

A top-down view of a desk with various office supplies. On the left, a silver laptop is partially visible. In the center, a large orange arrow-shaped graphic points downwards, containing the title text. To the right, there is a spiral notebook, a pair of scissors, a red pen, a stapler, and some paper clips. The background is a light-colored surface.

# MONTHLY ONE- LINER GK DIGEST

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## International News

### PM Modi Visit to Bhutan

- Along with MoUs, PM Modi along with **Bhutanese Prime Minister Lotay Tshering** jointly inaugurated the **Ground Earth Station and SATCOM network**, developed for utilization of South Asia Satellite in Bhutan with assistance from ISRO.
- Both the leaders also inaugurated the 720 megawatts (MW) **Mangdechhu hydel power project**.

### PM Modi Begins 3-Nation Visit

- He embarked a 2-day visit to France on 22nd August and hold talks with **French President Emmanuel Macron**. He met the **French Prime Minister Edouard Charles Philippe** and inaugurated a memorial for Indian Victims of Air Crashes in 1950 and 1966 in **Nid D' Aigle**.

- Modi reached UAE capital Abu Dhabi on 23rd and met with the **Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.**

### IMF suggested Rule change on Age Limit

- The top candidate to serve as IMF managing director, **Bulgaria's Kristalina Georgieva** turned 66 in August 2019 and it makes her too old for the job.
- All **189 member countries** of the IMF have to vote on the recommendation for its implementation.

## National News

### WorldSkills International Competition 2019

- **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)** under MSDE has been leading India's delegation at the event since 2011.
- India won one silver, one bronze and nine medallions of excellence during **the last edition at Abu Dhabi in 2017.**

### India's First National Time Release Study (TRS)

- The Time Release Study (TRS) is advocated by the **World Customs Organization**, and it is an internationally recognized tool to measure the efficiency of international trade flows.
- The initiative will strengthen governance over cargo trade and has the aim to identify/address bottlenecks of border procedures and benefitting **export-oriented industries and MSMEs.**

### UGC issued a List of recommended Institutions of Eminence

- The recommendations were made by the government as per the **empowered committee** under the **chairmanship of N Gopalswami.**
- The **HRD Ministry** has announced a scheme in 2018 to select **20 IoEs - 10 public and 10 private** that will enjoy **complete administrative and academic autonomy.**

### Government abolished Article 370

- Article 35A **denies property rights to a woman who got married to a person residing out of Jammu and Kashmir.**
- Incorporated in the Constitution on October 17, 1949, **Article 370 exempts J&K from the Indian Constitution and allows it to draft its own Constitution.** All the provisions of the Constitution which are applicable to other states are not applicable to J-K.

### Biggest Fall of Rupees in 6 years

- The reasons for the downfall of the rupee is said to be the souring US-China trade relations resulting in **Yuan's slide to record low** as well as the Indian government's move to end **Jammu and Kashmir's special status.**

- A free fall has been seen in the global currency markets after China's central bank agreed on the Yuan to slide to a **record low against the dollar**.

#### Consumer Protection Bill 2019

- The Bill seeks to the settlement of **consumer disputes** and establishes authorities for timely and effective administration.
- The Bill includes setting up of a **Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA)** to make interventions to protect consumers from unfair trade practices.

#### Indian Contributed \$5 Million to UNRWA

- India gave the amount for **Palestinian Refugees** to the **UN Palestine refugee agency** for the Organisation's work.
- India has increased its annual contribution from **\$1.25 million** in 2016 to **\$5 million** in 2018 & 2019.

#### National Medical Commission Bill 2019 got President's assent

- The bill contains the provision of setting up of a **National Medical Commission (NMC)** in place of the **Medical Council of India** for regulating medical education, professionals and institutions in India.
- The bill seeks to establish a **National Exit Test (NEXT)**, a common MBBS exam for admission to PG courses and obtaining a license.

#### Samagra Shiksha-Jal Suraksha

- 'Samagra Shiksha-Jal Suraksha' was launched by the Union HRD Minister Sh. Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' and Union Minister for Jal Shakti Sh. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat on 9th August 2019.
- **The Department of School Education & Literacy, MHRD** has prepared a detailed outline to implement this programme in all the schools across the country.

#### 'L3' Category Disaster Status

- **'L3'-level** is an indication of a very large-scale disaster, as per the guidelines of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).
- The L3 status would mandate **the Centre** to assist the disaster affected people in Maharashtra.

