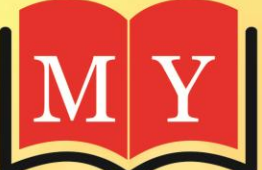


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## National News

### **1. Jammu and Kashmir government appointed RK Chibber as interim chief of J&K Bank**

- ✚ Jammu and Kashmir government removed Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Bank Chairman Parvez Ahmad. They decided to take long term measures to improve the functioning of the bank so that it becomes an example of a well managed government-owned bank.
- ✚ They appointed R K Chibber as interim chairman of the lender.
- ✚ Ahmad was appointed in 2016 as the chairman of the bank. The Vigilance Organisation made 1,200 appointments during the previous PDP-BJP dispensation in the state during Ahmad's tenure as chairman of the bank.
- ✚ Jammu and Kashmir Bank decided to take long term measures to improve the functioning of the bank and it becomes a shining example of a well managed government-owned bank.
- ✚ Last year the Governor-led State Administrative Council (SAC) approved the proposal for treating Jammu and Kashmir Bank Limited as a public sector undertaking (PSU) and to make it to the state legislature from its employees. The government will re-examine the issue of accountability.

#### **Foot Notes:**

- ❖ About J and K Bank
- ❖ Headquarters: Srinagar
- ❖ Owner: Government of Jammu and Kashmir (59%)
- ❖ Interim Chairman: RK Chibber

### **2. Union Cabinet has approved the Brucellosis control program to improve the health of animals Union:**

- ✚ • Union Cabinet has approved the Brucellosis control program, a new scheme, to control Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and Brucellosis to support the livestock rearing farmers and improve the health of animals.
- ✚ • This initiative aims to fully control these diseases amongst livestock in the country in the next five years and subsequently eradicate these diseases.
- ✚ • Cabinet has approved a total outlay of Rs.13,343 crores for the scheme and entire cost will be now borne by Central Government. Earlier the cost was shared by both Central and State Governments. It is very common amongst the livestock, cow-bulls, buffaloes, sheep, goats, pigs, etc.

**3. India's first Dinosaur Museum inaugurated in Gujarat:**

- ✚ •Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani on Saturday inaugurated India's first dinosaur museum and fossil park at Raiyoli village near Balasinor town of Mahisagar district.
- ✚ •According to government officials, Raiyoli is globally known to be the third largest fossil site and the second largest dinosaur hatchery from where about 10,000 dinosaur eggs have been found.
- ✚ •This is the first such park in the country and also the world's third park which exhibits remains of various dinosaurs and fossil records.3D projection, 360 degrees virtual reality presentations, interactive kiosks, gaming consoles are the facilities equipped with the museum.

**Foot Notes:**

- ❖ About Gujarat
- ❖ Capital: Gandhinagar
- ❖ Chief Minister: Vijay Rupani
- ❖ Governor: Om Prakash Kohli

**4.Mamta Banerjee Unveils Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar statue:**

- ✚ •West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee unveiled a bust of Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar at the Hare School ground.
- ✚ •Vidyasagar was a 19th-century social reformer and his bust was vandalised in clashes between BJP and TMC workers at Vidyasagar College on May 14.
- ✚ •Trinamool Congress leaders, ministers in the West Bengal government, as well as some spiritual leaders were present in the event.

**Foot Notes:**

- ❖ About West Bengal
- ❖ Chief Minister : Mamata Banerjee
- ❖ Capital: Kolkata
- ❖ Governor: Keshari Nath Tripathi

**5.Sharad Kumar named interim CVC:**

- ✚ •Prime Minister Narendra Modi headed selection panel has been named Sharad Kumar as interim Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) for a term of four years or till he attains the age of 65.
- ✚ •The move comes after the Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) KV Chowdary completed his tenure at anti-graft body.

- ✚ •Mr. Sharad Kumar was a former head of the National investigation agency(NIA). He was appointed as the Central Vigilance Commissioner on June 2018 and his tenure will end on October 2020.

