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## **1. DISTRICTS**

S.NO.	DISTRICTS	
1.	<b>Ramanathapuram</b>	<b>tcdm 1 New Rice Variety:</b> Drought resistant rice variety has been tested
2.	<b>Sivagangai</b>	Keezhadi Archaeological Excavation
3.	<b>Villupuram</b>	<b>33<sup>rd</sup> district -Kallakurichi</b> - from 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2019 - bifurcated from Villupuram district
4.	<b>Tirunelveli</b>	34 <sup>th</sup> district – <b>Tenkasi</b> – on 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2019 - bifurcated from - Tirunelveli district
5.	<b>Kanchipuram</b>	<b>35<sup>th</sup> district - Chengalpattu</b> - on 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2019 - bifurcated from Kanchipuram district
6.	<b>Vellore</b>	<b>36<sup>th</sup> &amp; 37<sup>th</sup> district: Ranipet and Tirupattur</b> - on 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2019 - bifurcated from Vellore district
7.	<b>Thanjavur</b>	India's first music museum – <b>Thiruvaiyaru</b>
8.	<b>Tiruvarur</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> Traditional Paddy Festival – <b>Thiruthuraipoondi</b>
9.	<b>Salem</b>	Integrated livestock park
10.	<b>Madurai</b>	New AIIMS - at Thoppur
11.	<b>Ariyalur</b>	Underground fossil museum at Varanavasi

## **2. TAMIL NADU**

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

	<b><i>“UlagAmaidhi, Nallinathirkaga Thirukkural”</i></b>
<b>21.</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> International Aortic Summit 2018 – Chennai - <b>23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>
<b>22.</b>	181 - 24*7 Helpline Number - Women’s Safety & Protection
<b>23.</b>	<b>Treatment for Cancer:</b> 2 bio active anti – cancer compounds (LT1 and LT2) from <b><i>Lentinustuberregium mushrooms.</i></b>
<b>24.</b>	<b>India's 1<sup>st</sup> Tree Ambulance-</b> Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated - in Chennai
<b>25.</b>	<b>Zero - Waste policy-</b> Greater Chennai Corporation
<b>26.</b>	Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve - <b><i>Best Tiger Reserve Award</i></b>
<b>27.</b>	<b>M Karthikeyan and M Maharajan a two-member committee</b> - To inspect and report the condition of the ‘AnanthaSaras’ tank from where Athi Varadar’s idol is taken out once every 40 years.
<b>28.</b>	On 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2019 Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami launched a new scheme <b><i>“Chief Minister Special Grievance Redressal Programme”</i></b>
<b>29.</b>	<b>Amma Patrol Vehicles</b> launched in distinct pink colour for the safety of women and children in Chennai.

### **TAMIL NADU - APPOINTMENTS**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>APPOINTMENTS</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>MyIswamy Annadurai</b> - Assistant Director of the Tamil Nadu State council for Science and Technology
<b>2.</b>	Judge P Devadass - <b><i>Anti-corruption Ombudsman in Tamilnadu Lokayukta</i></b>
<b>3.</b>	Justice Vineet Kothari is appointed as the acting Chief Justice of the Madras high court after the resignation of Justice V K Tahilramani

### **TAMIL NADU - AWARDS**

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

<b>AWARDS</b>	<b>RECIPIENTS</b>
<b>Kamarajar Award</b>	PazhaNedumaran
<b>Periyar Award</b>	C Ponnaiyan

<b>Ke. Aa. Pe Viswanatham Award</b>	SoolurKalaipithan
<b>Bharathidasan Award</b>	Poet Thiyaroo
<b>Thiru.Vi.Ka Award</b>	Dr K Ganesan
<b>Bharathiyar Award</b>	M Bharathi Sugumaran
<b>Perarignar Anna Award</b>	M Aikkan
<b>Ambedkar Award</b>	C Ramaguru
<b>Thiruvalluvar Award</b>	MG Anwar Batcha

2) **TAMILNADU CHIEF MINISTER'S INDEPENDENCE DAY AWARDS WINNERS:**

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

- 3) The **Salem** City Municipal Corporation has bagged the **Chief Minister's Award for the best Corporation** this year.
- 4) **Pallavan Village Bank** got the **ASSOCHAM's SKOCH award for being the Best Grama Bank.**

- 5) **Namakkal & Tiruvarur district** received the “Best Performing under **BetiBachao, BetiPadhao**”
- 6) **Tamil Nadu** bagged the **Krishi Karman Award** for the 5<sup>th</sup> time.
- 7) TN Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has won the **1<sup>st</sup> prize in the Republic day parade held in Chennai**
- 8) **Ma. Aranganathan Literary Awards 2019:** *Veli Rangarajan and Yuma Vasuki*
- 9) **TN was Ranked “NUMERO UNO STATE” and Received 4 Awards in India Today’s State of States Awards - 2018 in New Delhi:**
  - Over – All Performing State in all Sectors, among large states in India
  - Best State in Maintenance of Law & Order
  - Best Performing State in Tourism
  - Most Improved State in Law & Order

10) **Sahitya Akademi Award 2018:**

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

- 11) **Writer Prapanjan:** *Prapanjan @ Sarangapani Vaithiyalingam conferred Sahitya Akademi Award for VaanamVasapadum* in 1995 was passed away on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018  
**Famous Books:**

- ❖ OruOorillranduManithargal
- ❖ Bramam
- ❖ NetruManithargal
- ❖ Aangalum, Pengalum
- ❖ Maanudam Vellum
- ❖ SugabogaTheevugal
- ❖ Maganadhi



12) **76<sup>th</sup> Tamil Isai Festival Awards:**

<b>Isai Peraringnar</b>	Umayalpuram K Sivaraman
<b>Pann Isai Peraringnar</b>	Palani K Venkatesan

**TAMIL NADU - WOMEN**

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

**Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi Palaniswami's Overseas Visit in September:**

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

### **3. BUDGET**

#### **TAMIL NADU STATE BUDGET:**

S.No.	State Budget
1.	<p><b>Presented by:</b> O Paneerselvam (Deputy CM &amp; State Finance Minister)</p> <p><b>Presented on:</b> 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019</p> <p><b>Highlights:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ High Priority is being accorded for strengthening of primary sector and attracting greater investments in manufacturing and service sector</li> <li>✓ The <b>per capita income</b> of the State has grown from Rs.1,03,600 in the year 2011-2012 to <b>Rs.1,42,267 during 2017-2018</b> in real terms.</li> <li>✓ The projected growth rate of <b>GSDP for the year 2017-2018 is 8.09 percent in</b> real terms, as against the all India projected growth rate of 7.20 percent. <b>The GSDP growth in 2018-2019, as per the preliminary estimates, is expected to be 8.16 percent</b></li> <li>✓ <b>A sum of Rs.100 crore has been allocated for the State Balanced Growth Fund (SBGF) in this Budget.</b> Similarly, Rs.75 crore has been allocated in the Budget Estimates 2019-2020 for the Special Area Development Programme.</li> <li>✓ <b>The revenue deficit for the year 2019-2020 is expected to come down to Rs.14,315 crore</b> as against the projected revenue deficit of Rs.19,319 crore in the Revised Estimates 2018-2019.</li> <li>✓ The State is yet to receive its due share of IGST to the tune of Rs.5,454 crore as well as the assured GST compensation of Rs.455.16 crore for the year 2017-2018. The delay in release of these dues by the Union Government is impinging on the State finances.</li> </ul>



## UNION BUDGET:

### Union Interim Budget 2019-20:

- ✓ Started on: 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 – **President Presented Joint sitting of the Houses**
- ✓ Presented on: 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019
- ✓ Presented by: **Union Minister for Finance, Corporate Affairs, Railways & Coal, Mr. Piyush Goyal**
- ✓ Concluded on: 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019

### New Schemes Introduced in the Budget:

<b>Pradhan Mantri KisanSamman Nidhi scheme</b>	Assistance to the small and marginal farmers with an assured supplemental income
<b>Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Mandhan</b>	Provide unorganized sector workers a comprehensive social security coverage for their old age
<b>Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog</b>	Enhance production and productivity of cows

### The Union Budget 2019-20: **5<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

**Presented by:** The Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Mrs. Nirmala Sitharaman

### KEY FEATURES OF BUDGET 2019-20:

<b>Vision to become \$5 trillion economy driven by 'virtuous cycle' of investment</b>	India becomes sixth largest economy
<b>Pradhan Mantri Karam Yogi Maandhan</b>	Pension benefits to retail traders and small shopkeepers
<b>Pradhan Mantri MatsyaSampada Yojana (PMMSY)</b>	Establish robust fisheries management framework
<b>Enhanced interest deduction for affordable housing loan</b>	Tax benefits for corporate tax payers
<b>Scheme of faceless electronic tax assessment</b>	Aadhaar and PAN to be interchangeable
<b>Reform, Perform, Transform agenda: GST, IBC, RERA etc.</b>	Changing common man's life: MUDRA, UJJWALA, SAUBHAGYA etc.

