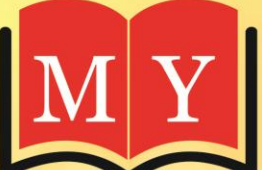


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## National News

### 1. Kerala linked Aadhaar to attendance government offices.

- ✦ Kerala's Left Democratic Front (LDF) government has made Aadhaar-based attendance mandatory for all government offices in the state.
- ✦ All government offices are to install Aadhaar-based biometric attendance systems within six months, according to the 6 May order.
- ✦ 560,000 officials, from those in the secretariat to government school staff, will need an Aadhaar number to draw their salaries.

### 2. WTO meeting began in Delhi.

- ✦ The World Trade Organisation ministerial meeting of developing countries began in New Delhi .
- ✦ The meeting will provide an opportunity for the Ministers to discuss various issues and way forward. 16 developing countries and 6 Least Developed Countries, LDCs are participating in the meeting including China, South Africa, Brazil, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Kazakhstan and Bangladesh.

### 3. Kerala State to go paper less under E Vidhan initiative

- ✦ The Kerala Legislative Assembly recently announced an initiative to digitize all its records and proceedings under its ambitious project called E-Vidh.
- ✦ It is expected that if Kerala Assembly shifts completely into e-space it will save time as well as printing costs of about Rs.35 crore to Rs.49 crore . This will make their functioning transparent, responsive, productive, more accountable and participative to public.

#### Foot Notes :-

- ✓ **Capital** - Thiruvananthapuram
- ✓ **CM** - Shri Pinarayi Vijayan
- ✓ **Governor**-Shri Justice (Retd.) Palaniswamy
- ✓ **National Park** -Periyar

### 4. Aarohi Pandit the world's first woman to cross the Atlantic Ocean solo in a Light Sports Aircraft

- ✦ Captain Aarohi Pandit, a 23-year-old pilot from Mumbai became the world's first woman to cross the Atlantic Ocean solo in a Light Sports Aircraft (LSA), thrilling her family, friends and aviation circles in Mumbai.
- ✦ En route, she set another world record as the first woman pilot to fly solo above the treacherous Greenland ice-cap in an LSA, and is due for at least half a dozen other records by the time she reaches India, Lynn told IANS.

**Foot Notes :-**

- ✓ **Chief of the Air Staff (CAS)** - Air Chief Marshal Birender Singh
- ✓ **Founded** - 8 October 1932
- ✓ **Commander-in-Chief** - President Ram Nath Kovind
- ✓ **first Indian woman Pilot** - Sarla Thakral
- ✓ **Chief Minister of Maharashtra** - Devendra Fadnavis
- ✓ **Governor of Maharashtra** - C. Vidyasagar Rao

**5. Afghanistan's High Peace Council Secretary- Umer Daudzai's visit to India**

- ✚ Sushma Swaraj, External Affairs Minister met Umer Daudzai, (during his visit to India) Afghanistan's High Peace Council Secretary who briefed her on the outcome of the recently held the historic 'Loya Jirga' or peace meeting in Kabul.
- ✚ Loya jirga" peace summit in Kabul was held in May, 2019 which had around **3,200** religious and tribal leaders, politicians and representatives.

**Foot Notes :-**

- ✓ **Capital** - Kabul
- ✓ **Currency** - Afghani
- ✓ **President** - Ashraf Ghani
- ✓ **Official languages** - Pashto, Dari

**6. India's fastest train 'Vande Bharat Express' completed 1 Lakh kilometers without missing single trip**

- ✚ India's fastest train 'Vande Bharat Express' completed 1 Lakh kilometers without missing single trip. It was flagged off by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi under 'Make In India' Initiative, on February 15, 2019 from New Delhi to Varanasi. This 16 coach train began its commercial run from February 17, 2019.
- ✚ 'Make in India' is a flagship program formally launched by PM Narendra Modi on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014. The campaign was dedicated to Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya who was born on the same the date in 1916. The logo of 'Make In India' consists of lion and Ashoka Chakra. 25 sectors are included under Make in India campaign.