### Foot Notes

- ❖ About Central Vigilance Commission
- ❖ Headquarter: New Delhi
- ❖ It is the apex vigilance institution. It was created via executive resolution (based on the recommendations of Santhanam committee) in 1964 but was conferred with statutory status in 2003. It submits its report to the President of India.
- ❖ Composition: Presently, the body consists of central vigilance commissioner along with 2 vigilance commissioners.
- ❖ Term: Their term is 4 years or 65 years.

### 6.Centre has extended the Rs 1.6 Billion aid to Nepal for Rebuilding

#### Earthquake-hit Houses:

- ✚ •Indian government has extended the financial aid of 1.6 billion Nepalese rupees to Nepal for the rebuilding of houses in Nuwakot and Gorkha districts, which were damaged in the devastating earthquake in 2015.The cheque for the same was handed over by India's ambassador to Nepal Manjeev Singh Puri to Finance Secretary of Nepal Rajan Khanal.
- ✚ •India is maintaining its commitment regarding the completion of post-earthquake reconstruction projects in the Himalayan nation.As of now, India has granted Nepal a total of 4.5 billion Nepalese rupees under the housing reconstruction projects.
- ✚ •India has also partnered with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) for providing socio-technical facilitation to the house owners to ensure that they rebuild their homes as per Nepal government's earthquake resilient norms.

### Foot Notes

- ❖ About Nepal
- ❖ Capital: Kathmandu
- ❖ Currency: Nepalese rupee
- ❖ National Bird: Danphe also known as Himalayan monal (Lophophorus impejanus)
- ❖ National Animal: Cow

- ❖ National Flower : Rhododendron also known by its Nepalese name “Laligur

## **International News & Foreign Affairs**

### **1. Sri Lankan Airlines named world's most punctual air service for second consecutive time**

- ✚ SriLankan Airlines named as the 'World's Most Punctual Airline' for the second consecutive time with over 90 percent of its flights in May. This status was achieved for the second time in less than 12 months. They achieved a punctuality rating of 91.37 percent reports Xinhua news agency. In a May month they achieved a punctuality rating of 90.75 percent.
- ✚ Flightstats analyzed 41 carriers data from Europe, North America, Asia, the Middle East, and South America and includes most of the world's most prestigious airlines.
- ✚ The punctuality rating of 90.75% by SriLankan Airlines in May 2019 facing challenges caused by heightened security at airline's hub at Bandaranaike International Airport (in Sri Lankan capital Colombo).

#### **Foot Notes:**

##### **About SriLankan Airlines**

- ❖ CEO: Vipula Gunatilleka
- ❖ Alliance: Oneworld
- ❖ Hub: Bandaranaike International Airport

### **2. Gandhi peace rally held in Saudi Arabia**

- ✚ To mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Indian Embassy organized the 'Gandhi Cycle Rally for Peace', in Saudi Arabia. The rally was organized in association with the Diplomatic Quarter Authority and Saudi Cycling Federation.
- ✚ The rally was flagged off by the Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Dr. Ausaf Sayeed. The Saudi nationals, diplomats, Indian Diaspora attended the rally.
- ✚ This was the first time this kind of rally held in Diplomatic Quarters in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

#### **Foot Notes**

##### **About Saudi Arabia**

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

### 3. World's Highest Weather Stations Installed Atop Mount Everest

- ✚ A team of Tribhuvan University and National Geographic Society scientists and researchers have installed the world's highest, fully automated weather stations atop Mount Everest.
- ✚ Scientists announced that they successfully installed five automated stations, including the highest weather station in world, on Mount Everest's flank.
- ✚ Total five weather stations, including one at a record height of 27,657 feet, were installed on the Earth's highest mountain above sea level.

### 4. Global Peace Index 2019: India Ranks 141st, Iceland Tops

- ✚ India's rank has slipped five places to 141 among 163 countries on the Global Peace Index 2019, while Iceland remains the most peaceful country and Afghanistan the least peaceful nation, as per the report by Australian think tank Institute for Economics & Peace.
- ✚ In South Asia, Bhutan topped the index with 15th rank, followed by Sri Lanka 72, Nepal 76 and Bangladesh 101. The neighboring country Pakistan has been ranked 153rd on the index.

