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3rd International Electric Vehicle (EV) Conclave held in Manesar

The 3rd International Electric Vehicle Conclave was inaugurated at the International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT) in Manesar, Haryana. The Conclave was held to create a knowledge sharing platform to ensure flow of information at all levels in the automotive sector.

UP's "Vriksharopan Mahakumbh" drive creates world record

Uttar Pradesh's "Vriksharopan Mahakumbh" drive has created world record after planting more than 22 crore saplings. The drive was launched on the occasion of 77th anniversary of Quit India Movement. More than 22 crore saplings were planted at 12.2 lakh locations under the drive in state. Another record of "largest distribution of saplings in the world" was created when 76823 saplings were distributed free in just 6 hours in Prayagraj.

'One Nation, One Ration Card': Inter-state portability across India by June 2020

In a bid to implement 'One Nation, One Ration Card' across the country by 1 June, 2020, the Centre kick-started inter-state portability of ration card between Telangana-Andhra Pradesh as well as Maharashtra-Gujarat.

This means beneficiaries living in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh can buy their quota of ration from the Public Distribution System (PDS), also called ration shops, in either of the state. Similar would be the case in Maharasthra and Gujarat.



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Third International EV Conclave held in Manesar



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World Archery suspended Archery Association of India



World Archery (WA) has suspended the Archery Association of India (AAI). Earlier, the WA executive board had given a July 31 deadline to both AAI factions to resolve their disputes, including parallel elections. The decision by WA to suspend AAI is because the matter is now in court.

The participation of Indian archers in international events under the National flag is jeopardised after AAI's suspension

Virasat-e-Khalsa Museum in Punjab sets



Virasat-e-Khalsa Museum in Punjab's Anandpur Sahib town is to find a place in the Asia Book of Records. It is the most visited museum in the Indian sub-continent in a single day. The museum witnessed a record footfall of 20,569 visitors on a single day on March 20. Virasat-e-Khalsa is a museum of Sikhism, located in the holy town, Anandpur Sahib Chandigarh.

"Aadi Mahotsav" begins in Leh-Ladakh

National Tribal Festival "Aadi Mahotsav" has begun in **Leh-Ladakh**. The **theme** of the festival is "A celebration of the spirit of Tribal Craft, Culture and Commerce".

The 9 day Adi Mahotsav will showcase traditional art and handicrafts and cultural heritage of the country.

Tribal Affairs Ministry and Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) has jointly organized the festival.

Tawlhlohpuan, Mizo Puanchei & Tirur betel vine gets GI tag

Tawlhlohpuan & MizoPuanchei from Mizoram, and Tirur betel vine from Kerala has received the Geographical Indication tag.

GI is an indication used on products that have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities or a reputation that are due to that origin. The Geographical Indication comes under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.



Ravi Shastri appointed as Head Coach of Indian Cricket Team



Former all-rounder **Ravi Shashtri** has been appointed as the **head coach of Indian cricket team** for another two years.

Cricket Advisory Committee led by former Indian Cricket captain Kapil Dev along with Anshuman Gaekwad and Shantha Rangaswamy conducted interviews of shortlisted candidates for Indian cricket team's head coach.

Indian cyclists win gold at World Junior Track Cycling Championships



Indian cyclists team have won the gold medal in the Team Sprint event at World Junior Track Cycling Championships held in Frankfurt, Germany. Indian team comprised of Esow Alben, Ronaldo Singh and Rojit Singh.

This is India's first ever gold medal in a global cycling competition. The Indian team defeated Australian team in the finals to won the gold medal.

India wins T20 Physical Disability World Cricket Series



India has won the inaugural T20 Physical Disability World Cricket Series 2019 held in England. India defeated England by 36 runs in the finals to win the title.

The 6-nation tournament was organized by the England and Wales Cricket Board.

Vikram Sarabhai's 100th Birth Anniversary



India is celebrating the 100th birth anniversary of scientist and innovator Dr. Vikram A Sarabhai.

