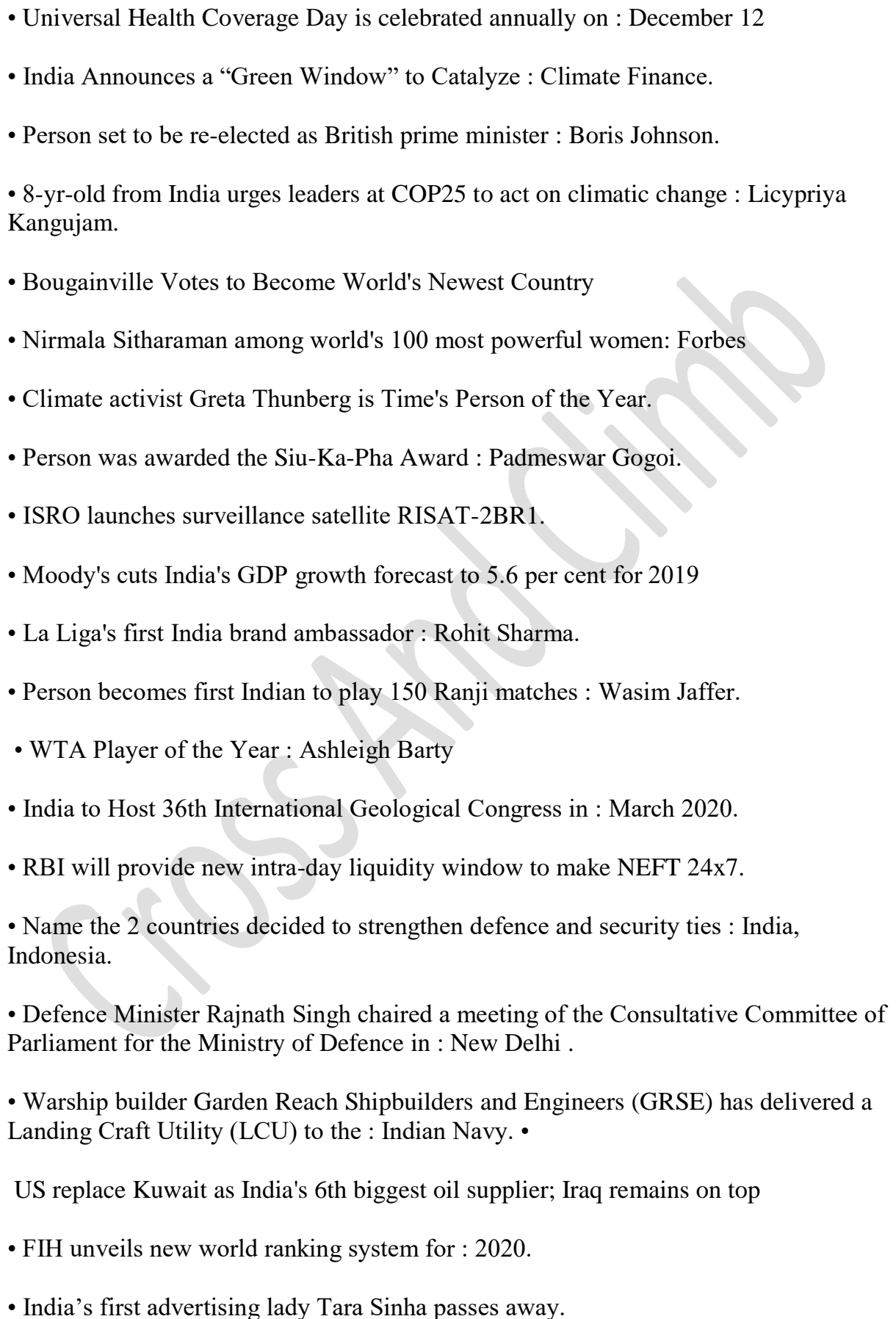


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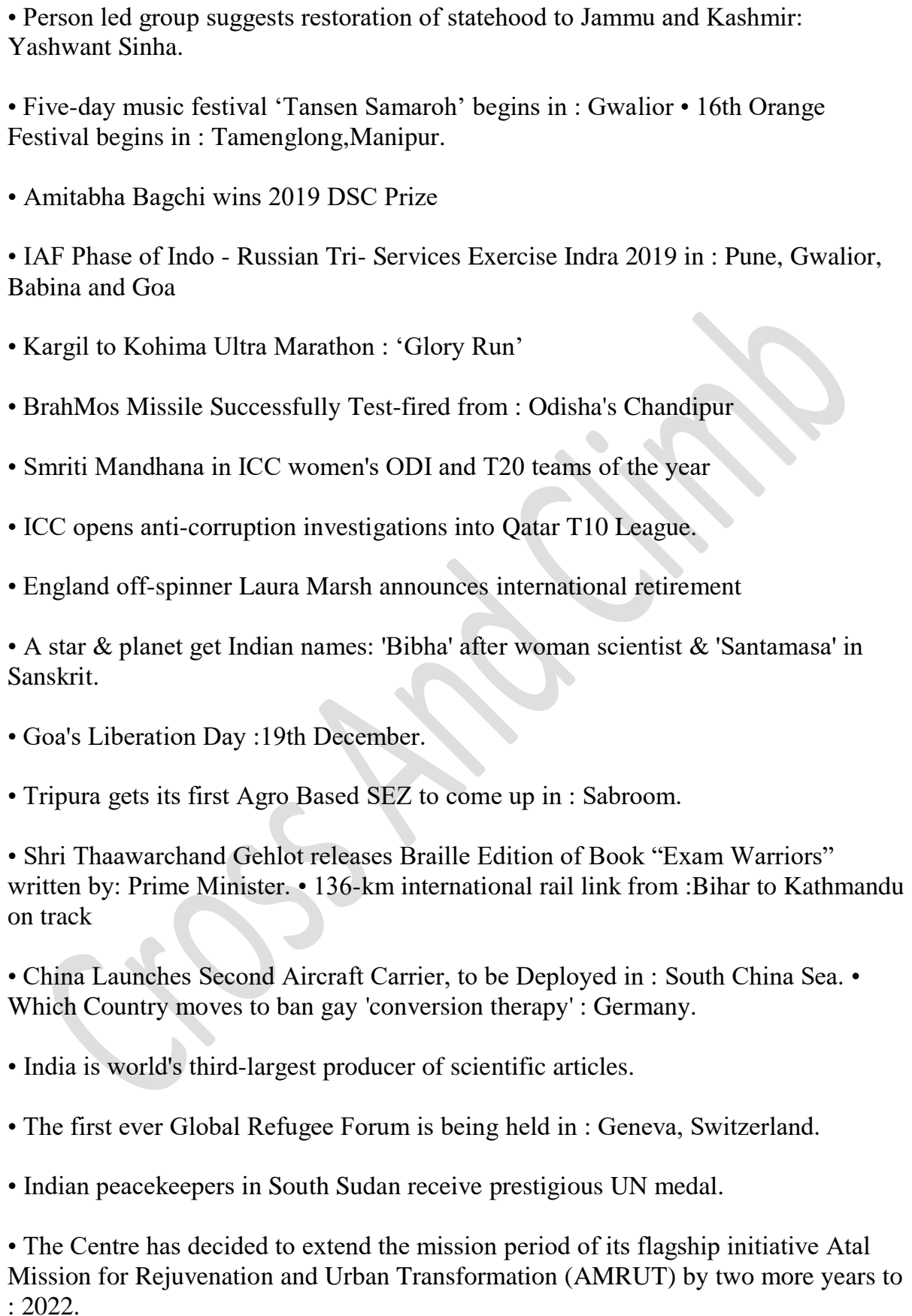
- World AIDS Day is observed on December 1 with the Theme : “Communities make the difference”.