### 5. India Designated As Guest Country at Guadalajara International Book Fair In Mexico

- ✚ India designated as the Guest of Honour at the 33rd Feria Internacional del Libro de Guadalajara (Guadalajara International Book Fair) in Mexico, the National Book Trust.
- ✚ The book fair organized from November 30 – December 8, India pavilion at the fair will showcase over 35 Indian authors and artists, along with 15 publishing houses.
- ✚ India displays a wide array of its rich and composite literary and cultural heritage through literary and academic activities comprising conferences.
- ✚ Ancient and rare manuscripts including “Mahabharata” and “Ramayana” will be put on exhibition, along with photo books, handicrafts, and paintings.
- ✚ The exhibition will run parallel to the book fair in the pavilion. They will feature art by 40 renowned Indian women artists including Arpana Caur, Paula Sengupta, and Seema Kohli.
- ✚ The “Festival of India” will showcase folk, classical and contemporary cultural programmes.

## Banking

### 1. Paytm Payments Bank ahead of major banks in digital transaction target with 501.16 crore digital transactions

- ✦ Paytm Payments Bank with 501.16 crore digital transactions for the financial year 2019-20 was ahead of major banks including HDFC Bank, Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) Bank and Punjab National Bank in digital transaction target set by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY). It is only behind the State Bank of India (SBI) which has the highest target for digital transactions.
- ✦ Only 5 banks have received a target of more than 100 crore transactions. They are HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Axis Bank, Punjab National Bank and Union Bank of India.
- ✦ In FY 2018-19, Paytm payments bank had crossed the target of 354 crore transactions and recorded 393 crore digital transfers. It has a market share of 19% and 32% respectively in terms of mobile banking and Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions.
- ✦ It processes over Rs 3 lakh crore worth of digital transactions on an annual basis. In terms of deposits, it has more than Rs 500 crore deposits in savings accounts as of April 2019. It is largest among the payments bank in India.

#### Foot Notes:

#### About Paytm Payments Bank

- ❖ Headquarters: Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- ❖ Chairman: Vijay Shekhar Sharma
- ❖ Tag line: Simplifying Payments for India

### 2. SBI cuts interest rate on CC/OD, introduces repo linked home loan product

- ✦ On June 7, 2019, State Bank of India (SBI) announced to introduce repo-linked home loan product from July 1, 2019. It has become the first bank to offer this facility.
- ✦ The home loans up to Rs 75 lakh will be priced at 2.65% over the repo rate of 5.75% resulting in the interest rate of 8.40%. At present, it offers home loans linked to its marginal cost of funds at 8.55%. SBI also reduced the interest rate on Cash Credit Account (CC) and Overdraft (OD) customers with limits above Rs 1 lakh, after the RBI reduced the repo rate by 25 basis points to 5.75%.
- ✦ At present, the effective Repo-Linked Lending Rate (RLLR) for CC/ OD customers is 8% whereas for savings deposits above Rs 1 lakh the new rate is 3%.
- ✦ iv. In March, SBI had linked all CC accounts and ODs with limits above Rs 1 lakh to the repo rate plus a spread of 2.25%. For above Rs 1 lakh, it had set its savings deposit rates to 2.75% below the repo rate.

**Foot Notes:****About SBI**

- ❖ Headquarters: Mumbai
- ❖ Chairman: Rajnish Kumar
- ❖ Founded: July 1, 1955

**3.Kazakh-Indian Investment Forum held in Ahmedabad**

- ✚ Kazakh-Indian Investment Forum was held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat on June 7, 2019 to attract investments. It was organized by the Embassy of Kazakhstan in India with the support of the Honorary Consulate of Kazakhstan in the state of Gujarat Dilip Chandan, the National Company- Kazakh Invest and Jain International Trade Organization.
- ✚ The event witnessed the participation of the leaders of more than 30 Indian companies.
- ✚ Preliminary agreements were given during the B2B (business-to-business), also known as e-biz, meetings.

**Foot Notes****About Kazakhstan**

- ❖ Largest City: Almaty
- ❖ Official Languages: Kazakh, Russian

**4.China appoints veteran diplomat Sun Weidong as new envoy to India**

- ✚ China has appointed veteran diplomat Sun Weidong, an expert in South Asian affairs and worked closely with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar during his tenure as Ambassador in Beijing, as its new envoy to India.
- ✚ Sun, who also served as the ambassador to Pakistan, is currently the Director General of the Policy and Planning Department of the Foreign Ministry.

