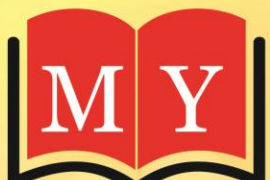


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National News

1. PM Narendra Modi to swear in on 30th May

- ✦ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will take the oath of office on May 30 (Thursday) at 7 pm at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- ✦ The President will administer the oath of Office and secrecy to the Prime Minister and other members of Union Council of Ministers. The BJP on May 23 got an overwhelming majority in the Lok Sabha, crossing on its own the 300 marks while storming back to power for the second consecutive term.
- ✦ Modi is the first BJP leader who has been elected for the second time after completion of his five-year tenure. From BJP, Atal Bihari Vajpayee was also elected as a prime minister for two consecutive terms, but his first stint had lasted only for one year and seven months.

Foot Notes:

- The NDA together has a strength of 353 MPs in the 543-member Lok Sabha out of which the BJP has a majority of 303 MPs.

2. PS Golay was sworn in as Sikkim Chief Minister

- ✦ Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) president Prem Singh Tamang, popularly known as PS Golay took oath as the Chief Minister of Sikkim. He was administered the oath by Governor Ganga Prasad at Paljor Stadium in Gangtok. Mr. Golay is not a member of the State Assembly at present as he did not contest the polls. The 51-year-old party chief when he was taking the oath in the Nepali language.
- ✦ Former Chief Minister Pawan Kumar Chamling and senior Sikkim Democratic Front (SDF) leaders were conspicuous by their absence at the swearing-in ceremony. The SKM won a slender majority in the 32-member Sikkim Legislative Assembly by bagging 17 seats against 15 won by the SDF.

Foot Notes:

About Sikkim

- Capital: Gangtok
- Chief minister: Pawan Kumar

3. Government invites BIMSTEC leaders for the swearing-in ceremony on May 30

- ✦ Leaders of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) have been invited for PM Modi's swearing-in ceremony to be held on 30th May. However, Bangladesh premier Sheikh Hasina will not attend the event due to her prior commitments. Myanmar State Councillor Aung Saan Suu Kyi's presence is also uncertain as she is travelling

overseas. Kyrgyzstan, the current chair of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), too, has been invited for the event.

- ✦ Apart from India, BIMSTEC comprises Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Myanmar. Indian-origin Mauritius PM Pravind Jugnauth, who visited India for Pravasi Bhartiya Divas in January, has also been invited for the May 30 event.

Foot Notes:

About BIMSTEC

- Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation
- Founded: 1997
- Secretariat: Dhaka, Bangladesh

4. Madhya Pradesh's Orchha makes it to tentative list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites

- ✦ The architectural heritage of Orchha town in Madhya Pradesh which depict peculiar style of the Bundela dynasty have been included in UNESCO's tentative list of world heritage sites following a proposal sent by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to the U.N. body.
- ✦ The ASI had sent a proposal to the UNESCO on April 15, 2019 to include the sites in its list, an ASI official told PTI. According to the rules, to be a part of UNESCO's World Heritage sites, the heritage or any historical site first has to be on the tentative list. After it makes to the tentative list, another proposal is sent to the UNESCO, the official said.
- ✦ Orchha is situated on the banks of the Betwa river. It is located around 80 km away from Tikamgarh district in Madhya Pradesh and 15 km from Jhansi of Uttar Pradesh. Orchha was built by king Rudra Pratap Singh of Bundela dynasty in the 16th century. The ancient town is famous for its Chaturbhuj Temple, Orchha fort complex, Raja Mahal among others.

Foot Notes:

About UNESCO

- The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.
- Headquarters: Paris, France
- Head: Audrey Azoulay
- Founded: 16 November 1945, London, United Kingdom
- Formation: 4 November 1946
- Founders: India, United States, France, Australia, Turkey, Mexico

About Madhya Pradesh

- Capital: Bhopal
- Chief minister: Kamal Nath
- Governor: Anandiben Patel

- Districts: 52.

5. India elected to Executive Board of first UN-Habitat Assembly

- ✚ India has been elected to the Executive Board of the first UN-Habitat Assembly, announced by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. India has been elected to the Executive Board of the first UN-Habitat Assembly at the Plenary Session of the Assembly being held in Nairobi.
- ✚ The first session of the UN-Habitat Assembly started on May 27th at the headquarters of UN-Habitat in Nairobi and will go on till May 31st. The special theme for the UN-Habitat Assembly is “Innovation for Better Quality of Life in Cities and Communities”.

Foot Notes:

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

- Headquarters: Nairobi, Kenya

6. Record 78 women MPs elected to 17th Lok Sabha

- ✚ Record 78 women candidates have been elected to the Lok Sabha in the recently held general elections.
- ✚ According to the Election Commission, the number has grown from the previous 62 women who were elected to the 16th Lok Sabha in 2014.
- ✚ In the country's first general elections in 1951, twenty-four women were elected to the Lower House, and since then, the number has been increasing.