#### Indian Railways Cancels Samjhauta Express

- Samjhauta means **"agreement"** is named for the bi-weekly train between India and Pakistan as Samjhauta Express.
- The **Friendship Express** is it's another name and runs between **Delhi and Attari in India** and is connected to **Lahore in Pakistan**.

#### Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Act, 2019

- President Ram Nath Kovind gave his assent to the **UAPA Act, 2019** that deals with conditions of **declaring individuals as terrorists and seizing their property**.
- The bill ensures a provision of declaring a person terrorists as per the **global practices** and aimed at effectively preventing unlawful terrorist activities in the country.

### Textiles Gallery at National Crafts Museum in New Delhi

- The craft museum has a rich collection on display to exhibit the fine **Indian Craftsmanship to the public**.
- The Gallery is divided into categories of over more than **30 traditions** and consists of more than **230 different types of textiles collections**.

### RPF Launched “Operation Number Plate”

- **Railway Protection Force (RPF)** of Indian Railways launched “**Operation Number Plate**”, a Special Drive to **identify and verify all vehicles parked in Railway premises**.
- The unidentified vehicles on the railway premises are considered a **serious threat** to the security and safety of passengers and other stakeholders of railways.

### Swachh Survekshan 2020

- The new edition of SS 2020 indicators has a major focus on both the quarterly and annual assessments – on **complete faecal sludge management and wastewater treatment**.
- A special **Swachh Survekshan theme song** featuring Kangana Ranaut, singers Kailash Kher and Monali Thakur were also launched at the event.

### Inter-State Council Reconstituted with PM

- The council is chaired by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** and six Union ministers and all chief ministers are its members.
- The **Article 263 of the Constitution** contains the provisions for the establishment of an Inter-State Council which is mandated to advise upon and inquire into states disputes, investigate and discuss subjects in which the Union and one or more of the states, some or all of the states, have a common interest.

### PM announced the Post of Chief of Defence Staff

- The Kargil Review Committee headed K. Subrahmanyam, **formed after the 1999 conflict was the first to recommend** the need for a CDS, but it was not implemented.
- Presently the senior-most of the three Chiefs functions as the **Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee (COSC)** which act as a midway to allay apprehensions over the CDS.

### 4 New Products got GI Tag

- GI is an indication used on products that have a **specific geographical origin** and conveys an assurance of quality and distinctiveness.

- **Palani Panchamirtham**, an offering in the Abisegam of Lord Dhandayuthapani Swamy, Tamil Nadu is an abishega Prasadam. This is the **first time a temple 'prasadam'** from Tamil Nadu has been given the GI tag.

#### National Tribal Festival "Aadi Mahotsav"

- The **theme** of the Aadi Mahotsav 2019 is "**A celebration of the spirit of Tribal Craft, Culture and Commerce**".
- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has conducted such mega fair in all 27 states and this is the **first time that the Aadi Mahotsav is being held in Ladakh**.

#### Ministry of Corporate Affairs changed DVRs Limit

- The limit of issuing Differential Voting Rights (DVR) shares has been **revised from 26% to 74%**.
- The earlier requirement of **distributable profits for 3 years for a company** to be eligible to issue shares with DVRs is also **removed**.

#### Fish Species Discovered in Arunachal Pradesh

- Zoology Researchers of the **Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU)** have discovered 5 new fish species across various districts of the state.
- The water bodies in A.P. in remote areas are not easily accessible to the researchers due to a difficult terrain.

#### Atal Bihari Vajpayee Residential Schools to be Set Up by UP

- **Atal Bihari Vajpayee residential schools** would be set up for **children of labourers** in all 18 divisions of the state.
- He has announced the plan as a tribute to Vajpayee on his **first death anniversary**.

#### Draft National Resource Efficiency Policy

- A Draft National Resource Efficiency Policy (NREP), 2019 has been proposed by the **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**.
- It seeks to set up an authority with representations from different ministries, state/union territory, and other stakeholders namely **National Resource Efficiency Authority (NREA)**.

#### Indian Railways Banned Single-use Plastic Materials

- The Indian Railways has directed the **Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)** to set up plastic bottle crushing machines in major railway stations.
- The IRCTC will implement the return of plastic drinking water bottles as a part of **Extended Producer Responsibility**.

### 'San-Sadhan' Hackathon

- Government has invited applications for tech enthusiasts to participate in 'San-Sadhan' hackathon-for **Divyangjan accessible toilets**.
- It is being organised jointly by the **Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities** and the **Ministry of Jal Shakti** in collaboration with Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog.

