• Veteran actor-writer Kader Khan passed away. He was 81.
• जाने-माने अभिनेता एवं लेखक कादर खान का निधन हो गया। वह 81 वर्ष के थे।
• V. K. Yadav has been appointed as the new Railway Board Chairman.
• पी. के. यादव को रेलवे बोर्ड का नया अध्यक्ष नियुक्त किया गया है।
• Justice Thottathil B Radhakrishnan took over as the first Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court, which came into existence on the first day of 2019.
• न्यायमूर्ति तोत्ततिल बी. राधाकृष्णन ने तेलंगाना उच्च न्यायालय के पहले मुख्य न्यायाधीश के तौर पर कार्यभार संभाल लिया। तेलंगाना उच्च न्यायालय 2019 के पहले दिन अस्तित्व में आया है।
• State-owned Allahabad Bank has tied up with SBI Life Insurance to sell the policies of the insurer from over 3,200 branches.
• इलाहाबाद बैंक ने बीमा कंपनी एसबीआई लाइफ इंश्योरेंस के साथ हाथ मिलाया है। इसके तहत बैंक अपनी 3,200 शाखाओं के माध्यम से एसबीआई लाइफ की पॉलिसी बेचेगा।
• Veteran Kannada actor C. H. Loknath has passes away recently. He was 91.
• वयोवृद्ध कन्नड़ अभिनेता सी. एच. लोकनाथ का हाल तितम में निधन हो गया। वह 91 वर्ष के थे।
• Third edition of women's national boxing championships started in Vijayanagara, Karnataka.
• महिलाओं की राष्ट्रीय मुक्केबाजी प्रतियोगिता का तीसरा संस्करण विजयनगर, कर्नाटक में शुरू हुआ।
• Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has launched Ujjwala Sanitary Napkins initiative in Bhubaneswar.
• केंद्रीय पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री धर्मेंद्र प्रधान ने भुवनेश्वर में उज्जवला सेन्टरी नैपकिन पहल शुरू की है।
• The government has infused 10,882 crore rupees in four public sector banks, including UCO Bank and Syndicate Bank. It is a part of 28,615 crore rupees capital infusion to be done in about half a dozen public sector lenders.
• सरकार ने सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के चार बैंकों में 10,882 करोड़ रुपये का पूंजी निवेश किया है। यह राशि सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के सात बैंकों में किये जाने वाले 28,615 करोड़ रुपये के पूंजी निवेश का हिस्सा है।
• South Africa assumed the seat as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council.
• दक्षिण अफ्रीका संयुक्त राष्ट्र सुरक्षा परिषद का अस्थायी सदस्य बना।
Life Insurance Corporation of India MD Hemant Bhargava has been given the additional charge of the chairman.

Senior Congress leader and former MLA Dr Kalpana Parulekar died. She was 67.

Jair Bolsonaro was sworn in as Brazil’s President.

A 12-year-old Indian-origin student Dhruv Manoj from Singapore has bagged two gold medals at the World Memory Championships held in Hong Kong.

Saurabh Kumar took over as Director General of Ordnance Factories (DGOF) and chairman, Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) in Kolkata.

Union Home Ministry has approved the Uttar Pradesh government proposal to rename Allahabad as Prayagraj.

Competition Commission of India (CCI) has appointed Pramod Kumar Singh as its secretary.

Justice Chagari Praveen Kumar took charge as the acting Chief Justice of the Andhra Pradesh High Court.

International Advertising Association (IAA) will host the IAA World Congress at Kochi from 20 February.
• According to the UNICEF, India welcomed as many as 69,944 babies on New Year's Day, the highest in the world.

• The Indian Society for Remote Sensing conferred the 'National Geospatial Award for Excellence' to IIT professor Jayanta Kumar Ghosh for his contribution towards the development of geospatial science and applications.

• Padam Shree awardee cricket coach Ramakant Achrekar, who is credited with shaping the early career of Sachin Tendulkar, died. He was 87.

• Justice A K Sikri has been nominated as the Executive Chairman of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA).

• A Chinese lunar rover 'Chang'e-4' landed on the far side of the moon, becoming the world's first spacecraft to touch down on the moon's uncharted side never visible from Earth.

• Karnataka Bank Ltd has launched an integrated mobile banking application – 'KBL MobilePlus'.
• United States and Israel officially quit the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).
• संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका और इजराइल ने संयुक्त राष्ट्र शैक्षिक, वैज्ञानिक और सांस्कृतिक संगठन (यूनेस्को) को आधिकारिक रूप से छोड़ दिया।
• 'Gita Intelligence' exhibition will be held in Dubai which is being organized as part of the 150th birth anniversary celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi.
• 'गीता इंटेलिजेंस' प्रदर्शनी दुबई में आयोजित की जाएगी जो महात्मा गांधी की 150 वीं जयंती समारोह के इतिहास के रूप में आयोजित की जा रही है।
• Seven Indian bluechip oil firms including Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) and Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) signed an agreement with IIT-Bombay to set up a Centre of Excellence in Oil, Gas and Energy.
• इंडियन आयल कॉरपोरेशन और आयल एंड नैचुरल गैस कॉरपोरेशन (ओएनजीसी) सहित पेट्रोलियम क्षेत्र की सात कंपनियों ने तेल, गैस एवं ऊर्जा क्षेत्र के लिए एक अलग उत्कृष्टता केंद्र की स्थापना के लिये आईआईटी-बंबई के साथ करार किया है।
• Six-time women's world boxing champion and Olympic medallist M C Mary Kom has been named as the event ambassador for the 16th Tata Mumbai Marathon.
• छह बार की विश्व चैम्पियन ओलंपिक पदक विजेता एम सी मेरीकाम को 16वीं टाटा मुंबई मैराथन का दूत बनाया गया है।
• Bob Einstein, the veteran comedy writer and performer, died. He was 76.
• हास्य टीवी कार्यक्रमों के दिग्गज लेखक एवं कलाकार बॉब आइंतटीन का निधन हो गया। वह 76 वर्ष के थे।
• The Union government approved the merger of Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank with Bank of Baroda (BoB).
• केंद्रीय मंत्रीमंडल ने विजया बैंक और देना बैंक के बैंक आफ बड़ौदा (बॉब) में विलय को मंजूरी दी।
• Vanlalhuma has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Slovakia.
• वनलालहुमा को स्लोवाकिया में भारत के अगले राजदूत के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया है।
• Former FIFA referee Alex Vaz died. He was 84.
• फीफा के पूर्व रैफरी एलेक्स वैज का निधन हो गया। वह 84 वर्ष के थे।
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- According to RBI’s ‘Report on Trend and Progress of Banking in India 2017-18’, Net profits of regional rural banks (RRBs) declining by 9.1 per cent in 2017-18.