**Foot Notes****About China**

- ❖ President: Xi Jinping

**5. A penalty of Rs.11.25 lakh imposed on Zip Cash, Yes Bank by RBI**

- ✚ A penalty of Rs.11.25 lakh imposed on ZipCash, Yes Bank by RBI. The Reserve Bank of India slapped a monetary penalty 11.25 lakh each on Private sector lender



'Yes Bank' and Online Wallet Service, 'ZipCash Card Services' for violating PPI norms pertaining to issuance and operation of PPIs.

- ✚ The fine imposed in exercise of powers vested under Section 30 of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007, for non-compliance of regulatory guidelines.

### Foot Notes

#### About Yes Bank

- ❖ Headquarters: Mumbai
- ❖ Founders: Rana Kapoor, Ashok Kapur

#### About Zip Cash

- ❖ Headquarters: Mumbai
- ❖ Founded: 2007

### 6. Tata Consultancy Services Indian Company has the Higher Market Value than IBM at \$120.5 bn.

- ✚ India's largest software services company Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has surpassed US technology giant IBM in terms of market capitalisation.
- ✚ As of recent closing, the market cap of TCS stood at Rs8.37 lakh crore (\$120.5 billion) compared to IBM's \$119.5 billion.
- ✚ TCS reported revenue of \$20.9 billion in the previous fiscal while IBM ended 2018 with \$79.6 billion in revenue.

### Foot Notes

#### About TCS

- ❖ Founded: 1 April 1968
- ❖ Headquarters: Mumbai
- ❖ Founders: Faquir Chand Kohli, J. R. D. Tata, Tata Sons.

### 7. Amazon clinches top spot in the world's most valuable brand ranking

- ✚ Amazon clinched the world's most valuable brand in cloud computing, consumer tech and movie production. It is founded by the world's richest man Jeff Bezos.
- ✚ According to the 2019 BrandZ Top 100 Most Valuable Global Brands rankings, Amazon online retailer set its brand value quintuple in the past five years to reach \$315.5 billion.
- ✚ It is undertaken annually by advertising holding company WPP. The detailed study of Brand Z reveals firms financial data and draws on an extensive consumer survey to reach its conclusions.

**Foot Notes****About Amazon**

- ❖ CEO: Jeff Bezos
- ❖ Founder: Jeff Bezos
- ❖ Founded: 5 July 1994

**8. BharatPe appoints Pratekk Agarwal as Chief Business Officer**

- ✚ To lead its push into lending, digital payments firm BharatPe, has appointed Pratekk Agarwal as its Chief Business Officer. Agarwal holds more than 18 years of experience and has worked across financial services companies like Indostar Capital, Bajaj Capital, and Fullerton India.
- ✚ He also co-founded Self in December 2016 to work on insurance, financial management, and lending.
- ✚ BharatPe on boards micro merchants for Unified Payments Interface (UPI)-based transactions through quick response (QR) codes. It is now making a foray into lending and other financial services for merchants.

**Foot Notes:****About BharatPe**

- ❖ CEO and Co-founder of BharatPe: Ashneer Grover

**9. Rating agencies will now have to disclose the probability of defaults : Sebi**

- ✚ According to the Sebi circular, rating companies will now create a uniform probability of default benchmark for each rating category on their website, for one-year, two-year and three-year cumulative default rates, both for the short term and long term.
- ✚ Rating agencies also have to disclose factors that could potentially impact the rating of the instruments and it also include an assessment of financials

**Foot Notes:****About SEBI**

- ❖ SEBI Headquarter: Mumbai
- ❖ Chairperson: Ajay Tyagi

**10. Govt. Plans To Raise USD 84 Billion From Airwaves Auction In 2019**

- ✚ Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led NDA Government hopes to increase around \$83.8 billion (Rs 5.83 trillion rupees) from its latest round of airwaves auction in 2019.

- ✦ The Central government is planning to sell 8,600 megahertz of telecom airwaves across multiple frequency bands. Rs 65,789 crore was raised in the airwaves auction held by the government in 2016-17.
- ✦ Recently, Telecom Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad announced the debut auction of fifth-generation (5G) spectrum this year along with trials within 100 days.

