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1. TAMIL NADU

| S.NO. | TAMIL NADU |
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| 1. | Tamil yeoman (Cirrochroa thais) - <i>“State butterfly of Tamil Nadu”</i> |
| 2. | Avadi - 15 th municipal corporation in Tamil Nadu - 17 th June 2019 |
| 3. | 33rd district - Kallakurichi - from 8 th January 2019 - bifurcated from Villupuram district. |
| 4. | New AIIMS - at Thoppur, Madurai |
| 5. | 2nd Tamil Nadu Global Investors Meet 2019 – Chennai - 23 rd – 24 th January 2019 |
| 6. | <i>“India’s 1st Air Taxi”</i> (Drone Air Taxi) - MIT’s Daskha Team |
| 7. | Roadeo Robot - Chennai Traffic Police introduced |
| 8. | Bandicoot - A Drainage Cleaning Robot - Chennai |
| 9. | TN CM Edapaadi K Palaniswami announced Chennai as the <i>“the SaaS (Software-as-a-Service) capital of India”</i> |
| 10. | Amma Ambulance - Tamil Nadu - <i>maintenance of livestock</i> s |
| 11. | Pallavan Grama Bank and Pandyan Grama Bank - merged as Tamil Nadu Grama Bank |
| 12. | Chennai Metro Rail - <i>Washermenpet to AG-DMS</i> started to function on 10th February 2019 |
| 13. | <i>Integrated livestock park</i> - Salem district |
| 14. | <i>Tamil Nadu’s largest blood bank</i> - Rajiv Gandhi government general hospital, Chennai |
| 15. | Tejas Express fastest train between Chennai-Madurai from 1 st March 2019 |
| 16. | <i>Amma Community Radio</i> - government welfare schemes for members of women self-help groups |
| 17. | <i>Lydian Nadhaswaram</i> - 13-year old Chennai boy - won \$1 million in the CBS American reality show “The World's best” - |
| 18. | The Chennai Central railway station was renamed on 5 th April 2019 as <i>Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M.G. Ramachandran Central Railway Station</i> . It is the longest railway station name in India having 57 letters . |
| 19. | Pyrolysis Plant - manage plastic waste and produce fuel from it |
| 20. | Project Kannamma : An initiative of the Rotary Club of Madras North to provide sanitary napkins to the government girl students. |

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| 21. | Samudra Paheredar vessel is used for cleaning the Oil Spill happened in Ennore Port |
| 22. | 3rd World Thirukkural Conference - September 23rd, 24th 2019 - New Delhi THEME: <i>"Ulagam Amaidhi, Nallinathirkaga Thirukkural"</i> |
| 23. | 8 th International Aortic Summit 2018 – Chennai - 23rd - 25th November 2018 |
| 24. | India's first music museum – Thiruvaiyaru |
| 25. | 181 - 24*7 Helpline Number - Women's Safety & Protection |
| 26. | Treatment for Cancer: 2 bio active anti – cancer compounds (LT1 and LT2) from <i>Lentinus tuberregium mushrooms</i> . |
| 27. | India's 1st Tree Ambulance - Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated - in Chennai |
| 28. | Zero - Waste policy - Greater Chennai Corporation |
| 29. | 13 th Traditional Paddy Festival - Thiruthuraipoondi, Tiruvarur district |
| 30. | Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami - 18 th July - announced the creation of two districts - Tenkasi (34) & Chengalpattu (35) |
| 31. | Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve - Best Tiger Reserve Award |

TAMIL NADU - APPOINTMENTS

| S.No. | APPOINTMENTS |
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| 1. | Mylswamy Annadurai - Assistant Director of the Tamil Nadu State council for Science and Technology |
| 2. | Judge P Devadass - Anti-corruption Ombudsman in Tamilnadu Lokayukta |

TAMIL NADU - AWARDS

1) **THIRUVALLUVAR YEAR AWARDS – 2019:**

| AWARDS | RECIPIENTS |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Kamarajar Award | Pazha Nedumaran |
| Periyar Award | C Ponnaiyan |
| Ke. Aa. Pe Viswanatham Award | Soolur Kalaipithan |
| Bharathidasan Award | Poet Thiyaroo |
| Thiru.Vi.Ka Award | Dr K Ganesan |
| Bharathiyar Award | M Bharathi Sugumaran |
| Perarignar Anna Award | M Aikkan |
| Ambedkar Award | C Ramaguru |
| Thiruvalluvar Award | MG Anwar Batcha |

2) **TN Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has won the *1st prize in the Republic day parade held in Chennai***

3) **Ma. Aranganathan Literary Awards 2019: Veli Rangarajan and Yuma Vasuki**

4) **TN was Ranked “NUMERO UNO STATE” and Received 4 Awards in India Today’s State of States Awards - 2018 in New Delhi:**

- Over – All Performing State in all Sectors, among large states in India
- Best State in Maintenance of Law & Order
- Best Performing State in Tourism
- Most Improved State in Law & Order

5) **Sahitya Akademi Award 2018:**

| Winner | Novel | Date |
|----------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| S Ramakrishnan | <i>Sanjaaram</i> | 5 th December 2018 |

6) **Writer Prapanjan:** *Prapanjan @ Sarangapani Vaithiyalingam conferred Sahitya Akademi Award for Vaanam Vasapadum* in 1995 was passed away on 21st December 2018

Famous Books:

- ❖ Oru Ooril Irandu Manithargal
- ❖ Bramam
- ❖ Netru Manithargal
- ❖ Aangalum, Pengalum
- ❖ Maanudam Vellum
- ❖ Sugaboga Theevugal
- ❖ Maganadhi

7) **76th Tamil Isai Festival Awards:**

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| Isai Peraringnar | Umayalpuram K Sivaraman |
| Pann Isai Peraringnar | Palani K Venkatesan |

TAMIL NADU - AWARDS

| S.No. | WOMEN |
|-------|--|
| 1. | Snegha Parthibaraja - 1 st Indian to obtain 'No-caste-No-religion' certificate |
| 2. | Mrs. Samyuktha Prem - Mrs. India Universe Globe - 2018 Award |
| 3. | Hanifa Zara - Swachh Bharat Ambassador of Ambur Municipality - 7-year-old girl |

2. NATIONAL

| S.NO. | NATIONAL | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|------------------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. | Puducherry - Ban single use of plastic - from 1 st March 2019 | | | | |
| 2. | Train 18 named as Vande Bharat Express | | | | |
| 3. | Separate High Courts from 1 st January 2019 <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Telangana</td><td>Hyderabad</td></tr> <tr> <td>Andhra Pradesh</td><td>Amaravati (Justice City)</td></tr> </table> | Telangana | Hyderabad | Andhra Pradesh | Amaravati (Justice City) |
| Telangana | Hyderabad | | | | |
| Andhra Pradesh | Amaravati (Justice City) | | | | |
| 4. | World's largest Solar Power programme - Leh- Ladakh Region | | | | |
| 5. | 1 st Tulip Garden – Srinagar – J/K 2 nd Tulip Garden – Uttarakhand | | | | |
| 6. | Ujjwala sanitary napkin initiative - Odisha | | | | |
| 5. | Atal Setu initiative - Goa | | | | |
| 6. | Clean Railway Station in the country – Southern Railways | | | | |
| 7. | World's largest Cricket stadium - Ahmedabad, Gujarat | | | | |
| 8. | Ganga Expressway - longest expressway in the world – Uttar Pradesh | | | | |
| 9. | Byorung bridge - single-lane steel cable suspension bridge - Arunachal Pradesh | | | | |
| 10. | gau kalian - cow welfare cess - 0.5% additional levy on excise items- Uttar Pradesh | | | | |
| 11. | National Council for Teacher Education (Amendment) Bill, 2018 approved | | | | |
| 12. | Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Bill, 2018 approved | | | | |
| 13. | National Salt Satyagraha Memorial - Gujarat | | | | |
| 14. | Hindi word of the Year 2018 by the Oxford dictionaries - Nari Shakti | | | | |
| 15. | Four museums in Red Fort: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Museum ✓ Yaad-e-Jallian Museum ✓ Museum on 1857- India's first war of Independence ✓ Drishyakala-Museum on Indian Art | | | | |
| 16. | National Museum of Indian Cinema - Mumbai | | | | |

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| 17. | Sanrakshan Kshмата Mahotsav - awareness - need of oil and gas |
| 18. | Sustainable Catchment Forest Management - Tripura |
| 19. | Vision 2040: Civil Aviation – Theme: Flying for All |
| 20. | National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (2018-2023) - Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has drafted |
| 21. | Sita Rama Lift Irrigation Project - Telangana |
| 22. | National Clean Air Programme – New Delhi |
| 23. | 124th constitutional amendment bill - Reservations to the economically weaker sections (EWS) |
| 24. | 10% reservation in educational institutions and government jobs for economically backward sections in the general category – The Union Government |
| 25. | Mandal Dam Project - Jharkhand and Bihar |
| 26. | IPC Section 354A - Transgenders can file sexual harassment case |
| 27. | Centre for Classical Language - Tirur, Kerala |
| 28. | PULWAMA ATTACK: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ On 14th February 2019 attacks on security personnel (CRPF) took place ✓ NH1 that connects Srinagar and Jammu passes through Pulwama ✓ 44 CRPF Jawans were killed ✓ Pulwama is nicknamed as the rice bowl of Kashmir |
| 29. | Southern Coast Railway Zone – headquarters: Visakhapatnam |
| 30. | To eliminate Tuberculosis in India by 2025 |
| 31. | Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion renamed as the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade |
| 32. | Smart Village Campaign: Punjab |
| 33. | High Court for Andhra Pradesh - Nelapadu, Andhra Pradesh |
| 34. | Kisan Credit Card – for Farmers |
| 35. | Kerala - 1st state - Set up price monitoring and research unit |
| 36. | KP-BOT – Kerala - 1 st ever robot Humanoid Police Robot |
| 37. | Zero Fatality Corridor - New Delhi |
| 38. | India Size project - Smriti Irani launched |

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| 39. | Great Indian Bustard - Mascot for Conference Of Parties (COP-13) |
| 40. | Himalayan Cloud Observatory - Tehri district, Uttarakhand |
| 41. | 3 year Asiatic Lion Conservation Project - Gujarat |
| 42. | DD Arunprabha - Arunachal Pradesh |
| 43. | Dikkibandi stadium - Meghalaya - renamed as Purno A Sangma Stadium |
| 44. | India's 1 st Aqua Mega Food Park - Andhra Pradesh |
| 45. | India's 1 st District cooling system – Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh |
| 46. | India's 1 st Geographical Indication (GI) store - Goa International Airport |
| 47. | Helpline number 112 - Single emergency helpline number throughout India |
| 48. | Ghumot - Goa's heritage musical instrument |
| 49. | Sarathi Sandesh Vahini vehicles – Uttar Pradesh – Awareness regarding family planning in urban and rural areas |
| 50. | Sela Tunnel Project - Arunachal Pradesh |
| 51. | SWAYATT - Promote Start-ups for Women and Youth |
| 52. | Himachal Pradesh: ✓ Sanskrit as 2 nd official language ✓ Hindi as 1 st official language |
| 53. | India's 1 st Agromet Forecast Centre - Karnataka |
| 54. | India's 1 st Fulldome 3D Digital Theatre – West Bengal |
| 55. | ✓ National Mineral Policy 2019 ✓ National Policy on Software Products 2019 |
| 56. | Shyam Saran Negi - Brand ambassador for 2019 Parliament Election |
| 57. | Gauri Sawant - 1 st transgender election ambassador in India |
| 58. | 34th GST Council Meeting – held on 19 th March 2019 35th GST Council Meeting – held on 21 st June 2019 |
| 59. | India - Construction Technology year - April 2019 - March 2020 |
| 60. | National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) - Chairman: Bhagwan Lal Sahni |
| 61. | One Nation One Card – Launched in – Ahmedabad, Gujarat - 4 th March 2019 |