- According to RBI’s ‘2017-18 की प्रवृत्ति और प्रगति पर बैंकिंग की रिपोर्ट’ के अनुसार, 2017-18 में क्षेत्रीय राजमी बैंकों (आरआरबी) के शुद्ध लाभ में 9.1 प्रतिशत की गिरावट आई है।

- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has launched "Samwad with Students" Programme.

- Indian अंतरराष्ट्रीय संगठन (इसरो) ने "छात्रों के साथ संवाद" कार्यक्रम शुरू किया है।

- Justice Asif Saeed Khosa, the senior most judge of the Supreme Court, has been appointed new Chief Justice of Pakistan.

- उच्चतम न्यायालय के सबसे वररुंध न्यायाधीश, न्यायमूर्ति आसीफ सईद खोसा को पाकिस्तान का नया प्रधान न्यायाधीश नियुक्त किया गया है।

- Eminent English and Odia writer Manoj Das has been honoured with the Kabi Samrat Upendra Bhanja National Award for Lifetime Achievement in Literature, instituted by the Berhampur University.

- प्रतिष्ठित अंग्रेजी और ओडिया लेखक मनोज दास को, बेरहमपुर विश्वविद्यालय द्वारा स्थापित, साहित्य में लाइफटाइम अचीवमेंट के लिए कबी समरपत उपेंद्र भान्जा राष्ट्रीय पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया गया है।

- According to Association of Mutual funds in India (AMFI), HDFC Mutual Fund has piped ICICI Prudential MF to become the country’s largest asset management company after a gap of over two years.

- एसोभसएशन आफ म्यूचुअल फंड्स इन इंडिया (एम्फी) के अनुसार, एचर्ीएफसी म्यूचुअल फंड दो साल के अंतराल के बाद देश की सबसे बड़ी संपत्ति प्रबंधन कंपनी (एमएफ) बन गई है। एचर्ीएफसी म्यूचुअल फंड ने आईसीआईसीआई पूर्विशिष्ट म्यूचुअल फंड (एमएफ) को पीछे छोड़ दिया है।

- Renowned Bengali writer and Sahitya Akademi awardee Dibyendu Palit died. He was 79.

- साहित्य अकादेमी पुरस्कार विजेता सुप्रभसद्ध बांग्ला लेखक दिब्येंदु पालित का निधन हो गया। वह 79 वर्ष के थे।

- RBI has appointed an eight-member expert committee to comprehensively review and propose long-term solutions for revival of the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) sector.
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-आरबीआई ने सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्योगों (एमएसएमई) क्षेत्र के पुनरुद्धार के लिए व्यापक समाधान की समीक्षा और प्रस्ताव के लिए आठ सदस्यीय विशेष जमीनियत नियुक्त की है।

- Former Chief Justice of Bombay High Court Chandrashekhar Dharmadhikari passed away. He was 91.

- ज्ञानकों के मुख्यमंत्री रघुवर दास ने पारा-शिक्षकों की मांगों पर विचार करने के लिए शिक्षा मंत्री नीरा यादव की अध्यक्षता में एक उच्च-स्तरीय समिति का गठन किया।

- Ministry of HRD constitutes a task force under the Chairmanship of Dr. Jitendra Nagpal, Psychiatrist, to look into the issue of JNV suicides.

- Country's drug major Sun Pharma has completed acquisition of Japan-based Pola Pharma.

- जस्त्राण्ड्रा चोलेंद्र राणा ने नेपाल के सुप्रीम कोट के रूप में गुरुवर न्यायाधीश के रूप में पदभार संभाला।
ICICI Bank has signed a memorandum of understanding with Small Business FinCredit India Pvt Ltd (SBFC) to jointly provide credit to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).

Ministry of Women and Child Development will host the Sixth ‘Women of India Organic Festival’ in Chandigarh.

The Pakistan Army has inducted an indigenously developed A-100 rocket, having over 100 km range, in its corps of artillery.

Pankaj Advani has won the 15th Inter-Unit PSPB Billiards Tournament by defeating Dhvaj Haria.

Arunima Sinha has become the first woman amputee to climb Mount Vinson (highest peak of Antarctica).

According to RBI’ Report on Trend and Progress of Banking in India, The number of complaints registered at banking ombudsman offices have seen a 25% increase in the fiscal year 2018.

The Managing Director of city-based NAC Jewellers, Anantha Padmanabhan, has been elected as the Chairman of the All India Gem and Jewellery Domestic Council for a two year term.
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- Narendra Jewels's CEO Anant Pandey has been chosen as the Chairman of Romestak's Board for two years.

- 80th National Table Tennis Championship began at Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium in Cuttack.

- Human Resources Development Minister Prakash Javadekar has inaugurated 27th New Delhi World Book Fair at Pragati Maidan.

- In Arunachal Pradesh, East Siang District has achieved 100 percent electrification under the Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana - Saubhagya Scheme.

- Information and Broadcasting Ministry, Secretary, Amit Khare has Inaugurated Indian Panorama Film Festival at Siri Fort Auditorium in New Delhi.

- National Green Tribunal has imposed a fine of 100 crore rupees on Meghalaya Government for its failure to curb illegal coal mining in the state.

- Veteran Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi has been elected as Speaker of the House of Representatives for the second time.

- Pakistan has declared the ancient Hindu religious site, Panj Tirath in Peshawar as national heritage.

- World Braille Day is observed Every Year on 4th January.
• Tata Trust's subsidiary organization, Collectives for Integrated Livelihoods Initiatives have been selected for the prestigious National Entrepreneurship Award, 2018 for encouraging entrepreneurship in rural areas.

• Japan's Kei Nishikori defeated Daniil Medvedev by 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 in the Brisbane International Tournament ATP final to win the title.

• Andhra Pradesh emerged on top of Asia Competitiveness Institute (ACI), Singapore's 2018 Ease of Doing Business (EDB) Index ABC rankings for economies of 21 states of India, while Maharashtra and Delhi came in second and third place, respectively.