#### **4. NATIONAL**

S.NO.	NATIONAL				
1.	<p><b>Article 370 and 35 (A) Revoked:</b> On <b>5<sup>th</sup> August 2019</b>, the President of India promulgated the Constitution (Application to Jammu and Kashmir) Order, 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ According to the Order, provisions of the Indian Constitution are now applicable in the State.</li> <li>✓ This Order comes into force “at once”, and shall “supersede the Constitution (Application to Jammu and Kashmir) Order, 1954.”</li> <li>✓ <b>A separate Bill: The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Bill 2019</b> - was introduced to bifurcate the State into two separate union territories of <b>Jammu and Kashmir (with legislature), and Ladakh (without legislature).</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Second Amendment) Bill, 2019</b> was also introduced to extend the reservation for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in educational institutions and government jobs in Jammu and Kashmir.</li> </ul>				
2.	<b>Prime Minister Narendra Modi</b> - announced -appointment of a <b>Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)</b>				
3.	<b>New Delhi</b> CM announced - free electricity for people - consuming up to <b>200 units under a domestic connection</b>				
4.	Union Ministry of Railways launched - <b>CORAS (Commando for Railway Security)</b> of Indian Railways				
5.	<b>Puducherry</b> - Ban single use of plastic - from 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2019				
6.	Train 18 named as <b>Vande Bharat Express</b>				
7.	<p><b>Separate High Courts</b> from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td><b>Telangana</b></td><td>Hyderabad</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Andhra Pradesh</b></td><td>Amaravati (Justice City)</td></tr> </table>	<b>Telangana</b>	Hyderabad	<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	Amaravati (Justice City)
<b>Telangana</b>	Hyderabad				
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	Amaravati (Justice City)				
8.	World’s largest Solar Power programme - <b>Leh- Ladakh Region</b>				
9.	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Tulip Garden – Srinagar – J/K</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Tulip Garden – Uttarakhand</p>				
10.	<b>Ujjwala sanitary napkin initiative</b> - Odisha				
11.	<b>Atal Setu initiative</b> - Goa				
12.	Clean Railway Station in the country – <b>Southern Railways</b>				
13.	World’s largest Cricket stadium - <b>Ahmedabad, Gujarat</b>				
14.	Ganga Expressway - longest expressway in the world – <b>Uttar Pradesh</b>				

15.	Byorung bridge - single-lane steel cable suspension bridge - <b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>
16.	<b>gau kalian</b> - cow welfare cess - 0.5% additional levy on excise items- <b>Uttar Pradesh</b>
17.	National Salt Satyagraha Memorial - <b>Gujarat</b>
18.	Hindi word of the Year 2018 by the Oxford dictionaries - <b>Nari Shakti</b>
19.	<b>Four museums in Red Fort:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Museum</li> <li>✓ Yaad-e-Jallian Museum</li> <li>✓ Museum on 1857- India's first war of Independence</li> <li>✓ Drishyakala-Museum on Indian Art</li> </ul>
20.	National Museum of Indian Cinema - <b>Mumbai</b>
21.	SanrakshanKshмата Mahotsav - awareness - need of oil and gas
22.	Sustainable Catchment Forest Management - <b>Tripura</b>
23.	<b>Vision 2040: Civil Aviation – Theme: Flying for All</b>
24.	<b>National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (2018-2023)</b> -Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has drafted
25.	Sita Rama Lift Irrigation Project - <b>Telangana</b>
26.	National Clean Air Programme – <b>New Delhi</b>
27.	<b>124<sup>th</sup> constitutional amendment bill</b> - Reservations to the economically weaker sections (EWS)
28.	10% reservation in educational institutions and government jobs for economically backward sections in the general category – <b>The Union Government</b>
29.	Mandal Dam Project - <b>Jharkhand and Bihar</b>
30.	<b>IPC Section 354A</b> - Transgenders can file sexual harassment case
31.	<b>Centre for Classical Language</b> - Tirur, Kerala
32.	<b>PULWAMA ATTACK:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ On 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019 attacks on security personnel (CRPF) took place</li> <li>✓ NH1 that connects Srinagar and Jammu passes through Pulwama</li> <li>✓ 44 CRPF Jawans were killed</li> <li>✓ Pulwama is nicknamed as the rice bowl of Kashmir</li> </ul>
33.	<b>Southern Coast Railway Zone</b> – headquarters: <b>Visakhapatnam</b>
34.	To eliminate Tuberculosis in India by 2025

35.	Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion renamed as the <b>Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade</b>
36.	Smart Village Campaign: <b>Punjab</b>
37.	<b>Kisan Credit Card</b> – for Farmers
38.	<b>Kerala</b> - 1 <sup>st</sup> state - <b>Set up price monitoring and research unit</b>
39.	<b>KP-BOT</b> – Kerala - 1 <sup>st</sup> ever robot Humanoid Police Robot
40.	Zero Fatality Corridor - <b>New Delhi</b>
41.	<b>India Size project</b> - Smriti Irani launched
42.	<b>Great Indian Bustard</b> - Mascot for Conference Of Parties (COP-13)
43.	<b>Himalayan Cloud Observatory</b> - Tehri district, Uttarakhand
44.	3 year Asiatic Lion Conservation Project - <b>Gujarat</b>
45.	<b>DD Arunprabha</b> - Arunachal Pradesh
46.	Dikkibandi stadium - Meghalaya- <b>renamed as PurnoASangma Stadium</b>
47.	India's 1 <sup>st</sup> Aqua Mega Food Park - <b>Andhra Pradesh</b>
48.	India's 1 <sup>st</sup> District cooling system – Amaravati, <b>Andhra Pradesh</b>
49.	India's 1 <sup>st</sup> Geographical Indication (GI) store - <b>Goa International Airport</b>
50.	<b>Helpline number 112</b> - Single emergency helpline number throughout India
51.	<b>Ghumot</b> - Goa's heritage musical instrument
52.	Sarathi Sandesh Vahini vehicles – <b>Uttar Pradesh</b> – Awareness regarding family planning in urban and rural areas
53.	Sela Tunnel Project - <b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>
54.	<b>SWAYATT</b> - Promote Start-ups for Women and Youth
55.	<b>Himachal Pradesh:</b> ✓ Sanskrit as 2 <sup>nd</sup> official language ✓ Hindi as 1 <sup>st</sup> official language
56.	India's 1 <sup>st</sup> Agromet Forecast Centre - <b>Karnataka</b>
57.	India's 1 <sup>st</sup> Fulldome 3D Digital Theatre – <b>West Bengal</b>
58.	<b>Shyam Saran Negi</b> - Brand ambassador for 2019 Parliament Election
59.	<b>Gauri Sawant</b> - 1 <sup>st</sup> transgender election ambassador in India

60.	<b>34<sup>th</sup> GST Council Meeting</b> – held on 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 <b>35<sup>th</sup> GST Council Meeting</b> – held on 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2019
61.	India - <b>Construction Technology year</b> - April 2019 - March 2020
62.	National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) - <b>Chairman:</b> Bhagwan Lal Sahni
63.	<b>One Nation One Card</b> – Launched in – Ahmedabad, Gujarat - 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 – From 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2019 – Launched in Gujarat, Maharashtra, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh
64.	Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Institute of Archaeology - <b>Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh</b>
65.	<b>Manohar Parrikar (Former Goa CM)</b> – passed away -17 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
66.	<b>Nizamabad district in Telangana</b> – people vote through Ballot Papers – LS election
67.	<b>Meghalaya -Braille</b> - enabled ballot papers at all polling booths
68.	<b>world's highest polling station</b> - Himachal Pradesh
69.	Pink polling booth - <b>Bihar</b>
70.	<b>Enajori Initiative</b> – <b>Assam</b> - for persons with disability voters
71.	<b>India's deepest shaft cave</b> - Meghalaya
72.	<b>Rajasthan</b> - provide 5% reservation to Gujjars, Banjaras, GadiaLohars, Raikas and Gadaria
73.	<b>Carbon Zero</b> - India's 1 <sup>st</sup> Carbon positive settlement - Phayeng, Manipur
74.	<b>Maitri Bridge</b> - longest suspension bridge over Indus River – <b>Leh</b> - Indian Army built
75.	<b>Malaria Elimination Research Alliance (MERA) India</b> - eliminate Malaria from India by 2030
76.	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lokpal, the anti-corruption ombudsman office</b> - Chanakypuri, Delhi
77.	<b>Guwahati Railway Station</b> - ISO 4001: 2015 certification - from National Green Tribunal
78.	<b>16<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha was dissolved</b> - 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 - resignation of the PM Modi
79.	<b>17<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha</b> - 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> time Modi took oath as the Prime Minister
80.	BJP to send highest ever share of <b>40 Women MP's to Lok Sabha</b>
81.	<b>17<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha</b> will have a record of <b>78 Women MP's elected to the Parliament</b>