He was considered to be the father of India's space program

Sarabhai established the Indian National Committee for Space Research in 1962, which was later renamed the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)

15-km long national flag unfurled in Raipur, Chhattisgarh



Thousands of students and members of several social organisations unfurled a 15-km long national flag by forming a human chain in Raipur, Chhattisgarh

The event, organised by VasudhaivKutumbakam Foundation, entered the Champions Book of World Records (for the longest tricolour)

RBL Bank launches India's first healthfocused credit card

RBL Bank and digital healthcare platform Practo have partnered to launch an industry first cobranded health credit card.

This credit card is powered by Mastercard and is available on both Practo and RBL mobile apps



Air India launches 'Discover India' scheme

Air India introduced a 'Discover India' scheme valid for sale and travel up to March 31, 2020.

The scheme is rolled out to meet the growing demand of passengers to fly to different places of tourist and religious interest within the country by the Indian diaspora and foreign tourists.

The scheme has various benefits like cheaper flight tickets for Non-Resident Indians (NRI)s, Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) and Foreign nationals.

Manipur appoints 9-yr old girl as Green Ambassador



Manipur government appointed a nine-year-old girl Elangbam Valentina Devi as brand ambassador for the Chief Minister's Green Manipur Mission who was in the news recently after she sobbed inconsolably when two trees she planted were cut down

YES Bank appoints Anurag Adlakha as chief financial officer, replaces Ahuja



Yes Bank announced the appointment of Anurag Adlakha as chief financial officer (CFO).

Raj Ahuja was serving as the CFO of the company till now. He will continue to report to Chief Executive Officer Rayneet Gill

Rajnath Singh approves Child Care Leave for Male Service Personnel in Defence Forces



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh approved extending benefits of childcare leave to single male service personnel. The decision is in sync with an order by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT). The decision is in sync with an order by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT). The minister gave his nod for giving certain relaxation in childcare leave (CCLNSE 1.31 %) provisions in case of women officers in defence forces.

Reliance Jio Fibre launch on Sept 5 plans start at Rs 700 per month

The Indian Army launched "Mission Reach Out" in Jammu to ensure basic necessities and essential services are available in the region post the abrogation of the provisions of Article 370 and reorganisation of Jammu and Kashmir. A high level "Mission Reach Out" conference to review the prevalent situation in the region. This was held in the Nagrota Military Station chaired by White Knight Corps Commander Lt Gen Paramjit Singh.

India first Corporate credit card for SMEs launched by B2B payments startup EnKash

EnKash launched the country's first corporate credit card called 'Freedom Card' for small and medium enterprises (SMEs). The Freedom Card is a true commercial credit card with open acceptance. The Freedom Card aims to grow exponentially with increased credit lines and efficiencies to manage their businesses better in SMP's will give credit facility for immediate needs and to manage their liquidity. About Corporate Card:



Chandrima Shaha to be the first woman president of INSA



Biologist Chandrima Shaha will become the first woman to head the Indian National Science Academy (INSA). She previously the vice-president of INSA and the director of the National Institute of Immunology in Delhi. She will prioritize communicating science "aggressively" and combat pseudoscience. She and the elected council of 30 members will take charge on January 1, 2020

Bajrang Punia won gold in 65kg at Tbilisi Grand Prix 2019



Bajrang Punia grabbed the gold medal in the Tbilisi Grand Prix of V. Balavadze and G. Kartozia, Georgia.

Greco Roman wrestler Manjeet won bronze in the 55 kg category. Tbilisi Grand Prix of V. Balavadze and G. Kartozia is organized by the Georgian Wrestling Federation at the New Sports Palace, Georgia

ShriAmit Shah launches 'Listening, Learning and Leading', the book based on Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu's two years as Vice President of India



Union Minister for Home Affairs, ShriAmit Shah launched the book 'Listening, Learning and Leading' in Chennai today. This book is based on Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu's two years in office. The book captures glimpses of the Vice President's 330 public engagements across the country during this period.

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Sourabh Verma wins Hyderabad Open title



Sourabh Verma clinched the Men's Singles title in the Hyderabad Open.

The 26-year-old Sourabh from Madhya Pradesh had won the Slovenian International in May this year. He had also won two Super 100 titles at the Dutch Open and Russian Open last year.