### 11. Recent Reports Says The Global Internet Users Have Touched 3.8 Billion

- ✦ According to the Mary Meeker's 2019 Internet Trends Report that the global internet users have touched 3.8 billion which is more than half of the world's population.
- ✦ China was found to have the largest internet user base at 21%. The internet users in India are 12%, and the United States are 8%.
- ✦ The report said Asia Pacific region was found to be leading in terms of both the number of users and potential internet users with 53% of users coming from this part of the world.
- ✦ Global internet users making 51% of the world's population is a considerable growth as compared to 29% of the world's population using the internet in 2009. The report noted a slowdown in the year-on-year growth in the volume of global internet users.

### 12. UNCTAD World Investment Report 2019

- ✦ According to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) World Investment Report 2019, India received foreign direct investments (FDI) worth USD 42 billion in 2018.
- ✦ India attracted over 77% of the total foreign direct investments that came to the South Asian region.
- ✦ India's rank as a source country for FDI dropped one place to the 10th position as it was overtaken by Spain.

## New Appointments & Person in News

### 1. Romila Thapar elected as a member of American Philosophical Society

- ✦ Famous Writer Romila Thapar elected as an international member of American Philosophical Society (APS) at its Annual Spring Meeting. She is Emerita professor whose principal area of study is ancient India.
- ✦ She wrote several books including the popular volume, A History of India, and is currently Professor Emerita at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) in New Delhi.
- ✦ She was offered Padma Bhushan award but declined both times.
- ✦ Her famous Works: Aśoka, epigraphy of Mauryan period, and ground-breaking studies and multiple historiographies surrounding contested Hindu and Muslim history of Somnath.

**Foot Notes:**

- ❖ Founder: Benjamin Franklin
- ❖ Founded: 1743
- ❖ Headquarters: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States
- ❖ Subsidiaries: American Philosophical Society Museum, American Philosophical Society Library

**2. Kassym-Jomart Tokayev as the new president of Kazakhstan**

- ✚ Interim President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev has won the 2019 Presidential election of Kazakhstan with 70.96% of the vote.
- ✚ He was recognised as the elected president by the Central Election Commission (CEC) and will take an oath of office June 12. Earlier, on 20th March 2019, Tokayev took office as the Interim President of Kazakhstan & succeeded Nursultan Nazarbayev who served as the President from the country's independence in 1992 until his resignation.
- ✚ The President of the Republic of Kazakhstan is the head of state, commander-in-chief and holder of the highest office within the Republic of Kazakhstan.

**Foot Notes****About Kazakhstan**

- ❖ Capital: Nur-Sultan Trending
- ❖ Currency: Kazakhstani tenge
- ❖ Prime minister: Askar Mamin

**3. Culture Minister, Shri Prahalad Singh Patel, to inaugurate the exhibition-‘Astitva: The Essence of Prabhakar Barwe’.**

- ✚ Shri Prahalad Singh Patel, Minister of State (I/c) of Culture & Tourism, Government of India will inaugurate the exhibition titled “Astitva: The Essence of Prabhakar Barwe”, at National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi.
- ✚ ‘Astitva : The essence of Prabhakar Barwe’, is the first of its kind to be held in New Delhi that will present his artistic oeuvre in four distinct phases.
- ✚ Exhibition will be open for public until Sunday 28th July, 2019.

## Science Tech & Defence

**1. India successfully launched new Technology Demonstrator Missile in Odisha**

- ✚ On June 12, 2019, India successfully launched new Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle (HSTDV) off the coast of Odisha. Defence Research and

Development Organisation (DRDO) had carried out the trials from Dr Abdul Kalam Island in the Bay of Bengal. HSTDV will help DRDO to develop technologies for futuristic missions.

- ✦ The test was conducted by the Premier Defence Research Agency in the presence of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Secretary (Defence Production) Ajay Kumar at the test firing range in Balasore, Odisha. HSTDV, developed by DRDO with help from Israel and the UK, will be mounted on a solid rocket motor to take it to the required altitude. After the required altitude is reached and the Mach is achieved, the cruise vehicle will be ejected out of the launch vehicle.
- ✦ It is a dual-use technology Project with civilian applications. It has a flight duration of 20 seconds at an altitude of 31 km.

