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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

5th India International Science Festival

- The India International Science Festival (IISF) 2019, is organized jointly by the **Ministry of science and technology and Vijnana Bharati (Vibha)**.
- The **theme** of this annual event for 2019 is “**RISEN India – Research, Innovation, and Science Empowering the Nation**”.

US formally withdrew from Paris Climate Accord

- The **Paris accord** is an agreement signed by 188 nations in **2015** and entered into force on 4th November 2016 to keep rising global temperatures **below 2 Celsius** above pre-industrial levels and limit them to **1.5 Celsius** rise.

- The US contributes about **15%** of the total global carbon emissions, the **2nd biggest emitter** of greenhouse gases.

India International Trade Fair 2019

- The **theme** of the fair is '**Ease of Doing Business**' on the eve of India's unique achievement in improving its rank in World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Index to 63rd.
- The fair will serve as a **convergence point** for government and non-government agencies along with private sector enterprises.

UNSC Opposition to Chemical Weapons

- The declaration was proposed by Britain and was passed unanimously by the **15-member UNSC body (10 elected members and 5 permanent members)**.
- The Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons **aims to eliminate weapons of mass destruction**.

Ocean Dance Festival 2019

- The festival observes the participation of dancers, choreographers and scholars from **15 countries** including India, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Canada, Lithuania etc.
- The **theme** of this year's festival is '**Bridging the distance**' or **Durotter Shetubandhan**.

NATIONAL NEWS

DARPG to Launch Online Hackathon

- Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), **Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions** is to launch a nation-wide online Hackathon '**Data-driven Innovation for Citizen Grievance Redressal**' on 5th November 2019.
- Potential solution prototypes would be selected for adoption in the innovative practices for improving **CPGRAMS (Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System)**.

Mumbai and Hyderabad received UNESCO Designation

- UNESCO has designated **Mumbai** as a member of **UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN)** in the field of **FILM** and **Hyderabad** in the field of **GASTRONOMY**.
- **UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN)** was created in **2004** and represents a network of cities that are active centres of cultural activities in their respective countries.

"eCAPA 2019 - Art from the Heart"

- "eCAPA 2019 - Art from the Heart" is **India's first-ever Arts Exposition** for Artists blessed with **Down syndrome, Autism, Mental Retardation, Seizure Disorder and Dyslexia** will be held in New Delhi on 2nd November 2019.

- The **aim of the exposition** is to create an exclusive platform for young adults with intellectual challenges to showcase their art talents.

FinMin launched ICEDASH & ATITHI App

- The **two Apps** have been launched for **improved monitoring and pace of customs clearance** of imported goods and facilitating arriving international passengers.
- Both the apps will reduce **interface and increase the transparency** of Customs functioning.

"Hunar Haat"

- The "Hunar Haat" provides **employment opportunities through skill development** to the traditional artisans, craftsmen and traditional culinary experts as per the needs of the market.
- All the "Hunar Haat" of 2019-2020 will be based on the **theme of "Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat"**.

India's MMR declined by 8 points in One Year

- Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare stated the report and said India is on track to achieving the **Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target** for reducing MMR by **2025**, five years ahead of the timeline of **2030**.
- MMR has declined by **6.2% from 130/ lakh live births in 2014-16 to 122/ lakh live births in 2015-17**.

Indian Railways launched 3 Online Applications

- Indian Railways has launched **three applications** for all-India roll out to strengthen its IT-enabled services.
- The apps will **ensure proper monitoring of projects** being undertaken by Railways.

World's First CNG port Terminal

- A CNG port terminal at **Bhavnagar port** is being set up jointly by the U.K. based **Foresight group** and Mumbai based **Padmanabh Mafatlal group**.
- Chief Minister **Vijay Rupani**, who is the **chairman of the Gujarat Infrastructure Development Board-GIDB** has approved the proposal to construct the terminal at Bhavnagar.

"Swachh-Nirmal Tat Abhiyaan"

- The **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC)** has organised a cleanliness-cum-awareness drive under the **"Swachh – Nirmal Tat Abhiyaan"**.
- The Ministry has identified **50 beaches** under the "Swachh – Nirmal Tat Abhiyaan across **10 coastal States/Union Territories (UTs)**.