- National Pollution Control Day is observed every year on : December 2.
- Country becomes first to make entire Haj process digital : India. • China will suspend US Navy visits to : Hong Kong.
- Country became the first Arab nation to assume the G20 presidency after it took over from Japan : Saudi Arabia.
- Which railway station bags ISO-14001 certification : Vijayawada.
- The state-level programme of Mission Indradhanush, a national vaccination campaign, began in : Rajasthan.
- Person was awarded the honorary doctorate degree at the convocation ceremony of the Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University in Srinagar, Uttarakhand : Ajit Doval.
- Person became the first woman pilot for the Indian Navy: Sub-lieutenant Shivangi.
- Person takes over as chairman of Ordnance Factory Board : Hari Mohan.
- Iraq's Parliament approves Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi's resignation.
- Former RBI deputy governor becomes chairman of micro-finance panel : H R Khan.
- UN Climate Change Conference to be held from Dec 2 – 13 in : Spain.
- 13th South Asian Games formally begins in : Kathmandu, Nepal.
- Senior Wrestling National Championships Clinch Gold : Vinesh Phogat, Sakshi Malik .
- Persons clinch gold medals in Senior National Championships : Gurpreet Singh, Sunil Kumar.
- World Computer Literacy Day is being Observed on : 2nd December.

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- The International Day for the Abolition of Slavery is observed annually by the United Nations(UN) on : December 2.
 - Pension week is being celebrated from : November 30 to December 6.
 - International Day of Persons with Disabilities is being observed on the 3rd December with the Theme : Promoting the Participation of Persons with Disabilities
 - Person has been elected as President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) : Masatsugu Asakawa,
 - Person wins the Shakti Bhatt First Book Prize 2019 : Tony Joseph.
 - Person claims record 6th Ballon d'Or, overtakes Cristiano Ronaldo : Lionel Messi.
 - Indian Navy Day is observed on : December 4.
 - Person launched the "Bharatiya Poshan Anthem" which aims at taking the message of making India malnutrition free to all corners of the country : M Venkaiah Naidu.
 - India, Nepal joint military exercise begins in : Rупendehi,Nepal
 - India-China joint Military Exercise 'Hand-inHand 2019' to begin in : Meghalaya.
 - India successfully test-fired its indigenously developed surface-to-surface nuclear-capable Prithvi-II missile off : Odisha coast.
 - World Soil Day is observed on December 5 with the Theme : 'Stop soil erosion, Save our future'
 - India's first maritime museum coming up at Lothal in : Gujarat.
 - Person Named PETA Person of the Year : Joaquin Phoenix. • ET Lifetime of Public Service Award for Former FM : (Late) Arun Jaitley.
 - Person presents Uttar Pradesh with National Award for Excellence for rehabilitation of persons with disabilities : VP Venkaiah Naidu.
 - Mumbai Central gets first 'Eat Right Station' certification from : FSSAI.
 - 2019 London Summit of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was held in : The Grove, Watford, Hertfordshire, United Kingdom.
 - Armed Forces flag Day : December 7.
 - International Civil Aviation Day is celebrated with the theme : “75 years of connecting the world” on : 7 December.

- Jal Shakti Minister addresses the 4th India Water Impact Summit with the : Theme “Valuing Water Transforming Ganga”.
- South Africa's Zozibini Tunzi crowned Miss Universe 2019.
- India’s rank in UN's human development index : 129.
- Finland's Sanna Marin to become world's youngest prime minister at 34.
- Former World No. 1 Caroline Wozniacki to Retire After 2020 Australian Open.
- International Anti-Corruption Day is observed annually on December 9 with the Theme : “United Against Corruption”
- Human Rights Day is celebrated on 10 December with the Theme : Youth Standing Up for Human Rights.
- International Mountain Day is celebrated on 11 December with the Theme : 'Mountains matter for Youth'.
- Country selected as world’s leading sports tourism destination : Abu Dhabi.
- Abanindranath Tagore’s Book ‘Nalok’, translated in English by : Urbi Bhaduri.
- 'Iron Union 12', a joint military exercise between the ground forces of the : UAE and the United States.
- UNICEF (United Nations Children’s Fund) day was celebrated every year on : December 11th .
- Maharashtra has most employable talent, followed by TN, UP : India Skills Report.
- PUMA ropes in Indian National Football Captain Sunil Chhetri as brand ambassador.
- Person appointed as Pepsi’s new brand ambassador : Salman Khan.
- Suniel Shetty was appointed as the brand ambassador for the : National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA).
- ADB scales down India's GDP growth forecast for FY20 from : 6.5% to 5.1% .