### Foot Notes

#### About DRDO

- ❖ Headquarters: New Delhi
- ❖ Founded: 1958
- ❖ Motto: "Strength's Origin is in Science"
- ❖ Chairman: Dr. G. Satheesh Reddy

### 2. Facebook is set to launch an updated version of its video chat device 'Portal' later in 2019.

- ✦ Social networking giant Facebook is set to launch an updated version of its video chat device 'Portal' later in 2019.
- ✦ Andrew Bosworth, Vice President of Facebook's Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) confirmed that the company has a lot more to unveil "later this fall", related to Portal, The Verge reported.
- ✦ The device was first launched in November 2018. While the smaller device was priced at \$199, the larger "Portal Plus" was made available for \$349 with 10-inch display and 15-inch display, respectively.

### Foot Notes

#### About Facebook

- ❖ Founded: February 2004
- ❖ CEO: Mark Zuckerberg
- ❖ Headquarters: Menlo Park, California, United States
- ❖ CFO: David Wehner

### 3. Dell tops the list of most trusted brand in India, while Amazon is most trusted Internet Brand: TRA Research 2019

- ✦ Dell has emerged as India's most trusted brand in 2019, according to a research by Trust Research Advisory (TRA), a research firm that releases a Brand Trust Report annually.
- ✦ Dell, which was at the 6th position last year, has risen to the top, while Samsung, which was 2018's most trusted brand now ranks 6th. Interestingly, automobile brand Jeep has emerged the second most trusted brand, up a whopping 551 ranks from last year.
- ✦ Known for its rugged military vehicles in India and the world over, the brand made its entry in the country in the 1950s.

**Foot Notes:****About Dell**

- ❖ CEO: Michael S. Dell
- ❖ Headquarters: Round Rock, Texas, United States
- ❖ Founder: Michael S. Dell

**4. India to have its own space station: ISRO**

- ✦ Dr. K. Sivan, Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) announce that India plans to have its own space station, and modalities for it will be worked out after the first manned mission, Gaganyaan, scheduled for August 2022,
- ✦ Dr. Sivan said the proposed space station is envisaged to weigh 20 tonnes and serve as a facility where astronauts can stay for 15-20 days, and it would be placed in an orbit 400 km above earth.
- ✦ The time frame for launch is 5-7 years after Gaganyaan, he added.
- ✦ The ISRO would also join the international space community for a manned mission to moon and beyond.

**5. 2nd Moon Mission Chandrayaan-2 : Two Scientists Ritu Kridhal And Vanitha**

- ✦ For the first time, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has appointed two women scientists – Ritu Karidhal (as mission director) and Muthayya Vanitha (as project director) – to head the India's second Moon mission Chandrayaan-2.
- ✦ ISRO Chairman K Sivan announced that close to 30 percent of the ISRO team working on Chandrayaan 2 are women.
- ✦ Ritu Karidhal was referred as the 'Rocket Woman of India'. She became famous with the launch of the Mars Orbiter Mission where she was the deputy operations director.
- ✦ Muthayya Vanitha received the Best Woman Scientist award in 2006 by the Astronomical Society of India.

## Important days

### 1. World Day against Child Labour 2019 celebrated on June 12

- ✦ World Day Against Child Labour (WDACL) was observed on June 12, 2019. It was introduced to focus on the extent of child labour worldwide and the efforts required to eliminate it.
- ✦ The theme for the year is “Children shouldn’t work in fields, but on dreams!”.
- ✦ In India, the Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani inaugurated the National Consultation Workshop on Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Rescue and Rehabilitation of Child Labour in New Delhi. It was organised by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)

### 2. International Albinism Awareness Day 2019 observed on June 13

- ✦ On June 13, 2019, International Albinism Awareness Day was observed. The day is observed to preserve the rights of persons with albinism and take efforts to ensure equal access for them to employment, education, justice and good health. The theme for the year is “Still Standing Strong”.
- ✦ On December 18, 2014, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted Resolution A/RES/69/170 to observe June 13 as International Albinism Awareness Day with effect from 2015.
- ✦ Albinism is a genetic condition that causes very little or no pigmentation in the skin, hair, and eyes. The symptoms of Albinism are absence of color in the hair, skin, or eyes, lighter than normal coloring of the hair, skin, or eyes and patches on skin that have an absence of color. It is accompanied by a number of vision defects including nystagmus, amblyopia and photophobia.

