

1st – 7th August – World Breastfeeding Week

The Food and Nutrition Board, Ministry of Women and Child Development, is organizing a number of activities on the theme “Empower Parents, Enable Breastfeeding” during the World Breastfeeding Week (WBW) being observed from 1st to 7th August 2019. **The focus this year is on protection, promotion, and support of breastfeeding.**

Regional Conference on Good Governance

The Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG), in association with Department of Administrative Reforms, Government of Rajasthan and the Harish Chandra Mathur Rajasthan State Institute of Public Administration (HCMRIPA) will organize the Regional Conference on Good Governance on 14th-15th November, 2019 at Jaipur, Rajasthan.

Theme: “Strengthening State Institutes of Public Administration”

Journalist Ravish Kumar wins 2019 Ramon Magsaysay Award

Senior Indian television journalist Ravish Kumar has been awarded the 2019 Ramon Magsaysay Award. Kumar is among five individuals who were declared winners of the award, which is Asia’s premier prize and often referred to as the Asian version of the Nobel Prize.

President Kovind honoured with National order of Merit, highest award of Republic of Guinea

President Ram Nath Kovind has been awarded the National order of Merit by the President of Guinea for his exceptional contribution to the advancement of overall relations and development of mutual cooperation between India and Guinea and for promoting friendship and partnership between the people of both the countries.

Adarsh Singh wins double gold in shooting meet

In Shooting, young Adarsh Singh outclassed his rivals in the Sardar Sajjan Singh Sethi Memorial Masters competition, winning the gold medal in both the men and junior 25 metres rapid fire pistol event in New Delhi.

Guwahati, Kolkata to host World Cup Qualifiers

All India Football Federation (AIFF) general secretary Kushal Das confirmed to Sportstar that Guwahati’s Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium and Kolkata’s Salt Lake Stadium will host the Indian football team’s opening two World Cup Qualifiers home matches.



One Nation-one Ration Card scheme implemented on pilot basis in four States

In a major boost to national food security government, launched the One Nation-One Ration Card scheme on a pilot basis in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat.

Families who have food security cards can buy subsidized rice and wheat from any ration shop in these states. Their ration cards should be linked with Aadhar Number to avail this service.

The white Ration Card holders in Telangana have been getting the portability facility, enabling them to buy their subsidized rice and other food grains from any Fair Price Shop in the state.

The same facility can be utilized anywhere in Andhra Pradesh now through PoS machines under the One Nation One Ration Card scheme which has come into force in the two states.

Noida gets its 1st 'Pink Toilet', 10 more to come up soon

Noida got its first 'Pink Toilet' dedicated to women with facilities for sanitary napkins and baby care. The toilet, located in the Sector 50 market, was inaugurated by the Noida Authority. At least 10 more such toilets are expected to come up within the next two months.

India-born doctor Bhasha Mukherjee crowned Miss England 2019

India-born doctor Bhasha Mukherjee was crowned Miss England 2019 at a ceremony in Newcastle. The 23-year-old moved to England with her parents at the age of nine and settled in Derby. Mukherjee holds two different medical degrees, one in medical sciences and the other in medicine and surgery.

Water Stress Index

India has been ranked as the **46th highest risk country in the world in the Water Stress Index 2019**, formulated by London-based risk analytics firm Verisk Maplecroft. As per the index, 11 of 20 largest Indian cities face an 'extreme risk' of water stress while 7 of them are in the 'high risk' category.

India slips to 7th position in global GDP ranking

India has slipped one notch in the World Bank's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) rankings in 2018, and is now the seventh-largest economy with the United Kingdom and France ahead of India, data from the international lending institution India is the seventh-largest economy (GDP of \$2.72 trillion) with the UK (\$2.82 trillion) and France (\$2.77 trillion) ahead in the pecking order. The top economies in the list include the US (\$20.5 trillion), followed by China (\$13.6 trillion), Japan (\$4.9 trillion) and Germany (\$3.9 trillion)