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| 62. | Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Institute of Archaeology - Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh |
| 63. | Manohar Parrikar (Former Goa CM) – passed away - 17 th March 2019 |
| 64. | Nizamabad district in Telangana – people vote through Ballot Papers – LS election |
| 65. | Meghalaya - Braille - enabled ballot papers at all polling booths |
| 66. | world's highest polling station - Himachal Pradesh |
| 67. | Pink polling booth - Bihar |
| 68. | Enajori Initiative – Assam - for persons with disability voters |
| 69. | India's deepest shaft cave - Meghalaya |
| 70. | Rajasthan - provide 5% reservation to Gujjars, Banjaras, Gadia Lohars, Raikas and Gadaria |
| 71. | Carbon Zero - India's 1 st Carbon positive settlement - Phayeng, Manipur |
| 72. | Maitri Bridge - longest suspension bridge over Indus River – Leh - Indian Army built |
| 73. | Malaria Elimination Research Alliance (MERA) India - eliminate Malaria from India by 2030 |
| 74. | 1st Lokpal, the anti-corruption ombudsman office - Chanakypuri, Delhi |
| 75. | Guwahati Railway Station - ISO 4001: 2015 certification - from National Green Tribunal |
| 76. | 16th Lok Sabha was dissolved - 24 th May 2019 - resignation of the PM Modi |
| 77. | 17th Lok Sabha - 30 th May 2019 – 2 nd time Modi took oath as the Prime Minister |
| 78. | BJP to sends highest ever share of 40 Women MP's to Lok Sabha |
| 79. | 17th Lok Sabha will have a record of 78 Women MP's elected to the Parliament |
| 80. | Life-sized stucco sculpture from a Buddhist site - Telangana |
| 81. | India's 1 st Blockchain District - Hyderabad |
| 82. | Kerala state's Amphibian - Purple frog |
| 83. | Increase the legal age for tobacco consumption from 18 to 21 - Karnataka |
| 84. | Aroma Mission – Meghalaya - Boost medicinal and aromatic plants cultivation |
| 85. | Ban online food delivery without hygiene rating - Punjab |
| 86. | Banned the Ads & sale of e-cigarettes - Rajasthan |

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| 87. | Free of cost in Metro and bus rides for women – New Delhi |
| 88. | Animals as legal persons - Punjab and Haryana High Court |
| 89. | Kaleshwaram Irrigation Project - Telangana |
| 90. | India's 1 st project to receive power from waste-to-energy – Delhi Metro |
| 91. | Pink Sarathi vehicles for women's safety - Karnataka |
| 92. | Employment Generation Programme for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) - Maharashtra |
| 93. | 1 st village in India to have zero wooden stoves - Bancha in Betul district of Madhya Pradesh |
| 94. | India's 1 st dinosaur museum and fossil park - Gujarat |
| 95. | Karnataka's 1 st solar-powered Gram Panchayat - Amasebailu village |
| 96. | ISRO Chairman K Sivan announced that <i>India will have its own Space station by 2030</i> |
| 97. | Feni Bridge - corridor for trade and commerce between <i>India and Bangladesh</i> |
| 98. | India's 1 st solar-powered cruise boat - Alappuzha, Kerala |
| 99. | Vedic education board and culture board - Rajasthan |
| 100. | India's 1 st "Hydrotherapy Treatment Center" for Elephants – Uttar Pradesh |
| 101. | 20 th meeting on Financial Stability and Development Council - New Delhi |
| 102. | The Elephanta Festival of art and culture - Mumbai, Maharashtra |
| 103. | International Day of Yoga 2019 event - Ranchi |
| 104. | "Flood hazard atlas" aided by satellite imagery – Odisha |
| 105. | State aquatic animal of Punjab - Indus River dolphin |
| 106. | Lucknow - to host – "2020 DefExpo" |
| 107. | One Nation One Ration Card – from 1 st July 2020 |
| 108. | CM Helpline No. 1076 - Uttar Pradesh |
| 109. | West Bengal - a free crop insurance scheme |
| 110. | The historic walled city of Jaipur in Rajasthan - UNESCO World Heritage site |
| 111. | Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has operationalized - the first Aadhaar Seva Kendra (ASK) - Delhi and Vijayawada |

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| 112. | India's 1 st design development centre " Fashionova " - Gujarat |
| 113. | India's 1 st elephant rehabilitation centre - Kottoor, Thiruvananthapuram |
| 114. | Center's Witness Protection Scheme - Odisha |
| 115. | 1 st Indian state to have water policy - Meghalaya |
| 116. | Happiness Utsav – New Delhi |
| 117. | India's first Space Park - Kerala |
| 118. | 1 st Indian State to reserve 75% private jobs for local youths - Andhra Pradesh |
| 119. | India's first Garbage Cafe for Ragpickers - Chhattisgarh |

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3. INTERNATIONAL

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| 1. | UNESCO declared - 2019 - International Year of the Period Table of Chemical Elements |
| 2. | Uzbekistan declared - 2019 - Year of Active Investment and Social Development |
| 3. | Pakistan announced - sugarcane juice - “National drink” of the country |
| 4. | World’s longest 3D-printed concrete bridge - China |
| 5. | Sri Lanka + India share in Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport , Colombo |
| 6. | Ban of Indian currency notes with denominations above Rs.100 - Nepal |
| 7. | United States & Israel officially quit from UNESCO |
| 8. | Macedonia renamed as the Republic of Northern Macedonia |
| 9. | GAFA Tax - France |
| 10. | Panda Bonds - Pakistan decided to launch “Panda Bonds” in Chinese Yuan currency |
| 11. | World Capital of Architecture for 2020 - Rio de Janeiro |
| 12. | World’s 1 st female AI news anchor - Xin Xiaomeng - China |
| 13. | Thailand - Siamese Fighting Fish as National Aquatic Animal |
| 14. | World’s Busiest Airport - Dubai Airport |
| 15. | Abu Dhabi declared - Hindi as the 3 rd official language in courts |
| 16. | 1 st G-7 Nation to join China’s “Belt and Road Initiative” - Italy |
| 17. | Kazakhstan renamed its capital Astana to Nursultan |
| 18. | 1 st state in USA to ban plastic at restaurants - Hawaii |
| 19. | World’s 1 st city to install wireless charging stations for an electric taxis – Oslo, Norway |
| 20. | World’s best aviation hub - Singapore’s Changi Airport |
| 21. | World's 1 st full - fledged 5G mobile networks - South Korea |
| 22. | Japan reveals name of new imperial era will be “Reiwa” |

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| 23. | World's biggest single day election – Indonesia - 17 th April 2019 | | | | | | |
| 24. | India will stop importing crude oil from Iran | | | | | | |
| 25. | Banned the use of drones and unmanned aircraft – Sri Lanka | | | | | | |
| 26. | Medical drone service - Ghana | | | | | | |
| 27. | 1 st city in the world to launch 24x7 “pollution charge zone” - London | | | | | | |
| 28. | Special commemorative stamp on theme of Ramayana - Indonesia | | | | | | |
| 29. | 1 st major airline in the Gulf region to operate a flight without any single-use plastics on board - Etihad Airways | | | | | | |
| 30. | G - 20 Summit: <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Saudi Arabia</td><td>2020</td></tr> <tr> <td>Italy</td><td>2021</td></tr> <tr> <td>India</td><td>2022</td></tr> </table> | Saudi Arabia | 2020 | Italy | 2021 | India | 2022 |
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| Italy | 2021 | | | | | | |
| India | 2022 | | | | | | |
| 31. | Guinness World Record for the number of national flags raised in a city for 24 hours - Capital of Lebanon - Beirut | | | | | | |
| 32. | Climate emergency on 9 th May 2019 - Ireland | | | | | | |
| 33. | 1 st “eHighway” - to charge batteries for truck - Germany | | | | | | |
| 34. | 1 st country in Asia to legalise same-sex marriage - Taiwan | | | | | | |
| 35. | India’s top crude oil supplier - Iraq | | | | | | |
| 36. | “Malaria - Free” countries - Algeria and Argentina | | | | | | |
| 37. | Golden Card - UAE | | | | | | |
| 38. | WHO - Target to eliminate Trans fats from the global food supply by 2023 | | | | | | |
| 39. | World’s Oldest Biennale Art - Venice, Italy | | | | | | |
| 40. | World’s southernmost city - Puerto Williams, Chile | | | | | | |
| 41. | Ban single use plastics from 2021 - Canada | | | | | | |
| 42. | Arctic train service - from St. Petersburg station to Norway - Russia has launched | | | | | | |
| 43. | National Strategy for Wellbeing 2031 – UAE | | | | | | |
| 44. | Worlds’ largest “Sheikh Hasina National Burn and Plastic Surgery Institute” - Dhaka, Bangladesh | | | | | | |

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| 45. | Mesopotamian city of Babylon - UNESCO World Heritage Site |
| 46. | Italy's Prosecco hills of Conegliano and Valdobbiadene - UNESCO World Heritage Site |
| 47. | New Zealand - banned single-use plastic shopping bags with effect from - 1st July 2019 |
| 48. | Mangdechhu hydroelectric project - Trongsa Dzongkhag District of central Bhutan |
| 49. | The Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO) - Pakistan |

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4. ECONOMY

| S.No. | ECONOMY | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. | <p>Union Interim Budget 2019-20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Started on: 31st January 2019 – President Presented Joint sitting of the Houses ✓ Presented on: 1st February 2019 ✓ Presented by: Union Minister for Finance, Corporate Affairs, Railways & Coal, Mr. Piyush Goyal ✓ Concluded on: 13th February 2019 <p>New Schemes Introduced in the Budget:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme</td><td>Assistance to the small and marginal farmers with an assured supplemental income</td></tr> <tr> <td>Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Mandhan</td><td>Provide unorganized sector workers a comprehensive social security coverage for their old age</td></tr> <tr> <td>Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog</td><td>Enhance production and productivity of cows</td></tr> </table> | Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme | Assistance to the small and marginal farmers with an assured supplemental income | Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Mandhan | Provide unorganized sector workers a comprehensive social security coverage for their old age | Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog | Enhance production and productivity of cows | | | | | | |
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| Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog | Enhance production and productivity of cows | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. | <p>The Union Budget 2019-20: 5th July 2019</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>Presented by: The Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Mrs. Nirmala Sitharaman</p> </div> <p>KEY FEATURES OF BUDGET 2019-20:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Vision to become \$5 trillion economy driven by 'virtuous cycle' of investment</td><td>India becomes sixth largest economy</td></tr> <tr> <td>Pradhan Mantri Karam Yogi Maandhan</td><td>Pension benefits to retail traders and small shopkeepers</td></tr> <tr> <td>Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)</td><td>Establish robust fisheries management framework</td></tr> <tr> <td>Enhanced interest deduction for affordable housing loan</td><td>Tax benefits for corporate tax payers</td></tr> <tr> <td>Scheme of faceless electronic tax assessment</td><td>Aadhaar and PAN to be interchangeable</td></tr> <tr> <td>Reform, Perform, Transform agenda: GST, IBC, RERA etc.</td><td>Changing common man's life: MUDRA, UJJWALA, SAUBHAGYA etc.</td></tr> </table> | Vision to become \$5 trillion economy driven by 'virtuous cycle' of investment | India becomes sixth largest economy | Pradhan Mantri Karam Yogi Maandhan | Pension benefits to retail traders and small shopkeepers | Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) | Establish robust fisheries management framework | Enhanced interest deduction for affordable housing loan | Tax benefits for corporate tax payers | Scheme of faceless electronic tax assessment | Aadhaar and PAN to be interchangeable | Reform, Perform, Transform agenda: GST, IBC, RERA etc. | Changing common man's life: MUDRA, UJJWALA, SAUBHAGYA etc. |
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| Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) | Establish robust fisheries management framework | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Enhanced interest deduction for affordable housing loan | Tax benefits for corporate tax payers | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 3. | <p>The 36th GST Council meeting chaired by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman was held on 27th July 2019</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4. | <p>State Bank of India - Repo Rate linked home loan product - from 1st July 2019</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 5. | Reserve Bank of India - inaugurate “Financial Literacy Week” - in Kerala - 3 rd July 2019 | | | | | | | | |
| 6. | Reserve Bank of India - released Financial Benchmark Administrators Directions , 2019 | | | | | | | | |
| 7. | Viral Acharya - RBI's Youngest deputy Governor - Resigned | | | | | | | | |
| 8. | RBI cuts repo rate by 25 basis points to 6.25% in 1st Bi-monthly policy review of 2018 – 19: <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Repo Rate</td><td>6.25%</td></tr> <tr> <td>Reverse Repo Rate</td><td>6.0 %</td></tr> <tr> <td>Marginal Standing Facility Rate</td><td>6.50%</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bank Rate</td><td>6.50%</td></tr> </table> | Repo Rate | 6.25% | Reverse Repo Rate | 6.0 % | Marginal Standing Facility Rate | 6.50% | Bank Rate | 6.50% |
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| 10 | Aber - UAE and Saudi Arabia - Common Digital Currency | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Vijaya bank & Dena Bank - integrate with the Bank of Baroda . | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | The government decided - to issue new series of sovereign gold bonds between January 14 and January 18 | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | ESAF Small Finance Bank (SFB) has recently got RBI nod to operate as a scheduled bank. Headquarters: Thrissur | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | India's tourism sector - 19% growth in 2018 . | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme 2018-19: issued from 4 th February – 8 th February 2019 in India | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | Kisan Suvidha loan - for small and marginal farmers | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | India - 11th largest gold reserve in the world | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | RBI named - State Bank of India, ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | State of India has launched Green Car Loan - encourage customers to buy electric vehicles in the country. | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | State of India has launched Cyber Defence Insurance - Protect businesses from financial and reputational losses due to cyber attacks. | | | | | | | | |

- 21** Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued **Rs. 20 denomination banknotes** in the New Mahatma Gandhi Series.

