

October 1st

NeGD&MeitY signed MoU with Bhopals's NLIU in New Delhi on implementation of cyber law programmes

On September 30, 2019 the National eGovernance Division (NeGD), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) & The National Law Institute University (NLIU), Bhopal together have signed a Memorandum of Understanding(MoU) in New Delhi for implementation of 'Online Capacity Building Programme on Cyber Law, Crime Investigation and Digital Forensics through NeGD Learning Management System (LMS)'.

The goal of this programme is to enable Police Officers, State Cyber Cells, Law Enforcement Agencies(LEA), Prosecutors and Judicial Officers to acquire adequate skills in dealing with Cyber Forensics cases as per the Indian Cyber Law, as there has been an increased rate of cybercrimes in recent years posing major challenge for the LEA.

India's Kallie Puri was awarded "India's Most Powerful Women in Media"

On September 27, 2019 Indian magazine India today's Vice Chairperson(VC) Kallie Puri was honoured with 2019 "India's Most Powerful Women in Media" award at famed Confluence Excellence Awards at the British Parliament in London, United Kingdom.

China unveiled DF-41 the most powerful intercontinental-range ballistic missile on the planet

On the 70th National Day of China which was observed on October 1, 2019, it launched DF-41 (Dongfeng-41) the most powerful intercontinental-range ballistic missile on the planet during the National Day parade at Chang'an Avenue in Beijing.

First National Nutrition Survey

The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare with the assistance of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) conducted the first National Nutrition Survey. It was conducted between February 2016 and October 2018 to measure malnutrition, including micronutrient deficiencies through biochemical measures such as blood and urine samples, anthropometric data as well as details of non-communicable diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, cholesterol and kidney function in children and adolescents.

Tamil Nadu and Goa had the highest number of adolescents (aged 10-19) who were either obese or overweight.

Goa had the most obese adolescents.

October 2nd

Surjit S Bhalla appointed as Executive Director for India at IMF

The Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Economist Surjit S Bhalla as Executive Director for India on board of International Monetary Fund (IMF).

IRCTC to compensate Lucknow-Delhi Tejas Express passengers for delay

In a first of its kind offer from any national carrier, the IRCTC will compensate passengers of new Lucknow-Delhi Tejas Express in case of delay in train schedule.

150th Gandhi Jayanti/ International Day of Non-Violence 2019 observed on October 2

150th Gandhi Jayanti, the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and International Day of Non-Violence was observed on October 2, 2019.

Telangana becomes fully electrified state in India

Telangana became one the fully electrified states in India after providing 100% electricity coverage to over 5 lakh 15 thousand households, especially those in the remote areas under the Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (Soubhagya).

J&K Governor Satya Pal Malik gives assent to National Law University Bill 2019

On October 2, 2019, The Governor of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Satya Pal Malik has given assent to the Jammu and Kashmir National Law University Bill 2019 for establishing a National Law University in the J&K.

October 3rd

Modi – Xi Second Informal Summit in Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu

The Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping visited Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu for the second edition of informal summit between India and China.

Controversy

The Tamil Nadu Government has approached the Madras High Court to seek permission to erect digital banner to welcome the leaders. The state was compelled to take the move in view of the death of 23 – year old Technocrat Miss Subashree who was killed by an illegally erected banner.

Mamallapuram

The place is also known as Seven Pagodas or Mahabalipuram. Marco Polo and other Europeans named it Seven Pagodas. It is believed that 6 more temples stood along with the lone standing shore temple. Hence the name Seven Pagodas.

Sachin Tendulkar gets the most effective Swachhata ambassador award

At the Safaigiri 2019 organized by the India Today group, the Cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar was awarded “The most effective Swachhata Ambassador”.

Monsoon Mission Coupled Forecast Model (CFS)

India’s new monsoon model, called the Monsoon Mission Coupled Forecast Model (CFS), has failed to forecast the excess rainfall received during August-September 2019. It was deployed by the IMD (India Meteorological Department) under National Monsoon Mission (NMM). India recorded its highest monsoon rain in 25 years, an analysis suggests that CFS didn’t do better than the older ones in long-range forecasting.

