrants' data to computerize data flow for all the stakeholders.
- It will also help in the legalization of eligible beneficiaries for welfare schemes.

Assam Transport Minister launches State Transport Corporation's Chalo app

- Assam Transport Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary launched the State Transport Corporation's Chalo app for Guwahati.
- The app will help commuters to know about the live arrival time of their bus so they can plan their travel accordingly.
- People can also track the live GPS position of their bus on a map. It will also ensure safe travel with features such as Emergency SOS.
- The project includes the introduction of electronic ticketing in State Transport buses with the latest generation of cutting-edge Electronic Ticket Issuing Machines which can accept all modes of payment, including cards, mobile payments, QR code payments and other forms of digital payments.

Andhra Pradesh

Capital – Hyderabad (Amravati); CM – YS Jagan Mohan Reddy; Governor - ESL Narasimhan

Jagan's 'YSR Rythu Bharosa' to Replace Naidu's 'Annadata Sukhibhava in Andhra Pradesh

- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy scrapped the previous Naidu government's 'Annadata Sukhibhava' scheme to replace it with the Rs 13,000 crore 'Rythu Bharosa' scheme to give direct benefits to farmers.
- Jagan Reddy has given the nod to implement the 'Rythu Bharosa' scheme, one of the key promises in the YSR Congress manifesto. The project has been estimated at Rs 13, 125 crore. The scheme will come into force on October 15 itself although it was due to be implemented from May next year.
- It will offer investment support of Rs. 12,500 per annum per farmer. It will also free crop insurance and interest-free loans to farmers. In total Rs. 50,000 will be given to a farmer in four installments of Rs 12,500. Eligibility: Farmers with land area less than 5 acres.
- It must be noted that the financial assistance of Rs. 15,000 per annum per farmer was provided under the Annadata Sukhibhava Scheme.

Gujarat

Capital: Gandhinagar; CM: Vijay Rupani; Governor: Om Prakash Kohli

Gujarat launches India's first trading programme to combat particulate air pollution

- Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani launched India's first trading programme to combat particulate air pollution on World Environment Day 2019, which has air pollution as its theme.
- The programme is a market-based system where the government sets a cap on emissions and allows industries to buy and sell permits to stay below the cap.

India's first Dinosaur Museum and Fossil Park opens in Gujarat

- A Dinosaur Museum and Fossil Park has opened in Gujarat's Mahisagar district's Raiyoli village, the first such facility in our country and third in the world.
- Spread across 72 acres, the park showcases fossilised remains of dinosaurs in the natural form.
- The museum has 10 galleries showcasing the Earth's inception, world dinosaurs, Indian dinosaurs and it also screens 3D movies.

Haryana

Capital – Chandigarh; CM - Manohar Lal Khattar; Governor - Satyadev Narayan Arya

High Court declares all animals in Haryana to be 'legal persons'

- The Punjab and Haryana High Court has accorded the status of "legal person or entity" to all animals in Haryana, granting them the "corresponding rights, duties and liabilities of a living person".
- The verdict comes nearly a year after Uttarakhand High Court passed a similar order "to protect and promote greater welfare of animals".

Capital – Jammu (winter) Srinagar (summer); CM - Vacant; Governor - Satya Pal Malik

Kheer Bhawani Mela 2019

- Kheer Bhawani Mela is celebrated at Tula Mula village of Jammu and Kashmir
- The devotees of the Goddess fast and gather here on the eighth day of the full moon in the month of May/ June (The Annual Festival, held here, is a public holiday in Kashmir) when, according to belief, the Goddess changes the colour of the spring's waters, which are ascribed to different manifestations of the Goddess.
- The kheer bhawanitemple is dedicated to the Goddess Rajnya Devi, popularly known as Kheer Bhawani. The name 'Kheer Bhawani' is derived from the fact that thousands of devotees offer milk and "Kheer" or pudding to the sacred spring, as they believe the pudding turns black to warn of impending disaster.

Jammu and Kashmir admin approves 2nd phase of comprehensive plan for flood management work on Jhelum river

- The Jammu and Kashmir administration has approved the second phase of a comprehensive plan for flood management work on the Jhelum river at a cost of over 5,400 crore rupees.
- The State Administrative Council, which met in Srinagar under the chairmanship of Governor Satya Pal Malik last evening, accorded in-principle approval to the Comprehensive Plan.
- The project is proposed to be implemented part-wise with Part A amounting to 1,684 crore rupees approved under Prime Minister's Development Package and the Part B for which source of funding is to be identified.

- The project has been formulated to achieve short-term goal of mitigating the flood threat at Sangam in Anantnag district.

Jharkhand

Capital – Ranchi; CM - Raghubar Das; Governor - Draupadi Murmu

Jharkhand CM inaugurates Haj House

- Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das inaugurated the Haj House on the eve of Eid-ul-Fitr.
- Inaugurating the Rs-50 crore Haj House, which can accommodate about 1,000 people for offering Namaaz.
- This is the reason that the state government has fulfilled an old demand of members of the Muslim community - constructing a modern and grand Haj House.

Main event of International Yoga Day celebrations to be held in Ranchi

- Main event of International Day of Yoga 2019 to be held in Jharkhand. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lead the main event of International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2019 celebrations to be held at Prabhat Tara, Ranchi, Jharkhand on June 21, 2019.
- Approximately 30,000 people are expected to participate in the main event.
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Karnataka

Capital – Bengaluru; CM – Kumarasamy; Governor - Vajubhai Rudabhai Vala

B'gluru CM Kumaraswamy launches 'Pink Sarathi' vehicles

- Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy flagged off the 'Pink Sarathi' vehicles procured by the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) under the 'Nirbhaya' scheme.
- The corporation had received ₹56.07 crore from the Union government under the scheme and had taken up various measures for the safety of women passengers, including the launch of Pink Sarathi vehicles.
- The Chief Minister also launched the student bus pass scheme for the current academic year by unveiling smart cards. In the previous academic year, the corporation had issued 3.5 lakh student passes

Madhya Pradesh

Capital – Bhopal; CM – Kamal Nath; Governor – Anandiben Patel

MP Cabinet passes resolution to increase reservation for OBCs to 27 %

- Madhya Pradesh Cabinet has passed a resolution to increase reservation quota for Other Backward Classes (OBC) from existing 14 per cent to 27 per cent. Madhya Pradesh will become the only state in the country to have a 27 per cent quota for OBCs.
- The move will lead to reservation in the state breaching the Supreme Court-mandated 50 per cent cap to reach 63 per cent.

New Delhi

Capital – New Delhi; CM - Arvind Kejriwal; Governor – Anil Baijal

Delhi Metro becomes India's first project to receive power from waste-to-energy

- To establish an environment-friendly network, the Delhi Metro has become the first ever project in the country to receive power generated from a waste-to-energy plant.
- The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has started receiving 2 MW power from a 12 MW capacity waste-to-energy plant set up in Ghazipur.
- DMRC will take approximately 17.5 million units per annum from this plant. However, the energy offtake will depend upon the actual generation of the plant.
- The waste-to-energy plant set up by East Delhi Waste Processing Company Limited (EDWPCL) is based on a Public Private Partnership (PPP) involving the Delhi government and East Delhi Municipal Corporation (EDMC), besides the EDWPCL.

