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1. TAMIL NADU

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TAMIL NADU

1.	Coffee Table Book - Chief Minister's three year achievement book
2.	NADANTHAI VAZHI CAVERY SCHEME - Restoration of Cavery River and its tributary Scheme
3.	Girl Child Protection Scheme, 2020 - launched on 26 th February 2020
4.	2nd International Airport in Chennai - Parandur near Kancheepuram district
5.	Tamil Nadu Polymer Industries Park - Ponneri, Thiruvalluvar district
6.	Kumbhabhishekam of the 1,010-year-old Brihadeeswarar Temple - Thanjavur
7.	Poompuhar - Digitally reconstructed under Indian Digital Heritage project
8.	Tamil Nadu and Puducherry have strongly objected - Approval for the Mekedatu dam project at the 5 th Cauvery Water Management Authority
9.	"ONE NATION, ONE RATION CARD" scheme - launched in <i>Tuticorin and Tirunelveli</i> districts on 1 st February 2020 as a pilot project
10.	New cricket stadium in Kariveppilapatti near Thalaivasal in Salem district
11.	Advanced Institute for Integrated Research on Livestock and Animal Sciences - Thalaivasal in Salem district
12.	India's highest Female Child Birth rate has been Registered in Tamil Nadu: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ India = 914 Females / 1000 Males ✓ Tamil Nadu = 943 Females / 1000 Males
13.	Uzhavan app - 3 services FARM GUIDE, ORGANIC PRODUCTS and FPO PRODUCTS are added, already there 14 services in the app
14.	222 Squadron (Tiger Sharks Squadron) of Sukhoi - 30MKI fighter jets - inducted by the Indian Air Force in Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu
15.	Goat Research Institute - Sankarankoil, Tenkasi district

16.	Tamil Nadu Fisheries University and Tamil Nadu Music and Fine Arts University - Renamed as "Tamil Nadu Dr. J.Jayalalithaa Fisheries University (TNJFU) and Tamil Nadu Dr. J.Jayalalithaa Music and Fine Arts University (TNMFAU)"
17.	Tamil Nadu retained the third rank in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index 2019 - released by NITI Aayog
18.	173rd Thyagaraja Aradhana – inaugurated by Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu – 11 th January 2020
19.	The Governments of Tamil Nadu and Kerala - planned to conduct a joint study of the archaeological sites at Muziris near Kodungallur, Kerala, and Keeladi in Sivaganga district.
20.	Thiruverkadu Police - introduced the first set of boards with QR (quick response) codes within their limits - The boards are intended to help people find the nearest police station.
21.	Chinaaru Forest Area in Udumalaipet, Tiruppur - declared as the Tourism spot
22.	ISRO – planned to set up the 3rd Rocket Launch Pad – Kulashekhrapattinam, Thuthukudi district
23.	Nel Jeyaraman Organic Farm & Paddy Research Centre - Kudavasal near Tiruvarur district
24.	World - Class Museum - display the Artifacts unearthed from Keeladi Excavation Site - Konthagai village in Sivagangai district
25.	Thozhi Scheme - Chennai City Police - to provide counselling to victims in sexual assault cases
26.	Coimbatore Railway Station – 1 ST Railway Station under Southern Railway to become visually challenged - friendly
27.	Bodhidharma Statue – Kancheepuram - Promote a Buddhist pilgrimage circuit
28.	Godavari – Cauvery project Linkage to overcome the water deficit problem
29.	Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping held their Informal Summit in Mamallapuram, Chennai on 11th – 12th October 2019
30.	Tamil Nadu - 1 st to enact the law on contract farming
31.	TN CM - <i>Launched the EDUCATION TV CHANNEL (KALVI THOLAIIKAATCHI) for students</i>
32.	The Governor of Tamil Nadu - launches the 7th ECONOMIC CENSUS
33.	1st University in the state to study Keeladi finds - Madurai Kamaraj University

34.	Locate and Access My Bus (LAMB) app - Public live track the government buses
35.	Tamil Nadu - ranked 10 th in the State Rooftop Solar Attractiveness Index (SARAL)
36.	Tamil Nadu - recorded an economic growth rate of - 8.17% during 2018-19
37.	Tamil Nadu Electric Vehicle Policy 2019 - launched on 16 th September 2019
38.	Tamil Nadu government - set up a 16 member committee - to implement the "Nadanthai Vaazhi Cauvery project
39.	Biomedical Waste Management Rules, 2016 - The district level monitoring committee constituted
40.	CM inaugurated – " Underground fossil museum " - Varanavasi near Ariyalur
41.	Amma Patrol Vehicles launched - distinct pink colour - for the safety of women and children in Chennai
42.	Tamil Nadu - Largest emitter of anthropogenic sulphur dioxide (SO2) in the entire country
43.	Pallavan Village Bank - got the ASSOCHAM's SKOCH award for being the Best Grama Bank

TAMIL NADU CHIEF MINISTER'S OVERSEAS VISIT

New York, USA	CM inaugurated the “Yaadhum Oorey” scheme to attract investments in Tamil Nadu from US – based Tamils.
New York, USA	CM persuades US industrialists for investments
USA	CM visited the Bloom Energy plant in San Francisco
USA	CM visited the Tesla Electric Car unit in San Francisco
USA	CM visited the waste – water treatment plant at Anaheim City, Los Angeles
London, UK	King's hospital provides inspiration for “Copter Ambulance” in Tamil Nadu
Suffolk, UK	CM visited the IP Switch – Smart Grid Factory in Suffolk, UK and saw the Solar and Wind energy Generation System
UAE	CM attended the investors meet held at Dubai jointly by the “Business Leaders Forum”

TAMILNADU CHIEF MINISTER'S INDEPENDENCE DAY AWARDS WINNERS

Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Award	K Sivan - ISRO Chairman
Kalpana Chawla Award	P Ramyalakshmi
CM's special award for extraordinary Courage	P Shanmugavelu and Senthamarai (Tirunelveli District)
CM Good Governance Award	Greater Chennai Police Commissionarate – for developing CCTV cum Facetagr application for detection of crimes in Chennai city
Best Town Panchayat	First Prize – T. Kallupatti (Madurai)
	Second Prize – Nannilam (Tiruvarar)
	Third prize – Bhavanisagar (Erode)
Best Municipal Corporation	Salem Municipality
Best Municipalities	First Prize – Dharmapuri
	Second Prize - Vedaranyam
	Third prize - Aranthangi

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TAMIL NADU BUDGET 2020-2021

PRESENTED BY: Deputy Chief Minister Mr. O. Panneerselvam

PRESENTED ON: 14 – 02 - 2020

Every Year on **24th February**, birth anniversary of the late chief minister J Jayalalithaa will be celebrated as the **“STATE GIRL CHILD PROTECTION DAY”**

- Tamil Nadu’s economy grew at 8.17 per cent in 2018-19.
- In 2019-20, growth is projected to be 7.27 per cent,
- Which is significantly higher than the projected all India growth rate of 5 per cent.

Tamil Nadu Energy Development Agency (TEDA) will establish **'Amma Green Gramam'** as **sustainable energy villages with mini rural renewable energy parks each with a capacity of 5 MW.**

The Tamil Nadu Solar Energy Policy 2019 that was recently unveiled by the Hon’ble Chief Minister, will increase the **solar power generation capacity of the State to 9,000 MW by 2023.**

Kadaladi Ultra Mega Solar Photovoltaic Park Power Project with a capacity of **500 MW at a cost of Rs.2, 350 crore.**

A new **Tamil Nadu State Child Policy** is under formulation and will be launched shortly.

The Chief Minister has sanctioned an amount of Rs.12.21 crore for the **establishment of a world class new site museum at Keeladi**

The Chief Minister Declare the **Cauvery Delta Region as a “Protected Special Agricultural Zone (PSAZ)”** - The protected zone will include **Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Nagapattinam districts and delta regions of Trichy, Ariyalur, Cuddalore and Pudukkottai**

Tamil Nadu securing the **first rank amongst 18 biggest States** in the composite ranking in the **Good Governance Index** released by Government of India on December 25, 2019.

The Government will launch the **‘Uzhavar–Aluvalar Thodarbu Thittam’** to ensure closer interface of department officials with farmers

- The Government will launch the **Tamil Nadu Road Safety Mission**, to co-ordinate the efforts of different departments and agencies to achieve the goal of **‘Road accident-free Tamil Nadu’**
- Road safety cells will be created in Chennai, Madurai and Coimbatore Corporations.

The Chief Minister launched the **Tamil Nadu Water Resources Conservation and Augmentation Mission** as a people’s movement.

The Government has obtained the environmental clearance for the **Athikadavu - Avinashi irrigation scheme**. A sum of Rs.500 crore is provided in the Budget Estimates 2020-21 for this project.

The Government will launch a new five year '**Chief Minister's Rural Self Sufficiency Development Programme**' for the rural development

Erode, Vellore and Hosur has been selected for the "**Tamil Nadu Sustainable Urban Development Project**"

LOCAL BODY ELECTION IN TAMIL NADU:

Held on

27th and 30th December

Election is conducted by	Tamil Nadu State Election Commission
State Election Commissioner	Dr. R. Palaniswamy IAS
Powers conferred on it under Article	Article 243-K and Article 243-ZA
Schedule	11 & 12
Significance	50 % Reservation for Women
Election is for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Village Panchayat Ward Members, ✓ Village Panchayat President, ✓ Panchayat Union Ward Members and ✓ District Panchayat Ward Members

Election was not Conducted in

- ✓ Chennai
- ✓ Kanchipuram
- ✓ Tirunelveli
- ✓ Vellore
- ✓ Viluppuram

NEW DISTRICTS OF TAMIL NADU:

DATE	DISTRICT	TALUKS	REVENUE DIVISIONS
22 nd November 2019	TENKASI ✓ 33 rd District ✓ Bifurcated from TIRUNELVELI	1) Tenkasi 2) Sankarankoil 3) Kadaiyanallur 4) Sencottah 5) Thiruvengadam 6) Alangulam 7) Sivagiri 8) Veerakeralampudhur	1) Tenkasi 2) Sankarankoil
26 th November 2019	KALLAKURICHI ✓ 34 th District ✓ Bifurcated from VILUPPURAM	1) Kallakurichi 2) Chinnasalem 3) Thirukkoyilur 4) Ulundurpet 5) Sankarapuram 6) Kalrayan Hills	1) Kallakurichi 2) Thirukkoyilur 3) Ulundurpet
28 th November 2019	THIRUPATTUR ✓ 35 th District ✓ Bifurcated from VELLORE	1) Ambur 2) Vaniyambadi 3) Thirupattur 4) Jollarpettai	1) Thirupattur 2) Vaniyambadi
28 th November 2019	RANIPET ✓ 36 th District ✓ Bifurcated from VELLORE	1) Arakkonam 2) Arcot 3) Ranipet 4) Solingar	1) Ranipet 2) Arakkonam
29 th November 2019	CHENGALPET ✓ 37 th District ✓ Bifurcated from KANCHIPURAM	1) Chengalpet 2) Mathuranthagam 3) Tiruporur 4) Seiyur 5) Tambaram 6) Pallavaram 7) Thirukazhukundram 8) Vandaloor	1) Tambaram 2) Chengalpet 3) Mathuranthagam
On 24 th March 2020 (CM announced in assembly)	Maiyladuthurai ✓ 38 th District ✓ Bifurcated from NAGAPATTINAM		

TAMIL NADU - APPOINTMENTS

PERSON	DESIGNATION
S. K. Prabhakar	new Home secretary of Tamil Nadu
Shanmuga Subramaniyan	An Engineer from Tamil Nadu identified the broken pieces of Chandrayaan – 2 with the help of photo taken by NASA's orbiter
Justice Vineet Kothari	acting Chief Justice of the Madras high court after the resignation of Justice V K Tahilramani
Justice Amreshwar Pratap Sahi	New Chief Justice of Madras High Court
R Rajagopal	Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) of Tamil Nadu