Rafael Nadalwins 35th ATP Masters 1000 Title at Montreal Open 2019



Rafael Nadal defeated Medvedev 6-3, 6-0 to win his fifth title at the ATP Montreal Masters

It was his 35th Masters 1000 title

Nadal won his first Canadian title in 2005 and also repeated in 2008, 2013 and 2018



Freedom fighter Dayanidhi Nayak passes away at 95



Noted freedom fighter Dayanidhi Nayak, who struggled against the British Government during the Quit India movement, passed away at the age of 95.He was one of the 32 freedom fighters from Panimora.

Govt launches Swachh Survekshan 2020 and Swachh Nagar app

The Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry launched the Swachh Survekshan 2020 (SS 2020), the fifth edition of the annual cleanliness survey. The Swachh Nagar Mobile App was also launched on the occasion. The app features tracking of waste collection by ULBs through route and vehicle monitoring, notification to citizens, online collection of user fee for waste collection and an effective grievance redressal mechanism

PM Modi announces Jal Jeevan Mission to bring piped water to every house

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced during his Independence Day speech that the government will launch Jal Jeevan Mission to bring piped water supply to every house. He also urged the people to come forward and contribute in conserving water resources.PM Modi said that the government will spend more than Rs. 3.5 Lakh crore in coming years under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

Virat Kohli becomes first batsman to score 20,000 international runs in a decade

Virat Kohli has become the first batsman to score 20,000 international runs in a decade during the match against West Indies on August 14, 2019. He has scored 20,502 runs across three formats out of which he has scored 20,018 runs in the ongoing decade.

Rel Jio & Microsoft partners to offer cloud infrastructure for businesses

Reliance Jio and Microsoft announced a partnership to accelerate the digital transformation in India. Under this deal, Microsoft will bring in the Azure Cloud on Jio Network and target the enterprise and business users seeking a technological shift

Lionel Messi Wins UEFA Goal of the Season Award 2018-19



Barcelona's Lionel Messi has been awarded UEFA's Goal of the Season award 2018-19for his free-kick against Liverpool.

Cristiano Ronaldo was runners-up in the UEFA award for the goal he scored for Juventus against his former team Manchester United.

Environment minister Prakash Javadekar launches website for COP14



Union Environment minister launched a website 'unccdcopl4india.gov.in, which contains all the information related to COP14.

The 14th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (COP14), will take place on 2-13 September 2019 at Greater Noida, India.

Vice President's book titled "Listening, Learning & Leading" released



- i. Home Minister Amit Shah released a Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu's book titled "Listening, Learning & Leading".
- ii. The book captures the glimpses of the Vice President's 330 public engagements across the country in the last 2 years. The book also showcases the Vice President's feat as the Rajya Sabha Chairman in enhancing its effectiveness and promoting its efficiency.



Indian juniors won medals at the 2019 Bulgarian Junior International



Indian juniors won three gold, one silver and two bronze medals at the 2019 Bulgarian Junior International Championships in Pazardzhik, Bulgaria on 12 August. Results: Girls singles: Samiya lmad Faruqui bt Anastasiia Shapovalova and secured 9-21, 21-12, 22-20.

Bianca Andreescu won the 2019 Rogers Cup



Bianca Andreescu won the 2019 Rogers Cup in Toronto, Canada. She defeated Serena Williams. In the Rogers Cup men's final, Spanish player Rafael Nadal won the title. It is his fifth Rogers Cup title. He secured 6-3 and 6-0 won Daniil Medvedev. It is his 35th Masters 1,000 tournament win.

Alejandro Giammattei was elected as the President of Guatemala



Alejandro Giammattei was elected as the President of Guatemala in a run-off in the country's Supreme Electoral Council court. He will assume office on 14 January, 2020. He defeated the former first lady Sandra Torres from the centrist National Unity of Hope party.

Rafael Nadal won Montreal Masters title



Rafael Nadal won the Montreal Masters Cup. He won the 35th Masters crown. He defeated Russian Daniil Medvedev. He extended his record haul of Masters 1000 titles. Nadal got the title for the first time in his career. Rafael Nadal, it was the third title of 2019.

