

## Monthly Current Affairs= January,2020

- Global Family Day: 1st January.
- How many UIDAI-run Aadhaar Seva Kendras operational across the country: 28.
- PM to distribute Krishi Karman Awards and 3rd installment of Rs 2000 to 6 crore beneficiaries under: Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM KISAN).
- Government launches web portal to block stolen, lost mobile phones: Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR).
- The programme in which Prime Minister interacts with the cross section of Students and Teachers from India and abroad to beat exam stress has been rescheduled to 20th January: Pariksha pe Charcha.
- Who launches Political Parties Registration Tracking Management System: Election Commission.
- India records highest number of babies born globally on New Year's Day At 67,385: UNICEF.
- RBI launches mobile app for visually challenged to identify denomination of currency notes: MANI (Mobile Aided Note Identifier).
- GST collection rises to Rs 1.03 lakh crore in December for second time in a row.
- Kerala Becomes First State To Pass Anti-CAA Resolution.
- The Wildlife Institute of India (WII) is to conduct Asiatic Lion Census in May 2020; The Institute will use 10,000 cameras to conduct the census.
- State government is planning to introduce Sand delivery at doorstep from Jan 2: Andhra Pradesh.
- ITBP chief given additional charge to CRPF DG: Surjit Singh Deswal.
- Person Appointed as Governor on ERIA Board: Rohan Shah.
- Persons to receive CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award: Krish Srikkanth, Anjum Chopra.

• Sanjay Gupta of "Jagran" to be honoured with Lokmanya Tilak journalism award.

- Person was picked as captain of ESPN Cricinfo's ODI and Twenty20 teams of the decade: Mahendra Singh Dhoni.
- ICC plans to scrap five-day Tests from: 2023.
- Third Khelo India youth games to be held in Jan 2020 in: Guwahati, Assam.
- Australia pacer Peter Siddle announces retirement from international cricket.
- Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurates new campus of (National Fire Service College) NFSC in: Nagpur.
- Nepal's President launches 'Visit Nepal Year 2020' campaign to promote tourism in: Kathmandu.
- UPSRTC (Uttar Pradesh State Road Transport) launches helpline for women, which is a calling and a WhatsApp service for the safety of women: Damini.
- Pragati Maidan metro station renamed as Supreme Court metro station.
- Public Provident Fund, Sukanya Samriddhi Scheme remains attractive, interest rates kept unchanged.

- Telangana girl scales Mt. Vinson Massif, highest mountain in Antarctica: Malavath Poorna.
- Person honoured with Global Peace Excellence Humanitarian & Global Bihar Excellence Awards 2019: Piyuus Jaiswal.
- 14th Global Healthcare Summit to be held in 2021 in: Visakhapatnam.
- India to Host 36th International Geological Congress in: March 2020; Theme: 'Geosciences: The Basic Science for a Sustainable Future.'
- 5th IHAI National Ice Hockey Championship 2020 begins in: Leh.
- Noted Assamese theatre personality Ratna Ojha passes away
- World Braille Day: January 4.

- Which state government declared 2020 as the year of Artificial Intelligence (AI): Telangana.
- Person became world no.1 in the latest International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) rankings in the Under-21 men's singles category: Manay Thakkar.

- Qassem Soleimani top Iranian military commander passes away.
- Yoga Science meet organised at Indian Science Congress in: Bengaluru. Rajnath Singh inaugurates 3-day National Traders Convention in: New Delhi.

VilLgro Innovation Foundation and Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW) collaborated for a \$2.5 million initiative to support start-ups working on clean energy solutions.

- India's rank in Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index: 34th.
- Person appointed as Advisor to JammuKashmir Lt Governor: DG Bhatnagar.
- Person Launches Braille Version Of His Book 'Exam Warriors' On World Braille Day (jan 4): PM Narendra Modi.
- Prakaash Javadekar to confer first 'Antarrashtriya Yoga Diwas Media Samman' to 30 media houses in: New Delhi.
- ISRO inks pact with NITK (National Institute of Technology Karnataka) to set up Regional Academic Centre for Space.
- Person wins gold in men's 10 m air pistol at 63rd National Shooting C'ship: Saurabh Chaudhary.
- Which Country's Cabinet approves issuance of 5-Year multi-entry tourist visa: UAE.
- Navigation facilities for visually impaired inaugurated at : Chandigarh railway station in Punjab
- Journalist Day Observed in Maharashtra on: January 6.

- Himachal Pradesh Govt launches Himachal MyGov portal in Shimla to strengthen public participation.
- West Bengal Govt to provide insurance coverage of Rs 5 lakh to: Ganga Sagar pilgrims.
- Who gives big boost to affordable health cover with mandatory 'Arogya Sanjeevani' Policy: IRDAI.

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• Piyush Goyal inaugurates NSE Knowledge Hub in: New Delhi.

• Person stated the government plans to launch an e-commerce platform with an eye on garnering revenues of around ₹10-lakh crore over two-three years: Nitin Gadkari.

- Wipro, HAL (Hindustan Aeronautics) in pact to make 3D-printed aircraft parts.
- Name the Bank which sings MoU with Women Entrepreneurs Welfare Association (WEWA)of Tamil Nadu to provide training and credit linkage to its women entrepreneurs to establish business: Indian Bank
- How Many states have finalised action plan for agriculture export policy which aims to double such exports : 8.
- Uber teams up with Hyundai on electric air taxis.
- Who has unveiled a new adoption assistance programme aimed at enhancing the parental support benefits for employees: PayPal.
- Dubai-based Indian girl who can sing in 120 languages wins Global Child Prodigy Award: Sucheta Satish.
- Singular 'they' voted word of the decade by US linguists.

- ISRO signed a pact with Indian Institute of Astrophysics to establish an optical telescope under: Project NETRA.
- Android mobile application using artificial intelligence, can rightly identify the denomination of the newly introduced currency notes for visually challenged: Retinuz.

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced that 'Defence Expo-2020' will be held in: Lucknow.
- The Army is likely to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in a month for the procurement of over 7.5 lakh AK-203 assault rifles, which are to be manufactured locally by an: India-Russia joint venture (JV).
- The third edition of Khelo India Youth Games 2020, to be held in Guwahati from 10th of January, will be advocating for the elimination of single-use plastics.
- Bhubaneswar to host 1st edition of Khelo India University Games from: Feb 22 to March 1.
- P Magesh Chandran lifts 95th Hastings International Chess title in: England.
- AS Roma legend and World Cup winner Daniele De Rossi announces retirement from Football.