6th World Congress on Rural and Agricultural Finance

- The representatives of banks and financial institutions from over 40 countries have gathered in the conference to deliberate on the subject of **Rural and Agriculture Finance: Critical Input to Achieve Inclusive and Sustainable Development**.

- **Asia - Pacific Rural Agricultural and Credit Association (APRACA)** is a regional association facilitates mutual exchange of information and expertise in the field of rural finance to avert financial risks.

National Seminar on Social Audit

- The seminar was jointly organised by the **Department of Rural Development and National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj**.
- **Social Audit** is a public assembly where all the details of a project are scrutinized that includes the resources, **both financial and non-financial**, used by public agencies for development initiatives.

UP govt launched e-Ganna App and Web Portal

- The web portal and e-Ganna App will help in strengthening the cane development societies by eradicating **cane mafia and middleman** between the sugar cane farmers and the sugar mills.
- The portal and the App will ensure transparency in the process of **getting slips, and facilitate sugarcane supply by farmers to mills and check irregularities**.

Global Cooling Prize

- The Global Cooling Prize is organized by the **Department of Science and Technology (DST)** under the **Mission Innovation (MI) programme**.
- Mission Innovation (MI) is a global initiative of **24 countries and the European Union** to accelerate global clean energy innovation.

MELPL: Largest FDI Project of Indian Railways

- The Madhepura Electric Locomotive Pvt. Ltd. (MELPL) is a **joint venture of Indian Railways (India) and Alstom (France)**.
- Ministry of Railways and Alstom came together in **2015** to transform the heavy freight transportation landscape of India and an agreement worth **3.5 billion Euro** was signed to manufacture **800 electric locomotives for freight service**.

1st Winter-Grade Diesel

- The first Winter-Grade Diesel was launched to **avoid the problem of freezing of diesel in the vehicles** when winter temperatures drop to as low as **-30 degree Celsius**.
- Normal grade of Diesel loses its **fluidity function in the extreme winter** weather of the region.

Indian Railways launched "Heritage Week"

- The tourism arm of Indian Railways, **Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Limited**, is organising the "Heritage Week".
- The Special Tour Package will explore **the heritage and culture of Gujarat** and will cover the UNESCO World Heritage Site of **"Rani ki Vav", Champaner-Pavagadh Archaeological Park, Modhera Sun Temple** etc.

Golden Chariot Train

- **IRCTC (Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation Limited)** will commence operations from **March 2020**.
- The Golden Chariot train started its operations in **2008**, is a **Government of Karnataka** initiative in a Joint Venture with the Ministry of Railways.

National Institute for Sowa-Rigpa

- The **National Institute for Sowa-Rigpa (NISR)** in **Leh, Union Territory of Ladakh** would be an autonomous organization under the **Ministry of AYUSH**.
- The Institute will provide opportunities to **Indian students as well as students from other countries**.

Govt Approved Sale of Stakes in 5 CPSEs

- The **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)** has approved the sale of government stake in five Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs).
- The CCEA also approved reduction of government's stake in select PSUs **below 51 %, while retaining the management control**.

Agro-based Agro-Vision Inaugurated

- **Agro-Vision, an Agro-based Exhibition**, aims to cater the requirements of farmers of **Vidarbha region**.
- The exhibition comprises of **National Agri-Exhibition Workshop** for farmers and seminars and showcase new technology in farming, suggestions for allied business etc. to enhance farmer's income.

8th International Tourism Mart

- This is the 8th edition of ITM and is organised in association with the eight North Eastern States (**Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya and Sikkim**).
- The 8th ITM will focus on **"Sustainable Tourism an engine for Economic Growth and Employment"**.

UP government to set up State's 1st Vulture Conservation

- The vulture conservation centre will be set up on the lines of **Jatayu Conservation Breeding Centre at Pinjore in Haryana (first in the country)**.
- The new centre would be set up in association with the **Bombay Natural History Society, a wildlife research organization**.

Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Bill

- The Bill seeks to prohibit the **production, trade, transport, storage and advertisement of electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes)**.
- As per the bill, **electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes)** is an electronic device that creates vapour for inhalation by heating a substance containing nicotine and other chemicals.

