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National News

✚ 1. 'One Nation One Ration Card' scheme will be available across the country from July 1, 2020

- The central government's ambitious project of 'One Nation One Card', under which beneficiaries can buy subsidized foodgrains from any ration shop in the country will begin on 1 July 2020.
- The Centre has given states and Union Territories time till June 30, 2020, to use point of sale (PoS) machines in the ration shops and roll out the scheme.
- Present status: 77% % of the ration shops across the country have PoS machines. Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Telangana, and Tripura are the states already providing portability of Public Distribution System (PDS) entitlements.

❖ Foot Notes:

➤ About 'One Nation One Ration Card'

1. One Nation One Ration Card (RC) will ensure all beneficiaries especially migrants can access PDS across the nation from any PDS shop of their own choice.
2. Benefits: no poor person is deprived of getting subsidised foodgrains under the food security scheme when they shift from one place to another. It also aims to remove the chance of anyone holding more than one ration card to avail benefits from different states.
3. Significance: This will provide freedom to the beneficiaries as they will not be tied to any one PDS shop and reduce their dependence on shop owners and curtail instances of corruption.

✚ 2. UGC approves a scheme "STRIDE" to boost research culture in India

- University Grants Commission has approved a 'Scheme for Trans-disciplinary Research for India's Developing Economy' to boost research culture in India. It will provide support to research projects that are socially relevant, locally need-based, nationally important and globally significant.
- An Advisory Committee has been set up by the UGC under the chairmanship of Prof Bhushan Patwardhan to oversee the entire scheme.
- **Objectives of STRIDE:**
 - To identify young talent, strengthen research culture, build capacity, promote innovation and support trans disciplinary research for India's developing economy and national development.
 - To fund multi institutional network high impact research projects in humanities and human sciences.

❖ Foot Notes:

➤ About University Grants Commission

1. Founded: 1956
2. Objectives: Coordination, determination and maintenance of standards of university education. It provides recognition to universities in India, and disburses funds to such recognized universities and college
3. First executive: Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar
4. Headquarters: New Delhi

✚ 3. Krishi kiosk, a scheme for farmers was launched in the state of Haryana.

- Om Prakash Dhankar, Haryana agriculture, and farmers' welfare minister launched 'Krishi kiosk' for farmers at Panchkula, Haryana.
- The kiosk comes under state's 'Digital Kisan Suvidha' plan, will give farmers information about government schemes and also help them file claims under the 'Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana' Scheme.
- It has been connected with the Deputy Commissioners' offices of the state, and a telephone facility has also been made available for farmers, who in turn could give information through telephone.

❖ Foot Notes:

➤ About Haryana

1. Capital: Chandigarh
2. Governor: Satyadev Narayan Arya
3. Chief minister: Manohar Lal Khattar

✚ 4. Jal Shakti Abhiyan

- Union Jal Shakti Minister has launched a water conservation campaign 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan', with an emphasis on 1592 stressed blocks in 256 districts.
- The campaign will run through citizen participation during the monsoon 1st July-15th September. An additional phase II will run from 1st October-30th November for states receiving the northeast retreating monsoons.
- The campaign will focus on five aspects: water conservation and rainwater harvesting, renovation of traditional and other water bodies, reuse of water and recharging of structures, watershed development, and intensive afforestation.

❖ Foot Notes

➤ About Jal Shakti

1. Union Jal Shakti Minister of India: Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.

✚ 5. High Powered Committee for 'Transformation of Indian Agriculture'

- Prime minister has constituted a high powered committee of chief ministers for transforming Indian agriculture and raising farmers' income.
- Maharashtra chief minister will be the convenor of the committee. The committee has been asked to submit its report within two months.

The other members of the committee include:

- H.D. Kumaraswamy, Chief Minister, Karnataka
- Manohar Lal Khattar, Chief Minister, Haryana
- Pema Khandu, Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh
- Vijay Rupani, Chief Minister, Gujarat
- Yogi Adityanath, Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh
- Kamal Nath, Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh
- Narendra Singh Tomar, Minister, Agriculture Rural Development and Panchyati Raj.
- NITI Aayog member Ramesh Chand will be the member secretary of the committee.

❖ Foot Notes:

➤ About Maharashtra

1. Chief Minister: Devendra Fadnavis
2. Capital: Mumbai
3. Governor: C. Vidyasagar Rao

✚ 6. 'Tamil Yeoman' butterfly was declared as Tamil Nadu state butterfly.