TAMIL NADU - AWARDS

THIRUVALLUVAR YEAR AWARDS – 2020:

AWARDS	RECIPIENTS
Kamarajar Award	M S Mathivanan
Periyar Award	Senji S Ramachandran
Ke. Aa. Pe Viswanatham Award	Manimegalai Kannan
Bharathidasan Award	Thenisai Chellapa
Thiru.Vi.Ka Award	S Sundararasan
Bharathiyar Award	P Sivaraj
Perarignar Anna Award	K Samarasam
Ambedkar Award	K Arjunan
Thiruvalluvar Award	Nithyananda Bharathi
Perarignar Anna Award	K Samarasam

Kabilar Award	Vetriyazhagan
Kambar Award	Saraswathi Ramanathan
U. Ve. Sa. Award	V. Mahadevan
Sollin Selvar Award	Kavidasan
Umarupulavar Award	Liakath Ali Khan
G.U. Pope Award	Maria Joseph Xavier
Ilango Adigal Award	Thirugnanasambandham
Amma Literary Award	Umayal Muthu
Singaravelar Award	S.K. Subramanian
Maraimalai Adigalar Award	P. Muthukumaraswamy
Ayothidas Pandithar Award	V. Prabhakaran

Thamizhthai Award for 2019

Chicago Tamil Sangam

Sahitya Akademi Prize 2019 for her Tamil translation:

KV Jeyasri	Work: "Nilam Poothu Malarnta Naal"
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AWARD

PERSON / ORGANIZATION

Harivarasanam Award	Ilaiyaraja – given by Kerala government
Organ Donation	Tamil Nadu regains the 1 st place in Organ donation
Best Women Police Station	Theni All Women Police Station – 4 th Place

TAMIL NADU – COMMITTEES

Justice K Chandru Committee

The State government has appointed Justice K. Chandru, retired judge of Madras High Court as the chairman of a fee - fixation committee for private agricultural colleges in the State. His name was nominated by Chief Justice Amreshwar Pratap Sahi.

Justice C Manickam Committee	To organize Jallikattu 2020 in Avaniyapuram, Palamedu and Alanganallur in Madurai
M Karthikeyan and M Maharajan a two - member committee	To inspect and report the condition of the “Anantha Saras” tank from where Athi Varadar’s idol is taken out once every 40 years.

TAMIL NADU – PERSONS IN NEWS

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1.	Arunachalam Muruganantham	Got the patent rights for the low-cost sanitary pad-making machine
2.	Riya	a transgender, became the first person from the community to get elected as Tiruchengode Panchayat Union member from Karuveppampetti ward
3.	J Sandhiya Rani	a 21-year old has become the youngest woman village panchayat president - Kattinaikanthotty village panchayat in Krishnagiri district
4.	Saraswathi	49 Year Old Woman elected as Panchayat President from Virudhunagar
5.	Preethi Mohan	22 Year Old Woman won as Union Councillor from Salem

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1.	Donald Trump visited India - 'Namaste Trump' event in World's biggest Cricket Stadium, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
2.	India's third corporate train - Kashi Mahakal Express
3.	New Major Port to be set up at Vadhavan in Maharashtra
4.	Visionary Perspective Plan (2020-2030) - Government of India - conservation of avian diversity, their ecosystems, habitats and landscapes
5.	East West Industrial Corridor Highway - Arunachal Pradesh - through Pakke Tiger Reserve
6.	Ultra-Mega Renewable Energy Parks - 50 GW - Gujarat and Rajasthan
7.	We Think Digital Programme – Facebook - Provide digital literacy training to 1,00,000 women
8.	1st state in the country to have 100% LPG gas coverage - Himachal Pradesh
9.	5 day working week for its officers and employees - Maharashtra
10.	India's first fruit train - flagged off from - Tadipatri Railway Station, Andhra Pradesh.
11.	Vigilance Wing in the Health Department – Kerala
12.	Virtual Police Station – Odisha
13.	Janasevaka scheme - new doorstep delivery scheme - Karnataka
14.	India's first Disha Police Station – Rajamahendravaram, Andhra Pradesh
15.	India's first intercity electric bus service - Mumbai and Pune
16.	India celebrated its 71 st Republic Day on 26 th January 2020 ➤ CHIEF GUEST: Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro
17.	Year 2020 as the Year of Artificial Intelligence - Telangana
18.	Railway Protection Force (RPF) renamed as "Indian Railway Protection Force Service"

19.	Three capitals for the ANDHRA PRADESH state:						
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20.	India's First Rehabilitation Centre for Freshwater Turtles - Bihar						
21.	India's First state to pass an Anti - Citizenship Amendment Act - Kerala						
22.	Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Blockchain Technology - Bengaluru, Karnataka						
23.	Most dynamic city in the world by Jones Lang Lasalle (JLL) - Hyderabad						
24.	Jagananna Amma Vodi programme – Andhra Pradesh - financial assistance of ₹15,000 will be provided to Parents or guardians who send their children to school						
25.	Punjab became the second state – to pass the Anti - Citizenship Amendment Act						
26.	National TB Control Programme renamed as “National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme”						
27.	Oxford Hindi Word of 2019 - Samvidhaan						
28.	CISF observed 2020 as the Year of Mobility for the welfare of the troops						
29.	6 th December 2019 - Santhali Language made its debut in Rajya Sabha's Zero Hour – initiated by Sarojini Hembram						
30.	Jal Sathi Programme & Jal Sathi App – Odisha						
31.	Oxygen Parlour - Nashik railway station – Provide breathing clean air						
32.	Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus railway station in Mumbai - “Eat Right Station” certification with the five-star rating						
33.	“Rohtang Passageway” in Himachal Pradesh - named as Atal Tunnel						
34.	1st Janta Clinic – Rajasthan - Provide free primary health care to people living in slums						
35.	Nagaland – Falcon Capital of the World						
36.	Punjab - Free Police Drop Facility for Women at Night – Helpline Numbers: 100, 112, 181						

37.	Lothal in Gujarat - National Maritime Heritage Museum
38.	Haryana - 1 st Pashu Kisan Credit Cards – Promote animal husbandry and agri - business
39.	Andhra Pradesh - DISHA ACT - Curb crimes against women and children
40.	Uttar Pradesh - Provide a 25% subsidy and 100% stamp duty waiver for setting up the defence industry in the state
41.	Haryana - adopted the TRAKEA barcoding system of Forensic Science Laboratory
42.	LOKPAL LOGO: Designed by: Shri Prashant Mishra from Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh Motto: “Do not be greedy for anyone’s wealth”
43.	AYODHYA VERDICT - 9 th November 2019
44.	1st Vulture conservation and breeding centre – Uttar Pradesh
45.	Eradicate Filaria from the country by the year 2021 – Uttar Pradesh
46.	India will free from Tuberculosis (TB) by 2025
47.	Climate Emergency - Oxford Dictionary’s 2019 Word of the Year
48.	Swachh – Nirmal Tat Abhiyaan - The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) launched
49.	legalize the cultivation of cannabis for medical and industrial purpose – Madhya Pradesh
50.	Constitute a new Department of Peace and Non-Violence - Rajasthan
51.	India’s first four-deck transport structure – NHAI – Nagpur, Maharashtra
52.	Eco - Sensitive Zone - Dal Lake in Jammu & Kashmir
53.	Child – friendly Police Station - Telangana
54.	PLANTS FOR PLASTIC CAMPAIGN - Assam
55.	No government jobs - Persons having more than two children after 1st January 2021 - Assam

56.	Odisha government has signed with UNICEF - to provide safe drinking water to every household in the state								
57.	Defence Minister Rajnath Singh - announced that the Siachen Glacier (the world's highest battlefield) is now open for tourism								
58.	India's 1st private train "Tejas Express" - flagged off from Lucknow - Delhi - Lucknow.								
59.	India's first e-waste clinic - Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh								
60.	Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying - released the 20th Livestock Census report								
61.	<p>The Railway ministry has released the Railways Cleanliness Survey:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Top Clean Railway Stations</th> <th>Top Dirty Railway Stations</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Jaipur - Rajasthan</td> <td>Perungalathur - Tamil Nadu</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jodhpur - Rajasthan</td> <td>Guindy - Tamil Nadu</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Durgapura- Rajasthan</td> <td>Delhi Sadar Bazar</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Top Clean Railway Stations	Top Dirty Railway Stations	Jaipur - Rajasthan	Perungalathur - Tamil Nadu	Jodhpur - Rajasthan	Guindy - Tamil Nadu	Durgapura- Rajasthan	Delhi Sadar Bazar
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62.	Parliamentary Standing Committee - got the DNA Technology Regulation Bill for examination								
63.	Union Health Ministry - launched the World Health Organization India Country Cooperation Strategy (CCS) 2019-2023: A Time of Transition								
64.	India's first-ever sky cycling park - Manali in Himachal Pradesh								
65.	Swachhta hi Seva 2019 - PM launched - 11 th September 2019 - Mathura								
66.	TB Harega Desh Jeetega Campaign - To eliminate the dreaded tuberculosis from India								
67.	Champions campaign - Delhi government - To fight against dengue								
68.	Delhi - 1 st state in the country to implement the Street Vending Act, 2014 - To provide legal protection to street vendors and hawkers across the capital								
69.	The Government has decided to make it mandatory for all medical colleges to have emergency medicine department by 2022								
70.	Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu - inaugurated Nation's longest electrified rail tunnel (between Venkatachalam and Obulavaripalli) - 1st September 2019								

71.	Khadi and Village Industries Commission - launched a 1 st project named “Terracotta Grinder” at Sewapuri in Varanasi
72.	Jammu and Kashmir - 1 st state to distribute the highest number of golden cards - under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.
73.	Delhi - <i>providing free rides for women in city buses and metro trains.</i>
74.	Assam - launched a housing loan subsidy scheme “ Aponar Apon Ghar ”
75.	Kolkata – India’s 1 st National Anti-microbial Resistance Hub
76.	Indira Gandhi International Airport – India’s tallest Air Traffic Control tower
77.	The Ministry of Home Affairs - World 0043lass National Police University in Greater Noida, U.P
78.	India’s 1st Information portal Jan Soochna Portal 2019 - Rajasthan
79.	Prime Minister - launched National Animal Disease Control programme and Artificial Insemination Programme - Mathura
80.	Special Tiger Force (STF) for Corbett Tiger Reserve – Uttarakhand
81.	Mascot “Tikki Mausi” - UNICEF to spread awareness about child and woman’s nutrition - Odisha
82.	To ban private practice of government doctors - Andhra Pradesh
83.	Mukhyamantri Seva Sankalp Helpline 1100 - for speedy and timebound redressal of public grievances - Himachal Pradesh
84.	India’s 2nd Riverine Multi-Modal terminal (MMT) - inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi - at Sahibganj, Jharkhand
85.	India’s 1st international women’s trade centre (iWTC) - Accelerate women entrepreneurship and secure gender parity – Kozhikode, Kerala
86.	World Organisation for Animal Health - India has been declared free from Avian Influenza (H5N1)
87.	Prime Minister - announced the appointment of a Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)
88.	Prime Minister - launch the “ Jal Jeevan Mission ” - to bring piped water to households

89.	Prime Minister Narendra Modi - set to appear on the popular show, " Man vs. Wild " - at 9 pm on 12 th August 2019. It has been shot in Jim Corbett National park, Uttarakhand
90.	West Bengal - Didi ke bolo campaign - to address the public grievances and other social issues
91.	New Delhi - <i>free electricity for people consuming up to 200 units under a domestic connection</i>
92.	India's 1st state to adopt a digital fingerprint and iris scanning system in police investigations - Maharashtra
93.	India's 1st 3D Smart Traffic Signal "Intelights" - Mohali, Punjab
94.	Union Ministry of Railways - launched CORAS (Commando for Railway Security) of Indian Railways
95.	Madhya Pradesh government - announced to waive loans taken by tribals from money lenders
96.	Kerala government - help the Netherlands to address the acute shortage of nurses in the European nation
97.	Madhya Pradesh - " Chief Minister Madad Yojna " - for providing assistance to tribal families on child birth and death of a family member
98.	The Union Government approved to extend the 10% reservation for economically weaker sections (EWS) in government jobs and educational institutions - Jammu & Kashmir
99.	Maharashtra Government - " Mission Shakti " - train athletes from tribal areas for international sports events
100.	Uttar Pradesh - banned all prayers and religious gatherings on road which obstruct smooth flow of traffic
101.	Bihar's first Community Reserve - Gogabeel
102.	Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) - published an Indian Standard for identification, marking and labelling of Pashmina products to certify its purity