- 'World's first' fully-electric commercial flight takes off in : Vancouver, Canada.
- International Day of Neutrality : December 12

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- Universal Health Coverage Day is celebrated annually on : December 12
 - India Announces a “Green Window” to Catalyze : Climate Finance.
 - Person set to be re-elected as British prime minister : Boris Johnson.
 - 8-yr-old from India urges leaders at COP25 to act on climatic change : Licypriya Kangujam.
 - Bougainville Votes to Become World's Newest Country
 - Nirmala Sitharaman among world's 100 most powerful women: Forbes
 - Climate activist Greta Thunberg is Time's Person of the Year.
 - Person was awarded the Siu-Ka-Pha Award : Padmeswar Gogoi.
 - ISRO launches surveillance satellite RISAT-2BR1.
 - Moody's cuts India's GDP growth forecast to 5.6 per cent for 2019
 - La Liga's first India brand ambassador : Rohit Sharma.
 - Person becomes first Indian to play 150 Ranji matches : Wasim Jaffer.
 - WTA Player of the Year : Ashleigh Barty
 - India to Host 36th International Geological Congress in : March 2020.
 - RBI will provide new intra-day liquidity window to make NEFT 24x7.
 - Name the 2 countries decided to strengthen defence and security ties : India, Indonesia.
 - Defence Minister Rajnath Singh chaired a meeting of the Consultative Committee of Parliament for the Ministry of Defence in : New Delhi .
 - Warship builder Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) has delivered a Landing Craft Utility (LCU) to the : Indian Navy. •
- US replace Kuwait as India's 6th biggest oil supplier; Iraq remains on top
- FIH unveils new world ranking system for : 2020.
 - India’s first advertising lady Tara Sinha passes away.

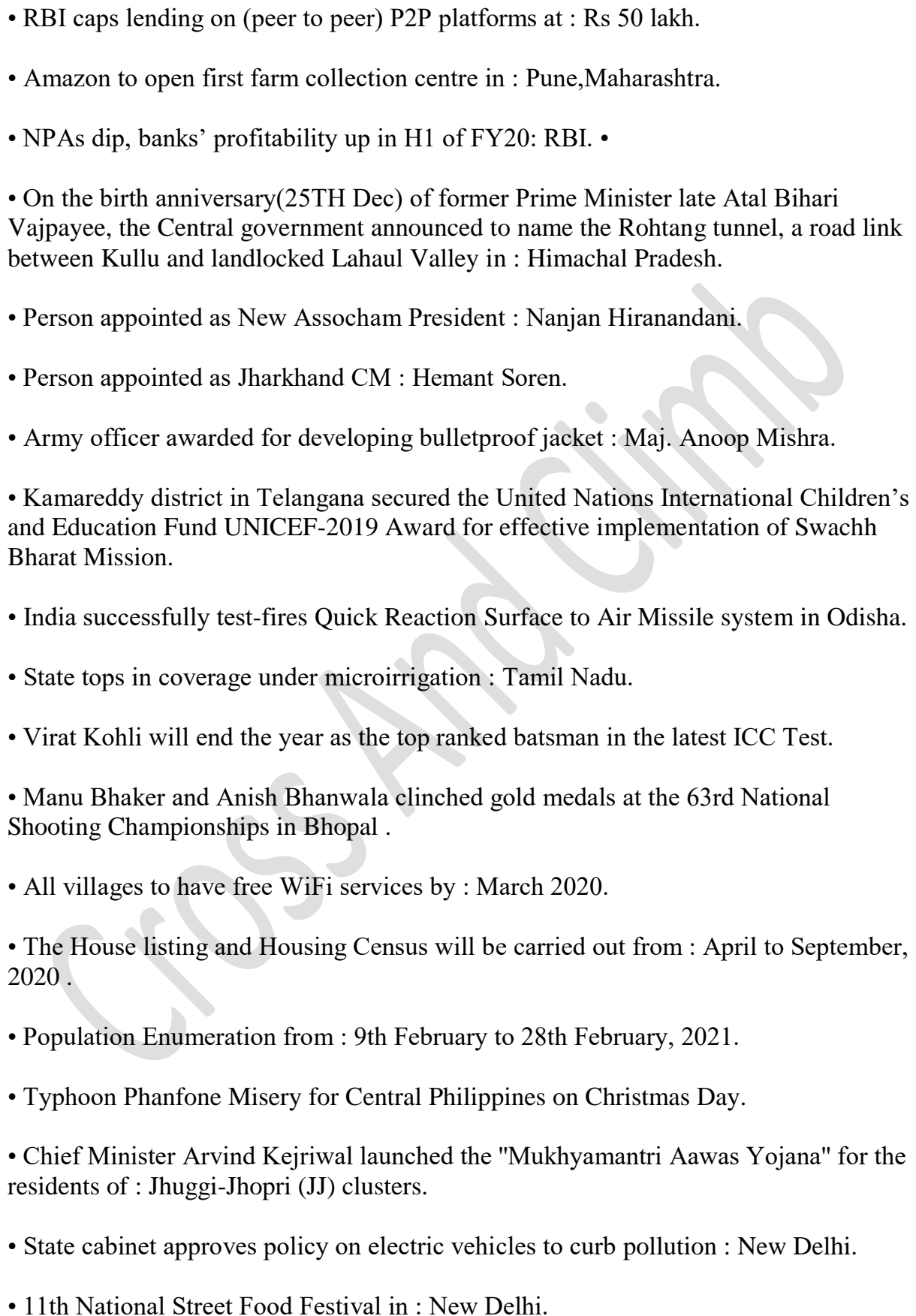
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- Energy conservation day is celebrated on : December 14.
 - International Tea Day : December 15.
 - Vijay Diwas: 16 December.
 - Thai massage could get UNESCO status as 2,000-year-old skill goes global.
 - Person crowned miss world 2019 : Jamaican's TONI ANN SINGH.
 - Person receives the Crystal Award 2020 for its awareness of mental health : Deepika Padukone .
 - England cricketer Ben Stokes has been voted : BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2019.
 - Viswanathan Anand launches autobiography : 'Mind Master'.
 - Who removes 'anti-Semitic' Belgian carnival from heritage list : UNESCO .
