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National News

✚ India's first dragon blood-oozing tree

- Researchers discover *Dracaena cambodiana*, a dragon tree species in the Dongka Sarpo area of West Karbi Anglong district in Assam.
- This is for the first time that a dragon tree species has been reported from India.
- Dragon tree species whose sap turns bright red after coming in contact with air.

❖ Foot Notes:

➤ About Assam

1. **Capital of Assam:** Dispur
2. **CM of Assam:** Sarbananda Sonowal
3. **Governor of Assam:** Jagdish Mukhi.

✚ 2. ISRO to launch India's 1st solar mission Aditya-L1 in the first half of 2020

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has announced that it will launch its first solar mission Aditya-L1 in the first half of 2020. It will be the first dedicated scientific mission to study Sun's corona.
- **Aim:** It aims to put Aditya-L1 satellite(800-kg) into a halo orbit around Lagrangian point L1 of Sun and Earth system. The L1 point is situated at a distance of about 1.5 million km from earth.
- **Aditya L1:** It will be India's 1st solar probe to study the magnetic field of the sun's corona. The satellite will carry 7 payloads including the main payload Visible Emission Line Coronagraph (VLEC). It will study the dynamic nature of the sun's outer most layers, corona, and chromosphere and collect data about Coronal Mass Ejections (CME).

❖ Foot Notes:

➤ About ISRO:

1. **Director:** Kailasavadivoo Sivan
2. **Headquarters:** Bengaluru
3. **Founded:** 15 August 1969

✚ 3. New governors appointed to 6 Indian States

- President Ram Nath Kovind has transferred 2 Governors and made 4 new appointments across 6 States. New appointments are as follows:
- **Madhya Pradesh:** Lalji Tandon will replace Anandiben Patel.
- **Uttar Pradesh:** Anandiben Patel will replace Ram Naik.
- **West Bengal:** Jagdeep Dhankhar will replace Keshari Nath Tripathi.
- **Bihar:** Phagu Chuhan will replace Lalji Tandon.
- **Nagaland:** R.N. Ravi will replace P.B. Acharya.
- **Tripura:** Ramesh Bais will replace Kaptan Singh Solanki.

✚ 4. Indian Navy commissions fifth Dornier Aircraft Squadron

- The Indian Navy commissioned its new Dornier Aircraft Squadron in Chennai.
- This is Indian Navy's 5th Dornier Aircraft squadron.
- The Dornier squadron under Eastern Naval Command would strengthen Indian Navy's efforts in maintaining constant surveillance and safe guarding maritime interests in the eastern seaboard of India.

❖ Foot Notes:

Chief of the Naval Staff: Admiral Karambir Singh.

✚ 5. All toll lanes on National Highways to be 'FASTag lanes' from December 1, 2019

- To encourage digital payments at toll plazas and decongest national highways, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has decided to declare all lanes at toll fee plaza on National Highways as 'FASTag lanes' from 1st December 2019.

- Under the National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) Rules, 2008, currently there is a provision of making a vehicle owner pay twice the toll fare. This rule will be strictly implemented if non-FASTag users are passing through FASTag lanes and make double the fee cash payments after December 1, 2019.
- **NHAI's function:** National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) will identify & resolve Logistics and other implementation problems at fee plazas.
- **FASTag:** It is an electronic toll connection device attached to the windscreen of the vehicle to enable drivers to pass through toll plazas without having to stop for a cash transaction.
- It uses radio frequency identification (RFID) technology to enable direct toll payments while the vehicle is moving. The toll fee is deducted from the bank account linked to FASTag.

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About MoRTH**

1. **Founded:** July 1942
2. **Headquarters:** New Delhi
3. **Minister responsible :** Nitin Gadkari (Union Minister)

✚ **6. Reliance Industries overtakes Indian Oil on Fortune Global 500 list**

- Reliance Industries (RIL) is now the highest-ranking Indian firm on the Fortune Global 500 list. The Mukesh Ambani led oil-to-telecom conglomerate jumped 42 places to rank 106 on this year's list, finally leaving Indian Oil Corp (IOC) in the dust.
- The country's largest state-owned refiner had hitherto been the top ranked desi entity on the list. In fact, it had steadfastly topped the Fortune India 500 list, too, since it was first compiled in 2010.
- According to Fortune, while RIL's revenue soared 32.1 per cent from \$62.3 billion in 2018 to \$82.3 billion in 2019, IOC lags behind, clocking a 17.7 per cent growth in revenue from \$65.9 billion to \$77.6 billion in the same period.

