

September 1st

Govt accepts the resignation of SBI's MD Anshula Kant, following her appointment as MD and CFO of the World Bank

On September 1, 2019, The Central Government has accepted the resignation of Anshula Kant, Managing Director (MD) of State Bank of India(SBI). This comes after her appointment as the MD and Chief Financial Officer(CFO) of World Bank Group.

IPS Vivek Kumar Johri takes over as Director-General of BSF

On August 31, 2019, Vivek Kumar(V.K) Johri, a 1984-batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre took charge as the 25th Director General (DG) of the country's primary border defence organization, BSF(Border Security Force). He succeeds Rajni Kant Misra, who retired on August 31, 2019.

India clinched SAFF U-15 Championship 2019 title for the 3rd time by beating Nepal

On August 31, 2019, The India Under-15 team has defeated Nepal with 7-0 score in the final of the SAFF (South Asian Football Federation) U-15 Championship 2019 held in Kalyani Stadium, West Bengal from August 21 – 31, 2019. This victory means that India has now become the most successful team in the history of the tournament as it won the title for the 3rd time. Earlier, India won the trophy in 2013 and 2017 in Nepal.

After repeated postponement, now the 36th National Games to be held in Goa from October 20 – November 4, 2020

On August 31, 2019, The Indian Olympic Association(IOA), a body responsible for selecting athletes to represent India at the international athletic meets stated that the much-delayed 36th National Games will be held in Goa from October 20 – November 4, 2020.

September 2nd

Samudrayaan project: NIOT to Launch Deep Sea Exploration & Mining Mission

National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) will launch 'Samudrayaan project by 2021-22 to explore the deep sea region. It is pilot project of Union Ministry of Earth Sciences as part the Rs 6000 crore 'Deep Ocean' mission for deep ocean mining of rare minerals.

India's longest electrified train tunnel inaugurated in Andhra Pradesh

Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu dedicated the country's longest electrified rail tunnel between Cherlopalli and Rapuru in Andhra Pradesh. He also inaugurated electrified railway line between Venkatachalam and Obulavaripalli at Gudur railway station and also flagged off Gudur-Vijayawada inter-city superfast express.

EC to host 4th General Assembly of Association of World Election Bodies

Election Commission of India (ECI) is hosting 4th General Assembly of Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB) at Bengaluru, Karnataka from 2 to 4, September, 2019. At the same time, India will take over as A-WEB's Chair for 2019-21 term.

Tourism Minister inaugurates 1st-ever architectural LED illumination at Qutb Minar

Prahalad Singh Patel, Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism, inaugurated first-ever architectural LED illumination at Qutb Minar, the 12th-century monument, in New Delhi. Now with bottom to top illumination, the architectural beauty of historic Qutb Minar will display its historic majesty after sunset.

This step towards promotion of tourism is in line with Prime Minister's goal of doubling foreign and domestic tourists in next 5 years.

President appoints 5 new Governors

The President of India. Shri Ram Nath Kovind on August 31st has appointed 5 new governors namely Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan, Bhagat Singh Koshyari, Kalraj Mishra, Arif Mohammed Khan and Bandaru Dattatreya for Telangana, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Kerala and Himachal Pradesh.

State	New governor	Preceded by
Telangana	Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan	E S L Narasimhan
Maharashtra	Bhagat Singh Koshyari	Vidya Sagar Rao
Rajasthan	Kalraj Mishra	Kalyan Singh
Kerala	Arif Mohammed Khan	P Sathasivam

Himachal Pradesh	BandaruDattatreya	Kalraj Mishra
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Oleksiy Honcharuk named as a new prime minister of Ukraine

Ukrainian parliament of the 9th convocation appointed Oleksiy Honcharuk, a 35-year-old practicing lawyer, of the political party Servant of the People, as the 17th Prime Minister of Ukraine.

September 3rd

IAF inducts 8 US-made Apache AH-64E helicopters at Pathankot Air Force station

The Indian Air Force inducted 8 Apache AH-64E attack helicopters at Pathankot Air Force station. The Apache AH-64E helicopters are made by US company Boeing and will give a major boost to combat capabilities of Indian Air Force.

Background: In September 2015, IAF had signed a multi-billion dollar contract with US government and Boeing Ltd for 22 Apache helicopters. The first 8 helicopters have been delivered on schedule and last batch of helicopters is to be delivered by March 2020.

AUMX: 1st ASEAN-US Maritime Exercise begins

The first ASEAN-US Maritime Exercise (AUMX) between regional bloc- Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and United States kicked off at the Sattahip Naval Base in Thailand. The five day naval exercise is co-led by the navies of US and Thailand. It will stretch into international waters in Southeast Asia, including Gulf of Thailand and South China Sea and conclude in Singapore.

AUMX 2019

It will see participation of navies of all 10 members of ASEAN (Thailand, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore and Vietnam) and US.

KVIC launches 'Terracotta Grinder' at Varanasi to reuse wasted pottery

Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) launched first ever 'Terracotta Grinder' at Sewapuri in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. This machine will grind the wasted and broken pottery items for re-using in pottery-making.

PM Modi to get award from Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to receive an award from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for one of his ambitious projects- Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan (SBA). This award will be conferred to him during his visit to United States in late September 2019.

ICICI becomes the country's first bank to deploy 'Robotic Arms' for counting currency

ICICI Bank(Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India), the leading private sector lender, has become the 1st bank in India to deploy industrial 'robotic arms' to count millions of notes in currency chests across the country.

Reliance Power will give electricity to Bangladesh for next 22 years

On August 31, 2019, Bangladesh has signed a power project agreement to buy 718 megawatts(MW) of electricity from India's Anil Ambani led Reliance Power over the next 22

years. For which the company plans to invest about \$1 billion to set up a local plant at Meghnaghat in Narayanganj, over 20 km southeast of the capital Dhaka, Bangladesh by 2022.

Ashok Leyland becomes the first OEM to meet BS-VI emission norms

Ashok Leyland, Indian automobile major headquartered in Chennai, Tamil Nadu has become the 1st Indian original equipment manufacturer (OEM) to meet the Bharat Stage (BS) VI emission standards for all its heavy-duty trucks with a gross vehicle weight of 16.2 tonnes and above.

Iranian army introduces a new homegrown jet-propelled drone called “Kian”

Iranian Army has unveiled a high-precision jet-propelled drone called “Kian”, which has the capacity of carrying long-time surveillance missions and attack the targets far from the country’s borders.

September 4th

Yudh Abhyas 2019 to be held in US

The joint military training exercise between India and United States (US) named Yudh Abhyas – 2019 will be held at Joint Base Lewis Mc Chord, Washington, US from 05-18 September 2019.

India to contribute \$22 mn to GFTAM for 2020-22

India has announced contribution of \$22 million to Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFTAM) for 6th Replenishment Cycle (for year 2020-22). This is an increase of 10% over the amount contributed by India in 5th cycle.

Vaishno Devi shrine named country's 'Best Swachh Iconic Place'

Mata Vaishno Devi shrine atop the Trikuta hills in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir has been named country's 'Best Swachh Iconic Place'. President Ram Nath Kovind will confer the award to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) during the 'Swachh Mahotsav' to be organised by Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation on 6 September 2019.

CEC Sunil Arora takes charge as AWEB Chairman

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Sunil Arora assumed Chairmanship of Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB) for the term 2019-21. India has taken over the AWEB Chair from Romania for two year period. AWEB is a multilateral platform for election management bodies from across the world to share best electoral practices.

