

WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS 1ST TO 7TH NOVEMBER 2019

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.

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.

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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"**.

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.

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.

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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.**

APPOINTMENTS

Name of the Person	Designation
Justice Ajay Kumar Mittal	Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court
P.S Sreedharan Pillai	Governor of Mizoram

AWARDS AND HONOURS

Award	Awardee
Lifetime Achievement Award at IFFI 2019	Isabelle Huppert
'Icon of Golden Jubilee of IFFI' award	S Rajinikanth

IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Day	Theme
1 st November 2019	State's Foundation Day	--

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.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

GV-971 Drug to Cure Alzheimer's

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- **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**.

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

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- 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.