Two Day exhibition on DAE Technologies inaugurated in New Delhi

The Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), Government of India, is organizing a two-day exhibition on DAE spin-off technologies for non-power applications. The exhibition was inaugurated by the Chairman, Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) Shri Rakesh Gupta. The exhibition is open to the public for two days (Aug 11-12, 2019).

Bar Council of India imposes 3-year moratorium on opening new law colleges

Bar Council of India has imposed a three-year moratorium on opening of new institutions barring national law universities, if proposed by a state.

The council has also requested state governments and universities to stop unfair means and to fill up vacancies of law teachers in all colleges and universities within a period of four months.

KVIC launched a new programme "Leather Mission" on World Tribal Day

Khadi and Village Industry Commission (KVIC)launched a new programme "Leather Mission" under which the commission will give leather kits to the leather artisans across the nation.



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South Korea to remove Japan from preferred trade list

South Korea has decided to remove Japan from a list of nations receiving preferential trade list

South Korean Trade Minister Sung Yun-mo stated that the government was removing Japan from the country's 29-country "white list"because it has failed to uphold international principles while managing its export controls on sensitive materials

Gogabeel is Bihar's first community reserve

Gogabeel, an ox-bow lake in Bihar's Katihar district, has been declared as the state's first 'Community Reserve'.

Gogabeel is formed from the flow of the rivers Mahananda and Kankhar in the north and the Ganga in the south and east. It is the fifteenth Protected Area (PA) in Bihar

India's first clinical ecotoxicology facility inaugurated at AIIMS, Delhi

India's first-of-its-kind clinical ecotoxicology facility was inaugurated at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi.

It will investigate the increasing number of diseases resulting from exposure to environmental toxins contaminating water, food and air.

Ghotu Ram Meena appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Congo

ShriGhotu Ram Meena has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Congo.

At present Meena is serving as a counsellor, Embassy of India in Kyiv

Melbourne's University honours Shahrukh Khan with a doctorate degree

Shahrukh Khan has been conferred with an honorary degree, Doctor of Letters by the La Trobe University of Melbourne, Australia during his visit to University as the chief guest of the 10th edition Indian Film Festival of Melbourne 2019 (IFFM)

RPF launched Operation Number Plate

Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Indian Railways launched Operation "Number Plate", a Special Drive to curb unidentified vehicles. The operation was launched under the direction of DG/RPF, Sh.Arun Kumar. All Local Police and Commercial Department of Railways showed their active interest in the operation

RBI launches regulatory sandbox for Fintech companies

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued the final framework for regulatory sandbox (RS) for the startups, banks and financial institutions. The Fintech companies can now set up their own RS for live testing of innovative products in areas like retail payments, digital KYC and wealth management.

Central Government launches Swachh Nagar app

The Central Government launched a mobile application through which people will be able to get their household waste picked up by urban municipal bodies. The people have to pay to civic bodies to avail the service through Swachh Nagar app. They can track the waste-collection vehicle on the app. The main aim is to ensure the accountability of municipal corporations.

MoHUA launched Swachh Survekshan 2020

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) launched the Swachh Survekshan 2020 on 13th August. It is the fifth edition of the annual cleanliness survey conducted by the Ministry. The scheme was launched by Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, the Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs. Swachh Survekshan 2020: The project Swachh Survekshan 2020 focus on sustaining and monitoring the ground and service level performance on cleanliness

GRSE launches fifth FPV for Coast Guard

Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) launched a fifth Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG). The name of the coast guard is Kanaklata Barua. The coast is named after a freedom fighter from Assam. The is the last of the five FPVs built by GRSE. The entire design of the ship was developed in-house by GRSE as per the requirement of the ICG.



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J&K will host Global Investors Summit 2019



Jammu and Kashmir administration will host a **3 days global investors summit** from October 12 in **Srinagar**.

The summit will provide J&K with an opportunity to showcase its strengths, strategies and potential. It will also provide an opportunity to allay fears and apprehensions in the minds of outside trade and the business community.

P.T. Usha appointed as a member of AAA's Athletes Commission



Legendary Indian sprinter **P.T.** Usha, one of India's greatest athletes, has been appointed as a member of the Asian Athletics Association's (AAA) Athletes Commission.

