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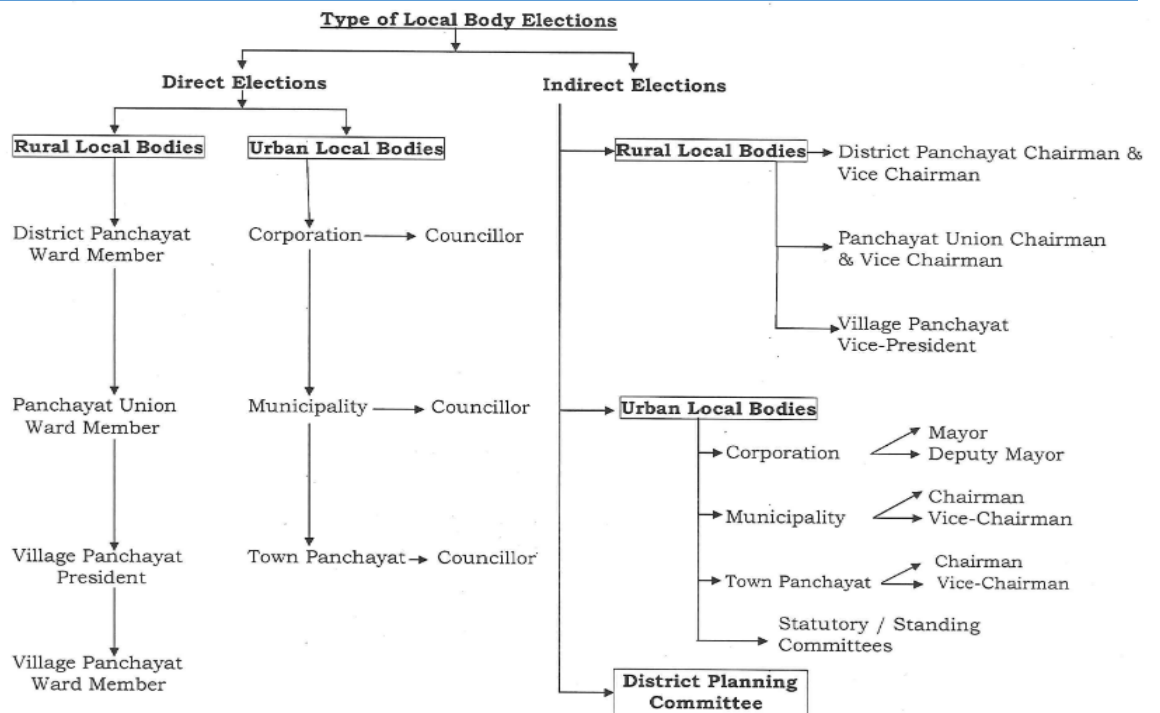
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### **TAMIL NADU**

#### 1) **LOCAL BODY ELECTION IN TAMIL NADU:**

<b>Held on</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Election is conducted by</b>	Tamil Nadu State Election Commission
<b>State Election Commissioner</b>	Dr. R. Palaniswamy IAS
<b>Powers conferred on it under Article</b>	Article 243-K and Article 243-ZA
<b>Schedule</b>	11 & 12
<b>Significance</b>	50 % Reservation for Women
<b>Election is for</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Village Panchayat Ward Members,</li> <li>✓ Village Panchayat President,</li> <li>✓ Panchayat Union Ward Members and</li> <li>✓ District Panchayat Ward Members</li> </ul>
<b>Election was not Conducted in</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Chennai</li> <li>✓ Kanchipuram</li> <li>✓ Tirunelveli</li> <li>✓ Vellore</li> <li>✓ Viluppuram</li> </ul>