Foot Notes:

About Lok Sabha

- The Lok Sabha or House of the People is the lower house of India's bicameral Parliament, with the upper house being the Rajya Sabha.
- Seats: 545 (543 elected + 2 Nominated)
- Last election: Indian general election, 2019
- Leader of the House: Narendra Modi, BJP; since 25 May 2019
- Next election: May 2024
- Leader: Narendra Modi

7. Nigeria's Muhammadu Buhari sworn in for second term as president

- ✚ Muhammadu Buhari has been sworn in for a second term as Nigeria's president, following a campaign that focused on tackling security threats and rooting out corruption.
- ✚ He did not make a speech during the low-profile event attended by members of the diplomatic community.

- ✦ Buhari, a former military ruler, won 56 percent of the votes to defeat his main challenger, former Vice President Atiku Abubakar of the Peoples' Democratic Party (PDP) in the February 2019 election.

Foot Notes:**About Nigeria**

- Capital: Abuja
- Currency: Naira
- Prime Minister: Abubakar Tafawa Balewa

8. Nirmala Sitharaman To Present First Union Budget On 05th July

- ✦ The new Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present her first Union Budget (for FY20) on 5 July, the government decided on Friday.
- ✦ A day before the Union Budget, Sitharaman will table in Parliament the Economic Survey 2018-19 authored by chief economic adviser Krishnamurthy Subramaniam and his team.
- ✦ The date of presenting full budget for FY20 by the NDA government was finalized at a meeting of the union cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday, according to an official announcement.

Foot Notes:**Important Facts**

- The election for Lok Sabha Speaker will take place on 19th June'19.
- The Economic Survey, which gives the status of the country's economy, will be presented in Parliament on 04th July'19.
- Nirmala Sitharaman is the only woman to hold the portfolio (Minister of Finance) after former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.
- The Modi government had on 01st February 2019 presented the interim Budget in view of the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

10. First session of 17th Lok Sabha from June 17

- ✦ The first session of the 17th Lok Sabha will commence on 17th of this month. The Rajya Sabha will have its sitting from 20th onwards.
- ✦ Briefing reporters after the Cabinet meeting in New Delhi last evening, Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javdekar said, the session will continue till 26th of next month.
- ✦ The election for the Speaker of the Lower House will be held on 19th of June. The President will address the Joint sitting of both the Houses of Parliament on the 20th. The Economic Survey will be tabled on the 4th of July and the Union Budget will be presented on the 5th of July.

Foot Notes:

About Rajya Sabha

- Chairperson: Venkaiah Naidu
- Seats: 245 (233 Elected + 12 Nominated by the President); 1 Vacant (1 Elected Seat)
- Leader of the House:
- Founder: Constituent Assembly of India
- Chairman (Vice President): Venkaiah Naidu

About Lok Sabha

- Seats: 545 (543 elected + 2 Nominated)
- Leader of the House: Narendra Modi
- Speaker: Sumitra Mahajan

11. Union Cabinet approves the extension of PM-KISAN scheme

- ✚ The newly-sworn in NDA government at the Centre has taken four major decisions related to farmers' and traders welfare in the first meeting of the Union Cabinet.
- ✚ It has approved the extension of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) to all the farmers in the country. Earlier the benefit of the scheme was applicable to farmers having two hectares of land.
- ✚ Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar stated that nearly 14 crores 50 lakh farmers will be now covered under the revised scheme. Total burden on the exchequer will be over 87,000 crore rupees for the year 2019-20. Over three crore farmers have been benefited so far. Six thousand rupees per year is being given in three installments to the farmers, under the scheme.

Foot Notes:**About PM-KISAN Scheme**

- Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi
- Ministry: Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare: Narendra Singh Tomar
- Established: 1 February 2019
- Budget: 75,000 crore

12. Punjab to ban online delivery of food without hygiene rating as per FSSAI guidelines

- ✚ Punjab State government plans to ban online delivery of food without hygiene rating as per the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) guidelines.
- ✚ The announcement was made by the Health Minister Brahm Mohindra announced on 30 May. The decision was taken under the 'Tandarust Punjab Mission'. Health Minister of the State Brahm Mohindra has issued directions to

all online food order and supply companies to display the hygiene rating of the food business operators registered with them.

- ✦ The State has given three months for compliance with the law. After the deadline, no online food order will be delivered in the state without the hygiene rating.
- ✦ The online food companies can take orders from consumers and deliver it after procuring the hygiene rating from the Food Business Operators associated with them.

Foot Notes:

About Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI):

- Formed on: August 2011
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Chairperson: Rita Teotia
- CEO: Pawan Kumar Agarwal
- Parent Organization: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
- It is established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006
- It is responsible for protecting and promoting public health through the regulation and supervision of food safety.

13. Cabinet approves Rs 3,000 pension scheme for small shopkeepers, retail traders

- ✦ The newly-inducted Union Cabinet approved a new scheme which assures minimum monthly pension of 3,000 per month to small shopkeepers, retail traders and the self-employed people after attaining the age of 60 years.
- ✦ This is being done as part of the Modi government's efforts to offer universal social security.
- ✦ The scheme will benefit three crore retail traders and shopkeepers. Five crore traders are expected to join the scheme in the next three years.