Special Protection Group (Amendment) Bill

- The main **aim** of bringing the amendment is to provide a better security to protect the Prime Minister.
- The bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha by the **Minister of Home Affairs, Amit Shah**, on 25th November 2019.

All India Police Science Congress

- The event is organised by **Uttar Pradesh Police in association with the Home Ministry and the Bureau of Police Research and Development**.
- Lucknow is organising the event for the **2nd time** and the last time Lucknow was host for AIPSC was in 1997.

Yuwaah Youth Skilling Initiative

- Generation Unlimited, called **YuWaah** in India, is a multi-stakeholder alliance that aims to provide **relevant skills to the youth** for productive lives and the future of work.
- Its key mission is to promote access to foundational, transferable and 21st century skills for youth **inside and outside formal education systems**.

2nd India-Bhutan Development Cooperation Talks

- Government of India committed assistance of **Rs. 4500 Crore for implementation of development projects in Bhutan**.
- India committed **Rs. 400 Crore for transitional Trade Support Facility** during Bhutan's **12th Five Year Plan (2018 - 2023)**.

BANKING

RBI Reorganised its Regulation and Supervision Departments

- Reserve Bank of India has reorganised the regulatory and supervisory Departments and has created **separate supervisory and regulatory cadre**.
- The supervision function for all financial entities is integrated into a unified **Department of Supervision** and the regulatory functions into a unified **Department of Regulation** with effect from 1st November 2019.

RBI compensation norms for Foreign, Private Banks

- RBI has said that there should be a proper balance between **fixed pay** and **variable pay** of the directors and chief executives.
- It has ensured that atleast **50% of the compensation** should be variable and should be paid on the basis of the performance of the individual, business-unit and firm-wide measures.
- RBI has said that if the variable pay is **up to 200% of the fixed pay, at least 50% of it should be in non-cash**.

Union Cabinet approved Rs 25,000 crore for Stalled Housing Projects

- The union cabinet in its meeting on 6th November has decided to set up **Rs 25,000 fund to revive stalled housing projects.**
- It will finance over **1,600 stalled housing projects** that comprise 4.58 lakh housing units across the country.

RBI put Rs 5 lakh Penalty on Oxygen Services

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a fine of **Rs 5 lakh** on prepaid payment instrument Oxigen Services (India) Private Limited.
- Oxygen Services is a **Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI)** issuer and facilitates payment processing and money transfer services.

Documentation Identification Number (DIN) System

- The step is aimed at bringing transparency and accountability in the **indirect tax administration** through the widespread use of information technology.
- Now the **CBIC communication** will have to have a Documentation Identification Number and **No communication would be issued without DIN.**

RBI increased Household Income Limits for borrowers of NBFC-MFIs

- The household income limits for borrowers of NBFCs and MFIs has been increased from **Rs 1 lakh to Rs 1.25 lakh for rural areas.**
- Similarly, the limit has been increased from the **current level of Rs 1.6 lakh for urban/semi urban areas to Rs 2 lakh.**

ADB, India Sign \$91 Million Loan

- The **first project** is helping the modernization of the **Gondi irrigation system** and the **second Project** to modernize **Vijayanagara Channel.**
- **ADB** was established in **1966**, owned by 68 members - **49 from the Asia-Pacific region** and aims to eradicate extreme poverty and achieve inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific.

SEBI Issued Stricter Disclosure Norms for Listed Companies

- **SEBI Chairman Ajay Tyagi** announced the changes focuses on the need to build trust among whistle-blowers after a **whistle-blower** approached the US watchdog, **Securities and Exchange Commission** with a complaint against IT major Infosys instead of SEBI.
- **Portfolio Managers (PM) Regulations, 2019** have been amended following which net worth requirement of portfolio managers has been **enhanced from 2 crore to 5 crore rupees.**

Chit Funds (Amendment) Bill, 2019

- The **Chit Funds Act, 1982 regulates chit funds** and prohibits a fund from being created without the prior sanction of a State Government.

- The amendment has been made **to streamline operations of chit funds that are popular among low-income families in India**, as it offers both access to funds and save option and to protect the interests of investors.

RBI Constituted 3-Member Panel for DHFL

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has constituted a three-member panel to advise the Administrator of **Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited, DHFL**.
- Reserve Bank of India **superseded DHFL's board** on 20th Nov 19 and placed the company under an administrator to help recover nearly Rs 84,000 crore and ensure that the debt-laden company's asset quality does not worsen any further.