Delhi ranks 118th and Mumbai at 119th spot in EIU's Global Livability Index 2019

On September 4, 2019 the 2019 "Global Livability Index" prepared by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) has ranked Delhi at the 118th spot which is a drop by 6 places from 112th spot (biggest decline registered in Asia) in its previous report due to an increase in crime, poor air quality, and worsening climate conditions. Mumbai also dropped by two places to rank at 119th spot this year. The list was topped by Vienna, the capital of Austria for the second consecutive time whereas Damascus, the capital of Syria was ranked last becoming the least livable city at 140th position. Russia's St. Petersburg topped the list among BRICS nations at 71st spot.

Overview of Hurricane Dorian

Hurricane Dorian has affected the Bahamas and the Southeastern United States (US). It is the first major hurricane of the 2019 Atlantic hurricane season. It was developed from a tropical wave on August 24, 2019 in the Central Atlantic.

September 5th

SATHI: IIT Kharagpur to assist academic institutes in neighbouring region

Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur has been selected for setting up a Sophisticated Analytical and Technical Help Institute (SATHI), a Department of Science and Technology (DST) initiative of Centre. Centre has allotted an amount of Rs.125 crore over a period of financial years (starting from 2019-20) for the purpose.

Under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act 1967, Maulana Masood Azhar, Hafiz Saeed, Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi & Dawood Ibrahim have been declared as individual terrorists

On September 4, 2019, The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) issued a gazette notification stating Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) chief and Pulwama terror attack (February 14, 2019) mastermind Maulana Masood Azhar, Jamaat ud Dawa chief and Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) founder Hafiz Saeed, LeT's chief operational commander and 26/11 attack key accused Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi and United Nations (UN) designated global terrorist Dawood Ibrahim as individual terrorists under Clause (a) of Sub-section (1) of Section 35 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), 1967. They are the first individuals to be designated as terrorists under the law.

India ranks 34th in 2019 world travel & tourism competitiveness index, Spain tops

According to the recent Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index (TTCI) for the year 2019 released by the World Economic Forum(WEF) on September 4, 2019, India was ranked at the 34th spot, an improvement by 6 places from the 2017 report (40th rank). The index was topped by Spain followed by followed by France and Germany in the second and third places respectively. Japan was ranked 4th all over the world was 1st in Asia pacific region. Pakistan was the least in Asia pacific region.

India ranks 9th among the top 10 individual nations in gold reserves

On September 4, 2019 the World Gold Council (WGC) released the 2019 list of gold reserves in each country. The list was topped by United States(US) with gold reserves of 8,133.5 tonnes followed by Germany (3,366.8 tonnes) at second place. India entered the top 10 list this year ranking at 10th spot surpassing Netherlands (612.5 tonnes) whereas it is ranked at 9th position in terms of individual countries with 618.2 tonnes, as the International Monetary Fund(IMF) ranks third (2,451.8 tonnes) in the gold reserve list.

September 6th

5th Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) held in Vladivostok

The fifth edition of Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) was held in Vladivostok, Russia from September 4 to 6, 2019. It was aimed at providing a platform for discussing issues aimed at expanding international cooperation in Asia-Pacific region and developing the economy of Russia's Far East. The participants in Summit were India, Malaysia, Japan, Australia, and South Korea. India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi was Chief Guest at the event being hosted by Russian President Vladimir Putin.

India's Line of Credit (LoC): PM Modi while addressing Plenary Session of 5th EEF announced LoC worth \$1 billion for the development of the Far East region of Russia. This is the first-ever region-specific LoC extended by India in a foreign country.

Rashid Khan of Afghanistan becomes the youngest Test captain

At the age of 20 years & 350 days, the spinner of Afghanistan, Rashid Khan has become the youngest captain in test cricket. He led Afghanistan for the first time in a Test Match and is now the youngest skipper ever in the history of Test Cricket.

Prof Muhammad Yunus conferred Lamp of Peace of Saint Francis award by Vatican

Vatican awarded Bangladesh's Nobel Laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus prestigious 'Lamp of Peace of Saint Francis' award for his contribution towards establishing peace and harmony.

Prof Muhammad Yunus

He is Bangladeshi social entrepreneur, banker, economist, and civil society leader. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize (2008) for founding Grameen Bank and pioneering concepts of microcredit and microfinance.

EX TSENTR 2019: India, Pakistan forces to be part of military exercise in Russia

Armies of India, Pakistan will take part in this year's military exercise TSENTR 2019 that will be conducted by Russia from September 9 to 23, 2019. This will be the first time that forces from India and Pakistan will participate in multilateral exercise together since airstrikes conducted by Indian force, deep in Pakistan's Balakot district in February 2019. Earlier armies of India and Pakistan had met last year as part of military exercise conducted by Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) – also held in Russia.

HRD Ministry awards IoE status to IIT-Madras, IIT-Khg, DU, BHU and University of Hyd

Union Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) have issued orders to 5 public Universities namely, IIT Madras, Banaras Hindu University, IIT Kharagpur, University of Delhi and University of Hyderabad conveying their declaration as Institutions of Eminence (IoE).

IoE Deemed Universities: It has been launched in order to implement commitment of Union Government to empower Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) and to help them become world class teaching and research institutions, as announced by Union Finance Minister Late Arun Jaitely in his budget speech of 2016.

Under the scheme 10 public and 10 private institutions are to be identified to emerge as world-class Teaching and Research Institutions.

September 7th

Indian Railways wins Best Ministry for Implementation of Swachhata Action Plan for 2018-19

On occasion of Swachh Mahotsav 2019 held at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi (on 6 September 2019), President of India Ram Nath Kovind presented an award to Indian Railways as Best Ministries for Implementation of Swachhata Action Plan for 2018-19.

Kargil to Kohima 4,500 km ultra-marathon to mark 20 years of 'Vijay Diwas': IAF

To commemorate 20 years of 'Vijay Diwas' or 'Kargil Vijay Diwas' (named after successful Operation Vijay), the Indian Air Force is organising an ultra-marathon named as 'Kargil to Kohima (K2K): Glory Run' spanning over 4,500 km from Kargil to Kohima.

NGT asks centre to prepare plan for protection of Great Indian Bustard

A National Green Tribunal (NGT) Bench headed by NGT chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel has directed Central government to prepare a time-bound action plan within two months for protection of Great Indian Bustard. This decision is in response to the high mortality rate of birds noted by NGT.

First 'Make in India' Metro Coach In Mumbai inaugurated by PM Modi in Mumbai

On September 7, 2019, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi inaugurated the first Metro Coach in Mumbai under the 'Make in India' initiative at Jio World Centre, Maharashtra, Mumbai.

9th SLINEX 2019- Indo-Lanka maritime fleet exercise commenced in Vizag

On September 7, 2019 the 9th edition of weeklong joint maritime naval exercise between India and Srilanka(SL) named SLINEX for the year 2019 has commenced in the port of Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh.

Former Pakistan cricketer Abdul Qadir passed away

On September 7, 2019, Pakistan's former cricketer Abdul Qadir passed away at the age of 63 due to cardiac arrest.

Union Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal inaugurates food park of Telangana

On September 6, 2019, the Union Minister of food processing industries Harsimrat Kaur Badal, inaugurated the first Mega Food Park of Telangana that is promoted by Smart Agro Food Park at Lakkampally village, Nizamabad, Telangana.