 - Moody's slashes FY20 growth forecast to : 4.9%.
 - India joins with whom to enable free 24x7 NEFT funds transfer facility : Elite club.
 - Fifth EAC meeting of 15th Finance Commission held in : New Delhi.
 - Ramco enters into agreement with China Aircraft Services.
 - Lieutenant General Manoj Mukund Naravane to be next Indian Army Chief.
 - 3 days “International Seminar on Climate Smart Farming Systems” for BIMSTEC countries held in : New Delhi.
 - Who organized “Steeling India 2019” conference : Confederation of Indian Industry.
 - Mukesh Ambani's RIL replaces Indian Oil at top of Fortune India 500 list.
 - India's Rank in WEF rankings on gender gap : 112th.
 - Person retains top spot in ICC Test rankings : Virat Kohli.
 - International Migrants Day- 18 december • Government promises broadband access in all villages by 2022 launches : National Broadband Mission.

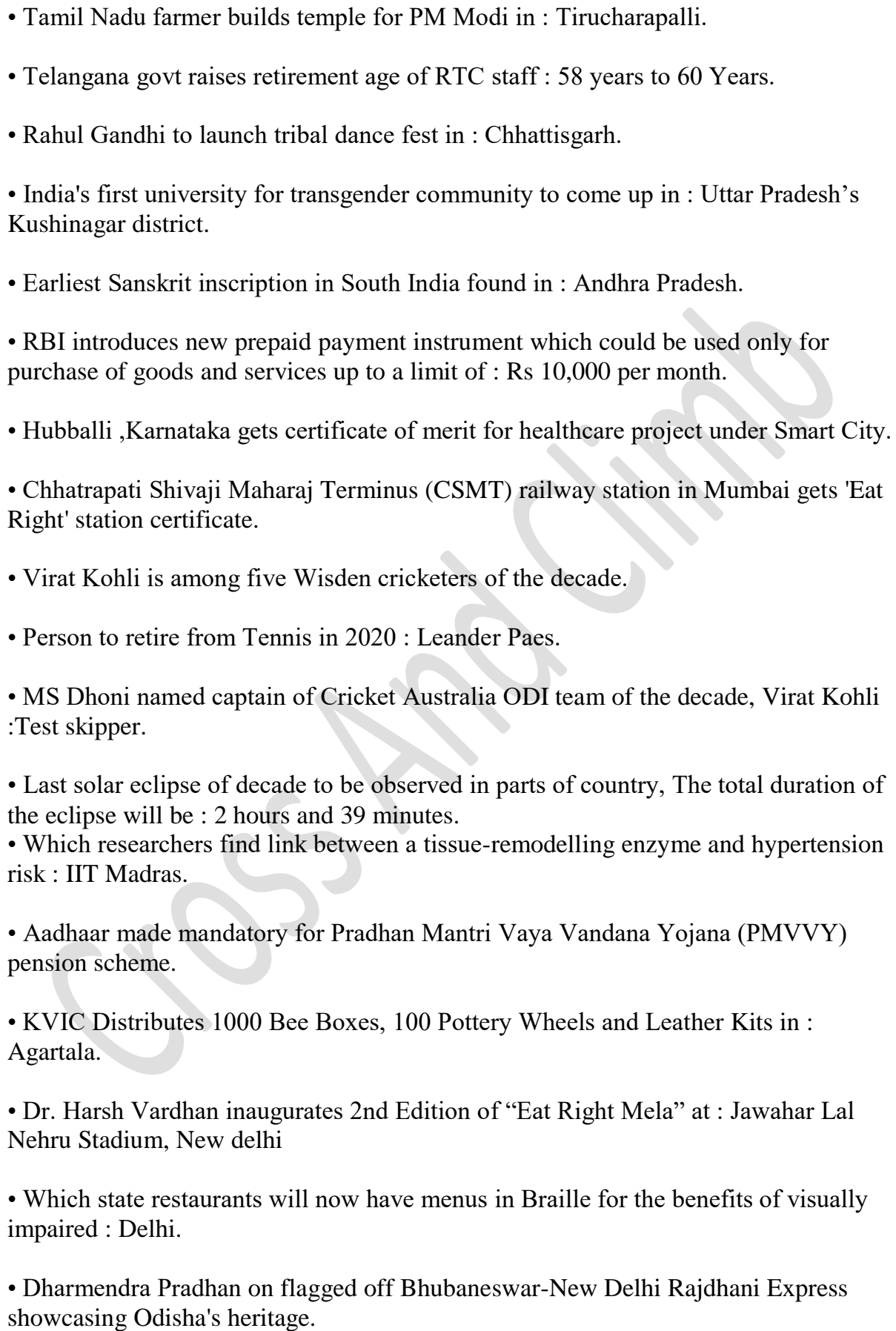
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- Person led group suggests restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir: Yashwant Sinha.
 - Five-day music festival 'Tansen Samaroh' begins in : Gwalior • 16th Orange Festival begins in : Tamenglong, Manipur.
 - Amitabha Bagchi wins 2019 DSC Prize
 - IAF Phase of Indo - Russian Tri- Services Exercise Indra 2019 in : Pune, Gwalior, Babina and Goa
 - Kargil to Kohima Ultra Marathon : 'Glory Run'
 - BrahMos Missile Successfully Test-fired from : Odisha's Chandipur
 - Smriti Mandhana in ICC women's ODI and T20 teams of the year
 - ICC opens anti-corruption investigations into Qatar T10 League.
 - England off-spinner Laura Marsh announces international retirement
 - A star & planet get Indian names: 'Bibha' after woman scientist & 'Santamasa' in Sanskrit.
 - Goa's Liberation Day :19th December.
 - Tripura gets its first Agro Based SEZ to come up in : Sabroom.
 - Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot releases Braille Edition of Book "Exam Warriors" written by: Prime Minister. • 136-km international rail link from :Bihar to Kathmandu on track
 - China Launches Second Aircraft Carrier, to be Deployed in : South China Sea. • Which Country moves to ban gay 'conversion therapy' : Germany.
 - India is world's third-largest producer of scientific articles.
 - The first ever Global Refugee Forum is being held in : Geneva, Switzerland.
 - Indian peacekeepers in South Sudan receive prestigious UN medal.