NK Singh Recommends Further Simplification of GST

- **N K Singh, Chairman of 15th Finance Commission (FC)** has called for major changes in the GST (Goods and Service Tax) structure.
- The recommendations are made **to help increase revenue, foster better tax compliance, scrutinise and optimise revenue etc.**

Web Portal Launched by Tax Department

- The portal will provide information about procedures related **to automatic exchange of information under common reporting standards**.
- The portal will be **useful for domestic financial institutions, foreign tax authorities and financial institutions, and public**.

Credit-linked Subsidy Services Awaz Portal

- The Portal will provide a robust and transparent real-time **web-based monitoring system to the beneficiaries of credit-linked Subsidy Services (CLSS)**.
- The **Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS)** is a benefit under the **Pradhan Mantri Awaz Yojana** which focuses on helping the beneficiaries to bring down their housing loan EMIs by over **Rs. 2,000 per month by offering an interest subsidy**.

Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2019

- The bill provides an option to pay income tax at the rate of **15% to new domestic manufacturing companies**, provided they do not claim certain deductions.
- Currently, **25%** is the rate of income tax that is paid by the domestic companies with an **annual turnover of up to Rs 400 crore** and **30%** is the rate for other domestic companies.

Capital Small Finance Bank raised Equity Capital from OIJIF

- **OIJIF, a growth capital private equity (PE) fund** has bought a **9.9% stake** in Punjab-based Capital Small Finance Bank.

- Bangalore-based mid-market private equity fund **Amicus Capital Private Equity and Amicus Capital Partners India Fund** also invested Rs 38 crore in June and Rs 5 crore, respectively as part of the capital raise round.

RBI imposed Rs 1.50 crore penalty on Corporation Bank

- RBI has imposed the penalty in exercise of powers vested under the provisions of **Section 47 A (1) (c) read with Section 46 (4) (i) and 51 (1) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.**
- Non-compliance with the RBI directions was revealed in the **statutory inspection of the bank** with reference to its financial position as on March 31, 2017 and the **Risk Assessment Report (RAR).**

INDEX AND RANKING

World's top 10 Best-Performing Chief Executives

- **Harvard Business Review (HBR)** has published '**The Best-Performing CEOs in the World, 2019**'.
- The list consists of **top 100 CEOs of the world** and the list is topped by **American technology company NVIDIA's CEO Jensen Huang.**
- **Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos** has topped the list **every year since 2014**, failed to make this year's list owing to Amazon's relatively low ESG scores.

Global Prosperity Index 2019

- Bengaluru was ranked **83rd in the list**, Delhi and Mumbai stood at **101st and 107th position.**
- The Index ranked **113 cities across the globe** in terms of their inclusive prosperity of their economies measuring not only economic growth but its distribution across their population.

REPORTS

IMF report on Growth of South Asia

- IMF released the paper titled '**Is South Asia Ready for take-off? A sustainable and inclusive growth agenda,**' on 4th November 2019.
- The report has said that under a substantial liberalisation scenario, supported by improved infrastructure and young workforce, the region has the potential to **contribute one-third of global growth by 2040.**

Water Quality Report

- The **Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution** have released the **Water Quality Report for State Capitals & UT.**
- The study on the **quality of piped drinking water being supplied in the country** is undertaken by the **Bureau of India Standards (BIS).**

India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) Growth Forecast

- Fitch group firm India Ratings and Research lowered India's GDP growth forecast for current fiscal for the **fourth time**.
- The 4.7% projection for the 2nd quarter would mark **6 consecutive quarters of slowing growth which is a first since 2012**.

GDP fell to 4.5% in 2nd Quarter

- Growth rate of **Private Final Consumption Expenditure (PFCE) at Constant Prices stood at 5.1%** in Q2 FY20 as compared to 9.8% in Q2 FY19.
- **Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) at constant Prices grew at 1%** in Q2 FY20 as compared to 11.8% of Q2 of FY19.