• Bengaluru Bulls defeated Gujarat Fortunegiants 38-33 in the final of the 6th edition of Pro Kabaddi League to lift their maiden title.

• Gujarat will get its first All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Rajkot which will be established with an investment of ₹1,200 crore.
• गुजरात के राजकोट में अपना पहला अखिल भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थान (एम्स) मिलेगा, जिसे 1,200 करोड़ के निवेश के साथ स्थापित किया जाएगा।

• Veer Savarkar International Airport in Port Blair has been declared as an authorized Immigration Check post for entry into/exit from India with valid travel documents for all classes of passengers.

• पोर्ट ब्लेयर स्थित वीर सावरकर अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे हवाई अड्डे को सभी वर्गों के यात्रियों के लिए बैठे यात्रा दस्तावेजों के साथ भारत से बाहर निकलने / प्रवेश के लिए अधिकृत आव्रजन चेक पोस्ट के रूप में घोषित किया गया है।

• Andhra Pradesh government bagged the Central Board of Irrigation and Power (CBIP) award for speedy execution of Polavaram multipurpose project on the Godavari River.

• आंध्र प्रदेश सरकार ने गोदावरी नदी पर पोलावरम बहुउद्देशीय परियोजना के त्वरित निपटान के लिए एंड्रीटीए और विद्युत बोर्ड (सीबीआईपी) पुरस्कार जीता।

• Raider Pawan Sehrawat starred for Bengaluru Bulls as they defeated Gujarat Fortunegiants 38-33 in a pulsating final to lift their maiden Pro Kabaddi League title.

• रेडर पवन सेहरावत के 22 रेड अंक के दम पर बेंगलुरु बुल्स ने प्रॉ कबड्डी लीग के छठे सत्र के फाइनल में गुजरात फांच्यूजाइंट्स को 38-33 हराकर पहली बार खिताब अपने नाम किया।

• Julia Goerges defeated Canadian teen sensation Bianca Andreescu to win the WTA Auckland Classic title.

• जूलिया जाजेस ने कनाडा की युवा सनसनी बियांका एंड्रेस्कु को परास्त कर डब्ल्यूटीए आकलेंड क्लासिक खिताब जीता।

• Tata Trust's subsidiary organization, Collectives for Integrated Livelihoods Initiatives have been selected for the prestigious National Entrepreneurship Award, 2018 for encouraging entrepreneurship in rural areas.

• ग्रामीण क्षेत्र में उद्यमशीलता को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए टाटा ट्रस्ट के अनुशंसी संगठन कलेक्टिव्स फाउंडेशन लाइवलिहिस इंटरनिशनल को प्रतिष्ठित नेशनल एंटरप्रेन्यूरिज सम्मान, 2018 के लिए चुना गया है।

• Indian cricket got its new seminal moment after talismanic Virat Kohli led the country to a maiden series victory on Australian soil, ending a 71-year wait to script a golden chapter in the game’s history.

• भारतीय क्रिकेट टीम ने 71 साल के लंबे इंतजार को खत्म करते हुए आस्ट्रेलियाई सरजमी पर पहली बार टेस्ट श्रृंखला जीतकर अपने क्रिकेट इतिहास में रोमांचक अध्याय जोड़ा।
Indian American Varun Rai has been appointed as the director of the Energy Institute at the University of Texas.

The Union Cabinet has approved 10 per cent reservation in jobs and educational institutions for the economically backward section in the general category.

National Champion and Asia number one Anahat Singh has won the U-11 British Junior Open squash event.

Bandhan Bank has agreed to acquire housing finance firm Gruh Finance through a share swap deal. Gruh Finance is promoted by the country's largest mortgage firm HDFC Ltd.

World Bank President Jim Yong Kim has announced his resignation from his post. Kristalina Georgieva, World Bank CEO, will assume the role of interim President effective February.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced USA Cricket as its 105th member.

Veteran Sharath Kamal broke Kamlesh Mehta's long-standing record of most national titles by winning his ninth crown following a gruelling final against Indian teammate G Sathiyan.
The Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India, has launched an online campaign, ‘#www : Web- WonderWomen’. The Campaign aims to discover and celebrate the exceptional achievements of women, who have been driving positive agenda of social change via social media.

Senior bureaucrat Jaideep Govind has been appointed as the Secretary General of National Human Rights Commission.

The National Stock Exchange Chairman Ashok Chawla has resigned from his post with immediate effect.

Nepal Army Chief General Purna Chandra Thapa will be conferred with the honorary rank of ‘General of Indian Army’ by President Ram Nath Kovind.

Yes Bank has appointed Brahm Dutt as non-executive part-time chairman to the board.

Technology giant Infosys board has reappointed Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw as the lead independent director for a second term.

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has announced setting up of Human Space Flight Centre in Bengaluru.
The President of the Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWF), Birendra Prasad Baishya, has been named Chef de Mission for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

The National Youth Day is celebrated across the country on 12th January. NYD 2019 is the 156th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.

Industrialist and Godrej Group Chairman Adi Godrej was conferred the ICSIs Lifetime Achievement Award for 'Translating Excellence in Corporate Governance into Reality'. The awards were instituted by The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), which is celebrating its golden jubilee.
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- Udyogpati and Godrej Samhuk ke Aphkshk Aadi Godrej ko Translating Excellence in Corporate Governance into Reality ke liye AIAIIEAIAIIF Tim Archivement Award se sammajit kiyaa gaya. Yaah puruskar d INSTTETYOOT OF CPNY SGGLETHORIAG OF INDIA (ICSI) dvara sthapit kiyaa gaya tha, jo apnii swarg jyantii manii raha hai.

- Albie Morkel, the South African all-rounder, announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.

- The 32nd Meeting of GST Council was concluded in New Delhi. The Limit of annual turnover for composition scheme increased to 1.5 crore rupees effective from April 1, 2019. The Council has decided to increase the GST registration threshold limit to 40 lakh rupees from 20 lakh.

- Switzerland's Roger Federer and Belinda Bencic secured victory over Germany's Angelique Kerber and Alexander Zverev to win the Hopman Cup for the second year in a row. Twenty-time Grand Slam champion Federer is the first player to win three Hopman Cups - twice with Bencic and once with Martina Hingis, in 2001.

- The government has amalgamated three Regional Rural Banks - Punjab Gramin Bank, Malwa Gramin Bank and Sutlej Gramin Bank - into a single RRB.