September 8th

Tenure of Pakistan's army chief Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa extended for 3 years

According to the Pakistan Prime Minister's Office, the tenure of Pakistan Army Chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa (58) has been extended by another 3 years.

Snake boat Nadubhagam Chundan clinched the 67th Nehru Trophy for the year 2019 at Punnamada Lake in Alappuzha, Kerala

Snake boat Nadubhagam Chundan which was rowed by Pallathuruthy Boat Club clinched the 67th Edition of the Nehru Trophy 2019 in the boat race held at the Punnamada Lake in Alappuzha, Kerala. 79 boats, including 23 snakeboats participated in the event.

Well known lawyer and former Union minister Ram Jethmalani passed away

Ram Jethmalani, Senior lawyer, and a former union law minister has passed away at his home in Delhi after suffering from prolonged illness.

International Literacy Day 2019 observed on September 8

International Literacy Day (ILD) was observed on September 8, 2019, with the theme 'Literacy and Multilingualism'. It highlights the importance of literacy or the ability to read and write for individuals, communities, and societies.

September 9th

Hurricane Dorian: India announces \$ 1million humanitarian aid for Bahamas

India has announced an immediate humanitarian assistance of \$1 million to help people in The Bahamas affected by Hurricane Dorian. The disaster relief aid extended by India signifies that it stands in solidarity with The Bahamas in this difficult time.

India has seen an improvement in overall life expectancy at birth to 69 years: SRS 2013-17

According to the Sample Registration Survey (SRS) for 2013-17 released by the Registrar General of India, the overall life expectancy at birth in India improved to 69 years from 68.7 years in 2012-16.

Mumbai ranks 5th and New Delhi 11th in the 2019 Knight Frank Co-Living Index across Asia-Pacific, Beijing tops

On September 9, 2019, the Co-living index for the year 2019 titled “Insights on Co-living – An Asia-Pacific Perspective” across the Asia-Pacific region was released by London based consultancy agency Knight Frank. Among the Indian cities, Mumbai ranked at the 5th spot, New Delhi ranked at the 11th spot and the electronic city of India, Bengaluru ranked at the 19th spot in the index. The index was topped by Beijing (China) followed by Tokyo(Japan) and Shanghai(China) in the second and third position respectively.

Madras HC Chief Justice Vijaya K. Tahilramani resigns after the Meghalaya HC transfer

On September 7, 2019, the High Court Chief Justice(HC-CJ) of Madras, Vijaya Kamlesh Tahilramani resigned from her post after being transferred to Meghalaya HC. The resignation letter was handed over to the President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind and copy of it to Chief Justice of India, Ranjan Gogoi.

US Open 2019

It was the 139th edition of the tournament which was run by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) and was a part of the 2019 Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) Tour and the 2019 Women’s Tennis Association (WTA) Tour calendars under the Grand Slam category.

Category	Winner	Runner
Men’s Singles	Rafael Nadal (Spain)	Daniil Medvedev (Russia)
Women’s Singles	Bianca Andreescu (Canada)	Serena Williams (USA)

India Red wins 2019 Duleep Trophy at Chinnaswamy stadium, Bengaluru

On September 7, 2019, India Red defeated India green by an innings and 38 runs to win the 2019 Duleep trophy held at Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru.

Anupriya Lakra becomes first Woman Pilot from Odisha's Maoist-hit Malkangiri district

Anupriya Lakra, aged 27, a tribal woman from Odisha's Maoist-hit Malkangiri district (tribal area) has become the first female pilot from the backward region. She will join a private airline as a co-pilot.

September 10th

India declares free from H5N1 avian influenza

On September 3, 2019 India has been declared free from H5N1 avian influenza (commonly known as bird flu) by OIE (Office International des Epizooties)-World Organisation for Animal Health. The flu was last reported in 2017 with disease outbreaks in Odisha, Bihar, and Jharkhand.

PM of India & Nepal jointly inaugurate South Asia's first cross-border petroleum products pipeline from Motihari in India to Amlekhgunj in Nepal

On September 10, 2019, Prime Minister (PM) of India Shri Narendra Modi and PM of Nepal K.P. Sharma Oli jointly inaugurated South Asia's first cross-border petroleum products pipeline of 69-km from Motihari in Bihar, India to Amlekhgunj in Nepal through video conference.

Kerala to set up India's first iWTC in Kozhikode

In consonance with the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs), Kerala will set up India's first International Women's Trade Centre (iWTC) in Kozhikode to boost women entrepreneurship and secure gender parity.

16-year-old Priyavrata becomes youngest person to clear 2019 "Mahapariksha" examination

On September 8, 2019, Priyavrata became the youngest person to pass the "Mahapariksha" at the age of 16. The Mahapariksha contains 14 levels and is conducted twice in a year at Tenali (Andhra Pradesh) for the students studying 'Shastras' (ancient scriptures).

Chinese firm Alibaba Group's chairman Jack Ma steps down

On September 10, 2019 Jack Ma, Founder & Chairman of Chinese firm Alibaba Groups has stepped down from his post at his 55th birthday and will remain on board till 2020. Jack will be replaced by Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Daniel Zhang as its new chairman.

Typhoon Faxai hits Tokyo, Japan

On September 9, 2019, Typhoon Faxai has hit Tokyo, Japan.

"Savarkar: Echoes from a forgotten past, 1883-1924" by Vikram Sampath released

Renowned Bengaluru-based historian and author Vikram Sampath's recent book "Savarkar: Echoes from a forgotten past, 1883-1924" describing the life of freedom fighter and Philosopher Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, popularly known as Veer Savarkar, was released on August 8, 2019.

September 11th

IAF resurrects 17th Squadron 'Golden Arrows' to operate Rafale aircraft

Indian Air Force (IAF) has resurrected the Air Force Station (AFS) Ambala-based Number 17 Squadron, also known as 'Golden Arrows', which will operate the 1st squadron of Rafale fighter jets in near future.

Sports Ministry derecognises Paralympic Committee of India

Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) derecognised the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) for violating National Sports Development Code of India, 2011.

India-Nepal petroleum products pipeline inaugurated

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Nepal counterpart KP Sharma Oli jointly inaugurated South Asia's first cross-border petroleum products pipeline from Motihari (in Bihar) in India to Amlekhgunj in Nepal through video conference.

Thailand became the first Asian nation to unveil plain cigarette packaging

On September 10, 2019, Thailand became the first Asian nation to unveil plain cigarette packaging to reduce the appeal of smoking and complied with the World Health Organisation's (WHO) guidelines.

Australia became the first country to require tobacco products to be sold without colourful brand logos in 2012 and other European countries including France, Hungary and the United Kingdom have also followed the same path.

Telangana governor Tamlisai becomes the youngest governor at 58years while Andhra governor Harichandan becomes the oldest at 85

On September 8, 2019 former TamilNadu Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) chief Dr. Tamlisai Soundararajan who was sworn in as the first woman governor of Telangana, became the youngest state governor at the age of 58 among all the current governors. Andhra Pradesh governor Biswa Bhusan Harichandan is the oldest at the age of 85 among the current governors.

"Srivilliputtur Palkova" gets Geographical Indication (GI) tag in Chennai

On september 10, 2019 "Srivilliputtur Palkova" in Virudhunagar district of Tamil Nadu has get Geographical Indication(GI) tag in chennai.The sweet is prepared from high quality flavour of milk with sugar. The milk is fetched only from in and around reared cows of Srivilliputtur.