### Foot Notes

#### About UNGA

- ❖ Headquarters: New York, US
- ❖ President: María Fernanda Espinosa

### 3. World Blood Donor Day 2019 observed on June 14

- ✦ World Blood Donor Day 2019 (WBDD) was observed on June 14. It is celebrated by the World Health Organization (WHO) to raise awareness on blood donation. The theme of this year’s campaign is blood donation and universal access to safe blood transfusion, as a component of achieving universal health coverage. It encourages people all over the world to become blood donors and donate blood regularly. The Slogan for World Blood Day 2019 is “Safe blood for all”.

- ✦ World Blood Donor Day marks the birth anniversary of Karl Landsteiner who was born on June 14, 1868. He was a scientist who won the Nobel Prize for his discovery of the ABO blood group system
- ✦ First celebration was initiated and established on June 14, 2004 by the WHO and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).
- ✦ The host country for the celebration was Rwanda and the global event was held in Kigali, Rwanda.

**Foot Notes:****About World Health Organization**

- ❖ Secretary-General: António Guterres
- ❖ Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland
- ❖ Founded: 7 April 1948
- ❖ Founders: India, United States, Brazil, Mexico, Australia, Venezuela

## Sports

**1. IAAF To Be Renamed World Athletics**

- ✦ The IAAF Council approved the global governing body's new name and logo at the 217th IAAF Council Meeting in Monaco.
- ✦ The athletics body's new name, 'World Athletics', builds upon the organization's restructuring and governance reform agenda of the past four years to represent a modern, more creative and positive face for the sport.

**Foot Notes:****About Association of Athletics Federations.**

- ❖ Most recent: 2017
- ❖ Next event: 2019
- ❖ Organiser: International Association of Athletics Federations

**2. Virat Kohli is the Only Indian In The List Of Top Paid Athletes**

- ✦ Indian cricketer Virat Kohli is the only Indian in the Forbes list of world's highest-paid athletes.
- ✦ He has been estimated with an annual earnings of \$25 million. According to the report, his earnings are \$21 million from endorsements and USD 4 million from salary and winnings for the last 12 months.
- ✦ Kohli, the Indian captain, has dropped 17 spots to be 100th in the rankings despite an increase of \$1 million in endorsements. He was ranked 83rd in 2018.



- ✦ The list is topped by Barcelona and Argentina football superstar Lionel Messi. Retired boxer Floyd Mayweather has been dethroned by Messi as the sports world's highest earner, raking in \$127 million via salary and endorsement deals.
- ✦ Messi's long-time rival Cristiano Ronaldo, the Juventus and Portugal star is second with earnings of \$109 million.

### 3. India Remained At 101 In The Latest FIFA Rankings, Belgium On Top

- ✦ The Indian men's football team remained static at the 101 position in the latest FIFA rankings. India recently participated in King's Cup in Thailand, in which it lost one match and won the other in the tournament.
- ✦ Belgium remained to top the overall FIFA world rankings, followed by France, Brazil, England, and Portugal.
- ✦ The Indian team is at the 18th spot among the Asian countries. Iran has become the only Asian country to feature in the top 20 as they moved one spot to finish at the 20th rank.
- ✦ FIFA President is Gianni Infantino and Headquarter is Zürich, Switzerland

## Awards

### 1. Maldives to confer its highest award Nishan Izzuddin on Prime Minister Narendra Modi

- ✦ Shri Narendra Modi is conferred with Maldives highest award 'Nishan Izzuddin'.
- ✦ The main aim of the visit is to further cement ties with the Indian Ocean archipelago.
- ✦ Earlier, Prime Minister Modi and President Solih held delegation-level talks as the two countries signed a slew of agreements to strengthen bilateral ties in a number of key areas including defence.
- ✦ His last was in November 2018 to attend President Solih's swearing-in, this visit is the first by an Indian prime minister at a bilateral level in eight years.