82.	Life-sized stucco sculpture from a Buddhist site - <b>Telangana</b>
83.	India's 1 <sup>st</sup> Blockchain District - <b>Hyderabad</b>
84.	<b>Kerala state's Amphibian - Purple frog</b>
85.	Increase the legal age for tobacco consumption from 18 to 21 - <b>Karnataka</b>
86.	Aroma Mission – <b>Meghalaya</b> - Boost medicinal and aromatic plants cultivation
87.	Ban online food delivery without hygiene rating - <b>Punjab</b>
88.	Banned the Ads & sale of e-cigarettes - <b>Rajasthan</b>
89.	Free of cost in Metro and bus rides for women – <b>New Delhi</b>
90.	Animals as legal persons - <b>Punjab and Haryana High Court</b>
91.	Kaleshwaram Irrigation Project - <b>Telangana</b>
92.	India's 1 <sup>st</sup> project to receive power from waste-to-energy – <b>Delhi Metro</b>
93.	Pink Sarathi vehicles for women's safety - <b>Karnataka</b>
94.	Employment Generation Programme for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) - <b>Maharashtra</b>
95.	1 <sup>st</sup> village in India to have zero wooden stoves - <b>Bancha in Betul district of Madhya Pradesh</b>
96.	India's 1 <sup>st</sup> dinosaur museum and fossil park - <b>Gujarat</b>
97.	Karnataka's 1 <sup>st</sup> solar-powered Gram Panchayat - <b>Amasebailu village</b>
98.	ISRO Chairman K Sivan announced that <b>India will have its own Space station by 2030</b>
99.	<b>Feni Bridge</b> - corridor for trade and commerce between <b>India and Bangladesh</b>
100.	India's 1 <sup>st</sup> solar-powered cruise boat - <b>Alappuzha, Kerala</b>
101.	Vedic education board and culture board - <b>Rajasthan</b>
102.	India's 1 <sup>st</sup> "Hydrotherapy Treatment Center" for Elephants – <b>Uttar Pradesh</b>
103.	20 <sup>th</sup> meeting on Financial Stability and Development Council - <b>New Delhi</b>
104.	The Elephanta Festival of art and culture - <b>Mumbai, Maharashtra</b>
105.	International Day of Yoga 2019 event - <b>Ranchi</b>
106.	"Flood hazard atlas" aided by satellite imagery – <b>Odisha</b>
107.	State aquatic animal of Punjab - <b>Indus River dolphin</b>



108	<b>Lucknow</b> - to host – <b>“2020 DefExpo”</b>
109	<b>One Nation One Ration Card</b> – from 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2020
110	<b>CM Helpline No. 1076</b> - Uttar Pradesh
111	<b>West Bengal</b> - a free crop insurance scheme
112	The historic walled city of Jaipur in Rajasthan - <b>UNESCO World Heritage site</b>
113	Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has operationalized - the first Aadhaar Seva Kendra (ASK) - <b>Delhi and Vijayawada</b>
114	India’s 1 <sup>st</sup> design development centre <b>“Fashionova”</b> - <b>Gujarat</b>
115	India’s 1 <sup>st</sup> elephant rehabilitation centre - <b>Kottoor, Thiruvananthapuram</b>
116	Center’s Witness Protection Scheme - <b>Odisha</b>
117	1 <sup>st</sup> Indian state to have water policy - <b>Meghalaya</b>
118	Happiness Utsav – <b>New Delhi</b>
119	India’s first Space Park - <b>Kerala</b>
120	1 <sup>st</sup> Indian State to reserve 75% private jobs for local youths - <b>Andhra Pradesh</b>
121	India’s first Garbage Cafe for Ragpickers– <b>Chhattisgarh</b>
122	India’s 2 <sup>nd</sup> Riverine Multi-Modal terminal – inaugurated by PM - Sahibganj in Jharkhand on 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
123	Telangana government - declare 2020 as Year of Artificial Intelligence (AI)
124	PM launched <b>National Animal Disease Control programme and Artificial Insemination Programme</b> in Mathura
125	India’s tallest Air Traffic Control tower - Indira Gandhi International Airport
126	India’s 1 <sup>st</sup> National Anti-microbial Resistance Hub - <b>Kolkata</b>

### **5. ECONOMY**

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1.	<b>The 36<sup>th</sup> GST Council meeting</b> chaired by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman was held on <b>27<sup>th</sup> July 2019</b>
2.	<b>State Bank of India</b> - Repo Rate linked home loan product - from 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2019

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

19	<p>Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued <b>Rs. 20 denomination banknotes</b> in the New Mahatma Gandhi Series.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="507 331 1182 600"> <tr> <td><b>Signature</b></td><td>Shaktikanta Das, Governor of RBI</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>motif</b></td><td>Ellora Caves in Reverse Side</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Colour</b></td><td>Greenish Yellow</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Dimension</b></td><td>63 mm x 129 mm</td></tr> </table>	<b>Signature</b>	Shaktikanta Das, Governor of RBI	<b>motif</b>	Ellora Caves in Reverse Side	<b>Colour</b>	Greenish Yellow	<b>Dimension</b>	63 mm x 129 mm
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### **6. SCHEMES / YOJANAS**

SCHEMES / YOJANAS	PURPOSE / Why in News?	MINISTRY / CABINET
<b>MukhyamantriVridhajan Pension Yojna</b>	Universal old age pension scheme	Bihar government

<b>MukhyamantriYuvaSwabhiman Yojana</b>	For urban youths (21-30 years) from economically weaker sections	Madhya Pradesh government
<b>Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan pension scheme</b>	Under the scheme, workers of the unorganised sector will receive a minimum assured pension of three thousand rupees per month after attaining the age of 60 years	Union government
<b>Arundhati Scheme</b>	Provide gold at free of cost to the brides	Assam government
<b>KALIA ChhatraBruti Yojana</b>	Children of farmers will be provided scholarships to pursue higher education in professional courses at free of cost	Odisha government
<b>AnnadataSukhibhava scheme</b>	For Farmers	Andhra Pradesh government
<b>One family one job scheme</b>	To provide employment to the youth of Sikkim	Government of Sikkim
<b>KrishakBandhu scheme</b>	To address the farm distress in the state	Government of West Bengal
<b>Atal Solar Krishi Pump Yojana</b>	Government will give two LED bulbs, a DC fan and a mobile charging socket as freebies to farmers enrolling under the scheme	Government of Maharashtra

<b>YuvaSwabhiman Yojana</b>	provide employment for the unemployed youth from the economically weaker sections of the society	Government of Madhya Pradesh
<b>Pravasi Dividend Pension Scheme</b>	Regular pension would be provided to Non-Resident Keralites on a one-time payment of Rs 5 lakh	Government of Kerala
<b>Madhu Babu Pension Yojana</b>	Pension scheme for disabled and old age persons.	Government of Odisha
<b>Pradhan Mantri JaivIndhan-VatavaranAnukoolfasalawasheshNivaran (JI-VAN) Yojana</b>	Providing financial support to the Integrated Bioethanol Projects	Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)
<b>Yuvashree Plan II</b>	To encourage entrepreneurship among youth	West Bengal
<b>Jalamrutha</b>	Water conservation scheme	Karnataka
<b>SHREYASScheme</b>	Scheme for Higher Education Youth in Apprenticeship and Skills (SHREYAS) <b>to provide apprenticeship opportunities to fresh graduates of 2019.</b>	Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
<b>Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Mandhan Yojana</b>		Gujarat
<b>MukhyamantriParivarSamman Nidhi Scheme</b>	Provides insurance facilities of Rs. 2 lakhs on natural death, Rs. 2 lakhs for	Haryana

	accidental death, Rs. 2 lakhs for permanent disability and Rs. 1 lakh for partial disability	
<b>AapkiBeti Scheme</b>	Increased the financial assistance given to school girls under the 'AapkiBeti' scheme	Rajasthan
<b>SarbatSehatBima Yojana</b>	The scheme will provide an annual health cover of Rs 5 lakh per family	Punjab
<b>Pradhan Mantri Kisan Pension Yojana</b>	It is voluntary and contributory pension scheme for all Small and Marginal Farmers (SMF) across the country.	The Union Government
<b>Jal Hi Jeevan Hai Scheme</b>	To encourage farmers to adopt crop diversification	Haryana
<b>Bangla ShashyaBima</b>		West Bengal
<b>SwadharGreh Scheme</b>		The Ministry of Women and Child Development
<b>Pradhan Mantri LaghuVyapariMaan-dhan Yojana</b>	Pension scheme for Retailers, Traders	Ministry of Labour & Employment
<b>Pradhan Mantri KisanMaanDhan Yojana</b>	Pension scheme for farmers, shopkeepers and self-employed persons	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
<b>Mukhyamantri Dal Poshit Yojana</b>	To provide low priced pulses for poor in the State	Uttarakhand



<b>MukhyamantriVyapariSamuhikNijiDurghatnaBeema Yojana</b> & <b>MukhyamantriVyapariKshatipurtiBeema Yojana</b>	Insurance schemes for registered small and medium traders	Haryana
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### **7. REPORTS / INDICES**