 - The Centre has decided to extend the mission period of its flagship initiative Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) by two more years to : 2022.

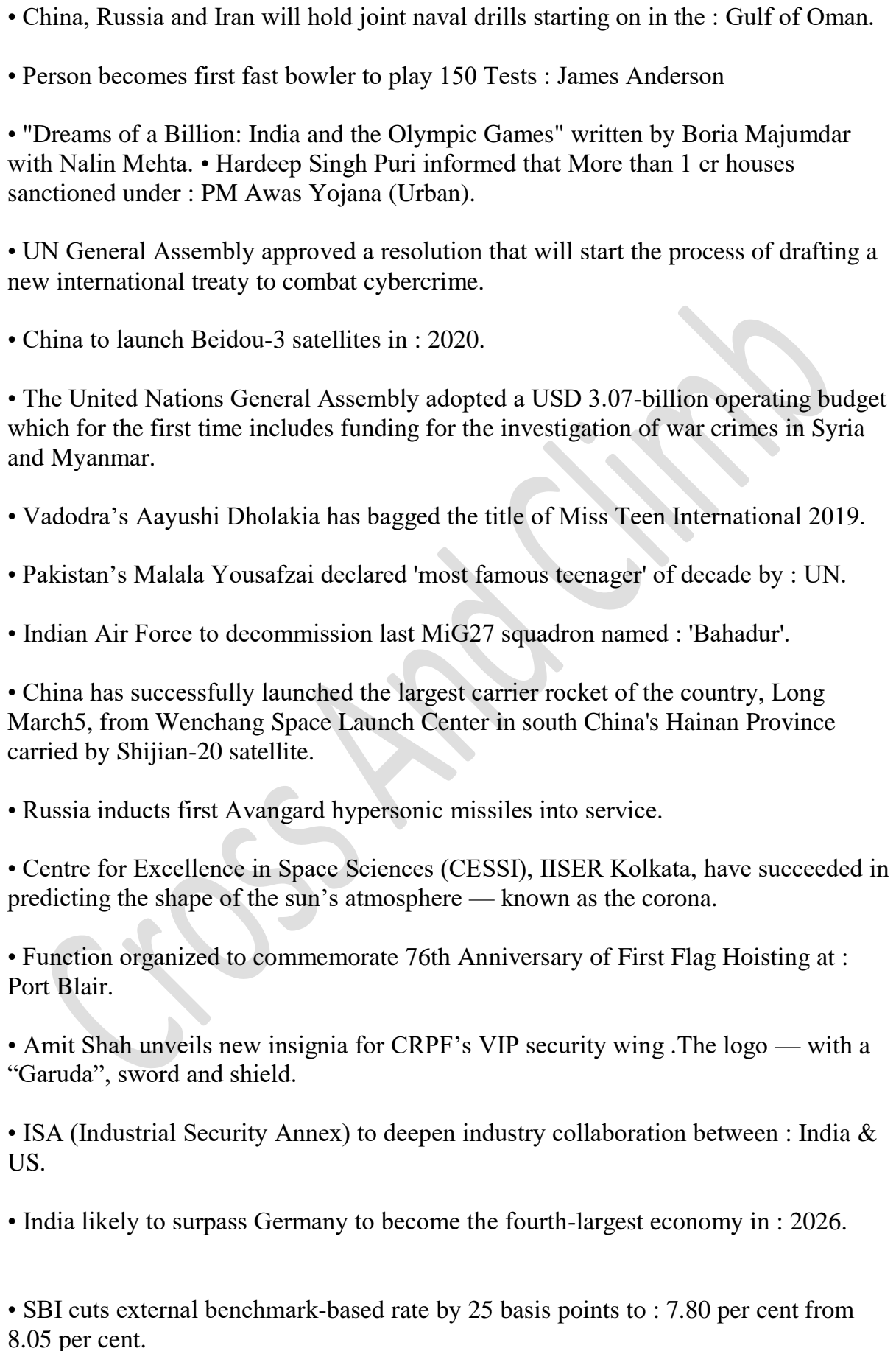
- RBI plans local version of 'Operation Twist' to lower long-term yields
- Cuba to name first prime minister in 40 years with president Miguel Diaz-Canel.
- Eight-year-old becomes highest-paid YouTuber, earns 26 million dollars in year : Ryan Kaji.
- Afghanistan first country to recognize : Indian Pharmacopoeia.
- Indian Navy conducts anti-hijacking exercise at Kochi coast : Apharan.
- DRDO successfully flight-tests Pinaka Missile System off : Odisha coast.
- Person wins women's national 10m Air Rifle : Zeena Khitta.
- FIFA rankings: India static at : 108.
- International Astronomical Union names new star : 'Sharjah'.
- PM Modi addresses ASSOCHAM Annual Conference in : New Delhi. • Ethiopia launches its first satellite took place at space station in : China.
- India, Afghanistan, Iran meet to monitor implementation of Chabahar port in : IRAN.
- Retired HC judge CV Ramulu named : Telangana Lokayukta.
- Who crowned FIFA Team of the Year : Belgium.
- India's position on World Anti-Doping Agency list for violations : 7th.
- Virat Kohli, Akshay, Salman Khan top Forbes India's 2019 Celebrity 100 list.
- Indian Air Force planning 'swift trials' in ₹ 1.5 lakh crore 114 fighter jet deal.
- World's oldest fossil trees uncovered in : New York.
- ICC extends partnership with UNICEF for: 2020 Women's T20 World Cup.
- Person bags Gold in 6th Qatar International Cup in Doha : Mirabai Chanu.
- Person wins Bengaluru Open Golf Championship : Abhinav Lohan.
- Person becomes most expensive overseas IPL player : Pat Cummins.