Rajasthan

Capital – Jaipur; CM – Ashok Gehlot; Governor - Kalyan Singh

Rajasthan govt increases financial aid given to girls under 'Aapki Beti' scheme

- The Rajasthan government increased the financial assistance given to school girls under the 'Aapki Beti' scheme and ex-gratia payment to the families of polling personnel who die during election duty.

- Under the Aapki Beti scheme, girls living under the Below Poverty Line (BPL) and whose mother or father or both have died get annual financial assistance in the state.
- The amount has been increased to 2,100 from Rs. 1,100 for the girls studying in class 1 to 8 and for the girls in class 9 to 12, the financial aid has been increased to Rs. 2,500 from Rs. 1,500.
- Similarly, the government has also increased ex-gratia payment to the next of kin of an official killed on election duty to Rs. 20 lakh from Rs. 15 lakh.

Telangana

Capital – Hyderabad; CM – Chandrasekhar Rao; Governor – ESL Narashiman.

Telangana celebrates State formation day

- In Telangana, people celebrated the fifth anniversary of its Formation Day on June 2nd with enthusiasm and fervour. Telangana state as the youngest state in the country has completed five years of its existence.
- The state had overcome the electricity crisis and on its way to overcome the crisis for drinking water as the mission Bhagiratha programme is on the verge of its completion.

Telangana Government issues guidelines to enhance 'Rythu Bandhu' amount

- Telangana Government issued guidelines to enhance Agriculture Investment Support Scheme - Rythu Bandhu from Rs. 4,000 to Rs. 5,000 per acre per season. The Scheme was implemented in the year 2018-19 with the objective of relieving the farmers from debt burden and not allowing them to fall in the debt trap.
- This scheme was proposed for providing Initial investment support to Agriculture and Horticulture crops by way of a grant @ Rs. 4000/- per acre per farmer each season towards purchase of inputs like Seeds, Fertilizers, Pesticides, towards Labor and other investments in the field operations of farmers' choice for the crop season.

Hyderabad to Host International Quran Exhibition

- The cultural capital of South India, Hyderabad city is hosting an International Quran Exhibition from June 22 to 24, 2019. The exhibition will be open daily from 10 AM till 5 PM at Salar Jung Museum.
- In this 'International The Quran Exhibition' famous and leading museums, institutions and centers in Iran and India will be displaying the facsimile copies of the rare and illuminated copies of the holy Quran, the books published in Iran and India related to all the Quranic Sciences in particular the Tafsir (exegesis) and the software products related to the Hifz (memorization), Qiraat (recitation) and the terminology of the Quranic terms.
- Those participating in the exhibition include, Quran and Etrat Division, Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance, Islamic Republic of Iran, Tehran; Jamia Nizamia, Hyderabad, India

Tripura

Capital – Agartala; CM – Biplab Kumar Deb; Governor – Kaptan Singh Solanki.

Tripura to host 10th National Science Film Festival of India in 2020

- In an effort to raise awareness about science and environment through films, the 10th National Science Film Festival of India (NSFFI) will be organised in Tripura on January and February 2020.
- The film festival is being held with the objective of highlighting science, technology, innovation, energy, environment, agriculture and traditional knowledge in a simple way that would bring science closer to common people through simple ways of explanation.
- The film festival would include films produced by UNICEF, UNESCO and filmmakers from different countries. It will also include entries from Tripura and other states.
- Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb will make an appeal to filmmakers and producers to participate in this film-making initiative in July this year.

Other National News

NITI Aayog reconstituted List of members

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the reconstitution of government thinktank NITI Aayog.
- While Vice-Chairman Rajiv Kumar continues in his post along with members VK Saraswat, Ramesh Chand and VK Paul. The ex-officio members now include Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar.
- However, the name of Bibek Debroy, a former permanent member, is missing from the new list.
- Special invitees to NITI Aayog include Minister of Road, Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari; Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment Thawar Chand Gehlot; Minister of Railways Piyush Goyal; and Minister of Statistics (Independent) Rao Inderjit Singh

Elephanta festival of art and culture begins in Mumbai

- The two-day Elephanta Festival organised by the Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation (MTDC) began with a concert by folk and classical singer Kailash Kher at the Gateway of India.
- The MTDC organises the festival every year to promote tourism and the culture of Mumbai. The festival is held on Gharapuri Island, which was christened Elephanta by the Portuguese after they found a statue of an elephant on the island.

Government extends Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sammaan Yojana to all farmers

- The Cabinet has approved extension of Prime Minister Kisan Sammaan yojana to all farmers. Earlier the benefit of this scheme was applicable to farmers having two hectare land.
- Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar stated that nearly 14 crore 50 lakh farmers will benefit from the scheme. Under the PM-Kisan scheme six thousand rupees per year is being given in three installments to the farmers.
- The beneficiaries should be in the age group of 18 to 40 years. Under this scheme, the farmers will get a minimum fixed pension of 3 thousand rupees on attaining the age of 60.
- All small shopkeepers, self-employed persons and retail traders with GST turnover of 1.5 crore rupees in the age group of 18 to 40 years will be eligible to enroll for the scheme through the designated centres across the country. Altogether 3 crore retail traders and shopkeepers will be benefited under this scheme.

Cabinet extends scholarship to wards of martyred state police officials

- PM Modi announced major changes to the Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme under the National Defence Fund.
- Major changes approved in PM's Scholarship Scheme under the National Defence Fund including enhanced scholarships for wards of police personnel martyred in terror or Maoist attacks.
- The government has also changed the rates of scholarship. The rates are now Rs 2,500 per month for boys and Rs 3,000 for girls. It was Rs 2,000 for boys and Rs 2,250 for girls earlier.
- The Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme, which is under the NDF, is implemented to encourage technical and post-graduate education of widows and wards of armed forces personnel. Around 5,500 wards are awarded the PMSS every year.

India's unemployment rate stood at 6.1% in FY18

- India's unemployment rate stood at 6.1% in FY18, official data showed, highlighting the challenge that confronts the Narendra Modi-led government. They showed the unemployment rate was at a 45-year high.
- The Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) of the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) showed the unemployment rate in the country in FY18 was at 5.3% in rural India and 7.8% in urban India, resulting in overall unemployment rate of 6.1%.

New Initiative to Control Foot & Mouth Disease (FMD), Brucellosis to Support Livestock Rearing Farmers

- During the Union Cabinet Meeting Chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 31st May 2019, the first since the outcome of the 2019 Lok Sabha election, a novel initiative was cleared that will benefit crores of farmers and improve the health of animals. This initiative pertains to controlling Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and Brucellosis to support the livestock rearing farmers.
- The decision indicates the spirit of compassion towards those animals who are a valued part of our planet but are not able to speak. It must be noted that these diseases are very common amongst the livestock like cow, bulls, buffaloes, sheep, goats, pigs etc. The Cabinet has cleared a total outlay of Rs. 13,343 crores to fully control these diseases amongst the livestock in the country in the next 5 years and subsequently eradicate these diseases.

Kasturirangan committee submits new draft education policy to HRD Ministry

- Former ISRO chief Dr. Kasturirangan led Committee submitted the draft National Educational Policy (NEP) to HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank in New Delhi.
- The policy draft recommends incorporation of Indian knowledge systems in the curriculum, constituting a National Education Commission and curbing arbitrary fees hikes by private schools. The existing NEP was framed in 1986 and revised in 1992.