INDEX	PURPOSE / RELEASED BY	INDIA's RANKING	TOP RANKING
<b>1<sup>st</sup>ever SDG Gender Index</b>	Equal Measures2030	95	Denmark
<b>Global Peace Index 2019</b>	Institute for Economics and Peace	141	Iceland
<b>World Competitiveness Rankings</b>	IMD BusinessSchool	43	Singapore
<b>Kids Right Index</b>	Kids Right Foundation with Erasmus University, Rotterdam	117	Iceland
<b>Global Talent Competitive Index</b>	INSEAD business school in partnership with Tata Communications and Adecco Group	80	Switzerland
<b>World Press Freedom Index</b>	Reporters Without Borders (RSF)	140	Norway
<b>Index of Cancer Preparedness</b>		19	Australia
<b>Inclusive Internet Index 2019</b>	Economist Intelligence Unit	47	Sweden
<b>International IP index 2019</b>	Global Innovation Policy Center (GIPC)	44	USA
<b>Indian passport</b>	Henley Passport Index 2019	86	Japan & Singapore
<b>Global Innovation Index</b>		52	Switzerland
<b>Global Liveability Index 2019</b>	Economist Intelligence Unit	Delhi = 118 Mumbai = 119	Syria

### **8. COMMITTEES**

<b>K Kasturirangan</b>	Submitted the Draft National Education Policy to the Union HRD Minister
<b>Nandan Nilekani</b>	Regarding steps to be taken to boost digital payments in the country
<b>VG Kannan</b>	RBI to review the ATM Interchange Fee Structure
<b>Suresh Mathur committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ To review the regulatory framework on micro insurance and recommend measures</li> <li>✓ To increase the demand for such products.</li> </ul>
<b>B P Sharma</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ To study creamy layer criteria and eligibility</li> <li>✓ To Revisit the Criteria Evolved by the PRASAD Committee</li> </ul>
<b>B V R Mohan Reddy Committee</b>	Not to allow setting up of new Engineering colleges from 2020
<b>Abhijeet Sen Committee</b>	Formulating food policy in a long term
<b>Raja Chelliah Committee</b>	Tax reforms in India
<b>Khusro Committee</b>	Agricultural Credit System
<b>Malegam Committee</b>	Microfinance
<b>Abid Hussain Committee</b>	Small scale industries and Trade Policy Reform
<b>Chakravarty Committee</b>	Monetary policy
<b>Raghunath Anant Mashelkar panel</b>	To suggest the best technologies for Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan
<b>G V Ramakrishna Committee</b>	Disinvestment
<b>J J Irani Committee</b>	Company laws and formation of the new Companies Act of India
<b>High-powered committee of Chief Ministers</b> <b>HEAD: Devendra Fadnavis</b>	For the transformation of agriculture and raising farmers' income
<b>N Gopalaswami Committee</b>	The University Grants Commission (UGC) has recommended the grant of the Institute of Eminence (IoE) status to 20 institutions.
<b>Mukundakam Sharma Committee</b>	The Centre has constituted a 12-member selection panel for national sports awards to eminent athletes and coaches this year
<b>InterState Council has been reconstituted</b> (Chairman + 6 Union Ministers + All CM Members)	<p><b>Members of the reconstituted council are:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Amit Shah,</li> <li>2) Nirmala Sitharaman,</li> <li>3) Rajnath Singh,</li> <li>4) Narendra Singh Tomar</li> </ol> <p><b>Other Members are:</b></p>

	5) Thaawar Chand Gehlot 6) Hardeep Singh Puri
<b>Kiren Rijiju Committee</b>	To ensure that the performance of the Indian athletes is optimised in Olympics and other multi-disciplinary events.
	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.

### **9. DEFENCE / SPACE**

<b>DEFENCE &amp; SPACE</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>COUNTRY / STATE</b>
<b>NGTS-4b</b>	NGTS-4b, nick-named 'The Forbidden Planet' is smaller than Neptune but three times the size of Earth.	UK
<b>Marsquake</b>	NASA's Mars InSight Lander has recorded first "marsquake" on the mars due to volcanic eruptions or land tides.	USA
<b>Artemis</b>	NASA planned to have the 1 <sup>st</sup> woman land on the Moon by 2024	USA
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Artificial Crater</b>	By Using Hayabusa2 probe, JAXA created the 1 <sup>st</sup> artificial crater on the <b>Ryugu asteroid</b>	Japan
<b>BrahMos missile</b>	IAF successfully fired aerial version of supersonic BrahMos cruise missile from a Su-30 MKI fighter aircraft.	India
<b>Anti-Naxal women commandos</b>	for the 1 <sup>st</sup> time in the country Chhattisgarh Police have introduced	
<b>Rani Abbakka Force</b>	Mangaluru City Police launched an all-women police patrol unit	Karnataka
<b>INS Ranjit</b>	Decommissioned	India
<b>Vigraha</b>	Decommissioned	India
<b>Shaheen - II</b>	surface-to-surface ballistic missile successfully tested	Pakistan
<b>T-90 "Bhishma"</b>	Army Tanks	India

<b>World's 1<sup>st</sup> "zero waste" Flight</b>	Qantas – Australian flight carrier has operated world's first zero waste commercial flight	Australia
<b>59<sup>th</sup> Raising Day</b>	59 <sup>th</sup> Raising Day of Border Roads Organization was celebrated on 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	India
<b>Momo-3</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> privately developed rocket 'Momo-3' into space	Japan
<b>Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART)</b>	NASA will hit an asteroid named <b>Didymoon or Didymos B</b> with a spacecraft called Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) in 2022	USA
<b>NSIL (New Space India Limited)</b>	ISRO's new commercial arm called New Space India Limited (NSIL) was inaugurated in Bengaluru	India
<b>Blue Moon vehicle</b>	Blue Moon would be used to transport equipment, and possibly human beings, to the south pole of the moon by 2024	
<b>Marsquake</b>	NASA's Mars Lander <b>InSight</b> has recorded the 1 <sup>st</sup> Marsquake of <b>2 or 2.5 magnitude</b>	
	Union Health Ministry replaced the words chemist and druggist with pharmacy	
<b>Marine Lizard</b>	world's 1 <sup>st</sup> armed amphibious drone boat	China
<b>Roc</b>	World's largest Airplane	
	Human Space Flight Centre for <b>Gaganyaan Mission</b>	Bengaluru
<b>YUva Vigyani Karyakram</b>	ISRO's special programme for School Children	
<b>MarCO CubeSats</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Mini – Spacecraft	NASA
<b>Beresheet</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Unmanned moon mission	Israel
	an artificial meteor shower	JAXA
	turbine-based combined cycle (TBCC) engine	China
<b>Samwad with Students</b>	The new conversation mission will inspire students India	ISRO
<b>Strum Ataka anti-tank missile</b>	India has inked Rs 200 crore defence deal with India for 'Strum Ataka' anti-tank missile	India
<b>Dragonfly Mission</b>	To explore Saturn's largest moon - Titan	NASA
<b>MOSAIC Mission</b> [Multidisciplinary drifting Observatory for the Study of Arctic	Mission is to anchor the ship to a large piece of Arctic sea ice to study climate change	17 Nations

Climate]		
<b>PUNCH mission</b> [Polarimeter to Unify the Corona and Heliosphere]	Mission is to observe the transition of particles from the Sun's outer corona to the solar wind that fills interplanetary space	NASA
<b>Ramanujan Machine</b>		Israel
<b>"IndSpaceEx"</b>	India's first space war drill - Aim of the exercise is to assess imminent threats to the nation beyond earth.	New Delhi
<b>Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES)</b>	Discovered 28 new variable stars in the Milky Way galaxy using 3.6 metre Devasthal Optical Telescope	India
<b>Securitypedia</b>	Launched a customised video interface CISFTube on the lines of YouTube and an online encyclopedia "Securitypedia" on the lines of Wikipedia to update its personnel about security related issues, best practices in forces and latest technologies available across the world.	Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
<b>INS Sagardhwani</b>	The Marine Acoustic Research Ship (MARS), INS Sagardhwani started its two-month long 2 <sup>nd</sup> mission Sagar Maitri	
<b>Bhabha Kavach</b>	India's 1 <sup>st</sup> Lightest, Indigenous BulletProof Jacket	
<b>Space Situational Awareness Control Centre - Bengaluru</b>	The aim of the control centre is to monitor and protect high value space assets from space debris has been laid.	ISRO
<b>Hope Probe</b>	Arab's first spacecraft to Mars in July 2020	UAE
<b>3 New Precision Guided Missiles</b>	Yasin, Balaban & Ghaem	Iran
	1 <sup>st</sup> Underwater Military Museum	Jordan
<b>GSAT - 7R</b>	The Navy will get its 2 <sup>nd</sup> dedicated communication-cum-surveillance satellite by 2022	ISRO
<b>INS Khanderi</b>	Defence minister Rajnath Singh commissioned the second Scorpene submarine INS Khanderi	Ballard Pier, India
<b>RamanSat 2 miniature satellite</b>	Designed by Indian student Aabhaas Sikka. It is carrying equipment to measure the radiation from Sun and space.	NASA