- Sheikh Hasina sworn-in as the Bangladesh Prime Minister for the fourth term. President Mohammad Abdul Hamid administered the oath of office to Sheikh Hasina in Dhaka.

- Shekh Haseena ne chaye karvakal ke liye Bangladeesh ke Pradhmanmanti ke rup me shapth li | Rashtrapat Abdu Hamid ne dhaaraka me Shekh Haseena ko pad ke shapth dilaar.
Civil Aviation Security head and senior IPS officer Kumar Rajesh Chandra was appointed as the director general of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).

In a first, the 2-day long Global Aviation Summit 2019 with the theme “Flying for all” will be organized by the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) in collaboration with FICCI from January 15-16, 2019 in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

A visionary in the field of Solar Energy and the chairman of National Solar Energy Federation, Pranav R Mehta, has taken over as the president of Global Solar Council (GSC). He has become the first Indian to head the GSC.

Seven-time champions Egypt have won the hosting rights for the 2019 edition of the African Cup of Nations.

The second edition of Khelo India Youth Games has officially begun in Pune, Maharashtra.

Nobel Peace Prize winner and Pakistani activist Malala Yousafzai pens a new book, titled 'We Are Displaced: My Journey and Stories from Refugee Girls Around the World,' charting her experiences traveling the world and visiting refugee camps.
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- Liverpool's Mohamed Salah has been named as the 2018 Confederation of African Football Player of the Year. For the second consecutive year he has won the award.

- India’s longest 300-meter single lane steel cable suspension bridge was inaugurated by Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu. The bridge across the Siang river at Yingkiong in Upper Siang district has been named Byorung Bridge. It is built at a cost of Rs48.43 crore provided by the DONER (Department for Development of North Eastern Region) Ministry. The Bridge will reduce the distance from Yinkiong to Tuting by almost 40 km.

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M C Mary Kom has attained number one position in the International Boxing Association’s (AIBA) latest world rankings.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a penalty of Rs 3 crore on Citibank India for not complying with directions regarding the 'fit-and-proper criteria' for directors of the bank.

Nepal Army Chief General Purna Chandra Thapa will be conferred with the honorary rank of 'General of Indian Army' by President Ram Nath Kovind.

Yes Bank has appointed Brahm Dutt as non-executive part-time chairman to the board.

Technology giant Infosys board has reappointed Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw as the lead independent director for a second term.

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has announced setting up of Human Space Flight Centre in Bengaluru.

Senior bureaucrat Jaideep Govind has been appointed as the Secretary General of National Human Rights Commission.

The National Stock Exchange Chairman Ashok Chawla has resigned from his post with immediate effect.
• Tata Consultancy Services has appointed Daniel Hughes Callahan as the additional and independent director for a period of five years.

• टाटा कंसल्टेंसी सर्विसज ने डैनियल ह्यूजेस कैलहन को पांच साल की अवधि के लिए अतिरिक्त और स्वतंत्र निदेशक के रूप में नियुक्त किया है।

• The President of the Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWF), Birendra Prasad Baishya, has been named Chef de Mission for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

• भारतीय भारतोत्तर महासंघ (आईर्ब्लूएफ) के अध्यक्ष, बीरेंद्र प्रसाद बैश्य को 2020 टोक्यो ओलंपिक के लिए शेफ रे मिशन के रूप में नामित किया गया है।

• Banker-turned-politician Meera Sanyal died. He was 57.

• बैंकर से नेता बनी मीरा सान्याल का निधन हो गया। वह 57 वर्ष की थी।

• Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen has appointed Su Tseng-chang as the Prime Minister of the country.

• ताइवान के राष्ट्रपति त्साई इंग-वेन ने सु त्संग-चांग को देश के प्रधानमंत्री के रूप में नियुक्त किया है।

• RBL Bank has signed a MoU with Nasscom to provide customised credit solutions to micro, small and medium enterprises.

• आरबीएल बैंक ने सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उदयोगों को अनुकूलित क्रेडिट समाधान प्रदान करने के लिए नैसकॉम के साथ एक समझौता साक्ष्य पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं।

• President Ram Nath Kovind has given his assent to the constitutional provision to provide 10 per cent reservation in government jobs and education to economically backward section in the general category.

• राष्ट्रपति रामनाथ कोविंद ने सामान्य श्रेणी के आधिकारिक रूप से कमजोर तबके को सरकारी नौकरियों एवं शिक्षा में 10 फीसदी आक्षण देने संबंधी विशेष प्रावधान को मंजूरी दी दी है।

• Private sector lender IDFC Bank said its name has been changed to IDFC First Bank Ltd.

• निजी क्षेत्र के आईडीएफसी बैंक ने अपना नाम बदलकर आईडीएफसी फर्स्ट बैंक किया।

• 10th India-Japan Foreign Minister-level Strategic Dialogue was held in New Delhi.

• 10 वीं भारत-जापान विदेश मंत्री स्तरीय रणनीतिक वार्ता नई दिल्ली में आयोजित की गई।

• 25th edition of Partnership Summit was held in Mumbai.
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- Partnership Summit’s 25th anniversary was observed in Mumbai.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 9th edition of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Investors Summit on January 18.

- Devanshi Rana won a gold medal in the junior (Under-21) women's 25m pistol event in the Khelo India Youth Games.

- Petra Kvitova defeated Ashleigh Barty to win the Sydney International Tennis title.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi received the first-ever Philip Kotler Presidential award in New Delhi.

- Veteran director Buddhadeb Dasgupta has been conferred 'Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement' award for his contribution to Indian cinema by 'West Bengal Film Journalist Association (WBFJA)'.

- Bengaluru Raptors defeated Mumbai Rockets by 4-3 to win their maiden Premier Badminton League title.