- Tamil yeoman (*Cirrochroa thais*) butterfly species has been declared the state butterfly of Tamil Nadu. Tamil yeoman is a tawny-coloured creature with a dark brown outer ring.
- It is among the 32 butterfly species found in Western Ghats. It is endemic to Western Ghats
- It is also known as Tamil Maravan which means warrior. These butterflies could be found mainly in hilly areas. Tamil Nadu has become the fifth state in the country to announce its state butterfly. Maharashtra was the first to declare Blue Mormon as its state butterfly followed by Uttarakhand (Common peacock), Karnataka (Southern bird wings) and Kerala (Malabar banded peacock).

❖ Foot Notes:

➤ About Tamil Nadu

1. Chief minister: Edappadi K. Palaniswami
2. Capital: Chennai

✚ 7. Campaign to eradicate AES and JES launched in UP

- Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh have launched the IIInd phase of Communicable Disease Control and Dastak Abhiyan 2019.
- The campaign is launched to eradicate deadly Acute Encephalitis Syndrome and Japanese Encephalitis disease.
- The state wide program was organized under the banner of Health department and UNICEF. iv. Chief Minister flagged off the vehicles of awareness campaign and also honored the Dastak Yoddhas by awarding certificates.

❖ Foot Notes:**➤ About UP**

1. Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh
2. Yogi Adityanath
3. Governor: Ram Naik.

✚ 8. Most Powerful Passport 2019: Japan tops, India ranks 86th

- As per the Henley Passport Index 2019 Japan and Singapore have the world's most powerful passports. Both the countries secured top position out of 199 countries, thanks to passports which allow visa-free or visa-on-arrival travel to 189 places.
- South Korea now sits in second place on the index along with Finland and Germany, with citizens of all three countries having access to 187 destinations around the world without a prior visa.
- India stands at 86th position in this index with a mobility score of 58. India shares this 86th position with Mauritiana and Sao Tome and Principe.

❖ Foot Notes:**➤ About Top powerful passports of the world**

1. Japan, Singapore
2. Finland, Germany, South Korea
3. Denmark, Italy, Luxembourg
4. France, Spain, Sweden
5. Austria, Netherlands, Portugal, Switzerland

➤ About Global passport index

1. Henley Passport Index shows that countries around the world increasingly view visa openness as crucial to economic and social progress.

✚ 9. South Central Railway commissions longest electrified tunnel in Andhra Pradesh

- The South Central Railway (SCR) has added yet another feather in its cap by commissioning the longest electrified tunnel.
- The 6.6 km long tunnel, which is an engineering marvel, is constructed between Cherlopalli and Rapuru railway stations in a horseshoe design.
- It is part of the recently completed Obulavaripalli - Venkatachalam new railway line.

✚ 10. Maharashtra ranks first in NITI Aayog's AMFFR Index

- Maharashtra achieves first rank in NITI Aayog launched "Agricultural Marketing and Farmer Friendly Reforms Index (AMFFRI)".
- The index ranks states based on the degree of reforms they have undertaken in agricultural marketing.
- AMFFRI has a score that can have minimum value "0" implying no reforms and maximum value "100" implying complete reforms in the selected areas.

❖ Foot Notes:**➤ About NITI Aayog**

1. NITI Aayog CEO: Amitabh Kant
2. Vice Chairman: Rajiv Kumar.

✚ 11. Gujarat FM presents the state's highest budget pegged at over 2 Lakh crore

- Finance Minister of Gujarat Nitin Patel presented the Budget size of Rs 2,04,815 crore for the year 2019-20 for the state. The budget indicates the overall surplus of Rs 572 crore. An additional tax income of Rs 287 crore is added to it. This is the first time the State's budget crossed Rs.2 lakh crore.
- The budget estimates around Rs 1,54,732 crore revenue expenditure of Rs 1, 51, 858 crores for the year 2019-20. The tap water to every household by 2022. The state government allotted Rs.4,500 crore for this purpose.