## **10. OPERATIONS**

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

## **11. SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

<b>SPECIES / NEW DISCOVERIES</b>	<b>TYPE / PURPOSE</b>	<b>PLACE / BY</b>
<b>Paddy frog</b>	The frog belongs to the microhylid genus Micryletta.	Assam
<b>Binny</b>	India's Only Orangutan Dies In Odisha Zoo	
<b>Bumble Robot</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Astrobee robot to fly under its own power in space	NASA
<b>Libra – Digital Currency</b>	Accessible to anyone with an entry-level Smartphone and data	Facebook



	connectivity	
<b>lukoskin</b>	Herbal drug 'lukoskin' for treatment of Leucoderma	DRDO
<b>LecanorchisTaiwaniana</b>	India's Smallest Orchids - a Parasitic Bloom	Assam
<b>SmithophisAtemporalis</b>	New "Rain loving snake"	Mizoram
<b>Trimeresurusarunachalensis</b>	Reddish Brown Venomous pit viper	Arunachal Pradesh
<b>OurasphairaGiraldae</b>	Earth's oldest fungi fossil	Canada
<b>Akademik Lomonosov</b>	World's 1 <sup>st</sup> floating nuclear power plant	Russia
<b>Yeti Footprints</b>	Abominable Snowman or Asian Bigfoot Ape (32×15)	Eastern Himalayas
<b>Monkeypox Virus</b>	Singapore reported the first ever case of the Monkeypox Virus, a rare virus similar to the human smallpox.	Singapore
<b>URAL</b>	Nuclear-powered icebreaker	Russia
<b>Magnetic Levitation (maglev) Train</b>	a prototype magnetic levitation (maglev) train designed with a maximum speed of 600 kilometers per hour	China
<b>GlobalCoin</b>	Own Cryptocurrency	Facebook
<b>DARA</b>	India's first chatbot for creative professionals	
<b>Dengvaxia</b>	The US Food and Drug Administration has approved the 1 <sup>st</sup> vaccine for dengue	
<b>Powehi</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> ever blackhole to be pictured has been named "Powehi" by a Hawaiian professor Larry Kimura	Hawaii
<b>Connect2Earth Campaign</b>	Earth Hour 2019 was organized on 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 from 8:30 pm	
<b>Mosquirix</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> country to immunise children against Malaria through the vaccine "RTS,S" (Mosquirix)	Malawi
<b>Homo luzonensis</b>	a New human species	Philippines
<b>Jerzego Sunil Limaye</b>	A new species of "jumping spider"	Mumbai
<b>Lord Howe Island</b>	World's southernmost coral reef	Australia
	World's 1 <sup>st</sup> ever Diesel To Electric Conversion Locomotive	Varanasi
<b>Small Brown Rat</b>	World's 1 <sup>st</sup> Mammal	Australia

<b>e-AUSHADHI Portal</b>	Online licensing of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy drugs	
<b>AstroSat</b>	Multi wavelength space observatory	India
<b>YuvaVigyaniKaryakram</b>	Young Scientist Programme	ISRO
	World's 1 <sup>st</sup> district to start using both 5G coverage and broadband gigabit network	Shanghai, China
<b>India's 1<sup>st</sup> Smart Fencing</b>	India – Bangladesh Border: 61 Km	Dubri, Assam
<b>Mission Shakti</b>	Joint programme of DRDO & ISRO	
<b>Chandrayaan – 2</b> [launched on 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2019]	Explore & perform studies on South Pole of Moon <b>Rocket:</b> GSLV – MKIII <b>Lander:</b> Vikram <b>Rover:</b> Pragyan	ISRO
<b>Spektr-RG Space Telescope</b>	The Spektr-RG is a space observatory intended to replace the Spektr-R (Known as the “Russian Hubble”)	Russia & Germany
<b>Sonali</b>	Method to convert Jute fibre into low cost bio-degradable cellulose sheets named ‘Sonali’ which can be used as wrapping material and carrying bag	Bangladesh
<b>Agricopter</b>	Eliminate manual spraying of pesticides in agricultural farms	IIT Madras
	<b>NASA's Curiosity</b> rover detects high amounts of methane on <b>Mars</b>	
<b>HarmonyOS or HongMeng</b>	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 nontoxic and biodegradable material with similar properties to plastic	Mexico
<b>Fedor</b>	launched an unmanned rocket carrying a life-size humanoid robot named “Fedor” to space	Russia
<b>Panditjasraj</b>	International Astronomical Union (IAU) has named 2006 VP32 (number-300128) Planet as ‘ <b>Panditjasraj</b> ’ as a tribute to the veteran Vocal artist	
<b>PusaYashasvi (HD-3226)</b>	Released a new potential blockbuster	Indian

	wheat variety - PusaYashasvi (HD-3226) - for planting in the upcoming Rabi crop season	Agricultural Research Institute
<b>Zingiber - Ginger</b>	The Botanical Survey of India (BSI) have discovered two new species of Zingiber (commonly referred to as ginger)	Nagaland
<b>Jan Soochna Portal</b>		Rajasthan

## **12. ROCKETS**

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

<b>Bird)</b>			satellite meant for the Indian Air Force.	
<b>Soyuz Mission</b>	Russia	Soyuz Spacecraft	Manned Mission to International Space Station <b>Cosmonauts to Space:</b> <b>Russia:</b> Oleg Kononenko <b>USA:</b> Anne McClain <b>Canada:</b> David Saint Jacques	3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2018
<b>Chang'e – 4 Lunar Probe Mission</b>	China	Long March – 3B	The Purpose of the Mission is to Survey the Moon's far side	8 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
<b>RISAT-2B</b>	India	PSLV C-46	Radar imaging earth observation satellite	22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2019

**ISRO announced 7Mega Missions in next 10 years:**

<b>2020</b>	XPoSAT
<b>2021</b>	Aditya L1
<b>2022</b>	Mangalyaan 2
<b>2023</b>	Venus Mission
<b>2024</b>	Chandarayaan 3
<b>2028</b>	Exoworlds

**13. CYCLONES**

<b>CYCLONES</b>	<b>AFFECTED AREA</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>Named by</b>
<b>Cyclone Vayu</b>	Gujarat	10 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 – 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	India
<b>Cyclone Fani</b>	Odisha	Formed on 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 Crossed on 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2019	Bangladesh
<b>Cyclone Idai</b>	Mozambique	21 <sup>st</sup> March 2019	Zimbabwe
<b>Cyclone Pabuk</b>	Thailand	6 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Japan
<b>PHETHAI – 7<sup>th</sup> Cyclone happened in 2018</b>	Andhra Pradesh	17 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Thailand

<b>Cyclone GAJA</b>	Nagapattinam, Thanjavur, Pudukottai, Thiruvarur	16 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Sri Lanka
<b>Cyclone LUBAN</b>	Oman	12 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Oman
<b>Hurricane LESLIE</b>	Portugal & Spain	12 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	
<b>Cyclone TITLI</b>	Odisha	10 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Pakistan

### Cyclones Hits in 2018:

<b>ARABIAN SEA</b>	Sagar
	Mekunu
	Luban
<b>Bay of Bengal</b>	Daye
	Titli
	Gaja
	Phethai

### 14. GEOGRAPHICAL INDEX (GI) TAG

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	Karnataka	48 Products
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	Maharashtra	32 Products
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	Tamil Nadu	26 Products

S.No.	GI Tag	State
1.	Sirsi Supari	Karnataka
2.	Coorg Arabica Coffee Chikmagalur Arabica Coffee Bababudangiris Arabica Coffee Araku Valley Arabica Coffee Wayanad Robusta Coffee	Karnataka Karnataka Karnataka Andhra Pradesh Kerala
3.	Marayur Jaggery	Kerala
4.	Erode Turmeric	Tamil Nadu

5.	Thirubuvanam Silk Sarees	Tamil Nadu
6.	NammaKolhapuri chappal	Maharashtra & Karnataka
7.	KandhamalHaldi	Odisha
8.	Rasagola	Odisha
9.	Alphonso mango	Maharashtra
10.	Shahi Litchi	Bihar
11.	Kashmir's famed saffron	Kashmir

**GI Tag's from TAMIL NADU**

S.No.	Place	Products
1.	Madurai	Jasmine Flower
		Sungudi Sarees
2.	Sirumalai	Banana
3.	Pathamadaai	Mat
4.	Kacheepuram	Silk Sarees
5.	Arani	Silk Sarees
6.	Bhavani	Bed Sheet (Jamakkalam)
7.	NachiyarKovil	Kuthuvilakku
8.	Kovai	Wet Grinder
9.	Tanjoor	Paintings
		Veenai
		Kalaithattu
		ThalaiyattiBomma
10.	Erode	Turmeric
11.	Mahabalipuram	Sculptures
12.	Salem	Handlooms
		White Silks
13.	Nilgris	Todar Tribes Embroidery Work
		Thailam
14.	Swami Malai	PanchalogaSilaigal