### Kathmandu-Siliguri Bus Service

- The initiative is a part of a **Motor Vehicle Agreement for Passenger Traffic** which was signed during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Nepal visit in **2014** to facilitate the movement of people between the countries and also promoting tourism.
- Presently, **13 routes** have been approved between India and Nepal for regular bus service and Kathmandu-Siliguri is the **11th route**.

### EESL plans to Invest Rs 180 crore in Super-efficient ACs

- **Super-efficient AC programme (SEAP)**, EESL is planning to sell 50,000 AC in the first phase which will be based on first come first serve basis.
- It is expected to save 27 million kWh of electricity per year. A total investment of Rs 180crore is planned out of which it will be supported by grants from **Global Environment facility**.

### Project SURE Launched by Ministry of Textiles

- SURE stands for '**Sustainable Resolution**', that points to a resolution/commitment from the industry for a clean environment.
- The project is a move towards **sustainable fashion** by setting up a sustainable pathway for the Indian fashion industry.

### Mobile application-“Janaushadhi Sugam” Launched

- “Janaushadhi Sugam” will enable people to search and locate the nearby **Janaushadhi generic medicines and stores**.
- He has also announced to slash the price of “**Jan Aushadhi Suvidha Oxo-Biodegradable Sanitary Napkin**” from 2 rupees 50 paise earlier to just **1 rupee per piece**.

### Centre decided to Offer Sugar Export Subsidy

- The Centre has decided to offer **Rs10.45 per kg subsidy** to incentivise sugar mills to export their surplus stocks.
- The **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs** took the decision, as with record sugar production causing a drop in prices led to cane farmers facing huge arrears in payment.

### Bill against conversion by Force Passed by H.P

- The new bill incurs stiffer punishments with a jail term is of **7 years** as compared to the Freedom of Religion Act in which punishment was only 3 years.
- As per the new bill, the person willing to convert his/her religion has to file a **month's notice in advance** to the district magistrate.

## Banking

### SEBI examining Feasibility of Intangibles

- SEBI will also look into an **exchange-traded fund** (ETF is market security that tracks an index, bond, basket of assets or commodity, in this case, ETF is a commodity).
- It will increase the **hedger's participation** and increase delivery based settlement.

### RBI 'Fit and Proper' Criteria for Elected Directors of PSB

- **All the banks are required to constitute a Nomination and Remuneration Committee** consisting of a minimum of three non-executive directors, of which not less than one-half shall be independent directors.
- The committee should include **at least one member from the risk-management committee** of the board to establish 'fit & proper' status of applicants.
- The **Government of India nominee director and the nominee director on behalf of the RBI shall not be part of the committee.**

### RBI slapped 11 Banks with Rs 8.50 Crore Fine

- The banks are fined for violating provisions of RBI norms on **"frauds classification and reporting by commercial banks and select Financial Institutions"**.
- The RBI observed that the banks didn't report fraud in the backdrop of **Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) criminal proceedings** resulting in non-compliance with RBI's directions.

### LIC launched 'Jeevan Amar'

- The second one is **increasing sum assured** in which the death benefit first increases after 5 years than after 10 years and then 15 years or till the end of the policy term.
- The plan offers policy term from **10 years to maximum 40 years**, with a maximum age of maturity at **80 years** and is available for the **18-65 age group**.

### RBI's Monetary Policy Review

- RBI said in its **'Statement on Developmental and Regulatory Policies'** to cover all repetitive bill payments under the **Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS)** that includes **5 segments-** electricity, telecom, gas, direct-to-home, and water bills.



- RBI has extended the working hour of retail payment system **National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT)**, which is used for fund transfer up to Rs 2 lakh, from 8 am to 7 pm to **24x7 round-the-clock fund transfers** to promote digital transactions.

#### RBI made Jana Small Finance Bank a Scheduled Bank

- RBI gave the **Bengaluru-headquartered** Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd, the status of a scheduled bank on 8th August 2019.
- The government has put the bank on the list of banks included in the **second schedule of RBI Act 1934**.

#### RBI proposed Easing of Rules for Sandbox

- Sandbox is an infrastructure that helps **FinTech companies** live to test their products or solutions, before getting the necessary regulatory approvals for the actual launch.
- RBI has proposed to grant regulatory relaxation for board composition, financial soundness and track record, liquidity requirements and management experience in its final **'Enabling Framework for Regulatory Sandbox'**.