Samsung unveils 'Good Vibes' and 'Relumino' app for deaf-blind and visually impaired people in India

On September 9, 2019 South Korean tech giant Samsung,has unveiled two apps namely "Good Vibes" a communication tool for deaf and blind people and "Relumino" that helps the visually impaired people to see the images clearer.

September 12th

UNCCD COP14: Drought Toolbox launched

At the ongoing 14th Conference of Parties (COP14) to United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) at India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida a Drought Toolbox was launched on the 10th day of conference (on 11 September 2019) which was dedicated to the theme of Drought. India is hosting the ongoing UNCCD COP14 that started from 2 September and will culminate on 13 September 2019.

Foundation Stone for Indian Institute of Skills (IIS) laid In Mumbai

Union Minister of state for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) Mahendra Nath Pandey laid the foundation stone for Indian Institute of Skills (IIS) at Mumbai, Maharashtra. The concept of IIS was envisaged by Prime Minister Narendra Modi when he had visited Vocational Education and Training Centre in Singapore.

Union Cabinet had given its nod to set up Indian Institute of Skills (IISs) in 3 cities namely, Mumbai, Ahmedabad and Kanpur to give wings to the Skill India Mission.

Dr Pramod Kumar Mishra appointed Principal Secretary to PM Modi

Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Dr. P.K. Mishra as Principal Secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi with effect from 11 September 2019.

PK Sinha appointed Principal Advisor to PM Modi

Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of P.K. Sinha as Principal Advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi with effect from 11 September 2019.

DPIIT launched plastic waste management 'Swachhta hi Sewa 2019' campaign

The Department of Promotion and Industry and Internal Trade(DPITT) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry launched 'Swachhta hi Sewa 2019' campaign on September 11, 2019 as part of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call to action against plastic waste from industrial estates, parks and other areas by all states and Union Territories(UT).

Eritrea tops the list of 10 countries in press censorship by CPJ

On September 10, 2019, New York-based media watchdog "Committee to Protect Journalists" (CPJ) released "10 Most Censored Countries list" that have high press censorship. The list was topped by East African country Eritrea that shut all independent media in 2001 and has only 1% of the country's population in internet penetration. The country was also labeled as "the worst jailer of journalists in sub-Saharan Africa," in the report as it has jailed nearly 16 journalists in the country since December 2018.

September 13th

Maitree 2019: Indo-Thailand Joint Military Exercise to be held in Meghalaya

The 2019 edition of Maitree, the joint military exercise between India and Thailand will be conducted from 16-29 September at Foreign Training Node, Umroi, in Meghalaya.

SL's new luxury train Pulathisi Express by Indian railways 'make in india' product flagged off

On September 11, 2019 the new luxurious train of Sri Lanka(SL), Pulathisi Express which was produced under the 'Make in India' project of the Indian Railways was launched.

IIT Ropar & IISc Bangalore ranked No 1 among the 56 Indian institutes in the Times Higher Education World University Ranking 2020

In World University Rankings 2020, published by the United Kingdom (UK) based Times Higher Education (THE), Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Ropar and Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore were ranked number 1 among the 56 Indian institutes on the list of the best universities of the world, beating IIT Bombay and IIT Delhi.

Indian Ambassador to UAE Navdeep Suri conferred with UAE Order of Zayed II

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has honored Indian Ambassador Navdeep Singh Suri with its highest civilian honor Order of Zayed II award.

DRDO gives second indigenously developed AEWC aircraft 'Netra' to Air Force

The Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) has handed over the 2nd indigenously developed AWAC (Airborne Early Warning and Control) aircraft, 'Netra' to the Indian Air Force(IAF).

Vietnam unveils Southeast Asia's largest solar power farm

On September 12, 2019, Vietnam has inaugurated Southeast Asia's largest solar power farm called 'Dau Tieng Solar Power Complex'.

Photographer Charlie Cole, who took a picture of 'Tank Man' died at the age of 64

Charlie Cole, one of the photographers who took the picture of the famous Tank Man during the 1989 Tiananmen Square protests, has died of sepsis in Bali, Indonesia.

September 14th

UNESCO to publish Guru Nanak Dev's writing in world languages

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has decided to translate and publish an anthology of writings of Baba Guru Nanak Dev, the founder of Sikhism (and also 1st of 10 Sikh Guru) in world languages to commemorate 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev.

HimVijay exercise: to be organised by IAF on Chinese border in October

The exercise has been codenamed 'HimVijay' is schedule to be carried out in October 2019 in Arunachal Pradesh, close to borders with China. In these upcoming war games, the Indian Armed Forces plans to deploy their latest American weapons systems such as M777 ultra-light howitzers and Chinook heavy-lift helicopters.

UN appoints Indian Army veteran Abhijit Guha as head of Hodeidah mission

Antonio Guterres, the Secretary-General of United Nations (UN) appointed India's Lieutenant General (Retired) Abhijit Guha as the head of UN mission in Hodeidah, Yemen. Guha, who has 39 years of national and international military experience will be succeeding Danish Lieutenant General Michael Lollesgaard, who served in these posts from 31 January to 31 July 2019.

Besides leading the UN Mission in support of Hodeidah Agreement (UNMHA), Guha will also assume the chair of Redeployment Coordination Committee (RCC). RCC is responsible for redeploying forces of Yemeni warring parties in accordance with their agreement.

14 September: Hindi Divas

Hindi Divas (or Hindi day) is an annual day which is observed every year on 14 September all over India since 1953.

India is the fourth country in the world to export bulletproof jackets to over 100 countries

According to Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), India is the fourth country in the world to have its own national standard on bulletproof jackets after the United States, United Kingdom and Germany, which provides 360-degree protection.

The bulletproof jackets are being exported from India to more than 100 countries, including European nations.

NGT forms committee headed by AK Goel to prevent illegal groundwater extraction

On September 12, 2019 the National Green Tribunal (NGT) formed a committee in order to look into the issues related to illegal groundwater extraction and prevent them.

September 15th

The US becomes the world's top oil exporter surpassing Saudi Arabia and Russia

The International Energy Agency (IEA) notified that the United States (US) became the top oil exporter in the world by overtaking Saudi Arabia and Russia. In June 2019, crude exports grew above 3 million barrels per day (bpd) in the US.

India won ACC U-19 Asia Cup 2019 by beating Bangladesh

On September 14, 2019, India won ACC (Asian Cricket Council) Under-19 Asia Cup 2019 by beating Bangladesh for 5 runs.

India to host 2020 FIFA Women's U-17 World Cup from Nov 2-21, 2020

The biennial international women's youth football championship, 2020 FIFA Women's Under-17 World Cup, will be held in India from November 2-21, 2020.

International Day of Democracy 2019 observed on September 15

The International Day of Democracy was observed on September 15, 2019 under the theme 'Participation'.

September 16th

IBSF World Billiards Championship: India's Pankaj Advani wins title

The Bengaluru-based cueist Pankaj Advani increased his tally of world titles to 22 by winning a 4th straight final in the 150-up format at IBSF World Billiards Championship 2019 held in Mandalay, Myanmar.

Justice P Lakshmana Reddy appointed as 1st Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh

Justice P Lakshmana Reddy, a retired judge of erstwhile Andhra Pradesh High Court was sworn-in as the first Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh.

For the first time Survey of India to deploy 300 drones for mapping country

Survey of India (SoI), the oldest scientific department of country will for the first time rely on drones to map the country. SoI which is India's National Survey and Mapping Organization is in charge of mapping and surveying entire country. SoI is affiliated to the Department of Science and Technology (DST).