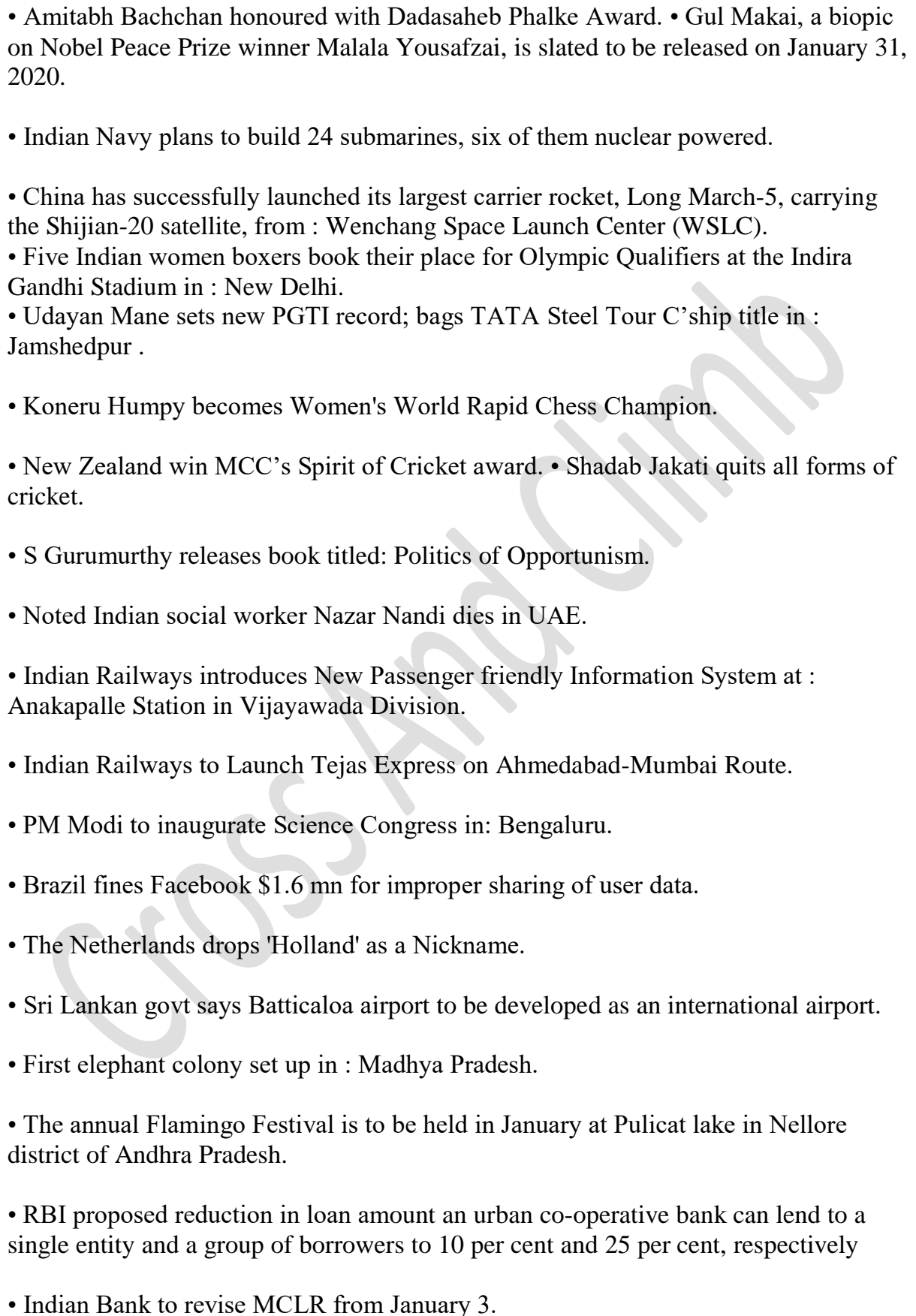
- Former Kerala Minister Thomas Chandy passes away. • Former SGPC chief Avtar Singh Makkar passes away at 78.
- National Mathematics Day : 22 DECEMBER.
- 'Oxygen Parlour' opened to combat air pollution at : Nashik Railway Station.
- S Jaishankar co-chairs 19th Joint Commission meeting with Iran Foreign Minister in : Tehran.
- Central government to organize 100 'Hunar Haats' in next five years.
- Union ministers, CMs to join over 100 CEOs at World Economic Forum's 50th Annual Meeting in : Davos.
- Secunderabad Railway Station Gets India's First 'Water From Air' System.
- Hyderabad - New Delhi Telangana Express adorned with “Singareni Colours” starts its run from : Hyderabad to New Delhi.
- Indian-American named 1st woman CTO at FCC in US : Dr Monisha Ghosh.
- Archaeologist was honoured at the Silver Jubilee International Conference of Art held in Dhaka : R. Nagaswamy .
- Kozhikode boy Aditya bags top bravery award : Aditya K. of Ramanattukara.
- Army to sign deal for six Apache attack helicopters cost around : \$930 million.
- New China-Brazil earth resource satellite launched into space : CBERS-4A.
- Sierra Leone pro football league gets first female coach
- Kisan Diwas : 23 December.
- National Consumer Rights Day is observed with the THEME 'Trusted Smart Products' on - 24th December.
- Urban India declared Open defecation free under : Swachh Bharat Mission.
- Harshes winter phase 'Chillai-Kalan' begins in : Kashmir.
- IMF retains India's FY20 GDP growth rate forecast at : 6.1%. \
- Sangita Reddy takes over as : FICCI President.