APPOINTMENTS

Name of the Person	Designation
Justice Ajay Kumar Mittal	Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court
P.S Sreedharan Pillai	Governor of Mizoram
Justice Sanjay Karol	Chief Justice of Patna High Court
Pravind Jugnauth	Mauritius Prime Minister
Justice Muhammad Raffiq	Chief Justice of Meghalaya High Court
Justice Akil Abdulhamid Kureshi	New Chief Justice of the High Court of Tripura
Justice Dr Ravi Ranjan	Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court
Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde	47th Chief Justice of India
Shiv Sena President Uddhav Thackeray	Next Chief Minister of Maharashtra
H R Khan	Chairman of Code for Responsibility Lending (CRL) Committee

AWARDS AND HONOURS

Award	Awardee
Lifetime Achievement Award at IFFI 2019	Isabelle Huppert
'Icon of Golden Jubilee of IFFI' award	S Rajinikanth
Golden Leaf Award 2019	Tobacco Board of India
National Awards for Excellence in Journalism 2019	
Name of the Person	Category
Gulab Kothari	Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award
Sanjay Saini and Raj Chengappa	Rural Journalism
Shiva Swaroop Awasthi and Anu Abraham	Development Reporting
P.G.Unnikrishnan	Photo Journalism- Single News Picture
Sipra Das	Photo Journalism-Photo Feature
Saurabh Duggal	Sports Reporting

Ruby Sarkar and Anuradha Mascarenhas	Gender Based Reporting
Krishna Kaushik and Sandeep Singh	Financial Reporting

IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Day	Theme
1 st November 2019	State's Foundation Day	--
9 th November 2019	Foundation Day of Uttarakhand	--
11 th November 2019	National Education Day	--
11 th November 2019	Birth Anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad	--
12 th November 2019	550 th birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev	--
12 th November 2019	Public Service Broadcasting Day	--
14 th November 2019	Children's Day	--
14 th November 2019	Birth Anniversary of the first Prime Minister of India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru	--
16 th November 2019	National Press Day	--
21 st November 2019	World Fisheries Day	--
26 th November 2019	Constitution Day	--
26 th November 2019	National Milk Day	--

MOU'S SIGNED

MoU signed between CSIR-IMTECH and IIT Bombay

- The MoU is in line with the circular issued by MHRD in **2018** to collaborate with **National Research Laboratories affiliated to CSIR** and paving way for all IITs.
- IMTECH's vision is to discover **new drugs to address key societal and medical needs**.

GOVT SCHEMES

'NISHTHA' Scheme launched in J&K

- **National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA)** was launched in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir on 15th November 2019.
- NISHTHA is a National Mission aimed at **"Improving learning outcomes at Elementary level"** through **Integrated Teacher Trainings**.

Target Olympic Podium Scheme

- A “**High priority category**” has been created to focus on those players who have won medals in the Commonwealth Games, Asian Games or in which India has a good chance of winning medals in Olympics.
- **Nine sports disciplines** are included in the high priority category: **Athletics, Badminton, Hockey, Shooting, Tennis, Weightlifting, Wrestling, Archery and Boxing.**

DEFENCE

Joint Military Exercise Dustlik-2019

- The **curtain raiser** of the military drill was held on 3rd November by the Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his Uzbekistan counterpart Major General Bakhodir Nizamovich Kurbanov.
- The Defence Minister Rajnath Singh affirmed India’s commitment of developing a **state-of-the-art IT complex in Armed Forces Academy of Uzbekistan.**

SCO Joint Urban Earthquake Search & Rescue Exercise- 2019

- The Shanghai Cooperation Organization Joint Exercise on Urban Earthquake Search & Rescue (**SCOJtEx-2019**) is to be inaugurated by the Union Minister of Home Affairs Shri Amit Shah on 4th November 2019 at New Delhi.
- The **aim of the exercise** is to rehearse the disaster response mechanism, share technology, Knowledge and enhance cooperation with multi-agency participation in earthquake scenario.

2nd Edition of Exercise ‘Samudra Shakti’

- The 2nd edition **Indian Navy – Indonesian Navy** Bilateral Maritime Exercise ‘Samudra Shakti’ was conducted in the **Bay of Bengal** from 6th Nov to 7th Nov 2019.
- An Anti-Submarine Warfare Corvette, **INS Kamorta**, is jointly exercising with Indonesian Warship **KRI Usman Harun**, a multi-role Corvette.