Amit Shah flagged off second Vande Bharat Express Train between Delhi and Katra

On October 3, 2019, Union Home Minister Mr. Amit Shah flagged off the second Vande Bharat Express train from New Delhi railway station. It runs between Delhi and Katra (Shri Mata Vaishno Devi), Jammu and Kashmir.

Ecuador to quit OPEC in 2020

Ecuador will quit Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) from January 1, 2020 due to fiscal problems. It will continue to support efforts to stabilise the world oil market. It is one of the smallest members of the OPEC.

October 4th

KAZIND -2019: India Kazakhstan Joint Military Exercise commence

The annual military exercise called KAZIND 2019 between India and Kazakhstan army commenced at Pithoragarh in Uttarakhand on 3 October 2019.

Andhra Pradesh Government launches India's first Village secretariat system

Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy of Yuva Jana Sramika Rythu Congress Party (YSRCP) launched the first of its kind Village Secretariat system at Karapa village near Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh. It has set up village and ward secretariats which act as a bridge between the government and the people by rendering over 500 types of services at their doorstep.

October 5th

NHA and Google tie up for Ayushman Bharat Implementation

The National Health Authority (NHA) has joined hands with international giant Google to collaborate as well as strengthen the implementation of government's flagship health insurance scheme, Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY).

Nomadic Elephant 2019: Indo-Mongolian Joint Exercise

14th edition of Indo–Mongolian joint military training called Exercise Nomadic Elephant-XIV commenced from 5 October 2019. It is being conducted over a period of 14 days from 5-18 October 2019 at Bakloh, a town in Himachal Pradesh.

Hyderabad tops Indian cities in 1st citizen-centric IMD Smart City Index 2019, Singapore tops globally

On October 4, 2019 in the first ever conducted International Institute for Management Development's (IMD's) Smart City Index 2019, Hyderabad topped among the Indian cities with the rank of 67. It was followed by New Delhi at rank 68. Mumbai and Bengaluru were ranked at the 78th and 79th positions respectively. The list was topped by Singapore.

India ranked 4th in GFP Index 2019; US tops

In the Global Firepower Index (GFP) /Military Strength Ranking 2019 of the Global Firepower which ranks each nation's potential war-making capability across land, sea and air with conventional weapons, India was ranked 4th with the PowerIndex (PwrIndx) score of 0.1065 and in South Asia, it stood at the No 1 position.

Greta Thunberg & Divina Maloum to receive the 15th International Children's Peace Prize for 2019

The international organisation for the defence of children's rights KidsRights Foundation will felicitate Sweden's climate activist Greta Thunberg, aged 16, and peace campaigner Cameroon's Divina Maloum, aged 14, with the 15th International Children's Peace Prize for 2019

October 6th

India's 1st plant to produce diesel from plastic waste opened in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh

On October 4, 2019, India's 1st plant to produce diesel from plastic waste in Mathura district of Uttar Pradesh has been soft-launched.

October 7th

2019 Nobel Prize: Medicine

Britain's Peter Ratcliffe, William Kaelin and Gregg Semenza of US shared the 2019 Nobel Medicine Prize for their work on how cells sense and adapt to oxygen availability. The team revealed the understanding of how oxygen levels affect cellular metabolism.

10th edition of Indo Maldives joint military exercise Ekuverin 2019 begin at Aundh Mil Stn, Pune

On October 7, 2019 the 10th edition of the joint military exercise between India and Maldives named Ekuverin for the year 2019 begun at Aundh Military Station in Pune, Maharashtra.