CITIZENSHIP AMENDMENT ACT (CAA), 2019:

BILL PASSED IN LOK SABHA	10 th December 2019
BILL PASSED IN RAJYA SABHA	11 th December 2019
ASSENTED & SIGNED BY PRESIDENT RAMNATH GOVIND	12 th December 2019
INTRODUCED BY	Amit Shah – <i>Minister of Home Affairs</i>
OBJECTIVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Bill seeks to grant Indian Citizenship to persons belonging to Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi and Christian communities on ground of religious persecution in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh. Narendra Modi government is committed to protect rights of each citizen of the country. ✓ The Home Minister said that this Bill contains provisions to grant Citizenship on reasonable grounds to refugees facing religious persecution in the above three countries, which in no way go against any provision under the Constitution of India and does not violate Article 14. ✓ He also reassured that no provision of Article 371 would be violated by this Bill.
KEY PROVISIONS OF THE CITIZENSHIP AMENDMENT ACT (CAA), 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The amendment provides that illegal migrants who fulfil four conditions will not be treated as illegal migrants under the Act. The conditions are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ they are Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis & Christians ❖ they are from Afghanistan, Bangladesh or Pakistan ❖ they entered India on or before December 31, 2014 they are not in certain tribal areas of Assam, ❖ Meghalaya, Mizoram, or Tripura included in the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution, or areas under the “Inner Line” permit, i.e., Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, and Nagaland. ✓ These tribal areas include Karbi Anglong (in Assam), Garo Hills (in Meghalaya), Chakma District (in Mizoram), and Tripura Tribal Areas District. ✓ All legal proceedings against above category of migrants in respect of their illegal migration or citizenship will be closed. ✓ The period of naturalisation has been reduced from 11 years to 5 years for above category of migrants. ✓ Grounds for cancelling OCI registration

LINK BETWEEN CAA AND NRC / NRIC

According to Section 14A of the Citizenship Act, 1955 (inserted by Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2003):

- ✓ The Central Government may compulsorily register every citizen of India and issue national identity card to him.
- ✓ The Central Government may maintain a National Register of Indian Citizens (NRIC) and for that purpose establish a National Registration Authority.
- ✓ Registrar General, India, appointed under Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969 shall act as the National Registration Authority and he shall function as the Registrar General of Citizen Registration.

To implement CAA, citizens and illegal migrants have to be identified. So, a National Register of Indian Citizens (NRIC) is the necessary first step.

Article 370 and 35 (A) Revoked: On 5th August 2019, the President of India promulgated the Constitution (Application to Jammu and Kashmir) Order, 2019

According to the Order, provisions of the Indian Constitution are now applicable in the State.

This Order comes into force “at once”, and shall “supersede the Constitution (Application to Jammu and Kashmir) Order, 1954”

A separate Bill: The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Bill 2019 was introduced to bifurcate the State into two separate union territories of Jammu and Kashmir (with legislature), and Ladakh (without legislature).

Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Second Amendment) Bill, 2019 was also introduced to extend the reservation for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in educational institutions and government jobs in Jammu and Kashmir.

On 3rd December 2019, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu (Merger of Union Territories) Bill, 2019 passed in the Parliament:

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

3. INTERNATIONAL

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1.	Britain officially - left the European Union - 31 st January 2020
2.	Pakistan declared - a national emergency in the country because of the massive locusts
3.	India and Maldives - Addu Tourism zone in five islands of Addu atoll
4.	China has celebrated the Year 2020 as the “YEAR OF RAT”
5.	WHO selected the year 2020 as the “Year of the Nurse and Midwife”
6.	India will overtake Germany to become the world’s fourth largest economy in 2026
7.	The Statue of Unity in Gujarat has been included in 8 wonders of SCO
8.	Palau - first country to ban sun cream that is harmful to corals and sea life
9.	China - second biggest weapon producer country after the USA
10.	Ghana - replicate the Indian Government’s Ujjwala scheme - to provide access to clean cooking fuel (LPG) for poor households at affordable rates
11.	Ecuador - declared an emergency to contain the environmental impact of a fuel spill in the Galapagos Islands
12.	Common currency - CFA franc to Eco - Eight West African countries namely Ivory Coast, Mali, Burkina Faso, Benin, Niger, Senegal, Togo, and Guinea-Bissau have agreed
13.	United Arab Emirates - Driverless vehicles are being tested on 5G technology
14.	China and Russia - inaugurated the first cross - border pipeline between their countries, called the “Power of Siberia”
15.	India - 1 st Country in the world to completely digitize the Haj process for “Haj 2020”
16.	India - signed an MoU with Saudi Arabia to launch RuPay card in Gulf Countries
17.	Pakistan - 1 st country to introduce new Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine (TCV) to combat typhoid

18. G20 Chair:

2018	Argentina
2019	Japan
2020	Saudi Arabia
2021	Italy

19. China - Largest Diplomatic Network in the world even bigger than that of the USA

20. Prime Minister Narendra Modi - released a book on '**Thirukkural**' in **Thai language in Bangkok** on 1st November 2019

21. Scotland - first country in the UK to ban the smacking of children

22. World bank released the World Development - Report titled "Trading for Development in the Age of Global Value Chains"

23. 18th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) summit - Baku in Azerbaijan -Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu attended

24. Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena - inaugurated the country's 3rd International airport at Jaffna.

25. New York - became the 2nd USA state after Michigan to ban flavoured e- cigarettes

26. Sri Lanka - South Asia's tallest tower named "Lotus tower"

27. Vietnam - Southeast Asia's largest solar power - produce 688 million kWh of electricity annually

28. Thailand - 1st Country in Asia to roll out plain cigarette packaging

29. USA - *officially withdrawn from Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty with Russia*

30. 8th August 2019 - **Pakistan suspended the Lahore – Attari Samjhauta Express** train service following the revocation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir (J & K)

31. Saudi Arabia - allows women to apply for a passport and travel freely without the consent of males

32. Kajin Sara lake in Manang district of **Nepal** - **World's highest lake**

4. ECONOMICS

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1.	THE DIRECT TAX VIVAD SE VISHWAS BILL, 2020 - finance minister has introduced in Lok Sabha - to give effect to the Budget announcement to resolve direct tax disputes
2.	India as the 5th largest economy in the world - IMF released the World Economic Outlook report
3.	Ease (Enhanced Access and Service Excellence) 3.0 - providing smart, tech-enabled public sector banking for aspiring India
4.	NITI Aayog - National Data and Analytics Platform (NDAP) in 2021
5.	Reserve Bank of India - Create a Digital Payment Index by July 2020
6.	15 th Finance Commission submitted the report - financial year 2020 - 2021
7.	Reserve Bank of India released - National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (NSFI) for 2019 – 2024
8.	RBI ranked 6 th in the world among other central banks in buying Gold from other countries
9.	38th Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council Meeting - Held on: 18 th December 2019 - Held at: New Delhi
10.	From 16th December 2019 - RBI allowed online money transfer through National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) will be available 24x7
11.	RBI - appointed Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd. as the UTLBC (Union Territory Lead Bank Convener - for the newly carved out Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir
12.	State Bank of India - will be the lead convener bank for Union Territory of Ladakh
13.	According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) - India's economic growth forecast 6.1 % for 2020
14.	State Bank of India - becomes first Indian bank to have a branch in Victoria, Australia
15.	Thomas Cook - <i>One of the world's best and oldest travel companies has gone bankrupt</i>

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| 16. | SBI's Shanghai branch - 1 st Indian bank to link up with <i>China's National Advance Payment System (CNAPS)</i> |
| 17. | Saudi Aramco - acquire 20% stake in Reliance Industries refining and petrochemical businesses for \$15 billion |
| 18. | Sabka Vishwas (Legacy Dispute Resolution) Scheme, 2019 - announced by Finance Minister in the Union Budget - to be operationalized from 1 st September 2019 |
| 19. | Finance Minister proposed - a social stock exchange (SSE) under the regulatory ambit of the Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) - support social enterprises and non-profits in raising funds |

THE UNION BUDGET 2020 – 2021:

31st January 2020: The President of India, **Mr. Ram Nath Kovind**, addressed a joint sitting of both Houses of Parliament.

1st February 2020: **Minister of Finance Nirmala Sitharaman** presented the Budget for the year 2020 – 2021.

Important Speech:

- ✓ Our government shall encourage balanced use of all kinds of fertilizers including the traditional organic and other innovative fertilizers.
- ✓ This is a necessary step to change the prevailing incentive regime, which encourages excessive use of chemical fertilisers.

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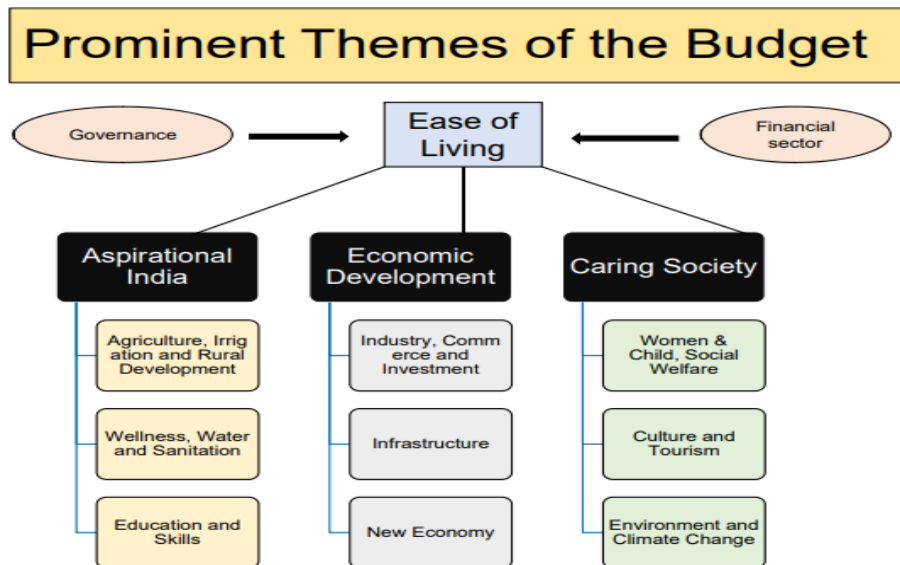
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Bhumi tiruthi Unn

- Wise, Old Tamil Woman Saint poet Auvaiyar – Sangam Era
"Aathichoodi" verse 81

The meaning of this saying is that one must "first tend to till one's land and then eat". One must eat only after work.

Source: <https://www.indiabudget.gov.in/doc/bh1.pdf>



GOVERNANCE

STRUCTURAL REFORMS

IBC

- Honourable exit through IBC for companies.

GST

- 20 per cent reduction in turn around time for trucks.
- Benefit to MSMEs through enhanced threshold and composition limits.
- Savings of about 4 per cent of monthly spending for an average household.
- In last 2 years, 60 lakh new taxpayers added and 105 crore e-way bills generated

DIGITAL REVOLUTION

Shift to DBT

- During 2018-19, ₹7 lakh crore transferred through DBT.

Next wave

- Digital Governance.
- Improve physical quality of life through National Infrastructure Pipeline
- Disaster Resilience.
- Social Security through Pension and Insurance penetration.