#### Debt Waiver for 'Small Distressed Borrowers'

- The Corporate affairs secretary **Injeti Srinivas** said that the waiver would be given as part of individual insolvency for small distressed borrowers from the **economically weaker section (EWS) only**.
- IBC consists of various thresholds for 'Fresh Start', including that the gross annual income of the debtor does not exceed **Rs 60,000**.

#### Govt removed DRR for HFCs, NBFCs and Listed Firms

- **Companies (Share Capital & Debentures) Rules** have been amended by the ministry to effect the changes.
- The finance ministry has removed the requirement for a **DRR of 25 per cent of the value of outstanding debentures** issued by NBFCs, listed firms and Housing Finance Companies (HFCs).

#### SEBI puts Penalty on Violation of Disclosure Norms

- SEBI has put a penalty of **Rs 20,000** per day on companies for violating certain provisions of **Issue of Capital and Disclosure (ICDR) Regulations**.
- The non-compliant listed entity to pay fine within **15 days** from the date of the notice issued by the exchanges.

#### FinMin conducts "Bottom-up Consultative Process" for PSBs

- The ministry has asked banks to align themselves to the **national priorities** and involve all their approximately 1 lakh branches in the exercise.
- Some of the **national priorities to which banks need to align include** Jal Shakti Mission, doubling farm income, housing for all, ease of living, corporate social responsibility, education loans, and financial inclusion.

### Credit Suisse Report

- The slowdown in the private sector lenders is caused mainly due to **moderation in vehicle loans**.
- A dip of **11% y-o-y** has been seen for **NBFCs** and **15% y-o-y dip** for **private banks** loan's growth.

### Direct Tax Code (DTC) Report

- The Income Tax Act was enacted in **1961**, and the proposal for a new DTC is to modernise India's direct tax system.
- The Finance Ministry has appointed the **Akhilesh Ranjan** who is the member (Legislation) of the Central Board of Direct Taxes in **November 2018**, as the convenor of the task force.

### CBDT's Clarification to Avail Tax Holiday

- CBDT (Central Board of Direct Taxes) clarified that small start-ups with turnover up to Rs. 25 crores, a condition specified in **Section 80-IAC of the Income Tax Act, 1961** will continue to get the promised tax holiday.
- The tax holiday for small startups provides a deduction for **100% of the income** of an eligible start-up **for 3 years** out of 7 years from the year of its incorporation.

### Enhanced Surcharge withdrawn by the Government

- To encourage investors in the capital market, the government has withdrawn surcharge **on tax payable on the transfer of certain assets**.
- Only the **Foreign Institutional Investors (FPI) derivatives** are treated as capital assets and gains from it are subjected to the special rate of tax as per the provision of **section 115AD of Act**.

### Central Vigilance Commission set up ABBF

- The ABBF has been formed in consultation with the RBI and is constituted to examine bank fraud of **over 50 crore rupees** and recommend action.
- The board's jurisdiction is confined to cases of an allegation of fraud involving **officers of General Manager Level and above in the PSBs**.

### Bandhan Bank Tie up with Standard Chartered Bank

- Bandhan Bank's growth of the **current account and savings account (CASA)** over the past 4 years is the deciding factor for the collaboration. CASA accounts for nearly **36% of Bandhan Bank's total deposit base** of about Rs 43,000 crore.
- Standard Chartered Bank has been growing at **15-20% on a y-o-y basis** and has 100 branches in India.

### RBI will Transfer Rs 1.76 lakh Crore to the GOI

- RBI to transfer Rs1.76 Lakh crore to Government of India under '**Surplus Distribution Policy**' that include interim dividend of Rs28,000 crores paid on February 2019.
- RBI board **accepted all recommendation of Bimal Jalan Committee**.

### Cabinet Decision to attract FDI

- The cabinet has relaxed the **requirement of 30%** by allowing it to be calculated over the first **five years** of operation.
- The cabinet has decided to **allow 100% FDI** under the automatic route in **contract manufacturing** in India which was only for the manufacturing sector earlier.

### Govt. announced Mega Merger of 10 PSBs

- After the merger, the number of public sector banks will crease to **12 banks from 27 banks**.
- Among these banks, **PNB** got the highest share of **Rs 16000 crore** and Punjab & Sind Bank got the lowest i.e. Rs 750 crore.

## Reports

### World Gold Council (WGC) report on Global Gold Demand

- The **key drivers for the increase** are sustained growth in **gold-backed exchange-traded funds (ETFs)** and continued **central bank buying**.
- According to the report, the overall jewellery demand in the 2nd quarter is pushed by **12% to 168.8 tonnes** due to a strong recovery in India's jewellery market.

