

Monthly Current Affairs: July 2019

IMPORTANT DAYS

1st July -GST (Goods and Services Tax) Day

1st July -National Doctor's Day

Theme "Zero tolerance to Violence against doctors and clinical establishment".

1st July - International Joke Day

1st July -Chartered Accountants' Day (India)

2nd July -International Sports Journalists Day

2nd July -World UFO (Unidentified Flying Objects) day

3rd July -International Plastic Bag Free Day

4th July -Death anniversary of Swami Vivekananda

4th July -American Independence Day

6th July -World Zoonosis Day

July 1st Saturday - International Day of Cooperatives

Theme:"Coops 4 Decent Work"

7th July -Global Forgiveness Day

7th July -World Chocolate Day

10th July - Independence Day of The Bahamas

11th July -World Population Day

12th July -Foundation Day of NABARD

14th July-International Shark Awareness Day

The sharks in crisis: a call to action for the Mediterranean

15th July -World Youth Skills Day

Theme: 'Learning to learn for life and work'

17th July -World Day for International Justice

If you want Peace and Development, Work for Social Justice'

17th July -World Emoji Day

18th July -International Mandela Day

19th July -Burmese Martyrs' Day

20th July -Colombian Independence Day

21st July -Belgian National Day

22nd July -Pi Approximation Day

23rd July -National Broadcasting Day

26th July -Kargil Vijay Diwas

28th July -World Hepatitis Day

"Invest in eliminating hepatitis".

29th July -International Tiger Day

30th July -World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

"call your government to action"

31st July -World Ranger Day

Summit / Conference

India International Cooperatives Trade Fair (IICTF) -New Delhi

India Nepal Logistics Summit 2019- Kathmandu, Nepal

Theme- Transforming Logistics Landscape.

3rd International Sunflower Seed and Oil Conference (ISSOC) of India-
Mumbai

Ministerial meeting of Coordinating Bureau of Non Aligned
Movement (NAM) summit- **Caracas,Venezuela**

11th biennial edition of DefExpo India 2020- Lucknow,Uttar Pradesh

Theme of the DefExpo India- 2020 : India the Emerging Defence
Manufacturing Hub

Non Aligned Movement(NAM) Ministerial Meeting-
Caracas,Venezuela

2020 World Heritage Committee meeting- China

First Global Conference on Media Freedom-London

19th Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers Meeting- London

India Asean Troika Trade Ministers' Meeting- New Delhi

International Police Expo 2019 - New Delhi

India ASEAN Troika Trade Ministers' meeting -New Delhi

New Appointments

Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury- chairman of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC).

Amna Prasad -Chairperson of Inland Waterways

Anshu Gupta -“Mrs Asia 2019”

Anshula Kant-Managing Director (MD) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the World Bank

Arjan Kumar Sikri- ombudsman and ethics officer of Indian Federation of Sports Gaming (IFSG)

Arun Kumar-Chief/DG of Directorate General of civil Aviation (DGCA)

Ashutosh Gupta -LinkedIn country manager for India

Benjamin Netanyahu- Prime Minister of Israel

Boris Johnson- Prime Minister of UK

Chandrkant Kavlekar - Deputy CM of Goa

Dejan Papic- coach of India's table tennis

Ehsan Mani-Chairperson of the ICC Financial and Commercial Affairs Committee.

Gitanas Nauseda-President of Lithuania

Justice A K Sikri- an International Judge of Singapore International Commercial Court.

Harideesh Kumar -Director of IBPS

Karna Sekhar-MD and CFO of IOB

K. Natarajan- chief of India's coastal security force

Kyriakos Mitsotakis – prime Minister of Greece

Manoj Kumar Nambir- Chairman of Microfinance Institutions Network(MFIN)

N S Vishwanathan- Reappointed as RBI deputy Governor for 1 year

Nalim Shinghal -Chairman and Managing Director of BHEL

Pravin Kumar Purwar -Chairman and Managing Director of BSNL

Priti Patel- 1st Indian origin Home Secretary of Britain

Rajat Bhargava- Head of Emerging Mobility' business unit of Hero MotoCorp

Sabih Khan-Senior Vice President of Operations Apple

Sarvita Sethi- vice president, Merger & Acquisitions (M & A) of Coca cola

Ajay kumar Bhalla- Union Home Secretary of India

Atanu Chakraborty- Economic Affairs Secretary of India

Subhash Chandra Garg- Power Secretary of India

Anshu Prakah-Telecom Secretary of India

Julie Sweet- CEO of Accenture

Sunil Kumar- director of the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL).

Trevor Bayliss- head coach of IPL team SunRisers Hyderabad.

Ursula von der Leyen (Germany)- 1st female President of the European Commission

V K Tyagi- Chief Vigilance Officer of PNB

V.K. Johri- Director General of Border Security Force(BSF).

Vivek Kumar -Private secretary of PM Narendra Modi

Sanjeev Kumar Singla –India’s Ambassador to Israel

Upendra Singh Rawat- India's Ambassador to Panama

Vivek Kohli-Chairman of Commonwealth Table Tennis
Federation

Badri Narain Sharma- Chairman of National Anti-profiteering
Authority (NAA) for 2 years.

Lt Gen Manoj Mukund Naravane- Vice-Chief of Armed Force.

VK Johri- Director General (DG) of Border Security Force (BSF)

Kapil Dev, Ajit Agarkar and Shantha Rangaswamy -Indian Cricketers'
Association(ICA) head until elections are held.

BS Yediyurappa- Chief Minister of Karnataka

Acharya Devvrat- Governor of Gujarat

Anandiben Patel- Governor of Uttar Pradesh

Anusuiya Uikey -Governor of Chhattisgarh.

Biswabhusan Harichandan- Governor of Andhra Pradesh

Jagdeep Dhankar- Governor of West Bengal

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Kalraj Mishra- Governor Himachal Pradesh

Lal Ji Tandon - Governor Madhya Pradesh

Phagu Chauhan -Governor of Bihar

R. N. Ravi - Governor Nagaland

Ramesh Bais- Governor Tripura

Naresh Kumar- Chief Secretary of Arunachal Pradesh.