- Virat Kohli and Ravi Shastri received the honorary membership of the Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG) for their contribution to the sport of cricket.
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- Nitin Wakankar has been appointed as the new Chief Information Officer and spokesperson of the CBI.
- नितिन वासंकर को सीबीआई का नया मुख्य सूचना अधिकारी और प्रवक्ता नियुक्त किया गया है।

- Former India footballer Mohammed Zulfiqaruddin passed away. He was 83.
- भारत के पूर्व फुटबालर मोहम्मद जुल्फिकारुद्दीन का निधन हो गया। वह 83 वर्ष के थे।

- Alfonso Cuaron's semi-biographical drama "Roma" emerged the biggest winner at the 'Critics Choice Awards' 2019, with four trophies including the top honour for best picture.
- ‘क्रिटिक्स च्वाइस अवार्ड्स’ 2019 में अल्फोंसो कुआरॉन की सेमी-बायोग्राफिकल ड्रामा फिल्म ‘रोमा’ ने सर्वश्रेष्ठ फिल्म सहित चार पुरस्कार अपने नाम किए हैं।

- US President Donald Trump has appointed former defence executive Charles Kupperman as his deputy national security advisor.
- अमेरिकी राष्ट्रपति डोनाल्ड ट्रंप ने पूर्व रक्षा कार्यकर्ता चार्ल्स कुपरमैन को अपना उप राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा सलाहकार नियुक्त किया है।

- Private sector ICICI Bank inducted former SBI Managing Director B Sriram on its board as independent director.
- निजी क्षेत्र के आईसीआईसीआई बैंक ने भारतीय स्टेट बैंक के पूर्व प्रबंध निदेशक (एमडी) बी श्रीराम को अपने निदेशक मंडल में स्वतंत्र निदेशक के रूप में नियुक्त किया।

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the 13 km, 2 lane Kollam bypass on NH-66 in Kerala to the nation.
- प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने केरल में NH-66 पर कोल्लम बाइपास को राष्ट्रीय मंसूब कर दिया।

- Writer Namita Gokhale has won the Sushila Devi Literature Award for her novel "Things to Leave Behind".
- लेखका नभमता गोखले ने अपने उपन्यास "थिंग्स टू लीव बिहाइंड" के लिए चुस्तीला देवी साहित्य पुरस्कार जीता है।

- Veteran Congress leader and former chairman of the Maharashtra Legislative Council Shivajirao Deshmukh died. He was 84.
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- Vayobudh Kongress Neta aur Maharashtra vidhan prishad ke paurv samapati shivaji rao deshmukh ka nityan honga ya bah 84 vahr ke the.

- Asian Cup gold medallist Shakil Ahmed has set up a world record in indoor rowing by completing 1,00,000 (one lakh) metres in 10 hours in the above-40 years category.

- 9th International Micro Irrigation Conference on Modern Agriculture has been started in Aurangabad, Maharashtra.

- Minister of State (I/C) for Youth Affairs and Sports Col Rajyavardhan Rathore (Retd) launched the National Youth Parliament Festival 2019 in New Delhi.

- T C A Anant assumed charge as a member of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).

- Saudi Arabia will set up $10 billion oil refinery in Pakistan.

- Gujarat State would become first state to implement the 10% quota in government jobs and higher education for the economically backward sections in the general category.

- America's Sofia Kenin has won the Hobart International Tennis title.
The International Cricket Council (ICC) has appointed media professional Manu Sawhney as its new chief executive officer, replacing incumbent David Richardson.

49 institutions of India have made it to the prestigious university rankings of Times Higher Education Emerging Economies. Out of these 49 institutions, 25 have made it to top 200 institutions. According to the London-based ‘Times Higher Education’, China remains the most represented nation in the annual 2019 listing.

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a penalty of ₹1 crore on Bajaj Finance for violating norms of the fair practices code.

Union Health Minister J P Nadda honored Bajrang Lal, a noted social worker and economist, with the 'Swami Vivekananda Lifetime Achievement Award'.

Former Vishwa Hindu Parishad President Vishnu Hari Dalmia, one of the three major exponents of the Ram Janmabhoomi agitation, died. He was 91.

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- Sartaj Singh from Punjab defeated National Junior Champion Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar of Madhya Pradesh to win the gold medal in the 50m 3-position rifle competition of shooting in the Khelo India Youth Games.

- Veteran journalist Rajendra Prabhu, who was at the forefront of media trade union movement, died. He was 85.

- Richest Indian Mukesh Ambani has featured in the top Global Thinkers 2019 ranking of the prestigious 'Foreign Policy' publication alongside Alibaba founder Jack Ma, Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos and IMF head Christine Lagarde.

- President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed senior advocates Sanjay Jain and K M Nataraj as Additional Solicitor Generals of India for the Supreme Court.

- The Union Cabinet has approved the recapitalization of Export–Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank).
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- The Central Government has approved the recapitalization of the National Bank of Agriculture and Co-operative (NABARD).

- Noted British Mathematician Michael Atiyah has passed away recently. He was 89.

- Odisha government has launched "Sunetra" scheme which has a provision of free eye care treatment for all the citizens of the state.

- Veteran star Glenn Close will be awarded with the 'Oscar Wilde Award'.

- Chief Minister of Odisha Naveen Patnaik launched the 'Ama Ghare LED' (LED bulbs in our houses) scheme.

- Chennai Traffic Police inducted a road safety robot "ROADEO" for traffic management.

- South African all-rounder Albie Morkel announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.

- India's largest startup ecosystem has been inaugurated in Kochi, Kerala.

- According to the sixth City Momentum Index published by JLL, Bengaluru is the world's most dynamic city among 131 major established and emerging business hubs globally, followed by Hyderabad.
• Reserve Bank of India gave its approval for the reappointment of Vishakha Mulye as ICICI bank's executive director (ED) for two years.

• भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने विशाखा मुले को फिर दो साल के लिए आईसीआईसीआई बैंक का कार्यकारी निदेशक (ईडी) नियुक्त करने को मंजूरी दी।

• According India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra), Indian economy is likely to grow a tad higher at 7.5 per cent in 2019-20 on account of steady improvement in major sectors -- industry and services.

• Senior IPS officer Prabhat Singh has been appointed as Director General (Investigation) in the National Human Rights Commission.

• Women wrestler Vinesh Phogat became the first Indian to be nominated for the prestigious Laureus World Sports Award.

• Indian mountaineer Satyarup Siddhanta became the world’s youngest mountaineer to climb the seven highest peaks and volcanic summits across all continents. He achieved the unique feat at the age of 35 years and 262 days, setting a new world record by beating Australia's Daniel Bull who did it at the age of 36 years and 157 days.

• The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to increase emphasis on multi-
disciplinary research and development activities and nurturing innovations in agricultural biotechnology research and education.

- The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and the Ministry of Education are launching an initiative to promote research and development in agricultural biotechnology.

- To enhance the operational capability of Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC), Naval Air Station (NAS) Shibpur will be commissioned as INS Kohassa.