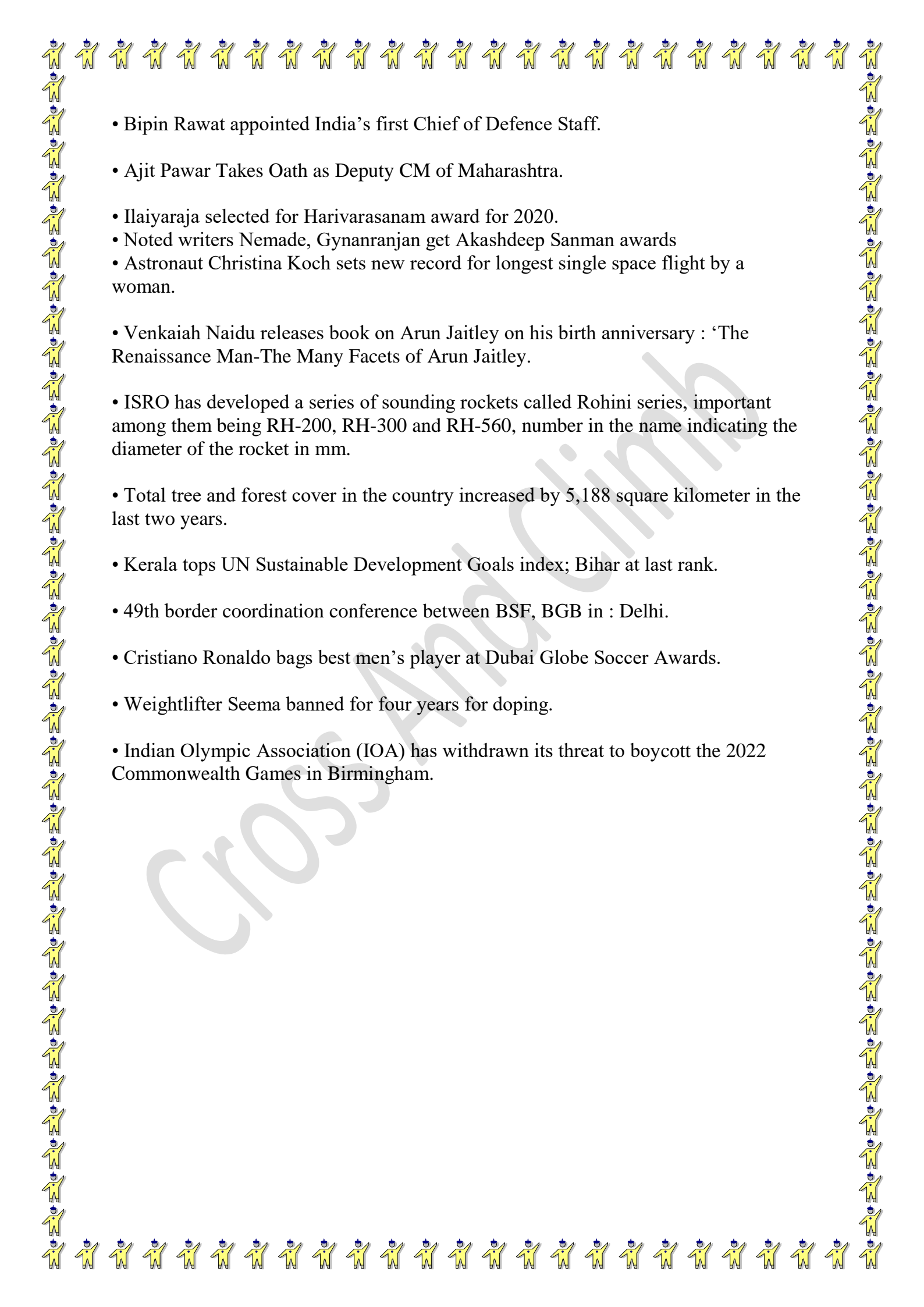
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- Government extends tenure of NABARD chief Harsh Kumar Bhanwala by six months.
 - Ashraf Ghani Set To Win Second Term As Afghan President.
 - Senior diplomat Harsh Vardhan Shringla appointed new foreign secretary.
 - Vice President Venkaiah Naidu honours winners at 66th National Film Awards in : New Delhi.
 - Person gets Janakavi P Sawlaram Memorial Award : Actor Sharad Ponkshe
 - Army Tech Seminar 'ARTECH 2019' for 'Make in India' Defence industry begins in : New Delhi.
 - WE Hub Partners with Startup India DPIIT To Launch WING Program for Women Entrepreneurs in : Telangana.
 - Donald Trump officially launches US Space Force.
 - President Kovind releases mobile app of Red Cross Society of India in : Hyderabad.
 - Indian weightlifter creates two new national records at Qatar International Cup in Doha.: Rakhi Halder.
 - Ahmedabad Gets Provisional Clearance to Host FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup India 2020 Games
 - South Africa pacer announces international retirement Tokyo Olympics : Vernon Philander.
 - Good Governance Day (India) : 25 December.
 - Union HRD Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' inaugurates 65th National School Games of SGFI in : Delhi.
 - Shri Dharmendra Pradhan unveils India's First CNG Bus which can run 1000 Kms in one fill.
 - Digital Radio to be launched in 2024: Prakash Javadekar .
 - PM Modi to unveil statue of Atal Bihari Vajpayee in : Lucknow.
 - PM Modi to launch Atal Bhujal Yojana in : New Delhi.
 - China, Japan, South Korea meet on North Korea for free trade.

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- RBI caps lending on (peer to peer) P2P platforms at : Rs 50 lakh.
 - Amazon to open first farm collection centre in : Pune, Maharashtra.
 - NPAs dip, banks' profitability up in H1 of FY20: RBI. •
 - On the birth anniversary(25TH Dec) of former Prime Minister late Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the Central government announced to name the Rohtang tunnel, a road link between Kullu and landlocked Lahaul Valley in : Himachal Pradesh.
 - Person appointed as New Assocham President : Nanjan Hiranandani.
 - Person appointed as Jharkhand CM : Hemant Soren.
 - Army officer awarded for developing bulletproof jacket : Maj. Anoop Mishra.
 - Kamareddy district in Telangana secured the United Nations International Children's and Education Fund UNICEF-2019 Award for effective implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission.
 - India successfully test-fires Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile system in Odisha.
 - State tops in coverage under microirrigation : Tamil Nadu.
 - Virat Kohli will end the year as the top ranked batsman in the latest ICC Test.
 - Manu Bhaker and Anish Bhanwala clinched gold medals at the 63rd National Shooting Championships in Bhopal .
 - All villages to have free WiFi services by : March 2020.
 - The House listing and Housing Census will be carried out from : April to September, 2020 .
 - Population Enumeration from : 9th February to 28th February, 2021.
 - Typhoon Phanfone Misery for Central Philippines on Christmas Day.
 - Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal launched the "Mukhyamantri Aawas Yojana" for the residents of : Jhuggi-Jhopri (JJ) clusters.
 - State cabinet approves policy on electric vehicles to curb pollution : New Delhi.
 - 11th National Street Food Festival in : New Delhi.

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- Tamil Nadu farmer builds temple for PM Modi in : Tirucharapalli.
 - Telangana govt raises retirement age of RTC staff : 58 years to 60 Years.