INCLUSIVE GROWTH

- Governance guided by "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas" with focus on:
 - Preventive Healthcare: Provision of sanitation and water
 - Healthcare: Ayushman Bharat
 - Clean energy: Ujjawala and Solar Power
 - Financial Inclusion, Credit support and Pension
 - Affordable Housing
 - Digital penetration

FINANCIAL SECTOR



- Deposit Insurance Coverage to increase from ₹1 lakh to ₹5 Lakh per depositor.
- Eligibility limit for NBFCs for debt recovery under SARFAESI Act proposed to be reduced to asset size of ₹100 crore or loan size of ₹50 Lakh.
- Proposal to sell balance holding of government in IDBI Bank.
- Separation of NPS Trust for government employees from PFRDAI.

- Specified categories of government securities would be opened for non resident investors
- FPI Limit for corporate bonds to be increased to 15 per cent.
- New debt ETF proposed mainly for government securities.



Tax proposals

- Concessional corporate tax rate of 15 per cent to new domestic companies in manufacturing and power sector.
- Tax concession for sovereign wealth fund of foreign governments and other foreign investments.
- Tax benefits to Start-ups by way of deduction of 100 per cent of their profits are enhanced by increasing turnover limit and period of eligibility.
- Concessional tax rate for cooperatives proposed.
- Turnover threshold for audit of MSMEs increased.
- Extension of time limits pertaining to the tax benefits for affordable housing.
- Issuance of Unique Registration Number to all charity institutions for easy tax compliance.
- Health cess to be imposed on imports of medical equipment given these are made significantly in India.



Dividend Distribution Tax removed and classical system of dividend taxation adopted.



Simplified and New Income Tax Regime as an option to the old regime.

Income Bracket (₹ lakh)	Below 5	5-7.5	7.5-10	10-12.5	12.5-15	Above 15
Tax Rate (per cent)	Exempt	10	15	20	25	30



Simplified GST return shall be implemented from 1st April 2020. Refund process to be fully automated.

Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development

PM KUSUM to cover 20 lakh farmers for stand alone solar pumps and further 15 lakh for grid connected pumps.

- Viability gap funding for creation of efficient warehouses on PPP mode.
- SHGs run Village storage scheme to be launched.
- Integration of e-NWR with e-NAM.



"Kisan Rail" and "Krishi Udaan" to be launched by Indian Railways and Ministry of Civil Aviation respectively for a seamless national cold supply chain for perishables.

- Elimination of FMD and brucellosis in cattle and PPR in sheep and goat by 2025.
- Increasing coverage of artificial insemination to 70 per cent.
- Doubling of milk processing capacity by 2025.
- Agricultural credit target of ₹15 lakh crore for 2020-21.

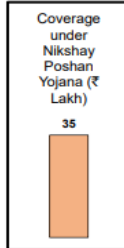


- Fish Production target of 200 lakh tonnes by 2022-23.
- Another 45000 acres of aqua culture to be supported.
- Fishery extension through 3477 Sagar Mitras and 500 fish FPOs.
- Raise fishery exports to ₹1 lakh crore by 2024-25.

Wellness, Water and Sanitation



- More than 20,000 empanelled hospitals under PM Jan Arogya Yojana.
- FIT India movement launched to fight NCDs.



- "TB Harega Desh Jeetega" campaign launched to end TB by 2025.

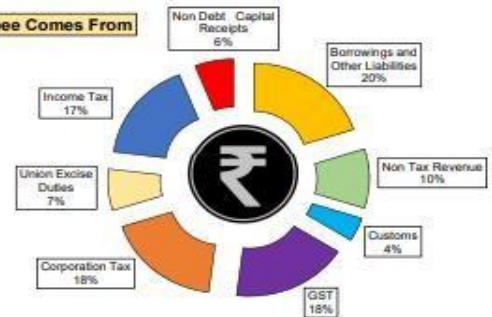
- Viability gap funding proposed for setting up hospitals in the PPP mode.
- Expansion of Jan Aushadhi Kendra Scheme to all districts by 2024.



- ODF Plus to sustain ODF behaviour.
- Focus on liquid and grey water management along with waste management.

Budget at a Glance

Rupee Comes From



Rupee Goes To



Industry, Commerce and Investment



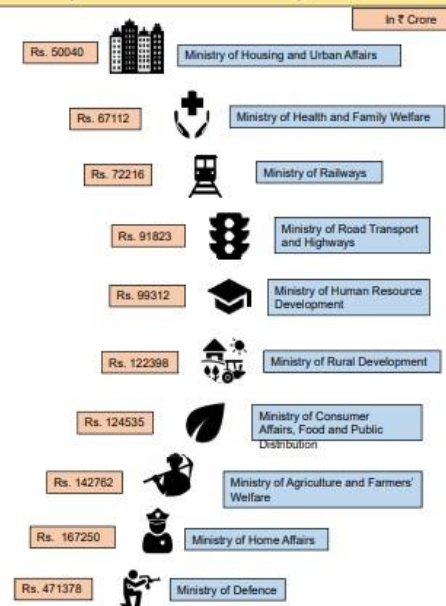
- Scheme to encourage manufacturing of mobile phones, electronic equipment and semi conductor packaging.
- National Technical Textiles Mission for a period of 4 years.

- NIRVIK Scheme for higher export credit disbursement launched.
- Setting up of an Investment Clearance Cell to provide end to end facilitation.



- Extension of invoice financing to MSMEs through TReDs.
- A scheme to provide subordinate debt for entrepreneurs of MSMEs.
- Scheme anchored by EXIM Bank and SIDBI to handhold MSMEs in exports markets.

Expenditure of major items



Infrastructure



- National Logistics Policy to be launched soon.
- **Roads:** Accelerated development of Highways.
- **Railways:** Four station redevelopment projects
- 150 passenger trains through PPP mode.
- More Tejas type trains for tourist destinations.
- **Port:** Corporatizing at least one major port.
- **Air:** 100 more airports to be developed under UDAAN.



- **Power:** Efforts to replace conventional energy meters by prepaid smart meters.



- **Gas Grid:** Expand National Gas Grid to 27,000 km



- **Infrastructure Financing:** ₹103 lakh crore National infrastructure Pipeline projects announced.
- An international bullion exchange to be set up at GIFT City.



5. SCHEMES / YOJANAS

SCHEMES / YOJANAS	PURPOSE / Why in News?	MINISTRY / CABINET / STATE
School Health Programme under Ayushman Bharat - Health & Wellness Centres	Centres that will teach skills ranging from emotional wellbeing, mental health, interpersonal relationships to values and maintaining healthy lifestyle.	The Union Government
Shiv Bhojan Scheme	The government will provide complete meat at the cost of Rs. 10 to the poor and underprivileged people. All the districts will be covered under the scheme.	Maharashtra
Yashaswini Scheme	Women entrepreneurship will provide women Self Help Groups (SHGs) in Goa with interest-free loans up to Rs 5 lakh for a tenure of 5 years.	Goa
Atal Bhujal Yojana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The World Bank has approved Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABHY), a Rs.6,000 Crore Central Sector Scheme, for sustainable management of ground water resources with community participation. ✓ The funding pattern is 50:50 between Government of India and World Bank. 	Ministry of Jal Shakti
YSR Nethanna Nestham	For handloom weavers	Andhra Pradesh
NADU - NEDU Scheme	Introduce English medium from classes 1 to 6 in the government schools	Andhra Pradesh
Arundhati Swarna Yojana Scheme	“10 grams of gold” as a gift to every adult bride who has completed at least 10 th standard and has registered her marriage	Assam
YSR Rytu Bharosa - PM KISAN	Farmers will get financial assistance of Rs 13,500 per annum in three instalments. The State Government contributing Rs 7,500 and the Centre Rs 6,000.	Andhra Pradesh
Kanya Sumangala Yojana	Parents will have to take proper care of the girl child with respect to her health and education and other aspects, in order to get the benefit	Uttar Pradesh

Pradhan Mantri Laghu Vyapari Maan-dhan Yojana	Pension scheme for Retailers, Traders	Ministry of Labour & Employment
Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana	Pension scheme for farmers, shopkeepers and self-employed persons	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Mukhyamantri Dal Poshit Yojana	To provide low priced pulses for poor in the State	Uttarakhand
Mukhyamantri Vyapari Samuhik Niji Durghatna Beema Yojana & Mukhyamantri Vyapari Kshatipurti Beema Yojana	Insurance schemes for registered small and medium traders	Haryana
Vhali Dikri Yojna	For the welfare of girl child	Gujarat
Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM Kusum) Scheme	Aims to provide energy security along with financial and water security to farmers	The Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)

6. REPORTS / INDICES

INDEX	PURPOSE / RELEASED BY	INDIA'S RANKING	TOP RANKING
FINANCIAL SECRECY INDEX (FSI) 2020	Tax Justice Network	47	Cayman Island
INTERNATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INDEX 2020	US Chamber of Commerce's Global Innovation Policy Centre (GIPC).	40	USA
World Air Quality Report 2019	The pollution tracker IQAir and Greenpeace	5 th – India (5 th Polluted country)	Bangladesh – (Most Polluted country)
Sustainable Development Goal Index	NITI Aayog	2 nd = Himachal Pradesh 3 rd = Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Telangana	Kerala
Corruption Perception Index 2019	Transparency International	80	New Zealand & Denmark
Henley Passport Index		84	Japan
Democracy Index		51	Norway
Social Mobility Index 2020	World Economic Forum	76	Denmark
Gender Gap Index	World Economic Forum report	112	Iceland
Good Governance Index	Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions		Tamil Nadu
Global Climate Risk Index	International environmental think tank German watch.	5	Japan
World Talent Ranking Report	International Institute of Management Development	59	Switzerland

Global Terrorism Index	Institute for Economics and Peace	7	Afghanistan
Women, Peace, and Security Index	Georgetown University's Institute for Women, Peace and Security (GIWPS)	133	Norway
Ease of Doing Business Rankings 2020	World Bank	63	New Zealand
Global Hunger Index 2019	International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)	102	17 countries are in 1 st position with same point
Global Competitiveness Index 2019	World Economic Forum	68	Singapore
Global Liveability Index 2019	Economist Intelligence Unit	Delhi = 118 Mumbai = 119	Vienna, Syria = 140
World Travel Tourism Competitiveness Index		34	
World Digital Competitiveness		44	
Global GDP ranking	World Bank	7	USA

7. COMMITTEES

H R Khan Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The new rule is based on the HR Khan Committee's recommendation. HR Khan Committee was formed by SEBI under chairmanship of former deputy governor of RBI to streamline FPI. ✓ The reforms initiated by SEBI based on the committee's recommendation ✓ It eased eligibility terms of FPIs and KYC norms. ✓ NRIs, resident Indians are now allowed to be constituents of FPI if they own a share less than 25% of holding
Tapan Ray Committee	The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has formed a committee headed by Tapan Ray to review regulatory guidelines and supervisory framework applicable to core investment companies (CICs)
J. SATYANARAYANA Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ To create a National Digital Health Eco-system that supports Universal Health Coverage in an efficient, accessible, inclusive, affordable, timely and safe manner. ✓ Ensuring the security, interoperability, confidentiality and privacy of health-related personal information.
	The UGC has set up a five-member committee to look into the allegations of sale of fake degrees by certain universities
	The Union Government has constituted a 5 - member Group of Ministers (GoM) to look into issues concerning the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.
N Gopalaswami Committee	The University Grants Commission (UGC) has recommended the grant of the Institute of Eminence (IoE) status to 20 institutions.
Mukundakam Sharma Committee	The Centre has constituted a 12-member selection panel for national sports awards to eminent athletes and coaches this year
Kiren Rijju Committee	To ensure that the performance of the Indian athletes is optimised in Olympics and other multi disciplinary events.
Inter State Council has been reconstituted (Chairman + 6 Union Ministers + All CM Members)	<p>Members of the reconstituted council are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Amit Shah, 2) Nirmala Sitharaman, 3) Rajnath Singh, 4) Narendra Singh Tomar <p>Other Members are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5) Thaawar Chand Gehlot 6) Hardeep Singh Puri