❖ Foot Notes:**➤ About Gujarat**

1. Capital: Gandhinagar
2. Governor: Om Prakash Kohli

12. The first ever India International Cooperatives Trade Fair will be held in New Delhi.

- The first ever India International Cooperatives Trade Fair (IICTF) will be held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi from October 11-13, 2019.
- It is a unique initiative for taking farmers, artisans and other members of cooperatives directly to the international trade arena. The event is organized by National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) with the support of Network for the Development of Agricultural Cooperatives in Asia and the Pacific (NEDAC), three Ministries, four State Governments and several apex levels Indian cooperative organizations.
- The event is aimed to promote cooperatives to trade within India and abroad to enhance rural and farm prosperity.

International News & Foreign Affairs

1. Abu Dhabi is hosting the ISALEX19, the International Security Alliance (ISAs) first joint security exercise.

- Abu Dhabi is hosting the ISALEX19, the International Security Alliance (ISAs) first joint security exercise. The exercise will simulate a real-life security threat in a virtual context.
- It also aims to test the readiness of the different teams and to evaluate the tools, strategies and procedures developed jointly between member countries.
- ISALEX19 is based on the unexpected scenarios where the teams of the ISA countries will operate according to different security theories and strategies in order to test the readiness of the international teams in facing security threats. The realistic experience in the exercise is one of its kind in the world.

❖ Foot Notes:**➤ About Abu Dhabi**

1. Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates

2. New Zealand bans single-use plastic shopping bags

- New Zealand has officially banned single-use plastic shopping bags. Under the new rules, thin plastic single-use shopping bags can no longer be supplied, but reusable carriers are allowed.
- Companies that break the ban will face heavy penalties, including fines of up to 100,000 New Zealand dollars.

❖ Foot Notes:**➤ About New Zealand**

1. Capital: Wellington
2. Prime minister: Jacinda Ardern
3. Currency: New Zealand dollar

3. China tested its latest submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM), JL-3.

- China has tested its latest submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM), JL-3. The JL-3 is expected to have a range of around 14,000 kilometers, with a capacity to carry 10 independent guided nuclear warheads.
- It is expected to reach targets farther away with higher accuracy and capable of carrying more warheads than China's current SLBMs.
- A submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM) is a ballistic missile capable of being launched from submarines.

❖ Foot Notes:**➤ About China**

1. Currency: Renminbi
2. Capital: Beijing
3. President: Xi Jinping

✚ 4. Kuwait supports India in countering terror

- An Arab country on the Persian (Arabian) Gulf, Kuwait that completes its two-year term as the non-permanent member in the UNSC (United Nations Security Council) has played a major role in declaring JeM chief Masood Azhar a global terrorist and in UNSC condemnation of Pulwama terror strike. It also assured that to support India's global ambitions including investments.
- In the 8543rd United Security Council meeting which was held on June 11, 2019, Kuwaiti proposed draft resolution 2474 with the aim of protecting civilians that deals with the matter of persons reported missing during armed conflicts.
- The State of Kuwait actively engages in the sessions of United Nations and when the Security Council unanimously adopted Resolution 2475 on Protection of Persons with Disabilities in conflicts calling up member states and parties of armed conflicts to ensure they have access to justice, basic services, and unimpeded humanitarian assistance.

❖ Foot Notes:

➤ About Kuwait

1. Capital: Kuwait City
2. Currency: Kuwaiti dinar

Banking

✚ 1. Money in Swiss banks: India slips to 74th place

- India has moved down one place to 74th rank in terms of money parked by its citizens and enterprises with Swiss banks, while the UK has retained its top position, as per data released by the central banking authority of the Alpine nation. India was ranked 73rd last year, after jumping 15 places from its 88th position a year ago.
- An analysis of the latest annual banking statistics released by the Swiss National Bank (SNB) shows that India remains ranked very low when it comes to money parked by Indian individuals and enterprises in Swiss banks, including through their India-based branches, while accounting for just about 0.07 per cent of the aggregate funds parked by all foreign clients of Switzerland-based banks.
- In comparison, the top-ranked UK accounted for more than 26 per cent of the total foreign funds parked with Swiss banks at the end of 2018.

❖ Foot Notes:

➤ About Swiss Bank

1. Headquarters: Basel, Switzerland
2. Founded: 1872
3. Successor: UBS
4. Fate: Merged with Union Bank of Switzerland to form UBS

✚ 2. No charges on NEFT, RTGS money transfers from 1 July

- As per Second Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement for 2019-20, the Reserve Bank of India will stop imposing additional charges on Fund transfer through RTGS and NEFT systems from 1st July, 2019.
- This has been done to provide an impetus to digital funds movement.
- The real time gross settlement (RTGS) system is meant for large value instantaneous fund transfers and the national electronic funds transfer (NEFT) system is used for fund transfers of up to Rs 2 lakh.