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- 2) **S. K. Prabhakar** has been appointed as the *new Home secretary of Tamil Nadu*.
- 3) **BHEL (Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited)** has commissioned the 1<sup>st</sup> lignite - based **500 MW thermal power plant** “Neyveli New Thermal Power Project” in Tamil Nadu.
- 4) **Tamil Nadu** regains the **1<sup>st</sup> place in Organ donation across India**.
- 5) An Engineer from Tamil Nadu **Mr. Shanmuga Subramaniyan** identified the **broken pieces of Chandrayaan – 2** with the help of photo taken by NASA’s orbiter
- 6) **Harivarasanam Award:**
  - ✓ Ilaiyaraja – given by Kerala government
- 7) **Theni All Women Police Station** bagged the **4<sup>th</sup> Place** in overall Best Police station Award in the country.
- 8) **Chinaaru Forest Area** in Udumalaipet, Tiruppur has been declared as the **Tourism spot** recently.
- 9) **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** has begun preparatory works for setting up a **third rocket launch pad** in the small coastal hamlet of **Kulashekhrapattinam in the Thuthukudi** district of Tamil Nadu.



## NATIONAL

### 1) **CITIZENSHIP AMENDMENT ACT (CAA), 2019:**

<b>BILL PASSED IN LOK SABHA</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
<b>BILL PASSED IN RAJYA SABHA</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
<b>ASSENTED &amp; SIGNED BY PRESIDENT RAMNATH GOVIND</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
<b>INTRODUCED BY</b>	Amit Shah – <i>Minister of Home Affairs</i>
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Bill seeks to grant Indian Citizenship to persons belonging to <b>Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi and Christian communities</b> on ground of religious persecution in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh. Narendra Modi government is committed to protect rights of each citizen of the country.</li> <li>✓ The Home Minister said that this Bill contains provisions to grant Citizenship on reasonable grounds to refugees facing religious persecution in the above three countries, which in no way go against any provision under the Constitution of India and does not violate Article 14.</li> <li>✓ He also reassured that no provision of Article 371 would be violated by this Bill.</li> </ul>
<b>KEY PROVISIONS OF THE CITIZENSHIP AMENDMENT ACT (CAA), 2019</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The amendment provides that illegal migrants who fulfil four conditions will not be treated as illegal migrants under the Act. The conditions are:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ they are Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis &amp; Christians</li> <li>❖ they are from Afghanistan, Bangladesh or Pakistan</li> <li>❖ they entered India on or before December 31, 2014 they are not in certain tribal areas of Assam,</li> <li>❖ Meghalaya, Mizoram, or Tripura included in the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution, or areas under the “Inner Line” permit, i.e., Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, and Nagaland.</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ These tribal areas include Karbi Anglong (in Assam), Garo Hills (in Meghalaya), Chakma District (in Mizoram), and Tripura Tribal Areas District.</li> <li>✓ All legal proceedings against above category of migrants in respect of their illegal migration or citizenship will be closed.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The period of naturalisation has been reduced from 11 years to 5 years for above category of migrants.</li> <li>✓ Grounds for cancelling OCI registration</li> </ul>
<b>LINK BETWEEN CAA AND NRC / NRIC</b>	<p>According to Section 14A of the Citizenship Act, 1955 (inserted by Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2003):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The Central Government may compulsorily register every citizen of India and issue national identity card to him.</li> <li>✓ The Central Government may maintain a National Register of Indian Citizens (NRIC) and for that purpose establish a National Registration Authority.</li> <li>✓ Registrar General, India, appointed under Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969 shall act as the National Registration Authority and he shall function as the Registrar General of Citizen Registration.</li> <li>✓ To implement CAA, citizens and illegal migrants have to be identified. So, a National Register of Indian Citizens (NRIC) is the necessary first step.</li> </ul>
<b>THE CITIZENSHIP ACT AMENDED IN</b>	1992, 2003, 2005, 2015 & 2019

2) **126<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Bill was passed in Parliament:**

<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	Extend reservation for Scheduled castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) to Lok Sabha and legislative bodies
	Remove provision of nominating Anglo Indians to Lok Sabha and legislative bodies