Goa origin Antonio costa re-elected as Prime Minister of Portugal

On October 6, 2019, The Socialist Party of Goa-origin Portuguese Prime Minister (PM) Antonio Luis Santos da Costa has won re-election of Prime Minister

October 8th

2019 Nobel Prize – Physics

The 2019 Nobel prize for Physics was awarded to Swiss Scientists Michel Mayor and Didier Queloz and Canadian – American physicist James Peebles. One half of the prize was won by the American for his contribution towards “Theoretical discoveries in physical cosmology”. The other half was shared between the Swiss scientists for their work on “Discovery of an exoplanet orbiting a star similar to sun”.

Arjun bansal and Ankita bose of Indian origin included in Fortune’s 2019 “40 Under 40 list”

Indian-origin Arjun Bansal (35) and Ankita Bose (27) have made it to Fortune’s 2019 “40 Under 40 List”. Arjun is the Vice President of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Software and AI Lab of the US (United States) tech company Intel. Ankita is the CEO (Chief Executive Officer) and co-founder of the fashion platform Zilingo.

Telangana police becomes the first in country to integrate police patrol systems with passenger cabs

In order to provide a safe & secure environment to passengers, especially women, the Telangana police in its 1st of its kind in the country, has taken up a high tech initiative to integrate their police patrol systems with passenger cabs. This is being done using police’s ‘Hawk-Eye’ app that is connected to every taxi aggregator apps that provides a cab service facility.

October 9th

Global Competitiveness Index, 2019

India ranked 68th in the annual Global Competitiveness Index. It is the worst performing among the BRICS nations along with Brazil that is ranked at 71. The Global Competitive Index is compiled by World Economic Forum. Singapore has replaced US as the world's most competitive country.

Nobel Prize 2019: Chemistry

The 2019 Nobel Prize in Chemistry has been awarded to John B Goodenough, M Stanley Whittingham and Akira Yoshino for the development of lithium-ion batteries. These three scientists created the right conditions for a wireless and fossil fuel-free society.

October 10th

Ramesh Pandey selected for UNEP's Asia Environmental Enforcement Award

Senior Indian Forest Service (IFS) officer Ramesh Pandey was selected by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for prestigious Asia Environmental Enforcement Award.

Nobel Prize, Literature, 2019

The Nobel Prize in Literature for the year 2018 was awarded to Polish author Olga Tokarczuk and for the year 2019 was awarded to Austrian author Peter Handke. It is for the first time in 118-year history that 2 literature prizes are given in the same year. The 2018 Nobel literature prize was cancelled after an exodus at the exclusive Swedish Academy following sex abuse allegations.

India, China, Pakistan to work together to study impact of climate change on Hindu-Kush-Himalayan region

India Meteorological Department (IMD) is collaborating with meteorological agencies in China and Pakistan, among others, to provide climate forecast services to countries in Hindu-Kush-Himalayan (HKH) region. These countries have agreed to establish regional climate centre that will provide forecasting services and climate analyses. This centre will be under World Meteorological Organisation (WMO).

India ranked 82nd in 2019 Henley Passport Index ranking, Japan and Singapore top the list

On October 9, the latest 2019 Henley Passport Index ranking was released. In the report, India is currently ranked at 82nd place in 2019, which is one place down from its previous rank of 81 in 2018. Japan and Singapore both hold the most powerful passport by ranking 1st in the list.

First Satellite Servicing Spacecraft MEV-1 launched; developed by Northrop Grumman and NASA

On October 10, 2019, the first satellite-servicing spacecraft named "MEV-1" (Mission Extension Vehicle-1) was launched on the Russian Proton rocket that took off from Russia's Baikonur Cosmodrome (launching site for spacecraft) in Kazakhstan. It was developed by Northrop Grumman, US (United States) for its wholly-owned subsidiary Space Logistics LLC, in partnership with NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration).

October 11th

October 11: International Day of Girl Child

Every year, October 11 is commemorated as International Day of Girl Child by the United Nations.