Innovations for DEFENCE EXCELLENCE (iDEX)

- The Def-connect was organised to showcase the accomplishments of the **Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) initiative.**
- **‘Defence Innovation Organization (DIO)’** funds and manages the iDEX and was formed as a ‘not for profit’ company as per **Section 8 of the Companies Act 2013.**

Exercise TIGER TRIUMPH

- Indian Air Force **MI-17 helicopters**, Indian Naval ships **Jalashwa, Airavat and Sandhayak**, and Rapid Action Medical Team (**RAMT**) would participate from India.
- The exercise is being conducted to increase interoperability **Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations.**

Exercise 'SHAKTI-2019'

- The **aim of the exercise** was to achieve interoperability in operational procedures, combat drills and understand the functioning in such situations.
- **'RUDRA' helicopter**, which is the weaponised version of the Advanced Light Helicopter **'Dhruv'** was included in the exercise.

Exercise Za'ir-Al-Bahr (Roar of the Sea)

- The exercise will include a three-day **Harbour Phase** (seminar, professional interaction, official visits, and sports) and Two days **Sea Phase** (Maritime Exercise involving Maritime Surveillance and Interdiction Operation).
- Anti-Ship Missile equipped **Barzan Class Fast Attack Craft and Rafale multi-task fighter aircraft** will participate from Qatari Naval Forces.

NCC 71st Raising Day

- The NCC also contributes towards **social causes and community development activities in the country.**
- It is a **tri-service organization active since 1948** in grooming the youth of the country into disciplined and patriotic citizens.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

GV-971 Drug to Cure Alzheimer's

- **GV-971 drug** is the **only Alzheimer's medicine to survive clinical trials**, out of more than 320 developed by pharmaceutical companies around the globe.
- **Alzheimer's disease** is an irreversible brain disorder that destroys thinking ability of the brain to carry out simple tasks.

SPORTS

Gold in Olympic Test Event for Boxing

- **Shiva Thapa** is the four-time Asian medallist and outpunched **Sanatali Toltayev**, Kazakhstan's national champion and Asian bronze-winner by 5-0 in **63 kilogram category.**
- **Pooja Rani**, Former Asian Games bronze-medallist edged past **Caitlin Parker** of Australia in **75-kilogram category.**

South Africa won Rugby World Cup 2019

- The Rugby World Cup 2019 was held in **YOKOHAMA, Japan** from 20th September to 2nd November across 12 venues all across the country.
- The final match was held at **International Stadium Yokohama** in Yokohama.

- The Springboks became the **second team after New Zealand** to win three World Cup titles.

Pooja Gehlot won Silver in UWW Under-23 World Championships

- Pooja claimed India's **second silver medal** in wrestling in **53 kg** after Ravinder won the first silver in 61 kg in the tournament.
- She was defeated by **Japan's Haruna Okuno** in the finals of the UWW Under-23 World Championships.

Documentary on Real Kashmir won 'BAFTA Scotland' Awards 2019

- The documentary depicted the journey of former Rangers ace **David Robertson** as the coach of Real Kashmir Football Club.
- In its first season, FC finished third in the I-League, which is currently **India's second tier football league**.

Deepak Kumar and Manu Bhaker at 14th Asian Championships

- Deepak secured the bronze in the **men's 10 metres air rifle** while Bhaker secured gold in the **women's 10 metres air pistol**.
- Deepak is the **2nd Indian shooter** to earn an Olympic quota in the event after **Divyansh Singh Panwar**.

Kento Momota won his 10th title as Japan's World No. 1

- **Kento Momota and Chen Yufei** won the titles in the men's and women's title respectively at the Fuzhou China Open Badminton.
- **Kento Momota** defeated Taiwan's world number two **Tien-chen** to win his **10th title as Japan's world number one**.

Sundar Singh wins Gold in World Para Athletics Championships

- The event was held in **Dubai, UAE** and will take place from 7th to 15th November 2019 at **Dubai Club for People with Determination**.
- This is India's **2nd gold** in the Championship after **Devendra Jhajharia's** gold and silver in 2013 Lyon and 2015 Doha Championships.