❖ Foot Notes:

➤ About RBI

1. RBI 25th Governor: Shaktikant Das,
2. Headquarters: Mumbai
3. Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata.

✚ 3. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has proposed the National Mission on Natural Language Translation worth Rs 450 crore for next 3 years.

- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) will put forward the proposal of National Mission on Natural Language Translation with an outlay Rs 450 crore for next 3 years before the Union Cabinet.
- It is one of the key missions identified by the Prime Minister's Science, Technology and Innovation Advisory Council (PM-STIAC).

✚ 4. SBI, NIIF in pact for funding infrastructure projects

- The State Bank of India has signed a memorandum of understanding with National Investment and Infrastructure Fund to boost availability of capital for infrastructure projects.
- The scope of the agreement includes equity investments, project funding, bond financing, renewable energy support and take-out finance for operating assets.

❖ Foot Notes:

➤ About SBI

1. SBI Chairperson: Rajnish Kumar
2. Headquarters: Mumbai
3. Founded: 1 July 1955.

➤ About NIIFF

1. National Investment and Infrastructure Fund
2. MD & CEO: Sujoy Bose

✚ 5. ICICI & IndoStar Capital partner to finance commercial vehicles

- ICICI Bank has tied up with NBFC IndoStar Capital for vehicle financing for small and medium fleet owners to buy new as well as old commercial vehicles.
- Under this partnership, IndoStar will originate and service the customers through the entire loan life cycle including sourcing, documentation, collection and loan servicing.

❖ Foot Notes:

➤ About ESIC

1. Managing Director & CEO of ICICI Bank: Sandeep Bakhshi.

✚ 6. Karnataka bank launched web tool for NPA recovery process named 'Vasool So-Ft'.

- Karnataka Bank launched web tool for NPA recovery process named 'Vasool So-Ft'.
- The tool will enable easy & faster processing, real-time information and immediate decision making in the recovery area.

❖ Foot Notes:

➤ About Karnataka bank

1. Founded: 1924
2. Headquarters: Mangalore, India
3. CEO: Mahabaleshwara M S

✚ 7. Uttarakhand launched One-time settlement scheme for recovering NPAs of cooperative banks.

- The State Government of Uttarakhand implemented a one-time settlement' scheme for debt trapped state cooperative banks which had the NPA (Non Performing Assets) of Rs 391.50 crore which have piled up over the last 25 years.
- In this scheme, some relief will be given to the account holders, who have taken loans up to Rs. 60 lakhs from cooperative banks. The account holders who have died and already repaid the capital amount will get total interest waiver.
- Those who have already paid interest equal to the principal loan amount will be required to repay only the principal amount.

❖ Foot Notes:

➤ About NPAs

1. A non-performing loan is a loan that is in default or close to being in default. Many loans become non-performing after being in default for 90 days, but this can depend on the contract terms.
2. About Uttarakhand
3. Capital: Dehradun
4. Chief minister: Trivendra Singh Rawat
5. Governor : Baby Rani Maurya

New Appointments & Person in News

✦ 1. Sarada Kumar Hota has taken charge as the Managing Director of National Housing Bank.

- Government of India, Canara Bank General Manager (GM) Sarada Kumar Hota assumed charge as the National Housing Bank (NHB) Managing Director.
- It lasted for a period of three years.
- He succeeds Sriram Kalyanaraman. He served as the managing director of Can Fin Homes. A subsidiary of Canara Bank. NHB wholly owned by the Government.

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About National Housing Bank**

1. Founded: 9 July 1988
2. Headquarters: New Delhi

✦ 2. K. Natarajan has sworn in as the 23rd chief of ICG

- K. Natarajan took over as the Director-General of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG).
- He is the 23rd chief of India's coastal security force.
- He took over from Rajendra Singh, who was the first Director-General to be appointed from within the force. Prior to taking over as D-G, Mr. Natarajan was the Coast Guard Commander, Western Seaboard.

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About Indian Coast Guard**

1. Motto: वयम् रक्षामः (Sanskrit); Vayam Rakṣāmah (IAST); We protect (English)
2. Headquarters: New Delhi

✦ 3. NS Viswanathan, recently re-appointed as RBI's Deputy Director.