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About Reliance Industries**

1. **CEO:** Mukesh Ambani
2. **Owner:** Mukesh Ambani
3. **Founder:** Dhirubhai Ambani
4. **Founded:** 8 May 1973, Maharashtra

✚ **7. CRPF unveils country's first body protector jointly developed by DRDO for women personnel in combat**

- India's largest Central Armed Police Force, CRPF (Central Reserve Police Force) unveiled the country's first prototype of a body protector for women personnel. CRPF unveils country's first body protector. It has been jointly developed after over two years of research by CRPF and Defence Institute of Physiology and Allied Sciences (DIPAS), which functions under the DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation).
- The multi-design black coloured "gender-specific protective gear" weighs 6 kg cost around Rs 9000 would protect an individual from the neck to the toe with chest, hand, legs, shin and thigh guards.
- 8,000 women personnel in CRPF will be benefited by the protective gear & help them during riot-control duties and regulation of public protests. CRPF also gets sanction to install sanitary pad dispensers for women in combat. The Union Home Ministry has sanctioned funds to the CRPF to install over 500 sanitary pad dispensers and incinerators for the combined women in the Force to help them in ensuring personal hygiene with ease.

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About CRPF**

1. **Headquarters:** New Delhi
2. **CRPF Director General:** Rajiv Rai Bhatnagar
3. **Minister responsible:** Amit Shah, Union Minister of Home Affairs
4. **Founded:** 27 July 1939

8. MoHUA proposes light urban rail 'Metrolite' for smaller cities

- The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has proposed light urban rail transit system – 'Metrolite' in small cities and towns which have lower projection of ridership.
- Each train will have 3 coaches with the capacity of carrying 300 passengers and it will have a restricted speed of 25 kmph. It will act as a feeder system to high capacity Metro and will be developed on surface and elevated stretches.
- MoHUA has issued standard specifications of the 'Metrolite' system. Financial assistance will be provided to the states by the Centre to implement the project. It will have a dedicated path separating the road traffic with it. The maximum operational speed of the Metrolite is 60 kmph.

➤ About MoHUA:

1. **Headquarters:** New Delhi
2. **Founded:** 1952

9. Minister In-charge: Hardeep Singh Puri (MOS independent charge)

- Lok Sabha passed the 2019 Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill
- Lok Sabha passed the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2019 on 25 July. The Bill was introduced by the Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad. The bill is for the justice, respect and dignity of women.
- **Provisions of the Bill:**
- The Bill criminalises instant triple talaq among Muslims. It also approves a jail term of three years for the husband.
- The bill will replace the ordinance passed by the previous government in February. It should be noted that around 20 Muslim countries in the world, including Pakistan and Malaysia, have banned the triple talaq.
- **Opposition:**
- The Bill was opposed by BJP ally Janata Dal (United). The party said that it will create distrust among a particular community.

- Government bans Colistin- antibiotic used in poultry industry
- The Union Health Ministry has banned colistin, which is an antibiotic used in poultry industry for producing animals, aqua farming etc.
- It was banned as it has high risk of life threat to human beings. The ban has been imposed under section 26 of the of drugs and cosmetics act 1940.

❖ Foot Notes:**➤ About Colistin**

1. Colistin is also known as polymyxin E.
2. It is used to treat ventilator associated pneumonia
3. It also has its side effects like slurred speech, dizziness, spinning sensation, itching mild rashes etc.
4. Colistin is a crucial last-resort option as it is not frequently used in typical care because of its side effects
5. The World Health Organization (WHO) considers colistin as a 'highest priority critically important antimicrobials' for humans.
6. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurates Ujjh and Basantarbrid

10. World Reputation Rankings 2019: Top 3 Best Institutes in India are IISc Bengaluru, IIT Madras and MAHE

- In the World Reputation Rankings 2019 released by the Times Higher Education, among the Indian Institutes, Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras and Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Manipal were awarded the top 3 positions.