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| Signature | Shaktikanta Das, Governor of RBI |
| motif | Ellora Caves in Reverse Side |
| Colour | Greenish Yellow |
| Dimension | 63 mm x 129 mm |

- 22 Kerala** - 1st state in the country to impose **cess on GST** from 1st June 2019

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ZERO CURRENT AFFAIRS

5. SCHEMES / YOJANAS

| SCHEMES / YOJANAS | PURPOSE / Why in News? | MINISTRY / CABINET | DATE |
|--|---|--|--------------------------------|
| Mukhyamantri Vridhajan Pension Yojna | Universal old age pension scheme | Bihar government | 14 th February 2019 |
| Mukhyamantri Yuva Swabhiman Yojana | For urban youths (21-30 years) from economically weaker sections | Madhya Pradesh government | 25 th February 2019 |
| Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan pension scheme | Under the scheme, workers of the unorganised sector will receive a minimum assured pension of three thousand rupees per month after attaining the age of 60 years | Union government | 15 th February 2019 |
| Arundhati Scheme | Provide gold at free of cost to the brides | Assam government | 7 th February 2019 |
| KALIA Chhatra Bruti Yojana | Children of farmers will be provided scholarships to pursue higher education in professional courses at free of cost | Odisha government | 4 th February 2019 |
| Annadata Sukhibhava scheme | For Farmers | Andhra Pradesh government | 19 th February 2019 |
| One family one job scheme | To provide employment to the youth of Sikkim | Government of Sikkim | 12 th January 2019 |
| Krishak Bandhu scheme | To address the farm distress in the state | Government of West Bengal | 1 st January 2019 |
| Atal Solar Krishi Pump Yojana | Government will give two LED bulbs, a DC fan and a mobile charging socket as freebies to farmers enrolling under the scheme | Government of Maharashtra | 4 th January 2019 |
| Yuva Swabhiman Yojana | provide employment for the unemployed youth from the economically weaker sections of the society | Government of Madhya Pradesh | 26 th January 2019 |
| Pravasi Dividend Pension Scheme | Regular pension would be provided to Non-Resident Keralites on a one-time payment of Rs 5 lakh | Government of Kerala | 26 th January 2019 |
| Madhu Babu Pension Yojana | Pension scheme for disabled and old age persons. | Government of Odisha | 21 st January 2019 |
| Pradhan Mantri Jaiv Indhan-Vatavaran Anukool fasal awashesh Nivaran (JI-VAN) Yojana | Providing financial support to the Integrated Bioethanol Projects | Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) | 28 th February 2019 |

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| Yuvashree Plan II or Yuvashree Arpan | To encourage entrepreneurship among youth | West Bengal | 6 th March 2019 |
| Jalamrutha | Water conservation scheme | Karnataka | 23 rd March 2019 |
| SHREYAS Scheme | Scheme for Higher Education Youth in Apprenticeship and Skills (SHREYAS) to provide apprenticeship opportunities to fresh graduates of 2019. | Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship | 28 th February 2019 |
| Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Mandhan Yojana | | Gujarat | |
| Mukhyamantri Parivar Samman Nidhi Scheme | Provides insurance facilities of Rs. 2 lakhs on natural death, Rs. 2 lakhs for accidental death, Rs. 2 lakhs for permanent disability and Rs. 1 lakh for partial disability | Haryana | |
| Aapki Beti Scheme | Increased the financial assistance given to school girls under the 'Aapki Beti' scheme | Rajasthan | |
| Sarbat Sehat Bima Yojana | The scheme will provide an annual health cover of Rs 5 lakh per family | Punjab | |
| Pradhan Mantri Kisan Pension Yojana | It is voluntary and contributory pension scheme for all Small and Marginal Farmers (SMF) across the country. | The Union Government | |
| Jal Hi Jeevan Hai Scheme | To encourage farmers to adopt crop diversification | Haryana | |
| Bangla Shashya Bima | | West Bengal | |
| Swadhar Greh Scheme | | The Ministry of Women and Child Development | |

6. REPORTS / INDICES

| INDEX | PURPOSE / RELEASED BY | INDIA's RANKING | TOP RANKING |
|---|---|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1st ever SDG Gender Index | Equal Measures 2030 | 95 | Denmark |
| Global Peace Index 2019 | Institute for Economics and Peace | 141 | Iceland |
| World Competitiveness Rankings | IMD Business School | 43 | Singapore |
| Kids Right Index | Kids Right Foundation with Erasmus University, Rotterdam | 117 | Iceland |
| Global Talent Competitive Index | INSEAD business school in partnership with Tata Communications and Adecco Group | 80 | Switzerland |
| World Press Freedom Index | Reporters Without Borders (RSF) | 140 | Norway |
| Index of Cancer Preparedness | | 19 | Australia |
| Inclusive Internet Index 2019 | Economist Intelligence Unit | 47 | Sweden |
| International IP index 2019 | Global Innovation Policy Center (GIPC) | 44 | USA |
| Indian passport | Henley Passport Index 2019 | 86 | Japan & Singapore |
| Global Innovation Index | | 52 | Switzerland |

7. COMMITTEES

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| K Kasturirangan | Submitted the Draft National Education Policy to the Union HRD Minister |
| Nandan Nilekani | Regarding steps to be taken to boost digital payments in the country |
| VG Kannan | RBI to review the ATM Interchange Fee Structure |
| Suresh Mathur committee | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ To review the regulatory framework on micro insurance and recommend measures ✓ To increase the demand for such products. |
| B P Sharma | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ To study creamy layer criteria and eligibility ✓ To Revisit the Criteria Evolved by the PRASAD Committee |
| B V R Mohan Reddy Committee | Not to allow setting up of new Engineering colleges from 2020 |
| Abhijeet Sen Committee | Formulating food policy in a long term |
| Raja Chelliah Committee | Tax reforms in India |
| Khusro Committee | Agricultural Credit System |
| Malegam Committee | Microfinance |
| Abid Hussain Committee | Small scale industries and Trade Policy Reform |
| Chakravarty Committee | Monetary policy |
| Raghunath Anant Mashelkar panel | To suggest the best technologies for Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan |
| G V Ramakrishna Committee | Disinvestment |
| J J Irani Committee | Company laws and formation of the new Companies Act of India |
| High-powered committee of Chief Ministers HEAD: Devendra Fadnavis | For the transformation of agriculture and raising farmers' income |

8. SUMMITS / CONFERENCES

| SUMMITS / CONFERENCES | PURPOSE / THEME / OUTCOME | PLACE | DATE |
|--|---|---------------------|--|
| Global Disability Summit 2019 | To deliberate on issues across the world concerning empowerment and inclusion of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and to work out a mechanism for enabling them to live an independent and dignified life | Buenos Aires | 6 th June - 8 th June 2019 |
| Maritime Information Sharing Workshop 2019 | | Gurugram, Haryana | 12 th June 2019 |
| 72nd World Health Organisation (WHO)'s World Assembly | THEME: "Universal Health Coverage: Leaving no one behind" | Geneva, Switzerland | 20 th May - 28 th May 2018 |
| G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meet | | FuKuoka, Japan | 8 th June - 9 th June 2019 |
| 10th edition of Regional Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment (GRIHA) summit | THEME: "Transformation Strategies for Built Environment" | Nagpur, Maharashtra | 15 th June 2019 |
| 3rd Indo-French cyber dialogue 2019 | To combat terror in cyber space, the two sides have decided to develop effective mechanism and coordinate their efforts in cyber space. | Paris, France | |
| 9th Global Entrepreneurship Summit | The key focus areas of the summit include the five global challenges surrounding water, agriculture, healthcare, connectivity, and energy | Hague, Netherlands | 4 th June - 6 th June 2019 |
| 32nd Congress of the International Seed Testing Association | | Hyderabad | |
| The 6th Session of the biennial Global Platform for (DDR) Disaster Risk Reduction (GP2019) | THEME: "Resilience Dividend: Towards Sustainable and Inclusive Societies" | Geneva, Switzerland | 13 th – 17 th May 2019 |
| 11th Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting | The Arctic States were joined by delegates from the Arctic Council's Permanent Participant organizations, the heads of the 6 Working Groups, and Observers | Finland | |
| 5th smart cities India 2019 expo | The event was organized by India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO) and Exhibitions India Group. | New Delhi | 22 nd – 24 th May 2019 |
| Taiwan Expo 2019 | | New Delhi | |

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| G7 environment Ministers 2019 | | France | |
| Global Influence of Asian Civilizations Forum | | Beijing, China | |
| Urban 20 Mayors summit | THEME: "Climate Action, Circular Economy, Social Inclusion and Integration, Sustainable Economic Growth and Gender Equality" | Tokyo, Japan | 20 th – 22 nd May 2019 |
| Ministerial meeting under the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) | | Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic | 21 st – 22 nd May 2019 |
| 5th Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) Media Summit | THEME: "Media Solutions for Sustainable Future: Saving Lives, Building Resilient Communities" | Kathmandu, Nepal | 22 nd – 26 th April 2019 |
| 4th Resilient Cities Asia-Pacific Congress 2019 | | New Delhi | 15 th – 17 th April 2019 |
| World's foremost Artificial Intelligence | THEME: "AI Everything" | Dubai, UAE | 30 th April 2019 - 1 st May 2019 |
| Construction Technology India-2019 Expo-cum-Conference | Conference will provide avenues for stakeholders to open up new areas for collaboration and facilitate the conversion of ideas into market-ready products | New Delhi | |
| ICT Academy Bridge 2019 | Theme: "Fostering India for Industry 4.0" | Tamil Nadu | 5 th February 2019 |
| PETROTECH-2019 | International Oil and Gas Conference | Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh | 10 th February 2019 |
| National Conference on Unani Medicine | On this occasion, AYUSH Awards for Unani Medicine were conferred | New Delhi | 13 th February 2019 |
| 2nd Edition of Asia LPG Summit 2019 | Theme: "LPG – Energy for Life" | New Delhi | 5 th - 6 th February 2019 |
| Parmanu Tech 2019 - Nuclear Energy Conference | The main motive of this conference is to showcase India's capabilities in Nuclear Energy with environmental responsibility | New Delhi | 7 th February 2019 |
| 1st LAWASIA Human Rights Conference 2019 | Theme: "State Power, Business and Human Rights: Contemporary Challenges" | New Delhi | 9 th - 10 th February 2019 |
| 5th International Dam Safety Conference | | Bhubaneswar, Odisha | 13 th - 14 th February 2019 |
| 7th World Government Summit | The main objective of the summit is to shape the future generation of governments | Dubai, UAE | 12 th February 2019 |

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| World Sustainable Development Summit 2019 | Theme: "Attaining the 2030 Agenda: Delivering on Our Promise" | New Delhi | 11 th - 13 th February 2019 |
| 4th India-ASEAN Expo and Summit, 2019 | | New Delhi | 21 th - 23 rd February 2019 |
| 8th World CSR Congress 2019 | Theme: Sustainable Development Goals 2019; (SDGs) to focus on corporate strategies, innovation, and strategic alliances. | Mumbai, Maharashtra | 17 th - 18 th February 2019 |
| Rising India Summit 2019 | Theme: "Beyond Politics: Defining National Priorities" | New Delhi | 22 nd February 2019 |
| 4th Agri Leadership Summit 2019 | Theme: "Entrepreneurship & Agri-Business; Agri Allied - A Promising Sector and Agri Service- Direct Marketing" | Sonipat, Haryana | 15 th - 17 th February 2019 |
| 106th Indian Science Congress | Theme: 'Future India: Science and Technology' | Jalandhar, Punjab | 3 rd - 7 th January, 2019 |
| 42nd Indian Social Science Congress | Theme: 'Human Future in Digital Era' | Bhubaneswar, Odisha | 27 th December, 2018 |
| 4th Raisina Dialogue | Theme: "A World Reorder: New Geometries; Fluid Partnerships; Uncertain Outcomes" | New Delhi | 8 th January, 2019 |
| 1st Global Aviation Summit | Theme: "Flying for all" | Mumbai | 15 th -16 th January, 2019 |
| National Youth Parliament Festival 2019 | Theme: "Be The Voice of New India" and "Find solutions and contribute to policy" | | |
| 9th International Micro Irrigation Conference | Theme: "Micro Irrigation in Modern Agriculture" | Maharashtra | 16 th January, 2019 |
| 5th International Police Expo 2019 | THEME: "Challenges to strengthen peace and security" | New Delhi | 19 th July - 20 th July 2019 |
| 5th International Dharma - Dhamma conference | The Dharma - Dhamma conference will act as a platform for the Hindu and Buddhist thinkers to express their views. | Rajgir, Bihar | 27 th July - 28 th July 2019 |
| 43rd session of the World Heritage Committee meeting 2019 | UNESCO: Headquarters: Paris, France Director General: Audrey Azoulay | Baku, Azerbaijan | |
| 9th South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Film Festival | | Colombo, Sri Lanka | 2 nd July - 7 th July 2019 |
| 3rd International Sunflower Seed and Oil Conference (ISSOC) 2019 | | Maharashtra, Mumbai | 19 th July - 20 th July 2019 |