This is the 2nd time P.T. Usha has been appointed a member of the Asian Athletics Association's Athletes Commission

Wg Cdr Abhinandan Varthaman to be honoured with Vir Chakra



Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman will be honoured with the Vir Chakra on Independence Day. Wg Cdr Abhinandan became the face of a tense military confrontation between India and Pakistan when his MiG-21 was shot down during the aerial combat between Indian and Pakistani air forces on February 27 after the February 26 Balakot airstrike. Before his jet was hit, he downed an F-16 fighter of Pakistan

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Priyam Chatterjee becomes 1st Indian chef to win French honour



Priyam Chatterjee became the 1st Indian chef to be awarded the 'Chevalier de 1'Ordre du Mérite Agricoleto' by the government of France to recognise his contribution towards reinventing the gastronomic scene in India.

Rajasthan bags award at World Education Summit 2019

Rajasthan wins the "best innovation and initiative leadership award" for its achievements in higher education in the World Education Summit-2019 held in New Delhi.

Chatterjee is best known for revisiting the traditional dishes from his native state of West Bengal and giving it a French twist.

Ola 'acquihires' AI start-up Pikup.ai

Cab aggregator **Ola** announced acquihiring of **Pikup.ai**, an Artificial Intelligence startup based in Bengaluru.

Acquiring typically refers to a transaction in which the staff• of the target company join the acquiring fi•rm.

Pikup.ai uses autonomous technologies like AI, computer vision and sensor fusion to provide seamless AI-powered solutions for businesses.

Women's Cricket at Birmingham CWG

Cricket will come back to the Commonwealth Games (CWG) roster for the 1st time since 1998 in Kuala Lumpur, with the inclusion of women's T20 for the 2022 edition in Birmingham.

It will take place from July 27 to August 7, 2022, with 8 international teams playing cricket.



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Simone Biles makes history with a "triple-double" twist



Simone Biles makes history with a neverbefore-seen "triple-double" floor exercise landing. She performed the landing featuring "two flips and three twists" in U.S. Gymnastics Championships held in Kansas City

Former Argentina footballer Brown passes Away



Argentina World Cup-winning team football player Jose Luis Brown has passed away. Brown made 36 appearances for his country, the most famous of which came in the 1986 World Cup final in Mexico.

Karnataka launches E-Step to empower student start-ups

The Department of IT, BT and S&T in Karnataka, through Karnataka Innovation and Technology Society (KITS), has launched the E-Step, an initiative to empower student start-ups.

E-Step focuses on boot camps, mentoring and training programmes which cover various aspects of entrepreneurship.

Kolkata to get world's first museum on ChaitanyaMahaprabhu

The world's first museum dedicated to the life and teachings of 16th-century saint and social reformer, ChaitanyaMahaprabhu is ready to be inaugurated at the city's BaghbazarGaudiya Math. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee will inaugurate the technically-enabled 'Sri ChaitanyaMahaprabhu Museum' built to preserve information related to the great saint

Cricket Australia launched new transgender inclusive policy

Cricket Australia has announced a new guideline which enables transgender players to play the game of cricket at the highest levels.

The decision aligns in accordance with the International Cricket Council's (ICC's) gender recognition policy and gender diversity guidelines.

Prakash Javadekar releases patriotic song 'Watan' ahead of Independence Day

Union I&B Minister Prakash Javadekar released a music video titled 'Watan' on August 13, 2019, ahead of 73rd Independence Day. He said that the video will add 'colour' to the Independence Day celebrations on August 15. This patriotic song 'Watan' has been produced by Doordarshan. Watan has been sung by renowned Bollywood singer Javed Ali and written by lyricist Alok Shrivastav and music composed by Dushyant.

Flying unauthorized drone in Dhaka banned

In **Bangladesh**, flying of drones without permission from the authority has been banned in **Dhaka**.

Flying drone or any remote-controlled devices without authorization is a punishable offence as it creates panic among people.

Gandhi's 150th birth anniv as Community Day

The railways will mark Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary as Community Day, according to an action plan of the Railway Board.

A special exhibition titled From **Mohan Das to Mahatma** would also be held.