Prakash Javadekar flags off 'Jaldoot' bus for water conservation initiative in Pune

On September 14, 2019 the union minister for environment, forest and climate change Shri Prakash Javdekar(also Information & Broadcasting minister) flagged off a bus named "Jaldoot" in Pune, Maharashtra which showcases the importance of water conservation.

IPS officer Chhaya Sharma to be honored with 2019 Asia Society Game Changers Award by Asia Society

On September 13, 2019 the Indian Police Service (IPS) officer Chhaya Sharma who led the investigation of the 2012 Nirbhaya gangrape was selected for the 2019 Asia Society Game Changers Award along with six others by Asia Society, which is a leading educational organization. She has been awarded for redefining the role of female police officers.

Anurag Kashyap's 'Gangs Of Wasseypur' became the only Indian film in "The Guardian" list of 100 Best Films of the 21st century

The Indian filmmaker Anurag Kashyap's film 'Gangs Of Wasseypur' released in 2012 featuring Manoj Bajpayee, Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Piyush Mishra and Richa Chadha, became the only Indian film in British daily "The Guardian" list of the 100 Best Films of the 21st century. It claimed the 59th position.

First speaker of bifurcated AP, Dr Kodela Sivasada Rao passed away at the age of 72

Former first speaker of the Andhra Pradesh (AP) Legislative Assembly, after bifurcation of AP, and one of the key leaders of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), Dr Kodela Sivasadasa Rao, aged 72, passed away in Hyderabad, Telangana.

September 17th

Russia holds Center-2019 International Command Exercise

Russia is holding its annual Center-2019 International Command Exercise involving six other nations from 16 to 21 September 2019.

1st India, Singapore, Thailand Trilateral Naval Exercise begins

5 days maiden trilateral exercise of Singapore, India and Thailand named **SITMEX** (Singapore-India-Thailand Maritime Exercise) was commenced on September 16, 2019 at Port Blair, the capital of Andaman and Nicobar islands to strengthen the maritime relationships of the three countries and to enhance security.

Udhampur district of J&K organized the first women-only marathon against drug addiction

On September 15, 2019, The Udhampur district of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) along with non-governmental organization (NGO) Dogra Kranti Dal organized the first women-only marathon on the theme of drug awareness.

September 18th

UK returns 'stolen' 12th century Buddha statue 57 years later

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman handed over antique 12th century Bronze Idol of Buddha that was stolen from Archaeological Survey of India's (ASI) Nalanda site museum in 1961 to Union Minister of State for Culture & Tourism (IC) Prahlad Singh Patel in New Delhi.

The Bronze statue of Buddha is documented as 'Seated Buddha in Bhumisparsha Mudra'.

ISRO, DRDO signs MoUs to provide technologies for Human Space Mission

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) signed Memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) to provide technologies for development of human centric systems for Human Space Mission to demonstrate its human space flight capabilities.

ISRO aims to demonstrate country's human spaceflight capability before 75th anniversary of India's independence in 2022.

Bangladesh PM receives Dr Kalam Smriti International Excellence Award 2019

Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina was conferred Dr Kalam Smriti International Excellence Award 2019 in Dhaka (Bangladesh Capital). She received the prestigious award for vision of a peaceful and prosperous South Asia, free of tension, conflicts and terrorism.

Sri Lanka unveils South Asia's tallest tower in Colombo

Sri Lanka unveiled a 350-metre-tall Lotus Tower which is now being dubbed as South Asia's tallest tower in Colombo city. Though the tower is still under construction President of Sri Lanka Maithripala Sirisena decided to open the tower to public. As per the President, Lotus Tower is foreseen to be one of the significant landmarks and an epitome of island country's culture, economy and development.

Rustom-2: DRDO's UAV crashes in Karnataka's Chitradurga

An Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) called 'Rustom-2' belonging to Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) crashed during a trial in an agriculture field in Chitradurga district of Karnataka.

Hyderabad-Karnataka region Renamed 'Kalyana Karnataka'

After completing the official procedure for renaming Hyderabad Karnataka region Chief Minister of Karnataka B.S. Yediyurappa made the official proclamation to rename the region as Kalyana Karnataka. The Hyderabad Karnataka region comprises six north-eastern districts of Karnataka: Bidar, Kalaburagi, Koppal, Ballari, Yadgir and Raichur.

Swedish environmental activist Greta Thunberg wins 2019 Amnesty's 'Ambassadors of Conscience' award in Washington D.C

On September 16, 2019 Swedish environmental activist Greta Thunberg(16 years) and the 'Fridays for Future youth movement' won the Amnesty International's 'Ambassadors of Conscience' award for the year 2019. The award ceremony which was held at the George Washington University, Washington D.C, America, is the highest human rights award constituted by the Amnesty International.

President of ADB Takehiko Nakao resigns

On September 17, 2019, The president of Asian Development Bank (ADB), Takehiko Nakao has announced his resignation effective from January 16, 2020. The new president will be elected in accordance with an open, transparent and merit-based principle.

Sarah Thomas became the first person to swim English Channel 4 times non-stop

An American woman Sarah Thomas, aged 37, became the first person to swim the English Channel 4 times non-stop. She successfully completed the 84-mile challenge in 54 hours and 13 minutes.

September 19th

Cabinet approves promulgation of Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Ordinance 2019

Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the Promulgation of Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes (production, manufacture, import, export, transport, sale, distribution, storage and advertisement) Ordinance, 2019. The decision is being seen as a major health and wellness initiative for the country.

Telangana government declares 2020 as Artificial Intelligence year

The state government of Telangana has decided to declare 2020 as Year of Artificial Intelligence and thus will be organising various activities related to emerging technology throughout the year.

IAF inaugurates Vijaynagar's Advance Landing Ground in Arunachal Pradesh

The Indian Air Force (IAF) inaugurated the resurfaced runway at the Vijaynagar Advance Landing Ground (ALG) in Changlang District in Arunachal Pradesh, which will enable operations by military transport aircraft at the base near the China border.

Four new Supreme Court judges appointed, strength now 34

The Centre on 18 September 2019 cleared the appointments of four new judges to the Supreme Court. With the appointment, the judges' strength in apex court is now 34. On August 30, the Supreme Court four chief justices for the appointment to the top court in order to fill the vacant posts.

The newly appointed SC judges are-

1. Haryana High Court Chief Justice Krishna Murari
2. Himachal Pradesh High Court Chief Justice V. Ramasubramanian
3. Rajasthan High Court Chief Justice S Ravindra Bhat
4. Kerala High Court Chief Justice Hrishikesh Roy

Once the newly appointed 4 SC Judges takes oath, the total strength of Supreme Court (34) will be highest ever till date.

US President names Robert O'Brien as USA's new National Security Adviser

US President Donald Trump has named Robert C. O'Brien as his new National Security Adviser (NSA).

India with 17.5million international migrants, tops country of origin of international migrants in 2019 by UN's 'International Migrant Stock 2019' report

On September 17, 2019 according to the report by the United Nations(UN) named 'The International Migrant Stock 2019', India topped the country of origin of international migrants in 2019 with 17.5 million migrants globally, making it the largest diaspora in the world. Currently

the world's migrant population stands at 272 million in 2019, according to the report which grew by 23% over a decade. Country wise, United States(US) hosted large no. of international migrants at 51 million equaling 19% of the world's total.