9. MILITARY EXERCISES

| EXERCISE NAME | HELD BETWEEN | TYPE OF EXERCISE | PLACE | DATE |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Sea Vigil | 1 st Coastal Defence Exercise | Naval Exercise | Kerala and Lakshadweep | 22 nd January 2019 |
| IMBEX 2018 - 19 | India and Myanmar | Bilateral Military Exercise | Haryana | 14 th January 2019 |
| Aman 19 | 46 countries | Multinational Maritime Exercise | Karachi, Pakistan | 10 th February 2019 |
| Exercise Topchi 2019 | | Indian Army Annual Exercise | Nashik, Maharashtra | 15 th February 2019 |
| Cutclass Express 2019 | | Multinational Naval Exercise | Vicinity of Djibouti, Mozambique and Seychelles. | 27 th January – 6 th February 2019 |
| Exercise Rahat | | Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Exercise | Rajasthan | 11 th - 12 th February 2019 |
| Vayu Shakti | | Indian air force | Pokhran, Rajasthan | 18 th February 2019 |
| Mainamati Maitree Exercise 2019 | Border Security Force (BSF) and Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB) | Military | Tripura | 3 rd March 2019 |
| AFINDEX-19 | India and Africa | Joint Field Training Exercise | Pune | 18 th – 27 th March 2019 |
| Al Nagah III | India and Oman | Bilateral joint Military exercise | Oman | 12 th – 25 th March 2019 |
| Mitra Shakti VI | India and Sri Lanka | Annual joint Military exercise | Sri Lanka | 26 th March – 8 th April 2019 |
| AUSINDEX 2019 | India and Australia | Joint Naval exercise | Vishakhapatnam | 2 nd April – 16 th April 2019 |
| Sampriti 2019 | India and Bangladesh | Joint Military exercise | Tangail, Bangladesh | 2 nd March - 15 th March |
| SCO Sary-Arka-Antiterror 2019 | 1 st joint military exercise of Shanghai Cooperation Organization was announced at the during the 34 th meeting of the RATS council held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan | | | |

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| AUSINDEX 19 | India and Australia | Naval Exercise | Visakhapatnam | 2 nd April – 14 th April 2019 |
| Cyberex | Indian Armed Force | Cyber Exercise | | |
| SIMBEX | India and Singapore | Naval Exercise | Singapore | 16 th May – 22 nd May 2019 |
| VARUNA | India and France | Naval Exercise | Goa | 1 st May 2019 |
| Kharga Prahar - 2019 | Indian Army and Indian Air Force | | | |
| ‘IndSpaceEx’ | | 1 st simulated space warfare exercise | | |
| “ISALEX19” | ISA countries: UAE, Bahrain, Morocco, France, Italy, Spain, Senegal, Singapore, and the Slovak Republic. | 1 st ever ISA's joint security exercise | | |
| Garuda-VI | Indian and France | Air Exercise | | |
| Hand – in – Hand | India and China | Military exercise | | |

10. DEFENCE / SPACE

| DEFENCE & SPACE | PURPOSE | COUNTRY / STATE |
|---|---|-----------------|
| NGTS-4b | NGTS-4b, nick-named 'The Forbidden Planet' is smaller than Neptune but three times the size of Earth. | UK |
| Marsquake | NASA's Mars InSight Lander has recorded first "marsquake" on the mars due to volcanic eruptions or land Tides. | USA |
| Artemis | NASA planned to have the 1 st woman land on the Moon by 2024 | USA |
| 1st Artificial Crater | By Using Hayabusa2 probe, JAXA created the 1 st artificial crater on the Ryugu asteroid | Japan |
| BrahMos missile | IAF successfully fired aerial version of supersonic BrahMos cruise missile from a Su-30 MKI fighter aircraft. | India |
| Anti Naxal women commandos | for the 1 st time in the country Chhattisgarh Police have introduced | |
| Rani Abbakka Force | Mangaluru City Police launched an all-women police patrol unit | Karnataka |
| INS Ranjit | Decommissioned | India |
| Vigraha | Decommissioned | India |
| Shaheen - II | surface-to-surface ballistic missile successfully tested | Pakistan |
| T-90 "Bhishma" | Army Tanks | India |
| World's 1st "zero waste" Flight | Qantas – Australian flight carrier has operated world's first zero waste commercial flight | Australia |
| 59th Raising Day | 59 th Raising Day of Border Roads Organization was celebrated on 7 th May 2019 | India |
| Momo-3 | 1 ST privately developed rocket 'Momo-3' into space | Japan |
| Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) | NASA will hit an asteroid named Didymoon or Didymos B with a spacecraft called Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) in 2022 | USA |
| NSIL (New Space India Limited) | ISRO's new commercial arm called New Space India Limited (NSIL) was inaugurated in Bengaluru | India |
| Blue Moon vehicle | Blue Moon would be used to transport equipment, and possibly human beings, to the south pole of the moon by 2024 | |
| Marsquake | NASA's Mars Lander InSight has recorded the 1 st Marsquake of 2 or 2.5 magnitude | |
| | Union Health Ministry replaced the words chemist and druggist with pharmacy | |
| Marine Lizard | world's 1 ST armed amphibious drone boat | China |
| Roc | World's largest Airplane | |

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| | Human Space Flight Centre for Gaganyaan Mission | Bengaluru |
| YUva Vigyani KArYakram | ISRO's special programme for School Children | |
| MarCO CubeSats | 1 st Mini – Spacecraft | NASA |
| Beresheet | 1 st Unmanned moon mission | Israel |
| | an artificial meteor shower | JAXA |
| | turbine-based combined cycle (TBCC) engine | China |
| Samwad with Students | The new conversation mission will inspire students India | ISRO |
| Strum Ataka anti-tank missile | India has inked Rs 200 crore defence deal with India for 'Strum Ataka' anti-tank missile | India |
| Dragonfly Mission | To explore Saturn's largest moon - Titan | NASA |
| MOSAIC Mission [Multidisciplinary drifting Observatory for the Study of Arctic Climate] | Mission is to anchor the ship to a large piece of Arctic sea ice to study climate change | 17 Nations |
| PUNCH mission [Polarimeter to Unify the Corona and Heliosphere] | Mission is to observe the transition of particles from the Sun's outer corona to the solar wind that fills interplanetary space | NASA |
| Ramanujan Machine | | Israel |
| "IndSpaceEx" | India's first space war drill - Aim of the exercise is to assess imminent threats to the nation beyond earth. | New Delhi |
| Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES) | Discovered 28 new variable stars in the Milky Way galaxy using 3.6 metre Devasthal Optical Telescope | India |
| Securitypedia | Launched a customised video interface CISFTube on the lines of YouTube and an online encyclopedia "Securitypedia" on the lines of Wikipedia to update its personnel about security related issues, best practices in forces and latest technologies available across the world. | Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) |
| INS Sagardhwani | The Marine Acoustic Research Ship (MARS), INS Sagardhwan started its two month long 2 nd mission Sagar Maitri | |
| Bhabha Kavach | India's 1 st Lightest, Indigenous Bullet Proof Jacket | |

11. OPERATIONS

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| Operation Broken Window | Kerala government - arrest the troublemakers creating law and order issues in Sabarimala protest |
| Operation Swift Retort | Pakistan will observe the Pakistan Air Force's retaliatory action on 27 th February 2019 against India |
| Operation Sunrise | Joint military operation by India and Myanmar armies to destroy an insurgent group in Myanmar |
| Operation Sunrise II | The armies of India and Myanmar conducted the operation |
| Operation Sankalp | Indian Navy has launched Operation Sankalp in the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman to reassure Indian flagged vessels |
| Operation Bandar (Monkey) | Balakot Strike by Indian Air Force |
| Operation Khumaar | J&K has launched the "Operation Khumaar" in Rajouri district to make 312 panchayats tobacco free |
| Operation Thirst | The Railway Protection Force (RPF) has recently launched 'Operation Thirst' to crackdown the selling of unauthorized Packaged Drinking Water |
| Operation Sudarshan | Border Security Force to fortify Anti-Infiltration Grid along the Pakistan border in Punjab and Jammu |
| Operation Milap | The Delhi Police Crime Branch has rescued 333 children, who had reported missing since January 2019 from various parts of the country |

12. SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

| SPECIES / NEW DISCOVERIES | TYPE / PURPOSE | PLACE / BY |
|---|--|-------------------|
| Paddy frog | The frog belongs to the microhylid genus Micryletta. | Assam |
| Binny | India's Only Orangutan Dies In Odisha Zoo | |
| Bumble Robot | 1 st Astrobee robot to fly under its own power in space | NASA |
| Libra – Digital Currency | Accessible to anyone with an entry-level Smartphone and data connectivity | Facebook |
| lukoskin | Herbal drug 'lukoskin' for treatment of Leucoderma | DRDO |
| Lecanorchis Taiwaniana | India's Smallest Orchids - a Parasitic Bloom | Assam |
| Smithophis Atemporalis | New "Rain loving snake" | Mizoram |
| Trimeresurus arunachalensis | Reddish Brown Venomous pit viper | Arunachal Pradesh |
| Ourasphaira Giraldae | Earth's oldest fungi fossil | Canada |
| Akademik Lomonosov | World's 1 st floating nuclear power plant | Russia |
| Yeti Footprints | Abominable Snowman or Asian Bigfoot Ape (32×15) | Eastern Himalayas |
| Monkeypox Virus | Singapore reported the first ever case of the Monkeypox Virus, a rare virus similar to the human smallpox. | Singapore |
| URAL | Nuclear-powered icebreaker | Russia |
| Magnetic Levitation (maglev) Train | a prototype magnetic levitation (maglev) train designed with a maximum speed of 600 kilometers per hour | China |
| GlobalCoin | Own Cryptocurrency | Facebook |
| DARA | India's first chatbot for creative professionals | |
| Dengvaxia | The US Food and Drug Administration has approved the 1 st vaccine for dengue | |
| Powehi | 1 st ever blackhole to be pictured has been named "Powehi" by a Hawaiian professor Larry Kimura | Hawaii |
| Connect2Earth Campaign | Earth Hour 2019 was organized on 30 th March 2019 from 8:30 pm | |
| Mosquirix | 1 st country to immunise children against Malaria through the vaccine "RTS,S" (Mosquirix) | Malawi |

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| Homo luzonensis | a New human species | Philippines |
| Jerzego Sunil Limaye | A new species of “jumping spider” | Mumbai |
| Lord Howe Island | World’s southernmost coral reef | Australia |
| | World’s 1 st ever Diesel To Electric Conversion Locomotive | Varanasi |
| Small Brown Rat | World’s 1 st Mammal | Australia |
| e-AUSHADHI Portal | Online licensing of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy drugs | |
| AstroSat | Multi wavelength space observatory | India |
| Yuva Vigyani Karyakram | Young Scientist Programme | ISRO |
| | World’s 1 st district to start using both 5G coverage and broadband gigabit network | Shanghai, China |
| India’s 1st Smart Fencing | India – Bangladesh Border: 61 Km | Dubri, Assam |
| Mission Shakti | Joint programme of DRDO & ISRO | |
| Chandrayaan – 2 [launched on 22 nd July 2019] | Explore & perform studies on South Pole of Moon Rocket: GSLV – MKIII Lander: Vikram Rover: Pragyan | ISRO |
| Spektr-RG Space Telescope | The Spektr-RG is a space observatory intended to replace the Spektr-R (Known as the “Russian Hubble”) | Russia & Germany |
| Sonali | Method to convert Jute fibre into low cost bio-degradable cellulose sheets named ‘Sonali’ which can be used as wrapping material and carrying bag | Bangladesh |
| Agricopter | Eliminate manual spraying of pesticides in agricultural farms | IIT Madras |
| | NASA’s Curiosity rover detects high amounts of methane on Mars | |