Amit Burman- Chairman of FMCG major Dabur India

Ajay Bhadoo- Joint Secretary to President Ram Nath Kovind.

Katrina Kaif- Indian Brand Ambassador of Reebok

Awards & Honors

"Find The Incredible You" campaign –PATA Gold Award 2019

Ajay Banga and Azim Premji-2019 Global Excellence Awards

DD News(Doordarshan)news channel of India- “Champions of Empathy Award”

'Game of Thrones' season8-71st Emmy Awards(American fantasy drama television series)

Kapil Dev-Bharat Gaurav award

Keshav Dutt(Hockey Player) , Prasun Banerjee(Former Football captain)- Mohun Bagan Ratna Award 2019.

Meryl Streep- Tribute Actor award at 2019 Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF). She will be 1st-ever recipient of TIFF Tribute Actor Award.

NALCO –President’s award for excellent CSR in social development

Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR)-‘Best Innovation Award’ in Indian Railways

Priya Priyadarshini Jain- “Indian Women of Influence”

Ravinder Kumar Malik -Mr. South Asia title.

Shah Rukh Khan- **Honorary Doctorate** from La Trobe University, Melbourne.

Sir Mark Tully (British Journalist) -Award In London for his contribution to UK-India relationship

Sudarsan Pattnaik- People's Choice Award at a prestigious sand sculpting festival in United States (US).

Gully Boy- Network for the Promotion Asian Cinema (NETPAC) Award

Thich Nhat Hanh (Zen Master)-First Gandhi Mandela Peace Medal

Vidisha Baliyan (UP)-Miss Deaf World 2019.

Max Verstappen -wins Austrian Grand Prix 2019

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Lewis Hamilton -6th British Grand prix.

CSR Journal Excellence Awards(3rd Edition)

Winners- category

Tata Power- "Education & Skill Training".

ReNew Power- "Women Empowerment & Child Welfare".

Hindustan Zinc- "Agriculture & Rural Development".

Aditya Birla Capital Ltd.- "Sports"

YES Bank Ltd. - "Health & Sanitation"

Mahindra & Mahindra- "Environment".

All India Football Federation (AIFF) 2018-19 Awards

Men's footballer of the year- Sunil Chhetri

Women's footballer of the year title- Ashalata Devi

AIFF Emerging Men's Footballer of Year 2018-19 : Sahal Abdul Samad
(from Kerala)

AIFF Emerging Women's Footballer of Year 2018-19 : Dangmei Grace
(from Manipur)

AIFF Award for Best Referee : R Venkatesh (from Tamil Nadu)

AIFF Award for the Best Assistant Referee : Joseph Tony (from
Karnataka)

Best Grassroots Development Programme : Jammu & Kashmir
(J&K) Football Association

Sports Journalists Federation of India 2019 Awards

SJFI Medal (Highest Honour): Prakash Padukone (Badminton).

Sportsperson of the Year Award: Pankaj Advani (Billiards and
Snooker) and Bajrang Punia (Wrestling).

Emerging Talent of the Year Award: Saurabh Choudhary (Shooting).

Team of the Year Award: Vidarbha Cricket Team.

Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellow or Akademi Ratna Awards.

Zakir Hussain (Tabla Virtuoso)

Sonal Mansingh (Dancer)

Jatin Goswami (Dancer and Choreographer)

K. Kalyanasundaram Pillai (Bharatnatyam exponent)

S. Sowmya -2019 Sangita Kalanidhi Award

Seetha Narayanan and M.S. Sheela (Vocalists)-Sangita Kala Acharya Awards

Vyasarpadi Kothandaraman (Nagaswaram player) and Rajkumar Bharathi(vocalist)-TTK Awards

Aarti N. Rao- Musicologist Award

Priyadarshini Govind- Nritya Kalanidhi Award (for Dance)

SAARC film festival

Books

"A prime Minister to remember:Memorie of military Chief"-Sushil Kumar (Former Navy Chief)

"Whispers of Time"-Dr Krishna Saksena

'Vivekadeepini'- Jagadguru Adi Shankaracharya

"Chandra Shekhar: The Last Icon of Ideological Polities"-Harivansh and Ravi Dutt Bajpai

Kargil:Untold stories from the War -Rachna Bisht Rawat

New Age Technology and Industrial Revolution 4.0' in New Delhi- Dr Narendra Jadhav.

"War over Words: Censorship in India, 1930-1960" -Devika Sethi

Sports

Mary Kom- won the Gold medal at the 23rd President's Cup in Indonesia's Labuan Bajo

Max Verstappen wins Austrian Grand Prix

USA clinched the FIFA Women's World Cup 2019 after defeating Netherlands

Veer wins U-19 Asian Squash title

Ashish Kumar- won the 1st gold medal of his international career at the Thailand Open in Bangkok

Shiva Thapa won India's first Gold at 2019 President's Cup boxing Tournament, the final in Kazakhstan.

Algeria won the Africa Cup of Nations football championship for the second time after beating Senegal

Lasith Malinga Bowler of Srilanka Retire from ODI cricket.

Solomon Mire Zimbabwe's All rounder announced his retirement from cricket.

FIFA World Cup Women's: United States defeat Netherlands

21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships

Men's - Harmeet Desai

Women's-Ayhika Mukherjee

Men's Doubles -Manav Thakkar & Anthony Amalraj

Women's Doubles -Pooja Sahasrabudhe & Krittwika Sinha Roy

Mixed Doubles Sathiyam Gnanasekaran & Archana Kamath

Complete Winners List of Wimbledon 2019

Men's Singles : Novak Djokovic (Serbia)

Women's Singles : Simona Halep (Romania)

Men's Doubles : Juan Sebastian Cabal (Colombia) / Robert Farah (Colombia)

Women's Doubles : Hsieh Su-wei (Chinese Taipei) / Barbora Strycova (Czech Republic)

Mixed Doubles: Ivan Dodig (Croatia) / Latisha Chan (Chinese Taipei)

Mou /Agreement

India and Indonesia -for bilateral trade by 2025

India with Russia- To acquire “ **Strum Ataka**” anti tank missile

India and Mozambique- sharing white shipping information and co-operation in the field of Hydrography.