- Germany's 1966 World Cup goalkeeper Hans Tilkowski dies at 84.
- President Kovind lays foundation stone to Lakshadweep's first Super Specialty Hospital at : Kavaratti.
- Sahitya Akademi, Iran Embassy organize Indo-Iranian Writers' Meet in: New Delhi.
- India continues to be top sourcing market for: Sri Lankan tourism.
- Which country's High Court orders ban on single use plastic: Bangladesh.
- Newly-elected Finland Prime Minister Sanna Marin proposes four-day working week.
- Mizoram govt to organise festival to unify Mizo tribes: Zo Kutpui.
- 'Buxa Bird Festival' begins in: West Bengal's Alipurduar district.

- Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) on declared the Capital an open defecationfree (ODF) ++ city.
- India's GDP growth rate for 2019-20 estimated at 5%, as per: National Statistical Office (NSO).
- RBI buys three long-term securities worth Rs10,000 cr in 3rd special OMO.
- Equitas Small Finance Bank waives nonmaintenance charges on all savings accounts.
- RBI rolls out new Supervisory Action Framework to tighten norms for: Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs).
- RBI gives in-principle nod to Shivalik Mercantile to convert to small finance bank (SFB).
- PM Kisan scheme which provides Rs 2,000 each in three installments for every four months to the farmer families: 50 per cent farmers to be covered this year.
- India's per-capita income rises 6.8 per cent to 11,254 a month in FY20.
- 77th Golden Globe Awards honouring the best films and television of calendar year 2019 was held at Beverly Hills, California in USA.

• Liverpool's Sadio Mane wins African Footballer of the Year award.

- India's world-class facility for training astronauts will come up in Challakere, Karnataka.
- Who launches third batch of Starlink satellites part of plan to form global broadband: SpaceX.

- NASA's planet hunter finds Earth-sized world in 'Goldilocks zone': TESS.
- Royal Navy of Oman ships arrive in Goa for naval exercise: Naseem-Al-Bahr'.
- Indian Navy Kicks Off First 'Maha-Navy Connect 2020' in: Maharashtra.
- (Central Industrial Security Force)CISF to observe 2020 as "year of mobility" for troops" welfare, housing.
- Former Western Army Commander Lt Gen Prem Nath Hoon passes away. Pravasi Bharatiya Divas: 9th January.
- Cabinet approved conferring the status of Institution of National Importance to a cluster of Ayurvedic institutions at Gujarat Ayurved University campus in: Jamnagar.

• Govt approves over Rs 5000 cr project for natural gas supplies in Northeast.

- Which Ministry has notified the new Wetland Conservation Rules which prohibit setting up or expansion of industries and disposal of construction and demolition waste within the wetlands: Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- Railway Board has approved works for provision of Video Surveillance System covering 983 stations under: Nirbhaya funds.
- Art Exhibition inaugurated to mark 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in: Dhaka,Bangladesh.
- Bank announces 'residential builder finance with buyer guarantee' scheme: SBI.
- CCEA approves strategic disinvestment of 49.78 per cent equity shareholding of MMTC.
- Who launches all-in-one QR for merchants across the country: Paytm.
- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy will launch 'Jagananna Amma Vodi' programme in : Chittoor.

• Gujarat to set up Vikram Sarabhai Children Innovation Center in state.

• 31st International Kite Festival launched at Sabarmati river front in: Ahmedabad.

- State which registers highest Inpatient Department care in country: Jammu & Kashmir.
- Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray will inaugurate Advantage Maharashtra expo 2020 in: Aurangabad.
- Person sworn in as PM of Spain: Pedro Sánchez.
- Person won Croatia's presidential election: Zoran Milanovic.
- Persons have found a place in the Forbes India's prestigious list of '20 people to watch in the 2020s': Prashant Kishor and Kanhaiya Kumar.
- Pune to host fifth edition of global Drosophila conference.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah released a book 'Karmayoddha Granth' on the life of: Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- 3 Kerala cities in Economist list of world's fastest growing urban regions: Malappuram, Kozhikode and Kollam.
- 2019 second hottest year on record: Eurpean Union climate monitoring service.
- India's first indigenous aircraft carrier Vikrant likely to be commissioned by early 2021.
- ITTF executive committee meeting to be held in: New Delhi.
- Person retains top spot in the latest ICC Test rankings: Virat Kohli.
- Weightlifter banned for four years for doping violation: Sarbjeet Kaur.
- Former Vellore MP Ulaganambi passes away.
- Veteran Odissi Danseuse Minati Mishra passes away.
- World Hindi Day: January 10.

- Census India-2021 to begin on 1st April this year and will end on 30th of September, to be conducted through mobile app.
- Indian Railways to source about 1000 MW Solar Power by 2021-22; Nandyal Yerraguntla section in Guntakal Division has been declared as the first solar section in South Central Railway.

• Indian Consulate in Dubai to issue passports under tatkal scheme on same day.

- Eight states of the Northern Eastern Region to participate in Madhavpur Mela of: Gujarat.
- The Income-Tax Department has launched a 24x7 control room to monitor black money and illegal inducements in pollbound: Delhi.
- Which state Tourism department launches publicity campaign at (South Asian Trade and Travel Exchange Expo) SATTE 2020 to showcase diverse tourism attractions: Jammu and Kashmir.
- Kashmir to be connected with rest of India through rail by: December 2021.
- Kerala's Chief Minister launches website for (Non-Resident Keralites) NRK's investment.
- RBI amends KYC norms, allows banks to use: Video based Customer Identification Process (V-CIP).
- Growth in India projected to 'decelerate' to 5 per cent in 2019-2020: World Bank.
- SBI launches promotional campaign with Metro Cash & Carry India in: Bengaluru.
- Which Ministry has suggested increasing the limit on foreign direct investment in insurance and pension companies to 74% from the present 49%: Finance Ministry.
- Abhibus ties up with IRCTC allowing its customers to buy or cancel tickets.
- Bank launches myApps application to boost digital payments: HDFC Bank.
- Who stated that the country will have to increase its labour productivity growth to 6.3 per cent to attain 8 per cent economic growth: India Ratings and Research.
- Zero-Budget Natural Farming; Andhra Pradesh govt inks Rs 711 cr loan pact with: kfw German bank.
- Hudco appoints M Nagaraj as Chairman, Managing Director.

- Author Jasbinder Bilan wins UK Costa Children's award 2019.
- Persons chosen for Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu National Awards: Prof. MS Swaminathan & Dr. G Muniratnam.
- The third edition of Prime Minister's Interaction with school students, "Pariksha Pe Charcha 2020", will be held on 20th Jan at: Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi.