**Foot Notes :-**

- ✓ The indigenously-built high-speed train was manufactured by the Integral Coach Factory in Chennai.
- ✓ This high speed train is expected to replace Shatabdi Express trains soon.

**7. Kerala became first state to list Masala Bond in overseas market**

- ✚ Recently, Kerala became the first state to tap into masala bond market by listing the Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB)'s masala bond worth of USD 312 million (Rs 2,150 crore) in London Stock Exchange (LSE)'s International Securities Market (ISM). The masala bond has tenor of 5-year and a 9.723% coupon.
- ✚ This was the brainchild of Kerala's state finance minister Thomas Issac. The objective of this initiative was to tap masala bond market and to rebuild the infrastructure in Kerala from the proceeds of masala bond.

**Foot Notes :-**

- ✓ **National Parks/Wildlife Sanctuaries**-Eravikulam National Park, Periyar National Park, Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary etc.
- ✓ **Dance Forms** -Kathakali, Mohiniyattam, Koodiyattam, Chakyar Kothu, Theyyam etc
- ✓ **About London Stock Exchange (LSE)**
- ✓ **Location** - London, U.K
- ✓ **CEO** - David Schwimmer

**8. India sets Guinness World Records of 'largest laundry lesson' with the participation of 400 young men**

- ✚ On May 17, 2019, India achieved a Guinness World Records of 'largest laundry lesson' with the participation of 400 young Indian men. The event was a part of #sharetheload campaign. It was done to share the responsibility of cleaning clothes at home along with the female members of the family.
- ✚ Earlier, the largest laundry lesson was achieved by Lion NANOX Team (Japan) at Lion Hirai Research Laboratory in Edogawa, Tokyo, Japan on November 29, 2017. It had 318 people.

**Foot Notes :-**

- ✓ **Originally Published** - 1955
- ✓ **Subject** - World Records
- ✓ **Publishe** - Jim Pattison Group
- ✓ **Genre** - Reference work
- ✓ **Authors** - Craig Glenday, Norris McWhirter

**9. Harda district of Madhya Pradesh becomes the first where women handle entire work of counting votes**

- ✚ In Harda district of Madhya Pradesh, women will handle the entire work of counting votes. This first of its kind initiative was taken for the empowerment of women.

**Foot Notes :- Madhya Pradesh**

- ✓ **Known as** - 'Heart of India' (due to its geographical location)
- ✓ **MP has** - the largest reserves of **diamond and copper**
- ✓ **Chief minister** - Kamal Nath
- ✓ **Capital** - Bhopal
- ✓ **Governor** - Anandiben Patel
- ✓ **Districts** - 52

## **International News & Foreign Affairs**

### **1. Council of European Chambers of Commerce(CEUCC) to honour Anil Kapoor for promoting Children's Rights**

- ✦ Actor Anil Kapoor will be felicitated by the Council of European Chambers of Commerce (CEUCC) in India and an European Union delegation as part of the 'Europe Day' celebrations here on Friday, an official spokesperson said.
- ✦ The event will highlight how Europe has always been a favourite shooting destination for Indian filmmakers for many decades. Bollywood movies have for long been using the picturesque locales of the United Kingdom, France, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, Italy and now even places like Greece, Hungary, Austria and Romania are gaining popularity for their natural beauty.

**Foot Notes:-**

- ✓ Europe Day is celebrated every year on May 9 to mark the formation of the European Union (EU).
- ✓ Brussels, the capital of Belgium is sometimes called Capital of Europe, The euro is the official currency of 19 of the 28 member states of the European Union.
- ✓ London is the largest city of European union.

### **2. China set to host Asian Cup 2023 after withdrawal from South Korea**

- ✦ Recently, Korea Football Association (KFA) had withdraw their bid to host Asian Cup 2023 which leave the sole other bidders China with a free run to become hosts. KFA announced that they are pulled out to strategically focus on a joint bid with North Korea to host Women's World Cup in 2023
- ✦ The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) will confirm on June 4 about China's bid to hold Asian Cup 2023 in China.