14. PepsiCo to build Rs 500 crore food plant in Uttar Pradesh

- ✦ PepsiCo India will invest nearly 500 crore to build a food manufacturing plant in Uttar Pradesh. It will invest \$2.1 bn in India by 2022, which is part of the \$5.5 bn it had promised in November 2013.
- ✦ The makers of Lay's chips and Kurkure snacks, PepsiCo will invest along with its local bottling partner. PepsiCo, which sells Tropicana, 7Up, Mountain Dew and Kurkure chips, among others, services the domestic market through 62 food and beverage plants.
- ✦ The bottling operations are owned by its local partner Varun Beverages. The packaged snacks and foods market in India is expected to grow 22.3% between 2018 and 2022.

Foot Notes:

About Uttar Pradesh

- Chief minister: Yogi Adityanath
- Capital: Lucknow
- Governor: Ram Naik

About PepsiCo

- CEO: Indra Nooyi
- Headquarters: Purchase, Harrison, New York, United States
- Founder: Caleb Bradham
- Founded: 28 August 1898, New Bern, North Carolina, United States.

International News & Foreign Affairs

1. Cyril Ramaphosa takes oath as South Africa's President

- ✚ Cyril Ramaphosa was sworn in for a five-year term as South Africa's President with a delicate fight against government corruption ahead of him.
- ✚ He was elected earlier this month with a majority of 57.50%, the smallest since the party came to power 25 years ago.
- ✚ Mr. Ramaphosa initially took over from Jacob Zuma in 2018 after Mr. Zuma was accused of corruption. Mr. Ramaphosa is the country's fifth democratically elected president since apartheid ended in 1994.

Foot Notes:

About South Africa

- Capital: Cape Town, Pretoria, Bloemfontein.
- Currency: rand
- President: Cyril Ramaphosa

2. Facebook plans to launch 'GlobalCoin' cryptocurrency in 2020

- ✚ Facebook is planning to launch its own cryptocurrency in early 2020, allowing users to make digital payments in a dozen countries.
- ✚ The currency, dubbed GlobalCoin, would enable Facebook's 2.4 billion monthly users to change dollars and other international currencies into its digital coins. The coins could then be used to buy things on the internet and in shops and other outlets, or to transfer money without needing a bank account.

Foot Notes:

About Facebook

- Founded: February 2004, Cambridge, Massachusetts, United States
- CEO: Mark Zuckerberg

- Headquarters: Menlo Park, California, United States
- CFO: David Wehner

3. Russia launches new nuclear-powered icebreaker in bid to open up Arctic

- ✚ Russia launched a nuclear-powered icebreaker, part of an ambitious programme to renew and expand its fleet of the vessels in order to improve its ability to tap the Arctic's commercial potential.
- ✚ The ship, dubbed the Ural and which was floated out from a dockyard in St Petersburg, is one of a trio that when completed will be the largest and most powerful icebreakers in the world.
- ✚ The Ural is due to be handed over to Russia's state-owned nuclear energy corporation Rosatom in 2022 after the two other icebreakers in the same series, Arktika (Arctic) and Sibir (Siberia), enter service.

Foot Notes:

About Russia

- President: Vladimir Putin
- Capital: Moscow
- Currency: The Russian ruble
- PM : Dmitry Medvedev

4. Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz ousted in the no-confidence vote

- ✚ Austrian Parliament has removed Chancellor Sebastian Kurz from office as he lost the no confidence in a special Parliamentary session. His previous coalition ally, the far-right Freedom Party (FPÖ) and the opposition Social Democrats (SPÖ) backed the no-confidence motions.
- ✚ Austria's President Alexander Van der Bellen named Vice Chancellor Hartwig Löger as the interim leader. Löger will serve until a new transitional government can be appointed ahead of elections expected in September.

Foot Notes:

About Austrian

- Chancellor: Sebastian Kurz
- Capital: Vienna
- National language: Austrian German
- Currency: Euro

5. Saudi Arabia lifts export ban on fruits and vegetable from Kerala

- ✚ Kerala's fruits and vegetable exporters have heaved a sigh of relief following the lifting of the export ban by Saudi Arabia after the Nipah virus attack last year.

- ✦ With the lifting of the embargo, he said Kozhikode airport was alone handling 20 tonnes of fruits and vegetables per day valued at \$50,000 to various destinations in Saudi.
- ✦ Kerala ships around 150 tonnes of fruits and vegetables on a daily basis to various gulf countries and of this, the consignment to Saudi alone was 30-40 tonnes.

Foot Notes:**About Saudi Arabia**

- Capital: Riyadh
- Currency: Saudi riyal
- King: Salman of Saudi Arabia

About Kerala

- Capital: Thiruvananthapuram
- Governor: P. Sathasivam
- Chief minister: Pinarayi Vijayan

6. Sri Lanka signs tripartite agreement with India and Japan

- ✦ Sri Lanka has signed a tripartite agreement with India and Japan for development of eastern terminal of Colombo port.
- ✦ The Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) was signed in Colombo by Sri Lankan ports minister Sagala Ratnayake, Indian high commissioner to Sri Lanka Taranjit Singh Sandhu and a Japanese representative.
- ✦ As per the agreement, Sri Lanka Port Authority (SLPA) will hold 51 percent majority stake in the port development while Japan and India will have combined stake of 49 percent.