Saurabh Chaudhary wins Silver at the 14th Asian Championship

- **Saurabh Chaudhary** claimed the silver medal in men's **10m air pistol event** at the 14th Asian Shooting Championship.
- **Abhishek Verma, Sharvan Kumar and Saurabh** won the **team bronze** for India.

India bagged 9 medals at World Para Athletics Championship

- **Sundar Singh Gurjar** (F46 category) and **Sandeep Chaudhary** (F64 category) won Gold for India in the Championship.
- **Sumit Antil and Sharad Kumar** claimed silver in the event.
- **China** topped the medals tally with **59 medals** followed by **Brazil (39)** and **Great Britain (28)**.

Rafel Nadal Won the 6th Davis Cup Title

- **Rafael Nadal** has clinched the **sixth Davis Cup title in tennis for Spain over Canada** at the Caja Mágica in **Madrid, Spain**.
- He has defeated **Denis Shapovalov of Canada** by 6-3, 7-6 (9-7) to clinch Spain's 2-0 win against Canada.

63rd National Shotgun Shooting Championship

- **Haryana's Sangram Dahiya and Varsha Varman of Madhya Pradesh** also won the team gold for their respective States.
- **The 63rd National Shooting Championship Competitions (NSCC) 2019** in Shotgun events is being held at Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Ranges, **New Delhi** from 16th to 30th November 2019.

Expert Committee constituted to review Draft National Sports Code

- The Ministry of Sports has constituted a **13-member expert committee to review the Draft National Sports Code**.
- The expert committee will be headed by former Supreme Court judge **Justice Mukundakam Sharma**.

Abhishek-Jyothi claimed Gold at Asian Archery C'ships

- **Jyothi, Muskan Kirar and Priya Gurjar** also won the **silver** medal in the compound women's team event.
- Due to the suspension of the national federation **Archery Association of India (AAI)**, the Indian archers participated as **neutral athletes** under the **World Archery flag** in the tournament.

SUMMITS AND CONFERENCES

35th ASEAN Summit

- The **Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)** is a group of ten member countries that encourages social, political and economic co-operation in the region.
- Head of **Eight dialogue partner countries** including India, republic of Korea, Australia, USA, China, Japan, and New Zealand are also participating in the summit along with the 10 ASEAN countries.

15th meeting of Governing Council of SACEP

- Environment, Forest & Climate Change and Information & Broadcasting Minister **Prakash Javadekar** will attend the meet from India.
- During the visit to Bangladesh, the Minister will also visit **Bangabandhu Memorial Museum** to pay respects to **Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman**.

19th IRIGC-M&MTC Meeting

- The **19th India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Military and Military-Technical Cooperation (IRIGC-M&MTC)** meeting was held in Moscow on 6th November 2019.

- The meeting took place between the **Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** and **Russian Defence Minister General Sergey Shoigu**.

BIMSTEC ports Conclave

- **BIMSTEC was formed in 1997** with the cooperation of **seven member countries** including **India, Myanmar, Nepal, Bhutan, Srilanka, Bangladesh and Thailand**.
- Union minister of shipping **Mansukh Mandaviya** will inaugurate the Conclave and will attend the event besides the chairmen of all 12 major ports in India.

Global Investors' Meet

- Himachal Pradesh government is organising the event to **attract investment and create employment opportunities** in the state.
- The State government has set a target of signing pacts worth **Rs 85,000 crore** during the event.

China International Travel Mart (CITM)

- CITM is one of the largest Travel shows in Asia and this the **21st edition of CITM**.
- A large **India Pavilion** is being set up at CITM to promote India's varied tourism products and services including the **Buddhist Circuit** to attract Chinese travellers to visit India.

UNESCO & MGIEP Digital Learning Draft Guidelines

- Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', Union Minister, Ministry of Human Resource Development launched the '**Industry Guidelines on Digital Learning (discussion draft)**' at the event.
- The Draft Guidelines were developed by **UNESCO & MGIEP (Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development)**, based in New Delhi.

International Buyer Seller Meet on Agriculture & Horticulture

- The **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)** under the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry has organised the meet.
- The products of Arunachal Pradesh like Mandarin oranges, kiwi, pineapple, king chilly and others were showcased to the **International buyers from seven countries of Bangladesh, Nepal, Greece, Sultanate of Oman, Indonesia, UAE and Bhutan**.