India and Myanmar- Defence cooperation.

India and Mozambique- To strengthen the defence cooperation

Sri Lanka with IRCON International Ltd of India –for upgrading of a railway track

West Bengal government with British Council-for brushing up

the English Speaking skills of the students studying in Polytechnic Colleges in the state.

India and Benin -signed four MoUs on education, health and e-visa facilities.

Committee

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Money parked by its citizen with swiss bank - 74th- UK

Henley passport Index 2019 -86th- Japan Singapore

Global Innovation Index 219-52nd-switzerland

Obituaries

Person-Field

Abburi Chaya Devi -Noted Telugu writer

AU Celestine (73)- Former Indian football team goalkeeper

Basant Kumar Birla –Industrialist

Carlin Dunne -Renowned Motorcycle Racer

C.Kapore -Former secretary Billiards and Snooker Federation of India

Fernando José "Corby" Corbató (93), -inventing the computer password.

Fernando de La Rúa- Former Argentine President

Hussain Muhammad Ershad -Bangladesh's former president

Johnny Clegg-South African singer and songwriter

Keshav Rout -Odia film producer

Lee Iacocca -US Automobile Industry legend

Mange Ram Garg (82)- Former Delhi BJP President

Momir Bulatovic -Former president of Montenegro

Pernell Whitaker-American Boxer

Rakesh Shukla -Former India Cricketer

Sheila Dikshit-Former CM of Delhi

Sudarshan Agarwal –Uttarakhand's former Governor

Swarup Dutta- Bengali actor

Yukiya Amano- Director General of UN nuclear watchdog
International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL NEWS

National Doctors' Day

1st July observe as the National Doctors' Day in India. The day is celebrated to recognize the contributions of physicians to individual lives and communities and also honour the legendary physician Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy.

The theme for 2019 National Doctors' Day is **'Zero tolerance to violence against doctors and clinical establishment'**.

'Internet Saathi' programme

Google India and Tata Trusts will launch their 'Internet Saathi' digital literacy programme for rural women to villages in Punjab and Odisha. Now the programme is operational in 20 states.

- Justis A K Sikri appointed as International judge of Singapore International commercial court.
- Coca cola appoints Sarvita Sethi as vice president, Merger & Acquisitions (M & A).
- Indian Brand Ambassador for Reebok – Varun Dhawan
- FanMojo appointed prithvi pankaj shaw as its brand Ambassador.

- Indian Foreign Service officer Vivek Kumar appointed as private secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Lewis Hamilton wins this 6th British Grand prix.
- The West Bengal state Government construct 8:30 Lakh Houses under “**Banglar Bari**” Project.
- Indies **first Ethanol** based motor cycle lunched by **TVS motor – TVS Apache RTR 200 FiE100**

It was available in **UP , Karnataka & Maharashtra** at Rs 1.20 lakh.

- Chief Secretary of Arunachal Pradesh – **Naresh Kumar**
 - Andhra Bank Lunched a **Chatbot** name **ABHi** to give information 24x7 to customer.
 - Bihar Government will provide Rs 1.5 lakh to Transgenders who want to undergo Sex change operation.
- Also announced Jail for 6 month to 2 year to those where refuse to give them house on rent or isolate their rights.
- **21st edition of commonwealth Table Tennis championship** opened at the **Jawaharlal indoor Stadium ,Cuttack, Odisha .**
 - Ursula von der leyen (Germany) was elected as the **1st female President of the European Commission** by European parliament.
 - Amazon lunch an app “**JEE Ready**” for IIT,JEE Exam Preparation
 - Sangeat Natak Aradami fellow or **Akademi Ratna Award 2018** given to 4 person
- 1) Sonal Mansingh (Dancer)
 - 2) Zakir Husain (Tabla)
 - 3) Jatin Gaswami (Dancer & choreography)
 - 4) K.kalganasundaram Pillai(Bharatnatyam)
- **Hussain Muhammad Ershad**, Former president of Banglades passed away at age 91.
 - Boxing legend “sweet pea” **Pernell Whitaker(US)** passedaway.
 - Haryana Cabinet approved the setting up of Haryana sports university at Rai.

- India will host **ISSF** (International Shooting Sport Federation) world cup in 2020 which held in New Delhi from March 15 to 26, 2020
- **Sharath Kamal**, a professional Table Tennis player from TN , India was voted the **sportman fo the year** in the Annual India oil sport conclave (IOC).
- Dubai Tourism exempts visa fees for visitors under 18 year between July 15 & Sep 15 2019
- **Palau** country becomes 76th country to join International Solar Alliance.

Head Quarter – Gurugram, India

- International film festival of India (IFFI) will be held from 20-28 Nov 2019 in **Panaji, Goa** (50th edition).
- India bagged 6 gold, 3 silver, & 1 bronze in kladno memorial Athletics meet in czech Republic.
- “Game of Thrones “season 8 an American drama has 32 nomination at 71st Emmy Awards (most no. of Emmy nominations received in a single year)
- Vijayveer Sidhu wins 3rd gold at junior shooting world cup in suhl, Germany.
- Indian Athletics federation (IAF) has decided to host a 24 hours **Asia & Oceania champions in 2020** and a 100 km Asia & **Oceania championships in 2021 in Bangalore.**
- Minister of Human Resource Development Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank released **Deeksharambh**, an UGC Guide to Student Induction Programme. It aims to help new students to adjust and feel comfortable in the new environment.
- The Rajasthan government has launched **Student Police Cadet (SPC) scheme**, a Police training program, for class 8 and 9 students.