- The Appointment Commitments of the Cabinet has approved the re-appointment of NS Viswanathan as Deputy Governor of RBI for a period of one year with effect from 4 July.
- Earlier on June 24, RBI Deputy Governor Viral Acharya resigned six months before the scheduled end of his term to return to New York University.

❖ **Foot Notes:**

1. Governor: Shaktikanta Das Trending
2. Bank rate: 6.00%
3. Interest on reserves: 4.00% (market determined)
4. Headquarters: Mumbai
5. Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata

✦ 4. Zaira Wasim Bollywood actress recently decided to quit bollywood due to religious reasons.

- Zaira Wasim, Dangal fame actress, announced her decision of quitting Bollywood and acting career. Zaira Wasim released a statement on Twitter and Facebook that reads she no longer wants to be a part of the bollywood as it drove her away from her 'imaan' and her relation from religion.
- It's been more than 24 hours since Zaira Wasim announced her decision to quit films.
- she revealed that her profession was threatening her relationship with her religion.

✦ 5. Aparna Kumar becomes first IPS officer to complete Seven Summit challenge by scaling Mt Denali.

- After hoisting India's tricolour on Everest, Indian Police Service (IPS) Officer and DIG Frontier in Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) Aparna Kumar summited Mount Denali in Alaska, USA becoming the first civil servant to climb the rare mountain.
- She started her final climb on June 15 and had planned to finish it around July 10. However, owing to the clear weather conditions on the mountain, Kumar managed to finish her climb 10 days before her estimated date.
- The IPS Association congratulated the officer for her "unflinching spirit & unflappable mind" that has made India a proud nation inspiring many people.

❖ **Foot Notes**

➤ **About USA**

1. Capital: Washington, D.C.
2. President: Donald Trump

✚ **6. Manoj Kumar Nambiar elected chairman of MFIN**

- Microfinance Institutions Network has elected Manoj Kumar Nambiar as its chairman.
- MFIN comprises 56 NBFC-MFIs and 40 associates including banks, small finance banks and NBFCs.

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About MFIN**

1. Chief Executive Officer of MFIN: Harsh Shrivastava
2. Founded: December, 2009.

✚ **7. N S Vishwanathan gets extension by one year as RBI deputy governor**

- The government and the RBI started looking for a replacement of Vishwanathan and a few internal candidates were identified.
- The portfolios got reshuffled based on the availability and seniority of deputy governors for the past 15 years. Acharya's resignation complicated the matter because two deputy governors would be leaving the central bank in a month's interval
- Acharya set to leave on July 23. The central bank refused for power sector loans. The Supreme Court turned down the RBI's objections.

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About RBI**

1. Headquarters: Mumbai
2. Founder: British Raj
3. Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata

Science Tech & Defence

✚ **1. Indo-French Joint Air Exercise Garuda-VI Begins**

- The Indian and French Air Force has started Garuda VI exercise at Mont de Marsan in France.
- The exercise is scheduled to take place from 1 July to July 12, 2019, in France.
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) contingent comprises of 120 air-warriors and four Sukhoi 30 MKI along with an IL-78 flight refuelling aircraft.

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About Indian Air Force**

1. Air Chief Marshal: BS Dhanoa

✚ **2. Odisha to host the 21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship 2019**

- Department of Sports and Youth Service of the Odisha government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) and Odissi Tennis Association (OSTTA).
- They decided to host the 21st Commonwealth Championship for the year 2019. from July 17-22, 2019 at the Jawaharlal Indoor Stadium in Cuttack, Odisha.

- Commissioner-cum-secretary, Sports and Youth Services Department, Odisha, Vishal K Dev signed the Mou with Senior Vice President, TTFI, S. N. Sultan and President, OSTTA .N. Gupta in the presence of Chief Minister, Naveen Patnaik and Minister for Sports and Youth Services, Tusharkanti Behera.
- They received the entries from 14 associations, consisting of India, Singapore, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, England, Scotland, Wales, Jersey, Australia, Cyprus, South Africa, Nigeria, Pakistan.
- The previous two Commonwealth Championships were held in India in 2013 and 2015.
- India, Singapore, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, England, Scotland, Wales, Jersey, Australia, Cyprus, South Africa, Nigeria and Pakistan they will participate in men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles, and mixed doubles.