• India to Launch GSAT-30 Communication Satellite from: Kourou space centre in French Guiana.

- DBT funds to setup a biotech-kisan hub at: Tamil Nadu Agricultural University.
- Japan tops list of most powerful passports, India's rank is: 84th.
- Visakhapatnam is gearing up to host another International Naval event 'MILAN' in March 2020 with the Theme: 'Synergy Across the Seas'.
- Folk singer and sarangi maestro Sharif Idu passes away.

- Buck Henry, screenwriter behind films like The Graduate and Heaven Can Wait, dies at 89.
- Who has launched paperless licensing process for road tankers for transportation of petroleum: Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).
- Four Indian airports receive international recognition for reducing carbon emissions: Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata; Biju Patnaik International Airport, Bhubaneswar; Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport, Varanasi and Trivandrum International Airport.
- Who has stated that efforts are on to help citizens lodge their grievances on the Centralized Public Grievance Redress And Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) portal in Indian languages: Dr Jitendra Singh.

- Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C).
- Which Junction railway facility gets (Integrated Management System) IMS certification: Mangaluru.
- Second largest Muslim Congregation in the world Bishwa Ijtema begins in: Bangladesh.
- Sri Lanka to buy 500 buses from India for: USD 15 million.
- Uttar Pradesh to build Rs 234-crore zoo named after Shaheed Ashfaqullah Khan in: Gorakhpur.
- TamilNadu names two state-run varsities after Jayalalithaa : "The Tamil Nadu Dr J Jayalalithaa Fisheries University," and "The Tamil Nadu Dr J Jayalalithaa Music and Fine Arts University."

• Which Legislative Assembly adopted a new logo, reflecting the distinct identity and culture of the state: Arunachal Pradesh.

- PM Modi to re-dedicate three restored colonial structures to Kolkata: Currency Building, Meltcalfe Hall and Belvedre House.
- Jammu & Kashmir likely to have SMS-based taxi aggregator scheme.
- Uttam Agarwal resigns as independent director of Yes Bank.
- 23rd National Youth Festival-2020 to be organized from 12th to 16th January, 2020 with the Theme: 'FIT YOUTH FIT INDIA'.
- 5th edition of The Pulses Conclave to be held in: Lonavala, Maharashtra. Indian researchers have received first Merck Young Scientist Award 2019.
- Narendra Modi fifth biggest geo-political risk of 2020, List was Topped by USA: Eurasia Group.
- Haryana, Karnataka and Kerala have topped the State Energy Efficiency Index 2019.
- Gujarat Agro Industries Corporation (GAIC) launches imported water-soluble fertilizers in: Ahmedabad.
- Indian Navy to continue with Op Sankalp in Gulf region.
- Person nominated for 'World Games Athlete of the Year': Rani Rampal. Former MP Gopinath Gajapati Narayan Deo passes away.
- Sultan Qaboos bin, King of Oman passes away at 79.
- National Youth Day: January 12.

- Who launches projects worth 600 crore rupees on 150th year celebrations of Kolkata Port Trust: PM Narendra Modi.
- National Youth Festival 2020 begins at Lucknow in: Uttar Pradesh.
- Dharmendra Pradhan unveils Mission Purvodaya to develop eastern region into a integrated steel hub in Kolkata.
- Dhaka International Film Festival begins with the Theme: 'Better Film, Better Audience and Better Society'.
- China commissioned its first fourth generation guided-missile destroyer, the warship named Nanchang was commissioned in: Qingdao.

- UK-based Big Innovation Centre opens office in: Hyderabad.
- Rs 4.7 trillion farm loans waived in 10 years stated a report by: SBI Research.
- Pune-based Language Tech company LinguaSol has launched the Website Translator 1.0, a cost-efficient software solution for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).

• PayU to acquire PaySense for: \$185 mn.

- Samiya Naseem of Indian origin has been appointed as the judge of Chicago.
- Person wins second term as Taiwan president: Tsai Ing-wen.
- Lt Col Yuvraj Malik appointed director of National Book Trust.
- Hyderabad scientist elected as Bureau Member of (IUPAC) International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry: Dr Saha.
- Person take oath as new Sultan of Oman: Haitham bin Tariq bin Taimour.
- Persons to receive Polly Umrigar Award: Jasprit Bumrah and Poonam Yadav.

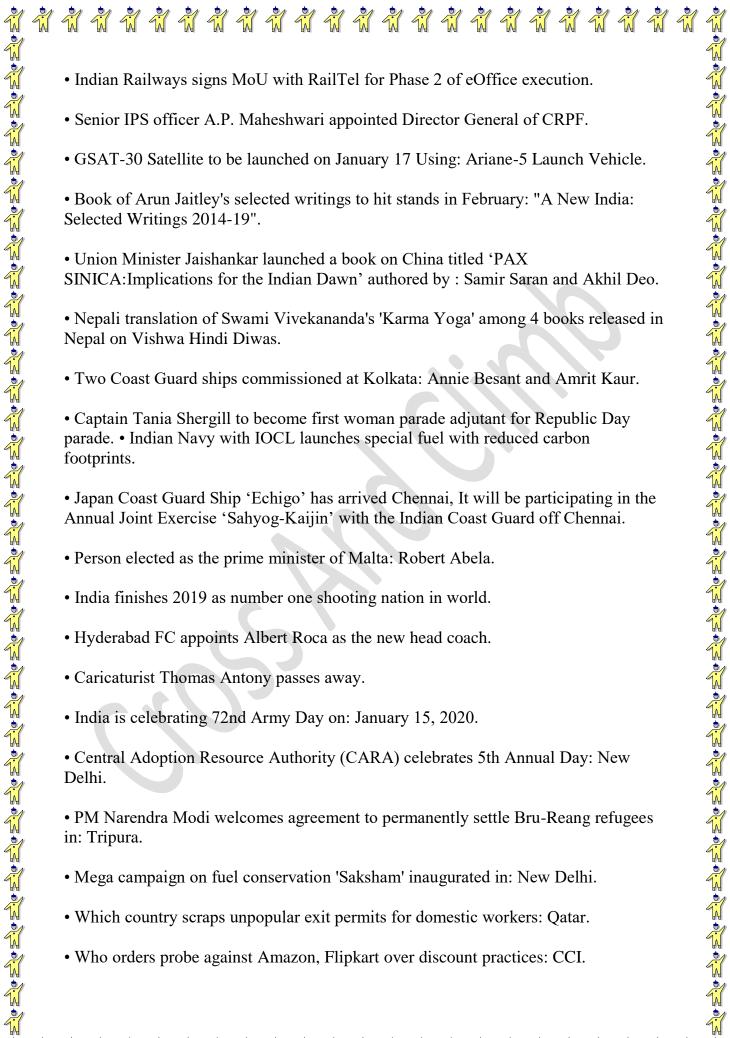
Wings India 2020 to Be Held From March 12- 15 at Begum Airport in: Hyderabad.