150 small nurseries are to be set up on railway land adjacent to tracks, especially around metro areas.



India's second moon mission Chandrayaan-2 leaves earth's orbit

India's second moon mission Chandrayaan-2 left the earth's orbit early this morning and is moving towards the moon following the successful completion of a crucial manoeuvre by the Indian Space Research Organisation. ISRO said, it has carried out the manoeuvre called "Trans Lunar Insertion" at 2:21 AM, following which the spacecraft successfully entered the Lunar Transfer Trajectory.

Chandrayaan-2 is expected to reach the moon's orbit on **August 20** and land on lunar surface on **September 7**.

Government launches rural sanitation survey

Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat launched the 'Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2019', which will be three times bigger in scale than the previous edition of the rural sanitation survey.

Around 700 districts and over 17,000 villages will be covered under the survey that will be conducted across 34 states and union territories.

Minister Piyush Goyal inducts first batch of 'Commandos for Railway Security'

Union Railway Minister Piyush Goyal inducted first batch of Commandos for Railway Security (CORAS). The commandos will be posted in Left extremist wing affected areas for security of passengers.

Inter-State Council reconstituted with PM Modi as chairman

The government has reconstituted the Inter State Council and the Standing Committee of the Inter State Council.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the Chairman of the Inter State Council. Chief Ministers of all States and six Union Ministers including Rajnath Singh, Amit Shah and Nirmala Sitharaman are the members of the Council

India to have new post of Chief of Defence Staff

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that the government would create the post of a chief of defence staff (CDS) that will integrate the operations of the three forces—the Indian Army, the Indian Navy and the Indian Air Force (IAF).

Ranipet and Tirupattur to become new districts of Tamil Nadu

Chief Minister Edapaddi K Palaniswami announced the creation of two more districts with Ranipet and Tirupatturas their headquarters

The move will increase the number of districts to 37 in Tamil Nadu

Odisha Chief Minister inaugurates Naval Tata Hockey Academy

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik inaugurated the Naval Tata Hockey Academy (NTHA), a high-performance centre that will groom the best hockey talents in the state into future national and international players.

Rajdeep Sardesai bags prestigious Prem Bhatia Award for political reporting



Veteran journalist and consulting editor at India Today TV Rajdeep Sardesai has been awarded the 2019 Prem Bhatia Award for Outstanding Political Reporting.

He was honored for his outstanding political reporting in an event held by the Prem Bhatia Memorial Trust at the India International Centre in New Delhi

Mohali gets first 3-D traffic signal

Mohali traffic police have launched 3-D Smart Traffic Signal devised by the students of a Chandigarh university. The wireless system, called 'Intelights', installed at the traffic crossing near the Airport Road, on a pilot project basis, It will regulate traffic signals with a smart bird's eye view wireless sensor system



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Aishwarya Pissay is the first Indian to claim a World Title in Motorsports

Aishwarya Pissay created history becoming the first Indian to claim a world title in motorsports. She is 23-year-old lifted the FIM World Cup in the women's category after the final round of the championship in Hungary. She led the leaderboard going into the final round of the championship after having secured podium finishes in two out of four rounds of the championship

Penguin Random House India announces a book titled Sridevi: Girl Woman Superstar



Penguin Random House India announced a book on the life of the actor, Sridevi titled "Sridevi: Girl Woman Superstar" The book is released on her 56th birth anniversary. The book is written by author-screenwriter Satyarth Nayak. The book recalled the life and times(in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Kannada cinema) of the legendary actor Sridevi will be published under the Ebury Press imprint of Penguin Random House.

Harshad Pandurang Thakur appointed as NIHFW's director

Harshad Pandurang Thakur has been appointed as the director of National Institute of Health and Family Welfare. The proposal of appointment was approved by the appointments Committee of the Cabinet, headed by Prime Minister.

ISRO Chairman K. Sivan honoured with A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Award



Tamil Nadu government has awarded **K. Sivan** with its **Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Award**. K. Sivan is currently serving as the chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation

Former India cricketer V.B. Chandrasekhar passes away



Former **India** and Tamil Nadu cricketer **V.B. Chandrasekhar** passed away. He represented India in 7 ODIs.