- **Benjamin Netanyahu** became the **longest serving Prime Minister of Israel**. He overthrew the record set by **David Ben-Gurion**, Israel's founding father and first leader. Netanyahu has spent 4,876 days, more than 13 years, in office as on 20 July, 2019. He is the Israel's youngest-ever Prime Minister as won his first election in 1996, at the age of 46.

Israel:

President: **Reuven Rivlin**

Prime Minister: **Benjamin Netanyahu**

Capital: **Jerusalem**.

- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched a special campaign named "**Jan Jagrukta Abhiyaan**" in New Delhi. This campaign aimed to sensitize and mobilise the community on measures for prevention and **control of Vector Borne Diseases (VBDs)**.
- Sports Minister **Kiren Rijju** launched the All India Football Federation's **Golden Baby Leagues handbook 2019-20**.
- On the 20th anniversary of Kargil war, The Defence Minister will inaugurate **two bridge projects** on the **rivers Ujh in Kathua** district and **Basantar in Samba** district of **Jammu** division.

Hall of Fame

- **Sachin Tendulkar**, the former Indian Cricketer, was inducted into the International Cricket **Council's Hall of Fame**. He became the **sixth Indian cricketer** to join the list of international players.

Indian players in the list: The Indian former cricketers in the list are **Bishan Singh Bedi, Kapil Dev, Rahul Dravid, Sunil Gavaskar, Anil Kumble**.

• scheme "One nation one ration card"

from July 1, 2020 'One Nation One Ration Card' scheme will be available

across the country to which the poor migrant workers will be able to buy rice and wheat any ration shop in the country.

- Butterfly Tamil **yeoman** has been declared the state butterfly of Tamil Nadu. These are also known as **Tamil Maravan**, which means warrior, are found mainly in the hilly areas.

- **first ISA's joint security exercise ISALEX19 host by Abu Dhabi**

1. International Security Alliance (ISA) are taking part in the first joint security exercise in Abu Dhabi to confront organised, transnational and extremist crimes.
2. The alliance now comprises **9 countries** these are the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Morocco, France, Italy, Spain, Senegal, Singapore, and the Slovak Republic.

Indian Coast Guard (ICG) 23rd chief : K. Natarajan

K. Natarajan appointed as the Director-General of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG). He became the 23rd chief of India's coastal security force.

India's fastest train Vande Bharat successfully completes its trial run

India's fastest train, Vande Bharat Express complete its trial run from **New Delhi to Katra** was successfully conducted by the Indian Railways' Northern Railway zone.

It's speed is 160 km per hour

3rd Edition of the CSR Journal Excellence Awards

The 3rd edition of CSR Journal Excellence Awards honoured 6 firms for the best practices in Corporate Social Responsibility.

The theme of the event was '**India First**'.

Winners- category

Tata Power- "Education & Skill Training".

ReNew Power- “Women Empowerment & Child Welfare”.

Hindustan Zinc- “Agriculture & Rural Development”.

Aditya Birla Capital Ltd.- “Sports”

YES Bank Ltd. - “Health & Sanitation”

Mahindra & Mahindra- “Environment”.

world’s largest single solar power project switched on Abu Dhabi

- The world’s largest single solar plant switched, on Noor Abu Dhabi, boasting a production capacity of nearly 1,177 MW.
- It will help preserve the Emirate’s natural gas resources.
- Project will reduce Abu Dhabi’s CO2 emissions by 1 million metric tons.
- Abu Dhabi is comprised of over 3.2 million solar panels, capable of providing enough capacity to 900,000 people.
- This is estimated to be equivalent of removing 200,000 cars off the roads.

ICRA appoints Vipul Agarwal as interim COO

Vipul Agarwal has taken over as the interim Chief Operating Officer of investment information and rating agency ICRA after the board of directors asked Naresh Takkar to proceed on leave until further notice.

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Carlin Dunne a Professional motorcycle racer, passed away

Professional motorcycle racer, Carlin Dunne passed away. He suffered a fatal crash during Ducati Street fighter V4 prototype run at Pikes Peak Hill Climb. He also known as “The King of the Mountain”.

'Jan Choupal' programme in Raipur, Chhattisgarh

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The index ranks states based on the degree of reforms they have undertaken in agricultural marketing.

'Digital Udaan' program for first-time internet users by Jio

A Digital literacy program '**Digital Udaan**' in India which is aimed at first-time internet users. Jio and Facebook have joined for this programme.

Jio will engage its users every Saturday to help them learn about the Jio Phone features, use of apps, internet safety, and more using audio-visual training in 10 regional languages.

Industrialist BK Birla passes away

Basant Kumar Birla, Chairman of the B K Birla Group of companies, passed away at the age of 98.

He was also the Chairman of B K Birla Institute of Engineering and Technology, Krishnarpan Charity Trust .

IPS officer Aparna Kumar completes Seven Summit challenge

DIG , ITBP of Dehradun **Aparna Kumar** becomes first IPS officer to complete Seven Summit challenge by scaling Mt Denali in Alaska. Mt Denali is the tallest mountain in North America.

India's first Design Development Centre 'Fashionova' launched in Surat, Gujarat

India's first Design Development Center 'Fashionova' was launched in the Textile city Surat recently to promote the city in the field of the fashion design sector.

The main objective of this studio is to provide a strong platform to all those who have a flair of the apparel business.

UP CM launches 24x7 helpline to address people's grievances

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched a 24x7 toll-free helpline to allow people from across the state to register their grievance via a phone call on number 1076 instead of travelling all the way to Lucknow.

Longest electrified railway tunnel in India commissioned

- Indian Railways has launched the longest electrified tunnel of **6.6 km** built at a total cost of ₹460 crore between **Cherlopalli and Rapuru** stations.
- The tunnel is part of the recently completed Obulavaripalli-Venkatachalam new railway line of 113 Kms.
- It located between Cherlopalli to Rapuru stations and constructed in shape of 'Horse Shoe'.