PM Modi forms two Cabinet panels under his chairmanship to boost growth, jobs

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi constituted two new Cabinet committees under his chairmanship to spur economic growth and investment and employment.
- The five-member Cabinet Committee on Investment and Growth includes Home Minister Amit Shah, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Road Transport and Highways and of MSME Minister Nitin Gadkari and Railway Minister Piyush Goyal.

- Another 10-member Cabinet Committee on Employment and Skill Development has been formed which includes Shah, Sitharaman, Goyal, Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Narendra Singh Tomar, Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister Skill and Entrepreneurship Mahendra Nath Pandey and Ministers of State Santosh Kumar Gangwar (Labour) and Hardeep Singh Puri (Housing and Urban Affairs).

Tree bank inaugurated on World Environment Day

- A tree bank was inaugurated and around 3,000 saplings were planted at different locations of the Jamshedpur steel city on the occasion of the World Environment Day.
- Divisional Forest Officer (Dalbhum) Dr Abhisekh Kumar inaugurated the tree bank set up by the Jamshedpur Utility and Services Company (Jusco), a 100 per cent subsidiary of the Tata Steel. The tree bank will help to increase the green cover in and around the steel city.

Culture Minister to inaugurate exhibition-‘Unknown masterpieces of Himachal Folk Art’

- Culture Minister Prahalad Singh Patel will inaugurate the exhibition titled Unknown Masterpieces of Himachal Folk Art at National Museum in New Delhi.
- The Exhibition is being jointly organised by the National Museum and Home of Folk Art, Gurugram in which more than 240 artefacts will be on display.
- The aim of the exhibition is to highlight the Folk art tradition of Himachal Pradesh. It will remain open for public till 31st of next month.

Hardeep S Puri launches Swachh Survekshan 2020 League

- Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri launched Swachh Survekshan 2020 League in New Delhi.
- The league will be a quarterly cleanliness assessment of cities and towns in India and will be integrated with Swachh Survekshan 2020, the 5th edition of the annual cleanliness survey of urban India to be conducted between January - February 2020.
- The objective of the Swachh Survekshan survey, which is conducted by an independent third party, is to encourage large scale citizen participation, ensure sustainability of initiatives taken towards garbage free and open defecation free cities and create awareness amongst all sections of society about the importance of working together towards making towns and cities a better place to live in.

India's First Dinosaur Museum Park Inaugurated In Gujarat

- India's first Dinosaur Museum cum Park was inaugurated in Gujarat's Mahisagar district and is set to give visitors the true Jurassic Park feel. The museum, which was inaugurated by Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani at Raiyoli near Balasinor, will exhibit remains of various dinosaurs and fossil records.
- It has been claimed that it was the country's first such museum and the world's third park.
- Raiyoli is known to be the third largest dinosaur fossil site in the world, and also the second largest dinosaur hatchery in the world, where thousands of eggs had been found.
- This dinosaur museum was equipped with modern technology like 3D projection, virtual reality presentations, interactive kiosks and life-size dinosaur replicas.

Delhi Metro becomes India's first project to receive power from waste-to-energy

- Delhi Metro has become the first ever metro project in India to receive power generated from a waste-to-energy plant
- The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation has started receiving 2 megawatt (MW) power from a 12 MW capacity waste-to-energy plant set up in Ghazipur in East Delhi. DMRC will take approximately 17.5 million units per annum from this plant
- "The state-of-the-art facility is set up to process above 1,500 tonnes per day (TPD) of waste and generate 12 MW of green power. The plant is India's first Euro norms compliant waste-to-energy facility,"

All States can now constitute Foreigners Tribunals

- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has laid out specific guidelines to detect, detain and deport foreign nationals staying illegally across the country.
- The MHA has amended the Foreigners (Tribunals) Order, 1964, and has empowered district magistrates in all States and Union Territories to set up tribunals to decide whether a person staying illegally in India is a foreigner or not.
- Earlier, the powers to constitute tribunals were vested only with the Centre.

I&B Ministry Institutes Antarashtriya Yoga Diwas Media Samman (AYDMS)

- The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has instituted the first edition of Antarashtriya Yoga Diwas Media Samman (AYDMS), from 2019 to mark the contribution of media in spreading the message of Yoga.

- A total of 33 awards will be conferred grouped into 3 categories namely Newspaper (11), Television (11) and Radio (11). The duration for the coverage for AYDMS would be from 10 June to 25 June, 2019 and awards will be distributed in July 2019.

India to be guest country at Guadalajara International Book Fair in Mexico

- The National Book Trust announced that India has been designated as the Guest of Honour at the 33rd Feria Internacional del Libro de Guadalajara (Guadalajara International Book Fair), in Mexico.
- The book fair, to be organised from November 30 - December 8, will be the largest book fair in the Spanish speaking world.
- The dedicated India pavilion at the fair will showcase over 35 Indian authors and artists, along with 15 publishing houses.
- India's participation at the fair will also include a film festival showing movies like "Dangal", "Chennai Express" and "Omkara".

Government sets target of providing clean drinking water to all by 2024

- Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat said the Central government has decided to increase coverage of piped water to households from current 18 per cent to 100 per cent by 2024.
- Sikkim had 99 per cent coverage of piped water to households, while some states such as Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Odisha, Jharkhand had below five per cent.

Centre sets up committee headed by Kirit Parikh to review LPG marketing

- The Centre has set up a five-member committee headed by economist Kirit Parikh
- The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas is now looking to review the existing structure of LPG marketing in India — a move seen as an effort to bring in more private players.
- The new committee, set up will look into issues related to definition or quality standards of LPG being marketed.

Japan to invest Rs. 13,000 crore in northeast in infrastructure projects

- The government of Japan has decided to invest an amount of 205,784 billion yen, equivalent to approximately Rs 13,000 crore, in several ongoing as well as new projects in different states of northeastern region
- Some of the important projects in which Japan will collaborate include the Guwahati water supply project, Guwahati sewage project, the northeast road network connectivity improvement project spread over Assam and Meghalaya and northeast network connectivity improvement project in Meghalaya.
- Other schemes include biodiversity conservation and forest management project in Sikkim, sustainable forest management project in Tripura, technical cooperation project for sustainable agriculture and irrigation in Mizoram and forest management project in Nagaland

Arjun Munda Launches 'E-Governance Initiatives for ST Welfare Schemes'

- Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda launched the "e-governance initiatives for ST Welfare schemes" at a function organized by Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- A power point presentation on these new e-governance initiatives was made on the occasion.
- Munda applauded the teamwork efforts of the Ministry of Tribal affairs for these e-governance initiatives for Scheduled Tribes Welfare schemes and said that as per the "SabkaSaath, SabkaVikas and SabkaVishwas", these e-governance initiatives will serve their purpose of the betterment of tribal communities across the nation.
- Ministry of Tribal Affairs has developed online portals namely DBT Tribal (<https://dbttribal.gov.in/>) and NGO Grants Online Application & Tracking System (<https://ngograntsmota.gov.in/>) for bringing in greater e-Governance in implementation of welfare schemes for STs.