8. SUMMITS / CONFERENCES

SUMMITS / CONFERENCES	PURPOSE / THEME / OUTCOME	PLACE / By
13th Conference of Parties (CoP)	THEME: “Migratory species connect the planet and together we welcome them home”	Gandhinagar, India
RAISE 2020 ‘Responsible AI for Social Empowerment 2020’	India’s first Artificial Intelligence summit to be organized by the Government in partnership with the industry and the academia.	New Delhi
International conference on standardisation of Diagnosis and Terminologies in AYUSH (ICoSDiTAUS-2020)	New Delhi Declaration on Collection and Classification of Traditional Medicine (TM) Diagnostic Data	New Delhi
G20 meeting	THEME: “Realizing Opportunities of the 21 st Century for All”	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
International Judicial Conference 2020	THEME: “Judiciary and the Changing World”	New Delhi
11th DefExpo	The exhibition aims at making India a technological power house through initiatives such as Start-up India, Skill India and Make in India.	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
National Children’s Science Congress	THEME: “Science, Technology and Innovation for a Clean, Green and Healthy Nation”	Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
80th Indian History Congress (IHC)	To pursue the constitutional duty of promoting composite culture, which is vital to promoting the territorial unity of India	Kannur, Kerala
Global Potato Conclave 2020	To create a wide network from farm to food processing and distribution	Gujarat
Bharat Parv 2020	THEME: “One India-Best India” and “150 years of Mahatma Gandhi”	
107th Indian Science Congress	THEME: “Science and Technology: Rural Development”	Bengaluru
5th Asia Pacific Drosophila Research Conference	The event will witness the largest meeting of Drosophila researchers on a global level	Pune

World Future Energy Summit	THEME: “Rethinking Consumption, Production and Investment”	Global and	Abu Dhabi
50th World Economic Forum (WEF)	The US will join One Trillion Trees initiative, launched at the World Economic Forum		Switzerland
25th UN Climate Change Conference	United Nations Framework Convention to Combat Climate Change (UNFCCC)		Madrid, Spain
NATO Summit 2019	The purpose of the summit was to make the heads of state and heads of government of NATO member countries to evaluate and provide strategic direction for Alliance activities.		Watford, United Kingdom
36th International Geological Congress	THEME: “Geosciences: The Basic Science for Sustainable Development”		India
6th Indian Ocean Dialogue	THEME: "Indo-Pacific: Re-imagining the Indian Ocean through an Expanded Geography”		New Delhi
India - US 2+2 ministerial dialogue	To enhance the Indo-US engagement on multiple issues ranging from defence, trade, policies that affects both countries relation, role in Indo-pacific region & terrorism etc.		New Delhi
47th All India Police Science Congress	The Congress focused on challenges in policing, and 5 other related topics which are need of the hour		Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
29th Ministerial meet of BASIC Countries	BASIC countries include Brazil, South Africa, India and China		Beijing
3rd Global Ayurveda Summit 2019	THEME: “Mainstreaming Ayurveda through Startups, Innovation and Branding”		Kerala
35th ASEAN Summit	THEME: “Advancing Partnership for Sustainability”		Thailand
16th India ASEAN Summit			Thailand
India - ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Business Summit 2019	THEME: “Today, Tomorrow, Together”		New Delhi
50th World Economic Forum	THEME: “Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World”		Switzerland
11th BRICS summit	THEME: “BRICS: economic growth for an innovative future”		Johannesburg, South Africa

2nd International Conference on Sustainable Water Management	Target of providing safe drinking water to everyone by 2024	Pune, Maharashtra
5th India International Science Festival	THEME: “RISEN: Research, Innovation and Science Empowering the Nation”	Kolkata
27th Conference of Central and State Statistical Organizations (COCSSO)	THEME: “Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”	Kolkata
International Conference on Yoga 2019	THEME: “Yoga for Heart Care”	Mysuru, Karnataka
Global Bio - India (GBI) Summit, 2019	THEME: “Power to transform lives”	New Delhi
64th Commonwealth Parliamentarians Conference	THEME: “Adaption, Engagement and Evolution of Parliaments in a Rapidly Changing Commonwealth.”	Kampala, Uganda
C40 World Mayors Summit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Cities to collaborate effectively, share knowledge and drive meaningful, measurable and sustainable action on climate change ✓ Six Indian cities are currently members of C40: Bengaluru; Chennai; Delhi NCT; Jaipur; Kolkata and Mumbai 	Copenhagen, Denmark
1st India Sports Summit		New Delhi
5th World Coffee Conference	THEME: “Sustainability Through Consumption”	Bengaluru
Global Bio-India 2019 Summit	To attract investments and showcase our indigenous strengths and aspirations of the indigenous talent pool.	New Delhi
2019 Indo Pacific Chiefs of Defence Conference	THEME: “Collaboration in a free and Open Indo – Pacific”	Bangkok, Thailand
17th Green Building Congress		Hyderabad
United Nations Climate Action Summit		New York
5th India International Science Festival	THEME: “RISEN India – Research, Innovation, and Science Empowering the Nation”	Kolkata

1st Helicopter Summit	Helidrome in Dehradun, Uttarakhand on theme of expanding connectivity through helicopters	Union Ministry of Civil Aviation
1st National conference on Cybercrime Investigation	To create the platform and bring together investigators, lawyers, forensic experts and academia to discuss challenges related to cybercrime and ways to find solutions.	New Delhi
52nd ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting		Bangkok, Thailand
22nd National Conference on e - Governance	THEME: Digital India: Success to Excellence	Shillong, Meghalaya
18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)	The Indian star tortoise, smooth-coated otters and Asian small-clawed otters was upgraded to CITES Appendix I giving it the highest level of international protection from commercial trade.	Geneva, Switzerland
28th Ministerial meeting on Climate Change		Sao Paulo, Brazil

9. MILITARY EXERCISES

EXERCISE NAME	HELD BETWEEN	TYPE OF EXERCISE	HELD AT
SAMPRITI - IX	India and Bangladesh	Joint military exercise	Meghalaya
INDRADHANUSH - V 2020	India and United Kingdom	Joint air force exercise	Uttar Pradesh
AJEYA WARRIOR - 2020	India and United Kingdom	Joint military exercise	United Kingdom
APHARAN	Indian Navy & Indian Coast Guard	Anti - hijacking exercise	Port of Kochi
MITRA SHAKTI	India and Sri Lanka	Joint military exercise	Pune
MINEX 2019	Indian Navy and Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force	Mine Counter - measure Exercise	Kochi
SURYA KIRAN - XIV	India and Nepal	Joint military exercise	Nepal
INDRA 2019	India and Russia	Joint tri service exercise	Pune
HAND-IN-HAND 2019	India and China	Joint counter - terrorism exercise	Meghalaya
Swachhh Samundra NW - 2019	Indian Coast Guard	Regional level pollution response exercise	Gulf of Kutch
Exercise Shakti 19	India and French	Joint Military Exercise	Rajasthan
Dustlik - 2019	India and Uzbekistan	Joint Military Exercise	Tashkent, Uzbekistan
Indra - 2019	India and Russia	Joint Tri - Service Exercise	
Exercise Tiger Triumph	India and USA	Tri - Services Exercise	Andhra Pradesh
SITMEX - 19	India, Singapore and Thailand	Joint Naval Trilateral Exercise	Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar
Exercise Za'ir - Al - Bahr (Roar of the Sea)	India and Qatar	Bilateral Maritime Exercise	Doha, Qatar
Malabar 2019	India, USA and Japan	Trilateral Maritime Exercise	Sasebo, Japan

KAZIND 2019	India and Kazakhstan	Joint Military Exercise	Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand
Exercise Nomadic Elephant - XIV	India and Mongolia	Joint Military Exercise	Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh
Exercise Ekuverin	India and Maldives	Joint Military Exercise	Pune, Maharashtra
Vajra Prahar 2019	India and USA	Joint Military Exercise	Seattle, USA
Indian Navy (IN) - Bangladesh Navy (BN) Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) 2019	India and Bangladesh	Joint Maritime Exercise	Northern Bay of Bengal
Dharma Guardian 2019	India and Japan	Joint Military Exercise	Vairengte, Mizoram
Shinyuu Maitri	India and Japan	Joint Air Force Exercise	Panagarh, West Bengal
Defence of Andaman & Nicobar Island 2019 (Danx - 19)	Indian Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard	Joint Exercise	Andaman and Nicobar Islands
IMNEX -19	India and Myanmar	Joint Maritime Exercise	Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
Exercise Shakti 2019	India and France	Joint Military Exercise	Rajasthan, India
Sindhu Sudarshan	Indian Army	Integrated air-land battle Exercise	Rajasthan, India
EX-EASTERN BRIDGE-V	India and Oman	Joint Air Force Exercise	Oman
9th SLINEX 2019	India & Sri Lanka	Maritime Naval Exercise	
MAITREE - 2019	India & Thailand	Joint Military Exercise	
28th Indo-Thai CORPAT	India & Thailand	Maritime Naval Exercise	
14th KONKAN-19	Indian Navy and Royal Navy of Britain	Bilateral Exercise	

10. DEFENCE / SPACE

DEFENCE & SPACE	PURPOSE	COUNTRY / STATE / ORGANIZATION
PRANASH MISSILE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Surface – to - surface ballistic missile ✓ Range: 200Km ✓ one of the cheapest missiles in the world in its range category 	DRDO
GISAT - 1 Satellite	a new earth observation satellite will launch in the 1 st week of march	ISRO
INSIGHT MISSION	InSight mission detected quakes and magnetic pulses on the planet Mars.	NASA
VOYAGER – 2	Voyager 2 is now 11.5 billion miles from the Earth and, at that distance, light takes 17 hours to reach it or for messages from it to reach mission control on Earth.	NASA
Light Combat Helicopters production centre	LCH is a 5.5-tonne class multi-role combat helicopter designed and developed by Hindustan Aeronautical limited (HAL)	Bengaluru
2020 CD3, “mini-moon” or the planet’s “second moon”	It is actually an asteroid, about the size of a car; its diameter is about 1.9-3.5 m. It is called a Temporarily Captured Object (TCO).	
Ra'ad-II Missile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pakistan conducted a successful flight test of the air launched nuclear-capable cruise missile. ➤ It has a range of 600 km. 	Pakistan
Artemis Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It is NASA’s next mission to the Moon ➤ To measure what happens when the Sun’s radiation hits our rocky moon, where there is no magnetic field to protect it. ➤ NASA will land the first woman and next man on the Moon by 2024 	NASA
GSAT – 30 Satellite	<p>Launch vehicle: Ariane – 5</p> <p>Launch date: 17th January 2020</p> <p>The GSAT-30 is a communication satellite, which seeks to replace INSAT-4A</p> <p>India's first satellite launch of this year</p>	ISRO
PSLV - C48 Launched on: 11-12-2019	India’s Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle, in its fiftieth flight (PSLV- C48), successfully launched RISAT-2BR1, an earth observation satellite, along with nine commercial satellites of Israel, Italy, Japan and USA	ISRO

Prithvi - II missile	surface-to-surface nuclear missile – India successfully tested fired	Indian Army
Kulasekarapattinam Spaceport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ISRO has started construction of its second spaceport after Sriharikota at Tamilnadu ✓ It will mainly cater to launches of newly developed Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV or mini-PSLV) 	ISRO
SISSERI BRIDGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Built by the Border Road Organisation (BRO) ✓ The 200 - metre long bridge between Jonai – Pasighat – Ranaghat - Roing road will provide connectivity between Dibang Valley and Siang in Arunachal Pradesh 	Defence Minister Rajnath Singh Inagurated
ICGS ANNIE BESANT	Fast Patrol Vessel	Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd., (GRSE) built the patrol vessel
PSLV - C47 / CARTOSAT - 3 MISSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Cartosat-3 satellite is a 3rd generation agile advanced satellite having high resolution imaging capability. ✓ 13 Commercial Nanosatellites from USA were also successfully injected into designated orbit. ✓ These satellites were launched under commercial arrangement with NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), the commercial arm of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). 	ISRO
X-57 MAXWELL	1 st All - electric experimental aircraft	NASA
Neutron star Interior Composition Explorer (NICER) Telescope	Detected the brightest ever X-ray burst.	NASA
CLASS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Chandrayaan-2 had detected charged particles (like electrons, protons, alpha particles etc) in Moon's soil during the orbiter's passage through the "geotail" ✓ CLASS, is an instrument on Chandrayaan-2, designed to detect signatures of elements in the Moon's soil. 	ISRO - India
Pukguksong-3	Tested a Submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM)	North Korea
INS Khanderi	Defence minister Rajnath Singh commissioned the second Scorpene submarine INS Khanderi	Ballard Pier, India
RamanSat 2 miniature satellite	Designed by Indian student Aabhaas Sikka. It is carrying equipment to measure the radiation from Sun and space.	NASA
Space Situational	The aim of the control centre is to monitor	ISRO