In Most Powerful Passport index 2019: India ranks 86th

- Indian Passport has been given the rank of 86th position with a mobility score of 58 by Henley Passport Index 2019. The score means that Indian passport holders can travel to 58 countries without any prior Visa.
- Japan and Singapore holding on to the top spot with a score of 189 .
- India shares the 86th position with Mauritania, Sao Tome and Principe.

Nepal to promote tourism opportunities in India

In a bid to promote tourism, Nepal Tourism Board is organising a program “**Visit Nepal 2020**” here in India to highlight the country’s many tourist destinations.

web tool launched by Karnataka Bank for NPA recovery process

Karnataka Bank Ltd has launched the web tool ‘Vasool So-Ft’ (Vasool So-Fast) for digitalising the NPA (non-performing asset) recovery process of the bank.

It will provide an end-to-end digital solution and enable easy and faster processing, real time information and immediate decision making in the recovery area.

Economist David Lipton appointed as IMF interim leader

David Lipton an American economist appointed as interim leader of the **International Monetary Fund(IMF)**

He replacing Christine Lagarde who was nominated to head the European Central Bank.

AIR’s former newsreader Barun Haldar passes away

- Veteran Newsreader of All India Radio Barun Haldar passed away in Kolkata. He was 85. Haldar was ailing for some time.
- He was a popular presenter of Western Music in AIR Kolkata before shifting to AIR Delhi as an English Newsreader.

Nalin Shinghal appointed CMD of BHEL

State-owned engineering firm BHEL (Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited) said that Nalin Shinghal has been appointed its chairman and managing director for five years.

Harideesh Kumar appointed as Director of Institute of Banking Personnel Selection

- B Harideesh Kumar has been appointed as director of Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS) for a period of three years.
- Earlier, he was Executive Director of Canara Bank and brings with him a lot of domain related experience in the banking sector.

Former Uttarakhand Governor Sudershan Agarwal passes away

- Former Uttarakhand Governor Sudershan Agarwal passed away after prolonged illness. He was 88.
- He served as the second Governor of the hill state between 2003 and 2007

Jaipur, Pink City of Rajasthan declared World Heritage site by UNESCO

The Walled City of Jaipur in Rajasthan, known for its iconic architectural legacy and vibrant culture, has made its entry into the UNESCO World Heritage Site list.

Operation 'Sudarshan' launched along the Pakistan border

- BSF has launched the operation 'Sudarshan' to fortify the 'anti-infiltration grid' along the Pakistan border in Punjab and Jammu.
- It will cover the entire 1,000-kms length of the India-Pakistan International Border.

FIFA World Cup Women's: United States defeat Netherlands

- United States trounced the Netherlands by 2-0 in the final of the FIFA Women's World Cup at the Lyonnais in France.
- This is the fourth time when the United States clinched the World Cup.

- United States won the title in 1991, 1999 and 2015.

Ian Gould retires from umpiring

Ian Gould (from UK) announced retirement from umpiring, after standing in the World Cup match between India and Sri Lanka.

Book titled Vivekadeepini launched by Vice President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu

Book titled Vivekadeepini, a summary of Prashnottara Ratnamalika written by Adi Shankaracharya, released by The Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu .

Kyriakos Mitsotakis sworn in as Greece's new PM

Centre-right candidate Kyriakos Mitsotakis was sworn-in as the new prime minister of Greece.

World's first interactive smart phone browser Popshot launches in India

- Popshot, the world's first ever interactive browser built for smart phones, has been launched in India.
- It redefine the users' digital capabilities in exploring, bookmarking and sharing content by making it more visual, organized and direct.

World's largest burn and plastic surgery institute starts in Dhaka

- The world's largest burn and plastic surgery institute **Sheikh Hasina National Burn and Plastic Surgery Institute**, in Dhaka, Bangladesh has started functioning.
- This Institute has the 500-bed hospital with 50 ICU and 12 operation theatres will provide advanced treatment to burn patients in Bangladesh.
- The institute has been built at a cost of over 500 crore Taka.

Authored by Devika Sethi Book "War over Words: Censorship in India, 1930-1960" released

- “War over Words: Censorship in India, 1930-1960” book authored by **Devika Sethi** was released and published by Cambridge University Press.
- She teaches modern Indian history at IIT-Mandi, Himachal Pradesh.
- This book described the history of censorship of publications in India over three crucial decades encompassing the Gandhian anti-colonial movement, the Second World War, Partition, and the early years of Independent India.

Ex-Argentine Pres Fernando de La Rúa passes away at 81

Fernando de La Rúa Former Argentine President passed away at a Buenos Aires hospital. He was hospitalised due to severe cardiac and kidney complications.

‘Gully Boy’ wins NETPAC award in Bucheon film festival

- Film ‘Gully Boy’ has won the Network for the Promotion of Asian Cinema (NETPAC) Award at the 23rd Bucheon International Fantastic Film Festival (BIFAN) in South Korea.
- This was directed by **Zoya Akhtar**.

Ashutosh Gupta as country manager for India of LinkedIn

- LinkedIn, the professional social networking company announced Ashutosh Gupta as its new country manager for India.
- Gupta, who is an alumnus of IIM-Lucknow and IIT (BHU), Varanasi, is an experienced sales leader.

AIFF awards: Sunil Chhetri and Ashalata Devi

- Indian men’s footballer **Sunil Chhetri** and women’s footballer **Ashalata Devi** won the biggest prizes in their respective categories as the All India Football Federation (AIFF) announced awards for the 2018-19 season.

- Chhetri was declared as the men's footballer of the year and Ashalata Devi women's category footballer of the year.

Sahal Abdul Samad was declared as the emerging player of the year in the men's category

Manipur's **Dangmei Grace** was announced as the emerging player of the year in the women's category.

Commonwealth Senior Weightlifting Championships Gold for India

- Won gold in the senior women's 49 kg event - **Mirabai Chanu**
- Gold in the senior women's 45 kg event- **Jhilli Dalabehra**
- won gold in the senior women's 55kg event- **Soroikhaibam Bindyarani Devi**
- The gold in the senior men's 55kg event- **Rishikanta Singh**

Mexico beats US to lift 8th Gold Cup

Mexico's men's soccer team have won their record eighth CONCACAF Gold Cup by defeating the United States in the final.