Super 30 founder Anand Kumar honoured with Education Excellence Award 2019

Super 30 founder and noted mathematician Anand Kumar, aged 46, was awarded Education Excellence Award 2019 by the Foundation For Excellence (FFE) at the organisation's 25th anniversary gala in San Jose, California, United States for the contributions towards imparting education to the needy students.

Protodontopteryx ruthae -world's oldest bird species is discovered in Waipara, New zealand

On September 18, 2019 scientists from the Canterbury Museum(England) have discovered the world's oldest bird species' fossils in Waipara, New zealand that lived 62 million years ago. It was a sea bird, and is named as Protodontopteryx ruthae with its discovery details mentioned in the journal 'Palaeontology'.

Vinesh Phogat wins Bronze-Wrestling World Championships 2019 medal in Kazakhstan

On September 18, 2019 Indian wrestler VineshPhogat, defeated Greece's two-time world bronze medalist Maria Prevolaraki and won a bronze medal in the women's 53kg category at the "2019 World Wrestling Championships" held in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan.

September 20th

DRDO conducts all 5 successful trials of Air-to-Air Missile 'Astra'

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully flight tested the Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVRAAM) 'Astra' from Su-30 MKI platform off the coast of Chandipur in Odisha.

Air Marshal RKS Bhadauria appointed as the 26th Chief of Indian Air Force

Government has decided to appoint present Vice Chief of Air Staff Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria as next Chief of Air Staff. He will take charge from the incumbent Air Chief Marshal BS Dhanoa who is set to retire on September 30.

Rajnath Singh becomes 1st Defence Minister to fly LCA Tejas

Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has scripted history by becoming first Defence Minister to fly Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) 'Tejas', an indigenously-built multi-role fighter aircraft. He undertook 30-minute sortie in LCA Tejas along with Air Vice Marshall Narmadeshwar Tiwari, at the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) Airport in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

Govt to set-up National Police University at Greater Noida

Union Ministry of Home Affairs has announced to set up world-class National Police University (NPU) in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

Beneficiaries under PMMVY scheme crossed 1 crore

Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) achieved a mark of reaching 1 crore (1,00,11,200) beneficiaries in India. The total amount disbursed under the scheme crossed Rs. 4,000 crores.

About PMMVY:

It is a flagship scheme of the Government for Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers (PW&LM).

Open defecation decreased by 47 % between 2000 – 2017 in India: WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP) report 2019

As per the WHO/UNICEF (World Health Organization/United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) Joint Monitoring Program (JMP) for Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene, report 2019, "Progress on drinking water, sanitation and hygiene: 2000-2017: Special focus on inequalities", the open defecation practices in India between 2000 and 2017 has decreased by 47 % & 43 % of Indian people have gained access to basic sanitation facilities.

Indian Army conducted 'Chang Thang' exercise in Eastern Ladakh

On September 18, 2019 the Indian army conducted massive integrated exercise named 'Chang Thang' in the Eastern Ladakh region bordering China in a very high altitude area in order to test and improve its capabilities in war fighting.

Bollywood actor Neena Gupta wins two awards at Indian International Film Festival 2019 of Boston at Massachusetts, US

Indian actress and television director, Neena Gupta (60) of Delhi has won the two awards namely, Best Actress award for the film 'Badhaai Ho' & her film "Last Color" has won the Best Feature Film award at Indian International Film Festival of Boston(IFFB) 2019.

September 21st

Sonu Nigam wins Award at 21st Century Icon Awards, UK

Popular Bollywood playback singer Sonu Nigam has been honoured with 'Magnificent Performing Arts Award' at the 21st Century Icon Awards in London, United Kingdom (UK).

PM Modi, Mongolian President jointly Unveils statue of Lord Buddha

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President of Mongolia H.E. Mr Khaltmaagiin Battulga, jointly unveiled a statue of Lord Buddha and his two disciples, installed at historic Gandan Tegchenling Monastery in Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia's Capital) via videoconferencing from Delhi.

NTPC Ltd to set up 5 GW solar park- biggest in the country, in Gujarat

On September 18, 2019 the NTPC ltd (formerly National Thermal Power Corporation Limited) announced to set up a 5GW (gigawatt) solar national park in Gujarat and is also expected to be the biggest in the country.

Reserve Bank comes out with a new order regarding 'failed' transactions

The country's central bank, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has come out with a new order for banks and payment system operators regarding the failed transaction of customers. Under this, the time period has been fixed for the disposal of grievances and auto reversal of the amount on the failed transaction for the banks, which has been termed as **Turn Around Time (TAT)**.

IIT Bombay tops the Indian institutes, and MIT overall, in 2020 QS Graduate Employability Rankings

On September 19, 2019, in the latest QS(Quacquarelli Symonds) Graduate Employability Rankings 2020, the Indian Institute of Technology(IIT) Bombay topped all the Indian institutes in the list with band ranking 111-120, which is now up from 141-150 of the year 2018. The other two best ranked Indian institutes are IIT Delhi at band ranking 151-160 and IIT Madras at band ranking 171-180.

Reliance Industries becomes the most valued domestic firm in market capitalisation surpassing TCS

Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) became the most valued domestic firm in market capitalisation (m-cap) by surpassing Tata Consultancy Services (TCS). RIL's m-cap stood at Rs 7,95,179.62 crore at the close of trade on September 20, 2019 while that of TCS stood at Rs 7,75,092.58 crore.

International Day of Peace or World Peace Day observed on 21 September, 2019

The International Day of Peace, also known as World Peace Day, is observed all over the world by the United Nations (UN) annually on 21st September. The day aims to strengthen the ideals of peace and recognises the efforts of those people who have worked hard to end conflict and promote peace. The theme of this Day for 2019 was 'Climate Action for Peace'.

September 22nd

CBDT sets up NeAC & appoints Krishna Mohan Prasad as its first Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax of NeAC

On September 21, 2019 the Central Board of Direct Tax(CBDT) has newly set up National e-Assessment Centre (NeAC) for electronically assessing the tax returns which would reduce the human interventions thereby reducing the possibility of corruption. CBDT has also appointed 1984 batch Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer Krishna Mohan Prasad as the first Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax(Pr.CCIT) of NeAC.

India's IMPS rated as the world's best real-time payment service in 6th annual Flavours of Fast report for 2019 by FIS

The Jacksonville, United States (US) based research firm Fidelity National Information Services (FIS) in its 6th annual Flavours of Fast report for 2019 rated India's Immediate Payment Service (IMPS) as the world's best real-time payment service in comparison to the similar facilities of 54 countries. It received the only 5+ rating. It is rated highest in FIS's 'Faster Payments Innovation Index 2019'.

Zoya Akhtar's film 'Gully Boy' gets Oscar 2020 entry

Bollywood actor Ranveer Singh and Alia Bhatt starrer film 'Gully Boy' has been nominated for the Oscar 2020 Film Awards from India. Directed by Zoya Akhtar, the film has been sent for an Oscar for the Best International Feature Film category.

Royal dance of Ladakh creates history by entering into the Guinness book of world records

Shondol dance, which is best known as the royal dance used to be performed by artists for King of Ladakh, has created history by entering into the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest Ladakhi dance.

September 23rd

Howdy Modi event held in Houston, Texas

Prime Minister Narendra Modi played host to United States President Donald Trump at NRG Stadium in Houston, Texas, for an Indian-American rally dubbed the 'Howdy Modi: Shared Dreams, Bright Futures'. The mega 'Howdy, Modi' gala event saw around 50,000 Indian-Americans in attendance.