Foot Notes:**About Sri-lanka**

- Capitals: Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte
- Currency: Sri Lankan rupee
- Prime Minister: Ranil Wickremesinghe

About Japan

- Currency: Japanese yen
- Capital: Tokyo
- Prime Minister: Shinzō Abe

7. Scott Morrison sworn in as Australia's PM

- ✦ Scott Morrison has been sworn in as Australia's Prime Minister, 11 days after retaining the position in the country's general election.
- ✦ Along with Deputy Prime Minister Michael McCormack, Morrison was sworn in by Queen Elizabeth's official representative in Australia, Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove, in the capital, Canberra.
- ✦ Also sworn in was Morrison's revamped Cabinet, which includes a record seven women, and Australia's first Aboriginal federal Cabinet member, Indigenous Affairs Minister Ken Wyatt, who wore a traditional kangaroo skin.

Foot Notes:

- Capital: Canberra
- Currency: Australian dollar
- Prime minister: Scott Morrison

8. Flipkart's new brand 'Adrenex' to target sports and fitness enthusiasts

- ✦ Flipkart announced the launch of Adrenex, its in-house sports and fitness private label brand aimed at sports and fitness aspirants. The company said in a statement that the Adrenex will be designed to cater to lifestyle and fitness enthusiasts in India.
- ✦ The private label plans to offer more than 220 product categories which will be listed on the sports and fitness category on Flipkart.
- ✦ According to the Flipkart, the sports and fitness industry in India is estimated to be valued at \$5.6 billion by 2023 from the current valuation of \$3.3 billion.

Foot Notes:**About Flipkart**

- CEO: Kalyan Krishnamurthy
- Founded: October 2007
- Founders: Binny Bansal, Sachin Bansal

9. Trump Says U.S. Will Hit Mexico With 5% Tariffs on All Goods

- ✦ President Trump said that he would impose a 5 percent tariff on all imported goods from Mexico beginning June 10, a tax that would "gradually increase" until the flow of undocumented immigrants across the border stopped.
- ✦ President Trump has declared a national emergency to tackle what he claims is a crisis at the US southern border.

Foot Notes**About U.S**

- Currency: United States Dollar
- Capital: Washington, D.C.
- President: Donald Trump

About Mexico

- President: Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador
- Currency: Mexican peso
- Capital: Mexico City

10. James Marape elected new Papua New Guinea prime minister

- ✚ James Marape, a former finance minister and critic of a major global gas development deal, has been elected by parliament as the prime minister of Papua New Guinea (PNG).
- ✚ He succeeds Peter O'Neill. Marape, the member for Tari-Pori in New Hela province was a key minister in O'Neill's government.
- ✚ He was elected by MPs who voted 101 to 8, to make him the next leader.

Foot Notes**About Papua New Guinea**

- Prime minister: James Marape
- Capital: Port Moresby
- Currency: Papua New Guinean kina

11. Binny, India's Only Orangutan Dies In Odisha Zoo

- ✚ A 41-year-old orangutan at Odisha's Nandankanan Zoological Park died following a prolonged illness. The great ape was under treatment for the last one year by experts from the College of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry OUAT who were under constant advice of the Orangutan experts from UK and Singapore. Binny, was brought to Nandankanan Zoo from Pune's Rajiv Gandhi Zoological Park on November 20, 2003, when she was 25.
- ✚ Orangutans are one of the world's three extant species of great apes and are native to Indonesia and Malaysia. Orangutans are currently found only in the rain forests of Borneo and Sumatra.
- ✚ Considered to be among the most intelligent primates, orangutans can live up to 45 years in the wild and even more in zoos, according to experts.

Foot Notes**About Odisha**

- Chief minister: Naveen Patnaik
- Capital: Bhubaneswar
- Governor: Ganeshi Lal

About Nandankanan Zoological Park

- Nandankanan Zoological Park is a 437-hectare zoo and botanical garden in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India. Established in 1960, it was opened to the public

in 1979 and became the first zoo in India to join World Association of Zoos and Aquariums in 2009.

12. Centre launches song 'Hawa Aane De' on air pollution

- ✦ Song 'Hawa Aane De' launched to spread awareness about Air pollution. Union Environment Ministry today launched the song 'Hawa Aane De' to spread awareness about Air pollution. The song was launched by Secretary, Ministry of Environment C K Mishra ahead of the World Environment Day on 5th of June.
- ✦ This year the theme of Environment Day is Air Pollution. He said, the awareness on the environment should be carried out round the year and the centre has launched the National Clean Air Programme to control and reduce air pollution across the country.