15.	Nagercoil	Temple Jewels
16.	Eethamozhi	Coconut Trees
17.	Virupatchi	MalaiValaipalam
18.	Chettinadu	Handloom
19.	Kodaikanal	MalaiPoondur
20.	Palani	Panchamirtham
21.	Srivilliputtur	Palkova

### **15. APPOINTMENTS**

### **COUNTRY's NEW PRESIDENTS / PRIME MINISTERS**

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

### **NEWLY ELECTED CHIEF MINISTERS**

STATE	CHIEF MINISTER
<b>Odisha</b>	Naveen Patnaik – 5 <sup>th</sup> Consecutive time
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	Jagan Mohan Reddy – Sworn in as CM on 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 <b>Party:</b> YSR Congress Party
<b>Telangana</b>	K Chandrasekara Rao
<b>Mizoram</b>	Pu Zoramthanga
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	Kamal Nath
<b>Rajasthan</b>	Ashok Gehlot
<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	Bhupesh Baghel
<b>Goa</b>	Pramod Sawant

### NEWLY APPOINTED GOVERNORS

STATE	NEW GOVERNOR
<b>Tamizhisai Soundararajan</b>	Telangana
<b>Anusuiya Uikey</b>	Chhattisgarh
<b>Biswa Bhusan Harichandan</b>	Andhra Pradesh
<b>Lal Ji Tandon</b>	Madhya Pradesh
<b>Anandi Ben Patel</b>	Uttar Pradesh
<b>Kalraj Mishra</b>	Rajasthan
<b>Phagu Chauhan</b>	Bihar
<b>Jagdeep Dhankhar</b>	West Bengal
<b>Ramesh Bais</b>	Tripura
<b>RN Ravi</b>	Nagaland
<b>Bhagat Singh Koshyari</b>	Maharashtra
<b>Bandaru Dattatreya</b>	Himachal Pradesh
<b>Arif Mohammed Khan</b>	Kerala

PERSONS	POSITION / DESIGNATION
<b>Om Birla</b>	Speaker of 17 <sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha.
<b>Virendra Kumar</b>	<i>pro-tem speaker of the 17<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha</i>

<b>Admiral Karambir Singh</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> chief of the Navalstaff
<b>Thawar Chand Gehlot</b>	The Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment has been appointed as the <b>Leader of the House for the Rajya Sabha.</b>
<b>AjitDoval</b>	National SecurityAdvisor
<b>Rajiv Mehrishi</b>	External Auditor of WHO
<b>Rajiv Kumar</b>	Vice chairman of NITIAayog
<b>Mrutyunjay Mahapatra - Cyclone Man</b>	Director General ofthe India Meteorological Department
<b>Inger Andersen</b>	New Executive Director of theUNEP
<b>Faiz Hameed</b>	New chief of the Inter-Services Intelligence
<b>Rabi Mishra</b>	New ExecutiveDirector of Reserve Bank of India
<b>Krishnaswamy Natarajan</b>	New Director General of the Indian Coast Guard
<b>Samant Kumar Goel</b>	Chief of external intelligence agency RAW
<b>Narinder Batra</b>	Member of the International Olympic Committee
<b>Dr.Krishnamurthy Subramanian</b> - <i>Chief Economic Adviser</i>	Included as the member of the Advisory Council to the 15 <sup>th</sup> FinanceCommission headed by N.K. Singh
<b>Assam filmmaker Rima Das</b>	Ambassadorof Toronto International Film Festival
<b>David R. Malpass</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> President of World Bank
<b>Gargi Kaul</b>	Secretary, Defence Finance
<b>Former Army Chief Dalbir Singh Suhag</b>	High Commissioner to Seychelles
<b>Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose</b>	India's first Lokpal ombudsman
<b>Ajit Kumar Mohanty</b>	Director of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)
<b>M R Kumar</b>	Chairman of Life Insurance Corporation
<b>Pankaj Kumar</b>	CEO of Sterlite Copper
<b>Ramesh Chandra</b>	Head of Foodand Agricultural Organisation
<b>P V Ramesh</b>	Director-general of the National Archives ofIndia
<b>Rishi Kumar Shukla</b>	CBI Director
<b>Sushil Chandra</b>	New Election Commissioner
<b>Lt. General Rajeev Chopra</b>	Director General of NCC

<b>Suman Kumari</b>	Pakistan's 1 <sup>st</sup> Hindu Woman Judge
<b>P V Bharathi</b>	CEO of Corporation Bank
<b>Egypt President El-Sissi</b>	Elected as chairman of the African Union
<b>Pramod Chandra Mody</b>	Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes
<b>Pradeep Singh Kharola</b>	Civil Aviation Secretary
<b>Ashwani Lohani</b>	Chairman and managing director of Air India
<b>Sanjiv Ranjan</b>	Ambassador of India To The Republic Of Colombia
<b>Dinesh Bhatia</b>	Ambassador of India To The Republic Of Argentina
<b>D.K. Jain</b>	BCCI Ombudsman
<b>Sudhir Bhargava</b>	Chief Information Commissioner
<b>Justice AK Sikr</b>	Executive Chairman of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)
<b>Punit Goenka</b>	Chairman of BARC India
<b>Sanjay Jain and K M Nataraj</b>	Additional Solicitor Generals of India
<b>Pranav R Mehta</b>	President of the Global Solar Council
<b>Vinod Kumar Yadav</b>	Chairman of Railway board
<b>Saurabh Kumar</b>	Chairman of Ordnance Factory Board
<b>Shaktikanta Das</b>	New RBI Governor – <b>25<sup>th</sup> Governor of RBI</b>
<b>Krishnamurthy Subramanian</b>	Chief Economic Advisor (CEA)
<b>Arundhati Bhattacharya</b>	Chairman of SWIFT ( <i>Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication</i> )
<b>CAG - Rajiv Mehrishi</b>	Vice-Chairman of United Nations (UN) Panel of Auditors
<b>Brijendra Pal Singh</b>	Chairman of Film Television Institute of India (FTII)
<b>Shri Ramphal Pawar</b>	Director of National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)
<b>Madhavi Goradia Divan</b>	Additional Solicitor General (ASG)
<b>W V Raman</b>	New Indian women's cricket team coach
<b>Hima Das</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Youth ambassador of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) India
<b>Aravind Saxena</b>	New Chairman of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)
<b>Kim Jong Yang</b>	Interpol President
<b>Ashok Kumar Gupta</b>	Chairperson of Competition Commission of India
<b>Arvind Kumar</b>	New director of Intelligence Bureau

<b>Sarada Kumar Hota</b>	New Managing Director of National Housing Bank
<b>Manoj Kumar Nambiar</b>	New chairman of Microfinance Institutions Network
<b>Narinder Batra</b>	President of Indian Olympic Association has been elected as a member of International Olympic Committee
<b>Vikas Swarup</b>	Secretary of Overseas Indian Affairs
<b>David Sassoli</b>	New President of the European Parliament
<b>Anshula Kant</b>	MD and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the World Bank
<b>KishenNarsi</b>	Chairman of Asian Boxing Confederation's competitions commission
<b>Vivek Kohli</b>	Chairman of the Commonwealth Table Tennis Federation
<b>Manoj Mukund Naravane</b>	Vice Chief of Indian Army
<b>Priti Patel</b>	Britain's first Indian origin home secretary
<b>Badri Narain Sharma</b>	Chairperson of National Anti – profiteering Authority
<b>Paramjit Singh</b>	New Director General of Military Operations of the Indian Army
<b>Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury</b>	Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee
<b>VK Johri</b>	New Director General (DG) of Border Security Force
<b>Rajiv Kumar</b>	New Finance Secretary of India
<b>Sunil Gaur</b>	Chairperson of the PMLA Appellate Tribunal
<b>Lt. Gen Manoj Mukund Naravane</b>	Assumed charge as Vice Chief of the Army
<b>Rajendra Menon</b>	Chairperson of the Armed Forces Tribunal
<b>Shashi Tharoor</b>	Member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External affairs
<b>Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria</b>	New Chief of the Indian Air Force (IAF)
<b>Sebastian Coe</b>	Re-elected as president of the International Association of Athletics Federations
<b>Madhukar Kamath</b>	Chairman of the Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC) for 2019 - 20
<b>P. Lakshman Reddy</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh

### **16. WOMEN IN NEWS**

<b>Pratibha Patil</b>	Mexico's Order of the Aztec Eagle - Award
<b>Mohana Singh</b>	First woman fighter pilot to fly Hawk jet