22 September: Daughter's Day celebrated

Daughter's Day, a designated day to celebrate the importance of the girl child, is celebrated in India and worldwide on the 4th Sunday of September every year. The Daughters' Day 2019 was observed on Sunday (September 22) in India.

World Wrestling Championships: India's bags 5 medals

India finished with its best-ever medal haul at World Championships by winning 5 medals in Nur-Sultan. The 5 medal includes- 1 silver and 4 bronze medals. At the World Wrestling Championships held in Nur-Sultan (Kazakhstan), India's Rahul Aware bagged a bronze medal in men's 61kg category bout while Deepak Punia won silver in men's 86 kg freestyle. Rahul Aware won against his opponent Tyler Lee Graff with 11-4.

Home Minister Amit Shah announced first ever "digital census" in 2021

On September 23, 2019 during the foundation stone laying ceremony for construction of new building of Registrar General of India, which conducts the census exercise, Union Minister of Home Affairs(MHA) Shri Amit Shah, announced to conduct first ever "digital census" in 2021. He also suggested a single multipurpose identity card i.e., one card facility for all utilities in the future.

NDTV's Ravish Kumar awarded 1st Gauri Lankesh Memorial Award 2019 in Bengaluru, Karnataka

Ravish Kumar (44) of Motihari, Bihar , an Indian TV anchor, writer, journalist and the Managing Editor of NDTV India, the Hindi news channel of the NDTV (New Delhi Television Limited) news network , has received the 1st Gauri Lankesh Memorial Award 2019 by the Gauri Lankesh Memorial Trust (which is founded in memory of the journalist, Gauri Lankesh) in Bengaluru , Karnataka.

According to United in Science Report 2019 by UN, average global temperature between 2015-2019 set to be the hottest of any five-year period on record

According to the report titled United in Science for 2019 by United Nations (UN), the average global temperature between 2015-2019 will be the hottest of any five-year period on record. It is estimated to be 1.1 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial (1850-1900) times and 0.2 degrees Celsius warmer than 2011-2015. The report was compiled by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and was prepared by the Science Advisory Group of the UN Climate Action Summit 2019.

September 24th

Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) of Gujarat

The Gujarat government has launched country's first 'Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS)' which is being described as world's first market for trading in Particulate Matter (PM) emissions. ETS was launched in Surat ETS) to encourage and incentivize the industrial units to cut air pollution.

Even though trading mechanisms for pollution control do exist in many parts of world but none of them is for PM emissions.

What is Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS)?

It is a regulatory tool that is aimed at reducing the pollution load in an area and at the same time minimising the cost of compliance for the industry. ETS is a market in which traded commodity is particulate matter emissions.

Russia formally joins Paris Agreement on Climate Change

Russia has formally accepted the 2015 Paris agreement on Climate Change. The Prime Minister of Russia Dmitry Medvedev has recently signed a document in this regard. As per the document Russia will now allocate financial resources towards developing countries for prevention of and adaptation to climate change.

VP inaugurates 150th Birth Anniversary celebrations of Vaidyaratnam P.S. Warriar

At Kottal in Kerala, vice President Shri Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated 150th birth anniversary celebrations of Vaidyaratnam P.S. Warriar. He emphasized the importance of Ayurvedic medicine and Atharva Veda at the event. About Vaidyaratnam P S Warriar He was an Ayurvedic physician.

Ponung Doming – First woman officer from Arunachal Pradesh to become Lieutenant Colonel In Indian Army

Ponung Doming is the first lady officer from Arunachal Pradesh in the Indian army to be elevated to the rank of Lieutenant colonel. She was commissioned into the Indian army as Lieutenant in 2008.

Tiger Triumph: India-US joint tri-services exercise to be held in Andhra Pradesh

India and the United States are set to hold their first tri-services exercise code-named as 'Tiger Triumph' at Visakhapatnam and Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh. It is scheduled to be held in November 2019.

Malnutrition among children reduced by two-thirds in 27 years, but 68.2 % of children under five years are still malnourished in the country: Lancet Child & Adolescent Health

According to the report, "The burden of child and maternal malnutrition and trends in its indicators in the states of India: the Global Burden of Disease Study 1990–2017" published in a monthly journal of the Lancet Child & Adolescent Health by India State-Level Disease Burden Initiative

Malnutrition Collaborators , two-thirds of the children below 5 years deaths in 2017 (706,000 out of 1.04 million) in India are still attributable to malnutrition.

Infosys tops Indian companies in Forbes' World's best 'regarded' companies list, Visa tops

On September 24, 2019 nearly 17 Indian companies were listed in the Forbes World's best 'regarded' companies list 2019. The company which topped among other Indian firms is Infosys which ranked third in the overall list. The first and second place were held by global payments technology company Visa and Italian car-maker Ferrari respectively.

'Girl Power: Indian Women Who Broke The Rules' by Neha J Hiranandani on 50 indian women role models released

A new book named 'Girl Power: Indian Women Who Broke The Rules' written by author Neha J Hiranandani was released on September 23, 2019. The book is about the stories/achievements of 50 Indian women role models.

Book titled "India in the Persianate Age: 1000-1765" by Richard M Eaton released

On September 24, 2019 a new book named "India in the Persianate Age: 1000-1765" by United States(US) based professor and author, Richard M Eaton was released.

September 25th

Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina wins GAVI's 'Vaccine Hero' award

Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina has been conferred with prestigious 'Vaccine Hero' award of Global Alliance for Vaccination and Immunisations (GAVI) in recognition of Bangladesh's outstanding success in vaccination to immunise children.

CTRL-Labs

On 23rd September, 2019, Facebook announced that it will acquire CTRL – Labs, a tech company that makes wrist bands capable of reading minds. The band can transmit electrical signals from brain into computers as digital input. The deal is worth approximately, from 500 million USD to 1 billion USD.

Google win in European Union's top court on the "right to be forgotten" globally

The European Union's top court on 24th September, 2019, ruled that Google does not have to apply "Right to be forgotten law" globally. This means that the US based Tech giant has to remove data links to personal information only in its European version of search results and not elsewhere in the world.

PM Modi receives Global Goalkeepers Award

Prime Minister Narendra Modi received the 2019 'Global Goalkeeper Award' by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation at a ceremony held on the sidelines of United Nation General Assembly (UNGA) meeting in New York City, US. PM Modi was honoured with international award for his leadership of Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan.

Amitabh Bachchan to get Dadasaheb Phalke Award – 2018

Bollywood megastar Amitabh Bachchan will be honoured with India's highest award in cinema, the Dadasaheb Phalke Award for the year 2018.

50 kilowatt "Gandhi Solar Park" inaugurated by PM at UN Headquarters

In a first of its kind symbolic effort by India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a 50 kilowatt 'Gandhi Solar Park' at the Headquarters of United Nations (UN). The gesture highlights India's willingness to go beyond the talk on climate change.

23rd edition of "Malabar 2019" naval joint exercise of India, US and Japan commenced at Sasebo, Japan

On September 25, 2019 the 23rd edition of the trilateral maritime exercise of India, Japan and the United States(US) named "Malabar 2019" exercise begun at Sasebo, Japan.

16-year-old Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg wins 2019 Right Livelihood Award

On September 23, 2019, Swedish teenage climate activist Greta Thunberg (16), has been awarded with Sweden's Alternative Nobel Prize called "Right Livelihood Award 2019" for prompting and amplifying political demands, scientific facts for immediate climate action in Stockholm, Sweden.