8th International Conference on Agricultural Statistics

- The conference is organized in collaboration with the **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, ADB, World Bank, AfDB** and various other organizations.
- The **theme** of ICAS for 2019 is '**Statistics for Transformation of Agriculture to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**'.

National Summit on Good, Replicable Practices and Innovations

- Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare Dr Harsh Vardhan, has inaugurated the **6th National Summit on Good, Replicable Practices and Innovations** at Gandhinagar (Gujarat).
- **SAANS** campaign “**Social Awareness and Action to Neutralise Pneumonia Successfully**” was launched at the Summit to control **Pneumonia**.

6th ASEAN Defence Ministers’ Meeting-Plus

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will represent India in the **6th ASEAN Defence Ministers’ Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus)** in **Bangkok, Thailand** on 18th November 2019.
- The **current Chairman of the ADMM-Plus** is **H.E. Gen. Prawit Wongsuwon** (Minister of Defence), Kingdom of **Thailand**.

2nd Edition of ISA-Steel Conclave 2019

- The **Indian Steel Association (ISA)** supported by the **Ministry of Steel**, Government of India is organising the conclave to deliberate on Indian and Global Perspectives of the Steel Industry.
- India is the **2nd largest producer of crude steel and 3rd largest consumer of finished steel** in the world.

2019 World Conference on Access to Medical Products: Achieving the SDGs 2030

- The conference was held to analyse possibilities to achieve the **Sustainable Development Goal 3 (SDG 3) - Good Health and Well-being**, at ensuring healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.
- The conference **aimed** to find solutions and measures on issues surrounding provisioning of **affordable, quality medical products** as part of public health care delivery systems.

Global Bio-India Summit 2019

- “**Global Bio-India 2019**” Summit is one of the largest biotechnology stakeholders conglomerates which will be **held for the first time in India at New Delhi**.
- The Summit is being **organized by the Department of Biotechnology** under the Ministry of Science & Technology with its Public Sector Undertaking, **Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC)**.

19th Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Meet

- **V Muraleedharan**, Minister of State in the External Affairs Ministry has participated in the event representing India.
- The **theme** of this year meeting is “**Promoting a Shared Destiny and Path to Prosperity in the Indian Ocean**.”

27th Conference of Central and State Statistical Organizations

- The conference is being organised by the **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)**.

- MoSPI has developed **National Indicator Framework (NIF)** for monitoring country's progress on SDGs. Also, the **NIF Baseline Report 2015-16** is released by the ministry to set the benchmark for measuring SDGs progress up to **2030**.

9th BRICS Trade Ministers Meet

- **Piyush Goyal**, Commerce and Industry and Railway Minister will attend the meet from India.
- An MoU with **Trade and Investment Promotion Agencies of BRICS countries** will be signed at the meet to enhance collaboration between the trade and investment promotion agencies of BRICS nations.

Dhaka Global Dialogue

- The programme is jointly organised by the **Observer Research Foundation (ORF)** and the **Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS)**.
- The **theme** of the dialogue is **"Growth, development and Indo-Pacific"**.

India-ASEAN Business Summit

- The Union Minister of State Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), **Dr Jitendra Singh** addressed the Inaugural Session of 2-day **India-ASEAN Business Summit** on 11th Nov in **New Delhi**.
- The **objective** of the conference is to enhance the trade trajectory between India and ASEAN nations to new highs.

11th BRICS Summit

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend 11th BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) Summit on 14th November in **Brasilia, Brazil**.
- The **theme** for this year summit is **"Economic growth and innovative future for BRICS economies"**.

NuGen Mobility Summit 2019

- **Minister of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises Nitin Gadkari** addressed the event and called upon the auto industry to focus on future technologies as skilled man-power in the auto sector.
- The objective of the Summit is **to share global experiences, ideas, innovations and future technology** for faster adoption and development of advanced automotive technologies.

5th NITI Aayog–DRC Dialogue

- The Dialogue took place under the MoU between NITI Aayog and DRC signed during the visit of **Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to China in May 2015**.
- Preliminary findings of joint research in the areas of WTO reform and urbanization as per the **4th Dialogue held in Mumbai in 2018** were presented in the fifth dialogue.