Banks asked to issue KCC to eligible farmers within 2 weeks of submitting application

- The Centre has directed the concerned banks to issue Kisan Credit Card (KCC) to eligible ones within two weeks of the submission of completed application.
- Currently, there are 6.95 crore active KCCs, under which crop loans are given at subsidised interest rate. KCC has been extended to farmers involved in animal husbandry and fishery activities as well
- Normally, farm loans attract an interest rate of 9 per cent. But the government is providing 2 per cent interest subsidy to ensure farmers get short-term farm loan of up to Rs. 3 lakh at an effective rate of 7 per cent per annum.
- An additional incentive of 3 per cent is being given to farmers for prompt repayment of loans within due date, making the effective interest rate 4 per cent.

Culture Minister, Shri Prahlad Singh Patel, inaugurates the exhibition-'Astitva'

- Shri Prahalad Singh Patel, Minister of State (I/c) of Culture & Tourism, Government of India will inaugurate the exhibition titled “**Astitva: The Essence of Prabhakar Barwe**”, at National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi,
- ‘Astitva : The essence of Prabhakar Barwe’, is the first of its kind to be held in New Delhi that will present his artistic oeuvre in four distinct phases.

India allows 1 lakh tonnes of corn imports at lower duty

- India has allowed two state-run trading companies, MMTC and NAFED, to import 1 lakh tonnes of corn for poultry farms in 2019-20 at a concessional 15% import tax.
- This comes after prices of the animal feed jumped in the country because of drought.
- The government otherwise imposes a 60% import tax on the grain.

PM Kisan Pension Scheme: Farmers' contribution to be Rs 100 per month

- Farmers will have to contribute 100 rupees per month under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Pension Yojana that seeks to provide a minimum fixed monthly pension of 3,000 rupees on the attainment of 60 years.
- The central government will also contribute an equal amount to the pension fund to be managed by the LIC, which will be responsible for the pension payout.
- The government in its first cabinet meeting had approved a separate pension scheme for farmers with an aim to cover 5 crore beneficiaries in the first three years.

DGT, Cisco and Accenture sign MoU to skill youth for digital economy through ITIs

- Directorate General of Training under the aegis of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Ministry has joined hands with Cisco and Accenture to skill the youth for the digital economy through its Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs).
- Nearly 15 lakh students across all the ITIs in India can access the digital learning module via the Bharat Skills portal.
- This programme will equip students enrolled in ITIs across India with skills for the digital economy over the next two years.
- The programme includes tailor-made curriculum with modules for digital literacy, career readiness, employability skills and advanced technology skills such as data analytics and a blended learning model enabled by a combination of on-line self-learning via the Bharat Skills portal and in-classroom modules.
- The initial phase of the in-classroom training programme is being rolled out across 227 ITIs in Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Bihar and Assam, targeting more than one lakh youth.

Important International News

Puerto Williams, Chile becomes world's southernmost city

- Puerto Williams, a growing hamlet draped in snow-covered peaks on the remote southern tip of the South American continent, has been upgraded to the category of “city” by Chilean authorities, making it the world’s southernmost city.
- Puerto Williams has nudged out Ushuaia, a neighbor in Argentina’s Tierra del Fuego, for the title.

Russia launches first Arctic train service

- The first tourist train traveling through Russia's Arctic region and on to Norway set off from Saint Petersburg station with 91 passengers aboard for the inaugural trial journey.
- The train, named "Zarengold" ("The Tsar's gold" in German) complete with two restaurant cars will travel from Saint Petersburg through Petrozavodsk, the historic town of Kem and Murmansk.
- For the inaugural "test journey" the 91 tourists came from seven countries including the US, Germany, Norway and Russia. The whole trip will take 11 days and allow passengers to discover areas difficult to access by other means

Estonia, Niger, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Tunisia, Vietnam elected UNSC non-permanent members

- Estonia, Niger, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Tunisia and Vietnam were elected as non-permanent members of the UN Security Council for a two year term beginning January 1, 2020. In the African and Asia Pacific category, Vietnam got 192 out of 193 votes, followed by Niger and Tunisia (191 votes each).
- The Security Council is the most powerful organ of the UN and consists of 15 members including five permanent members (China, France, Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, and the United States), and 10 non-permanent members who are elected for two-year terms by the General Assembly.
- Currently, Belgium, Cte d'Ivoire, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Germany, Indonesia, Kuwait, Peru, Poland and South Africa. are the non-permanent members. The two-year terms of Cote d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Kuwait, Peru and Poland will end in 2019 and the newly elected members will take on their seats

Canada to ban single-use plastics as early as 2021

- Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has announced, Canada will ban "harmful" single-use plastics as early as 2021 in a bid to reduce ocean waste. This initiative is modelled on similar legislation passed last year by the European Union and other nations
- Canada will also establish "targets" for companies that manufacture or sell plastics to be responsible for their plastic waste. Currently less than 10% of plastic used in Canada gets recycled.

Bangladesh elected as UNWTO Vice-President

- Bangladesh has been elected Vice-President of the United Nations World Tourism Organization as well as member of the organization's credential committee.
- This election was made in the 57th conference of World Tourism Organization's Commission for South Asia held at Bhutan's capital of Thimphu presided over by the Minister of Civil Aviation and Tourism, Mahbub Ali.
- Iran competed against Bangladesh in the vice-presidential position of the World Tourism Organization, but Bangladesh won all the vote of the members of the Commission for South Asia. Bangladesh is currently the Chairman of the United Nations World Tourism Organization's Commission for South Asia.

UAE Cabinet adopts "National Strategy for Wellbeing 2031"

- The UAE Cabinet adopted the National Strategy for Wellbeing 2031 during its meeting at the Presidential Palace in Abu Dhabi.
- One of the most important initiatives is the development of the first 'National Wellbeing Observatory' to support the policymaking process.
- Chaired by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, the National Strategy for Wellbeing 2031 aims to make the UAE a world leader in quality of life through a number of strategic objectives and initiatives.

Bahrain to ban plastic products from next month

- Bahrain will start phasing out the use of plastic products from next month.
- A Ministerial order with respect to the technical regulations for plastic products will come into effect on the 21st of next month. The order will regulate and phase out the use of plastic bags.
- The first phase will focus on single-use plastic bags as well as banning the import of non-biodegradable plastic bags.
- Later phases will witness a permanent ban on the use of plastic bags at certain malls and supermarkets.