Foot Notes

- World Environment Day: June 05
- Environment Minister: Prakash Javdekar

About Union Environment Ministry

- Headquarters: New Delhi



1. IOB launches 'Bank on Wheels' in 13 TN districts

- ✦ Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) on Monday launched 'Bank on Wheels' in all its 13 Lead Districts in Tamil Nadu, for enhancing customer service and bringing banking services on wheels to rural and semi urban areas of the State.
- ✦ The 'Bank on Wheels' has been launched in Kanyakumari, Karur, Nagapattinam, Perambalur, Pudukottai, Ramanathapuram, Sivaganga, Thanjavur, Tiruchirapalli, Tirunelveli, Tiruvarur, Virudhunagar and Chennai. It has been launched in Vijayawada, Kakinada and Thiruvananthapuram regions.
- ✦ The facility will enable the public, especially the senior citizens of the society, to conveniently get doorstep banking facility available at identified locations of the Lead Districts.

Foot Notes:

About IOB

- MD & CEO: R Subramaniakumar
- Headquarters: Chennai.
- Founder: M. Ct. M. Chidambaram Chettyar

- Founded: 10 February 1937

2. Corporation Bank launches loan scheme for MSME sector

- ✚ State-owned Corporation Bank has launched 'SMESuvidha' scheme to provide loans to the GST-registered MSMEs at affordable interest rates.
- ✚ The product is designed as a part of the lender's efforts to improve service and provide the best products to the MSME sector. This is a unique product for GST-registered Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).
- ✚ The bank is actively participating in the government's flagship programmes including 'MUDRA' and 'Stand-up India' to provide the much-needed push to the MSME sector.

Foot Notes:

About Corporation Bank

- Headquarters: Mangaluru.
- M.D and CEO: PV Bharathi

3. RBI extends timings for RTGS from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

- ✚ RBI has extended timings for customer transactions in the Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) system to 6:00 pm from 4:30 pm. The new time window for RTGS will come into effect from 01st June 2019.
- ✚ The customer is charged a 'time-varying charge' on each outward transaction in addition to the flat processing charge. The fee for transfers between 8 am to 11 am is nil, from 11 am to 1 pm is Rs 2, and from 1 pm to 6 pm is Rs 5. The fee for transfers made after the initial cut off of 6 pm will be Rs 10.
- ✚ The initial cut off for customer transactions will be 6 pm and the final cut off for inter-bank transactions will be 7:45 pm. The IDL reversal will take place between 7:45 pm and 8 pm.

Foot Notes:

About RBI

- Headquarters: Mumbai
- Founder: British Raj
- Governor: Shaktikanta Das

New Appointments & Person in News

1. Indian Army officer appointed the commander of UN Mission in South Sudan

- ✦ UN Secretary, General Antonio Guterres, has appointed Indian Army officer, Lieutenant General Shailesh Tinaikar, as the new Force Commander of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan.
- ✦ The UN chief made the announcement that 57-year-old Lieutenant General Tinaikar will succeed Lieutenant General Frank Kamanzi of Rwanda who completes his assignment.
- ✦ The decorated Indian Army officer "has had a long and distinguished career with the Indian Armed Forces spanning over 34 years," a statement by the UN Spokesperson said. He has won the Sena Medal and the Vishisht Seva Medal for his service.

Foot Notes:**About Indian Army**

- Motto: "Service Before Self"
- Founded: 1 April 1895, India
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Commander-in-Chief: President Ram Nath Kovind
- Chief: General Bipin Rawat.

About South Sudan

- Capital: Juba
- Currency: South Sudanese pound
- President: Salva Kiir Mayardit

2. Maldives Ex-Leader Mohamed Nasheed Tipped As New Speaker

- ✦ The former Maldives president Mohamed Nasheed has been nominated as the country's parliamentary speaker and is set to be sworn in Tuesday, a party official said.
- ✦ Nasheed was unanimously chosen to head the People's Majlis, or the parliament, by his Maldivian Democratic Party (MDP) which won a near three quarter majority in the 87-member assembly in April.
- ✦ "He is unanimously chosen as the Speaker," a party official told AFP. "He will be sworn in at the inaugural session of the new parliament elected at the historic April vote."

Foot Notes:**About Maldives**

- Capital: Malé
- Currency: Maldivian rufiyaa
- President: Ibrahim Mohamed Solih
- Continent: Asia

3. V D Savarkar's birth anniversary being celebrated 28 May.

- ✦ Swatantryaveer Vinayak Damodar Savarkar's birth anniversary is being celebrated. Born in 1883 near Nasik in Maharashtra, Savarkar was popularly called Veer Savarkar. He was a revolutionary who fought against the British Government.
- ✦ In a tweet, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu said, the nation will always remember the sacrifices made by Veer Savarkar during the freedom struggle.
- ✦ Mr Modi said, Veer Savarkar epitomises courage, patriotism and unflinching commitment to a strong India and he inspired many people to devote themselves towards nation building.