- Justice Asif Saeed Khosa took oath as the 26th Chief Justice of Pakistan.

- Goodwill Ambassador of the World Health Organization for Leprosy Elimination, Yohei Sasakawa will be conferred with the Gandhi Peace Prize for 2018.

- President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the Gandhian Resurgence Summit in Prayagraj.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated L&T's howitzer gun-manufacturing unit in Hazira, Surat.

- Philippines' wealthiest man Henry Sy died. He was 94.

- The Reserve Bank has approved the appointment of V Vaidyanathan as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of IDFC First Bank for a period of three years.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed Rs 1-crore penalty on Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) for non-compliance of “Know Your Customer” (KYC) guidelines and fraud-classification norms.

- भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक (आरबीआई) ने "अपने ग्राहक को जानें" (केवाईसी) –दिशानिर्देश और धोखाधड़ी-वर्गीकरण मानदंडों का पालन न करने पर बैंक ऑफ़ महाराष्ट्र (बीओएम) पर 1 करोड़ रुपये का जुर्माना लगाया।

- Georgian Grandmaster Levan Pantsulaia won the 17th Delhi International Chess tournament.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Institute of Medical Sciences and Research in Ahmedabad.


- Malayalam music composer S Balakrishnan has passed away recently. He was 69.

- Seventh Meeting of Tourism Ministers of ASEAN and India held in Ha Long City, Vietnam.

- Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Mary Oliver has passed away recently. She was 83.

- Himachal Pradesh Cabinet decided to provide 10% reservation to economically weaker sections from the general category in State government Jobs.
दहमाचल प्रदेश मंत्रत्रमंर्ल ने राज्य सरकार की नौकरी में सामान्य वर्ग से आर्थिक रूप से कमजोर वर्गों को 10% आरक्षण प्रदान करने का निर्णय लिया।

S Ranjeet Pandey has been elected as the president of Company secretaries' apex body ICSI (Institute of Company Secretaries of India).

रक्षा मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण ने अरुणाचल प्रदेश के लोअर दिबंग घाटी में चिपु नदी पर डिफो ब्रिज का उद्घाटन किया है।

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Indian-American philanthropist and entrepreneur, Gurinder Singh Khalsa, has been honoured with the prestigious “Rosa Park Trailblazer award”.

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Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has inaugurated the Diffo Bridge over Chipu River in Lower Dibang Valley District in Arunachal Pradesh.

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• भारतीय-अमेरिकी परोपकारी और उद्योग, गुरिल्डर सिंह खालसा को प्रतिष्ठित "रोजा पार्क ट्रेबलाज़र अवार्ड" से सम्मानित किया गया है।

• C N R Rao has been chosen for the first Sheikh Saud International Prize for Materials Research.

• सीएनआर राव को सामग्री अनुसंधान के लिए पहले शेख सऊद अंतर्राष्ट्रीय पुरस्कार के लिए चुना गया है।

• According to an analysis by research agency Itihaasa, India ranks third in the world in terms of high quality research publications in artificial intelligence (AI).

• अनुसंधान एजेंसी इन्तहासा के पवश्लेर्ण के अनुसार, भारत कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (एआई) में उच्च गुणवत्ता वाले शोध प्रकाशनों के मामले में विश्व में तीसरे स्थान पर है।

• Sahitya Akademi award winning Bengali writer Atin Bandyopadhyay died. He was 85.

• साहित्य अकादमी पुरस्कार विजेता बांग्ला लेखक अतीन बं्योपाध्याय का ननधन हो गया। वह 85 वर्ष के थे।

• Microsoft India launched a new e-commerce platform for handloom weavers 'rewewe.in'.

• माइक्रोसॉफ्ट इंडिया ने हथकरघा बुनकरों के लिए एक नया ई-वाणिज्य मंच ‘री-वी डॉट इन’ शुरू किया।

• According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), India's Gross Domestic Product Growth Rate is expected to be at 7.3 % in the Financial Year 2018-19 and 7.5% in 2019-20.

• अंतर्राष्ट्रीय मुद्रा कंपनी (आईएमएफ) के अनुसार, वित्तीय वर्ष 2018-19 में भारत की सकल घरेलू उत्पाद की वृद्धि 7.3% और 2019-20 में 7.5% रहने का अनुमान है।

• According to the 2019 Edelman Trust Barometer report, India is among the most trusted nations globally when it comes to government, business, NGOs and media but the country's brands are among the least-trusted.

• एडलमैन की ट्रस्ट बैरोमीटर-2019 रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, भारत राष्ट्र बांड, सरकार, एनजीओ और मीडिया के मामले में विश्व के सबसे विश्वसनीय देशों में शामिल है लेकिन देश के कारोबारी ब्रांडों की विश्वसनीयता इनमें सबसे कम है।
Indian team captain Virat Kohli became the first cricketer to make a clean-sweep of the ICC's annual individual awards by winning Test, ODI and overall cricketer of the year award. He was also named captain of the world body's Test and ODI teams of the year.

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur and Union health minister Jagat Prakash Nadda laid the foundation stone of the AIIMS at Kothipura in Bilaspur district.

World Economic Forum (WEF) annual meet has been started in Davos, Switzerland.

India Steel 2019 Exhibition and Conference has been started in Mumbai.

Ankita Raina has won the International Tennis Federation's 25,000-dollar Women's tournament in Singapore.

World's oldest man Masazo Nonaka has passed away recently. He was 113.

The 15th edition of Pravasi Bhartiya Divas started in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

UNESCO has announced that the Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro will be the World Capital of Architecture for 2020.
• Union minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated a bridge over the Ravi River in Jammu & Kashmir. This bridge will reduce the distance between Kathua in Jammu and Pathankot in Punjab to 8.6 km from 45 km.

• केंद्रीय मंत्री नितिन गडकरी ने जम्मू-कश्मीर में रावी नदी पर एक पुल का उद्घाटन किया। इस पुल के बनने से जम्मू में कठुआ और पंजाब में पठानकोट के बीच की दूरी 45 किलोमीटर से घटकर 8.6 किलोमीटर रह जायेगी।

• Former India hockey player Raghbir Singh Bhola, a two-time Olympic medallist, has passed away. He was 92.

• बीत के दो बार के ओलंपिक पदक विजेता पूर्व अंतरराष्ट्रीय हाकी खिलाड़ी रघबीर सिंह भोला का निधन हो गया। वह 92 वर्ष के थे।

• Agyey Kumar Azad took over as the executive director of State-owned Punjab National Bank (PNB).