Important Appointments

National Appointments

Sl.No	Person	Designation
1.	Namrata Menonas	Brand ambassador to promote yoga in Goa
2.	Satish Chandra Verma	New Advocate General of Chhattisgarh
3.	MN Sarma	Secretary General of General Insurance Council
4.	Ajit Doval	National Security Adviser 2 nd term
5.	Sachin Bansal	Independent director of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
6.	Mrutyunjay Mohapatra	Chief of Indian Meteorological Department
7.	Rakesh Makhija	Chairman of Axis Bank
8.	P Jayadevan	IOCL executive director for TN, Pondy
9.	Justice Dhirubhai Naranbhai Patel	Chief Justice of Delhi HC
10.	R K Chibber	Interim chief of J&K Bank
11.	N Gopalaswami	BCCI's electoral officer
12.	Tapan Ray	MD of Gift City
13.	Sharad Kumar	Interim central vigilance commissioner
14.	Subba Rao	Secretary to Vice President
15.	Nripendra Misra	Principal Secretary
16.	PK Mishra	Additional Principal Secretary
17.	Thawarchand Gehlot	Leader of Rajya Sabha

18.	Piyush Goyal	Deputy Leader for the Upper House
19.	Laxman Narasimhan	New CEO of Reckitt Benckiser

Reckitt Benckiser names PepsiCo executive Laxman Narasimhan its new CEO

- British consumer goods giant Reckitt Benckiser named PepsiCo executive Laxman Narasimhan as its Chief Executive Officer
- Narasimhan was serving as PepsiCo's global Chief Commercial Officer. He will be join the company as CEO-designate and will be appointed to the board on July 16
- He will become group CEO on September 1, He will succeed Rakesh Kapoor

International Appointments

Sl.No	Person	Designation
1.	Anita Bhatia	Deputy Executive Director of UN
2.	Ajay Singh (SpiceJet chief)	International Air Transportation Association (IATA) board
3.	Nayib Bukele	President of El Salvador
4.	Anton Aditya Subowo	Re-elected as President of Badminton Asia
5.	Rajiv Mehrishi	External Auditor for WHO
6.	Gianni Infantino	FIFA president
7.	Tijjani Muhammad-Bande	UNGA President
8.	Prayuth Chan-ocha	Thailand PM
9.	Pramila Jayapal	first South Asian American woman to chair US house
10.	Kumar Iyer	Chief Economist of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) of UK government
11.	Kassym-Jomart Tokayev	Kazakhstan's president

Resignation

Sl.No	Person	Designation
1.	Azim Premji	Executive Chairman of Wipro

Important Awards and Honours

Sl.No	Winners	Awards
1.	Pratibha Patil (Former Indian President)	"Orden Mexicana del Aguila Azteca" (Order of the Aztec Eagle) Mexico's highest civilian honour
2.	Sheela	J C Daniel Award (Kerala government's highest honour for outstanding contribution to Malayalam cinema)
3.	Sundar Pichai and Nasdaq president Adena Friedman	Global Leadership Awards 2019
4.	Tayari Jones	£30,000 Women's Prize for Fiction for her novel An American Marriage
5.	Greta Thunberg (Sweden)	Amnesty International prize
6.	Prime Minister Narendra Modi	Maldives' highest honour 'Rule of Nishan Izzuddeen'
7.	Mahindra automobile (India)	Gold Award in South Africa
8.	Nirmala Sitharaman and S Jaishankar	Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)'s 'Distinguished Alumni Award'
9.	Priyanka Chopra	UNICEF's Danny Kaye Humanitarian Award

Amitav Ghosh conferred with Jnanpith award

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- Renowned author Amitav Ghosh was awarded the 54th Jnanpith Award for his contribution to the enrichment of Indian literature in English at a ceremony here on Wednesday.
- He was conferred the award by former governor of West Bengal Gopalkrishna Gandhi.
- Amitav Ghosh is the first English writer to get this prestigious award.
- The Jnanpith award is the highest literary award in India and can only be conferred upon an Indian citizen. English language was added to the list of languages for consideration after the 49th Jnanpith Award.
- The award consisted of a shawl, citation, statue of goddess Saraswati and Rs. 11 lakh
- His recent novel "Gun Island" is set for its official launch

Former President Jimmy Carter receives statesmanship award

- Former President Jimmy Carter is being recognized for his contributions to relations between the U.S. and China.
- The George H. W. Bush Foundation for U.S. China Relations has conferred its inaugural George H. W. Bush Award for Statesmanship in U.S.-China Relations to former President of United States of America, Jimmy Carter.
- The 94-year-old will receive the award on June 12 at the Carter Center in Atlanta.
- The award goes to people who have made "profound contributions to the development of constructive and mutually beneficial relations" between the U.S and the People's Republic of China.

Flight Lieutenant Mohana Singh becomes first woman pilot to fly Hawk fighter jet

- Flight Lieutenant Mohana Singh has become the first woman fighter pilot to fly by day a Hawk advanced jet aircraft.
- She achieved the feat at the Kalaikunda Air Force Station in West Bengal. Her training involved flying both air-to-air combat and air-to-ground missions.
- She has undertaken many practice missions, which involved firing of rockets, guns and dropping high calibre bombs and also participated in various Air Force Level flying exercises. Earlier, Flight Lt Bhawana Kanth became the first daytime woman fighter pilot to fly a MiG-21 Bison.

WHO award for Rajasthan Health Department

- The World Health Organization has selected the Rajasthan government's Medical & Health Department for its award this year in recognition of its achievements in the field of tobacco control.
- The department's Additional Chief Secretary, Rohit Kumar Singh, will receive the award at a function to mark World No Tobacco Day in New Delhi. The Health Department of the State is the only government body in the country which will be awarded for its tobacco-free initiatives.

Indian billionaire M.A. Yusuffali gets first UAE Permanent Residency 'Golden Card'

- The Federal Authority for Identity and Citizenship, ICA, issued the first "Golden Residence Permit" in Abu Dhabi, as part of the "Investors Permanent Residence System" implemented under the UAE Cabinet's Resolution No. 56 for 2018, which aims to help investors, entrepreneurs and qualified individuals who meet its criteria.
- UAE-based businessman, LuLu Group chairman M.A. Yusuffali has become the first expat to get the exclusive Permanent Residency 'Golden Card'.
- The first batch of 6,800 investors with Dh100 billion worth of investments will be granted the "Golden Card."

Jay-Z named world's first billionaire rapper by Forbes magazine

- Jay-Z has been named the world's first billionaire rapper in a new Forbes cover story.
- The 49-year-old Jay-Z, whose real name is Shawn Corey Carter, is the husband of American singer Beyonce.
- His superstar wife is reported to have a net worth of about \$ 335 mn.

Important MOU's

IIT Guwahati signs MoU with ISRO to set up first-of-its-kind space technology centre in the Northeast

- IIT Guwahati has signed an MoU with The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to set up an IITG-ISRO Space Technology Cell (STC) at the institute where Assam Governor Jagdish Mukhi inaugurated a new academic complex and research and development building.
- IITG-ISRO STC would be first of its kind in the North-east region to augment research and capacity building processes in the field of space technology.

HMSI partners with IDFC FIRST Bank to offer financing solutions

- Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India (HMSI) has partnered with IDFC FIRST Bank to provide financing solutions across the country.

- The two partners have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) under which facilities like loans up to 100 per cent of vehicle cost, zero processing fee, down payment of ₹999, and extended loan tenure of 48 months, among others will be offered to the two-wheeler maker's customers

Ashok Leyland ties up with Suryoday Small Finance Bank for vehicle loans

- Hinduja Group flagship firm Ashok Leyland has partnered with Suryoday Small Finance Bank for vehicle loans.
- The two partners have signed an initial agreement to enter a strategic financing partnership for three years.
- Under the pact, the bank will provide end-to-end financial solutions to Ashok Leyland's customers for auto loans across India.
- The partnership with Suryoday Small Finance Bank will benefit our stakeholders and customers with financial products, which are specifically tailored for hassle-free experience.