- Global investor meet ASCEND 2020 held in: Kochi, Kerala.
- World Future Energy Summit to begin in Abu Dhabi with the Theme: Rethinking Global Consumption, Production, and Investment.
- India deploys INS Vikramaditya in Arabian Sea amid China-Pak naval drill.
- Naval version of Tejas successfully takes off from aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya in major feat.
- India aiming at USD 250 billion maritime economy by: 2024.
- India to acquire 200 fighter jets for Air Force stated by Defence secretary: Ajay Kumar.

- BCCI likely to appoint Madan Lal, Gautam Gambhir as Cricket Advisory Committee members.
- Veteran broadcaster, academic-poet Obaid Siddiqui passes away.
- Noted Kannada scholar Chidananda Murthy passes away.



- Veteran PTI journalist Babul Baruah passes away.
- Global conference on geopolitics and geoeconomics Raisina Dialogue to begin in: New Delhi.
- Smriti Irani launches Yashaswini Scheme for Women entrepreneurship in: Goa.
- Centre to set up 11 member panel to examine issues on royalty rates for major minerals.
- India-Bangladesh I&B Ministers' Meet 2020 to be held in: New Delhi.
- Who predicts Sri Lanka's economic growth at 3.3 pct for 2020: World Bank.
- Country to make yoga education compulsory for school children: Nepal.
- Ahead of Beijing 2022, China launches driverless bullet train capable of travelling at: 350kmph.
- Who defers deadline by 2 years till 2022 for top 500 firms to separate roles of chairman and MD: SEBI.
- Government appoints Michael Patra as RBI Deputy Governor.
- Retail inflation jumps to about 5-yr high of 7.35 pct in: Dec 2019.
- Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) Efforts to Protect Buddhist Site at: Sankaram, near Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- Festival of harvest being celebrated in North India: Lohri.
- Population of 'mugger' crocodile species increases in: Odisha.
- Which National Park records 96 species of wetland birds: Kaziranga, Assam.
- State likely to have four Regional Zones: Andhra Pradesh.
- Fresh investment proposals worth Rs 6608 cr approved in: Tamil Nadu.
- Cultural exchange programme to be organised under Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat in: Bihar.
- Telangana's Peddapalli district gets fourth consecutive national award 'Swacchatha Darpan Award 2020' for sanitation.

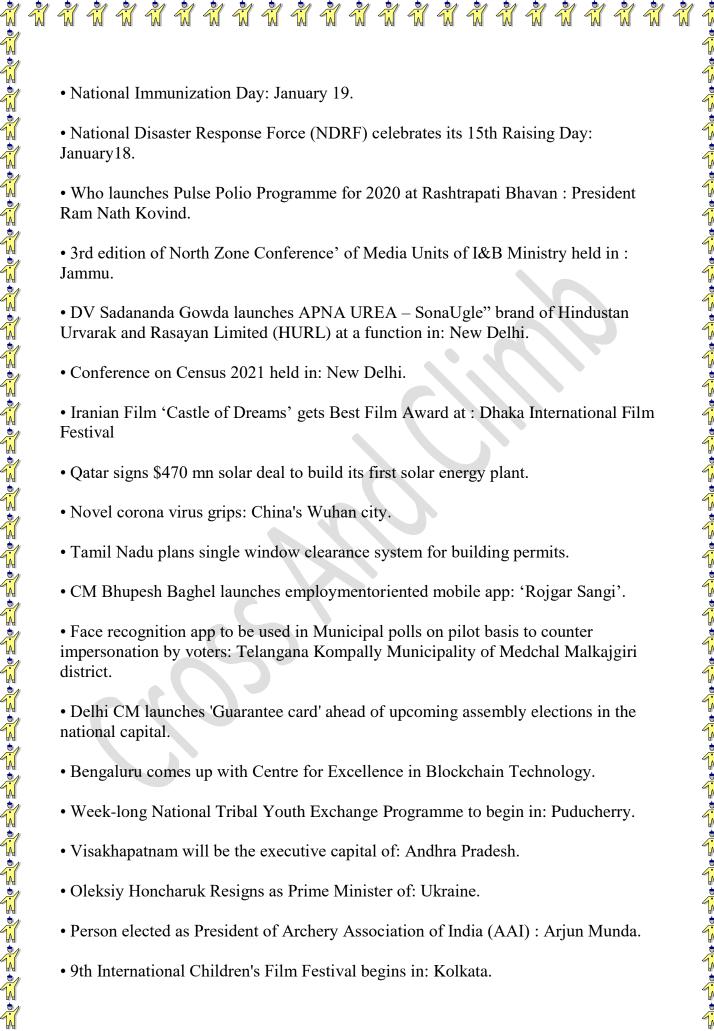


- Indian Railways signs MoU with RailTel for Phase 2 of eOffice execution.
- Senior IPS officer A.P. Maheshwari appointed Director General of CRPF.
- GSAT-30 Satellite to be launched on January 17 Using: Ariane-5 Launch Vehicle.
- Book of Arun Jaitley's selected writings to hit stands in February: "A New India: Selected Writings 2014-19".
- Union Minister Jaishankar launched a book on China titled 'PAX SINICA: Implications for the Indian Dawn' authored by: Samir Saran and Akhil Deo.
- Nepali translation of Swami Vivekananda's 'Karma Yoga' among 4 books released in Nepal on Vishwa Hindi Diwas.
- Two Coast Guard ships commissioned at Kolkata: Annie Besant and Amrit Kaur.
- Captain Tania Shergill to become first woman parade adjutant for Republic Day parade. • Indian Navy with IOCL launches special fuel with reduced carbon footprints.
- Japan Coast Guard Ship 'Echigo' has arrived Chennai, It will be participating in the Annual Joint Exercise 'Sahyog-Kaijin' with the Indian Coast Guard off Chennai.
- Person elected as the prime minister of Malta: Robert Abela.
- India finishes 2019 as number one shooting nation in world.
- Hyderabad FC appoints Albert Roca as the new head coach.
- Caricaturist Thomas Antony passes away.
- India is celebrating 72nd Army Day on: January 15, 2020.
- Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) celebrates 5th Annual Day: New Delhi.
- PM Narendra Modi welcomes agreement to permanently settle Bru-Reang refugees in: Tripura.
- Mega campaign on fuel conservation 'Saksham' inaugurated in: New Delhi.
- Which country scraps unpopular exit permits for domestic workers: Qatar.
- Who orders probe against Amazon, Flipkart over discount practices: CCI.