3) **Intensified Mission Indra Dhanush 2.0 starts:**

<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	To prevent 8 diseases under mission as well as to escalate efforts to achieve goal of attaining 90% national immunization coverage across India.
<b>VACCINES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Measles,</li> <li>✓ Tetanus,</li> <li>✓ Diphtheria,</li> <li>✓ Whooping Cough,</li> <li>✓ Hepatitis B,</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Tuberculosis (TB),</li> <li>✓ Meningitis &amp;</li> <li>✓ Poliomyelitis</li> </ul>
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4) **On 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu (Merger of Union Territories) Bill, 2019 passed in the Parliament**

<b>Advantages over Merger</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ In view of fruitful utilization of manpower,</li> <li>➤ Improve administrative efficiency,</li> <li>➤ Reduce administrative expenditure and</li> <li>➤ Improve service delivery as well as facilitate better monitoring of schemes.</li> <li>➤ It would also ensure better cadre management of employees, he added.</li> </ul>
<b>New Name</b>	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu
<b>Jurisdiction</b>	Bombay High Court
<b>Currently</b>	28 States & 8 Union Territories

5) **On 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019 Santhali Language** made its debut in Rajya Sabha's Zero Hour:

<b>Initiated in Rajya Sabha By</b>	Sarojini Hembram
<b>Largely Spoken By</b>	Austroasiatic – Munda Tribe
<b>State</b>	Odisha

6) **Odisha government** has launched the **“Jal Sathi” Programme & “Jal Sathi App”** to ensure supply of safe drinking water to all households in the state.

7) **DefExpo 2020** to be held in **Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.**





- 8) **Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)** has included Madagascar and Comoros in the Indian Ocean Region Division, which looks after **India's maritime neighbors such as Sri Lanka, Maldives, Mauritius and Seychelles.**
- 9) **"Oxygen Parlour"** has been opened at **Nashik railway station** to provide an experience of breathing clean air to the commuters.
- 10) **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) railway station** in Mumbai has been conferred with **"Eat Right Station"** certification with the **five-star rating** by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) for food safety and hygiene.
- 11) Prime Minister Narendra Modi named **"Rohtang Passageway"** in Himachal Pradesh as **Atal Tunnel** to mark the 95<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- 12) Information & Broadcasting minister Prakash Javadekar has announced the launch of **Digital Radio in 2024**
- 13) **Rajasthan** Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated the **first Janta Clinic** in the Malviya Nagar area of Jaipur **to provide free primary health care to people living in slums.**
- 14) **Integral Coach Factory (ICF) of Indian Railways** has produced its **3000<sup>th</sup> coach of the year** in less than nine months.
- 15) **Indian Railways** has installed the first atmospheric water generator **"Meghdoot"** to harvest water directly from air through a series of steps.
- 16) **Haryana government** has adopted the **TRAKEA barcoding system** of Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) at Madhuban, Haryana.
- 17) The **World Design Organization (WDO)** has launched the programme **'World Design Protopolis'** in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- 18) **Uttar Pradesh government** has decided to provide a **25% subsidy and 100% stamp duty** waiver for setting up the defence industry in the state.
- 19) **Andhra Pradesh Government** has approved the creation of **fast-track courts "DISHA ACT"** in the state to curb crimes against women and children.
- 20) **Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu** witnessed an annular solar eclipse. Rest of the country witnessed a partial solar eclipse on **26<sup>th</sup> December 2019**



- 21) **Operation 'Clean Art'** to Crackdown on **Illegal Trade in Mongoose Hair**
- 22) The Government of India is planning to establish a **National Maritime Heritage Museum** at **Lothal in Gujarat**
- 23) **1<sup>st</sup> Pashu Kisan Credit Cards** were launched to promote animal husbandry and agri - business to help the livestock owners in **Haryana**
- 24) **Punjab government** has introduced the **"Free Police Drop Facility for Women at Night"** for Women safety. Helpline Numbers: **100, 112, 181**
- 25) **Nagaland** has been declared as the **"Falcon Capital of the World"**