**Foot Notes:-**

- ✓ Last time China hosted Asian Cup in 2004 when China lost to Japan by 3-1 in the final held in Beijing.
- ✓ This year the Asian Cup was held in UAE in which Qatar defeated Japan by 3-1 in the final.

- ✓ Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Headquarter is in: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and President is Salman Bin Ibrahim Al-Khalifa

### 3. Jeffrey Rosen Confirmed As US' Next Deputy Attorney General

- ✚ Jeffrey Rosen was confirmed as the United States' latest deputy attorney general by the US Senate on Thursday after his predecessor, Rod Rosenstein, left the department last week.
- ✚ The latest deputy attorney general previously served at the Department of Transportation as the deputy secretary. He also served in former US President George W. Bush's administration.

#### Foot Notes:-

- ✓ **Capital** - Washington, D.C.
- ✓ **President** - Donald Trump
- ✓ **Currency** - United States dollar
- ✓ **Largest city** - New York City

### 4. Saudi Arabia Approves Permanent Residency For First Time

- ✚ The Saudi government has approved for the first time a scheme that gives permanent residency to certain expatriates, allowing them to own real estate in the kingdom and reside with their families without a Saudi sponsor.
- ✚ The "Privileged Iqama" system will offer a permanent residence scheme and one that can be renewed annually
- ✚ The decision, approved by Saudi Arabia's Cabinet, is aimed at attracting long-term investments

#### Foot Notes:-

- ✓ **Capital and largest city** - Riyadh
- ✓ **Official language** - Arabic
- ✓ **Currency** - Saudi riyal
- ✓ **King** - Salman of Saudi Arabia

### 5. Donald Trump Unveils Merit-Based Immigration System

- ✚ US President Donald Trump has rolled out a merit-based immigration system from which foreigners, including hundreds and thousands of Indian professionals and skilled workers, waiting to get Green Cards or permanent legal residency stand to benefit.
- ✚ As per the proposed system, permanent legal residency would be given based on points for their **age, knowledge, job opportunities and civic sense**. The proposals significantly increase the quota for skilled workers from the existing nearly **12% to 57%**.

#### Foot Notes:-

- ✓ Washington DC was formerly known as District of Columbia

### 6. Taiwan approves same-sex marriage in a first for Asia

- ✚ Taiwan's parliament has become the first in Asia to legalise same-sex marriage following a vote on Friday.
- ✚ Taiwan's Constitutional Court ruled in May 2017 that the constitution permits same-sex marriages. The court gave parliament two years to amend the island's marriage laws.

#### Foot Notes:-

- ✓ **Capital** - Taipei
- ✓ **Largest city** - New Taipei
- ✓ **National languages** - Mandarin (de facto), Formosan languages, Taiwanese, Hakka
- ✓ **President** - Tsai Ing-wen

### 7. BSNL partnered with Google for expanding WiFi footprint

- ✚ Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has partnered with Google on the occasion of World Telecom Day. The objective is to expand BSNL's Wi-Fi footprint in the country. Currently, there are around 38,000 BSNL Wi-Fi hotspot locations working across the country and one can use these after buying the Wi-Fi vouchers worth of Rs 19 and more.

#### Foot Notes :-

- ✓ BSNL Headquarter: New Delhi , CEO: Anupam
- ✓ Google Headquarter: California(US),CEO: Sundar Pichai

## Banking

### 1. RBI proposed new mobile app.

- ✚ The RBI proposes to come out with a mobile application to aid visually impaired persons in identifying Indian currency notes.
- ✚ At present, banknotes in the denominations of ₹ 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500 and 2,000 are in circulation, besides Re 1 notes issued by the Government of India. Mobile application shall provide multi-
- ✚ lingual support as well as audio notications.

### 2. Paytm collaborated with Citibank to launch its 1st credit card called 'Paytm First Card'

- ✚ Paytm collaborated with Citibank to launch its 1st credit card called 'Paytm First Card' Dinesh Pangtey.