- The 2019 rankings are based on a survey carried out between November 2018 and February 2019. It received a total of 11,554 responses from 135 countries. It ranked institutions for their reputation in research and teaching.
- MAHE was ranked 419 from 704 of 2018 rankings. It topped the list among the private institutions in India with 414 rank in Teaching and 458 in Research.

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About MAHE**

1. **Location:** Manipal, Udupi, Karnataka
2. **Motto:** Inspired by Life
3. **Chancellor:** Ramdas Madhav Paia

International News

1. China launches first private rocket capable of carrying satellites

- Beijing-based startup "Interstellar Glory Space Technology" also known as iSpace successfully launched the china's first commercial rocket.
- The 20 m (66-foot) rocket designed by iSpace named Hyperbola-1 reached an altitude of 300 kilometres (186 miles).
- The rocket is capable of carrying satellites into orbit.

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About China**

1. **Capital of China:** Beijing
2. **Currency:** Renminbi.

2. POCESO (Amendment) Bill, 2019 with provision of death penalty passed by Rajya Sabha

- Rajya Sabha passed the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) (Amendment) Bill, 2019 which provides for death penalty to the culprits in the cases of sexual assault and stringent punishments for other crimes against children.
- It provides for the levy of fines and imprisonment up to 5 years to curb child pornography. In the event of a second or subsequent conviction, the punishment would be up to seven years and fine.
- According to the amendment bill, those committing penetrative sexual assaults on a child below 16 years of age would be punished with imprisonment up to 20 years, which might extend to life imprisonment as well as fine.

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About POCESO Act 2012**

1. It was established to protect the children against offences like sexual abuse, sexual harassment and pornography. It was formed to provide a child-friendly system for trial underneath which the perpetrators could be punished. The Act defines a child as any person below eighteen years of age. It also makes provisions for avoiding the re-victimisation of the child at the hands of the judicial system. Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 received the President's assent on June 19, 2012. It was notified in the Gazette of India on June 20, 2012.

3. Priti Patel Appointed UK's First Indian-Origin Home Secretary

- Priti Patel, an ardent Brexiteer who was among the most vocal critics of Theresa May's Brexit strategy, took charge as Britain's first Indian-origin Home Secretary in the newly-unveiled Boris Johnson Cabinet.
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❖ Foot Notes:

1. **Prime minister:** Boris Johnson Trending
2. **Capital:** London
3. **Currency:** Pound sterling

✚ 4. NASA to send “first woman and next man” on Moon in 2024

- U.S. space agency NASA prepares to send “first woman and next man” on Moon as part of its ambitious Artemis programme in 2024.
- NASA has marked the 50th anniversary of the historic first Moon landing.

Foot Notes:

1. **Headquarters of NASA:** Washington DC USA
2. **Founded:** 29 July 1958.
3. **Administrator of NASA:** Jim Bridenstine.

✚ 5. Boris Johnson won the contest to be next British Prime Minister

- British politician & a Leader of the Conservative Party Boris de Pfeffel Johnson(55), who has promised to lead Britain out of the European Union(28-nation bloc) with or without a deal by the end of October 2019 won the contest to be the British prime minister(PM) succeeds Theresa May, who got stepped down over her failure to get parliament to ratify her Brexit deal.
- After a six-week leadership race, He won the votes of 92,153 members of the Conservative party, almost twice the 46,656 won by his rival, Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt. The pound has fallen sharply in recent weeks on fears of a no-deal Brexit, and stands near \$1.24 and was up against all major peers after the announcement.
- Johnson, the face of the 2016 Brexit referendum has just 100 days to negotiate a new divorce deal with the European Union before the UK(United Kingdom).

❖ Foot Notes:**➤ About Boris Johnson**

1. He was born in New York selected as the Member of Parliament for Uxbridge and South Ruislip since 2015 & the member of MP for Henley from 2001 to 2008. He also served as UK foreign minister and London’s Mayor.
2. About Brexit
3. Brexit is the word referred by merging the words Britain and exit. It means that Britain is leaving the EU(European Union).