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## **INTERNATIONAL**

- 1) **Manuel Marrero Cruz** was named the **1<sup>st</sup> Prime Minister of Cuba** by President Miguel Díaz - Canel in more than 40 years. In Cuba, the post of PM was abolished in 1976 when Fidel Castro became president.
- 2) **Ecuador** has declared an emergency to contain the environmental impact of a fuel spill in the Galapagos Islands, ***after a barge carrying 600 gallons of diesel fuel sank.***
- 3) The Eight West African countries namely ***Ivory Coast, Mali, Burkina Faso, Benin, Niger, Senegal, Togo, and Guinea-Bissau*** have agreed to change the name of their common currency from ***“CFA franc to Eco”*** after they jointly severed the CFA franc links to former colonial ruler France.
- 4) **Driverless vehicles** are being tested on **5G technology** ahead of a planned deployment of such vehicles on roads in the **United Arab Emirates**.
- 5) **China and Russia** inaugurated the first cross - border pipeline between their countries, called the ***“Power of Siberia”***
- 6) **India** has become the 1<sup>st</sup> Country in the world to completely ***digitize the Haj process for “Haj 2020”***
- 7) **G20 Chair:**

<b>2018</b>	Argentina
<b>2019</b>	Japan
<b>2020</b>	Saudi Arabia
<b>2021</b>	Italy



## **ECONOMICS**

### 1) **38<sup>th</sup> Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council Meeting:**

- ✓ **Held on:** 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019; **Held at:** New Delhi
- ✓ **Chaired by:** Hon'ble Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman
- ✓ To exempt upfront amount payable for long term lease of industrial/ financial infrastructure plots by an entity having **20% or more ownership of Central or State Government.**
- ✓ Presently, the exemption is available to an entity having **50% or more ownership of Central or State Government.** This change shall become effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2020.
- ✓ To levy a **single rate of GST @ 28% on both State run and State authorized lottery.** This change shall become effective from 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2020.
- ✓ The GST Council rationalized the tax rate on **woven and non-woven bags to 18%.** This change shall become effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2020.

- 2) From 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019, **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** allowed online money transfer through **National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) will be available 24x7.**
- 3) **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has appointed Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd. as the **UTLBC (Union Territory Lead Bank Convenor)** for the newly carved out **Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir**
- 4) **State Bank of India (SBI)** will be the lead convenor bank for Union Territory of Ladakh.
- 5) According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) **India's economic growth forecast 6.1 % for 2020**
- 6) Income Tax Department fixed mandatory **to link Permanent Account Number (PAN)** with Aadhaar by **31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.**
- 7) **RBI has declared that NEFT** payment facility will now be available round the clock, **on all days.**



## SPORTS

### 1) 13<sup>th</sup> South Asian Games 2019:

<b>Held on</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b>
<b>Held at</b>	Kathmandu, Pokhara and Janakpur, Nepal
<b>Held</b>	Once in every 3 Years
<b>Members in SAG</b>	Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka

### 2) Ballon d'Or Award:

<b>Ballon D'Or</b>	Lionel Messi – 6 <sup>th</sup> time
<b>Ballon D'Or Feminin</b>	Megan Rapinoe
<b>Best Goal Keeper (Yashin Trophy)</b>	Alisson Becker
<b>Kopa Award for Young Players</b>	Matthijs de Light

- 3) **Ashleigh Barty and Rafael Nadal** were named **International Tennis Federation's (ITF) World Champions for 2019**.
- 4) **Rani Rampal and Saurabh Chaudhary** won the **Sportsperson of the Year Award 2019**.
- 5) **Wasim Jaffer** has become the first player in Indian cricket **to feature in 150 Ranji matches**.
- 6) **Roger Federer** first living person in Switzerland to have a coin minted in his honor



## SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

SUMMITS / CONFERENCES	PURPOSE / THEME / OUTCOME	PLACE / By
<b>25<sup>th</sup> UN Climate Change Conference</b>	United Nations Framework Convention to Combat Climate Change (UNFCCC)	Madrid, Spain
<b>NATO Summit 2019</b>	The purpose of the summit was to make the heads of state and heads of government of NATO member countries to evaluate and provide strategic direction for Alliance activities.	Watford, United Kingdom
<b>36<sup>th</sup> International Geological Congress</b>	<b>THEME:</b> "Geosciences: The Basic Science for Sustainable Development"	India
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Indian Ocean Dialogue</b>	<b>THEME:</b> "Indo-Pacific: Re-imagining the Indian Ocean through an Expanded Geography"	New Delhi
<b>India - US 2+2 ministerial dialogue</b>	To enhance the Indo-US engagement on multiple issues ranging from defence, trade, policies that affects both countries relation, role in Indo-pacific region & terrorism etc.	New Delhi
<b>47<sup>th</sup> All India Police Science Congress</b>	The Congress focused on challenges in policing, and 5 other related topics which are need of the hour	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

## SCHEMES / YOJANAS

SCHEMES / YOJANAS	PURPOSE / Why in News?	MINISTRY / CABINET / STATE
<b>Atal Bhujal Yojana</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The World Bank has approved Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABHY), a Rs.6,000 Crore Central Sector Scheme, for sustainable management of ground water resources with community participation.</li> <li>✓ The funding pattern is 50:50 between Government of India and World Bank.</li> </ul>	Ministry of Jal Shakti



<b>YSR Nethanna Nestham</b>	For handloom weavers	Andhra Pradesh
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## INDICES

INDEX	PURPOSE / RELEASED BY	INDIA'S RANKING	TOP RANKING
<b>GENDER GAP INDEX</b>	World Economic Forum report	112	Iceland
<b>GOOD GOVERNANCE INDEX</b>	Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions		Tamil Nadu
<b>GLOBAL CLIMATE RISK INDEX</b>	International environmental think tank German watch.	5	Japan

## COMMITTEES

<b>H R Khan Committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The new rule is based on the HR Khan Committee's recommendation. HR Khan Committee was formed by SEBI under chairmanship of former deputy governor of RBI to streamline FPI.</li> <li>✓ The reforms initiated by SEBI based on the committee's recommendation</li> <li>✓ It eased eligibility terms of FPIs and KYC norms.</li> <li>✓ NRIs, resident Indians are now allowed to be constituents of FPI if they own a share less than 25% of holding</li> </ul>
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## MILITARY EXERCISES

EXERCISE NAME	HELD BETWEEN	TYPE OF EXERCISE	HELD AT
<b>APHARAN</b>	Indian Navy & Indian Coast Guard	Anti - hijacking exercise	Port of Kochi
<b>MITRA SHAKTI</b>	India and Sri Lanka	Joint military exercise	Pune
<b>MINEX 2019</b>	Indian Navy and Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force	Mine Counter - measure Exercise	Kochi



<b>SURYA KIRAN – XIV</b>	India and Nepal	Joint military exercise	Nepal
<b>INDRA 2019</b>	India and Russia	Joint tri service exercise	Pune
<b>HAND-IN-HAND 2019</b>	India and China	Joint counter – terrorism exercise	Meghalaya
<b>Swachchh Samundra NW - 2019</b>	Indian Coast Guard	Regional level pollution response exercise	Gulf of Kutch

### FESTIVALS

S.No.	FESTIVAL	STATE
1.	1 <sup>st</sup> Mandu Festival	Madhya Pradesh
2.	Tansen Samaroh music Festival 2019	Madhya Pradesh
3.	International Khajuraho Film Festival	Madhya Pradesh

### CYCLONES

S.NO.	CYCLONES	AFFECTED BY
1.	Typhoon Kammuri	Philippines
2.	Tropical Cyclone Sarai	Fiji Island

### DEFENCE & SPACE

DEFENCE & SPACE	PURPOSE	COUNTRY / STATE / ORGANIZATION
<b>PSLV - C48</b> <b>Launched on:</b> 11-12-2019	India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle, in its fiftieth flight (PSLV-C48), successfully launched RISAT-2BR1, an earth observation satellite, along with nine commercial satellites of Israel, Italy, Japan and USA	ISRO





<b>Prithvi - II missile</b>	surface-to-surface nuclear missile – India successfully tested fired	Indian Army
<b>Kulasekarapattinam Spaceport</b>	✓ ISRO has started construction of its second spaceport after Sriharikota at Tamilnadu  ✓ It will mainly cater to launches of newly developed <b>Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV or mini-PSLV)</b>	ISRO

### SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

SPECIES / NEW DISCOVERIES	TYPE / PURPOSE	PLACE / BY
<b>Fusarium oxysporum</b>	Fungi	Australia
<b>India's 1<sup>st</sup> Voice over Wi-Fi (VoWi-Fi)</b>	VoWi-Fi is a Wi-Fi-based Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service, which allows users to make high definition (HD) voice calls using Wi-Fi even in places with poor or no cellular network.	Bharti Airtel
<b>MiCredit App</b>	Customers can get instant loan ranging from Rs. 7,000 – Rs. 1,00,000	Xiaomi in association with Zest Money

### AWARDS

AWARDS / PRIZES	PERSON / ORGANIZATION
<b>Shakti Bhatt First Book Prize 2019</b>	Tony Joseph  <b>Book:</b> "Early Indians: The Story of Our Ancestors and Where We Came From"
<b>World Habitat Award 2019</b>	Odisha Liveable Habitat Mission (OLHM) or <b>"Jaga Mission"</b>
<b>President's Colours Award</b>	Gujarat Police
<b>Dadasaheb Phalke Award</b>	Legendary actor Amitabh Bachchan



<b>United Nations International Children's and Education Fund (Unicef)-2019 Award</b>	Kamareddy district - Telangana
<b>CK Nayudu Lifetime Award for the year 2019</b>	Krishnamachari Srikanth and Anjum Chopra
<b>South Asian Literature 2019</b>	Amitabha Bagchi
<b>55<sup>th</sup> Jnanpith Award 2019</b>	Akkitham Achuthan Namboodiri

### **APPOINTMENTS & PERSONS IN NEWS**

<b>PERSONS</b>	<b>POSITION / DESIGNATION</b>
<b>General Bipin Rawat</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Appointed 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2019 – Assumed Office	1 <sup>st</sup> Chief of Defence Staff of India
<b>Manoj Mukund Naravane</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> Chief of Army Staff of the Indian Army
<b>Actor Suniel Shetty</b>	Brand Ambassador of National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)
<b>Haryana</b>	Susashan Sankalp Varsh 2020
<b>Arnab Goswami – (editor-in-chief of Republic TV)</b>	President of the governing board of News Broadcasters Federation (NBF)
<b>Soma Roy Burman</b>	Controller General of Accounts (CGA)
<b>H R Khan</b>	Chairman of the steering committee of the Code for Responsible Lending (CRL) in micro-credit
<b>Tony Joseph</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> "Shakti Bhatt First Book Prize" <b>Book:</b> "Early Indians: The Story of Our Ancestors and Where We Came From"
<b>Girish Chandra Chaturvedi</b>	Chairman of the National Stock Exchange (NSE)
<b>Sundar Pichai</b>	CEO of Alphabet, the parent company of Google.
<b>Hari Mohan</b>	Chairman of Ordnance Factory Board



STATE	GOVERNOR
<b>Nagaland</b>	Governor R N Ravi - Additional charge of the State of Meghalaya

STATE	CHIEF MINISTER
<b>Jharkhand</b>	Hemant Soren

COUNTRY	PRESIDENT / PRIME MINISTER
<b>Prime Minister of Mauritius</b>	Pravind Kumar Jugnauth
<b>President of Mauritius</b>	Prithviraj Sing Roopun
<b>Prime Minister of Finland</b>	Sanna Marin – Youngest PM

### WOMEN IN NEWS

<b>Miss World 2019</b>	Toni - Ann Singh - Jamaica Runner up: Suman Rao - India
<b>Miss Universe 2019</b>	Zozibini Tunzi – South Africa
<b>Miss World Asia</b>	Suman Rao - India
<b>Miss Teen International 2019</b>	Aayushi Dholakia - Gujarat
<b>World's 100 most powerful women Forbes</b>	Nirmala Sitharaman - 34
	Roshni Nadar Malhotra - 54
	Kiran Mazumdar Shaw – 65
<b>Youngest TIME's Person of the Year for 2019</b>	Greta Thunberg - Climate activist
<b>Women's Best Cricketer &amp; ODI Player of 2019</b>	Ellyse Perry - Australia
<b>The most famous teenager in the world</b>	Malala Yousafzai