Awareness Control Centre - Bengaluru	Protect high value space assets from space debris has been laid.	
Hope Probe	Arab's first spacecraft to Mars in July 2020	UAE
3 New Precision Guided Missiles	Yasin, Balaban & Ghaem	Iran
	1 st Underwater Military Museum	Jordan
GSAT - 7R	The Navy will get its 2 nd dedicated communication-cum-surveillance satellite by 2022	ISRO

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11. SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

SPECIES / NEW DISCOVERIES	TYPE / PURPOSE	PLACE / BY
Henneguya salminicola	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ An animal fewer than 10-celled microscopic parasite that lives in salmon muscle, called <i>Henneguya salminicola</i>. ➤ A non-oxygen breathing animal 	
National Mission on Quantum Technologies & Applications (NM-QTA).	The largest ever science mission	The Union government announced in 2020 Budget
Genome India Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A genome is the entire DNA, or sequence of genes, in a cell. Simply put, the genome is divided into chromosomes, chromosomes contain genes, and genes are made of DNA. ➤ Each genome has approximately 3.2 billion DNA base pairs. 	The Union government
SUTRA PIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Scientific Utilisation Through Research Augmentation - Prime Products From Indigenous Cows (SUTRA PIC) ➤ To develop products as well as improve the genetic quality of indigenous cattle breeds. 	The Union government
	The Union Ministry of Health has notified that starting from April 1, 2020, all medical equipment would qualify as “drugs” under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.	
Market Intelligence and Early Warning System (MIEWS) portal	Provide ‘real time monitoring’ of prices of tomato, onion and potato (TOP) and for simultaneously generating alerts for intervention under the terms of the Operation Greens (OG) scheme.	Ministry of Food Processing Industries
Yongle Blue Hole (YBH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Carbon more than 8,000 years old lies deep inside a yawning sinkhole in the South China Sea. ➤ Deepest known marine cavern 	Xisha Islands of the South China Sea
Craspedotropis gretathunbergae	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It is a new species of land snail discovered recently. ➤ It is named in honour of Swedish climate activist Greta 	
Cyrtodactylus urbanus / Urban bent-toed gecko	A new species of lizard	Guwahati, Assam
Muktoshri-arsenic-resistant Rice	West Bengal government’s rice research centre has come up with a new variety of rice called Muktoshri that can be grown in arsenic prone areas.	West Bengal

Sophisticated Analytical & Technical Help Institutes (SATHI)	To address the need for building shared, professionally managed and strong S&T infrastructure in the country which is readily accessible to academia, start-ups, manufacturing, industry and R&D labs etc.	Department of Science & Technology
Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) web Portal	To facilitate blocking and tracing of stolen/lost mobile phones	New Delhi
MANI App	To assist visually impaired persons in identifying the denomination of currency notes	Reserve Bank of India
Indian Science Technology and Engineering facilities map (I STEM) Portal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ “One Nation One Research Web Portal” ✓ Provide a gateway for researchers to identify the “right fit” for their R&D work in India. 	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Santusht Portal	For the speedy redressal of employees and employers,, grievances	The Ministry of Labour
Political Parties Registration Tracking Management System (PPRTMS)	A new online tracking system for the registration of political parties	Election Commission of India
Cyber AASHVAST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ India's 1st Cyber Crime Prevention Unit ✓ Prevention of cyber-crimes with the help of VISWAS and NETRANG 	Union Home Minister, Amit Shah
Shopper Malware	Smart phone users have been infected with a new Trojan called “Shopper malware”	Created by “Trojan – Dropper”
Fusarium oxysporum	Fungi	Australia
India's 1st Voice over Wi-Fi (VoWiFi)	VoWiFi is a Wi-Fi-based Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service, which allows users to make high definition (HD) voice calls using Wi- Fi even in places with poor or no cellular network.	Bharti Airtel
MiCredit App	Customers can get instant loan ranging from Rs. 7,000 – Rs. 1,00,000	Xiaomi in association with Zest Money
LB-1 Blackhole	Scientists had estimated the mass of an individual stellar black hole in our galaxy at no more than 20 times that of the Sun.	National Astronomical Observatory of China

ICEDASH	ICEDASH is an Ease of Doing Business monitoring dashboard of the Indian Customs helping the public see the daily Customs clearance times of import cargo at various ports and airports	Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman
ATITHI App	The ATITHI app will facilitate hassle-free and faster clearance by Customs at the airports and enhance the experience of international tourists and other visitors at the airports.	Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman
FARMITRA App	To help the farmers needs and address their worries	Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
e - Ganna App	For Sugarcane Farmers	Uttar Pradesh
OLIGOMANNATE	World's 1 st Alzheimer's drug	China
TRACHISCHIUM APTEII	A new species of non-venomous burrowing snake	Arunachal Pradesh
Pteropsaron indicum	India's 1 st Signal Fish	Kerala
PRAKASH (Power Rail Koyla Availability through Supply Harmony) Portal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Bringing better coordination for coal supplies among all stakeholders. ✓ Ensuring adequate availability and optimum utilization of coal at thermal power plants. ✓ Mapping and monitoring entire coal supply chain for power plants. 	The Union Government
Jan Soochna Portal	Has information about 23 government schemes and services from 13 departments on a single platform	Rajasthan
Sahyadri App	Facilitate the passengers to register their complaints in online	Indian Railways
Gagan Enabled Mariner's Instrument for Navigation and Information (GEMINI) device	To provide satellite-based communication which will be highly used to deal with cyclones, high waves, and tsunamis	Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) along with the Airports Authority of India (AAI)
Panditjasraj	International Astronomical Union (IAU) has named 2006 VP32 (number-300128) Planet as „ Panditjasraj “ as a tribute to the veteran Vocal artist	
Pusa Yashasvi	Released a new potential blockbuster wheat variety - Pusa Yashasvi (HD-3226) - for planting in the upcoming Rabi crop season	Indian Agricultural Research Institute

Zingiber - Ginger	The Botanical Survey of India (BSI) have discovered two new species of Zingiber (commonly referred to as ginger)	Nagaland
HarmonyOS	Launched its own operating system called HarmonyOS or HongMeng in Chinese	Huawei
	Researcher from Mexico have discovered a new method to turn cactus leaves into non toxic and biodegradable material with similar properties to plastic	Mexico
Fedor	launched an unmanned rocket carrying a life-size humanoid robot named "Fedor" to space	Russia

NOVEL CORONA VIRUS (nCOVID -19):

CORONA OUTBREAK

Coronavirus was declared Global Health Emergency by WHO

World Health Organization (WHO) declared **COVID -19 an official name for Corona Virus Disease.**

WHO declared it is a **“PANDEMIC DISEASE”**

- ✓ First reported from **Wuhan, China**, on 31st December 2019
- ✓ **USA & Italy was the most affected country in the world**

The first case of a coronavirus in India was identified from **Thrissur, Kerala**, on 30th January 2020

On 30th January 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a **“Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)”**

It Spreads mainly through:

- ✓ Droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose when an infected person coughs or sneezes
- ✓ Close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands

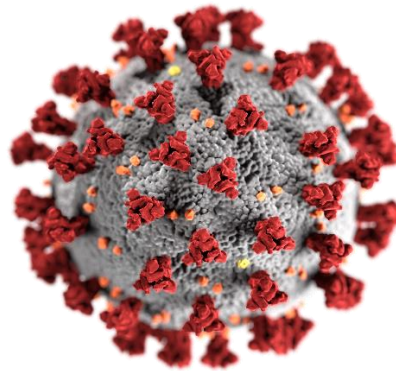
To prevent infection and to slow transmission of COVID-19, do the following:

- ✓ Wash your hands regularly with soap and water, or clean them with alcohol-based hand rub.
- ✓ Maintain at least 1 meter distance between you and people coughing or sneezing.
- ✓ Avoid touching your face.
- ✓ Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.
- ✓ Stay home if you feel unwell.
- ✓ Refrain from smoking and other activities that weaken the lungs.
- ✓ Practice physical distancing by avoiding unnecessary travel and staying away from large groups of people.

Symptoms:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ fever ✓ tiredness ✓ Dry cough | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ shortness of breath ✓ aches and pains ✓ sore throat & ✓ Very few people will report diarrhoea, nausea or a runny nose. |
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CORONA VIRUS



The name "coronavirus" is derived from **Latin word** meaning "**crown**" or "**wreath**"

The **scientific name** for coronavirus is **Orthocoronavirinae or Coronavirinae**

Coronavirus belongs to the **family of Coronavirida**

The morphology of coronaviruses is the **club - shaped viral spike peplomers, colored red, create the look of a corona surrounding the virion**

They are enveloped viruses with a positive - sense single - stranded RNA genome and a nucleocapsid of helical symmetry.

It is a **single stranded RNA Virus**

The diameter of the virus particles is around **120 nm**

The genome size of coronaviruses ranges from approximately **27 to 34 kilobases**

The viral envelope consists of a lipid bilayer where the membrane, envelope and spike structural proteins are anchored.

Coronaviruses have a shorter spike-like surface protein called **hemagglutinin esterase (HE)**

4 Stages of PANDEMIC:	STAGE 1:	STAGE 2:	STAGE 3:	STAGE 4:
	Transmitted and imported from affected countries	Local transmission from positive cases	Disease spreads in community, large area gets affected	Disease takes shape of an epidemic with no clear endpoint.

12. CYCLONES

S.NO.	CYCLONES	Name Given by
1.	Typhoon Kammuri	Philippines
2.	Tropical Cyclone Sarai	Fiji Island
3.	Cyclone Bulbul	Pakistan
4.	Maha – Arabian Sea	Oman
5.	Kyarr – Arabian Sea	Myanmar
6.	Cyclone Vayu	India
7.	Cyclone Fani	Bangladesh
8.	Cyclone Idai	Zimbabwe
9.	Cyclone Pabuk	Japan
10.	PHETHAI	Thailand
11.	Cyclone GAJA	Sri Lanka
12.	Cyclone LUBAN	Oman
13.	Hurricane LESLIE	
14.	Cyclone TITLI	Pakistan

13. GEOGRAPHICAL INDEX (GI) TAG

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
11.	Green and White teas	Darjeeling
12.	Kashmir's famed saffron	Kashmir

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

6.	Bhavani	Bed Sheet (Jamakkalam)
7.	Nachiyar Kovil	Kuthuvilakku

8.	Kovai	Wet Grinder
9.	Tanjoor	Paintings
		Veenai
		Kalaithattu
		Thalayatti 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 Poondu
20.	Palani	Panchamirtham
21.	Srivilliputhur	Palkova

14. APPOINTMENTS

COUNTRY'S NEW PRESIDENTS / PRIME MINISTERS

COUNTRY	PRESIDENT / PRIME MINISTER
1st Prime Minister of Cuba	Manuel Marrero Cruz
Prime Minister of Mauritius	Pravind Kumar Jugnauth
President of Mauritius	Prithviraj Sing Roopun
Prime Minister of Finland	Sanna Marin – <i>Youngest PM</i>
Sri Lanka	Gotabaya Rajapaksa - President
Canada	Justin Trudeau – 2 nd Term
Tunisia	Kais Saied

NEWLY APPOINTED CHIEF MINISTER:

STATE	CHIEF MINISTER
Jharkhand	Hemant Soren
Maharashtra	Uddhav Thackeray
Haryana	Manohar Lal Khattar

NEWLY APPOINTED GOVERNORS:

STATE	NEW GOVERNOR
Mizoram	P.S. Sreedharan Pillai
Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh	R. K. Mathur
Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir	Girish Chandra Murmu

Nagaland	Governor R N Ravi
Telangana	Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan – Sworn on 8 th September 2019
Rajasthan	Kalraj Mishra
Maharashtra	Bhagat Singh Koshyari
Himachal Pradesh	Bandaru Dattatreya
Kerala	Arif Mohammed Khan

PERSONS	POSITION / DESIGNATION
General Bipin Rawat 30 th December 2019 – Appointed 1 st January 2019 – Assumed Office	1 st Chief of Defence Staff of India
Manoj Mukund Naravane	28 th Chief of Army Staff of the Indian Army
Actor Suniel Shetty	Brand Ambassador of National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)
Haryana	Susashan Sankalp Varsh 2020
Arnab Goswami – (editor - in - chief of Republic TV)	President of the governing board of News Broadcasters Federation (NBF)
Soma Roy Burman	Controller General of Accounts (CGA)
H R Khan	Chairman of the steering committee of the Code for Responsible Lending (CRL) in micro-credit
Tony Joseph	12 th “Shakti Bhatt First Book Prize” Book: “Early Indians: The Story of Our Ancestors and Where We Came From”
Girish Chandra Chaturvedi	Chairman of the National Stock Exchange (NSE)
Sundar Pichai	CEO of Alphabet, the parent company of Google.
Hari Mohan	Chairman of Ordnance Factory Board
Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde	47 th Chief Justice of India
Prakash Javadekar	Union Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises

Rafael Grossi	Director General of International Atomic Energy Agency
Arvind Singh	Chairman of Airport Authority of India
Bipin Rawat	Country's first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)
S K Saini	New Army vice - chief
B Anand	Secretary of National Commission for Minorities
Suresh Chandra Sharma	Chairman of the National Medical Commission
Haitham bin Tariq al - Said	New Sultan of Oman
Michael Debabrata Patra	New Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India
Sunil Gaur	Chairperson of the PMLA Appellate Tribunal
Lt. Gen Manoj Mukund Naravane	Assumed charge as Vice Chief of the Army
Rajendra Menon	Chairperson of the Armed Forces Tribunal
Shashi Tharoor	Member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External affairs
Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria	New Chief of the Indian Air Force (IAF)
Sebastian Coe	Re-elected as president of the International Association of Athletics Federations
Madhukar Kamath	Chairman of the Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC) for 2019 - 20
P. Lakshman Reddy	1 st Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh
Rakesh Asthana	director general of Narcotics Control Bureau

15. WOMEN IN NEWS

Christina Koch

Longest Spaceflight by a Woman - NASA astronaut Christina Koch landed on the Earth on 6th February 2020 **after a record stay of 328 days on the International Space Station.**

A P Maheshwari	Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force
Deepika Padukone	Crystal Award 2020
Sanjana Kapoor	Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres
Rani Rampal	World Games Athlete of the Year award
Toni - Ann Singh - Jamaica Runner up: Suman Rao - India	Miss World 2019
Zozibini Tunzi - South Africa	Miss Universe 2019
Suman Rao - India	Miss World Asia
Aayushi Dholakia - Gujarat	Miss Teen International 2019
Nirmala Sitharaman - 34	World's 100 most powerful women Forbes
Roshni Nadar Malhotra - 54	
Kiran Mazumdar Shaw - 65	
Greta Thunberg - Climate activist	Youngest TIME's Person of the Year for 2019
Ellyse Perry - Australia	Women's Best Cricketer & ODI Player of 2019
Malala Yousafzai	The most famous teenager in the world
NASA Astronaut - Christina Koch	Longest single spaceflight by a woman
Dr. Monisha Ghosh	1 st woman Chief Technology Officer (CTO) at the US government's powerful Federal Communications Commission

Priyanka Chopra	UNICEF's Danny Kaye Humanitarian award 2019
Shivangi Swaroop	1 st Naval Woman Pilot on 2 nd December 2019
Lt Col Jyoti Sharma	Indian Army's 1 st female Judge Advocate General officer
Sophie Wilmes	1 st Women Prime Minister of Belgium
Shalija Dhani	IAF Becomes First Female Flight Commander
Kristalina Georgieva	New chief and Managing Director of International Monetary Fund (IMF)
PT Usha	Awarded the prestigious International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF) Veteran Pin Award
Rupa Gurunath	New president of the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association
Actor Madhuri Dixit	Goodwill ambassador by the Chief Electoral Office (CEO) in Maharashtra
Wing Commander Anjali Singh	India's first female military diplomat
Chhaya Sharma	Asia Society Game Changer Award 2019
Valentina Elangbam	Manipur government has appointed a 9 year old girl Valentina Elangbam as the State's green ambassador after a video of her crying over felled trees goes viral
Sushma Swaraj, former Minister of External Affairs	Passed away on 6 th August 2019
P V Sindhu	only athlete from the India to be named among the world's highest paid female athletes by Forbes
Chandrima Shaha	1 st woman president of the Indian National Science Academy (INSA)
P T Usha	Appointed as one of the six members of the Asian Athletics Association's (AAA) Athletes Commission
Serena Williams	Serena Williams topped the Forbes annual list of best-paid female athlete

16. AWARDS

AWARDS / PRIZES	PERSON / ORGANIZATION
Tyler Prize 2020	Pavan Sukhdev
Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu National award for Excellence	M S Swaminathan
Champion of Change Award	Deepa Venkat
Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar	Kumar Munnan Singh
Shakti Bhatt First Book Prize 2019	Tony Joseph Book: "Early Indians: The Story of Our Ancestors and Where We Came From"
World Habitat Award 2019	Odisha Liveable Habitat Mission (OLHM) or " Jaga Mission "
President's Colours Award	Gujarat Police
Dadasaheb Phalke Award	Legendary actor Amitabh Bachchan
United Nations International Children's and Education Fund (Unicef)-2019 Award	Kamareddy district - Telangana
CK Nayudu Lifetime Award for the year 2019	Krishnamachari Srikanth and Anjum Chopra
South Asian Literature 2019	Amitabha Bagchi
55th Jnanpith Award 2019	Akkitham Achuthan Namboodiri
27th Ekalabya Award 2019	Jhilli Dalabehera
Wisden India Almanack Cricketer of the Year award	Jasprit Bumrah and Smriti Mandhana
27th Ezhuthachan Puraskaram 2019	Anand
50th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) held at Goa	Actor Rajinikanth - Special Icon of Golden Jubilee Award and the Life Time Achievement Award
BRICS - Young Innovator Prize	Ravi Prakash
Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2019 - Peace, Disarmament and Development	Sir David Attenborough
International Press Freedom Awards 2019	Neha Dixit
International Children's Peace Prize	Greta Thunberg

BRICS - Young Innovator Prize	Ravi Prakash
SWACHH SURVEKSHAN GRAMEEN AWARDS 2019 - Ministry of Jal Shakti	TOP 3 STATES: 1) Tamil Nadu, 2) Haryana, 3) Gujarat
	TOP 3 DISTRICTS: 1) Peddapalli, Telangana, 2) Faridabad, Haryana, 3) Rewari, Haryana
	State with maximum citizen participation - Uttar Pradesh
28th Saraswati Samman 2018	Dr. K Siva Reddy
M P Birla Memorial Award 2019	Thanu Padmanabhan
Most Effective Swachhata Ambassador Award	Sachin Tendulkar
7th Wisden India Almanack Cricketer of the Year award 2019	Jasprit Bumrah and Smriti Mandhana
National Panchayat Awards 2019	Narendra Singh Tomar
28th Vyas Samman	Leeladhar Jagoori
Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Sashaktikaran Puraskar	Kerala's Nedumangad block panchayats
Highest Civilian Honour of Comoros "The Order of the Green Crescent"	M Venkaiah Naidu
Sardar Patel National Unity Award	Government of India has instituted "Sardar Patel National Unity Award" - Highest Civilian Award for contribution to Unity and Integrity of India
Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2018	Amitabh Bachchan
Global Goal Award	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Andhra Pradesh has bagged 3 National Tourism awards in different categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Best State for comprehensive development of tourism ✓ Excellence in publishing in English and the ✓ Best tourist-friendly Railway Station (Visakhapatnam).

Goa and Madhya Pradesh	Joint winners in the Adventure Tourism category
Uttarakhand	Best Film Promotion-Friendly State
Telangana	Best State for the innovative use of IT
India's Most Powerful Women in Media Award	Kallie Puri
International Hrant Dink Award	Agnes Kharshiing
FIFA best player award	Lionel Messi - Men
	Megan Rapinoe - Women
Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar 2019	Gagan Narang and Pawan Singh
Rights Livelihood Awards 2019	Greta Thunberg
SASTRA Ramanujan Prize 2019	Adam Harper
Gauri Lankesh National Award for Journalism	Ravish Kumar
UAE's 1st Class Order of Zayed II award	Navdeep Singh Suri
Ramon Magsaysay Award 2019	Ravish Kumar
Miss England 2019	Bhasha Mukherjee
IBC 2019 International Honour for Excellence	Andy Serkis
Highest award of Republic of Guinea "National order of Merit"	Ram Nath Kovind
Karthik Bose Lifetime Achievement award	Arun Lal
Best innovation and initiative leadership award	Rajasthan
Vir Chakra	Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman
National Project Excellence Award	Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL)
SKOCH Governance Gold Award	National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)

NOBEL PRIZE - 2019:

FIELD	LAUREATES
Physics (3)	James Peebles - for theoretical discoveries in physical cosmology
	Michel Mayor & Didier Queloz - for the discovery of an exo - planet orbiting a solar - type star
Chemistry (3)	John B. Goodenough, M. Stanley Whittingham & Akira Yoshino - for the development of lithium-ion batteries
Physiology (or) Medicine (3)	William G. Kaelin Jr, Sir Peter J. Ratcliffe & Gregg L. Semenza - for their discoveries of how cells sense and adapt to oxygen availability
Literature (1)	Peter Handke - for an influential work that with linguistic ingenuity has explored the periphery and the specificity of human experience
Nobel Peace Prize (1)	Abiy Ahmed Ali - for his efforts to achieve peace and international cooperation, and in particular for his decisive initiative to resolve the border conflict with neighbouring Eritrea
Economic Sciences (3)	Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo & Michael Kremer - for their experimental approach to alleviating global poverty

Padma Awardees 2020:

AWARDS	PERSON	DOMAIN
Padma Vibhushan	Sushma Swaraj	Public Affairs - Posthumous
	Sir Anerood Jugnauth GCSK – Former President & Prime Minister of Mauritius	Public Affairs
	M C Mary Kom	Sports
	Chhannulal Mishra	Art
	Sri Vishveshateertha Swamiji Sri Pejavara Adhokhaja Matha Udipi - Karnataka	Others

Padma Bhushan	Manohar Gopal krishna Prabhu Parrikar – Former CM of Goa	Public Affairs - Posthumous
	P V Sindhu	Sports
Padma Shri	Kangana Ranaut	Art

Padma Awardees 2020 from Tamil Nadu:

AWARDS	PERSON	DOMAIN
Padma Bhushan	Krishnammal Jagannathan	Social Work
	Venu Srinivasan	Trade and Industry
Padma Shri	Lalitha & Saroja Chidambaram	Art
	Manohar Devadoss	Art
	S Ramakrishnan	Social Work
	Kalee Shabi Mahaboob & Sheik Mahaboob Subani	Art
	Pradeep Thalappil	Science & Technology