- ✦ Vijay Shekhar Sharma, chairman and CEO, One97 Communications, the parent of Paytm, said the offering should increase payments flexibility for Paytm users, and will help spur large-ticket cashless payments.
- ✦ The Paytm First Card offers 1% universal unlimited cashback and has no restrictions on rewards for any transaction.

### 3. ICICI Bank joins hands travel Goibibo to launch multi-currency card

- ✦ ICICI Bank announced the launch of a co-branded multi-currency card with online travel booking portal Goibibo. Anyone travelling abroad, whether they hold an ICICI Bank savings account or not, can apply for the Goibibo ICICI Bank Travel Card on the Goibibo website and mobile app.
- ✦ The card also includes benefits of up to ₹20,000, including gift vouchers of ₹15,000 from Goibibo. Additionally, customers get 40 paise discount on currency conversion rate on loading of a minimum of \$1,000.
- ✦ Further, they get the advantage of complimentary card protection from theft and loss up to ₹5 lakh. It also provides flat 15 per cent discount at more than 100 Indian restaurants across six foreign cities, including Kuala Lumpur, Dubai, London, Singapore, Hong Kong, and Bangkok. The card also offers travel insurance between ₹2 lakh and ₹10 lakh.

## New Appointments & Person in News

### 1. Sanjiv Puri appointed as ITC's New Chairman on May 14, 2019 by ITC Group'

- ✦ FMCG major ITC Ltd on Monday said its board of directors has appointed company Managing Director Sanjiv Puri as its Chairman with immediate effect following the demise of Y. C.
- ✦ Deveshwar, who was the company's longest-serving corporate head, died on Saturday. He was 72.
- ✦ He was first appointed as an Executive Director in April, 1984 and became Chairman in 1996.

### 2. India's GS Lakshmi became the first woman female ICC match referee

- ✦ India's GS Lakshmi became the woman female ICC match referee
- ✦ A 51-year old former Indian cricketer GS Lakshmi became the first ever female match referee to be included into the International Cricket Council (ICC)'s International Panel of Match Referees

### 3. RBI has published 'Payment and Settlement Systems in India: Vision 2019 – 2021

- ✦ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released its statement on 'Payment and Settlement Systems in India: Vision 2019–2021', which notifies the steps that



RBI will take to promote innovation, cyber-security, financial inclusion, customer protection, and competition through which the vision looks forward to achieve a 'highly digital' and 'cash-lite' society.

- ✚ The RBI has notified the requirement for a self-regulatory organisation for the digital payment space, that would serve as a 2-way communication channel between the players and the regulator. The number of digital transactions would rise over 4 times, from 20.69 billion in December 2018 to 87.07 billion in December 2021.

#### Foot Notes:-

- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India was established following the Reserve Bank of India Act of 1934, it was nationalised in 1949.
- ✓ Shaktikanta Das is the twenty-fifth governor of the Reserve Bank of India from 12 December 2018 and the First Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor was Sir Osborne Smith
- ✓ The first Headquarters of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was in Kolkata.

#### 4. Padmaja appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Nauru

- ✚ On May 16, 2019, the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, announced the appointment of Ms. Padmaja as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Nauru with residence in Suva.
- ✚ She is currently serving as the High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Fiji. She is set to take up her responsibility soon.
- ✚ She succeeds Vishvas Vidu Sapkal.

#### Foot Notes:-

- ✓ No Official capital, but Government offices are located at Yaren District.
- ✓ Australian Dollar is currency of **Nauru**.
- ✓ Baron Waqa Is president of **Nauru**.

#### 5. BSE Launches BSE StAR MF App For Its Mutual Fund Platform

- ✚ Leading stock exchange BSE said it has launched 'BSE StAR MF' app to enable more participation and help mutual fund distributors process transactions faster.
- ✚ As per the **BSE**, this mobile app supports real-time client registration and paperless transactions, creates and uploads mandate for SIPs, generates the basket of multiple orders, tracks and allows the distributor to analyse his business at his fingertips.