A web portal for farmers 'Meri Fasal Mera Byora' launched by Haryana

- The government of Haryana launched portal for farmers '**Meri Fasal Mera Byora**' where farmers can avail benefits of several government schemes directly after uploading their crop-related details.
- This simple system will enable farmers to self-report their land and crop details and help them receive benefits of several government schemes directly.

Government of India has launches "LaQshya"

- An initiative "LaQshya" (Labour room Quality improvement Initiative) to improve quality of care in labour room and maternity operation theatres in public health facilities launched by Government of India.

- Its main aim is to reduce preventable maternal and new born mortality, morbidity and stillbirths associated with the care around delivery in Labour room and Maternity Operation Theatre and ensure respectful maternity care.

Spektr-RG, a New X-Ray Observatory, into Space launched by Russia

The Russian space agency has launched Proton-M rocket carrying the Spektr-RG(Spectrum Roentgen Gamma) space telescope from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan

Kaushik Ganguly's 'Nagarkirtan' wins at SAARC film fest

- Director Kaushik Ganguly's Bengali outing '**Nagarkirtan**', a love story of a transwoman and a flautist, has won big at this year's SAARC film festival, bagging four awards, including 'Best Feature Film'.
- At the ninth edition of the SAARC fest in Colombo, 'Nagarkirtan' was honoured with 'Best Feature Film', 'Best Director', 'Best Actor' and 'Best Original Score' awards.

Former Secretary, BSFI, C. Kapur passed away

Former secretary of Billiards and Snooker Federation of India **C.Kapur** passed away. He served for the cue-sports for more than 40 years

MD, CFO of World Bank Group: Anshula Kant

- Indian banker **Anshula Kant** has been appointed as the World Bank Group's Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer.
- Kant is presently serving as the Managing Director of the State Bank of India (SBI), where she previously served as Chief Financial Officer.

YouTube introduces 'Learning Playlists' for educational videos

- A new education feature called **Learning Playlists** for educational videos introduces by YouTube with dedicated landing pages on topics like math, science, music and language, free from algorithmic recommendations.
- It is from beginner to advanced lessons to help viewers' focus on their lessons without distractions.

UK hosts First Global Conference on Media Freedom

- The first Global Conference on Media Freedom took place in London On 10 and 11 July.
- The event, organised by the UK government and the government of Canada, is the first of its kind and over 60 ministers attended as well as over 1,000 reporters and members of civil society.

Tropical Storm Barry hits Louisiana in US

- In the United States, Tropical Storm Barry has begun hitting Louisiana with wind and rain, building towards hurricane strength.
- With the storm expected to blow ashore as the first hurricane of the season, National Guard troops and rescue crews were posted around the State with boats, high-water vehicles and helicopters.

Meghalaya becomes first state to have water policy

- The Meghalaya became the first state to approve a draft water policy to address water issues, conservation, and protection of water sources in the state.
- At village level and the issue of groundwater will also be catered through this policy The committees will be formed.
- It check ,if it has a high content of iron or if it's acidic.

Accenture appoints Julie Sweet as new CEO

- Julie Sweet appointed as new CEO of Accenture, who played an integral role in the company's business and investment strategy,
- David Rowland appointed as Executive Chairman.

Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers Meeting(19th) in London

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China to host 2020 World Heritage Committee meeting

- The Unesco has announced that the Chinese city of Fuzhou will host the 44th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2020.
- The decision concluded the 43rd session of the World Heritage Committee meeting in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Lal Bahadur Shastri Statue unveiled by PM

- The Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi unveiled the statue of Sh. Lal Bahadur Shastri former Prime Minister, at the **Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport in Varanasi**.
- It is built by Northern Coalfields, a subsidiary of Coal India.

Bharatmala Pari yojana Phase-I

- Bharatmala Pari yojana Phase-I approved by The Government of India to develop 24,800 km Highways along with 10,000 km residual NHDP stretches over a period of five years.
- Its development of Border & International Connectivity roads for a length of 2000 km has also been envisaged with outlay of Rs 25,000 crore.

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- Manav, a new human atlas initiative launched by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and Persistent Systems, a biotechnology company towards improving knowledge on human biology.
- The main aim is to create a database of a molecular network of all the tissues in the human body.

- They will help scientists to understand the differential molecular factors vary between diseased states versus a healthy state of an organ.

Sri Lanka eliminates measles

The WHO (World Health Organization) announced that Sri Lanka has measles free, that causes the killer childhood disease.

Sri Lanka has become fifth country in the World Health Organisation (WHO) Southeast Asia region to eliminate measles.

The other countries in the region which have achieved this feat are Bhutan, Maldives, DPR Korea and Timor-Leste.

Ukraine inaugurates world's largest Metal Dome

Ukraine has inaugurated the world's largest movable metal dome encasing the destroyed reactor at the infamous Chernobyl plant. It is a 108-meter high dome which weighs 36,000 tonnes.

Reebok signs Katrina Kaif as its new brand ambassador

Fitness brand Reebok has announced Bollywood actor Katrina Kaif as its new brand ambassador in India.

Kaif, who trains hard for a fitter and better self each day, embodies the brand ethos and is an inspiration for today's generation.

Former Goa minister Wilfred Mesquita passes away

Former Goa minister Wilfred Mesquita passed away recently after a brief illness. He was 70.

He served as the cabinet minister in late 1990s in the then Congress-led state government and held various portfolios like revenue, environment, sports and youth affairs, power, law and judiciary and legislative affairs.

Former India goalkeeper Celestine passes away

Former India football goalkeeper from Tamil Nadu A. U. Celestine passed away. He played for the Tamil Nadu men's team in the senior Nationals as a keeper in the 1965 and 69 National championships.

Brazilian bossa nova pioneer Joao Gilberto passes away

The legendary Brazilian musician and songwriter Joao Gilberto passed away. He was the pioneer of the lilting, melodious and famous music known as Bossa Nova.