13. ROCKETS

| SATELLITES | COUNTRY | LAUNCH VEHICLE | PURPOSE | LAUNCH DATE |
|---|----------------|---|--|---------------------------------|
| GSAT-31 (India's 40th communication) | India | Ariane-5 VA-247 | Augment the Ku-band transponder capacity in Geostationary Orbit | 6 th February 2019 |
| Crew Dragon Demo - 1 (Private Manned Mission) | USA - SpaceX | Falcon - 9 | | 2 nd March 2019 |
| Long March-3B Rocket | China | | China's 300 th Long March Rocket Series | 10 th March 2019 |
| TIANLIAN II - 01 | China | | | |
| Raavana-1 | Sri Lanka | | Launched by NASA | |
| NepaliSat-1 | Nepal | | Launched by NASA | |
| GSAT-29 | India | GSLV MKIII-D2 | It is a multiband and multi-beam satellite | 14 th November 2018 |
| NovaSAR and S1-4 | United Kingdom | PSLV - C42 (44 th PSLV Rocket) | Forestry mapping, land use and ice cover monitoring, flood and disaster monitoring and maritime missions | 16 th September 2018 |
| EMISAT | India | PSLV-C45 | Electromagnetic spectrum measurement | 1 st April 2019 |
| GSAT - 11 (India's Heaviest Satellite with Payload of 5854 kg) | India | Ariane- 5 (French Guiana) | It is the Communication Satellite which will help to increase the internet speed | 5 th December 2018 |
| GSAT - 7A (Angry Bird) | India | GSLV - F11 | 39 th Communication satellite. GSAT-7A is a military communications satellite meant for the Indian Air Force. | 19 th December 2018 |
| Soyuz Mission | Russia | Soyuz Spacecraft | <i>Manned Mission to International Space Station</i> Cosmonauts to Space: Russia: Oleg Kononenko USA: Anne McClain Canada: David Saint | 3 rd December 2018 |

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| Chang'e - 4 Lunar Probe Mission | China | Long March - 3B | The Purpose of the Mission is to Survey the Moon's far side | 8 th December 2018 |
| RISAT-2B | India | PSLV C-46 | Radar imaging earth observation satellite | 22 nd May 2019 |

ISRO announced 7 Mega Missions in next 10 years:

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| 2020 | XPoSAT |
| 2021 | Aditya L1 |
| 2022 | Mangalyaan 2 |
| 2023 | Venus Mission |
| 2024 | Chandrayaan 3 |
| 2028 | Exoworlds |

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14. CYCLONES

| CYCLONES | AFFECTED AREA | DATE | Named by |
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| Cyclone Vayu | Gujarat | 10 th June 2019 – 19 th June 2019 | India |
| Cyclone Fani | Odisha | Formed on 26 th April 2019 Crossed on 3 rd May 2019 | Bangladesh |
| Cyclone Idai | Mozambique | 21 st March 2019 | Zimbabwe |
| Cyclone Pabuk | Thailand | 6 th January 2019 | Japan |
| PHETHAI – 7th Cyclone happened in 2018 | Andhra Pradesh | 17 th December 2018 | Thailand |
| Cyclone GAJA | Nagapattinam, Thanjavur, Pudukottai, Thiruvarur | 16 th November 2018 | Sri Lanka |
| Cyclone LUBAN | Oman | 12 th October 2018 | Oman |
| Hurricane LESLIE | Portugal & Spain | 12 th October 2018 | |
| Cyclone TITLI | Odisha | 10 th October 2018 | Pakistan |

Cyclones Hits in 2018:

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| ARABIAN SEA | Sagar |
| | Mekunu |
| | Luban |
| Bay of Bengal | Daye |
| | Titli |
| | Gaja |
| | Phethai |

15. APPS

| APPS | Launched By | USES |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| Observer App | Election Commission | Help poll observers to submit reports timely |
| Bolo App | Google | for primary school children to learn read in English and Hindi |
| eDharti App | Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister | Payment system in Land and Development Office, L&DO has also been completely digitized |
| Sankalp | Assam Government | Encourage 1 st time voters |
| Veer Parivar | President | While paying tributes to the fallen troops at the National Police Memorial on the occasion of the CRPF's Valour Day (Shaurya Diwas), the President launched the Veer Parivar App for families of personnel killed in the line of duty. |
| Voter turnout | Election Commission of India | Real-time availability of voter turnout during the election season in the country |
| Rail Census App | IRCTC | Help Railways carry out physical headcount of passengers in unreserved coaches of passenger, mail and express trains and the compilation of the census data. |
| eDrishti App | Railways launched the app | To track the Punctuality of Trains |
| Shikhsa Setu App | Haryana Government | Aims to help the students of the state |

16. GEOGRAPHICAL INDEX (GI) TAG

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| 1st Place | Karnataka | 48 Products |
| 2nd Place | Maharashtra | 32 Products |
| 3rd Place | Tamil Nadu | 26 Products |

| S.No. | GI Tag | State |
|-------|--|---|
| 1. | Sirsi Supari | Karnataka |
| 2. | Coorg Arabica Coffee Chikmagalur Arabica Coffee Bababudangiris Arabica Coffee Araku Valley Arabica Coffee Wayanad Robusta Coffee | Karnataka Karnataka Karnataka Andhra Pradesh Kerala |
| 3. | Marayur Jaggery | Kerala |
| 4. | Erode Turmeric | Tamil Nadu |
| 5. | Thirubuvanam Silk Sarees | Tamil Nadu |
| 6. | Namma Kolhapuri chappal | Maharashtra & Karnataka |
| 7. | Kandhamal Haldi | Odisha |
| 8. | Rasagola | Odisha |
| 9. | Alphonso mango | Maharashtra |
| 10. | Shahi Litchi | Bihar |

GI Tag's from TAMIL NADU

| S.No. | Place | Products |
|-------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. | Madurai | Jasmine Flower Sungudi Sarees |
| 2. | Sirumalai | Banana |
| 3. | Pathamadai | Mat |
| 4. | Kacheepuram | Silk Sarees |
| 5. | Arani | Silk Sarees |

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| 6. | Bhavani | Bed Sheet (Jamakkalam) |
| 7. | Nachiyar Kovil | Kuthuvilakku |
| 8. | Kovai | Wet Grinder |
| 9. | Tanjoor | Paintings |
| | | Veenai |
| | | Kalaithattu |
| | | Thalaiyatti Bommai |
| 10. | Erode | Turmeric |
| 11. | Mahabalipuram | Sculptures |
| 12. | Salem | Handlooms |
| | | White Silks |
| 13. | Nilgris | Todar Tribes Embroidery Work |
| | | Thailam |
| 14. | Swami Malai | Panchaloga Silaigal |
| 15. | Nagercoil | Temple Jewels |
| 16. | Eethamozhi | Coconut Trees |
| 17. | Virupatchi | Malai Valaipalam |
| 18. | Chettinadu | Handloom |
| 19. | Kodaikanal | Malai Poondur |
| 20. | Palani | Panchamirtham |

17. APPOINTMENTS

COUNTRY's NEW PRESIDENTS / PRIME MINISTERS

| COUNTRY | PRESIDENT / PRIME MINISTER |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Brazil | Jair Bolsonaro |
| Taiwan | Su Tseng-chang |
| Sweden | Stefan Lofven |
| Madagascar | Andry Rajoelina |
| Malaysian King | Sultan Abdullah |
| Nigeria | Muhammadu Buhari |
| Palestine | Dr. Mohammad Shtayyeh |
| Australia | Scott Morrison |
| El Salvador | Nayib Bukele |
| Thailand | Prayuth Chan-ocha |
| Kazakhstan | Kassym-Jomart Tokayev |
| Slovakia | Zuzana Caputova – 1 st female president |
| Palestine | Mohammad Shtayyeh |
| Haiti | Jean-Michel Lapin |
| Israel | Benjamin Netanyahu |
| Greece | Kyriakos Mitsotakis |
| New British Prime Minister | Boris Johnson |

NEWLY ELECTED CHIEF MINISTERS

| STATE | CHIEF MINISTER |
|-----------------------|---|
| Odisha | Naveen Patnaik – 5 th Consecutive time |
| Andhra Pradesh | Jagan Mohan Reddy – Sworn in as CM on 30 th May 2019 Party: YSR Congress Party |
| Telangana | K Chandrasekara Rao |
| Mizoram | Pu Zoramthanga |

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| Madhya Pradesh | Kamal Nath |
| Rajasthan | Ashok Gehlot |
| Chhattisgarh | Bhupesh Baghel |
| Goa | Pramod Sawant |

NEWLY APPOINTED GOVERNORS

| STATE | NEW GOVERNOR |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Anusuiya Uikey | Chhattisgarh |
| Biswa Bhusan Harichandan | Andhra Pradesh |
| Lal Ji Tandon | Madhya Pradesh |
| Anandi Ben Patel | Uttar Pradesh |
| Kalraj Mishra | Himachal Pradesh |
| Phagu Chauhan | Bihar |
| Jagdeep Dhankhar | West Bengal |
| Ramesh Bais | Tripura |
| RN Ravi | Nagaland |

| PERSONS | POSITION / DESIGNATION |
|---|--|
| Om Birla | Speaker of 17 th Lok Sabha. |
| Virendra Kumar | <i>pro-tem speaker of the 17th Lok Sabha</i> |
| Admiral Karambir Singh | 24 th chief of the Naval staff |
| Thawar Chand Gehlot | The Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment has been appointed as the <i>Leader of the House for the Rajya Sabha.</i> |
| Ajit Doval | National Security Advisor |
| Rajiv Mehrishi | External Auditor of WHO |
| Rajiv Kumar | Vice chairman of NITI Aayog |
| Mrutyunjay Mahapatra - Cyclone Man | Director General of the India Meteorological Department |
| Inger Andersen | New Executive Director of the UNEP |
| Faiz Hameed | New chief of the Inter-Services Intelligence |

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| Rabi Mishra | New Executive Director of Reserve Bank of India |
| Krishnaswamy Natarajan | New Director General of the Indian Coast Guard |
| Samant Kumar Goel | Chief of external intelligence agency RAW |
| Narinder Batra | Member of the International Olympic Committee |
| Dr. Krishnamurthy Subramanian - <i>Chief Economic Adviser</i> | Included as the member of the Advisory Council to the 15 th Finance Commission headed by N.K. Singh |
| Assam filmmaker Rima Das | Ambassador of Toronto International Film Festival |
| David R. Malpass | 13 th President of World Bank |
| Gargi Kaul | Secretary, Defence Finance |
| Former Army Chief Dalbir Singh Suhag | High Commissioner to Seychelles |
| Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose | India's first Lokpal ombudsman |
| Ajit Kumar Mohanty | Director of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) |
| M R Kumar | Chairman of Life Insurance Corporation |
| Pankaj Kumar | CEO of Sterlite Copper |
| Ramesh Chandra | Head of Food and Agricultural Organisation |
| P V Ramesh | Director-general of the National Archives of India |
| Rishi Kumar Shukla | CBI Director |
| Sushil Chandra | New Election Commissioner |
| Lt. General Rajeev Chopra | Director General of NCC |
| Suman Kumari | Pakistan's 1 st Hindu Woman Judge |
| P V Bharathi | CEO of Corporation Bank |
| Egypt President El-Sissi | Elected as chairman of the African Union |
| Pramod Chandra Mody | Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes |
| Pradeep Singh Kharola | Civil Aviation Secretary |
| Ashwani Lohani | Chairman and managing director of Air India |
| Sanjiv Ranjan | Ambassador of India To The Republic Of Colombia |
| Dinesh Bhatia | Ambassador of India To The Republic Of Argentina |
| D.K. Jain | BCCI Ombudsman |
| Sudhir Bhargava | Chief Information Commissioner |

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| Justice AK Sikr | Executive Chairman of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) |
| Punit Goenka | Chairman of BARC India |
| Sanjay Jain and K M Nataraj | Additional Solicitor Generals of India |
| Pranav R Mehta | President of the Global Solar Council |
| Vinod Kumar Yadav | Chairman of Railway board |
| Saurabh Kumar | Chairman of Ordnance Factory Board |
| Shaktikanta Das | New RBI Governor – 25th Governor of RBI |
| Krishnamurthy Subramanian | Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) |
| Arundhati Bhattacharya | Chairman of SWIFT (<i>Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication</i>) |
| CAG - Rajiv Mehrishi | Vice-Chairman of United Nations (UN) Panel of Auditors |
| Brijendra Pal Singh | Chairman of Film Television Institute of India (FTII) |
| Shri Ramphal Pawar | Director of National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) |
| Madhavi Goradia Divan | Additional Solicitor General (ASG) |
| W V Raman | New Indian women's cricket team coach |
| Hima Das | 1 st Youth ambassador of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) India |
| Aravind Saxena | New Chairman of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) |
| Kim Jong Yang | Interpol President |
| Ashok Kumar Gupta | Chairperson of Competition Commission of India |
| Arvind Kumar | New director of Intelligence Bureau |
| Sarada Kumar Hota | New Managing Director of National Housing Bank |
| Manoj Kumar Nambiar | New chairman of Microfinance Institutions Network |
| Narinder Batra | President of Indian Olympic Association has been elected as a member of International Olympic Committee |
| Vikas Swarup | Secretary of Overseas Indian Affairs |
| David Sassoli | New President of the European Parliament |
| Anshula Kant | MD and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the World Bank |
| Kishen Narsi | Chairman of Asian Boxing Confederation's competitions commission |
| Vivek Kohli | Chairman of the Commonwealth Table Tennis Federation |
| Manoj Mukund Naravane | Vice Chief of Indian Army |