#### Foot Notes:-

- ✓ **Bombay Stock Exchange Ltd.) is Asia's first stock exchange.**
- ✓ **BSE CEO** - Ashishkumar Chauhan.
- ✓ **Founded** - 9 July 1875

**6. Ujjivan Small Finance Bank appoints Nitin Chugh as next MD and CEO**

- ✦ Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Limited has appointed Nitin Chugh as its next Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) from December 1, 2019.
- ✦ The bank has received the approval of its application for Chugh's appointment, from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on May 14, 2019. Nitin Chugh will join the bank by August 2019 as President and will work closely with Samit Ghosh, existing MD and CEO to ensure a smooth transition

**Foot Notes:-**

- ✓ **Founded** - 1 February 2017
- ✓ **Founder** - Samit Ghosh
- ✓ **Headquarters** - Bangalore, Karnataka, India
- ✓ **MD and CEO** - Samit Ghosh,

## Science Tech & Defence

**1. Non-venomous species of 'rain snake' discovered in Mizoram.**

- ✦ A group of Taxonomists have unearthed a new non-venomous 'rain loving' snake species named "SmithophisAtemporalis from Mizoram in North-east India. It was published in the taxonomic journal named Zootaxa. VaradGiri is the lead author of the paper.
- ✦ The locals commonly referred to the snake as 'ruahlawmrul', a rain-loving snake.

**2. Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) successfully conducted the flight test of ABHYAS in Odisha**

- ✦ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted the flight test of 'Abhyas', a high-speed expendable aerial target (HEAT), which offers a realistic threat scenario for practice of weapon systems. The test was tracked by RADAR and Electro Optic Systems.
- ✦ It was conducted in Chandipur in Odisha.
- ✦ HEAT here stands for **speed expendable aerial target**.

**3. Young Scientist Programme (Yuvika-2019) Inaugurated by ISRO Chairman Dr. K. Sivan**

- ✦ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has launched the Young Scientist Programme 'Yuvika 2019'. ISRO Chairman Dr. K. Sivan inaugurated Yuvika (Yuva Vigyani Karyakram) 2019. It was launched by ISRO in tune with the Centre government's vision of Jai Vigyan, Jai Anusandhan.
- ✦ This is the first time it is being held.
- ✦ It will be conducted across 4 centres of ISRO, Department of Space (DOS)- (a) Space Applications Centre (SAC), Ahmedabad. (b) North Eastern Space

Applications Centre (NESAC), Shillong. (c) Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), Thiruvananthapuram. (d) U R Rao Satellite Centre (URSC), Bengaluru.

#### 4. India's Smallest Orchids discovered in Assam

- ✦ Lecanorchis taiwaniana (The parasitic bloom), a type of orchid was accidentally discovered in Assam by Assam's forest officer's named Jatindra Sharma .
- ✦ It is a variant of a Japanese orchid.
- ✦ The discovery of Lecanorchis taiwaniana adds to the orchid wealth of northeast India (NEI). India has about 1,300 species of orchids out of which 800 are found in NEI, about 300 species are found in Western Ghats and 200 in northwestern Himalayas.

#### 5. Indian Army, Navy and Air Force hold joint exercise in Andaman and Nicobar

- ✦ All three services, Indian Army, Navy and Air Force hold joint exercise Bull Strike at Teressa Island in Andaman and Nicobar.
- ✦ The objective is to enhance their coordination in dealing with major security challenges which are currently facing the country and also to showcase joint operation capability of the three forces, Indian Army, Navy and Air Force and further enhance operation coordination.
- ✦ Total 170 troops from all three services participated and carried out para drop operations in a Combat Free Fall and Static Line mode.