### Report of the High Level Committee on CSR presented to FM

- Injeti Srinivas, Secretary (Corporate Affairs) presented the Report of the High-Level Committee on **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)** to the Finance Minister on 13th August 2019.
- The High-Level Committee on CSR was chaired by the Secretary (Corporate Affairs) **Injeti Srinivas** and was constituted in **October 2018** to review the existing CSR framework and make recommendations on strengthening the CSR ecosystem.

## Index and Ranking

### SARAL – 'State Rooftop Solar Attractiveness Index'

- **Karnataka** has been placed at **1st rank in the Index** whereas the 2nd, 3rd and 4th rank were occupied by Telangana, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh.
- SARAL has been **jointly designed by** the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM), Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation (SSEF) and Ernst & Young (EY).

### Composite Water Management Index 2.0

- The CWMI 2.0 is first of its kind water **data collection exercise** in partnership with the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Ministry of Rural Development and all the States/ Union Territories.

- CWMI 2.0 ranks various states for the reference year 2017-18, instead of the base year 2016-17.

#### Well-being Index by IFMR LEAD

- Well-Being Index Report is released by the non-government organisation **World Vision India and research institute IFMR LEAD on 27th August 2019.**
- **Kerala** (scored 0.76) **topped the chart** due to its exceptional performance in health, nutrition and education facilities. While Tamil Nadu (0.67), Himachal (0.67) are runner ups and Puducherry (0.77) was the best among UTs.

#### World's Safe Cities Index (SCI)

- **Mumbai** has been ranked at 45th position and **Delhi** at 52nd position in the SCI.
- Six out of the top ten safest cities are from the **Asia-Pacific (Apac) region**, with **Tokyo** at the top spot, Singapore at 2nd and Osaka at 3rd position.

### Appointments

Name of the Person	Designation
Rajiv Gauba	Cabinet Secretary
Ajay Kumar	Secretary Defence
Subhash Chandra	Secretary, Defence Production
Brij Kumar Agarwal	Secretary, Lokpal

### Awards and Honours

Award	Awardee
Ramon Magsaysay Award 2019	Ravish Kumar
Journalism Award in Space Science, Technology and Research	Dr. Vikram Sarabhai
4th Edition of WTI Awards	NITI Aayog
President's Certificate of Honour and Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman Awards	Vice President Venkaiah Naidu
Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Award	ISRO Chairman K. Sivan
POSHAN Abhiyaan Awards	Himachal Pradesh
<b>66th National Film Awards for 2018</b>	
Best Film on Social Issues	Padman
Best Popular Film	Badhaai Ho
Best Feature Film Award	Gujarati film Hellaro
Best Film on Environment Conservation/ Preservation	Paani (Marathi)
Best Actor Award for Andhadhun	Ayushman Khurana
Best Actor Award for Uri The Surgical Strike	Vicky Kaushal
Best Actress for Telugu movie Mahanati Marathi	Keerthy Suresh

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Nargis Dutt Award for Best Feature Film on National Integration	Kannada film Ondalla Eradalla
Most Film Friendly State	Uttarakhand
Indira Gandhi Award for Best Debut Film of a Director	Marathi movie Naal
Best Director Award for Uri	Aditya Dhar
<b>National Sports Awards-2019</b>	
Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award	Bajrang Punia (Wrestling) and Deepa Malik (Para-Athletics)
Arjuna Award	Mohammed Anas Yahiya (Athletics), Ravindra Jadeja (Cricket)
Dronacharya Award	Manuel Fredricks(Hockey), Arup Basak(Table Tennis), Manoj Kumar(Wrestling), NittenKirrtane (Tennis), C. Lalremsanga(Archery)
Dhyan Chand Award	Manuel Fredricks (Hockey), Arup Basak (Table Tennis), Manoj Kumar(Wrestling), NittenKirrtane (Tennis), C. Lalremsanga(Archery)
<b>Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards 2018</b>	
<b>Name of the Person</b>	<b>Category</b>
Aparna Kumar, Late Dipankar Ghosh, Manikandan K	For adventure in 'land category'
Prabhat Raju Koli	For adventure in 'Water category'
RameshwerJangra	For adventure in 'Air category'
Wangchuk Sherpa	For lifetime achievement