- WPI surges to 2.59 pct in December 2019.
- 'Parshuram Kund Mela' begins in: Arunachal Pradesh.
- Who launched Rojgaar Sangi- app to connect trained candidates with jobs: Chhattisgarh State Skill Development Authority (CSSDA).
- How many Bru refugees to be settled in Tripura: 34,000.
- Mahrashtra CM Uddav Thackarey launches first girder of India's longest sea-bridge: Mumbai Trans Harbour Link (MTHL).
- State govt to set up Gandhi chairs, pillars in universities & colleges: Madhya Pradesh.
- Person appointed as the Queen's Counsel for courts of England & Wales: Harish Salve.
- Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev submits resignation.
- Odisha's Puri District receives Swachhata Darpan Awards 2019.
- Sindhi writer Vasdev Mohi to be conferred with 29th Saraswati Samman.
- Prahlad Singh Patel inaugurated the exhibition on Indian Heritage in Digital Space and First International Heritage Symposium at National Museum: New Delhi.
- Union Territory to hosts first ever Food Processing Summit to attract investors: Ladakh.
- Om Birla inaugurates 7th Conference of CPA India Region in Lucknow with the Theme: 'ROLE OF LEGISLATORS'.
- Fifth Science Film festival kick-starts in: Goa.
- 6th National Standards Conclave is being held in: New Delhi.
- Isro's GSAT-30 satellite successfully launched aboard Ariane 5 rocket from: French Guiana.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh flags off 51st K9 VAJRA-T gun from L&T complex in: Gujarat.

- ICC U-19 World Cup Cricket begins in: South Africa.
- Cricketer dropped from BCCI's central contracts list: MS Dhoni.



- National Immunization Day: January 19.
- National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) celebrates its 15th Raising Day: January 18.
- Who launches Pulse Polio Programme for 2020 at Rashtrapati Bhavan: President Ram Nath Kovind.
- 3rd edition of North Zone Conference' of Media Units of I&B Ministry held in : Jammu.
- DV Sadananda Gowda launches APNA UREA SonaUgle" brand of Hindustan Urvarak and Rasayan Limited (HURL) at a function in: New Delhi.
- Conference on Census 2021 held in: New Delhi.
- Iranian Film 'Castle of Dreams' gets Best Film Award at : Dhaka International Film **Festival**
- Qatar signs \$470 mn solar deal to build its first solar energy plant.
- Novel corona virus grips: China's Wuhan city.
- Tamil Nadu plans single window clearance system for building permits.
- CM Bhupesh Baghel launches employmentoriented mobile app: 'Rojgar Sangi'.
- Face recognition app to be used in Municipal polls on pilot basis to counter impersonation by voters: Telangana Kompally Municipality of Medchal Malkajgiri district.
- Delhi CM launches 'Guarantee card' ahead of upcoming assembly elections in the national capital.
- Bengaluru comes up with Centre for Excellence in Blockchain Technology.
- Week-long National Tribal Youth Exchange Programme to begin in: Puducherry.
- Visakhapatnam will be the executive capital of: Andhra Pradesh.
- Oleksiy Honcharuk Resigns as Prime Minister of: Ukraine.
- Person elected as President of Archery Association of India (AAI): Arjun Munda.

• 9th International Children's Film Festival begins in: Kolkata.

• Piyush Goyal to lead Indian delegation to 50th World Economic Forum at Davos Theme: 'Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World'.

- Kerala announces sports awards, Muhammad Anas win GV Raja award (Male) & PC Thulasi GV Raja award (Female) for athletics.
- Singer Suman Kalyanpur & Music Director Kuldeep Singh to get MP's Mangeshkar Award in Indore, Madhya Pradesh.
- RBI ranked sixth among central banks in buying gold abroad.
- Mumbai was ranked as the cheapest city Hong Kong was the most expensive in the world for luxury goods: Global Wealth and Lifestyle report.
- India ranks 76th on WEF's Social Mobility Index, Denmark tops the list.
- CSIR-CCMB workshop on genome for providing personalised healthcare.
- Russia to deliver 5 S-400 air defence systems to India by: 2025.
- India successfully test-fires K-4 ballistic missile was conducted off the Vizag coast in Andhra Prades

- Thailand's Ratchanok Intanon lifts Indonesia Masters 2020 title women's singles title after defeating Carolina Marin.
- Wrestling: India bags 7 medals in Rome Ranking Series; Bajrang Punia and Ravi Kumar Dahiya claimed gold medals in the tournament
- Senior journalist, former BJP MP Ashwini Kumar Chopra passes away.
- Mellifluous voice of Sunanda Patnaik passed away.
- Former India all-rounder Bapu Nadkarni passes away.
- World's shortest man Khagendra Thapa Magar passes away.
- Bhopal's titular queen Saleha Sultan passes away in Hyderabad.
- PM Modi, Nepali PM KP Sharma Oli to inaugurate ICP Biratnagar with cost of around: 140 crore rupees.
- 50th Annual Meeting of World Economic Forum begins in: Davos, Switzerland.

• Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina to launch epassport distribution in: Dhaka. • Rs 70,000 crore loan amount has been disbursed till Jan 13 under MSMEs scheme stated by: Finance Ministry.

- Which state emerges at the top in vegetable production: West Bengal.
- Who commissions Phase I of the Real Time Train Information System (RTIS) for the Railways: Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL).
- India among top 10 FDI recipients, attracts \$49 billion inflows in 2019: UN report.
- Magh Bihu festival celebrated in: Assam.