Indian Oil, BPCL, HPCL to form Joint Venture for Kandla-Gorakhpur LPG pipeline project

- State-owned oil marketing companies Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, Indian Oil Corporation and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd have inked a pact to form a joint venture company for the country's largest LPG pipeline project from Kandla in Gujarat to Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh.
- The 2,757 km long LPG pipeline, which is expected to provide reliability in the supply chain of LPG, would cover an overall distance of 1,063 km in Gujarat, 611 km in Madhya Pradesh, and 1,083 km in Uttar Pradesh.
- As per the exchange filing, Indian Oil would own 50 per cent equity holding in the joint venture company, while BPCL and HPCL would have 25 per cent each.

MCA, SEBI sign MoU for data exchange

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for data exchange between the two regulatory organisations.
- The agreement was signed by K.V.R. Murty, Joint Secretary, MCA, and MadhabiPuriBuch, Whole Time Member, SEBI in the presence of senior officers from both the organisations.
- The MoU will facilitate the exchange of data and information between SEBI and MCA on an automatic and regular basis.
- It will enable sharing of specific information such as details of suspended companies, delisted companies, shareholding pattern from SEBI and financial statements filed with the registrar by corporates, returns of allotment of shares, audit reports relating to corporates.
- SEBI and MCA will also exchange with each other, on request, any information available in their respective databases, for the purpose of carrying out scrutiny, inspection, investigation, and prosecution

V.O.C Port inks MoU with Central Warehousing Corporation

- A memorandum of understanding was signed between the V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust and the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) to facilitate direct port entry (DPE) of cargo, which would help cut down on dwell time and costs.
- Chairman of V.O.C Port Trust T.K. Ramachandran and Managing Director of CWC Arun Kumar Shrivastava signed the MoU that would allow the CWC to operate and manage the truck terminal located opposite to the Fisheries College and Research Institute on an annual lease rental basis for 30 years. The terminal has an area of 18,357 sqm.

Indian Railways joins hands with French National Railways to develop world-class stations

- Indian Railway Station Development Corporation (IRSDC) has entered a tripartite agreement with French Railways (SNCF) & AFD, a French Agency.
- Under this agreement, French Railways will provide up to 7 lakh euros for development of railway stations in India.
- Indian Railways is involved with redeveloping and beautifying various other stations, and has set a target to redevelop scores of railway stations in this financial year.

Important Summit & Conference

Cambodia to Host the 16th Asia Media Summit 2019

- Cambodia will host the 16th Asia Media Summit 2019 (16th AMS) in Siem Reap province from 11-14 June 2019, presided over by Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen
- The 16th AMS, co-organized Cambodia's Ministry of Information and Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development, looks into the progresses and challenges as well as mutual sharing across the continent.

- The conference provides a unique opportunity for broadcasters in the region to share their thoughts on Broadcasting and Information.
- The 16th AMS will touch on important topics as how can we adopt digital revolution; envisioning the media in the 4 Industrial Revolution; disinformation and new media; monetization in traditional media new media; technologies for distribution of media contents; preserving our times through archives, and more.

14th Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) summit held in Mecca

- The OIC foreign ministers meeting, preparatory to the 14th ordinary session of the Islamic Summit conference convened in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, under the chairmanship of Dr. Ibrahim Ibn Abdulaziz Al Assaf, Saudi Minister of Foreign Affairs.
- Yousef Aldobeay of Saudi Arabia, an assistant secretary general of OIC, was among four special envoys for Jammu and Kashmir appointed at the grouping's summit meeting in Makkah

Global Entrepreneurship Summit Kicks Off In The Hague

- Prime Minister Mark Rutte and the American Foreign Minister Mike Pompeo opened the Global Entrepreneurship Summit in The Hague.
- Some 2 thousand entrepreneurs, investors and representatives of government organizations from 134 countries will meet and make deals at the business summit.
- The Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES) 2019 is an initiative of the government of United States of America to bring together global leaders in entrepreneurship, innovation, investment and policy to support deals that matters to everyone.

Thaawarchand Gehlot leaves for Buenos Aires to participate in 2nd Global Disability Summit

- The 2nd edition of the Global Disability Summit will be held at Buenos Aires, Argentina from 6-8 June 2019.
- Social Justice and Empowerment minister ThaawarchandGehlot has left for Buenos Aires in Argentina to participate in 2nd Global Disability Summit.
- The objective of the three-day summit is to deliberate on issues across the world concerning empowerment and inclusion of Persons with Disabilities and to work out a mechanism for enabling them to live an independent and dignified life. The 1st Global Disability Summit was held in London in July 2018.

16th Asia media summit kicks off in Cambodia

- The 16th Asia media summit that kicked-off in Cambodia
- The two-day summit, held under the topic of Media Digitalization Focusing on Developing Markets, was organized by the Cambodian Ministry of Information in collaboration with the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD),

Shanghai Cooperation Organization Summit 2019 Begins in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

- The two-day Shanghai Cooperation Organization Summit begins in Bishkek
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the plenary session of the SCO Summit, and will present his vision for the regional cooperation and development.
- Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan will also be attending the summit. This will be the first time two leaders will come face to face after months of tensions between the two countries
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi held bilateral meetings with Presidents of China and Russia at Kyrgyzstan capital Bishkek
- India and Pakistan became full members of the SCO in 2017
- SCO Founded in 2001, China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan are the founding members of the organisation

Important Mobile App and Web Portal

AYUSH Ministry launches App to locate yoga centres, instructors

- AYUSH Ministry has launched a mobile application to enable people to locate yoga events and centres providing training and instructors. The mobile app was launched ahead of International Yoga Day on June 21.
- Yoga locator app will help people to locate yoga centres as well as yoga instructors within the preferred radius of their vicinity. It will be a permanent app which will give information to people about yoga activities happening in their vicinity throughout the year. The theme for IDY 2019 will be 'Yoga for Heart'.

US embassy launches app for students who wish to study in US

- The US embassy has launched a mobile application that gives comprehensive and latest information about studying in the United States

- The app -- EducationUSA -- was launched in collaboration with the United States India Educational Foundation and is available on both Android and iOS platforms for free
- The app will act as the first point of information for students, parents, school counsellors and other interested users who want to know about the US higher education but don't know where to begin

Important Defence News

Army's training exercise "KhargaPrahar" in Punjab ends

- The exercise "KhargaPrahar", which began on May 27, was undertaken in the plains of Punjab by various units and formations of Army's Kharga Corps.
- A major training exercise conducted by the Indian Army in Punjab ended.
- The components of the Indian Air Force also participated in the exercise.
- The exercise setting also incorporated aspects of joint training wherein para drops from Indian Air Force aircraft were carried out and simulated battlefield air strikes were conducted in support of ground forces

India-France to Hold Mega Air Exercise "Garuda VI" in July

- The Air Forces of India and France will carry out a two-week-long mega air exercise "Garuda VI" beginning July 1, 2019 at an air base in France to further boost to military-to-military ties between the two countries.
- From Indian side, a fleet of Sukhoi 30 fighter jets will engage in dogfights with France's Rafale multirole aircraft in simulated scenarios as part of the exercise.

India tests hypersonic demonstrator vehicle launched from Agni I platform

- India was conducted a successful first test flight of the indigenously developed Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle (HSTDV) from a base off the Odisha coast.
- The only other countries that possess this technology are the US, Russia and China
- The HSTDV is an unmanned scramjet (allowing supersonic combustion) demonstration vehicle that can cruise up to a speed of mach 6 (or six times the speed of sound) and rise up to an altitude of 32. km in 20 seconds
- It is being developed by DRDO with assistance from Israel and the UK and Russia.