UNICEF: First UN organisation to accept donation through Cryptocurrencies

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Children's agency of the United Nations has now become the first UN organization to hold and make transactions in cryptocurrency. UNICEF now joins a number of other aid agencies that accept donations in cryptocurrencies, such as American Red Cross.

Saudi Arabia allows women to serve in Armed Forces

As the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia embarks on a broad programme of economic and social reforms, the country announced that it will allow women in kingdom to serve in armed forces.

Nobel Peace Prize – 2019

The 100th Nobel Prize for peace has been awarded to the Ethiopian Prime Minister Abhiy Ahmed Ali for his efforts towards peace and international cooperation. The prize was awarded in particular to honor his initiatives to resolve border conflict with Eritrea.

October 12th

ICON Space Weather Satellite: launched by NASA to Study Earth's Ionosphere

NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) has launched a satellite called ICON or Ionospheric Connection Explorer to explore the mysterious, dynamic region where air meets space. It will study the link between space weather and Earth weather.

India's 1st Garbage Cafe inaugurated in Ambikapur, Chhattisgarh

On October 10, 2019, Chhattisgarh state Health Minister T S Singhdeo has inaugurated India's 1st 'Garbage Cafe' with the tagline 'More the waste better the taste' in Ambikapur of Surguja district. The concept of this cafe is that ragpickers and the homeless will collect plastic waste, and in return, the municipal corporation will offer them food.

India ranked 7th in Brand Finance Nation Brands 2019; USA tops

On October 11, 2019, an annual report on the most valuable and strongest nation brands named Brand Finance Nation Brands 2019 was released by Brand Finance in which India was ranked 7th from 9th rank of 2018 with 18.7% growth in brand value to \$2,562 bn. The list was topped by the United States of America (USA) with 7.2% growth in brand value to \$27,751 bn.

Russian astronaut Alexei Leonov, the first human to walk in space passes away in Moscow

Russian astronaut Alexei Leonov, who walked for the first time in space in 1965, died in Moscow, Russia after a long illness. He was 85.

October 13th

DHARMA GUARDIAN – 2019: Indo-Japan Joint Military Exercise

India and Japan will be holding a two-week-long joint military exercise called Dharma Guardian-2019 in Mizoram from 19 October to 2 November 2019.

Vajra Prahar: India-US Joint Military Exercise, 2019

A joint military training exercise “Vajra Prahar” is conducted in Seattle between October 13, 2019 and October 28, 2019.

Women’s World Boxing Championships 2019

AIBA Women’s World Boxing Championships 2019 was hosted by Ulan-Ude, Russia from 3 to 13 October 2019. India’s Debutant Manju Rani (48kg) scripted history as she became the first Indian woman boxer in 18 years to enter the finals of Women’s World Boxing Championship in her maiden appearance. M C Mary Kom lost her semi-final bout against Busenaz Cakiroglu of Turkey and won bronze medal in 51 kg category.

October 14th

Typhoon Hagibis hits Japan

Torrential rain and tornado-like winds lashed large parts of Japan, as the country was hit by Typhoon Hagibis.

Sourav Ganguly set to be new BCCI president

Former Indian captain Sourav Ganguly is all set to become the new president of Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) with elections unlikely to be held at BCCI's Annual General Meeting on October 23. He defeated Brijesh Patel in a see-saw battle and is expected to be the only presidential nominee.

Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer jointly awarded 2019 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences

On October 14, 2019, The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences (RSAS) awarded the Sveriges Riksbank (Nobel) Prize in Economic Sciences 2019 in the memory of Alfred Nobel jointly to Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer for their experimental approach to reduce global poverty.

October 15th

2019 Booker Prize: Margaret Atwood and Bernardine Evaristo jointly win

The 2019 Booker Prize was jointly won by Margaret Atwood and Bernardine Evaristo after judges defied the rules by declaring a tie. Even though the organisers told 2019's judges that they were not allowed to pick two winners, but Peter Florence, the chair of the five-member judging panel, decided to flout the rules anyways.