### Important Days

Date	Day	Theme
1st Aug to 7th Aug 2019	World Breastfeeding Week	<b>Theme:</b> "Empower Parents, Enable Breastfeeding".
7th August 2019	5th National Handloom Day	--
10th August 2019	World Biofuel Day	<b>Theme:</b> "Production of Biodiesel from Used Cooking Oil (UCO)"

### Books and authors

Books	Authors
"The Diary of Manu Gandhi"	Dr Tridip Suhrud

### MOU's Signed

MoU signed between India and Guinea

- The MoUs have signed between the two countries Cooperation in the Field of **e- Vidhyabharati - e-Aarogya Bharati** e-VBAB Network Project, Traditional System of Medicine and Renewal Energy.
- Both the countries agreed to hold the first session of the **Ministerial level India-Guinea Joint Commission** at an early date.

### India signed the UNISA at Singapore

- The agreement would boost the **investor's confidence in India** for its commitment to adhere to international practice on **Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)**.
- UNISA was adopted by the **United Nations General Assembly** on 20th December **2018**.

### Govt. of Tripura and NLFT- SD Signed Memorandum of Settlement

- A Memorandum of Settlement was signed by the Govt. of Tripura and **National Liberation Front of Twipra (NLFT- SD)** on 10th August 2019.
- NLFT (SD) has surrendered 88 cadres with their weapons and agreed to **abjure the path of violence and join the mainstream**.

## Government Schemes

### PRAGATI (Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation)

- **PRAGATI** is an **ICT based multi-modal platform** for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation.
- The Prime Minister also called for use of technology to evolve a mechanism to collect feedback from **Divyang-Jan under Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan**.

### One Nation-One Ration Card

- The government has implemented One Nation-One Ration Card on a **pilot basis** in **four states**- Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Telangana from 1st August 2019.
- The only requirement is that the **Aadhaar card should be linked to the ration card** to avail of this service.

### Vhali Dikri Yojana' Launched by Gujarat CM

- The scheme has been launched to mark the **63rd birthday of the Chief Minister Rupani**.
- Under the scheme, the state government would pay to every girl child an amount of Rs 4000 at the time of admission to **4th Standard**, Rs 6000 during admission in **9th standard**.

### Mukhya Mantri Krishi Aashirwad Yojana

- The scheme was first announced on **21st December 2018** for doubling farmer's income in the **upcoming 4 years (2022)** and is officially launched on 10th August 2019.
- Under the scheme, **Rs 5000 Per Acre/year (maximum up to 5 Acres)** would be given to Jharkhand's state farmers for their Kharif crops.

### CCL Extended to Single Male Service Personnel

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved the extension of benefits of **Child Care Leave (CCL)** to single male service personnel.
- Earlier, the **age limit of 22 years** was prescribed in the case of a child with **40 % disability** has been removed for the purpose of availing CCL and now there is no age restriction of the child.

### SAMARTH Scheme

- Under SAMARTH, **16 out of 18 selected states** have signed a pact with the Ministry of Textiles.
- About **three fourth of workers** in the textile industry are **women** and 70 per cent of beneficiaries of the MUDRA loan are women.

### National Initiative for School Heads and Teachers Holistic Advancement

- The training programme 'NISHTHA' has the **objective** to motivate and equip teachers to encourage critical thinking in students.
- The programme **aims** to build the capacities of around **42 lakh participants** including all faculty members of State Councils of Educational Research and Training (SCERTs), all teachers and Heads of Schools at the elementary level in all Government schools, District Institutes of Education and Training (DIETs) and Block Resource Coordinators.

### Sabka Vishwas-Legacy Dispute Resolution Scheme, 2019

- Sabka Vishwas-Legacy Dispute Resolution Scheme, 2019 has been notified by the government and will be operationalized **from 1st September 2019 till 31st December 2019**.
- Finance Minister has announced the Sabka Vishwas-Legacy Dispute Resolution Scheme, 2019 in the **Union Budget 2019-20**.

### Union HRD Minister Launched 'Shagun'

- Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', Union Human Resource Development Minister launched Integrated **Online Junction for School Education 'Shagun'** on 28th August 2019 in New Delhi.
- 'Shagun' (URL: <http://shagun.govt.in/>) is a junction for **all online portals and websites** to provide information about various activities of the Department of School Education, GOI and all States and UTs.