17. BOOKS & AUTHORS

BOOKS	AUTHORS
Politics of Opportunism	Authored by: R P N Singh Released by: S Gurumurthy
Diamond In My Palm	Sanjay Dharwadker
The Winning Sixer	WV Raman
Braille version of “Exam Warriors”	Released by: Thaawarchand Gehlot (Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment) Authored by: Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Turbulence and Triumph – The Modi Years	Released by: Vice President of India M Venkaiah Naidu Authored by: Rahul Agarwal and Bharti S Pradhan
The Vault of Vishnu	Ashwin Sanghi
Finding The Gaps	Simon Taufel
Courts of India: Past to Present	Ranjan Gogoi released the book
The Unquiet River: A biography of the Brahmaputra	Arupjyoti Saikia
Kashmir	Chitralkha Zutshi
The RSS: Roadmaps for the 21st Century	Sunil Ambekar
Bridgital Nation: Solving Technology’s People Problem	N Chandrasekaran & Roopa Purushothaman
Good Economics for Hard Times – Better Answers to our Biggest Problems	Abhijit Banerjee & Esther Duflo
Mind Master: Winning Lessons from a Champion’s Life	Viswanathan Anand
Listening, Learning & Leading.....	M. Venkaiah Naidu
Girl Power: Indian Women Who Broke the Rules	Neha J Hiranandani

Being Gandhi	Paro Anand
From Leeches to Slug Glue: 25 Explosive Ideas that Made (and Are Making) Modern Medicine	Roopa Pai
The Cousins Thackeray: Uddhav, Raj & the Shadow of their Senas	Dhaval Kulkarni
Turbulence & Triumph: The Modi Years	Rahul Agarwal
Fortune Turners: The Quartet That Spun India to Glory	Aditya Bhushan
Savarkar: Echoes from a forgotten past	Vikram Sampath
Tools and Weapons: The Promise and The Peril of the Digital Age	Brad Smith
IndoPak Relations: Beyond Pulwama and Balakot	Dr. U V Singh
Kashmi's Untold Story: Declassified	Iqbal Chand Malhotra and Maroof Raza
Resurgent India	Bimal Jalan
Chandra Shekhar – The Last Icon of Ideological Politics	Shri Harivansh and Shri Ravi Dutt Bajpai

18. FESTIVALS

S.No.	FESTIVAL	STATE
1.	Kinnow Festival	Punjab
2.	Lai Haraoba festival	Tripura
3.	1st Mandu Festival	Madhya Pradesh
4.	Tansen Samaroh music Festival 2019	Madhya Pradesh
5.	International Khajuraho Film Festival	Madhya Pradesh
6.	Sangai Festival	Manipur
7.	International cherry blossom festival 2019	Meghalaya
8.	Aadi mahotsav 2019	New Delhi
9.	Bali Yatra	Odisha
10.	Tawang Festival	Arunachal Pradesh
11.	Bada Dashain	Nepal
12.	Bathukamma	Telangana
13.	Shirui Lily Festival	Manipur
14.	Varnapakitt - 2019	Kerala

INDIAN HARVEST FESTIVALS

S.No.	HARVEST FESTIVAL	STATE
1.	Pongal	Tamil Nadu
2.	Makar Sankranti	Karnataka
3.	Magha Bihu	Assam
4.	Uttarayan	Gujarat
5.	Saaji	Himachal Pradesh
6.	Maghi	Punjab
7.	Kicheri	Uttar Pradesh

19. SPORTS

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SPORTS

1.	Srinivas Gowda created a record 100 metres in 9.55 seconds , another Kambala runner Nishant Shetty has now overtaken the former by completing the same distance in 9.51 seconds
2.	P.V. Sindhu and Mary Kom - BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year award
3.	Mascot of the 36th National Games - flame-throated bulbul (Rubigula)
4.	Ashleigh Barty and Rafael Nadal - <i>named International Tennis Federation's (ITF) World Champions for 2019.</i>
5.	Rani Rampal and Saurabh Chaudhary - <i>won the Sportsperson of the Year Award 2019</i>
6.	Wasim Jaffer - <i>first player in Indian cricket to feature in 150 Ranji matches</i>
7.	Roger Federer - <i>first living person in Switzerland to have a coin minted in his honor</i>
8.	Rohit Sharma - 1 st Indian man and second in world cricket to complete 100 T-20 Internationals
9.	1st Day Night Test (Pink Ball Test) Match in India - between India & Bangladesh in Eden Gardens, Kolkata
10.	7th FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup - held in India in November 2020
11.	15th Men's Hockey World Cup - India will host in January 2023
12.	Sri Lanka - first South Asian nation to criminalize several offences related to match-fixing
13.	Manu Bhaker - created history at World Cup Finals in Women's 10m Air Pistol event
14.	Elavenil Valarivan – has won gold in the Women's 10m air rifle competition held at Putian, China
15.	Karnataka - won the Vijay Hazare Trophy 2019 - 20 defeated Tamil Nadu in the finals
16.	13th ICC U19 Cricket World Cup 2020 - hosted by South Africa
17.	Yashasvi Jaiswal - Youngest cricketer in the world to score a double century in One Day Cricket

18.	Harmanpreet Kaur - become India's first cricketer to play 100 T-20 Internationals
19.	Delhi and District Cricket Association decided - Rename Feroz Shah Kotla Stadium as Arun Jaitley Stadium
20.	Pankaj Advani - won the IBSF World Billiards Championship in Mandalay
21.	Vinesh Phogat - 1 st Indian wrestler to qualify for the 2020 Olympics
22.	Sourabh Verma - won the Vietnam Open title 2019
23.	Spain - defeated Argentina to win the FIBA Basketball World Cup
24.	India Cricket team - won the U-19 Asia Cup over Bangladesh in Colombo
25.	Lasith Malinga - first bowler to take 100 wickets in Twenty20 International cricket
26.	Rashid Khan - youngest-ever captain in Test cricket history
27.	P.V. Sindhu - 1 st Indian to win badminton World Championships gold by beating Nozomi Okuhara of Japan
28.	Former Indian Cricketer "Kapil Dev" - honoured with Bharat Gaurav Award
29.	Chepauk Super Gillies - won the 4 th Tamil Nadu Premier League
30.	Deepa Malik - 1 st woman and the 2 nd Indian Paralympian to be recommended for the <i>Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award</i>
31.	Mary Kom won gold in president's cup held in Labuan Bajo, Indonesia
32.	Khelo India youth games 2020 - to be held in Guwahati
33.	India - won the T20 Physical Disability World Cricket Series 2019 after defeating England
34.	Prime Minister - Fit India Movement - on the occasion of National Sports Day

AUSTRALIAN OPEN TENNIS: 2020 [20th January – 2nd February], Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Men's Singles	Novak Djokovic (Serbia) (won) Vs. Dominic Thiem (Austria)
Women's Singles	Sofia Kenin (USA) (won) Vs. Garbiñe Muguruza (Spain)
Men's Doubles	Rajeev Ram (USA) & Joe Salisbury (Britain)
Women's Doubles	Timea Babos (Hungary) & Kristina Mladenovic (France)

13th South Asian Games 2019:

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

Ballon d'Or Award:

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

20. IMPORTANT DAYS

DAYS	EVENTS	THEMES/ SIGNIFICANCE
AUGUST 7	National Handloom Day	To honor handloom weavers apart from highlighting the handloom industry in the country
AUGUST 9	World Tribal Day / International Day of the World's Indigenous People	THEME: "Indigenous Languages"
AUGUST 10	World Bio fuel Day	THEME: "Production of Biodiesel from Used Cooking Oil"
AUGUST 12	International Youth Day	THEME: "Transforming education"
AUGUST 13	World Organ Donation Day	
AUGUST 15	World Sanskrit Day	To promote and revive the ancient language of Sanskrit
AUGUST 19	World Humanitarian Day	THEME: "Women Humanitarians"
AUGUST 20	World Mosquito Day	
AUGUST 29	National Sports Day	

- ✓ **1st August – 7th August 2019 World Breastfeeding Week is observed every year**
- ✓ **THEME:** "Empower Parents, Enable Breastfeeding"

DAYS	EVENTS	THEMES/ SIGNIFICANCE
September 2	World Coconut Day	THEME: “Coconut for Family Wellness”
September 5	International Day of Charity	To Commemorate the death anniversary of Mother Teresa
September 10	World Suicide Prevention Day	To Raise an awareness and prevent from committing suicide
September 14	Hindi Diwas Day	
September 15	International Day of Democracy	THEME: “Participation”
September 16	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer	THEME: “32 Years and Healing”
September 17	1st World Patient Safety Day	THEME: “Patient Safety: a global health priority” and the slogan is “Speak up for Patient Safety!”
September 18	World Bamboo Day	
September 21	International Day of Peace / World Peace Day	THEME: “Climate Action for Peace”
	World Alzheimer’s Day	
September 22	World Rhino Day	
September 23	World Cancer Free Day	
	International Day of Sign Languages	THEME: “Sign Language Rights for All”
September 27	World Tourism Day	THEME: “Tourism and Jobs: a better future for all”

DAYS	EVENTS	THEMES/ SIGNIFICANCE
October 2	International Day of Non-Violence	The day is to disseminate the message of non- violence, including through education and public awareness
October 5	World Teachers Day	THEME: “Young Teachers: The future of the profession”
October 7	World Habitat Day	THEME: “Frontier Technologies as an innovative tool to transform waste to wealth”
	World Cotton Day	WTO will host the first World Cotton Day celebrations in Geneva.
October 10	World Mental Health Day	THEME: “Suicide Prevention”
	World Sight Day	THEME: “Vision First”
October 11	World Obesity Day	The day is to promote solutions to obesity crisis, to raise awareness, to improve policies on obesity treatment and its prevention
	International Day of girl child	THEME: “GirlForce: Unscripted and Unstoppable”
October 12	World Arthritis Day	THEME: “Time2Work”
	World Migration Bird Day	THEME: “Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution!”

DAYS	EVENTS	THEMES/ SIGNIFICANCE
November 1	Tamil Nadu Formation Day	Linguistic Reorganization of States in 1956, Tamil Nadu state formation day will be celebrated on November 1
November 8	International Day of Radiology	THEME: "Sports Imaging"
November 10	World Science Day for Peace and Development	THEME: "Open science, leaving no one behind"
November 12	World Pneumonia Day	THEME: "Healthy Lungs for all"
November 13	World Kindness Day	THEME: "the pains of others" and touch their lives "positively"
November 14	World Diabetes Day	THEME: "The Family and Diabetes"
November 17	World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims	THEME: "Life is not a car part"
November 19	World Toilet Day	THEME: "Leaving No One Behind"
	International Men's Day	THEME: "Making a Difference for Men and Boys"

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

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January 4	World Braille Day	To honor the birth anniversary of the inventor of Braille, Louis Braille
January 9	Pravasi Bharatiya Divas	To recognize the overseas Indians who have contributed to the development of India. This day was first celebrated in 2003.
January 12	National Youth Day	THEME: “Fit Youth Fit India”
January 24	International day of education	THEME: “Learning for people, planet, prosperity, and peace”
	National Girl Child Day	To provide support and opportunities to the girls of India
January 25	National Voters Day	THEME: “Electoral Literacy for Stronger Democracy”
January 26	International Customs Day	THEME: “Customs fostering Sustainability for People, Prosperity and the Planet”
January 27	International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust	THEME: “75 years after Auschwitz - Holocaust Education and Remembrance for Global Justice”

DAYS	EVENTS	THEMES/ SIGNIFICANCE
February 2	World Wetlands Day	THEME: Wetlands and Biodiversity
February 4	World Cancer Day	THEME: I am and I will
February 6	International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation	
February 10	World Pulses Day	Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to recognize the importance of pulses as a global food
	National Deworming Day	The National Deworming Day is a single fixed-day approach to treating intestinal worm infections in all children aged 1- 19 years.
February 11	International Day of Women and Girls in Science.	THEME: Investment in Women and Girls in Science for Inclusive Green Growth
	Safer Internet Day	THEME: Together for a better internet
February 13	World Radio Day	THEME: Radio and Diversity
February 19	Soil Health Card Day	Soil Health Card helps farmers to increase crop production by using a balanced amount of fertilizers.
February 21	International Mother Language Day	THEME: Languages without borders
February 28	National Science Day	THEME: Women in science