3. Indo-French Joint Air Exercise "Garuda-V" has started in Mont-de-Marsan.

- The 6th edition of Exercise Garuda-VI has started between Indian and French Air Force from 1st of July 2019 at French Air Force Base - Mont-de-Marsan.
- The exercise will see the most potent fighter aircraft of the two countries going head-to-head to validate the latest defence strategies and fine-tune their waging capabilities and is expected to showcase fighter jets like Rafale, Mirage 2000, Sukhoi 30 from the two sides.
- Participation of Indian Air Force (IAF) in the exercise will also promote professional interaction, exchange experiences and operational knowledge besides strengthening bilateral relations with the French Air Force. It will also provide a good opportunity to the air warriors to operate in an international environment.

Foot Notes:

About Indian Air force

1. Air Chief Marshal: Birender Singh Dhanoa

4. NASA space centre launched an incredible new atomic clock into orbit on a SpaceX Falcon Heavy.

- NASA has launched an incredible new atomic clock into orbit on a SpaceX Falcon Heavy. It was developed by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. The mission aims to revolutionise how mankind explores the cosmos.
- The new Deep Space Atomic Clock will be used to navigate distant planets like Mars. A huge improvement would be made in the spacecraft navigation. It is a space-ready upgrade to the atomic clocks which is used on Earth and to the clocks that already fly on satellites like those that provide GPS.
- The Deep Space Atomic Clock to allow spacecraft travelling in deep space to navigate more autonomously, with less reliance on communication with Earth.

Foot Notes:

About NASA

1. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration
2. Current Administrator : Jim Bridenstine
3. Headquarters: Washington, D.C, United States
4. Founder: Dwight D. Eisenhower

5. NASA tested a launch-abort system for the Orion capsule designed to take United States (US) astronauts to the Moon.

- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) successfully conducted the test of a launch-abort system for the Orion capsule designed to take United States (US) astronauts to the Moon.
- It took place at the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida, US.
- It was launched by a mini-rocket, a repurposed first stage of an intercontinental ballistic missile.

Foot Notes:

About NASA

1. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration
2. Current Administrator : Jim Bridenstine
3. Headquarters: Washington, D.C, United States
4. Founder: Dwight D. Eisenhower
5. About United States

6. Capital: Washington, D.C.
7. President: Donald Trump

Important days

1. National Doctors' Day: 1 July.

- India observe 1st July as the National Doctors' Day. The day is celebrated to recognize the contributions of physicians to individual lives and communities.
- National Doctor's Day is also celebrated to honour the legendary physician Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy.
- Dr Roy was honoured with the country's highest civilian award, Bharat Ratna on February 4, 1961.

2. 2nd anniversary of GST to be celebrated as "GST Day" on 1st JULY.

- India will celebrate 1st July as the "Goods & Services Tax DAY". This year, it is the second anniversary of the implementation of historic tax reform of Goods & Services Tax.
- The introduction of GST in the Indian economy has replaced a multi-layered, complex indirect tax structure with a simple, transparent and technology-driven tax regime.

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About GST**

1. GST was launched on 1st July 2017 in New Delhi.
2. Chairperson of GST Council: Union Finance Minister of India.

3. World Zoonoses Day is observed on 6 July

- The World Zoonoses Day is observed on 6 July every year. The day is observed to create awareness on zoonotic diseases, how to prevent them and what actions should be take if it is exposed. Zoonotic diseases are worldwide.
 - The World Health Organization (WHO) estimated that 61% of all human diseases are zoonotic in origin, while 75% of new diseases discovered in the last decade are zoonotic.
- **About Zoonoses**
1. Zoonoses is a word derived from the Greek words zoon (animal) and nosos (ailment).
 2. There about 150 known zoonotic diseases. The disease is all about spread of infectious disease between species, done by a vector from animals to humans and from human to other animals.

Sports

1. Shoaib Malik announced his retirement from ODI

- Pakistan cricketer Shoaib Malik announced his retirement from One Day International (ODI) cricket after the country's final league clash against Bangladesh in World Cup 2019.
 - He will now focus on the T20s.
- #### ❖ **Foot Notes:**
- **About Malik**
1. Shoaib Malik is a Pakistani cricketer and former captain of the Pakistan national cricket team from 2007 to 2009.
 2. He is an occasional captain of Pakistan national cricket team. He made his One-Day International debut in 1999 against the West Indies and his Test debut in 2001 against Bangladesh.
 3. Malik is regarded as a flexible player. He is capable of hitting big shots but is also capable of rotating the strike with good placement. He has a strike rate of 80.4 runs per 100 balls.