- Haryana Assembly passes motion to ratify 126th Constitutional Amendment.
- Person appointed as Chairman of Nehru Memorial Museum & Library: Nripendra Misra.
- Person Appointed As India's Vice Chief of Army Staff: Lt Gen SK Saini.
- IMF cuts India's growth rate for 2019-20 to 4.8%, projects 5.8% growth in next fiscal.
- Two innovative ICT applications of the Election Commission of India gets 'Award of Excellence': 'cVIGIL' and 'Voter Helpline App'.
- Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw fourth Indian to receive highest Australian civilian honour.
- Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren was conferred with the: Champion of Change Award-2019.
- First edition of Krishi Manthan begins in: Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises Minister Inaugurates ELECRAMA 2020 in: Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- 35th edition of India International Leather Fair (IILF) will be held from January 31 to February 3 in: Chennai.
- IAF inducts its first squadron of Sukhoi-30 MKI aircraft equipped with BrahMos missiles at: Thanjavur base in Tamil Nadu.

- SpaceX launches, destroys rocket in astronaut escape test.
- Book on jurist Nani A Palkhivala released: 'Essays and Reminiscences'.

• Woorkeri Venkat Raman (WV Raman), former Indian cricket team opener has authored a book: 'The Winning Sixer: Leadership Lessons To Master'.

- ICC ODI rankings: Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma consolidates top batting positions; Bumrah tops bowling chart.
- Veteran Congress leader Shamsher Surjewala passes away.
- Group of Ministers (GoM) headed by Home Minister Amit Shah, which was constituted to strengthen the legal framework to prevent sexual harassment at the workplace.
- PM Modi to chair 32nd interaction through PRAGATI platform in: New Delhi.
- Procurement of defence equipment worth over Rs 5,000 cr approved to promote indigenization.
- Brazil President Jair Messias Bolsonaro to be chief guest at 71st Republic Day.
- Global unemployment projected to rise by around 2.5 million in 2020: UN's International Labour Organization report.
- Vodafone m-pesa's certificate of authorization (COA) cancelled by : RBI.

- Which State Government launches Mukhyamantri Krishak Durghatna Kalyan Yojana which will provide financial assistance to family of farmers who die or become handicapped while working in fields: Uttar Pradesh.
- 44 Divyang children from Odisha will experience the joy of flying aboard in a special Alliance Air flight from Biju Patnaik International Airport in: Bhubaneswar.
- Maharashtra government to make Marathi language mandatory in all schools.
- Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited launched a car and bike pooling service in collaboration with: RedBus.
- Visually impaired cricketers to get exclusive sports ground in: Bengaluru.
- President of India Presents 14th Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Awards in: New Delhi.
- Person wins Cisco Youth Leadership Award 2019: Priya Prakash.
- Arushi Nishank was honoured with the Champions of Change Award 2019 for her initiative towards cleaning and saving river Ganga: the Sparsh Ganga initiative.



- Tunisia's President Kais Saied has named former Finance Minister Elyes Fakhfakh as Prime Minister.
- Andrew Bailey named as Bank of England governor to guide it through BREXIT.
- IIM Kozhikode to host International Conclave on 'Globalising Indian Thought'.
- France to train Indian flight surgeons for Gaganyaan mission.
- Jharkhand's Jharia most polluted city, Delhi reduces air pollution marginally: Greenpeace report.
- India ranks 5th in Carbon Disclosure Project 2019.

- Hyderabad ranks 14th globally in housing price appreciation: Knight Frank.
- Indian shooters Divyansh Singh Pawar, Apurvi Chandela Clinch Gold in Meyton Cup in : Innsbruck, Austria.
- Celebrated wrestler Yogeshwar Dutt and Paralympian Deepa Malik inducted in: All India Council of Sports AlCS.

- Sachin Tendulkar & Courtney Walsh to coach Aussie bushfire relief match.
- Former India Test batsman Man Mohan Sood passes away.
- Hariharan Balagopal's Book 'The Gateway' A Social Commentary on Safety of Senior Citizens.
- Human Dignity A purpose in perpetuity, Ashwani Kumar's latest book, launched by: Manmohan Singh.
- Union Cabinet on approved to Revised Cost Estimates for establishment of permanent campuses of new National Institutes of Technology, NITs, at a total cost of : 4371.90 crore rupees.
- Nation pays homage to Subhas Chandra Bose on his 123rd birth anniversary in: New Delhi.
- Cabinet gives approval to Election commission to enter into MoU with: Election Commissions of Tunisia and Papua New Guinea.

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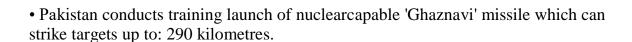
• UK Parliament ratifies Brexit divorce law.

• Aurobindo Ashram School building constructed with India's assistance inaugurated in: Thankot, Nepal.

- World Health Organisation is now in progress in Geneva to consider declaring outbreak of corona virus in China, an emergency.
- Government approves model pact with foreign countries for seafarers' competency certificate, decision was taken by: PM Modi.
- Which State becomes first state to implement agricultural land leasing policy: Uttarakhand.
- Ekaterini Sakellaropoulou elected first woman president of: Greece.
- National Bravery Awards; 49 children receive Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2020 in: New Delhi.
- N Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University gets: Harit Ratna Award.
- Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurates India's first global Mega Science Exhibition "Vigyan Samagam" in: New Delhi.
- Ravi Shankar Prasad to inaugurate second edition of NIC Tech Conclave-2020 in New delhi with the Theme: Technologies for NextGen Governance.
- Bangladesh ranks 80th position in EIU Democracy Index, Norway tops the list.
- Indian Navy signs MoU with GSI (Geological Survey of India) for sharing offshore data, products.
- ISRO to send robot in unmanned Gaganyaan spacecraft ahead of human spaceflight, the robot named: 'Vyomamitra'.
- Avadi Ordnance Factory doubles the manufacturing capacity of Battle tanks for: Indian Army.
- National Girl Child Day: January 24.

- International Day of Education: January 24.
- Who will develop a national data and analytics platform to make all government data accessible to stakeholders in a user-friendly manner: Niti Aayog.

• India opens its first Mahatma Gandhi convention centre in: Niger.



- Palestine takes over chairmanship of G77 from: Egypt.
- City Union Bank launches all-in-one app with multilingual chat-bot: 'Ask Lakshmi'.
- ICICI Lombard gets IRDAI nod to pilot five projects under: Sandbox.
- Google partners with Airtel to offer G Suite to small and medium sized businesses (SMBs).
- Apollo Hospitals Group in collaboration with Bajaj Finserv has launched a "Health EMI Card" that offers a credit limit of up to ₹4 lakh.
- India's first e-waste clinic opens in: Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

- Mumbai malls, shops, eateries can stay open 24X7 from: January 27.
- Tamil Nadu CM Edappadi Palaniswami lays foundation for DLF DownTown a joint venture of the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO) in: Chennai.