Important Science and Technology

India Test Fires Brahmos Supersonic Cruise Missile from Chandipur Test Range

- Supersonic cruise missile BrahMos was test fired from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur in Odisha.
- The anti-ship version of the missile was launched around noon from the launch complex-3 of the ITR, Defence Research and Development (DRDO). BrahMos is a joint venture between the DRDO and the NPOM of Russia.
- The highly versatile BrahMos has been operationalised in the Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force.

China gains new flexible launch capabilities with first sea launch

- China successfully launched a Long March 11 solid rocket from a sea launch platform, bringing its burgeoning space program new, flexible launch capabilities. The Long March 11 solid propellant light launch vehicle lifted off from a mobile launch platform in the Yellow Sea.
- The satellites included Bufeng-1A and B, designed by the China Academy of Space Technology to monitor ocean wind fields and improve typhoon monitoring, Xiaoxiang-1-04, a small satellite developed by Changsha-based private firm Spacety, an experimental communications satellite, Tianqi-3, developed by GuodianGaoke, and two 'Tianxiang' Ka-band communications test satellites for the China Electronic Technology Group.

Chandrayaan-2 to be launched on July 15: ISRO

- Isro officially announced that the Chandrayaan-2 will be launched at 2.51 am on July 15 from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.
- Chandrayaan-2 will have three modules, Orbiter, Lander (Vikram), and Rover (Pragyan). These are designed to carry out various experiments, including mapping of the surface, minerals, chemical composition, detection sparse water molecules above the lunar surface and rock formations.
- The cost of the mission-including foreign service for navigation-is Rs. 603 crore, an additional Rs. 375 crore will be the launch cost
- The total weight of the spacecraft will be 3.8 tonne
- The lunar landing is expected to take place on 6 or 7 September on the unexplored south polar region of the moon.
- Chandrayaan-1, which was launched on 22 October 2008, orbited the moon more than 3,400 times and played a crucial part in the discovery of water molecules on the lunar surface

HCL to roll out "Tech Bee" programme

- HCL Technologies is all set to roll out "Tech Bee", a company initiative under which it trains and hires students who have completed Plus Two, across several states
- Tech Bee, HCL's early career programme provides students an opportunity to start early, become financially independent and trendsetters. Enrolled students are paid stipend of ₹10,000 per month, she explained.

India to launch first solar mission Aditya-L1 in 2020

- Indian Space Research Organisation has announced that India will launch its first mission to study the sun named Aditya-L1 in the year 2020.
- Aditya-L1 is meant to observe the solar corona and the aim of the mission is to keep a permanent eye on the sun without any disturbance
- Aditya-L1 mission is expected to be inserted in a halo orbit around the Lagrangian point 1 (L1) - which is 1.5 million km from the earth

Important Ranking and Indexes

RIL, HDFC among 57 Indian companies on Forbes magazine's Global 2000 list

- As many as 57 Indian companies figure in Forbes magazine's list of the world's 2000 largest public companies, HDFC Ltd being named among the top ten consumer finance firms.
- Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) topped the list for the seventh year in a row. Reliance Industries was the top-ranked Indian company (ranked 71st globally).
- In the oil and gas sector, Royal Dutch Shell is ranked first and Reliance Industries is ranked 11th.
- In the consumer financial sector, American Express has topped the chart while HDFC Ltd is ranked 7th.
- On the overall Global 2000 list, HDFC is ranked 332nd.
- Out of the 61 countries represented on the list, the US accounts for the largest number of 575 companies, followed by China and Hong Kong (309) and Japan (223).
- In the overall top-ten, ICBC is followed by JP Morgan, China Construction Bank, Agricultural Bank of China, Bank of America, Apple, Ping An Insurance Group, Bank of China, Royal Dutch Shell and Wells Fargo.
- From India, Reliance Industries is the only one in the overall top-200 list. The company is followed by HDFC Bank at 209th, ONGC at 220th, Indian Oil at 288th and HDFC Ltd at 332nd place.

India ranks 95 among 129 countries in global gender equality index

- India ranked 95th out of 129 countries in a new index that measures global gender equality looking at aspects such as poverty, health, education, literacy, political representation and equality at the workplace.
- Denmark was ranked at the first place and Chad at 129th place. China ranked at 74 position, Pakistan at 113 while Nepal and Bangladesh at 102 and 110 respectively.

SriLankan Airlines named world's most punctual

- SriLankan Airlines, the flag carrier of the island nation, has been named the 'World's Most Punctual Airline' for the second consecutive time with over 90 per cent of its flights in May being "on time" by the portal flightstats.com.
- It also achieved the world's number one ranking in September 2018 with a punctuality rating of 91.37 percent.
- Chile's LATAM Airlines was placed second and All Nippon Airways of Japan stood third.

Mumbai's traffic flow worst in world, Delhi at fourth spot

- Traffic flow in Mumbai is the worst in the world while Delhi is close behind at fourth position, according to a new report detailing the traffic situation in 56 countries.
- Mumbai takes the top spot this year with drivers in the Indian city expecting to spend an average of 65 per cent extra travel time stuck in traffic.
- Next in the global rankings are Bogota (63 per cent), Lima (58 per cent), New Delhi (58 per cent) and Moscow (56 per cent), making up the top five most congested cities in the world.

Amazon beats Apple and Google to become the world's most valuable brand

- Amazon has overtaken Google and Apple to become the world's most valuable brand at \$315.5 billion, according to a ranking of global companies, up 52% on last year.
- Apple comes second, valued at \$309.5 billion, with Google in third place, at \$309 billion, according to the BrandZ Top 100 Most Valuable Global Brand ranking 2019, compiled by WPP research agency Kantar
- Google and Apple had spent a combined 12 years at the top of the list, with Google taking the top spot in 2018.

India ranks 141 in annual Global Peace Index

- India's rank has slipped five places to 141 among 163 countries on the Global Peace Index 2019

- Australian think tank Institute for Economics & Peace ranks countries according to their level of peacefulness based on **three thematic domains** -- the level of societal safety and security, the extent of ongoing domestic and international conflict and the degree of militarisation in 163 countries and territories by taking into **account 23 indicators**.
- Iceland remains the most peaceful country in the world, a position it has held since 2008
- Afghanistan is now the least peaceful country in the world, replacing Syria, which is now the second least peaceful. South Sudan, Yemen, and Iraq comprise the remaining five least peaceful countries.
- In South Asia, Bhutan topped the index with 15th rank, followed by Sri Lanka 72, Nepal 76 and Bangladesh 101. The neighbouring country Pakistan has been ranked 153rd on the index.
- "India's rank has moved down to 141 from in GPI 2019 (from its previous position at 136), among 163 countries, and it stands at fifth in the (South Asian) region,"

Important Sports News

Cricket

Yuvraj Singh announces retirement from international cricket

- Yuvraj Singh has announced retirement from international cricket, ending a "rollercoaster" career during which he became the hero of India's 2011 World Cup triumph
- Yuvraj Singh debuted for India in 2000 and went on to play 40 Test, 304 ODIs and 58 T20Is
- He put together 1900 runs in the longest format, and 8701 in the one-dayers

Football

Sunil Chhetri becomes India's most capped international player

- Former India skipper Bhaichung Bhutia congratulated Sunil Chhetri after the latter overtook his record and became India's most capped international player with 108 appearances.
- Chhetri overtook his mentor Bhutia's record of 107 matches when he captained India in the King's Cup opener against Curacao.