Awards

1. NALCO to get President's award for excellent CSR

- National Aluminium Company Limited has been selected for President's award for utilisation of Corporate Social Responsibility fund in social development.
- NALCO started a scheme "Aliali Jhia" in 2015 to promote the education of Girls of BPL families. NALCO is an Odisha based Navaratna Company.

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About NALCO**

1. National Aluminium Company Limited
2. Chairman cum Managing Director: T.K. Chand
3. Headquarters: India
4. Founded: 1981

✚ **2. Mark Tully presented the Lifetime Achievement Award at UK-India Awards 2019**

- Veteran British journalist Sir Mark Tully awarded as the Lifetime Achievement Award
- The award was provided in order to recognize his contributions to the IJK-India relationship.
- The annual UK-India Awards honors special talents and organizations which are worldwide influenced. Their main aim is to strengthen UK-India ties.
- The 2019 UK-India Awards marked the conclusion of the annual IJK-India Week in London.

✚ **3. Quantela Inc was awarded with World Economic Forum's (WEF) 'Technology Pioneers' award 2019.**

- Quantela Inc, a Hyderabad and Silicon Valley-headquartered digital technology company, was awarded World Economic Forum's (WEF) 'Technology Pioneers' award 2019.
- It was selected by a selection committee of more than 59 academics, entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, and corporate executives. Quantela: It is a new age digital technology solutions company focused on IoT (Internet of Things).
- It provides a comprehensive, customizable, scalable platform, "Atlantis" that helps cities to proactively predict and solve social, economic and environmental problems. Technologies: This year technology pioneers emerged from a diverse set of industries focusing on AI (Artificial Intelligence), IoT, robotics, blockchain, etc.

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About Quantela**

1. CEO : Sridhar Gadhi

✚ **4. AXIS Bank won the Finance Organisation of the Year during the 3rd edition of the UK-India Awards.**

- Uttar Pradesh government launched a toll-free Chief Minister helpline 1076. This scheme will enable people from across the state to register their complaints and a time-bound action will be taken.
- Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will personally review the complaints every month. The people now don't need to travel to Lucknow to lodge their complaints. The action will be taken against those who make false complaints.
- The CM helpline number 1076. The helpline will work 24x7 and anyone from any part of the state. The 500-seater call center established for the helpline.

➤ **About AXIS Bank**

1. Headquarters : Mumbai
2. Founded: 1993, Ahmedabad
3. CEO: Amitabh Chaudhry

✚ **5. Elavenil Valarivan won the gold medal in 10m women's air rifle at ISSF World Cup 2019 .**

- Indian shooter Elavenil Valarivan won the gold medal in 10m women's air rifle event of the season's first junior ISSF World Cup 2019 on 4 July. She defeated Chinese Taipei's Lin Ying-Shin to win the title.
- She shot 249.8 in the women's final. Her 631.4 in the qualification was a new world record. China's Wang Zeru managed to win the bronze medal with a score of 228.4 in her first World Cup appearance.

- Elavenil Valarivan is a sport shooter from Cuddalore, Tamilnadu. She had also won a bronze medal at the FISU World Shooting Sport Championship 2019.
- ❖ **Foot Notes:**
- **About ISSF World Cup**
- 1. The 2019 ISSF World Cup is the annual edition of the ISSF World Cup in the Olympic shooting events, governed by the International Shooting Sport Federation.
- 2. The World Cup series will be also as the qualification tournaments for the 2020 Olympic Games.

Obituaries

✚ 1. Professional motorcycle racer, Carlin Dunne passes away

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

✚ 2. Veteran industrialist BK Birla passes away

- Birla Group patriarch and an ace of the Indian industry Basant Kumar Birla passed away in Mumbai.
- He was the chairman of Century Textiles and Industries and was active in business since the age of 15.

✚ 3. US auto industry legend Lee Iacocca passes away

- Automobile industry legend from USA Lee Iacocca passed away.
- He was known for creating the iconic Ford Mustang and saving Chrysler from bankruptcy.