## Science and Technology

### ISRO Technical Liaison Unit at Moscow Approved by Cabinet

- ISRO Technical Liaison Units (ITLU) is instituted with the **prime objective** to enhance coordination with the Russian Government and space agency.
- Department of Space has earlier instituted ISRO Technical Liaison Units (ITLU) at **Washington, USA and Paris, France** for increasing international level technical collaboration.

### IIT Kharagpur Developed New Technology for Solid Waste

- The solid waste energy conversion technology-**Hydro Thermal Carbonization (HTC)** is developed by researchers of IIT Kharagpur to convert solid waste to soil amendment and absorbent and **biofuel**.
- In this process, **the moisture in the waste** is used for the reaction to convert it into biofuels and also helps to curb air pollution.

### DBT will Scan 20,000 Indian Genomes

- It is a **two-phase exercise** and would scan the genome of nearly **20,000 Indians** in the next 5 years.
- The first phase involves the sequencing of **10,000 Indians** to capture the biological diversity of India.

### MasterCard Identity Check Express

- MasterCard has launched the **Identity Check Express**, a mobile-first authentication solution for **online payment security**.
- The initiative has been taken as it was found that about **20%** of mobile e-commerce transactions are abandoned mid-way, in an analysis done by MasterCard.

### IIT Guwahati Developed Portable Device to Detect Bacteria

- The developed kit can analyse **charges on the cell walls of bacteria**, just as it is used to detect blood sugar.
- The team work has got the **patent** for the development and was issued in the July 2019 '**Journal of Materials Chemistry of the Royal Society of Chemistry**'.

### India proposed Changes in Species List in CITES

- CITES is a global agreement that stands for **Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora**.
- CITES lists species in **3 appendices** on the level of the degree of protection they require.

### 2-Day Exhibition on DAE Technologies

- The exhibition will include technologies developed by **Raja Ramanna Centre for Advanced Technology**, Indore, the **Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)**, and other Units of Department of Atomic Energy (DAE).
- The technologies from the field of health, agriculture, water, food security, and environment, etc. would be included that are useful for the **common man in day-to-day life**.

### ISRO commemorated Birth Centenary of Dr. Vikram Sarabhai

- Dr Vikram Sarabhai also is known as **the father of Indian Space Program** and a Coffee Table Book and a photo album of on life was unveiled on the occasion by ISRO.
- **Dr Vikram Ambalal Sarabhai** was an Indian Scientist, astronomer, and physicist. He was awarded **Padma Bhushan in 1966** and the **Padma Vibhushan (posthumously) in 1972**.



### Sterile Insect Technique (SIT)

- The SIT for dengue control is also called as '**mosquito fights mosquito technique**'.
- In the Sterile Insect Technique (SIT), **female Aedes aegypti mosquitoes** are turned infertile by releasing sterilised male mosquitoes in areas of dengue outbreak.

### Biometric Seafarers Identity Document (BSID)

- The new **facial biometric technology** BSID is an addition to the security features and marked an improvement over two-finger or iris-based bio-metric data.
- Earlier, India has made a presentation on the International Labour Organisation (ILO) on BSID and the new card is in confirmation of the **Convention No. 185 of the ILO**.

## Defence

### Indian Air Force Facilitation-cum-Publicity Pavilion

- The Pavilion was inaugurated at **National Bal Bhawan** and was set up by **Indian Air Force** to motivate students **to join Indian Air Force** and develop a love for the country.
- At the event, Air Chief Marshal Shri **B. S. Dhanoa** launched "**Indian Air Force: A Cut Above**" an official **mobile gaming application**.

### Committee to Review Defence Procurement

- The Committee would work under the **Chairmanship of Director General (Acquisition)**.
- It is set up to review the **Defence Procurement Manual (DPM) 2009** and the **Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP) 2016**.

### Uniform Age of Retirement for CAPF Personnel

- The development is triggered by a January order of the **Delhi High Court**, which has declared the different age of superannuation of personnel as "**discriminatory and unconstitutional**".
- According to the present policy, all personnel in the Central Industrial Security Force and the Assam Rifles retire at the **age of 60** and personnel in CRPF, SSB, BSF, ITBP from the ranks of commandant to the constable retire at the **age of 57**.

### Indian Army Mountaineering Expedition to Mt Kun

- Indian Army Mountaineering Expedition to Mount Kun (7077M) was held at **Zaskar Range in Ladakh** from 30th July to 29th August 2019.
- **Mount Kun** is Situated at an elevation of 7,077 meters (23,219 ft) and is the **second-highest** peak of the **Nun-Kun mountain massif**.

