

World Population Day

World Population Day is celebrated on 11 July annually to make people aware about the growing population issues and urgency of family planning. The event was established by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in 1989. The main aim behind having a World Population Day is to focus attention on consequence of population issues and how it affects overall development plans and programs.

UNESCO Recognizes Heritage Sites, Ancient to Modern, Around the World

43rd Session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee which was held from June 30 to July 10, 2019 in Baku, Azerbaijan, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) added 29 sites into the list of the World Heritage Sites 2019.

Australia: Budj Bim Cultural Landscape

- Azerbaijan: Historic Centre of Sheki with the Khan's Palace
- Bahrain: Dilmun Burial Mounds
- Brazil: Paraty and Ilha Grande — Culture and Biodiversity
- Burkina Faso: Ancient ferrous metallurgy sites of Burkina Faso
- Canada: Writing-on-Stone/Áísínai'pi
- China: Archaeological Ruins of Liangzhu City
- China: Migratory Migratory Bird Sanctuaries along the Coast of Yellow Sea-Bohai Gulf of China, Phase
- Czech Republic: Landscape for Breeding and Training of Ceremonial Carriage Horses at Kladruby nad Labem
- Czech Republic/Germany: Erzgebirge/Krušnohoří Mining Region
- France: French Austral Lands and Seas
- Germany: Water Management System of Augsburg
- Iceland: Vatnajökull National Park
- India: Jaipur City, Rajasthan
- Indonesia: Ombilin Coal Mining Heritage of Sawahlunto
- Iran: Hyrcanian Forests

- Iraq: Babylon
- Italy: Le Colline del Prosecco di Conegliano a Valdobbiadene

Japan: Mozu-Furuichi Kofun Group: Mounded Tombs of Ancient Japan Republic of Korea: Seowon, Korean Neo-Confucian Academies

- Lao People's Democratic Republic: Megalithic Jar Sites in Xiengkhuang — Plain of Jars
- Myanmar: Bagan
- Poland: Krzemionki Prehistoric Striped Flint Mining Region
- Portugal: Royal Building of Mafra — Palace, Basilica, Convent, Cerco Garden and Hunting Park, Tapada
- Portugal: Sanctuary of Bom Jesus do Monte in Braga
- Russian Federation: Churches of the Pskov School of Architecture
- Spain: Risco Caído and the Sacred Mountains of Gran Canaria Cultural Landscape
- United Kingdom: Jodrell Bank Observatory
- United States: The 20th-Century Architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright

NHAI inks deal with NIIF for funding of highway projects

National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) inked a deal with quasi-sovereign wealth fund National Investment Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) to fund large greenfield road projects, which will be executed by the highway authority in the future

India's first cow sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh to be privatized

India's first cow sanctuary, set up by the previous BJP-led Madhya Pradesh government in September 2017, will be privatised by the Congress-led government. Kamdhenu Gau Abhyaranya in Agar Malwa, 190 km north west of Bhopal, was developed by the MP Gau Samvardhan Board by spending about Rs 32 crore.

India's first elephant rehabilitation centre in the works at Kerala's Kottor

The Kerala government is working to set up the country's first elephant rehabilitation centre in Kottor, an ecotourism village near the state capital Thiruvananthapuram. The first phase of the Rs 105 crore-project was launched last month by chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan. The centre, expected to have an elephant museum, mahout training centre, super-specialty hospital, a retirement home and crematorium for the animals, will house orphaned, injured and older elephants. It is being planned on the lines of the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage in Sri Lanka.

Delhi-Lucknow Tejas Express to be Indian Railways 1st 'private' train

The Delhi-Lucknow Tejas Express is set to be the first train to be operated by private players . The train that is being considered for Indian Railways experimental initiative is the Lucknow-Delhi-Lucknow Tejas Express.

Arun Kumar appointed as DGCA chief

Arun Kumar, additional secretary in the Ministry of Civil Aviation, will now be holding the full-time charge of the head of aviation regulator DGCA. Before Kumar, B S Bhullar was holding the full-time charge of DGCA chief.

Devika Sethi Pens Books Titled 'War over Words: Censorship in India, 1930-1960'

The book named "War over Words: Censorship in India, 1930-1960" has been authored by Devika Sethi and published by Cambridge University Press. Sethi teaches modern Indian history at IIT-Mandi, Himachal Pradesh.

Connaught Place 9th most expensive office location; Hong Kong tops chart

New Delhi's Connaught Place (CP) is the ninth most expensive office location in the world with an annual rent of nearly \$144 per sq ft. CP, located in the heart of the national capital, was at the ninth position even last year. For the second year, Hong Kong's Central district retained the top spot as the world's most expensive market for prime office rents, with the prime occupancy costs valued at \$322 per sq.ft. Mumbai's Bandra Kurla Complex and Nariman Point CBD slipped to 27th and 40th positions, respectively.

Dutee Chand wins 100m gold in World Universiade

Dutee Chand is the first Indian woman track and field athlete to win a 100m gold in a global event. National record holder Dutee Chand became the first Indian woman track and field athlete to clinch a gold medal in the World Universiade after she won the 100m dash event in Napoli.