- Indira Gandhi International Airport Delhi gets a new women-only cab service: 'Women with wheels
- Shri Mansukh Mandaviya participates in the Round-table of UNAIDS at Davos, Switzerland with the theme Access for all: Leveraging Innovations, Investments and Partnerships for Health at World Economic Forum.
- Election Commission of India has decided to institute an Annual Lecture Series as a tribute to the first Chief Election Commissioner of India: Shri Sukumar Sen. Sh Sen (1898-1963).
- How many children have been selected for the Indian Council for Child Welfare (ICCW) National Bravery Awards, 2019: 22
- Country topped the World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative (WBTi) list: Sri Lanka.
- India's Rank in global talent index: 72; which was topped by Switzerland, the US and Singapore.
- World Archery lifts suspension on India enabling Indian archers to represent country.
- Khelo India Youth Games: Maharashtra crowned champion with 256 medals.

• Book The Story of Yoga: From Ancient India to the Modern West written by: Alistair Shearer.

- Monty Python Star Terry Jones Passes Away at 77.
- National Voters' Day is observed on January 25 with the Theme: Electoral Literacy for Stronger Democracy.

Switzerland mints world's smallest gold coin will feature face of scientist: Albert Einstein.

- The East Coast Railway commissioned Indian Railways' first waste-to-energy plant at Carriage Repair Workshop in: Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- Mayor of Srinagar Junaid Azim Mattu announced that Srinagar has joined the list of 'Open Defecation Free' cities.
- India's First War Memorial for Animals to come up in: Meerut, Uttar Pradesh.
- Kerala Tourism Director P Bala Kiran received the conferment from UNWTO Secretary General Zurab Pololikashvili at the awards ceremony in: Madrid.

- Person appointed as India's Deputy Chef de Mission of India for 2020 Tokyo Olympics: Prem Chand Verma.
- Global unemployment to rise by around 2.5 million in: 2020.
- India's rank in Corruption Perception Index: 80.
- Australia to host 11th Indoor Cricket WC in October in Melbourne: Casey Stadium and CitiPower Centre.
- New Zealand's Hagley Oval to host 2021 Women's Cricket World Cup final.
- National Tourism Day: January 25.

- International Customs Day is observed on January 26 with the Theme: "Customs fostering Sustainability for People, Prosperity and the Planet".
- Person inaugurated the 79th Foundation Day celebrations and All India Members' Conference of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal on 24th Jan: Chief Justice of India S.A. Bobde.

• Bharat Parv 2020, a festival to celebrate the spirit of India has begun at Red Fort ground in : New Delhi

- Government launches 24X7 call centre to review Corona Virus; The decision was taken by the Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan at a review meeting held in: New Delhi.
- Union government working on Delhi-Mumbai electric highway whish was stated by: Nitin Gadkari.
- India and Brazil exchange how many agreements for widening areas of cooperation:
- India and Bangladesh signed an agreement to upgrade the 50.58-kilometre long road between Ashuganj river port and the Akhaura land port in: Bangladesh
- Arunachal CM dedicates Padi Yubbe stadium to people.
- Archaea organism discovered in Sambhar lake in : Rajasthan.
- State government launches 'Malaria-free Bastar' campaign: Chhattisgarh.
- City's 2nd 'mahila dakghar' post offices operated by women staffers was inaugurated by operations member, Department of Posts, Arundhaty Ghosh at : Mumbai .

• World's largest meditation centre coming up in: Hyderabad.

- Which Police has been given the maximum number of gallantry honours with 108 medals, followed by the CRPF 76, on the occasion of the 71st Republic Day: Jammu and Kashmir Police.
- Former Union ministers Arun Jaitley, Sushma Swaraj and George Fernandes were posthumously awarded the Padma Vibhushan, the nation's second highest civilian honour.
- Person took over as the new Chair of the Forum of the Election Management Bodies of South Asia (FEMBoSA): Sunil Arora.
- Person nominated to SBI Central Board: Debashish Panda.
- DRDO to showcase indigenously-developed military systems, technologies at DefExpo 2020 in : Lucknow, UP; Theme of the event is : "Digital Transformation of Defence".

• French national space agency National Centre for Space Studies (CNES), to aid ISRO's space station project.

- India's Federation Cup team heaved a sigh of relief after the International Tennis Federation (ITF) games moved from virus-hit China to: Kazakhstan.
- Persons register impressive wins in Gibraltar chess festival: B Adhiban and S L Narayanan.
- Minister of Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi has penned a Hindi novel titled: Balwa.
- Former NBA star Kobe Bryant passes away

- International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust is observed with the Theme "75 years after Auschwitz Holocaust Education Remembrance for Global Justice": January 27.
- Government has invited bids to sell its 100 per cent stake in: Air India.
- Amit Shah will chair the 22nd meeting of the Central Zonal Council at: Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the National Cadet Corps, NCC rally at the Cariappa Parade ground in: New Delhi.
- Indian Railways to run 100% on electricity by 2024 stated by: Piyush Goyal.
- World Health Organization (WHO) increases global risk degree of novel coronavirus from moderate to high.
- India's First Super Fab Lab that can Produce 'Almost Any Machinery' inaugurated in: Kochi, Kerala.
- State government launched its much-awaited 'Shiv Bhojan' scheme, which is aimed at providing a meal to the poor for just 10 rupees: Maharashtra.
- Andhra Pradesh assembly unanimously passes resolution to abolish State Legislative Council.
- National Handloom Expo 2020 kicks off at: Bhubaneswar.
- Who has won the Election Commission of India's award for its voter awareness and education campaign in 2019: Hindu Tamil.

• Person wins Oxford Bookstore Book Cover Prize for "Tiffin: Authentic Recipes Celebrating India's Regional Cuisine": Sneha Pamneja.

- Person to receive Bafta for outstanding contribution to cinema: Andy Serkis.
- Person nominated as Life President of ATF (Asian Tennis Federation) : Anil Khanna.
- Person appointed as secretary of National Commission for Minorities: B Anand.
- Who takes over as Chief Executive of Indian Banks' Association: Sunil Mehta.
- Sachin Bansal has resigned as independent director of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank.
- Prime Minister to Address the 3rd Global Potato Conclave at: Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- Which country will be guest of honour at New Delhi World Book Fair 2022: France.
- Who led the DRDO contingent displaying the indigenous Anti-Satellite Weapons (ASAT) from 'Mission Shakti' at the 71st Republic Day parade: Y Sreenivasa Rao.
- Sahityacharya Dr Golok Chandra Goswami passes away.