World Population Day

World Population day is an annual event, observed on July 11 every year, which seeks to raise awareness of global population issues. The event was established by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in 1989.

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India – Asean Troika Trade Ministers' Meeting in New Delhi

India – ASEAN Troika Trade Ministers' meeting was held in New Delhi for informal consultation on the ongoing Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP).

Addressing the meeting Piyush Goyal said that India looks at RCEP as a logical extension of its Act East Policy and it holds enormous potential for economic growth and stability for the entire region.

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International Tiger Day.(29th July)

The day is held annually on 29th July to raise awareness for tiger conservation.

It was founded in 2010 at the St. Petersburg Tiger Summit, with the aim to double the big cat population by 2022.

The goal of this day is to promote a global system for protecting the natural habitats of tigers and to raise public awareness and support for tiger conservation.
 President Ram Nath Kovind has arrived in West African country Benin on the 1st leg of his 3 nations' tour (Benin, Gambia and Guinea).
 With this, he became the 1st Indian head of state to visit the country.
 During this visit, Kovind will hold talks with his Beninese counterpart Patrice Talon in Cotonou.
 Several agreements will be signed between the two countries following talks.
 Nepal Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli has inaugurated the India-Nepal Logistics Summit 2019 in Kathmandu, Nepal.
 Government representatives and trade community from India and Nepal participated in the conference.
 Theme of India-Nepal Logistics Summit 2019 : Transforming Logistics Landscape.

Today (15th July) is World Youth Skills Day.

This day was first observed by the United Nations General Assembly on 15th July 2015.

Aim of this day : To create awareness about the importance of investing in youth skills development.

Theme of World Youth Skills Day 2019 : 'Learning to learn for life and work'

Note : Short video platform Tik Tok has partnered with National Skill Development Corporation

(NSDC) to support skill development in India and celebrate World Youth Skills Day 2019.

RAFTAAR

Glasgow University physicists have unveiled the 1st-ever image capturing quantum entanglement, or "Bell entanglement", depicting two photons interacting and sharing physical states for an instant.

A pair of photons were shot from a laser, split and sent on separate paths before being captured by a special camera.

The image shows the photons mirroring each other to form a ring shape. An Agri-Business Incubation Centre has started in Chhattisgarh under the National Agriculture Development Scheme- RAFTAAR.

The centre is set up by the Union Agriculture Ministry in the Indira Gandhi Agriculture University of Raipur.

RAFTAAR Scheme : Remunerative Approaches For Agriculture and Allied Sectors Rejuvenation (RAFTAAR) is to make farming a remunerative economic activity by strengthening farmer's efforts, risk mitigation and promoting agri-business entrepreneurship.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has awarded an over \$73-million contract to Silicon Valley-based startup Made In Space to demonstrate the ability of a small spacecraft, Archinaut One, to 3D print spacecraft components in low-Earth orbit. o The spacecraft will print two beams extending 32 feet out from each side of the spacecraft. o It could launch as early as 2022.

Awards

Odisha Rasagola gets Geographical Indications Tag

The rasagola, a popular dessert of Odisha, has received the geographical indication tag from the Registrar of Geographical Indication.

The GI number 612 has been registered in favour of the Odisha Small Industries Corporation Limited.

Historical records submitted say the 'Odisha Rasagola' is associated with world famous Puri Jagannath Temple.

CM of Odisha: Naveen Patnaik.

Governor of Odisha: Ganeshi Lal.

Odisha Secretariat renamed Lok Seva Bhavan

Odisha Chief Minister announced in the State Assembly that the Sachivalaya or Secretariat building in Bhubaneswar will now be called 'Lok Seva Bhavan'.

The Odisha Secretariat building was inaugurated on November 12, 1959.

J&K District Administration Udhampur launches helpline "Jeene Do"

Jammu and Kashmir, District Administration Udhampur has launched a helpline, "Jeene Do" to improve sex ratio and deal with defaulters of Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques PCPNDT Act under the Centrally sponsored Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme.

NITI Aayog partners with WhatsApp to promote women entrepreneurs

NITI Aayog and Facebook-owned WhatsApp, under the aegis of its Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP), have announced a partnership to support the growth of a robust ecosystem to promote women entrepreneurs in India.

WhatsApp, in collaboration with NITI Aayog, will announce an annual calendar of events aimed at capacity building of women entrepreneurs and develop specific programmes aimed at addressing challenges faced by women entrepreneurs. The initiative would target the registered users of WEP.

Rajya Sabha passed the Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Bill

The Rajya Sabha has passed the Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Bill, 2019. The Bill aims to introduce a mechanism that will curb the ponzi schemes. It will protect the interest of depositors.

PM Narendra Modi released the All India Tiger Estimation Report

PM Narendra Modi released the All India Tiger Estimation Report 2018. The massive tiger census is conducted every four years. India now has 2,967 tigers. The growth in the 4th cycle of the Tiger Census has been a 33%. PM Narendra Modi, who released the figures of the tiger estimation and also he says that India has achieved the target of doubling tiger population before the deadline, that is 2022.

Kerala to set up India's first space tech park in Thiruvananthapuram

The Kerala government will set up the country's first space tech park at Thiruvananthapuram's Knowledge City. The move is aimed at making the city a manufacturing hub for space-related technology.

A space museum named after former President of India Dr APJ Abdul Kalam will also be a part of the infrastructure.

Chattisgarh Gets India's 1st 'Garbage Café' For Ragpickers

The country's first garbage cafe has been launched in Ambikapur in Chhattisgarh. Under this, the Municipal Corporation will provide food to the poor and homeless in lieu of plastic waste.

Persons fetching 1 kg plastic waste will be offered a full meal while those collecting 500 grams waste will get a substantial breakfast.

Ambikapur, which has been selected as the second cleanest city after Indore, plans to use the plastic for construction of roads.

Sports

Max Verstappen wins Austrian Grand Prix

Max Verstappen won the Austrian Grand Prix for the second year in a row while champion Mercedes lost for the first time in this season.