UK mathematician Adam Harper wins the 2019 SASTRA Ramanujan prize

On September 25, 2019 mathematician and assistant professor of the University of Warwick, England, Adam Harper, from the United Kingdom(UK) won the SASTRA Ramanujan prize for 2019.

Pooja Desai from Gujarat crowned as Mrs India 2019

On September 8, 2019, Pooja Desai from Vadodara, Gujarat has been crowned as Mrs India – Pride of the Nation 2019.

'Professor Ayushman' comic book released by Ayush Ministry in New Delhi

On September 24, 2019, a new comic book series 'Professor Ayushman' conceived by the National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) was unveiled by the Ayush ministry in New Delhi. This book will raise awareness in children about the importance of medicinal plants and their usage.

September 26th

Kristalina Georgieva appointed as new IMF chief

The Bulgarian Economist Christina Georgieva was appointed as the new head of the International Monetary Fund. Kristalina Georgieva had served as Chief Executive in World Bank as well.

Gandhi Peace Garden inaugurated at UN HQ in New York

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, along with United Nation chief Antonio Guterres and other world leaders, inaugurated the Gandhi Peace Garden at the UN headquarters in New York. The inauguration was held during a special commemorative event on that marked Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary.

Government reconstitutes EAC-PM till 2021

On September 25, 2019, Union Government reconstituted the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) for a period of 2 years with effect from September 26, 2019. Dr. Bibek Debroy will continue as Chairman and Mr Ratan P. Watal will continue as the Member Secretary. These are the 2 full time members.

Tripartite step on Rohingya return agreed by Bangladesh, Myanmar and China

On September 26, 2019, A tripartite mechanism to monitor and assess on-the-ground repatriation process of the displaced Rohingya people to Myanmar was jointly agreed by the nations of Bangladesh, Myanmar and China.

Key points:

The proposal for the formation tripartite group was placed by China, Myanmar and Bangladesh already have a joint working group signed November 2017 for return of the Rohingyas and China is only helping in implementing the agreements taken by two countries.

Rajasthan's Payal Jangir becomes the first Indian to receive the Changemaker Award 2019

Rajasthan's Payal Jangir, aged 17, became the first Indian to receive the Changemaker Award 2019 at the Goalkeepers Global Goals Awards 2019 presented by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation at a ceremony held in New York, United States.

World's biggest transport spaceship Kounotori8 launched by Japan

On September 25, 2019, Japan's unmanned H-2B rocket lifted off with cargo vessel Kounotori8 towards the International Space Station (ISS) from the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency's (JAXA) Tanegashima Space Center in southwestern Japan, which is considered as the world's biggest transport spaceship. It intends to deliver about 5.3 tonnes of supplies to astronauts at the ISS.

Pankaj Advani and Aditya Mehta clinched IBSF World Snooker Team Championship 2019

The Indian duo of Pankaj Advani and Aditya Mehta clinched International Billiards & Snooker Federation (IBSF) World Snooker Team Championship 2019 held in Mandalay, Myanmar by defeating Thailand's C.Pongsakorn and D.Poramin.

Pranab Mukherjee launches the book titled 'Reset: Regaining India's Economic Legacy' written by BJP MP Subramanian Swamy

On September 25, 2019, Pranab Mukherjee , the Former president of India has released a book entitled 'Reset: Regaining India's Economic Legacy' penned by BJP MP (Bharatiya Janata Party -member of parliament) Subramanian Swamy in New Delhi.

September 27th

September 27: World Tourism Day

The United Nations World Tourism Day is celebrated on September 27. The day aims at creating awareness on social, political, cultural and economic values among international community.

'Tikki Mausi' mascot: unveiled by Odisha govt. and UNICEF

With an aim to spread awareness about nutrition of children and women, the Department of Women & Child Development and Mission Shakti, Government of Odisha, in collaboration with United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) unveiled a mascot named 'Tikki Mausi'.

Malabar Exercise 2019: India, Japan, US Naval Exercise begins

The Malabar Exercise 2019, the trilateral maritime exercise between navies of India, Japan and the US began off the coast of Japan.

China launches its first Amphibious Assault Ship

China has launched its first amphibious assault ship in Shanghai. This ship would enable ground forces to carry out attacks on enemy territory from sea.

First Indigenous High-Temperature Fuel Cell System launched

The President of India Ram Nath Kovind launched the first Indigenous High-Temperature Fuel Cell System developed by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) under 'New Millennium Indian Technology Leadership Initiative (NMITLI)'.

The 5.0 kW fuel cell system generates power in a green manner. It uses methanol or bio-methane, with heat and water as bi-products for further use.

Mobile app for lawyers, litigants launched by Delhi HC

On September 27, 2019, the Delhi High Court launched a new mobile application. The app makes the services of the court digitally accessible to litigants and lawyers.

For the first time, Saudi Arabia to offer tourist visas

Saudi Arabia will offer tourist visas for the first time as a measure to expand its economy away from oil. As a part, it will open applications for online tourist visas to citizens of 49 countries.

India ranks 44th in IMDs World Digital Competitiveness Rankings 2019

On September 26, 2019 according to the latest report of the International Institute for Management Development's (IMD) World Digital Competitiveness Rankings (WDCR) 2019, India has moved up by 4 places from 48th rank in 2018 to rank at 44th position in 2019. The list was topped by United State (US) followed by Singapore and Sweden in the second and third places respectively.

Infosys receives UN global climate action award 2019 in 'climate neutral now' category

On September 26, 2019, The Indian multinational corporation, Infosys Limited has won the United Nations (UN) Global Climate Action Award 2019 in the 'Climate Neutral Now' category for its efforts to combat climate change.

September 28th

UNWTO selects India as host country to celebrate World Tourism Day 2019

India has been selected as the host country for celebration of World Tourism Day 2019 by United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO). This is for the very first time that India will host the day in its National Capital, New Delhi.

KAZIND-2019

A joint military exercise between India and Kazakhstan named KAZIND-2019 is scheduled to be held in Pithoragarh district, Uttarkhand from 3-15 October 2019.

September 29th

K. Siva Reddy awarded Saraswati Samman

K Siva Reddy is a Telugu poet. He was awarded the Saraswati Samman award for his collection Pakkaki Ottigilite in 2018.

Book “Game of Votes: Visual Media Politics and Elections in the Digital Era” penned by Farhat Basir Khan launched

The seniormost faculty member at the AJK Mass Communication Research Centre at the Jamia Millia Islamia (New Delhi), Farhat Basir Khan’s new book “Game of Votes: Visual Media Politics and Elections in the Digital Era” details the evolution of election campaigns in India.

September 30th

Minor Planet named after Pandit Jasraj

The IAU – International Astronomical Union has named a minor planet between Mars and Jupiter after an Indian classical singer Pandit Jasraj. He is the first Indian musician to receive this honor. The planet was discovered on November 11, 2006.

Air Chief Marshal Rakesh Bhaduria takes charge as IAF Chief

Air Chief Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhaduria took charge as the new Chief of the Indian Air Force (IAF). He is now the 26th Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force. He succeeds outgoing Air Chief Marshal BS Dhanoa.

West bengal's Midnapore became the 5000th railway station to be Wi-fi enabled

On September 28, 2019 the Midnapore railway station of West Bengal became the 5000th railway station to be enabled with Wi-fi. The project for providing Wi-fi was started by RailTel in 2016, with Mumbai central railway station being the first for wifi implementation.