<b>Chandrani Murmu</b>	Youngest Parliamentarian in the history of Indian Parliament
<b>Anita Bhatia</b>	UN-Women Deputy Executive Director
<b>Greta Thunberg</b>	16-year-old - International's Ambassador of Conscience Award
<b>Suman Rao</b> - Rajasthan	Crowned Femina Miss India World 2019
<b>Muthayya Vanitha &amp; Ritu Karidhal</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Woman Project Directors in an ISRO Mission of Chandrayaan – II
<b>Rihanna</b>	World's Richest female musician according to the Forbes magazine
<b>Priyanka Chopra</b>	Danny Kaye Humanitarian Award by UNICEF
<b>M Jayshree Vyas</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Independent Woman Director to BSE board
<b>Bhawana Kanth</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Woman IAF Pilot to qualify for Combat missions on a fighter jet
<b>Saray Khumalo</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> South African woman to scale Mount Everest
<b>GS Lakshmi</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Woman female ICC match referee
<b>Claire Polosak</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Woman umpire to stand in a men's ODI
<b>Aarohi Pandit</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Woman in the world to cross the Atlantic Ocean solo in a Light Sports Aircraft (LSA)
<b>Australia's Claire Polosak</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> female umpire to stand in a men's one-day international (ODI)
<b>Mithali Raj</b>	Goodwill ambassador of 'Team India' at the Street Child Cricket World Cup
<b>Karen Uhlenbeck</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Woman to win Abel prize
<b>Kane Tanaka</b> from Japan	Oldest person living at 116 years & 66 days Old
<b>Soumya Swaminathan</b>	Deputy Director-General to Chief Scientist in World Health Organisation (WHO)
<b>Padma Lakshmi</b>	The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) - has appointed as new Goodwill Ambassador
<b>Emma Haruka Iwao</b>	Entered into the Guinness Book of World Records for calculating the value of Pi to the most number of digits
<b>Priyanka Chopra</b>	50 Most Powerful Women in Entertainment of the USA Today
<b>Gauri Sawant</b>	Gauri Sawant, a transgender activist was appointed as election ambassador to create awareness voters and to improve the voting percentage in the state



<b>Hina Jaiswal</b>	First Woman Flight Engineer of Indian Air Force
<b>Bhavana Kasturi</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Woman officer to lead an all men Army contingent in the Republic Day parade
<b>Suman Kumari</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Hindu Woman in Pakistan to be appointed as a civil judge
<b>Mithali Raj</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Indian woman to play 200 ODI Cricket Matches
<b>Rachna Khaira</b>	Journalist of the Year 2019
<b>Ursula von der Leyen</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Female President of the European Commission
<b>Sushma Swaraj, former Minister of External Affairs</b>	Passed away on 6 <sup>th</sup> August 2019
<b>P V Sindhu</b>	only athlete from the India to be named among the <b>world's highest paid female athletes by Forbes</b>
<b>Chandrima Shaha</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> woman president of the Indian National Science Academy (INSA)
<b>P T Usha</b>	Appointed as one of the six members of the Asian Athletics Association's (AAA) Athletes Commission
	Awarded the prestigious International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF) Veteran Pin Award
<b>Serena Williams</b>	Serena Williams topped the Forbes annual list of best-paid female athlete
<b>Shalija Dhami</b>	IAF Becomes First Female Flight Commander
<b>Kristalina Georgieva</b>	New chief and Managing Director of International Monetary Fund (IMF)
<b>Rupa Gurunath</b>	New president of the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association
<b>Actor Madhuri Dixit</b>	Goodwill ambassador by the Chief Electoral Office (CEO) in Maharashtra
<b>Wing Commander Anjali Singh</b>	India's first female military diplomat
<b>Chhaya Sharma</b>	Asia Society Game Changer Award 2019

## **17. AWARDS**

<b>AWARDS / PRIZES</b>	<b>PERSON / ORGANIZATION</b>
<b>Maldives's "Nishan Izzuddin" award</b>	Narendra Modi
<b>Dada Saheb Phalke award 2019</b>	Amitabh Bachchan

<b>2019WHO award for tobacco control</b>	Rajasthan
<b>2019 J C Daniel Award</b>	Sheela
<b>USIBC Global Leadership Awards 2019</b>	Sundar Pichai
<b>Cabinet Committee onParliamentary Affairs</b>	Rajnath Singh
<b>2019 Women's Prize for Fiction</b>	Tayari Jones
<b>"ManasOrder of the First Degree"</b>	Xi Jinping
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Joan Miro Prize2019</b>	Nalini Malani
<b>Facebook Hall of Fame 2019</b>	ZonelSougajam
<b>Knight of the Legion ofHonour</b>	AS Kiran Kumar – Former ISRO Chairman
<b>Man Booker International Prize</b>	<b>Jokha al-Harhi</b> from Oman BOOK: Celestial Bodies Translator: Marilyn Booth
<b>World Press Freedom Hero award in2019</b>	Cyril Almeida
<b>DeenanathMangeshkar Award 2019</b>	Madhur Bhandarkar
<b>P.C. Chandra Puraskaar</b>	Dr.Devi Prasad Shetty
<b>Sasakawa Award 2019</b>	Dr. Pramod Kumar Mishra
<b>McCain Institute Award 2019</b>	Chhaya Sharma
<b>Captain MbayeDiagne Medal for Exceptional Courage</b>	Chancy Chitete
<b>ThePresidential Medal of Freedom</b>	Tiger Woods
<b>Prestigious ACJ Award for Investigative Journalism</b>	NileenaM.S
<b>SaraswatiSamman - 2018</b>	K Siva Reddy
<b>Vijayawada Railway Station</b>	<b>Gold Rating</b> by Indian Green Building Council
<b>National Rifle Association of India</b>	Best sports federation award
<b>Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize 2019</b>	Rana Dasgupta – SOLO novel
<b>World Press Photo of The Year 2019 award</b>	John Moore

<b>Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Nobel Award</b>	Sudhanshu Kumar
<b>Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman</b>	Conferred on persons in contribution in the field of Sanskrit, Persian, Arabic, Pali, Prakrit, Classical Oriya, Classical Kannada, Classical Telugu and Classical Malayalam.
<b>Public Water Agency of the Year</b>	National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)
<b>The Wisden Almanack's Leading Cricketer of the Year - 2018</b>	Virat Kohli
<b>Abel Prize 2019</b>	Prof. Karen Uhlenbeck
<b>Grand Order of the King of Tomislav</b>	Ramnath Govind
<b>Vyas Samman 2018</b>	Leeladhar Jagudi
<b>Yashwantrao Chavan National Award 2018</b>	Raghuram Rajan
<b>Pritzker Prize 2019</b>	Arata Isozaki
<b>Bhagwan Mahavir Ahimsa Puraskar</b>	Abhinandan Varthaman
<b>SKOCH Award 2018</b>	Odisha State Disaster Management Authority
<b>Chameli Devi Jain Award</b>	Priyanka Dubey
<b>France highest Legion of Honor</b>	Francois Laborde
<b>Lifetime Achievement Award from Canadian Academy</b>	Deepa Mehta
<b>Israel's Dan David Prize 2019</b>	Indian Historian Sanjay Subrahmanyam
<b>Swachhata Excellence awards 2019</b>	Raigarh of Chhattisgarh – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place
	Ambikapur of Chhattisgarh – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
	Kumbakonam of Tamil Nadu – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
<b>International Human Rights Prize</b>	Abdul Aziz Muhamat
<b>Tagore Award</b>	2014 - Rajkumar Singhajit Singh
	2015 - Chhayanaaut
	2016 - Ram Vanji Sutar
<b>ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year 2018</b>	Smriti Mandhana
<b>National Nritya Shiromani award</b>	Anindita Neogy Anaam

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

<b>Turner Prize 2018</b>	Charlotte Prodger
<b>eINDIA Digital Transformation Award</b>	BHEL
<b>Tan Sri Soma Book Award</b>	<i>Book: 1801 – M. Rajendran</i>
<b>Gleitsman Award 2018</b>	Malala Yousafzai
<b>Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award</b>	N. Ram
<b>The AirSewa Champion Award</b>	Chennai Airport
<b>Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2018</b>	Centre for Science & Environment (CSE)
<b>Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2017</b>	Manmohan Singh
<b>2018 UNESCO Asia-Pacific award for Cultural Heritage conservation</b>	Ladakh Arts and Media Organisation (LAMO)
<b>Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur</b>	Azim Premji
<b>EzhuthachanPuraskaram 2018</b> ( <i>highest literacy prize of the Kerala government</i> )	M Mukundan
<b>London Press Freedom Award for Courage2018</b>	Swati Chaturvedi
<b>MuninBarkotoki Literary Award2018</b>	Debabhuson Borah
<b>Ramon Magsaysay Award2019</b>	Ravish Kumar
<b>Miss England 2019</b>	Bhasha Mukherjee
<b>IBC 2019 International Honour for Excellence</b>	Andy Serkis
<b>Highest award of Republic of Guinea “National order of Merit”</b>	Ram Nath Kovind
<b>KarthikBose Lifetime Achievement award</b>	Arun Lal
<b>Best innovation and initiativeleadership award</b>	Rajasthan
<b>Vir Chakra</b>	Wing Commander AbhinandanVarthaman
<b>National Project ExcellenceAward</b>	Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL)
<b>SKOCH Governance Gold Award</b>	National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)
<b>Sardar Patel National Unity Award</b>	Government of India has instituted “Sardar Patel National Unity Award” - <b>Highest Civilian Award for contribution to Unity</b>