• अज्ञेय कुमार आजाद ने सरकारी तवाभमत्व वाले पंजाब नेशनल बैंक (पीएनबी) के कार्यकारी निदेशक का पदेशक संभाला।

• India and Sri Lanka signed an MOU to provide modern infrastructural facilities to Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies of Eastern University in Batticaloa district of Sri Lanka.

• भारत और श्रीलंका ने श्रीलंका के बदटयाकोला जिले में स्थित स्वामी विपुलानंद इंस्टिट्यूट ऑफ एस्थेटिक स्टडीज ऑफ इंस्टिट्यूट ऑफ यूनिवर्सिटी को आधुनिक अवसंरचनात्मक सुविधाएं प्रदान करने के लिए एक एमओयू पर हस्ताक्षर किए।

• Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Subhash Chandra Bose museum at the iconic Red Fort to mark the leader's 122nd birth anniversary.

• प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने नेताजी सुभाष चंद्र बोस की 122वीं जयंती के मौके पर ऐतिहासिक लाल किले में उनके नाम पर एक संग्रहालय का उद्घाटन किया।

• Maharashtra and the US-India Business Council (USIBC) signed a pact to promote the state as an investment destination for American companies.

• महाराष्ट्र और अमेरिका भारत व्यवसाय परिषद (यूएसआईबीसी) ने एक करार पर दस्तखत किए। इस करार का मकसद महाराष्ट्र को अमेरिकी कंपनियों के लिए निवेश गंतव्य के रूप में प्रोत्साहित करना है।
The 27th Saraswati Samman was conferred upon eminent Gujarati poet Sitanshu Yashaschandra. The award for 2017 was given to Yashaschandra for his poetry collection, 'Vakhar', published in 2009.

Indian Navy will conduct a Coastal Defence Exercise 'Sea Vigil 2019' along the entire coastline of the country.

Cosmas Lagat of Kenya has won the men's title in the Tata Mumbai Marathon.

Mohammed Shami became the fastest Indian to claim 100 wickets in one-day Internationals, reaching the mark in the opening match against New Zealand.

Assam Government has decided to give 10 percent quota in Government jobs and educational institutes to economically weaker sections in general category.

According to the United Nations' World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2019 report, India's gross domestic product (GDP) is expected to expand by 7.4 per cent in 2020-21. Other than this, India's economy is expected to grow at 7.4 per cent during 2018-19 and improve to 7.6 per cent in the next fiscal.

According to a report by Brand Finance, India's Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has been ranked third most-valued IT services brand globally in 2018-19, after Accenture and IBM.
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- ब्रांड फाइनेंस की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, भारत की टाटा कंसल्टेंसी सर्विसेज (टीसीएस) को 2018-19 में दुनिया का तीसरी सबसे बहुमूल्य आईटी सेवा ब्रांड रैंकिंग दी गई है। पहले पायदान पर एसेंचर और दूसरे पर आईबीएम है।

- The Union Cabinet approved amendments to the framework on currency swap arrangement for SAARC member countries by incorporating a stand-by facility of USD 400 million.

- केन्द्रीय मंत्रिमंडल ने दक्षिण के सदस्य देशों के साथ मुद्रा विनिमय व्यवस्था के रूपरेखा ठंडे में 40 करोड़ डॉलर की अति-बहुमूल्य व्यवस्था करते हुए इसमें संशोधन को मंजूरी दी।

- According to credit rating agency CRISIL, India's Gross Domestic Product Growth Rate is expected to 7.2 % in the Financial Year 2018-19.

- The Cabinet approved signing of an agreement between India and Kuwait for cooperation on recruitment of domestic workers, a move that will benefit over 3 lakh Indians, including 90,000 women working in the Gulf country.

- Mauritius will organize First International Bhojpuri Festival.

- The Union Cabinet approved setting up of the national bench of the GST Appellate Tribunal which will act as forum for second appeal in case of dispute and also decide cases where there are divergent orders at the state level.

- According to credit rating agency CRISIL, India's Gross Domestic Product Growth Rate is expected to 7.2 % in the Financial Year 2018-19.
The Union Cabinet approved an agreement between India and Japan for cooperation in the food processing sector.

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved Ravneet Gill as the New Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Yes Bank.

ISRO's PSLV C44 lifted off from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, carrying India's military satellite Microsat-R and students' payload Kalamsat.

Eminent Hindi author and essayist Krishna Sobti died. She was 93.

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Lakshmi Vilas Bank has reappointed Parthasarathi Mukherjee as Managing Director.

Ronojoy Dutta has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of IndiGo.

Sultan Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah has been elected as the new King of Malaysia.

The NDRF's 8th battalion located at Ghaziabad has been selected for the Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar for its commendable work in disaster management.

India's Kartik Sharma won the New South Wales men's Amateur Golf Championship in Australia.

Union Science and Technology Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan inaugurated three specialized centers at Madras IIT.
Poonam Khetrapal Singh has been appointed the South-East Asia regional director of the World Health Organization (WHO) for a second five-year term.

There was no change in India captain Virat Kohli’s position at the top of Test batsmen’s list but West Indies skipper Jason Holder emulated Sir Gary Sobers to become world’s No 1 all-rounder in the latest Test rankings released by the ICC.

According to World Steel Association (WSA), India has replaced Japan as world’s second largest steel producing country, while China is the largest producer of crude steel.

Social activist Nanaji Deshmukh, Music maestro Bhupen Hazarika and former President Pranab Mukherjee have been awarded with country's highest civilian honour Bharat Ratna.

Veteran tribal leader and former Odisha minister Chaitanya Prasad Majhi died. He was 90.

Japan’s tennis player Naomi Osaka has won the women’s singles title of Australian Open by defeating Petra Kvitova of Czech Republic.

World’s No.1 tennis player Novak Djokovic defeated Rafael Nadal by 6-3, 6-2, 6-3 to win a record seventh Australian Open title.
• दुनिया के नंबर एक टेनिस खिलाड़ी नोवाक जोकोविच ने राफेल नडाल को 6-3, 6-2, 6-3 से हराकर रिकार्ड सातवां आस्ट्रेलियाई ओपन खिताब जीता।

• Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Madurai, Tamilnadu.