- Former Karnataka minister K Amarnath Shetty passes away.
- India, France discuss on ways & means on co-production of films,the meeting was attended by : Prakash Javadekar.

- Vice President and Prime Minister paid tribute to Punjab Kesari Lala Lajpat Rai on his birth anniversary.
- SC allows introduction of African cheetah from Namibia in: India.
- European Parliament to discuss India's antiCAA resolution on: January 29.
- India successfully used digital technologies to reduce disparities among population groups stated by: UN.
- Under which yojana Banks sanction ₹40,000 crore in last two months: Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY).
- Country launches 4-mn pound (about Rs 37 crore) Innovation Challenge Fund in India: United Kingdom.

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• West Bengal becomes 4th state to pass antiCAA resolution.

- India's first underwater metro in Kolkata to be finally ready by: March 2022.
- Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) and Mangaluru Smart City Ltd (MSCL) have signed a (MoU) for sustainable development in: Mangaluru.

- Maharashtra CM inaugurates 18.5 km-long stretch of Nagpur Metro Aqua line in : Nagpur, Maharashtra
- Who named as Qatar Prime Minister: Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa.
- EU appoints Joao Vale De Almeida as First Ambassador To Post-brexit UK.
- Slovenian prime minister announces resignation: Marjan Sarec.
- Person appointed as India's ambassador to US: Taranjit Singh Sandhu.
- 62nd edition of the Annual Grammy Awards ceremony was held on January 26, 2020 in: Los Angeles.
- Which tableau wins first prize at 71st Republic Day parade: Assam Tableau.
- Indian environmental economist wins Tyler Prize for 'green economy' work: Pavan Sukhdev.
- IIT-Hyderabad team develops essential oil delivery system to treat fungal diseases. Aunties, uncles, tube lights among 26 new Indian words in: Oxford dictionary.

- Operation Vanilla: India sends INS Airavat to provide aid to disaster-hit Madagascar.
- Person from India bags gold in men's Keirin individual event of Six Day Berlin Tournament: Esow Alben.
- Mizoram defeated Sikkim by a solitary goal to emerge as the champion of the Northeast Dr. T Ao Football Trophy 2020 at: Indira Gandhi Stadium in Kohima.
- Young Indian Grand Master pulled off a huge upset, beating former world champion Veselin Topalov in the sixth round of the 18th Gibraltar Chess Festival: R Praggnanandhaa.

• Veteran south actress Jameela Malik passes away.

- Veteran film producer Vinay Sinha passes away.
- Former women's hockey team captain Sunita Chandra passes away.

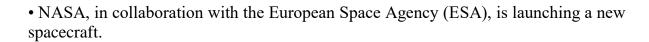


• Nation pays homage to Mahatma Gandhi on his 72nd death anniversary, this day is also observed as martyrs day.

- RBI imposes ₹1 crore penalty on: HDFC Bank. Who has approached NHAI for offering waste plastic-to-road technology: Reliance Industries.
- In an effort to counter fake news and misinformation in India, Google News Initiative (GNI) has announced a \$1 million grant for Internews, a news literacy organisation.
- Uddhav Thackeray inaugurated the country's first and biggest 'walk-through' aviary at Byculla Zoo in: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Interceptor boat C-448 commissioned at: New Mangalore.

• S Jaishankar lays foundation stone of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Centre at Kevadia in: Gujarat.

- Who takes charge as new foreign secretary: Harsh Vardhan Shringla.
- Vakrangee appoints Ex- RBI & Ex-SEBI ED Ramesh Joshi as Non-Executive Chairman.
- Persons appointed to MCC's World Cricket Committee: Alastair Cook & Ricky Skerritt.
- RBI appoints Executive Director Janak Raj as member of Monetary Policy Committee (MPC). IDBI Federal Life Insurance appoints M Balakrishnan as CFO, Prabhu as CIO.
- Nobel laureate Abhijit Vinayak Banerjee was conferred the honorary D Litt by his alma mater Calcutta University.
- Noted theatre personality to be conferred French honour Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters, for her outstanding contribution to theatre: Sanjna Kapoor.
- China Ranked World's Second Largest Arms Producer Trailing behind US. Assam has emerged as the top state in terms of best practices followed in budget formulation, followed by Odisha and Andhra Pradesh, says a survey by: Transparency International.
- 10 more wetlands in India declared as Ramsar sites, this was announced by: Prakash Javadekar.



- The final of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2020 can be played at the Sardar Patel Stadium (Motera) Stadium in: Ahmadabad, Gujarat.
- Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra qualifies for 2020 Tokyo Olympics.
- Ex Bihar Minister and RJD MLA Abdul Gafoor passes away.
- Nine Judge Constitution Bench of SC to frame issues about discrimination against women in various religions.
- Government aims to achieve objective of Housing for All by 2022 under: (PMAY-G) Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Grameen.
- World Health Organization has declared an international emergency over the novel coronavirus from China.
- FICCI survey projects FY20 GDP growth at 5%, to improve to 5.5% in FY21.
- India's economic survey is seen projecting growth of 6 to 6.5 per cent in the next year starting April 1.
- Assam Rifles has constructed a combined war memorial in Nagaland for the 357 Army and Assam Rifles personnel killed while fighting insurgency in the northeastern state.
- Madhya Pradesh government launched Yuva Swabhiman Yojana (YSY), a scheme for the unemployed with an increased monthly stipend of: Rs 5000.
- Month-long Nagoba jatara concludes in: Telangana.
- State to get first Snow Leopard conservation center of India: Uttarakhand.
- India's Gita Sabharwal Appointed UN Resident Coordinator in Thailand.
- Person elected as IBM CEO: Arvind Krishna.
- Person takes charge of Southern Army Command: Lt Gen CP Mohanty.
- ICC appoints Anurag Dahiya as chief commercial officer.
- Dr Partap Chauhan conferred with Ayurveda Ratan Award in: Brussels, Belgium.

of soft of sof • Who launches two online national level services related to Search of Missing Persons and to Generate Vehicle NOC: National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB). • Chandauli district in Uttar Pradesh has topped the list of aspirational districts ranked by the government think tank Niti Aayog in December. • Ayonika Paul has won the women's 10m Air Rifle T1 event while Vijayveer Sidhu won the men's 25m Pistol T2 event in the National Shooting trials at Thiruvananthapuram. • Rani Rampal becomes first ever hockey player to win World Games Athlete of the Year' award. • Eminent Social Worker and Educationist Tushar Kanjilal passed away.