	<b>and Integrity of India</b>
<b>DadasahebPhalke Award 2018</b>	Amitabh Bachchan
<b>Global Goal Award</b>	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
<b>Andhra Pradesh has bagged 3 National Tourism awards in different categories</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Best State for comprehensive development of tourism</li> <li>✓ Excellence in publishing in English and</li> <li>✓ Best tourist-friendly Railway Station (Visakhapatnam)</li> </ul>
<b>Goa and Madhya Pradesh</b>	Joint winners in the Adventure Tourism category
<b>Uttarakhand</b>	Best Film Promotion-Friendly State
<b>Telangana</b>	Best State for the innovative use of IT
<b>India's Most Powerful Women in Media Award</b>	Kallie Puri
<b>FIFA best player award</b>	Lionel Messi - Men
	Megan Rapinoe - Women
<b>Rashtriya Khel ProtsahanPuraskar 2019</b>	Gagan Narang and Pawan Singh
<b>Rights Livelihood Awards 2019</b>	Greta Thunberg
<b>Gauri Lankesh National Award for Journalism</b>	Ravish Kumar
<b>SASTRA Ramanujan Prize 2019</b>	Adam Harper
<b>UAE's 1<sup>st</sup> Class Order of Zayed II award</b>	Navdeep Singh Suri

**Major International Awards Conferred on Prime Minister Narendra Modi**

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



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

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

### **18. FESTIVALS**

<b>Garia festival</b>	Tripuri tribal community
<b>Rongali or Bohag Bihu festival</b>	Assam
<b>Snana Yatra</b>	Odisha
<b>SingheyKhababsSindhu Festival</b>	Jammu & Kashmir
<b>Brahmakalashothsava festival</b>	Karnataka
<b>Hampi Utsav 2019</b>	Karnataka
<b>Boori Boot Yollo Festival</b>	Arunachal Pradesh
<b>Challachitram National</b>	Guwahati

<b>Film Festival</b>	
<b>International Annual Desert Festival</b>	Rajasthan
<b>Adivasi Mela-2019</b>	Odisha
<b>SanskritiKumbh</b>	Uttar Pradesh
<b>World Orange Festival</b>	Maharashtra
<b>PakkePagaHornill Festival</b>	Arunachal Pradesh
<b>Kharchi Puja Festival</b>	Tripura
<b>Sindhu Darshan Festival</b>	Jammu and Kashmir
<b>Kala Ghoda Arts Festival</b>	Mumbai

### **19. SPORTS**

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

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

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

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

### 3) **WIMBLEDON TENNIS: 2019 [1<sup>st</sup> July- 14<sup>th</sup> July], London, UK**

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

### 4) **US Open: 2019 [26<sup>th</sup> August – 8<sup>th</sup> September] New York, USA**

<b>Men's Singles</b>	<b>Rafael Nadal (won) (Spain)</b> Vs. Daniil Medvedev (Russia)
<b>Women's Singles</b>	<b>Bianca Andreescu (won) (Canada)</b> Vs. Serena Williams (USA)
<b>Men's Doubles</b>	<b>Juan Sebastián Cabal and Robert Farah (won) (Colombia)</b> Vs. Marcel Granollers (Spain) and Horacio Zeballos (Argentina)
<b>Women's Doubles</b>	<b>Elise Mertens (Belgium) and Aryna Sabalenka (won) (Belarus)</b> Vs. Victoria Azarenka (Belarus) and Ashleigh Barty (Australia)

### **Indonesian Masters Badminton Tournament 2019:**

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

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

<b>Events</b>	<b>Category</b>
<b>International Athletics Competition (13<sup>th</sup> July)</b>	400 m

<b>International Athletics Competition (20<sup>th</sup> July)</b>	200 m
<b>Kutro International Athletics Competition</b>	200 m
<b>Ground Prix Athletics Competition</b>	200 m
<b>Poznan Athletics Grand Prix</b>	200 m
<b>Dabour International Athletics Competition</b>	200 m

**21<sup>st</sup> Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship 2019:** Cuttack, Odisha  
[17<sup>th</sup> July – 22<sup>nd</sup> July]

<b>Men's Team</b>	India
<b>Women's Team</b>	India
<b>Men's Singles</b>	Harmeet Desai
<b>Women's Singles</b>	Ayhika Mukherjee
<b>Men's Doubles</b>	Manav Thakkar & Anthony Amalraj
<b>Women's Doubles</b>	Pooja Sahasrabudhe & Krittwika Sinha Roy
<b>Mixed Doubles</b>	Sathiyar Gnanasekaran & Archana Kamath

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

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

**Asian Squash Championship 2019:** Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 1<sup>st</sup> May to 5<sup>th</sup> 2019

<b>Men's Singles</b>	Saurav Ghosal
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<b>Women's Singles</b>	JoshnaChinappa
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### ATP Miami Open 2019:

<b>Men's Singles</b>	<b>Roger Federer (won) (Switzerland)</b> Vs. John Isner (USA)
<b>Women's Singles</b>	<b>Ashleigh Barty(Australia) (won)</b> Vs. KarolínaPlíšková(Czech)

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

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

### 2019 Asian Athletics Championships: Doha, Qatar (21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> April)

**India finishes of with 4<sup>th</sup> Place total of 17 Medals:**

<b>Gold: 3</b>	GomathiMarimuthu - 800m P.U. Chitra - 1500m Tajinder Pal Singh- Shotput
<b>Silver: 7</b>	
<b>Bronze: 7</b>	

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

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



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

<b>P.V. Sindhu</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Indian to win badminton World Championships gold by beating Nozomi Okuhara of Japan
<b>Smriti Mandhana</b>	ICC Women Player of the Year 2018 Fastest 50 for India in Women's T20Is just 24 balls
<b>Deepa Malik</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> woman and the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Indian Paralympian to be recommended for the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award
<b>Vani Kapoor</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Indian golfer to receive the Australian Women's PGA Tour card
<b>Sunil Chhetri</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> ever Football Ratna Award
<b>Vidarbha</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> successive Ranji Trophy Title 2018 against Saurashtra in Nagpur
<b>Mirabai Chanu</b>	Gold at EGAT Cup in Thailand
<b>Shane Warne</b>	Brand ambassador of Rajasthan Royals in IPL
<b>Clouded Leopard</b>	Mascot for National Games 2022
<b>Haryana Hammers</b>	Won the 4 <sup>th</sup> Pro Wrestling League by defeating Punjab
<b>Special Olympics World Games 2019</b>	held at Abu Dhabi, UAE on 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
<b>Centre for Disability Sports</b>	Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
<b>Bajrang Punia</b>	Gold medal in 65kg men's freestyle at Asian Wrestling Championship 2019
<b>Satyarup Siddhanta</b>	Set the world record of youngest to climb 7 highest volcanoes, 7 highest mountains in 7 continents in 7 years
<b>Ajinkya Rahane</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> overseas player from India to join Hampshire Cricket Club, England
<b>Criczone</b>	World's 1 <sup>st</sup> women's cricket magazine <b>Publisher:</b> Yash Lahoti

<b>ApurviChandela</b>	World no. 1 ISSF rankings in 10m air
<b>Mumbai Indians</b>	<b>Mumbai Indians</b> beats defending champions Chennai Super Kings to win the 12 <sup>th</sup> IPL title at Hyderabad on 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
<b>Supernovas</b>	<b>Supernovas</b> became the winners against Velocities of the Women's T20 challenge in Jaipur
<b>Liverpool FC</b>	Won the 2019 Champions League trophy
<b>Gary Woodland</b>	Clinched the 2019 US Open Golf Championship
<b>Pankaj Advani</b>	Clinched the 2019 Men's Asian Snooker Championship
<b>Hockey Men's World Cup 2018</b>	<b>Belgium</b> defeated Netherlands
<b>Meethoileima</b>	Manipur government honoured " <b>Mary Kom</b> " with the title "Meethoileima"
<b>BWF World Tour Championship</b>	<b>P V Sindhu</b> won against Nozomi Okuhara of Japan
<b>Rahul Dravid</b>	Inducted into International Cricket Council's (ICC) Hall of Fame
	ICC) has decided to rename the ICC Women's World T20 Championships as the <b>T20 World Cup</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> ICC Women's World T20</b>	<b>Australia</b> beats England
<b>FIFA Women's World Cup 2019: France, [7<sup>th</sup> June – 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2019]</b>	USA won the FIFA Women's World Cup 2019 by defeating Netherlands
<b>ICC Cricket World cup</b>	England wins ICC Cricket World cup at Lords for the 1 <sup>st</sup> time against New Zealand
<b>Girish Koushik</b>	India's 63 <sup>rd</sup> Grandmaster
<b>Prithu Gupta</b>	India's 64 <sup>th</sup> Grandmaster
<b>2026 Winter Olympics</b>	Italy
<b>Pankaj Advani</b>	IBSF World Billiards Championship
<b>VineshPhogat</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Indian wrestler to qualify for the 2020 Olympics

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