V.B. Chandrasekhar was also a National selector from 2004 to 2006. He was a part of the last Tamil Nadu team which won the Ranji Trophy in 1988.

Uber for tractors': Government to launch app to aid farmers

The center and agriculture ministry have decided to launch a new revolutionary app which will help the rural farmers to access cutting-edge technology in an affordable price at their doorsteps. With this new mobile application, farmers can book and hire all the expensive agricultural equipment which is beyond the reach for any average small farmers.

Newly-Discovered lake in Nepal likely to become World's Highest

A newly-discovered lake in Nepal is likely to set a new record of being the world's highest lake replacing Tilicho, which is situated at an altitude of 4,919 metres in the Himalayan nation and currently holding the title.

Uttarakhand gets full member status in BCCI

The Committee of Administrators (CoA) have granted the Cricket Association of Uttarakhand (CAU) full BCCI membership.

Priyam Chatterjee becomes first Indian chef to receive French honour

Priyam Chatterjee has became the first Indian chef to be awarded the 'Chevalier de l'Ordre du Mérite Agricoleto' by the government of France to recognise his contribution towards reinventing the gastronomic scene in India. Chatterjee is best known for revisiting the traditional dishes from his native state of West Bengal and giving it a French twist



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Denmarks Jyske Bank unveiled worlds first negative interest rate home loan

Denmark's third-largest bank Jyske Bank launched the world's first negative interest rate mortgage. The bank handling out loans to homeowners where the charge is minus 0.5% a year. It has begun offering borrowers a 10-year deal at -0.5%. Jyske bank borrowers will make a monthly repayment, as usual,

Indian Railways to get CORAS

Ministry of Railways and Commerce & Industry launched Commando for Railway Security (CORAS) of Indian Railways. It was launched by Shri Piyush Goyal. He also launched a new establishment manual for Railway Protection Force (RPF). The induction of CORAS was planned in RPF. The Ministry also plans to install a new network of CCTV cameras at every station. It will be set up to enhance the security of Railway passengers

AePS crosses milestone of 200 million transactions in July 2019



An umbrella organization for operating retail payments and settlement, National Payments Corporation of India(NPCI) stated that Aadhaar enabled Payment System (AePS) used by a total of 6.65 crore Indian citizens at 220.18 million. The transaction value Rs 9,685.35 crore during July 2019 against the transaction count of 194.33 million. They maintained a transaction value of Rs 8,867.33 crore in June 2019

Ladakh celebrated 1st Independence Day after being declared UT

Ladakh becomes a Union Territory after the bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir celebrated Independence Day with local BJP MP Jamyang Tsering Namgyal. The parliamentarian, whose speech in the Lok Sabha after the abrogation of special status to Jammu and Kashmir drew praises and playing the drums along with locals Ram Madhay.

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All 24 Indian crew members aboard seized Iranian ship released

All the 24 Indian crew members aboard an Iranian oil tanker were released by Gibraltar authorities and allowed to return to India.

The Iranian tanker is being held on suspicion of smuggling oil to Syria in breach of European Union sanctions.

CBDT to attach DIN to each communication from Oct 1

The CBDT has decided to attach a Documentation Identification Number (DIN) to each of its communication from October 1.

Any communication without a computergenerated DIN would be treated as invalid and shall be deemed to have never been issued. All such communications would be verifiable on the e-filing portal.

Air India becomes first Indian airline to fly over North Pole

Air India become the first Indian airline to fly over the North Pole while connecting New Delhi and San Francisco

This route would include flying over Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Russia, the Arctic Ocean, Canada and then entering the US

Andhra Chief Minister Jaganmohan Reddy launches 'Village Volunteers System'

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy launched government's flagship programme Village Volunteers system.

After listing out various schemes of the newlyelected state government, the Chief Minister announced the 'Village Volunteers System'. The scheme, aimed at providing governance services at doorsteps of people, will involve over 2.8 lakh volunteers



Government appoints VG Somani as new Drug Controller General



The government appointed VG Somani as Drug Controller General of India (DCGI). DCGI heads the Indian drug regulatory body the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), whose functions include ensuring the quality of drugs and cosmetics sold in the country, approval of new drugs and regulating clinical trials

Indian Army wins International Army Scout Masters competition

The Indian Army comprehensively won the 5th International Army Scout Masters competition held at a military station.