Foot Notes:**About Swatantryaveer Vinayak Damodar**

- Born: 28 May 1883, Bhagur
- Died: 26 February 1966, Mumbai
- Party: Hindu Mahasabha

4. Walmart Appoints Suresh Kumar as Chief Technology Officer

- ✦ US-based retail chain Walmart has appointed Suresh Kumar, an IIT Madras graduate and former Google executive, as chief technology officer and chief development officer.
- ✦ He will directly report to President and Chief Executive Officer Doug McMillon, Walmart said in a statement. The appointment comes at a time when Walmart is transforming its customer and associate experiences.
- ✦ He brings over 25 years of technology leadership experience coming from Google, Microsoft, Amazon and IBM, it said. "The technology of today and tomorrow enables us to serve our customers and associates in ways that weren't previously possible. We want to take full advantage of those opportunities," McMillon said.

Foot Notes:**About Walmart**

- CEO: Doug McMillon
- Owner: Walton family
- Founder: Sam Walton
- Founded: 2 July 1962

5. Military tribunal allows Karambir Singh to take charge as new Navy Chief

- ✦ The Armed Forces Tribunal cleared the way for Vice Admiral Karambir Singh to become the next Navy Chief, while it deferred for four weeks the matter of Vice Admiral Bimal Verma which seeks to quash Singh's appointment.
- ✦ Karambir Singh, who is the Commander-in-Chief of the Eastern Naval Command, will take over as the Navy Chief on 31st May 2019

Foot Notes:**About Indian Navy**

- Navy Chief Admiral Sunil Lanba will retire on 31st May after completion of his tenure
- The President of India is the Supreme Commander of the Indian Navy.
- Motto: शं नो वरुणः (Sanskrit); Sham No Varunah (IAST); May the Lord of the Water be auspicious unto us (English)
- Founded: 5 September 1961.

6. Indian-origin Anita Bhatia appointed UN Deputy Executive Director

- ✚ Indian-origin Anita Bhatia, a veteran in strategic partnerships, resource mobilisation and management, has been appointed by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres as the Deputy Executive Director in the global body's agency focussed on women empowerment and gender equality.
- ✚ She has been appointed the Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) for Resource Management, Sustainability and Partnerships, a statement from the UN Spokesperson's Office.
- ✚ Ms. Bhatia served for several years as Director of Global Partnerships for the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the World Bank Group's private sector arm.

Foot Notes:**About United Nations**

- Secretary general: António Guterres
- Headquarters: New York, United States
- Founded: 24 October 1945, San Francisco, California, United States
- Founders: United States, India, Venezuela, Australia, Brazil.

7. Yoga Instructor, Namrata Menon appointed as brand ambassador to promote yoga in Goa

- ✚ State Health Department of Goa announced the appointment of Panaji-based, Namrata Menon, Yoga Instructor, and fitness expert, as brand ambassador to promote yoga in Goa.
- ✚ She is appointed to promote the ancient system of physical and mental practices to raise awareness about the benefits of yoga so that people follow it on a daily basis.
- ✚ She is practicing yoga for 17 years. The main objective of this initiative is to increase awareness about the benefits of yoga and encourage people to inculcate a healthy lifestyle.

Foot Notes:

- Yoga Day: 21 June.

Science Tech & Defence

1. NASA unveils schedule for 'Artemis' 2024 Moon mission

- ✦ NASA unveiled the calendar for the "Artemis" program that will return astronauts to the Moon for the first time in half a century, including eight scheduled launches and a mini-station in lunar orbit by 2024. The original lunar missions were named for Apollo – Artemis was his twin sister in Greek mythology, and the goddess of hunting, wilderness, and the Moon.
- ✦ Administrator Jim Bridenstine confirmed that Artemis 1 will be an uncrewed mission around the Moon planned for 2020. Next will come Artemis 2, which will orbit Earth's satellite with a crew around 2022; followed finally by Artemis 3 that will put astronauts on lunar soil in 2024, including the first woman.

Foot Notes:

About NASA

- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- Headquarters: Washington
- Founder: Dwight D. Eisenhower
- Founded: 29 July 1958

2. DRDO successfully test fires new version of Akash air defence missile

- ✦ DRDO successfully test fired the new version of the Akash surface to air defence missile system with a new indigenously-developed seeker.
- ✦ The medium range multi-target engagement capable missile was developed as part of the Integrated Guided-Missile Development Programme (IGMDP) other than Nag,
- ✦ Agni, Trishul, and Prithvi missiles. The supersonic missile has a range of around 25km and up to the altitude of 18,000 meters.

Foot Notes:

The Defence Research and Development Organisation

- Founded: 1958
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Motto: "Strength's Origin is in Science"
- Minister responsible: Nirmala Sitharaman
- Chairman: G Satheesh Reddy

3. US-UAE Defence agreement comes into force

- ✦ The United States and the United Arab Emirates have announced that mutual defense cooperation agreement had come into force, amid increasing tensions between Washington and Tehran.
- ✦ The DCA (Defense Cooperation Agreement) will enhance military coordination between the United States and the United Arab Emirates, further advancing an already robust military, political, and economic partnership at a critical time.
- ✦ US President Donald Trump bypassed Congress to sell USD 8.1 billion in arms to Saudi Arabia and other Arab allies, citing the alleged threat from Iran.