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| Priti Patel | Britain's first Indian origin home secretary |
| Badri Narain Sharma | Chairperson of National Anti – profiteering Authority |
| Paramjit Singh | New Director General of Military Operations of the Indian Army |
| Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury | Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee |
| VK Johri | New Director General (DG) of Border Security Force |
| Rajiv Kumar | New Finance Secretary of India |

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18. WOMEN IN NEWS

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| Pratibha Patil | Mexico's Order of the Aztec Eagle - Award |
| Mohana Singh | First woman fighter pilot to fly Hawk jet |
| Chandrani Murmu | Youngest Parliamentarian in the history of Indian Parliament |
| Anita Bhatia | UN-Women Deputy Executive Director |
| Greta Thunberg | 16-year-old - International's Ambassador of Conscience Award |
| Suman Rao - Rajasthan | Crowned Femina Miss India World 2019 |
| Muthayya Vanitha & Ritu Karidhal | 1 st Woman Project Directors in an ISRO Mission of Chandrayaan – II |
| Rihanna | World's Richest female musician according to the Forbes magazine |
| Priyanka Chopra | Danny Kaye Humanitarian Award by UNICEF |
| M Jayshree Vyas | 1 st Independent Woman Director to BSE board |
| Bhawana Kanth | 1 st Woman IAF Pilot to qualify for Combat missions on a fighter jets |
| Saray Khumalo | 1 st South African woman to scale Mount Everest |
| GS Lakshmi | 1 st Woman female ICC match referee |
| Claire Polosak | 1 st Woman umpire to stand in a men's ODI |
| Aarohi Pandit | 1 st Woman in the world to cross the Atlantic Ocean solo in a Light Sports Aircraft (LSA) |
| Australia's Claire Polosak | 1 st female umpire to stand in a men's one-day international (ODI) |
| Mithali Raj | Goodwill ambassador of 'Team India' at the Street Child Cricket World Cup |
| Karen Uhlenbeck | 1 st Woman to win Abel prize |
| Kane Tanaka from Japan | Oldest person living at 116 years & 66 days Old |
| Soumya Swaminathan | Deputy Director-General to Chief Scientist in World Health Organisation (WHO) |
| Padma Lakshmi | The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) - has appointed as new Goodwill Ambassador |
| Emma Haruka Iwao | Entered into the Guinness Book of World Records for calculating the value of Pi to the most number of digits |

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| Priyanka Chopra | 50 Most Powerful Women in Entertainment of the USA Today |
| Gauri Sawant | Gauri Sawant, a transgender activist was appointed as election ambassador to create awareness voters and to improve the voting percentage in the state |
| Hina Jaiswal | First Woman Flight Engineer of Indian Air Force |
| Bhavana Kasturi | 1 st Woman officer to lead an all men Army contingent in the Republic Day parade |
| Suman Kumari | 1 st Hindu Woman in Pakistan to be appointed as a civil judge |
| Mithali Raj | 1 st Indian woman to play 200 ODI Cricket Matches |
| Rachna Khaira | Journalist of the Year 2019 |
| Ursula von der Leyen | 1 st Female President of the European Commission |

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19. AWARDS

| AWARDS / PRIZES | PERSON / ORGANIZATION |
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| Maldives's "Nishan Izzuddin" award | Narendra Modi |
| 2019 WHO award for tobacco control | Rajasthan |
| 2019 J C Daniel Award | Sheela |
| USIBC Global Leadership Awards 2019 | Sundar Pichai |
| Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs | Rajnath Singh |
| 2019 Women's Prize for Fiction | Tayari Jones |
| "Manas Order of the First Degree" | Xi Jinping |
| 7 th Joan Miro Prize 2019 | Nalini Malani |
| Facebook Hall of Fame 2019 | Zonel Sougaijam |
| Knight of the Legion of Honour | A S Kiran Kumar – Former ISRO Chairman |
| Man Booker International Prize | Jokha al-Harhi from Oman BOOK: Celestial Bodies Translator: Marilyn Booth |
| World Press Freedom Hero award in 2019 | Cyril Almeida |
| Deenanath Mangeshkar Award 2019 | Madhur Bhandarkar |
| P.C. Chandra Puraskaar | Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty |
| Sasakawa Award 2019 | Dr. Pramod Kumar Mishra |
| McCain Institute Award 2019 | Chhaya Sharma |
| Captain Mbaye Diagne Medal for Exceptional Courage | Chancy Chitete |
| The Presidential Medal of Freedom | Tiger Woods |
| Prestigious ACJ Award for Investigative Journalism | Nileena M.S |
| Saraswati Samman - 2018 | K Siva Reddy |
| Vijayawada Railway Station | Gold Rating by Indian Green Building Council |

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| National Rifle Association of India | Best sports federation award |
| Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize 2019 | Rana Dasgupta – SOLO novel |
| World Press Photo of The Year 2019 award | John Moore |
| Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Nobel Award | Sudhanshu Kumar |
| Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman | Conferred on persons in contribution in the field of Sanskrit, Persian, Arabic, Pali, Prakrit, Classical Oriya, Classical Kannada, Classical Telugu and Classical Malayalam. |
| Public Water Agency of the Year | National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) |
| The Wisden Almanack's Leading Cricketer of the Year - 2018 | Virat Kohli |
| Abel Prize 2019 | Prof. Karen Uhlenbeck |
| Grand Order of the King of Tomislav | Ramnath Govind |
| Vyas Samman 2018 | Leeladhar Jagudi |
| Yashwantrao Chavan National Award 2018 | Raghuram Rajan |
| Pritzker Prize 2019 | Arata Isozaki |
| Bhagwan Mahavir Ahimsa Puraskar | Abhinandan Varthaman |
| SKOCH Award 2018 | Odisha State Disaster Management Authority |
| Chameli Devi Jain Award | Priyanka Dubey |
| France highest Legion of Honor | Francois Laborde |
| Lifetime Achievement Award from Canadian Academy | Deepa Mehta |
| Israel's Dan David Prize 2019 | Indian Historian Sanjay Subrahmanyam |
| Swachhata Excellence awards 2019 | Raigarh of Chhattisgarh – 1 st Place |
| | Ambikapur of Chhattisgarh – 2 nd Place |
| | Kumbakonam of Tamil Nadu – 3 rd Place |
| International Human Rights Prize | Abdul Aziz Muhamat |
| Tagore Award | 2014 - Rajkumar Singhajit Singh |
| | 2015 - Chhayanaut |

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| | 2016 - Ram Vanji Sutar |
| ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year 2018 | Smriti Mandhana |
| National Nritya Shiromani award | Anindita Neogy Anaam |
| Carnot Prize 2018 | Piyush Goyal |
| Philip Kotler Presidential Award | PM Narendra Modi |
| Sushila Devi Literature Award | Namita Gokhale |
| National Nritya Shiromani Award 2019 | Anindita Neogy Anaam |
| ISRS National Geospatial Award for Excellence-2017 | Jayanta Kumar Ghosh |
| Sahitya Akademy's 'Premchand fellowship' for the year 2017 | Ayathurai Santhan |
| Football Awards | Croatia's Luka Modric – Ballon d'Or Award |
| | Norway's Ada Hegerberg – 1st Woman Ballon d'Or Award |
| | Kylian Mbappe – Best Young Player Award |
| Golden Shoe Award - Football | Lionel Messi - 5 th Golden Shoe |
| ITTF Breakthrough Star Award 2018 - Table Tennis | Manika Batra |
| West Bengal CM Mamta Banerjee | Skoch Chief Minister of the Year Award for the year 2017 |
| 68th MISS WORLD 2018 | Vanessa Ponce from Mexico 67 th – Manushi Chhillar from India |
| MISS UNIVERSE 2018 | Catriona Gray - Philippines |
| MISS INDIA WORLDWIDE 2018 | Shree Saini |
| 54th Jnanpith Award | Amitav Ghosh – 1 st English Fiction Writer |
| Krishi Karman Award | Jharkhand – For Rice Category |
| Meghdoot Award – for Best Postman | K. Ganapathi & Sri Vidhya S Iyer |
| Sanctuary Wildlife Service Award 2018 | Imran Siddique |
| DSCI Excellence Award 2018 – For cyber security Education | IIT Kharagpur |

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| Mahakavi Bharathi Award | K Viswanath |
| Gleitsman Award 2018 | Malala Yousafzai |
| Best Woman Parliamentarian (Rajya Sabha) Award | MP Kanimozhi |
| Turner Prize 2018 | Charlotte Prodger |
| eINDIA Digital Transformation Award | BHEL |
| Tan Sri Soma Book Award | <i>Book: 1801</i> – M. Rajendran |
| Gleitsman Award 2018 | Malala Yousafzai |
| Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award | N. Ram |
| The AirSewa Champion Award | Chennai Airport |
| Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2018 | Centre for Science & Environment (CSE) |
| Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2017 | Manmohan Singh |
| 2018 UNESCO Asia-Pacific award for Cultural Heritage conservation | Ladakh Arts and Media Organisation (LAMO) |
| Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur | Azim Premji |
| Ezhuthachan Puraskaram 2018 (<i>highest literacy prize of the Kerala government</i>) | M Mukundan |
| London Press Freedom Award for Courage 2018 | Swati Chaturvedi |
| Munin Barkotoki Literary Award 2018 | Debabhuson Borah |

Major International Awards Conferred on Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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| Zayed Medal / Order of Zayed 2019 | UAE |
| Order of St Andrew the Apostle | Russia |
| Great Collar of the state | Palestine |
| Champions of the Earth Award 2018 | UN |
| Amir Abdullah Khan Award | Afghanistan |
| King Abdullaziz Sash Award | Saudi Arabia |

| AWARDS / PRIZES | PERSON / ORGANIZATION |
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| Bharat Ratna 2019 | Pranab Mukherjee |
| | Nanaji Deshmukh - Posthumously |
| | Singer Bhupen Hazarika - Posthumously |
| Awards under Swasth Bharat Yatra | Best State Overall: Tamil Nadu |
| | Best States with a population above 3 crore: Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra |
| | Best States having a population less than 3 crore: Punjab, Goa and Delhi |
| | Special awards: Meghalaya, Jammu and Kashmir and Uttarakhand were given special awards for their participation despite their hilly and difficult terrain |
| Ashoka Chakra | Lance Naik Nazir Wani posthumously |
| Padma Shri Awards 2019 – Tamil Nadu | Bangaru Adigalar – Founder of Melmaruvathur Temple |
| | Sharath Kamal – Table Tennis Player |
| | Narthaki Nataraj – Transgender Bharathanatyyam dancer |
| | Madurai Chinnappillai – Social Worker |
| | R V Ramani – Founder of Sankara Eye foundation |
| | Anandan Sivamani - Musician |
| | Ramaswami Venkataswami – Medicine (doctor) |
| Padma Shri Awards 2019 – Karnataka | Prabhu Deva |
| Padma Shri Awards 2019 – Sports | Bachendri Pal - Padma Bhushan Awards |
| | Sunil Chhetri |
| | Harika Dronavalli |
| | Gautam Gambhir |
| | Sharath Kamal |
| | Bombayla Devi Laishram |

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| | Bajrang Punia |
| | Prashanti Singh |
| | Ajay Thakur |
| ICC Awards 2018 | Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for ICC Cricketer of the Year: Virat Kohli |
| | ICC Men's Test Player of the Year: Virat Kohli |
| | ICC ODI Player of the Year: Virat Kohli |
| | ICC Emerging Player of the Year: Rishabh Pant |
| | ICC Associate Player of the Year: Calum MacLeod |
| | T20 Performance of the Year: Aaron Finch |
| | ICC Spirit of Cricket award: Williamson |
| | Umpire of the Year: Kumar Dharmasena |
| | Fans' Moment of the Year: India's victory in the Under-19 World Cup |
| Sangita Kalanidhi Award 2019 | Carnatic vocalist S. Sowmya |

| | CATEGORY | AWARDEES |
|---|----------------------------------|--|
| 49th IFFI Film Awards - Goa | IFFI Golden Peacock Award | Ukrainian Film – Donbass |
| | Best Actor | Chemban Vinod |
| | Best Actor (Female) Award | Anastasiia Pustovit |
| | Special Jury Award | 1) Milko Lazarov 2) To Let – Tamil Movie 3) Volcano |