#### 6. For the first time India will host the 5th Army International Scout Masters Competition

- ✦ India for the first time will host and participate in a major army competition involving eight countries, including China and Russia, in Jaisalmer, defence ministry officials said.
- ✦ The event called the 'Army International Scout Masters Competition 2019' will be held in August this year.
- ✦ The fifth Army International Scouts Masters Competition 2019 is being held in Jaisalmer. Russia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Zimbabwe, Armenia, Belarus and China besides India are participating.
- ✦ The competition is being held in India for the first time under the Indian Army and being organised by its Konark Corps at Jaisalmer Military Station.

#### Foot notes:-

- ✓ Jaisalmer is the largest district of Rajasthan and 3rd largest district by territorial region in the country. Jaisalmer is also called the "Golden City of India" because of the yellow sandstone.
- ✓ The Desert National Park is situated in Jaisalmer city.
- ✓ (d.) On May 11 and May 13, 1998 five nuclear tests were performed in **Pokhran** is a city located in the Jaisalmer district under the leadership of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee

#### 7. Scientists of Germany found a new bird like Dinosaur "Alcmonavis Poeschli".

- ✦ Researchers in Germany have unearthed a new bird like Dinosaur and named it as “Alcmonavis Poeschli”. The lead author of the study is Oliver Rauhut from Ludwig-Maximilians University’s (LMU) Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences.
- ✦ This new study is published in the journal called eLife Sciences which described Alcmonavis Poeschli as “the most bird-like bird discovered from the Jurassic”.
- ✦ For the first time, it was discovered in 1861 as Archaeopteryx which was a small feathered dinosaur around the size of a crow. It lived in marshland around 150 million years ago and was named as the oldest flying bird.

**Foot Notes:-**

- ✓ Germany is the seventh-largest country in Europe. The first printed book was in German. The first magazine ever seen was launched in 1663 in Germany. Germany is one of the most densely populated countries in the world.
- ✓ Berlin is the capital of Germany and Euro is the capital of Germany.
- ✓ Germany was the first country in the world to adopt Daylight saving time – DST, also known as summer time. This occurred in 1916, in the midst of WWI.

**8. NSG commandos summit Mt Everest in maiden attempt**

- ✦ Commandos of the National Security Guard, NSG, scaled the Mount Everest, the world's highest peak, in their maiden attempt.
- ✦ The NSG in a statement said in New Delhi today that a seven-member team led by Lt Col J P Kumar, successfully unfurled the Indian flag at the 8,848-metre tall peak at about 7 am today. The team adopted the southeastern approach via South Col in Solukhumbhu region of Nepal.

**Foot Notes:-**

- ✓ **Founded** - 1984
- ✓ **Headquarters:** - New Delhi
- ✓ **Lt Col** - J P Kumar

**9. Indian Navy successfully test-fires MRSAM missile**

- ✦ Indian Navy test-fired a Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (MRSAM) to enhance its anti-air warfare capability.
- ✦ It was undertaken on the western seaboard by INS Kochi & Chennai. DRDO has developed the missile in alliance with Israel Aerospace Industries.

**Foot Notes:-**

- ✓ Govt has appointed Karambir Singh as next chief of naval staff.

## Important days

**1. The second International Day of Light is celebrated globally on 16th May 2019**

- ✦ Globally, May 16 is celebrated as International Day of Light. This the 2nd edition of the International Day of Light
- ✦ UNESCO (The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) officially observes the International Day of Light so as to continuously appreciate light and for the exemplary role it plays in science, culture and art, education, sustainable development, medicine, communications, and energy.

**Foot Notes:-**

- ✓ The Director-General of UNESCO is Audrey Azoulay.
- ✓ On 16th May 2019, globally, more than 300 events took place in 60 countries.
- ✓ UNESCO headquarters are located at Place de Fontenoy in Paris, France

**2. World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 17 May**

- ✦ **World Telecommunication & Information Society Day** is observed all over the world on **17th May**.
- ✦ The theme for World Telecommunication & Information Society Day 2019 is '*Bridging the Standardization Gap*'.