Foot Notes:**About UAE:**

- Capital: Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan
- Currency: The United Arab Emirates dirham
- President: Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

About USA:

- Capital: Washington, D.C.
- President: Donald Trump
- Currency: United States Dollar

4. IAF chief's squadron to be first Rafale combat aircraft unit

- ✦ The first Rafale combat aircraft would be inducted into the Indian Air Force's 'Golden Arrows' 17 Squadron which was commanded by Air Chief Marshal BS Dhanoa during the Kargil war in 1999.
- ✦ The first unit to receive the Rafale combat aircraft would be the 17 Squadron which was earlier located in Bhatinda in Punjab and will now be shifted to Ambala in Haryana.
- ✦ The first Rafale is expected to be handed over to the Indian Air Force in September 2019 but it would be required to undergo intensive 1,500 hours of testing to validate the India Specific Enhancements on it. So, the first batch of the four planes is likely to arrive at Ambala around May 2020.

Foot Notes**About Indian Air Force**

- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Founded: 8 October 1932, India
- Air Chief Marshal: Birender Singh Dhanoa

5. IIT Guwahati signs MoU with ISRO to set up space technology

- ✦ Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guwahati has signed an MoU with The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to set up an IITG-ISRO Space Technology Cell (STC) at the institute where Assam Governor Jagdish Mukhi inaugurated a new academic complex and research and development.
- ✦ IITG-ISRO STC would be first of its kind in the North-east region to augment research and capacity building processes in the field of space technology.

Foot Notes**About ISRO**

- Full-Form: Indian Space Research Organisation
- Chairman: Kailasavadivoo Sivan
- Headquarters: Bengaluru
- Founder: Vikram Sarabhai
- Founded: 15 August 1969

6. Rs 21,738 Crore Naval Helicopters to be new Govt's First Defence Buy

- ✦ The Rs 21,738-crore procurement of 111 light Naval Utility Helicopters (NUH) for the Navy is on track to be the first big procurement of the new National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government.
- ✦ At least three international original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) submitted proposals to build their helicopters through an Indian industry designated as “strategic partner” (SP).
- ✦ The proposal for building 111 helicopters allows the OEM to deliver the first 16 from its home production facility, but at least 95 helicopters must be manufactured in India with an ambitious level of 60 per cent indigenisation stipulated. This NUH acquisition, which the defence ministry green lighted on August 25, is the first one being processed under the SP procurement model.

Foot Notes:**About National Democratic Alliance**

- Chairperson: Amit Shah
- Founder: Bharatiya Janata Party
- Founded: May 1998
- Members: Bharatiya Janata Party, Biju Janata Dal, All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam.

Important days

1. Goa celebrates its statehood day

- ✦ Goa celebrates its statehood day on 30th May. It was on this day in 1987 Goa became the 25th state of the Indian Union.
- ✦ It was a Union Territory along with Daman and Diu from December 1961 onwards when Goa was liberated from the colonial rule.
- ✦ Once Goa was liberated there was a controversy regarding merging Goa with the neighbouring state of Maharashtra or Mysore. However, an opinion poll of 1967 suggested that Goa, Daman, and Diu be Union Territory.

Foot Notes:

About Goa

- Chief minister: Pramod Sawant
- Capital: Panaji

2. World No Tobacco Day celebrated on 31st May

- ✦ Every year, on 31 May, the World Health Organization (WHO) and global partners celebrate World No Tobacco Day.
- ✦ The annual campaign is an opportunity to raise awareness on the harmful and deadly effects of tobacco use and second-hand smoke exposure, and to discourage the use of tobacco in any form.
- ✦ The focus of World No Tobacco Day 2019 is on “tobacco and lung health.”

Foot Notes

About World Health Organization

- Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland
- Head: Tedros Adhanom
- Founded: 7 April 1948

About Global partners

- CEO: Eric Slifka
- Headquarters: Waltham, Massachusetts, United States

Sports

1. ICC launches criiio campaign on eve of World Cup

- ✦ The ICC has launched the criiio campaign on the eve of the men's World Cup, bringing together 460 million people playing cricket globally to celebrate the magnificent diversity of cricket.
- ✦ The ICC asked the fans to join the social cricket tribe by sharing pictures and videos of where and how they play cricket across the world using the newly launched #criiio and visiting criiio.com.
- ✦ This builds on the success of the recent user-generated social media initiative #WorldWideWickets and is the first of a series of programs that will be launched by the ICC over the next 12 months.

Foot Notes:

About ICC

- Designated CEO: Manu Sawhney
- CEO: Dave Richardson
- Chairperson: Shashank Manohar
- Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Founded: 15 June 1909

2. ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2019 begins on 30 May

- ✦ The ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2019 has started on 30th May 2019. England has open the tournament at The Oval in London when they will take on South Africa.
- ✦ The World Cup will span 48 matches in all, of which 45 will make up the group stage. Each team will play nine group stage matches, and the top four will progress to the semifinals, similar to how the 1992 World Cup was held.