## Sports

### Vinesh Phogat won Third Successive Gold in 53kg

- Vinesh Phogat won gold in **53 kg women's category** of the **Poland Open wrestling tournament**.
- She won over local wrestler **Roksana** in the final of the competition by 3-2 and had earlier beaten the Rio Olympics bronze medalist, **Sofia Mattson** of Sweden, in the quarterfinals.

### Aishwarya Pissay becomes 1st Women to Win FIM World Cup

- Aishwarya Pissay won the **FIM Baja World Cup 2019**( Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme) in **women's category** on 12th August 2019.
- She is 23-years-old and was **placed second in the junior category with 46 points**, behind Tomas de Gavardo (60) of Chile.

### Deepak Punia won Gold Medal at the Junior Worlds

- Deepak has won **gold** at the **Cadet World Championship in 2016**. He has missed out on a bronze in the junior worlds in 2017.
- Deepak has become the first Indian to win gold since **Ramesh Kumar (69kg)** and **Palwinder Cheema (130kg)** won gold medals at the **2001** World junior championships.

### Gold at Athleticky Mitink Reiter Event

- **Sprinters Hima Das and Mohammad Anas** have won the gold each in **300m races** at the Athleticky Mitink Reiter event held on 18th August 2019.
- This was Hima's **sixth gold in 2019** in European races since 2nd July 2019.

### World Police and Fire Games 2019

- **CISF (Central Industrial Security Force)** Sports personnel represented India at the World Police and Fire Games-2019.
- CISF won **5 Gold, 3 Silver and 2 Bronze Medals** at the event, i.e. is a total of 10 medals.

### PV Sindhu won Gold in World Badminton Championship 2019

- PV Sindhu becomes the **first Indian to win gold in World championship**.
- Sindhu crushes **Japan's Nozomi Okuhara** who is world no 4 and she beat world no 2 Tai Tzu Ying in quarters & 3 in Chen Yu Fei in semis.

### Komalika Bari won Gold at World Archery Youth Championship 2019

- Komalika Bari belongs to Jharkhand and had won the title after a 7-3 victory over **Japan's Waka Sonoda** in the final.
- **Palton Hansda** was the first Indian to win the compound world junior men's champion in 2006. The second was **Deepika Kumari** who won it in 2009 and the world junior crown in 2011.

## Summits and Conferences

### 22nd National Conference on e-Governance, 2019

- The conference is to be organized by the **Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG)**, in association with **MeitY**.
- The **theme** of the NCEG is “**Digital India: Success to Excellence**”.
- The event will be held for the **first time in the north-eastern region**.

### 3rd RE-INVEST 2019

- Curtain Raiser ceremony was organized by the **Ministry of New & Renewable Energy** for the 3rd Edition of **Renewable Energy Investors' Meet and Expo**(RE-INVEST 2019).
- India has set the target to achieve **175 GW renewable energy capacity by 2022** and has already installed **80 GW as of June 30, 2019**.

### 3rd International Electric Vehicle Conclave

- The conclave was launched at **the International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT)** in Manesar, Gurugram along with photometry Lab for General Lighting and power train engine test cell (ETC).
- EV conclave is assisted with **Indian Energy Storage Alliance (IESA)** which is grown and transported itself into an international affair.

### BASIC 28th Ministerial on Climate Change

- The 28th ministerial meeting of the BASIC countries on climate change occurred from 14th to 16th August in **Sao Paulo, Brazil**.
- The countries urged developed countries to **mobilize \$100 billion annually by 2020** to fulfil their climate commitments under the Green Climate Fund (GCF).

### 2-day International Conference on Teacher Education by NCTE

- The Conference titled “**Journey of Teacher Education: Local to Global**” and was held in New Delhi.
- The **National Council of Teacher Education (NCTE)** is organizing the two-day event as part of silver jubilee celebration of its establishment in **1995**.

### First World Youth Conference on Kindness

- The 1st WYCK was organised by the **Ministry of Human Resource Development** and **UNESCO Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development**.
- Youth leaders representing **over 27 countries** across the world participated in this Conference.

### G7 Summit 2019

- G7 group this year's aim is to combat the root causes of inequality.

- This year **India's PM Narendra Modi** along with **Australian PM Scott Morrison** and **Spanish PM Pedro Sánchez** are invited as guests in G7.

#### 7th Community Radio Sammelan

- The Sammelan is being organized by the **Ministry of Information & Broadcasting**.
- The theme of Community Radio Sammelan 2019 is '**Community Radio for SDGs**'.