Messi is world's highest paid athlete, Kohli only Indian on the list

- Lionel Messi was the world's highest-paid athlete over the past year, Forbes reported on in its annual sporting rich list, and India cricket captain Virat Kohli was the sole Indian to feature on the list, ranked 100th on the table.
- According to the Forbes 2019 list, Virat Kohli is estimated to earn \$21m from endorsements and \$4m from salary and winnings, taking his total tally to \$25m for the last 12 months.
- Notably, Virat Kohli was ranked 83rd on last year's list and has moved down to the 100th spot despite an increase of \$1m in endorsements.
- Messi has dethroned retired boxer Floyd Mayweather as the sports world's highest earner, raking in \$127 million via salary and endorsement deals.
- Athletes from across 25 countries made it to the list this year, an increase from 22 in 2018.

FIFA Rankings: India remains at 101, Belgium on top

- India remains unmoved at 101 position, after FIFA, the apex body of football, released the latest team rankings.
- India was not able to improve their rank as they remained at the same spot and their points too were unchanged from the previous standings of 1219 points.
- Interestingly, the top four teams were unmoved, FIFA World Cup 2018 winner France stayed in the second position.
- While Brazil and England were also able to hold their third and fourth position respectively.

Others

Liverpool beat Tottenham Hotspur to win Champions League trophy

- In Football, Liverpool breezed past Tottenham at Madrid to win the Champions League for the sixth time.
- This has been evident in the Champions League over the past decade. Eight of the past 10 titles have been won by either Spain's FC Barcelona and Real Madrid or Germany's Bayern Munich.

Sidharth Rawat wins maiden ITF men's Futures singles title

- Third seed Sidharth Rawat outplayed Rio Noguchi of Japan 7-5, 6-0 to clinch his maiden title in the \$25,000 ITF men's Futures tennis tournament
- With the ATP points being restored for events of this level, the 26-year-old Delhi lad will be able to improve his current rank of 510. He had a career-best rank of 430

Andy Ruiz Jr. becomes the heavyweight world champion

- Andy Ruiz Jr. became the first Mexican-American heavyweight world champion after a stunning upset victory over British boxer Anthony Joshua.
- Ruiz, 29, won via a seventh round technical knockout at Madison Square Garden in New York. Ruiz knocked Joshua down twice in the third round and two more times in the seventh round

Rakesh Kumar Patra finishes seventh in Parellel Bars final at FIG World Cup

- Indian gymnast Rakesh Kumar Patra finished seventh in the finals of Parallel Bars at the FIG World Cup in Koper, Slovenia. In the final field of eight gymnasts, Patra finished second last with a score of 13.650.
- Frank Baines of Great Britain clinched the top spot, while Kazakhstan's Milad Karimi settled for the second place and Ilias Georgiou of Cyprus was third.

Danilo Petrucci Wins Stunning Italian Moto GP

- Ducati's Danilo Petrucci fought off a stiff challenge from Marc Marquez to win the Italian Grand Prix, his first ever MotoGP victory. Petrucci's win comes a day after he recorded the highest speed in MotoGP history. Petrucci, an Italian riding for local team Ducati.
- Five-time MotoGP champion Marquez on a Honda briefly took the lead in the last lap but Petrucci recaptured first place and won.

French Open 2019

- In French Open 2019, Rafael Nadal beat Dominic Thiem to claim the singles title at the Stade Roland Garros in Paris, France on June 9, 2019.
- With this victory, he has become the first tennis player to win the French Open single event record 12 times.
- In women's single, Australia's Ashleigh Barty claimed her maiden grand slam title and also became the first Australian woman to win the French Open in 46 years, after Margaret Court (1973).

CATEGORY	WINNER	RUNNER
Men's Singles	Rafael Nadal	Dominic Thiem
Women's Singles	Ashleigh Barty	Markéta Vondroušová
Men's Doubles	Kevin Krawietz and Andreas Mies	Fabrice Martin and Jeremy Chardy
Women's Doubles	Duan Yingying and Zheng Saisai	Tímea Babos and Kristina Mladenovic
Mixed Doubles	Latisha Chan and Ivan Dodig	Gabriela Dabrowski and Mate Pavić

Hamilton wins 7th Canadian GP

- Lewis Hamilton secured a record-breaking seventh win at the 2019 Canadian Grand Prix after Sebastian Vettel was penalised for dangerous driving.
- During the race, both Vettel and Hamilton were engaged in a head-to-head battle when the former ran across the grass accidentally. Ferrari will appeal against the decision over the five-second penalty given to Vettel which costed him the race.

Portugal wins UEFA Nations League

- Portugal claimed their second trophy in three years by beating the Netherlands to win the inaugural Nations League.
- Portugal are the first European nation to host and win a final of a major competition since France beat Brazil 3-0 in the final of the 1998 World Cup.
- Goncalo Guedes has been directly involved in five goals in his last eight appearances for Portugal (three goals and two assists).
- England finished third in the tournament after a victory on penalties over Switzerland in Guimaraes.

Sourav Kothari wins Pacific International Snooker C'ship

- World billiards champion Sourav Kothari lifted the 2019 Pacific International Snooker Championship - The Reventon Classic, in Melbourne.
- In a best of nine frames, Kothari got the better of Tyson Crinis of Australia to bag the crown.

IAAF to rebrand as World Athletics

- The International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) has rebranded itself as World Athletics and revealed a new logo to reflect its name change.

- The International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) was initially founded in 1912 as the International Amateur Athletic Federation
- The new brand identity will begin its rollout in October after the world championships in Doha and following congress' approval of the change to the federation's legal name.
- The new logo features the 'W' of 'world', which is meant to represent the symbol of an athlete's arms raised in victory. The logo also incorporates the 'A' of 'athletics', which seeks to represent an athlete's focus as they prepare for the road; and an arc over the 'W' and 'A' to represent the athletics community coming together.

NBA Finals: Toronto Raptors beat Golden State Warriors to win first title

- The Toronto Raptors beat defending champions the Golden State Warriors 114-110 to win their first NBA title.
- Kawhi Leonard was named the NBA Finals Most Valuable Player, averaging 28.5 points, as the Raptors won the best-of-seven series 4-2.

Important Obituaries

Person	Field
B.M. Khaitan	Veteran industrialist
Jose Antonio Reyes	Spanish footballer
Ruma Guha Thakurta	Actor-singer
Jaspal Inder Singh Kalra (Jiggs Kalra)	Celebrated chef and culinary revivalist ('Czar of Indian Cuisine')
Dinyar Contractor	Veteran Bollywood actor
Lennart Johansson	Former UEFA president
Prakash Pant	Uttarakhand finance minister
Malcolm John Rebennack Jr	Grammy award winning singer and songwriter
Girish Karnad	Noted actor and dramatist
R.V. Janakiraman	Former Puducherry Chief Minister
Crazy Mohan	Actor Comedian
Pazhavila Ramesan	Poet and lyricist