Foot Notes:

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Awards

1. Lewis Hamilton wins Monaco Grand Prix

- ✦ Lewis Hamilton won the Monaco Grand Prix to extend his championship lead over Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas. Hamilton struggled with grip in the latter stages and was under constant pressure from Red Bull's Max Verstappen.
- ✦ But Verstappen had earlier picked up a five-second time penalty. So even though he finished just behind Hamilton, Verstappen was fourth overall behind Bottas in third and Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel in second.

Foot Notes:

About Lewis Hamilton

- Born: 7 January 1985
- Place: Stevenage, United Kingdom
- First win: 2007 Canadian Grand Prix
- First entry: 2007 Australian Grand Prix

2. China beat Japan to win 2019 Sudirman Cup

- ✦ China won the badminton world mixed-team championship, Sudirman Cup 2019 in Nanning, China. They beat Japan in men's doubles, women's singles and men's singles to clinch the title for the 11th time.
- ✦ In the latest Men' singles match, Shi Yuqi stunned world champion Kento Momota 15-21, 21-5,21-11. Japan have never won the Sudirman Cup.

Foot Notes:

About China

- Currency: Renminbi
- Capital: Beijing
- President: Xi Jinping

About Japan

- Capital: Tokyo
- Currency: Japanese yen
- Prime minister: Shinzō Abe

3. Apurvi Chandela bags gold medal in 10m Air Rifle in ISSF World Cup

- ✦ Indians had a good day at the year's third International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Rifle and Pistol tournament in Munich, Germany. Apurvi Chandela grabbed a gold, winning the women's 10m Air Rifle

competition after a closely-fought contest. She shot a score of 251 in the final to outshine Wang Luyao of China, who shot 250.8.

- ✦ This was Apurvi's second ISSF World Cup gold of the year followed by a world record score in New Delhi in February. This was also her career's fourth ISSF medal.

Foot Notes:

About ISSF World Cup

- The ISSF World Cup was introduced by the International Shooting Sport Federation in 1986 to provide a homogeneous system for qualification to the Olympic shooting competitions.
- It still is carried out in the Olympic shooting events, with four competitions per year in each event.

4. Saurabh Chaudhary wins 10m Air Pistol gold; beats own World record

- ✦ In ISSF shooting World Cup, in Munich Germany, India's Saurabh Chaudhary has won 10m Air Pistol Gold beating his own World Record.
- ✦ The 17-year old Chaudhary scored 246.3 bettering his previous best of 245 points that was set in New Delhi World Cup Shooting in February this year.
- ✦ Chaudhary has already secured a berth for the Tokyo Olympics. This is India's second Gold in the championship.

Foot Notes:

About Saurabh Chaudhary

- Saurabh Chaudhary is an Indian sport shooter
- He became the youngest Indian gold medalist at the Asian Games.

5. Former Indian President Pratibha Patil conferred the Orden Mexicana del Aguila Azteca award

- ✦ Former Indian President Pratibha Patil has been conferred the "Orden Mexicana del Aguila Azteca" (Order of the Aztec Eagle), the highest civilian award of Mexico given to foreigners, on 1 June 2019.
- ✦ The Ambassador of Mexico to India, Melba Pria, conferred the award on Patil, who created history as this country's first woman President (2007-2012), at a special ceremony held in the MCCIA Bhavan, Pune.

Foot Notes:

About Order of the Aztec Eagle Award

- The royal eagle is Mexico's national animal, sacred to the ancient Aztecs and it is present on the National Emblem of the Mexican flag. It is an essential symbol that links their Aztec past with the modern nation.

- It is of gold and turquoise and is given to express the respect and admiration of the Mexican people.
- The award was created by a decree in 1993 by the then President of Mexico, Abelardo L. Rodriguez, it is awarded to prominent heads of state or government, ambassadors after they have served in Mexico, important personalities who have made a major contribution in various fields, service to the country or its people.
- The award comes in five degrees namely Collar, Sash of Special Category, Sash, Plaque, Venera and Insignia.

About Orden Mexicana del Aguila Azteca is for

- Mexico's highest distinction for foreigners is in recognition of their outstanding services to the Mexican nation or humanity, significant contributions to strengthening the bilateral relations between Mexico and other countries.
- Other India Awardees
- Ms. Patil, 85, becomes only the second Indian head of state to get the award. Earlier, the late President S. Radhakrishna had been conferred this honour.
- Other Indian recipients in various categories include Nobel laureate Amartya Sen, renowned artist Satish Gujral, industrialist Raghupati Singhania, Consul-General of Mexico in Mumbai Rajju Shroff and others.

LIST OF ALL INDIA TOPPERS FROM IBT

NAME	POST	ROLL NO.	RANK	PHOTO
SUBHOJIT CHAKRABORTY	SBI PO - 2016	38407295966	1 st	
SACHIN ZANWAR	SBI PO - 2018	2550139022	2 nd	
SHALINI SINGH	IBPS PO - 2017	1580179828	4 th	
LOVE GUPTA	SSC CGL - INSPECTOR	2201295176	6 th	
MOHA VASHISTHA	SSC CGL - INSPECTOR	3840729596	8 th	
AASTHA SIHAG	SSC CGL - INSPECTOR	2201399971	12 th	