 - Rahul Gandhi to launch tribal dance fest in : Chhattisgarh.
 - India's first university for transgender community to come up in : Uttar Pradesh's Kushinagar district.
 - Earliest Sanskrit inscription in South India found in : Andhra Pradesh.
 - RBI introduces new prepaid payment instrument which could be used only for purchase of goods and services up to a limit of : Rs 10,000 per month.
 - Hubballi ,Karnataka gets certificate of merit for healthcare project under Smart City.
 - Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) railway station in Mumbai gets 'Eat Right' station certificate.
 - Virat Kohli is among five Wisden cricketers of the decade.
 - Person to retire from Tennis in 2020 : Leander Paes.
 - MS Dhoni named captain of Cricket Australia ODI team of the decade, Virat Kohli :Test skipper.
 - Last solar eclipse of decade to be observed in parts of country, The total duration of the eclipse will be : 2 hours and 39 minutes.
 - Which researchers find link between a tissue-remodelling enzyme and hypertension risk : IIT Madras.
 - Aadhaar made mandatory for Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY) pension scheme.
 - KVIC Distributes 1000 Bee Boxes, 100 Pottery Wheels and Leather Kits in : Agartala.
 - Dr. Harsh Vardhan inaugurates 2nd Edition of "Eat Right Mela" at : Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium, New delhi
 - Which state restaurants will now have menus in Braille for the benefits of visually impaired : Delhi.
 - Dharmendra Pradhan on flagged off Bhubaneswar-New Delhi Rajdhani Express showcasing Odisha's heritage.

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- China, Russia and Iran will hold joint naval drills starting on in the : Gulf of Oman.
 - Person becomes first fast bowler to play 150 Tests : James Anderson
 - "Dreams of a Billion: India and the Olympic Games" written by Boria Majumdar with Nalin Mehta. • Hardeep Singh Puri informed that More than 1 cr houses sanctioned under : PM Awas Yojana (Urban).
 - UN General Assembly approved a resolution that will start the process of drafting a new international treaty to combat cybercrime.
 - China to launch Beidou-3 satellites in : 2020.
 - The United Nations General Assembly adopted a USD 3.07-billion operating budget which for the first time includes funding for the investigation of war crimes in Syria and Myanmar.
 - Vadodra's Aayushi Dholakia has bagged the title of Miss Teen International 2019.
 - Pakistan's Malala Yousafzai declared 'most famous teenager' of decade by : UN.
 - Indian Air Force to decommission last MiG27 squadron named : 'Bahadur'.
 - China has successfully launched the largest carrier rocket of the country, Long March5, from Wenchang Space Launch Center in south China's Hainan Province carried by Shijian-20 satellite.
 - Russia inducts first Avangard hypersonic missiles into service.
 - Centre for Excellence in Space Sciences (CESSI), IISER Kolkata, have succeeded in predicting the shape of the sun's atmosphere — known as the corona.
 - Function organized to commemorate 76th Anniversary of First Flag Hoisting at : Port Blair.
 - Amit Shah unveils new insignia for CRPF's VIP security wing .The logo — with a "Garuda", sword and shield.
 - ISA (Industrial Security Annex) to deepen industry collaboration between : India & US.
 - India likely to surpass Germany to become the fourth-largest economy in : 2026.
 - SBI cuts external benchmark-based rate by 25 basis points to : 7.80 per cent from 8.05 per cent.

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- Amitabh Bachchan honoured with Dadasaheb Phalke Award. • Gul Makai, a biopic on Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai, is slated to be released on January 31, 2020.
 - Indian Navy plans to build 24 submarines, six of them nuclear powered.
 - China has successfully launched its largest carrier rocket, Long March-5, carrying the Shijian-20 satellite, from : Wenchang Space Launch Center (WSLC).
 - Five Indian women boxers book their place for Olympic Qualifiers at the Indira Gandhi Stadium in : New Delhi.
 - Udayan Mane sets new PGTI record; bags TATA Steel Tour C' ship title in : Jamshedpur .
 - Koneru Humpy becomes Women's World Rapid Chess Champion.
 - New Zealand win MCC's Spirit of Cricket award. • Shadab Jakati quits all forms of cricket.
 - S Gurumurthy releases book titled: Politics of Opportunism.
 - Noted Indian social worker Nazar Nandi dies in UAE.
 - Indian Railways introduces New Passenger friendly Information System at : Anakapalle Station in Vijayawada Division.
 - Indian Railways to Launch Tejas Express on Ahmedabad-Mumbai Route.
 - PM Modi to inaugurate Science Congress in: Bengaluru.
 - Brazil fines Facebook \$1.6 mn for improper sharing of user data.
 - The Netherlands drops 'Holland' as a Nickname.
 - Sri Lankan govt says Batticaloa airport to be developed as an international airport.
 - First elephant colony set up in : Madhya Pradesh.
 - The annual Flamingo Festival is to be held in January at Pulicat lake in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh.
 - RBI proposed reduction in loan amount an urban co-operative bank can lend to a single entity and a group of borrowers to 10 per cent and 25 per cent, respectively
 - Indian Bank to revise MCLR from January 3.

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- Bipin Rawat appointed India's first Chief of Defence Staff.
 - Ajit Pawar Takes Oath as Deputy CM of Maharashtra.
 - Ilaiyaraja selected for Harivarasanam award for 2020.
 - Noted writers Nemade, Gynanranjan get Akashdeep Sanman awards
 - Astronaut Christina Koch sets new record for longest single space flight by a woman.
 - Venkaiah Naidu releases book on Arun Jaitley on his birth anniversary : 'The Renaissance Man-The Many Facets of Arun Jaitley.
 - ISRO has developed a series of sounding rockets called Rohini series, important among them being RH-200, RH-300 and RH-560, number in the name indicating the diameter of the rocket in mm.
 - Total tree and forest cover in the country increased by 5,188 square kilometer in the last two years.
 - Kerala tops UN Sustainable Development Goals index; Bihar at last rank.
 - 49th border coordination conference between BSF, BGB in : Delhi.
 - Cristiano Ronaldo bags best men's player at Dubai Globe Soccer Awards.
 - Weightlifter Seema banned for four years for doping.
 - Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has withdrawn its threat to boycott the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.