New Appointments and Person in News

✚ 1. Ajay Bhalla appointed as Home Secretary

- Ajay Kumar Bhalla has been appointed Officer on Special Duty (OSD) to the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- Bhalla will take over as Home Secretary from incumbent Rajive Gauba. Bhalla is currently serving as Power Secretary.

❖ Foot Notes:

1. Union Minister of Home Affairs: Amit Shah.

✚ 2. BP Kanungo to run monetary policy after the resignation of Viral Acharya

- India's Central Bank, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has assigned Deputy Governor BP Kanungo to run the monetary policy portfolio after the resignation of fellow Deputy Governor Viral V. Acharya.
- The monetary policy department, including forecasting and modeling unit, was earlier looked after by Acharya, who quit his role as Deputy Governor on June 2019.
- Kanungo will retain his currency management portfolio would become the 6th member of the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee, which will next meet on August 5-7, 2019. Now the three deputy governors N S Vishwanathan, B P Kanungo and M K Jain will be responsible for 12 departments each.

❖ **Foot Notes:**➤ **About RBI:**

1. **Governor:** Shaktikanta Das
2. **Headquarters:** Mumbai
3. **Founded:** 1 April 1935

✚ **3. Kalraj Mishra sworn in as the new Governor of Himachal Pradesh**

- On July 22, 2019 Janata Party (BJP) leader Kalraj Mishra, aged 78, was sworn in as the 26th governor of Himachal Pradesh replacing Acharya Devvrat, who has been transferred and appointed as the Governor of Gujarat.
- He had resigned as the Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in 2017 after he crossed the age of 75 beyond which BJP leaders are barred from occupying official posts and cannot contest elections.
- He was elected as a Member of Parliament (MP) in 2014 Lok Sabha elections from Deoria in Uttar Pradesh.

❖ **Foot Notes:**➤ **About Himachal Pradesh**

1. **Capital:** Shimla
2. **Chief Minister:** Jai Ram Thakur
3. **National Parks:** Great Himalayan National Park, Pin Valley National Park, Inderkilla National Park, Khirganga National Park, Simbalbara National Park
4. **Wildlife Sanctuaries:** Bandli WLS, Churdhar WLS, Daranghati WLS, Gulgul Siyabehi WLS, Kais WLS, Kugti WLS, Lippa Asrang WLS, Majathal WLS, Pong Dam Lake WLS, Sainj WLS, Tirthan WLS et.

Banking

✚ **1. Maharashtra tops in ATM frauds: RBI**

- According to the data of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), accessed by the Times of India (TOI), Maharashtra registered the highest number of Automated Teller Machine (ATM) frauds in India for the FY 2018-19. It was followed by Delhi, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. Amounts of less than Rs 1 lakh were not considered for the data.

The following are the details:

State/UT	Cases	Amount
Maharashtra	233	Rs 4.8 crore
Delhi	179	Rs 2.9 crore
Tamil Nadu	147	Rs 3.63 crore
Karnataka	65	Rs 1.3 crore
Haryana	58	Rs 1.1 crore

- There was an increase in ATM fraud cases up from 911 cases in 2017-18 to 980 in 2018-19. The amount involved was decreased from Rs 65.3 crore in 2017-18 to Rs 21.4 crore in 2018-19.
- With regard to ATM/Debit card, Credit card and Internet banking transactions of over Rs 1 lakh, there were 1,367 frauds reported in FY 2016-17; 2,127 frauds in FY 2017-18; and 1,477 frauds in FY 2018-19
- Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura were the only three states which did not report a single incident.

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About Reserve Bank Of India:**

1. **Headquarters:** Mumbai
2. **Founded:** 1 April 1935, Kolkata
3. **Governor:** Shaktikanta Das

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✚ **2. Standard Chartered to be the first foreign bank to launch operations at GIFT IFSC**

- UK-based Standard Chartered will be the first foreign bank to launch operations at International Financial Service Centre (IFSC). Standard Chartered. The bank has received in-principle regulatory approvals to set up its IFSC Banking Unit (IBU) in Gujarat International Finance Tec-city (GIFT city).
- Tapan Ray, MD & CEO of GIFT City said that with the presence of Standard Chartered, the IFSC ecosystem will be formidable.
- GIFT City

i. Gift city was one of the dream projects of Shri. Narendra Modi when he was the Chief Minister of Gujarat.

ii. It has been set up by the Gujarat government in joint partnership with Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services (IL&FS)

iii. The recent budget has laid special emphasis on aircraft financing and leasing which would make GIFT City, help build hub for aircraft financing and leasing with the help of Standard Chartered and other organizations in the future.