**Foot Notes:-**

- ✓ 17th May also marks the anniversary of the signing of the first International Telegraph Convention and the creation of the International Telecommunication Union

**3. International Museum Day is observed on 18th May**

- ✦ International Museum Day (IMD) is an international day that is celebrated on 18th May every year. It is coordinated by the International Council of Museums (ICOM). The objective of International Museum Day (IMD) is to raise awareness of the fact that, Museums are an important means of cultural exchange, enrichment of cultures and development of mutual understanding, cooperation and peace among peoples.
- ✦ The theme for International Museum Day (IMD) 2019 is Museums as Cultural Hubs: The future of tradition.

**Foot Notes :-**

- ✓ The purpose of ICOM is Conservation, continuation and communication to society of the world's natural and cultural heritage.
- ✓ Formed on -1946
- ✓ Location - Paris, France

## Sports

### 1. Mumbai Indian became the first team in the IPL history to win title.

- ✦ Mumbai Indian became the first team in the IPL history to win 4 title in total 12 editions. Earlier Mumbai Indians won in 2013, 2015 and 2017. Chennai Super Kings (CSK) won 3 titles in total 10 editions they have played in the IPL.
- ✦ David Warner of Sunrisers Hyderabad got Orange Cap for scoring the highest runs in the IPL in 2019.
- ✦ Chennai Super Kings got the Purple Cap for the highest wickets.

### 2. Manchester City Wins Premier League Title 2019.

- ✦ Manchester City clinched their fourth Premier League title (football) after winning the 2018-19 season. Manchester City registered a victory against Brighton to accumulate 98 points, while Liverpool, who were also in the title race, finished second with 97 points.
- ✦ Dominant Manchester City have successfully retained their Premier League title on the final day of an exhilarating 2018-19 campaign.

### 3. Virat Kohli and Smriti Mandhana won International Cricketers of Year Award

- ✦ The CEAT International Cricket Awards 2019, Indian skipper Virat Kohli bagged the International Cricketer of the Year Award and Smriti Mandhana won International Woman Cricketer of Year Award. Virat Kohli won the Best Batsman Award.
- ✦ Kohli scored 10,843 runs in the One-Day Internationals (ODI) and 6613 runs in the longest format. Smriti Mandhana has scored 1951 runs in the ODIs and 1298 runs in the shortest format.
- ✦ The Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Mohinder Amarnath who is the former Indian all-rounder and he was the member of the winning team of World Cup 1983.

## Awards

### 1. IPS Officer Chhaya Sharma Receives McCain Institute Award

- ✦ IPS officer Chhaya Sharma, who led the investigation team of the infamous Nirbhaya gang-rape and murder case, has been awarded the 2019 McCain Institute Award for Courage and Leadership.
- ✦ The award is given to those who show courage on behalf of human rights, humanitarian compassion, justice, freedom, and human dignity.

**2. Sunny Pawar won the Best Child Actor award for his performance in 'Chippa' at 19<sup>th</sup> New York Indian Film Festival**

- ✚ Child actor, **Sunny Pawar** aged 11, won the Best Child Actor Award for his performance in 'Chippa' at the 19<sup>th</sup> New York Indian Film Festival. He hails from a slum in Kunchi Kurve Nagar in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ✚ His film 'Lion' directed by Australian Garth Davis', which was nominated for Oscars 2017, had awarded him the Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts Awards (AACTA Awards). He has also won a Special Mention Grand Jury Prize at the Asia Pacific Screen Award

**Foot Notes :-**

- ✓ Film 'Chippa' is directed by **Safdar Rahman**

**LIST OF ALL INDIA TOPPERS FROM IBT**

<b>SUBHOJIT CHAKRABORTY</b> SBI PO - 2016	<b>SACHIN ZANWAR</b> SBI PO - 2018	<b>SHALINI SINGH</b> IBPS PO - 2017	<b>LOVE GUPTA</b> SSC CGL - INSPECTOR	<b>MOHA VASHISTHA</b> SSC CGL - INSPECTOR	<b>AASTHA SIHAG</b> SSC CGL - INSPECTOR
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