20. BOOKS & AUTHORS

| BOOKS | AUTHORS |
|---|--|
| DIDI - The Untold MAMATA BANERJEE | Shutapa Paul |
| Early Tamil Epigraphy from the Earliest Times to the Sixth Century A.D | Iravatham Mahadevan |
| The Indus Script: Texts, Concordance and Tables | |
| Making of New India: Transformation under Modi Government | Arun Jaitley |
| Radio Kashmir – In Times of Peace & War | Dr Rajesh Bhat |
| Women In Indian Cinema | PrakashMagdum and Binayak Bhattacharya |
| A Stranger Truth | Ashok Alexander |
| The Betrayer of Telangana | Rajeev Gowda |
| The Last Girl: My Story of Captivity, and My Fight Against and Islamic State | Nadia Murad (Nobel Prize Winner for Peace) |
| The Rohingya in South Asia: People Without a State | Sabyasachi Basu Ray & Ranabir Samaddar |
| At Home with Muhammad Ali: A Memoir of Love, Loss and Forgiveness | Hana Ali |
| The Paradoxical Prime Minister: Narendra Modi and his India | Shashi Tharoor |
| Patel: Political Ideas and Policies | Shakti Sinha & Himanshu Roy |
| Making Sense of Pakistan | Farzana Shaikh |
| Gandhi: The Years that Changed the World 1914 - 1948 | Ramachandra Guha |
| Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald: The Original Screenplay | J. K. Rowling |
| The Fire Burns Blue: A History of Women's Cricket in India" | Karunya Keshav |
| Notes of a Dream The Authorized Biography of A.R. Rahman | Krishna Trilok |
| A Great Association-Glimpses into the Life of Swami Bhoomananda Tirtha | Nirvisheshananda Tirtha |

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| Changing India | Former PM Manmohan Singh |
| Around The World in 80 Trees | Jonathan Drori |
| Titan: Inside India's Most Successful Consumer Brand | Vinay Kamath |
| How to Invest Right And Prosper | A K Narayan |
| A Game Changer's Memoir: Ex- SEBI Chief Recounts Defining Moments of His Tenure | G N Bajpai |
| Service to the Nation | P Sabanayagam |
| Choose Life: The biblical Call to Revolt | Eric Gutkind |
| Ramakadhayam Ramayanamum | A A Manavalan |
| The 99 Day Diversity Challenge | Dr. Saundarya Rajesh |
| Emergency Chronicles: Indira Gandhi and Democracy's Turning Point | Gyan Prakash |
| A People's Constitution: The Everyday Life of Law in the Indian Republic | Rohit De |
| Polio: The Odyssey of Eradication | Thomas Abraham |
| Cricket World Cup: The Indian Challenge | Ashis Ray |
| "My Life, My Mission" - Autobiography | Baba Ramdev |
| Function of Data Sovereignty - The Pursuit of Supremacy | Vinit Goenka |
| Adventures of the GST Man | Srinivas Kotni |
| Lessons Life Taught Me, Unknowingly - Autobiography | Anupam Kher |
| Game Changer | Autobiography of Shahid Afridi |
| Politics of Jugaad: The Coalition Handbook | Saba Naqvi |
| Chequered Brilliance: The Many Lives of V K Krishna Menon | Jairam Ramesh - Former Union Minister |
| Indian Fiscal Federalism | Y. V. Reddy and G.R. Reddy |
| The "Politics of Jugaad: The Coalition Handbook" | Saba Naqvi |
| "Farthest Field: An Indian story of Second World War" | Raghu Karnad |

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| Khooni Vaisakhi: A Poem from the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre, 1919 | Nanak Singh and Navdeep Singh Suri |
| Let's Talk On Air: Conversations with Radio Presenters | Rakesh Anand Bakshi |
| Undaunted: Saving the Idea of India | P Chidambaram (former Finance Minister) |
| What Marx Left Unsaid | Dr. Malay Chaudhari, Dr. Arindam Chaudhari and Che Kabir Chaudhari |
| "Law, Justice and Judicial Power – Justice P N Bhagwati's Approach" | Mool Chand Sharma |
| Selected Speeches: Volume-1 | Venkaiah Naidu |
| Simplicity & Wisdom | Dinesh Shahra |
| The New Delhi Conspiracy | Meenakshi Lekhi |
| A Prime Minister to Remember – Memories of a Military Chief | Former Navy Chief Sushil Kumar |
| Whispers of Time | Krishna Saksena |
| War over Words: Censorship in India, 1930 – 1960 | Devika Sethi |
| Orchids of India: A Pictorial Guide | Botanical Survey of India |
| Kargil: Untold stories from the War | Rachna Bisht Rawat |
| Indo-Pak Relations: Beyond Pulwama and Balakot | U V Singh |
| Fire and Fury Corps – Saga of Valour, Fortitude and Sacrifice | Ranbir Singh |
| Chandra Shekhar - The Last Icon of Ideological Politics | Harivansh |
| Vivekadeepini, a summary of Prashnottara Ratnamalika | Adi Shankaracharya |
| Kargil: Untold stories from the War | Rachna Bisht Rawat |
| Who Stole My Job enters second print Run | Sunil Mishra |

21. FESTIVALS

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| Garia festival | Tripuri tribal community |
| Rongali or Bohag Bihu festival | Assam |
| Snana Yatra | Odisha |
| Singhey Khababs Sindhu Festival | Jammu & Kashmir |
| Brahmakalashothsava festival | Karnataka |
| Hampi Utsav 2019 | Karnataka |
| Boori Boot Yollo Festival | Arunachal Pradesh |
| Challachitram National Film Festival | Guwahati |
| International Annual Desert Festival | Rajasthan |
| Adivasi Mela-2019 | Odisha |
| Sanskriti Kumbh | Uttar Pradesh |
| World Orange Festival | Maharashtra |
| Pakke Paga Hornill Festival | Arunachal Pradesh |
| Kharchi Puja Festival | Tripura |
| Sindhu Darshan Festival | Jammu and Kashmir |
| Kala Ghoda Arts Festival | Mumbai |

22. SPORTS

- 1) **AUSTRALIAN OPEN TENNIS: 2019 [7th January – 28th January], Melbourne, Victoria, Australia**

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| Men's Singles | Novak Djokovic Serbia (won) Vs. Rafael Nadal (Spain) |
| Women's Singles | Naomi Osaka (won) Vs. Petra Kvitová (Czech Republic) |
| Men's Doubles | Pierre-Hugues Herbert and Nicolas Mahut (France) (won) Vs. Henri Kontinen (Finland) and John Peers (Australia) |
| Women's Doubles | Samantha Stosur (Australia) and Zhang Shuai (China) (won) Vs. Timea Babos (Hungary) and Kristina Mladenovic (France) |

- 2) **FRENCH OPEN TENNIS: 2019 [26th May – 9th June], Roland Garros, Paris**

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|------------------------|--|
| Men's Singles | Rafael Nadal (Spain) (won) Vs. Dominic Thiem (Austria) |
| Women's Singles | Ashleigh Barty (Australia) (won) Vs. Markéta Vondroušová (Czech Republic) |
| Men's Doubles | Kevin Krawietz & Andreas Mies (Germany) (won) Vs. Jérémy Chardy & Fabrice Martin (French) |
| Women's Doubles | Timea Babos (Hungary) & Kristina Mladenovic (France) (won) Vs. Duan Yingying & Zheng Saisai (China) |

- 3) **WIMBLEDON TENNIS: 2018 [1st July – 14th July], London, UK**

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| Men's Singles | Novak Djokovic (won) (Serbia) Vs. Roger Federer (Switzerland) |
| Women's Singles | Simona Halep (won) (Romania) Vs. Serena Williams (USA) |
| Men's Doubles | Juan Sebastián Cabal and Robert Farah (Colombia) (won) Vs. Nicolas Mahut and Édouard Roger-Vasselin (France) |
| Women's Doubles | Hsieh Su-wei (Taiwan) and Barbora Strýcová (Czech) (won) Vs. Gabriela Dabrowski (Canada) and Xu Yifan (China) |

Indonesian Masters Badminton Tournament 2019:

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|------------------------|--|
| Men's Singles | Anders Antonsen (Denmark) |
| Women's Singles | Saina Nehwal (India) |
| Men's Doubles | Marcus Fernaldi Gideon and Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo (Indonesia) |
| Women's Doubles | Misaki Matsutomo and Ayaka Takahashi (Japan) |
| Mixed Doubles | Zheng Siwei and Huang Yaqiong (China) |

6 Gold Medals are won by **“HIMA DAS”** from Various Events in July

| Events | Category |
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| International Athletics Competition (13 th July) | 400 m |
| International Athletics Competition (20 th July) | 200 m |
| Kutro International Athletics Competition | 200 m |
| Ground Prix Athletics Competition | 200 m |
| Poznan Athletics Grand Prix | 200 m |
| Dabour International Athletics Competition | 200 m |

21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship 2019: Cuttack, Odisha
[17th July – 22nd July]

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| Men's Team | India |
| Women's Team | India |
| Men's Singles | Harmeet Desai |
| Women's Singles | Ayhika Mukherjee |
| Men's Doubles | Manav Thakkar & Anthony Amalraj |
| Women's Doubles | Pooja Sahasrabudhe & Krittwika Sinha Roy |
| Mixed Doubles | Sathiyam Gnanasekaran & Archana Kamath |

The annual general meeting of Sports Journalists Federation of India (SJFI) 2019 was held in **Ahmedabad, Gujarat**.

| Awards | Winners |
|---|---|
| SJFI Medal (SJFI's Highest Honour) | Prakash Padukone (Badminton) |
| Sportsperson of the Year 2019 | Pankaj Advani (Billiards and Snooker) and Bajrang Punia (Wrestling) |
| Emerging Talent of the Year 2019 | Saurabh Choudhary (shooting) |
| Team of the Year 2019 | Vidarbha cricket team |

Asian Squash Championship 2019: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 1st May to 5th 2019

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| Men's Singles | Saurav Ghosal |
| Women's Singles | Joshna Chinappa |

ATP Miami Open 2019:

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| Men's Singles | Roger Federer (won) (Switzerland) Vs. John Isner (USA) |
| Women's Singles | Ashleigh Barty (Australia) (won) Vs. Karolína Plíšková (Czech) |

All India Football Federation's (AIFF) Awards 2019:

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| Men' Footballer of the year 2019 | Sunil Chhetri |
| Women's Footballer of the year 2019 | Ashalata Devi |
| Emerging Men's Footballer of the Year | Sahal Abdul Samad |
| Emerging Women's Footballer of the Year | Dangmei Grace |
| Award for the Best Referee | R Venkatesh |
| Award for the Best Assistant Referee | Joseph Tony |
| Best grassroots development programme | Jammu and Kashmir Football Association |

2019 Asian Athletics Championships: Doha, Qatar (21st to 24th April)
India finishes of with 4th Place total of 17 Medals:

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| Gold: 3 | Gomathi Marimuthu - 800m P.U. Chitra - 1500m Tajinder Pal Singh- Shotput |
| Silver: 7 | |
| Bronze: 7 | |

2019 ISSF Rifle/ Pistol World Cup: China, 21st to 29th April.

| S.NO. | EVENT | PLAYERS | MEDALS |
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| 1) | 10m Air Rifle | Divyansh Singh Panwar | Silver |
| 2) | 10m Air Pistol | Abhishek Verma | Gold |

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| 3) | 10m Air Rifle Mixed | ✓ Anjum Moudgil ✓ Divyansh Singh Panwar | Gold |
| 4) | 10m Air Pistol Mixed | ✓ Manu Bhaker ✓ Saurabh Chaudhary | Gold |

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| Smriti Mandhana | ICC Women Player of the Year 2018 Fastest 50 for India in Women's T20Is just 24 balls |
| Vani Kapoor | 1 st Indian golfer to receive the Australian Women's PGA Tour card |
| Sunil Chhetri | 1 st ever Football Ratna Award |
| Vidarbha | 2 nd successive Ranji Trophy Title 2018 against Saurashtra in Nagpur |
| Mirabai Chanu | Gold at EGAT Cup in Thailand |
| Shane Warne | Brand ambassador of Rajasthan Royals in IPL |
| Clouded Leopard | Mascot for National Games 2022 |
| Haryana Hammers | Won the 4 th Pro Wrestling League by defeating Punjab |
| Special Olympics World Games 2019 | held at Abu Dhabi, UAE on 14 th March 2019 |
| Centre for Disability Sports | Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh |
| Bajrang Punia | Gold medal in 65kg men's freestyle at Asian Wrestling Championship 2019 |
| Satyarup Siddhanta | Set the world record of youngest to climb 7 highest volcanoes, 7 highest mountains in 7 continents in 7 years |
| Ajinkya Rahane | 1 st overseas player from India to join Hampshire Cricket Club, England |
| Criczone | World's 1 st women's cricket magazine Publisher: Yash Lahoti |
| Apurvi Chandela | World no. 1 ISSF rankings in 10m air |
| Mumbai Indians | Mumbai Indians beats defending champions Chennai Super Kings to win the 12 th IPL title at Hyderabad on 12 th May 2019 |
| Supernovas | Supernovas became the winners against Velocities of the Women's T20 challenge in Jaipur |