#### Foot Notes:

#### About Maldives

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

### 2. Mahindra wins Gold Award in South Africa

- ✦ The automobile Giant Mahindra Group won the Gold Award in South Africa. It clinches the top spot among 29 vehicle brands for the award.

- ✦ Mahindra Group received the Gold award from National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA).
- ✦ Satisfaction among its dealers and being fair and responsive in the way allocated vehicles to its dealers gave the Mahindra group at the top honor.
- ✦ It has 60 dealers in South Africa.

### Foot Notes

#### About Mahindra Group

- ❖ CEO: Anand Mahindra
- ❖ Headquarters: Mumbai

#### About the National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA)

- ❖ It is an American trade organization established in 1917.
- ❖ It was founded in Chicago, Illinois, U.S.

### 3.Priyanka Chopra awarded Danny Kaye Humanitarian Award by UNICEF

- ✦ Indian actress Priyanka Chopra was selected for “Danny Kaye Humanitarian Award” by United Nations International Children’s Fund’s (UNICEF) American chapter.
- ✦ She will be presented with this award at UNICEF American chapter’s Snowflake Ball which is to be held in December 2019 in New York.
- ✦ She is the National and Global UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador for Child Rights in 2010 and 2016, respectively.
- ✦ She was part of United Nation’s global “Girl Up” Campaign. In India, she is also associated with several NGOs (Non-governmental organizations) to raise awareness about ways to improve the education, health and safety of girl child in India.

### Foot Notes:

#### About UNICEF

- ❖ Headquarters: New York, New York, United States
- ❖ Founded: 11 December 1946, New York, New York, United States
- ❖ Executive director: Henrietta H. Fore
- ❖ Founders: United Nations General Assembly, Ludwik Rajchman
- ❖ Chairman: Henrietta H Fore

#### Danny Kaye Humanitarian Award

- ❖ It is named after actor-philanthropist Danny Kaye.
- ❖ He was American actor, singer, comedian, musician, dancer, and philanthropist.

He was first Goodwill Ambassad

**4. Four Indian movies selected to be screened at South Korea's Film Festival 2019**

- ✦ Among 288 movies from over 29 countries, four Indian movies to be screened at the Bucheon International Fantastic Film Festival 2019.
- ✦ The Bollywood movies which will be screened include Gully Boy, Andhadhun and Manikarnika: The Queen of Jhansi and one Tamil movie which will be screened is Super Deluxe.
- ✦ Gully Boy, Andhadhun, Manikarnika & Super Deluxe selected for Bucheon International Fantastic Film Festival

**Foot Notes:**

- ❖ South Korea Capital- Seoul,
- ❖ Currency-South Korean won or UNICEF appointed in 1954

**Obituaries****1. Muzaffarpur (Bihar): Death toll Rises to 66 in Due to Encephalitis**

- ✦ Muzaffarpur district of Bihar reported death of 69 children due to Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES).
- ✦ 130 children have been hospitalised in the district Till now.
- ✦ The district Magistrate of Muzaffarpur has announced that for students till class eight, schools will remain closed till June 22 and for students in higher standards, classes will be held only till 10.30 am.
- ✦ Encephalitis is an inflammation or swelling and irritation of the brain.
- ✦ It is also called acute viral encephalitis or aseptic encephalitis.

**LIST OF ALL INDIA TOPPERS FROM IBT**

<b>SUBHOJIT CHAKRABORTY</b> <b>SBI PO - 2016</b> Roll No.: 38407295966  	<b>SACHIN ZANWAR</b> <b>SBI PO - 2018</b> Roll No.: 2550139022  	<b>SHALINI SINGH</b> <b>IBPS PO - 2017</b> Roll No.: 1580179828  	<b>LOVE GUPTA</b> <b>SSC CGL - INSPECTOR</b> Roll No.: 2201295176  	<b>MOHA VASHISTHA</b> <b>SSC CGL - INSPECTOR</b> Roll No.: 3840729596  	<b>AASTHA SIHAG</b> <b>SSC CGL - INSPECTOR</b> Roll No.: 2201399971  
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