A total of eight teams from India, Russia, China, Kazakhstan, Sudan, Uzbekistan, Armenia, and Belarus participated in the competition.

BAFTA LA to honour Steve Coogan with Charlie Chaplin Award



Actor Steve Coogan will be felicitated with the Charlie Chaplin Award by the British Academy's Los Angeles branch.

The 53-year-old actor, whose vast filmography includes movies such as "Around the World in 80 Days", "Philomena", "What Maisie Knew" and "Stan & Ollie", will receive the honour during the 2019 Britannia Awards.

India's first space museum inaugurated in Hyderabad

India's first private space museum with the collaboration with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) was inaugurated in Hyderabad

Liverpool beat Chelsea on penalties to win UEFA Super Cup

Liverpool to beat Chelsea 5-4 on penalties to win the UEFA Super Cup in Istanbul

The match was finished 2-2 at the end of extra time. Every penalty in the shoot-out had been successful before Mohamed Salah converted Liverpool's fifth kick at the home of Besiktas

Veteran Bollywood actress VidyaSinha passes away



Veteran Bollywood actress VidyaSinha, famed for her role in the BasuChatterjee film "Rajnigandha" (1974), passed away after a brief lung-cum-heart ailment.

She was 71 and she was playing a prominent role in the television serial 'Kulfi Kumar Bajewala' on a private channel.

Centre plans to make India free of single use plastics

The Union Minister Prakash Javadekar announced a massive public campaign to make India free of single use plastics at the function ordered by the Indian Consulate in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The Ministry conducted a series of meet with all the stakeholders including state governments gathering to eliminate the use of single-use plastic. It also suggested shopkeepers to provide eco-friendly bags to their customers.

Aadi Mahotsav is being celebrated at Leh Ladakh

The Aadi Mahotsav, a National Tribal Festival, is celebrated at Polo Ground in Leh-Ladakh. It is a 9 day event that starts from 17th August to 25th August. It is celebrated with a theme of 'A celebration of the spirit of Tribal Craft, Culture and Commerce'. The festival was inaugurated by the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Satya Pal Malik and Arjun Munda, Union Minister for Tribal Affairs



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Fifth Meeting Of BRICS Minister Of Environment Held In Sao Paulo, Brazil

Fifth BRICS Minister of Environment Meeting held in Sao Paulo, Brazil. It is preceded by the 2-day meeting of BRICS Joint Working Group on Environment. The Indian delegation led by Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Prakash Javadekar. Prakash Javadekar stated that India achieved its Nationally Determined Contributions(NDCs) under the Paris Agreement, reduction of energy intensity by 25 %, increment of forest cover by nearly 15,000 sq km

India contributes \$1 million to UN fund

India has contributed \$1 million to the UN Special Purpose Trust Fund for the Resident Coordinator System. The Special Purpose Trust Fund (SPTF) is a specific fund housed within the UN Secretariat.

The fund was established to receive, consolidate, manage and account for all contributions and financial transactions of the new Resident Coordinator system in a transparent and effective way.

Bangladeshi novelist Rizia Rahman passes



Renowned Bangladeshi novelist **Rizia Rahman** passed away. She had received the **Bangla Academy Literary Award** in 1978 and was awarded **Ekushey Padak** in 2019.

Bong Theke Bangla , Rokter Okshor and Ghar Bhanga Ghar are among some of her well known novels.

Govt issues guidelines for Rs 1 trillion partial guarantee scheme for NBFCs

The Centre has issued guidelines on operationalising Rs 1 trillion partial guarantee scheme under which public-sector banks can purchase high-rated pooled assets of financially sound non-banking finance companies (NBFCs).

Deepak Punia becomes India's first junior World Champion in 18 years

Wrestler Deepak Punia has become India's first junior World Champion in 18 years. He claimed a gold medal at the Junior Worlds with a win over Russia's Alik Shebzukhov at Tallinn, Estonia

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