• प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने तमिलनाडू के मदुरई में अखिल भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थान (एम्स) की आधारशिला रखी।

• Oscar-winning French composer Michel Legrand has passed away recently. He was 86.
• ऑस्कर विजेता फ्रांसीसी संगीतकार मिशेल लेग्रैंड का हाल ही में निधन हो गया। वह 86 वर्ष के थे।

• The government of Uttarakhand has obtained the permission to develop the state's first tulip garden in Pithoragarh district.
• उत्तराखंड के सरकार को प्रदेश का पहला टुलिप गार्डन पिथौरागढ़ जिले में विकसित करने के लिये केंद्र की मंजूरी मिल गयी है।

• Former Defence Minister and Veteran socialist George Fernandes passed away. He was 88.
• पूर्व रक्षा मंत्री एवं प्रख्यात समाजवादी नेता जॉज फर्नांडोस का निधन हो गया। वह 88 वर्ष के थे।

• The salt-to-software group Tata has been ranked 86th in the 2019 Most Valuable Brands list compiled by the London-based consultancy Brand Finance. Tata was ranked 104 in the 2018 list.
• लंदन के सलाहकार ब्रांड फाइंस द्वारा तैयार की गयी वर्ष 2019 के सबसे मूल्यवान ब्रांडों की सूची में विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में कार्यरत टाटा 86वें स्थान पर है। 2018 की सूची में टाटा 104वें स्थान पर था।

• Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of Dilip Sadarangani as part-time chairman of Federal Bank.
• भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक (आरबीआई) ने फेडरल बैंक के अंशकालिक अध्यक्ष के रूप में दिलीप सदरंगानी की नियुक्ति को मंजूरी दी है।

• Suman Kumari became the first Hindu woman in Pakistan to be appointed as a civil judge.
• सुमन कुमारी पाकिस्तान में दीवानी न्यायाधीश नियुक्त होने वाली पहली हिंदू महिला बनीं।

• Madhya Pradesh Government announced the launch of a "Yuva Swabhiman Yojana" to ensure 100 days of employment every year to the youths from the economically weaker sections (EWS) in urban areas.
• मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने शहरी क्षेत्रों में आर्थिक रूप से कमजोर वर्ग (ईर्ब्ल्यूएस) के युवाओं को प्रत्येक वर्ष 100 दिन का रोजगार सुनिश्चित करने के लिए "युवा स्वाभिमान योजना" शुरू करने की घोषणा की।

• Denmark's Anders Antonsen has won the men's singles title of Indonesia Masters Badminton Tournament by defeating Kento Momota of Japan.

• डेनमार्क के एंर्स एंटोसेन ने जापान के केंटो मोमोटा को हराकर इंडोनेशिया मास्टर्स बैडमिंटन टूर्नामेंट का पुरुष एकल का खिताब जीता है।

• Vinita Bhardwaj has won the gold medal in women's air rifle in the H&N Cup international shooting championship Munich, Germany.

• विनिता भर्डवाज ने जमेनी के म्यूनिख में एचएनएन कप अंतरराष्ट्रीय शूटिंग चैंपियनशिप में महिलाओं की एयर राइफल में स्वर्ण पदक जीता है।

• Ambati Rayudu has been suspended from bowling in international cricket by the ICC.

• अंबाती रायरू को आईसीसी ने अंतरराष्ट्रीय क्रिकेट में गेंदबाजी से निलंबित कर दिया है।

• Music festival Sur Jahan, previously known as Sufi Sutra, will be held in Goa from February 6 to 8.

• संगीत समारोह सुर जहान, जिसे पहले सुफी सूत्र के रूप में जाना जाता था, 6 से 8 फरवरी तक गोवा में आयोजित किया जाएगा।

• IndiaFirst Life Insurance has bought nine per cent stake in CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd. IndiaFirst Life Insurance is a joint venture between Bank of Baroda, Andhra Bank and Legal and General (UK), while CSC is an integral part of Digital India initiative of the government under Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

• इंडिया फर्स्ट लाइफ इंश्योरेंस ने सीएससी ई-गवर्नेंस सार्वजनिक इंटिजिफ्स में नौ प्रतिशत हिस्सेदारी खरीदी है। इंडिया फर्स्ट लाइफ इंश्योरेंस सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंक आर्फ बडौदा, आंध्र बैंक और ब्रिटिश की सीएटल एंड जनरल की संयुक्त उद्यम कंपनी है। जबकि सीएससी भारत सरकार के इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स एवं सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय की डिजिटल इंडिया पहल का हिस्सा है।

• According to the Transparency International’s Global Corruption Index (Corruption Perceptions Index) for 2018, India rose by three points to 78 in the list of 180 countries in the world, while China ranked 87 and Pakistan 117 in the index.
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- रांसपरेंसी इंटरनेशनल के 2018 के वैश्विक भ्रष्टाचार रूचकांक (करप्शन परसेप्शन इंडेक्स) के अनुसार, दुनिया के 180 देशों की सूची में भारत तीन स्थान के सुधार के साथ 78वें पायदान पर पहुंच गया है। वहीं इस रूचकांक में चीन 87वें और पाकिस्तान 117वें स्थान पर हैं।

- Union Finance, Railways and Coal Minister Piyush Goyal will receive the Carnot prize for his contribution towards sustainable energy solutions.

- केंद्रीय वित्त, रेल और कोयला मंत्री पीयूष गोयल को सतत विजयी समाधान की दिशा में उल्लेखनीय योगदान के लिए कारनॉट पुरस्कार दिया जाएगा।

- 24 writers including renowned Hindi writer Chitra Mudgal have been awarded with the Sahitya Akademi Award 2018.

- पंजाब सरकार ने 384.40 करोड़ की लागत से गांवों के समग्र विकास के लिए ‘स्मार्ट विलेज अभियान’ को मंजूरी दी।

- Vice Admiral G Ashok Kumar, AVSM, VSM has assumed charge as the Vice Chief of Naval Staff.
- वाइस एडमिरल जी. अशोक कुमार, एवीएसएम, वीएसएम ने नौसेना वाइस चीफ का पदभार संभाला।

- Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approved the construction of world's longest 'Ganga Expressway'.
- उत्तर प्रदेश कैबिनेट ने विश्व के सबसे लंबे 'गंगा एक्सप्रेस-वे' के निर्माण हेतु मंजूरी दी।

### Australian Open 2019 Winners List

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