✚ **3. India - The first recipient of AIIB local currency funding**

- India will be the first recipient of local currency financing by the Asian Infrastructure and Investment Bank (AIIB). The objective of the local currency financing is to provide more options to borrowers.
- India is the second largest shareholder of AIIB with a 7.5% stake. It has received about \$2-billion funding for various projects so far.
- China holds 20.06% and Russia holds 5.92%.

➤ **About AIIB**

1. The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
2. **Headquarters:** Beijing, China
3. **President:** Jin Lique

Science Tech & Defence

✚ **1. Bangladesh develops an alternative for plastic from jute- "Sonali"**

- A team of scientists working for Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) have developed a method to convert Jute fibre into low cost Biodegradable cellulose sheets. It is named as "Sonali" – the Bengali word for "golden" bags. It is biodegradable after three months buried in soil and can also be recycled. Jute is called as the "golden fibre".

- The leader of the team that developed ‘Sonali’ was Mubarak Ahmad Khan. Commercial production of alternative plastic-like bags made from jute will begin by December 2019.
- India is the biggest producer of jute in the world, followed by Bangladesh.

2. Chetak helicopters by HAL delivered to the Indian Navy ahead of schedule.

- The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) delivered one Chetak helicopter to the Indian Navy ahead of its scheduled month of August. The documents of the Chopper were handed over to Commodore Vikram Menon.
- The HAL entered into a contract with the Indian Navy in the year 2017 to supply 8 Chetak helicopters by August 2020, with the first two by August 2019. The remaining seven helicopters will be delivered by August 2020.
- Latest communication and navigation systems indigenously developed by HAL are fitted in this helicopter.

❖ Foot Notes:

➤ About HAL

1. **Headquarters-** Bengaluru
2. **CMD-** R Madhavan
3. **CEO-** Shri Shekar Shrivastava.

- i. The HAL till date has produced over 350 Chetak helicopters and delivered about 80 to the Navy.
- ii. The Chetak helicopters are produced by HAL under the licence from Eurocopter, France.
- iii. The first Chetak helicopter was delivered to the Indian Navy in February 1966
- iv. Currently there are 51 Chetak helicopters in operation by the Indian Navy

3. JATAN: Virtual Museum software for Digitization of Archaeological Museum

- **JATAN:** Virtual Museum software has been developed by Human Centres Design and Computing Group, C-DAC, Pune, Maharashtra for the Digitization of Archaeological Museum.
- JATAN is used for creating digital collections in various museums and digital archival tools that are used in background for managing National Portal.

❖ Foot Notes

Director General of ASI: Usha Sharma.

4. India to launch first-ever space war exercise 'IndSpaceEx'

- The Indian armed forces are all set to conduct the country's first-ever simulated space warfare exercise “IndSpaceEx”.
- This exercise will lead to an assessment of the “imminent threats” in the expanse beyond earth and the drafting of a joint space doctrine for futuristic battles.
- Ministry of Defence will organize exercise with all three forces together.

❖ Foot Notes:

Minister of Defence: Raj Nath Singh.

Important days

1. National Broadcasting day: 23 July

- India celebrates 23 July every year as the “National Broadcasting day”. On this day in 1927, the first ever radio broadcast in the country went on the air from the Bombay Station under the Indian Broadcasting Company.
- On 8th of June, 1936, the Indian State Broadcasting Service became All India Radio.
- Currently, AIR is one of the largest public broadcasting organisations in the world.

Books & Authors

1. PM Modi releases book on former PM Chandra Shekhar

- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, released the book "Chandra Shekhar - The Last Icon of Ideological Politics."
- The book has been written by Shri Harivansh, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha; and Shri Ravi Dutt Bajpai. The book release event was held at the Balayogi Auditorium, Parliament Library Building.
- The Prime Minister presented the first copy of the book to the Vice President of India, Shri Venkaiah Naidu. Prime Minister also announced a museum for all former Prime Ministers of India, and invited their families to share aspects of their lives.