Veer wins U-19 Asian Squash title

India's Veer Chotrani beat compatriot Yash Fadte to win the U-19 title at the Asian Junior Squash Championship. With the victory, Veer became the third Indian to win the Asian trophy after Ravi Dixit and Vela Senthilkumar

Tamil Nadu girl Jerlin Anika wins gold medal in World Deaf Youth Badminton Championship

Tamil Nadu girl Jerlin Anika has won the gold medal in the World Deaf Youth Badminton Championships held in Taipei.

Anika bagged four medals in the championship, including the gold, two silver and one bronze.

Mary Kom wins gold at President's Cup

Six-time world champion boxer Mary Kom clinched the gold medal in the 23rd President's Cup in 51Kg category in Labuan Bajo, Indonesia.

Tokyo Olympics 2020 to have Table Tennis mixed doubles

For the first time in the Olympic Games' history, men and women will compete together in a new Table Tennis mixed doubles event in Tokyo 2020. The Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games said this on its Twitter handle.

Imran Tahir announces retirement from ODI Cricket

South African Imran Tahir announced his retirement from ODI cricket following 10-run win over Australia in South Africa's final match of the 2019 Cricket World Cup.

IOC lifts ban on Kuwait ahead of Tokyo 2020 Games

Kuwait has been cleared to compete in the 2020 Olympics after the International Olympic Committee (IOC) announced it was lifting the suspension it imposed on the Kuwait Olympic Committee (KOC) four years ago.

Kuwait was suspended in October 2015 following "undue government interference after a sports law that was not compatible with the basic principles that govern the Olympic Movement was passed in the country

Odisha to host 21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship

Odisha Government is set to host the 21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship at the Jawaharlal Indoor Stadium in Cuttack, scheduled for July 17 to 22.

Hima bags gold in Poznan Athletics Grand Prix

Hima Das, the under-20 World champion has won the gold medal in women's 200m in the Poznan Athletics Grand Prix in Poznan, Poland.

Indian Pro Boxer Vaibhav Yadav Wins WBC Asia Title 2019

Indian pro boxer **Vaibhav Yadav** has become the World Boxing Council(WBC) Asia Silver Welterweight Champion. He defeated Thailand's Fahpetch Singmanassak in the title bout held in Pattaya, Thailand.

The fight was conducted by the Asian Boxing Council and approved by the World Boxing Council (WBC).

Hima bags gold at Kutno Athletics Meet

Indian sprinter Hima Das finished at the top in women's 200m at Kutno Athletics Meet and bagged her second gold .

Earlier Hima had won gold at the 200m women's race in the Poznan Athletics Grand Prix.

Vinesh, Divya win gold; Pooja bags silver at the Wrestling Grand Prix of Spain

Putting up a dominating show, India's top wrestler Vinesh Phogat won her first gold medal after shifting to 53kg category, while Divya Kakran claimed the top honours in the 68kg category at the Grand Prix of Spain.

World Championship bronze medallist Pooja Dhanda (57kg) had to be content with a silver after losing the title clash to Russia's Veronika Chumikova

Rahul Dravid appointed as head of National Cricket Academy

Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) appointed former cricketer Rahul Dravid as the head of National Cricket Academy (NCA), Bengaluru.

Dravid will look after all cricket related activities at the NCA and he will be involved in mentoring, coaching, training and motivating players, coaches and the support staff at the academy.

Magnus Carlsen won the 2019 Croatia Grand Chess Tour title

Magnus Carlsen won the 2019 Croatia Grand Chess Tour title. He scored 8 points. Wesley So finished second with 7 points.

India's Viswanathan Anand ended up with 4.5 points and finished 11th.

Keshav Dutt, Prasun Banerjee chosen for Mohun Bagan Ratna

Two-time Olympic gold medallist Keshav Dutt and former India Football Captain Prasun Banerjee will be conferred the 'Mohun Bagan Ratna' during its annual day celebrations on the 29th of this month.

Mohun Bagan will also felicitate pacer Mohammed Shami, India's hat-trick hero of the 2019 ICC Cricket World Cup, while Ashok Chatterjee will be given the Lifetime Achievement award.

The Mariners will also give Life Memberships to Sourav Ganguly, Chuni Goswami, Dr Vece Paes, Prasenjit Chatterjee and Deb Shankar Halder. This is for the first time Mohun Bagan's executive committee has decided to confer their highest honour to a non-footballer.

July 29 is celebrated as the '**Mohun Bagan Day**' because on this day in 1911, the Mariners became the first club to defeat a British club, East Yorkshire Regiment, and lift the IFA Shield.

Dutee Chand wins gold in World University Games

Sprinter Dutee Chand won the 100m gold medal in the ongoing World University Games in Napoli, Italy.

Amir Khan wins WBC international welterweight title

Olympic silver medallist Amir Khan clinched the WBC international welterweight title after knocking out Australian Billy Dib in the fourth round of his bout in the inaugural Super Boxing League in Jeddah.

Chand won the gold medal in just 11.32 seconds. She also holds the 100m national record with 11.24 seconds.

Simona Halep wins maiden Wimbledon title

Romanian Simona Halep stunned Serena Williams 6-2, 6-2 in the finals to win her maiden Wimbledon title.

Nigeria to host 2020 U-20 World Cup

The International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) has awarded the hosting rights for the 10th edition of the Under-20 Women's World Cup to be held in 2020, to Nigeria.

FIFA U-17 World Cup 2019 to be hosted by Brazil

The Estádio Bezerrão in Brasília (Gama) will make football history on 26 October 2019 when it hosts the opening match of the FIFA U-17 World Cup, the first-ever edition of this prestigious tournament to be staged in Brazil.

Three cities and four stadiums will host the FIFA U-17 World Cup Brazil 2019

Arjen Robben announces retirement from football

Arjen Robben, the former Bayern Munich and Netherland forward, announced his retirement from football. The 35-year-old has featured in over 500 matches for the club and his country in the entire career.