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| Liverpool FC | Won the 2019 Champions League trophy |
| Gary Woodland | Clinched the 2019 US Open Golf Championship |
| Pankaj Advani | Clinched the 2019 Men's Asian Snooker Championship |
| Hockey Men's World Cup 2018 | Belgium defeated Netherlands |
| Meethoileima | Manipur government honoured " Mary Kom " with the title "Meethoileima" |
| BWF World Tour Championship | P V Sindhu won against Nozomi Okuhara of Japan |
| Rahul Dravid | Inducted into International Cricket Council's (ICC) Hall of Fame |
| | ICC) has decided to rename the ICC Women's World T20 Championships as the T20 World Cup |
| 4th ICC Women's World T20 | Australia beats England |
| FIFA Women's World Cup 2019: France, [7th June – 7th July, 2019] | USA won the FIFA Women's World Cup 2019 by defeating Netherlands |
| ICC Cricket World cup | England wins ICC Cricket World cup at Lords for the 1 st time against New Zealand |
| Girish Koushik | India's 63 rd Grandmaster |
| Prithu Gupta | India's 64 th Grandmaster |
| 2026 Winter Olympics | Italy |

23. IMPORTANT DAYS

| DAYS | EVENTS | THEMES/ SIGNIFICANCE |
|-------------------|--|--|
| January 1 | Global Family day | One day in peace |
| January 4 | 1 st World Braille day | To create awareness about the importance of Braille |
| January 5 | National Bird day | |
| January 9 | Pravasi Bhartiya Divas | Role of Indian Diaspora in building a New India |
| January 10 | World Hindi day | To create awareness about the language of Hindi across the World and to present Hindi as an international language |
| January 12 | National Youth day | To commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda |
| January 15 | Army day | Army Day is celebrated to salute the valiant soldiers who sacrificed their lives to protect the country and its citizens |
| January 24 | 1 st International Day of Education | To celebrate the role of education in development |
| | National Girl Child day | To raise awareness about Child Sex Ratio levels and promote the empowerment of girls |
| January 25 | National Voters day | To encourage, facilitate and maximize the enrolment, especially for the new voters |
| | National Tourism day | |
| January 26 | International Customs day | |
| January 30 | Martyrs day | To honour the brave martyrs of India who have sacrificed their lives for the country |
| | World Leprosy Eradication day | |

| DAYS | EVENTS | THEMES/ SIGNIFICANCE |
|--------------------|---|--|
| February 2 | 8 th Annual Pulicat day | Create an awareness among people to protect the Lagoons |
| | World Wetland day | Theme: "Wetlands and Climate change" |
| February 4 | World Cancer day | Theme: "I Am and I will" |
| | 71 st Independence day of Srilanka | Chief guest: Ibrahim Mhd Solih – Maldives President |
| February 6 | International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation | Recognized internationally as a violation of the human rights of girls and women |
| February 8 | National Deworming day | |
| February 10 | World Pulses day | |
| February 11 | International Day Of Women And Girls In Science | Theme: "Investment in Women and Girls in Science for Inclusive Green Growth" |
| | Unani day 2019 | |
| February 12 | National Productivity Day | Theme: "Circular Economy for Productivity & Sustainability" |
| February 13 | World Radio day | Theme: "Dialogue, Tolerance and Peace" |
| February 20 | World Day of Social Justice | Theme: "If You Want Peace & Development, Work for Social Justice" |
| February 21 | International Mother Language Day | Theme: "Indigenous Languages as a factor in development, peace and reconciliation" |
| February 28 | National Science Day | Theme: "Science for the People and the People for Science" |

- **National Productivity Council is celebrating National Productivity week from February 12th to 18th, 2019. THEME: "Circular Economy for Productivity & Sustainability"**
- **India is celebrating the 30th Road Safety Week from 04th February (Monday) to the 10th February (Sunday)**

| DAYS | EVENTS | THEMES/ SIGNIFICANCE |
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| March 1 | Zero Discrimination day | The objective of the day to promote equality before the law and in practice throughout all the member countries of the UN |
| March 3 | World Wildlife Day | THEME: "Life Below Water: For people and planet" |
| March 4 | National Safety Day 2019 | |
| March 10 | Golden Jubilee Day for CISF | 50 th Raising Day of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) |
| March 12 | 30 years of the World Wide Web (WWW) | |
| March 14 | World Kidney Day | THEME: "Kidney Health for Everyone Everywhere" |
| | World Pi Day | |
| March 15 | World Consumer Rights Day | THEME: "Trusted Smart Products" |
| | World Sleep Day | THEME: "Healthy Sleep, Healthy Aging" |
| March 18 | Global Recycling Day | THEME: "Recycling into the Future" |
| March 20 | World Sparrow Day | THEME: "I love sparrows" |
| | International Day of Happiness | |
| March 21 | International day of Forests | THEME: "Forests and Education" |
| | International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination | THEME: "Mitigating and countering rising nationalist populism and extreme supremacist ideologies" |
| | World Down Syndrome Day | |
| March 22 | World Water Day | THEME: "Leaving no one behind" |
| March 23 | World Meteorological Day | THEME: "The Sun, the Earth and the Weather" |
| March 24 | World Tuberculosis Day | THEME: "It's time" |
| March 25 | International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members | |
| March 27 | World Theatre Day | |

| DAYS | EVENTS | THEMES/ SIGNIFICANCE |
|-----------------|--|--|
| APRIL 1 | RBI Founded on 1 st April 1935 | |
| | Odisha Formation Day / Utkal Divas | |
| APRIL 2 | World Autism Awareness Day | THEME: “Assistive Technologies. Active Participation” |
| | International Children’s Book Day | THEME: “Books Help Us Slow Down” |
| APRIL 4 | International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action | THEME: “United Nations Promotes SDGs – Safe Ground – Safe Home” |
| APRIL 5 | National Maritime Day | THEME: “Indian Ocean-An Ocean of opportunity” |
| APRIL 10 | World Homoeopathy Day | |
| APRIL 11 | National Safe Motherhood Day | THEME: “Midwives for Mothers” |
| APRIL 12 | International Day of Human Space Flight | |
| APRIL 17 | World Haemophilia Day | THEME: “Reaching out - connect to your community” |
| APRIL 18 | World Heritage Day | THEME: “Rural landscapes” |
| APRIL 22 | Earth Day 2019 | THEME: “Protect Our Species” |
| APRIL 23 | World Book Day | |
| APRIL 24 | International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace | |
| | Zero Shadow Day | |
| | National Panchayati Raj Diwas | |
| APRIL 25 | World Malaria Day | THEME: “Zero malaria starts with me” |
| APRIL 26 | World Intellectual Property Day | THEME: “Reach for Gold: IP and Sports” |
| APRIL 28 | World Veterinary Day | THEME: “Value of Vaccination” |
| | World Day for Safety and Health at Work | |

- ✓ **World Immunization Week 2019 is being observed from 24-30 April, 2019**
 - ✓ **THEME:** “Protected Together: Vaccines Work”
- ✓ **The Civil Services Day 2019 was not observed on 21st April 2019 due to General Election**
- ✓ **National Handloom week is being observed from April 7 to April 14**

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|---------------|---|--|
| MAY 1 | International Labour Day | THEME: “Sustainable Pension for all: The Role of Social Partners” |
| MAY 2 | World Tuna Day | To promote more sustainable fishing practices which will help in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development |
| MAY 3 | World Press Freedom Day | THEME: “Media for Democracy: Journalism and Elections in Times of Disinformation” |
| MAY 4 | International Firefighters Day | To recognize and honor the sacrifices that firefighters make to ensure that their communities and environment are as safe as possible. |
| MAY 5 | International Day of the Midwife | THEME: “Midwives: Defenders of Women’s Rights” |
| MAY 7 | World Athletics Day | |
| | World Asthma Day | THEME: “STOP for Asthma” |
| MAY 8 | World Red Cross Day | THEME: “#Love” |
| | World Thalassaemia Day | THEME: “Universal Access to Quality Thalassaemia Healthcare Services: Building Bridges with and for Patients” |
| MAY 11 | World Migratory Bird Day | THEME: “Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution!” |
| MAY 12 | International Nurses Day | THEME: “Nurses – A Voice to Lead –Health for All’ |
| MAY 15 | International Day of Families | THEME: “Families and Climate Action: Focus on SDG 13” |
| MAY 16 | National Dengue Day | |
| MAY 17 | World Telecommunication and Information Society Day | THEME: “Bridging the Standardization Gap” |
| | World Hypertension Day | THEME: “Know Your Numbers” |
| MAY 18 | International Museum Day | THEME: “Museums as Cultural Hubs: The future of tradition” |
| MAY 20 | World Metrology Day | THEME: “The International System of Units – Fundamentally better” |
| | World Bee Day | THEME: “Save the Bees” |
| | World Turtle day | THEME: “Adopt, Don’t Shop” |
| MAY 22 | International Day for Biological Diversity | THEME: “Our Biodiversity, Our Food, Our Health” |
| MAY 24 | International Commonwealth day | THEME: “A Connected Commonwealth” |
| | World Schizophrenia Awareness Day | |

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| MAY 25 | World Thyroid Day | |
| MAY 29 | International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers | THEME: "Protecting Civilians, Protecting Peace" |
| MAY 31 | World No Tobacco Day | THEME: "Tobacco and Lung health" |

✓ **Indian Army is commemorating 2019 as the "Year of Next of Kin"**

✓ **5th Global road safety week from 6th May to 12th May 2019**

THEME: "Leadership for road safety"

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|----------------|--|---|
| JUNE 1 | World Milk Day | THEME: “Drink Milk: Today & Everyday” |
| JUNE 3 | World Bicycle Day | |
| JUNE 4 | International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression | |
| JUNE 5 | World Environment Day | THEME: “Beat Air Pollution” |
| JUNE 7 | 1 st World Food Safety Day | THEME: “Food Safety, everyone’s business” |
| JUNE 8 | World Ocean Day | THEME: “Gender and Oceans” |
| JUNE 12 | World Day against Child Labour | THEME: “Children shouldn’t Work in Fields, But on Dreams” |
| JUNE 13 | International Albinism Awareness Day | THEME: “Still Standing Strong” |
| JUNE 14 | World Blood Donor Day | THEME: “Safe blood for all” |
| JUNE 15 | World Elder Abuse Awareness Day | THEME: "Lifting Up Voices" |
| JUNE 17 | World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought | THEME: “Let’s Grow the Future Together” |
| JUNE 19 | World Sickle Cell Day | To raise public awareness about the sickle cell disease and its treatment methods. |
| JUNE 21 | International Yoga Day | THEME: “Yoga for Climate Action” – UN THEME: “Yoga for Heart” - India |
| | World Hydrography Day | THEME: “Hydrographic information driving marine knowledge” |
| | World Music Day | THEME: “Music at the intersections” |
| JUNE 23 | United Nations Public Service Day | THEME: “Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals through effective Delivery of Services, Innovative Transformation, and Accountable Institutions” |
| JUNE 26 | International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking | THEME: “Health for Justice, Justice for Health” |
| JUNE 29 | National Statistics Day | To create public awareness among people about the importance of statistics in daily life and in the process of planning and development |

| DAYS | EVENTS | THEMES/ SIGNIFICANCE |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| JULY 1 | National Doctor's Day | THEME: "Zero tolerance to violence against doctors and clinical establishment" |
| JULY 6 | International Co-operative Day | THEME: "Coops 4 Decent Work" |
| JULY 11 | World Population Day | Aims to draw attention towards maternal health |
| JULY 12 | International Malala Day | |
| JULY 14 | International Shark Awareness Day | THEME: "The sharks in crisis: a call to action for the Mediterranean" |
| JULY 15 | World Youth Skills Day | THEME: "Learning to learn for life and work" |
| JULY 17 | World Day for International Justice | |
| JULY 23 | National Broadcasting day | |
| JULY 28 | World Hepatitis Day | THEME: "Invest in eliminating hepatitis" |

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