2. Author Sunil Mishra's book 'Who Stole My Job enters second print Run'

- Srishti Publishers and Distributors, India's leading publishing house today announced the second print run of 'Who Stole My Job' by nationally acclaimed author Sunil Mishra.
- The book was first released in April 2019 and has received a very positive response from readers across the globe. The book is available across all leading online platforms and offline stores.
- 'Who Stole My Job' is a work of business fiction that relates to new technological disruptions in the age of artificial intelligence and their impact on daily and work lives. The book has been widely acclaimed and has received accolades from Prof Debashis Chatterjee, Mohandas Pai and Vivek Wadhwa.

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About the book**

1. "Who Stole My Job" is a work of business fiction that relates to new technological disruptions in the age of Artificial Intelligence and their impact on daily and work lives.
2. About Sunil Mishra
3. The author, Sunil Mishra has over two decades of experience with leading business consulting and technology organizations like McKinsey and Co., Accenture, Infosys and Oracle. He currently leads a team in Finacle, Infosys that works with the start-up ecosystem and product incubation.

Sports

1. ICC Test Rankings: Virat Kohli holds on to No 1 spot

- In the latest International Cricket Council (ICC) Test Batsmen's Rankings, India skipper Virat Kohli retained his number one position with 922 points. New Zealand's Kane Williamson (913) stood at the second position and India's Cheteshwar Pujara (881) held third position in the rankings.
- Team Rankings: India remained in the first place followed by New Zealand (2), South Africa (3), England (4) and Australia (5).
- Bowlers' Rankings: Australian pacer Pat Cummins was ranked first with 878 points followed by England's James Anderson with 862 points. Indian bowlers Ravindra Jadeja and Ravichandran Ashwin held the 6th and 10th position respectively.
- All-rounders list: Jadeja was the best-ranked Indian at third spot behind Jason Holder of West Indies and Shakib Al Hasan of Bangladesh.

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About ICC:**

1. **Motto:** Cricket for good
2. **Headquarters:** Dubai, United Arab Emirates
3. **Chairman:** Shashank Manohar

4. CEO: Manu Sawhney

2. Dejan Papic appointed as India's table tennis head coach

- The Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) appointed Dejan Papicas of Canada as the head coach of the Indian table tennis team. He has signed a one-year contract which was offered by the Sports Authority of India (SAI).
- He will be in charge through the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. He will be paid \$7000 per month and his contract will be up for renewal after the Olympics.

3. Nigeria set to host 2020 FIFA women U-20 World cup

- India and South Korea presented their bids for the 2020 U20 Women's World Cup but India named the 2020 U17 Women's World Cup host. The last FIFA event held in Nigeria. The 2009 FIFA U-17 World Cup won by Switzerland.
- It is an international association football tournament. It is organized by FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association), for national teams of women under the age of 20. The tournament is held in even-numbered years. It was first conducted in 2002 in Canada.
- France hosted the 2018 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup (9th edition). Japan emerged as a champion.

About Nigeria

Capital: Abuja

Currency: Nigerian naira

President: Muhammadu Buhari

4. India's track and field legend PT Usha nominated for IAAF's 'Veteran Pin'

- The International Association of Athletics Federation's (IAAF) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Jon Ridgeon informed that India's track and field legend PT Usha, aged 55, has been nominated for the IAAF's 'Veteran Pin' for her outstanding service to the sport.
- She is called as the "queen of track and field". She has been invited to participate in the award ceremony which will be held during the opening ceremony of the 52nd IAAF Congress at the Qatar National Convention Centre in Doha on the eve of September 24, 2019.
- She had won five gold medals in 100m, 200m, 400m, 400m hurdles and the 4x400m relay and a bronze medal in the 1985 Asian Athletic Championships which were held in Jakarta, Indonesia. In the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, she became the first Indian to reach the finals of the 400m hurdles, but lost the bronze by one-hundredth of a second.