<b>Longest single spaceflight by a woman</b>	NASA Astronaut - Christina Koch
<b>1<sup>st</sup> woman Chief Technology Officer (CTO) at the US government's powerful Federal Communications Commission</b>	Dr. Monisha Ghosh
<b>UNICEF's Danny Kaye Humanitarian award 2019</b>	Priyanka Chopra
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Naval Woman Pilot on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019</b>	Shivangi Swaroop

### BOOKS AND AUTHORS

BOOKS	AUTHORS
<b>Braille version of "Exam Warriors"</b>	<b>Released by:</b> Thaawarchand Gehlot (Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment) <b>Authored by:</b> Prime Minister Narendra Modi
<b>Politics of Opportunism</b>	<b>Released by:</b> Economist and Political Analyst S Gurumurthy <b>Authored by:</b> R P N Singh
<b>Turbulence and Triumph – The Modi Years</b>	<b>Released by:</b> Vice President of India M Venkaiah Naidu <b>Authored by:</b> Rahul Agarwal and Bharti S Pradhan
<b>The Vault of Vishnu</b>	Ashwin Sanghi



### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

DAYS	EVENTS	THEMES/ SIGNIFICANCE
<b>December 1</b>	World AIDS Day	<b>THEME:</b> “Ending the HIV / AIDS Epidemic: Community by Community”
<b>December 2</b>	National Pollution Control Day	To raise awareness about pollution and its hazardous effects
	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	To make people aware about the modern slavery that works against human rights.
<b>December 3</b>	International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD)	<b>THEME:</b> “Promoting the participation of persons with disabilities and their leadership: taking action on the 2030 Development Agenda’.”
<b>December 4</b>	Indian Navy Day	The Day is to celebrate every year on 4 <sup>th</sup> December to highlight the role, achievements, and difficulties that Navy people face.
<b>December 5</b>	International Volunteer Day	<b>THEME:</b> "Volunteer for an inclusive future"
	World Soil Day	<b>THEME:</b> “Stop Soil Erosion, Save our Future”
<b>December 7</b>	Armed Forces Flag Day	To raise awareness about its importance to the social and economic development of States and the role that ICAO plays in International air transport.
<b>December 9</b>	International Anti - Corruption Day	<b>THEME:</b> “United Against Corruption”
<b>December 10</b>	Human Rights Day	<b>THEME:</b> “Youth Standing Up for Human Rights”
<b>December 11</b>	International Mountain Day	<b>THEME:</b> “Mountains matter for Youth”
<b>December 14</b>	National Energy Conservation Day	To raise awareness about the need for energy and its conservation in daily life.



<b>December 15</b>	International Tea Day	To highlight the effect of the trade of tea globally on the economy, workers, farmers, and society.
<b>December 16</b>	Vijay Diwas	To remember the martyrs, their sacrifices and to strengthen the role of armed forces for the cause of the nation.
<b>December 18</b>	Minorities Rights Day in India	To preserve and promote the rights of minority communities in India.
	International Migrants Day	<b>THEME:</b> "We Live Together"
<b>December 19</b>	Goa's Liberation Day	This day is celebrated in commemoration of the Indian armed forces that helped Goa to received freedom from Portuguese rule.
<b>December 20</b>	International Human Solidarity Day	The day is to highlight the importance of unity in diversity.
<b>December 22</b>	National Mathematics Day	To commemorate the birth anniversary of the famous mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan.
<b>December 23</b>	Kisan Diwas or Farmer's Day	To commemorate the birth anniversary of the former Prime Minister Chaudhary Charan Singh.
<b>December 24</b>	National Consumer Rights Day	To create the awareness about consumer rights and responsibilities.
<b>December 25</b>	Good Governance Day	To commemorate the birth anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee.