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#### July 26 – Kargil Vijay Diwas

The 20th Anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas is being celebrated on July 26. The day is named after the successful Operation Vijay in 1999. The Kargil war was fought for more than 60 days and ended with India regaining control of all the previously held territory. The central theme of this year's celebrations is '**Remember**, **Rejoice and Renew**'.

#### Fresh tiger census likely to be out on July 29

The much-awaited tiger census is likely to be released on July 29, Global Tiger Day. As part of an agreement in 2010 among these countries, there is a goal to double the global tiger count by 2022.

## 'Clean-Green Arunachal Campaign 2019'

Chief Minister Pema Khandu launched the statewide tree plantation programme 'Clean-Green Arunachal Campaign 2019' in Itanagar. Mr. Khandu said that the campaign is being held as part of Van Mahotsav celebration and has set the target of planting 1 Crore tree within the next five years.

## UP becomes No. 1 in implementation of Pradhanamntri Suraksha Beema Yojna

Uttar Pradesh has become number one in implementation of Pradhanamntri Suraksha Beema Yojna in the country. As per the statement released by state government 1.95 crores people have been given insurance cover under the scheme till 31 march 2019.

## 3 Indian-origin persons in Boris Johnson's cabinet

Rishi Sunak, Priti Patel and Alok Sharma are among the three Indian-origin ministers soon to be inducted into the UK government by new British Prime Minister Boris Johnson. Priti Patel as Home Secretary, Rishi Sunak as Chief Secretary to the Treasury and Alok Sharma as International Development Secretary.

## Pakistan to launch its first astronaut in 2022

Pakistan announced that it will send its first astronaut to space in 2022 using close ally China's satellite launch facilities. Fawad Chaudhry, Pakistan's Minister for Science and Technology, said the selection process of the astronaut for the space mission would start from February 2020.

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Dubai World Expo 2020 will take place for six months beginning 20th October 2020 up to 10th April 2021. The theme of the Expo is "Connecting Minds, Creating the Future" with three sub themes – Opportunity, Mobility and Sustainability – to generate sustainable solutions to global problems, demand and collaboration areas across cultures, countries and regions.

# FICCI International Seminar on 'Nation Building Through Ship Building'

Admiral Karambir Singh, PVSM, AVSM, ADC, Chief of the Naval Staff, addressed the delegates from the industry and SENIOR ECHELONS OF Indian Navy during the FICCI international Seminar on 'Nation Building Through Shipbuilding' at New Delhi.

# India, Saudi Arabia discuss bilateral hydrocarbon cooperation

Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan held discussions with Minister of Energy, Industry and Mineral Resources of Saudi Arabia Khalid Al-Falih to further enhance bilateral hydrocarbon cooperation.

# B S Yeddyurappa to take oath as Karnataka Chief Minister

B S Yeddyurappa will be sworn in as Chief Minister of Karnataka. Yeddyurappa met Governor Vajubhai Vala stake claim for government formation. The H D Kumaraswamy-led Congress-JD(S) government fell after it secured only 99 votes against the BJP's 105 in the Karnataka Assembly.

# National tennis coaches workshop to be held in Goa

The 10th National tennis coaches workshop will be held in Goa from September 20 to 23. The workshop for coaches (of other sports as well), tennis facility managers, tennis parents and enthusiasts will offer coaches the latest sports science information and practical on-court presentations.

# Exhibition of 'Monuments of Valour & Victory Homage to Kargil Warriors'

Union Culture Minister (IC) Shri Prahlad Singh Patel Inaugurated an Exhibition of 'Monuments of Valour & Victory Homage to Kargil Warriors'on the 20th Anniversary of Kargil Vijay Divastoday in New Delhi. The Exhibition was organized by National Monuments Authority of Ministry of Culture.

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The fieldwork of 7th EC is being launched in the States of Tripura on 29th July 2019, and in Puducherry soon after. The fieldwork in other State/ UTs will be launched in August/ September, 2019.

### Himalayan knotweed latest threat to Nilgiris ecosystem

One of the most recent invader knotweed native to the Himalayas has begun taking root in the upper slopes of the Nilgiris, potentially threatening biodiversity along streams and rivers. The species has begun spreading along many streams and rivulets in the district

### China first to share satellite data with India on floods in Assam

India received satellite data on its flood-hit regions from eight nations and China was the first to provide it as part of a multi-lateral mechanism for sharing space-based information for countries affected by natural or man-made disasters, the government said.

### Brain-eating amoeba in North Carolina

Naegleria fowleri, a single-celled organism known as the **"brain-eating amoeba**."The amoeba is typically found in warm freshwater, and the majority of cases in the United States have occurred in Florida and Texas.

## **Indian Boxing League from October 20**

Indian Boxing League is going to be held at three venues from October 20 to November 9. Leading Indian boxers such as M.C. Mary Kom, Amit Panghal and Gaurav Bidhuri along with 50 top foreign boxers will be seen in action in this Indian Boxing League.

# Kapil Dev-led CAC to pick India's next head coach

The committee comprising Kapil Dev, Anshuman Gaekwad and Shantha Rangaswamy will complete the interview process of the candidates, aspiring to be the new head coach of the Indian team by August 15.

## High level committee formed to strategise preparations for 2020, 2024 Olympics

A high level 10-member committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju to coordinate and strategise the preparation for the 2020 and 2024 Olympics.

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