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About IAAF**

1. **Formation:** July 17, 1912
2. **Headquarters:** Monaco

5. Indian bodybuilder Ravinder Malik clinches Mr South Asia title

- Indian Body builder Ravinder Malik won Mr South Asia Title. There are around 91 bodybuilders participated in the championship.
- The competition is organised by South Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports The Federation under the auspices of Nepal Bodybuilding and Fitness Association. He won the overall champion of the 12th Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championship in Kathmandu.
- He won this title under 80 kg category. He was one among the nine people who the title among the same 80 kg Category.

❖ **Foot Notes:**

- Countries and their medal list
- Afghanistan won total 15 medals.
- The medals consists of six gold, four silver and five bronze.

- Nepal won three gold, seven silver and six bronze medals
- India won four gold, five silver and one bronze medal.
- Maldives won three gold and two bronze medals.
- Pakistan bagged one gold, two silver and two bronze.
- Bhutan finished the championship game last with a bronze medal.

✚ 6. First Indian boxer to win gold at President's Cup

- Shiva Thapa became India's first gold-medallist at the President's Cup boxing tournament after getting a walkover in the finals in Astana, Kazakhstan.
- Making his international debut in the newly-introduced Olympic category of 63kg.
- Thapa was to fight Kazakhstan's Zakir Safiullin in the summit clash.

❖ Foot Notes:

1. About Kazakhstan

PM of Kazakhstan : Askar Mamin

Capital of Kazakhstan: Nur-Sultan.

Currency of Kazakhstan: Kazakhstani Tenge.

Obituaries

✚ 1. 'Blade Runner' actor Rutger Hauer passes away

- Dutch film actor Rutger Hauer, who specialized in menacing roles including a memorable turn as a murderous android in 'Blade Runner', passed away.
- He won a supporting actor Golden Globe award in 1988 for 'Escape from Sobibor.' He was from Netherland.

✚ 2. Former Chinese premier Li Peng passes away

- Former Chinese premier and chairman of the National People's Congress Standing Committee, Li Peng passed away. He was also known as the "Butcher of Beijing" for his role in the Tiananmen Square crackdown.

❖ Foot Notes:

➤ About China

1. **China Capital:** Beijing
2. **Currency:** Renminbi.

✚ 3. AEA chief Yukiya Amano who oversaw Iran deal dies

- IAEA chief Yukiya Amano who oversaw Iran deal dies.
- He led the International Atomic Energy Agency for a decade and was extensively involved in negotiations over Iran's nuclear program.
- IAEA is a key U.N. agency, that regulates nuclear use worldwide since 2009.

✚ 4. International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) chief Yukiya Amano passed away

- 5th Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Yukiya Amano aged 72 passed away. He was born in Yugawara, Japan. Yukiya Amano. He was serving the International Atomic Energy Agency from 2009 to till date.
- Earlier, he served as an international civil servant for the United Nations and its subdivisions. In 2005, he served as the ambassador from Japan to the IAEA. From September 2005 to September 2006, he served as the Chairman of the IAEA Board of Governors.
- Book he authored:
 - i. "A Japanese View on Nuclear Disarmament", The Non-Proliferation Review, 2002
 - ii. "The Significance of the NPT Extension", Future Restraints on Arms Proliferation, 1996
 - iii. "La Non-Prolifération Nucléaire en Extrême-Orient", Prolifération et Non-Prolifération

Nucleaire, 1995

iv. "Sea Dumping of Liquid Radioactive Waste by Russia", Gaiko Jiho, 1994

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About International Atomic Energy Agency**

1. **Headquarters:** Vienna, Austria
2. **Head:** Yukiya Amano
3. **Director:** Yukiya Amano

✚ **5. LJP MP Ram Chandra Paswan passes away**

- Lok Janshakti Party MP from Bihar's Samastipur Ram Chandra Paswan passed away.
- He was the younger brother of Union minister and LJP chief Ram Vilas Paswan.
- Ramchandra, a four-time MP was first elected to the Lok Sabha in 1999 from Bihar's Rosera (SC) constituency.

❖ **Foot Notes:**

➤ **About Bihar**

1. **Governor:** Fagu Chauhan
2. **Chief minister:** Nitish Kumar
3. **Capital:** Patna

