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weekly current affairs



PERSONS IN NEWS

1. Renowned biologist Chandrima Shaha became the **first woman to get elected as President** of Indian National Science Academy (**INSA**) (**Headquarter:** New Delhi).

2. P T Usha from Payyoli, Kerala has been **appointed as one of the six members of** the Asian Athletics Association's (**AAA**) **Athletes Commission**.

3. YES bank had appointed Anurag Adlakha as the new Chief Financial Officer (**CFO**) **of the bank**.

1. National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE) has **partnered** with United Nations Industrial Development Organization (**UNIDO**) **to initiate a skill development program** for different levels of beneficiaries in solar energy sector.

2. Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) has launched Samagra Shiksha-Jal Suraksha drive to create awareness about Water Conservation among all school going students.

3. Jharkhand government recently launched "Mukhyamantri Krishi Ashirwad Yojana", under the scheme farmers/ beneficiaries having farmlands of less than 1 acres to 5 acres will be provided financial assistance of Rs5,000-25,000.



SCHEMES



1. **ADB** has approved **US \$200 million loans for Road Infrastructure** Improving project in **Maharashtra**.

2. **Morgan Stanley Capital International**, one of the world's biggest index compilers, **has added HDFC Life Insurance Company Ltd. to its Global Standard Index** and removed

Union Bank of India(UBI) from its India Smallcap Index.

3. **Indian Bank** has signed a **bancassurance agreement with the SBI Life Insurance and Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance Company (ABSLI)** to provide insurance products to its customers.

The bank has also signed an agreement with Cholamandalam MS General Insurance Company.

4. **RBI task force on Offshore Rupee Markets** headed by Usha Thorat **has recommended the extension of onshore market hours to 9 am to 9 pm**, to improve access of overseas users and allow Indian banks to freely offer prices to global clients around the clock.

5. **RBI** recently gave the **status** of the **scheduled bank to the Jana Small Finance Bank (Headquarter: Bengaluru)**.

6. **Axis Bank** has signed a **bancassurance agreement with a standalone health insurer, Aditya Birla Health Insurance Co Ltd** to provide Aditya Birla's suite of insurance products to its customers.

1. In LinkedIn's fourth edition of Top Companies list for India 2019, **Flipkart (owned by Walmart)** was ranked **first place as the best workplace in India**.

2. **Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited and Microsoft Corporation** announced a **10-year long-term strategic relationship** to accelerate the digital **transformation of the Indian economy and society**.

3. **RBL Bank and Practo**, a digital healthcare platform has **jointly launched co-branded health-focused credit card** called "RBL Bank



BUSINESS

Practo Plus” powered by Mastercard.

4. Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) has announced that Saudi Arabia’s oil company Saudi Aramco will buy 20 % stake of RIL’s oil and chemicals business for about \$15 billion (approximately Rs 1.06 lakh crore).



1. 66th National Film awards were announced recently, important awardees are:

Best Feature Film: ‘Hellaro’ (Gujarati)

Best Non-Feature Film: Son Rise by Vibha Bakshi and The Secret Life of Frogs by Ajay and

Vijay Bedi Best.

Best Hindi Movie: Andhadhun

Most Supporting state to cinema: Uttarakhand

Best Actor: Ayushmann Khurrana (‘Andhadhun’) & Vicky Kaushal (‘Uri’)

Best Actress: Keerthy Suresh for ‘Mahanati’ (Telugu)

Best Director: Aditya Dhar for- ‘Uri: The Surgical Strike’

2. The 2019 Bharat Ratna award has been given to:

Pranab Mukherjee: Former President and Union Finance Minister (from Congress Party)

Nanaji Deshmukh: An educator and a social worker, first Saraswati Shishu Mandir was established by him at Gorakhpur in 1950

Bhupen Hazarika: He was a playback singer, lyricist, musician, singer, poet and film-maker from Assam, widely known as Sudhakantha.

3. India today Group journalist Rajdeep Sardesai was awarded the 2019 Prem Bhatia Award for his outstanding political reporting with a career spanning over three decades.

4. Indian Chef Priyam Chatterjee was recently **awarded with French government’s ‘Chevalier de l’Ordre du Mrite Agricoleto’** (Order of Agricultural Merit) in New Delhi.

5. Shah Rukh Khan was **felicitated with ‘Excellence in Cinema’ honour** at Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) 2019 recently.



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1. Udaipur, Rajasthan recently hosted 3rd edition of India's largest education brainstorming event called "Soo News Global Educators Fest (SGEF)" recently.



The theme of the event was 'Education for Sustainability: Moving on from conformity to creativity'.

2. Two-day 22nd National Conference on e-Governance (NCeG) 2019 was recently organized in Shillong, Meghalaya.

3. International Day for World Indigenous People: August 09

Theme: Indigenous Languages

4. World Biofuel Day: August 10

Theme: Production of Biodiesel from Used Cooking Oil (UCO)

5. International Youth Day: August 12

Theme: Transforming Education

6. World Elephant Day: August 12

7. World Organ Donation Day: August 13

Theme: Donating an Organ is like gifting a life

8. International Left-Handers Day: August 13



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1. Virasat-e-Khalsa museum located in Anandpur Sahib, Punjab has been recorded in Asia Book of Records for becoming a most visited museum in Asian sub-continent on a single day.

2. As per a report on "Breastfeeding" released by Union Health Minister Dr. Harshvardhan, Manipur has topped rankings in Breastfeeding and Infant and Young Child Feeding Practices

in India.

3. Elangbam Valentina Devi, a 9-year-old girl from Manipur was made the **ambassador of 'Chief Minister's Green Manipur Mission'** recently.

4. India's first underwater train project is set to launch **in Kolkata under the Hooghly river**. It is a 16-kilometer long Kolkata Metro project.

5. To mark the 77th anniversary of Quit India movement, UP government launched the mega greenery plantation drive called **"Vriksharopan Mahakumbh"**, which set a world record by planting over **22 crore saplings in a day**.

6. Rajasthan recently released Biofuels rules -2019 and hence became the **first state in the country to have a Biofuel Policy**.

7. Gogabeel, an ox-bow in Katihar district of **Bihar** has been **declared as state's 1st 'Community Reserve'**.

1. According to Union Government there has been a **41% reduction in stubble burning incidents in 2018** as compared to 2016.

2. As per Union environment ministry's **"Elephant population census"**, **India has a total of 29,964 elephants**. Karnataka with the total count of 6,049 has maximum elephants.

3. Veteran actor **Anupam Kher's autobiography titled "Lessons Life Taught Me, unknowingly"** was launched at a special event in New York.

4. The book titled 'Listening, Learning and Leading', based on M. Venkaiah Naidu's two years as Vice President of India **was launched by Home Minister Amit Shah recently in Chennai**.

5. India's total forest cover is 24.49% of its geographical area, Haryana with 6.79% has the lowest area under forests, Lakshadweep with 97% of its area under forest comes first among all states and UTs.

6. High-Level Committee (HLC) on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) headed by Injeti Srinivas has recommended that **CSR expenditure should be tax-deductible** and allowing carrying forward of unspent balance for a period of 3-5 years.

7. IIT Madras and the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) have partnered together for **developing turbines that can generate electricity by harnessing the ocean waves**.



8. Former Governor of Reserve Bank of India, **Bimal Jalan's new Book 'Resurgent India'** was launched in New Delhi recently.

9. **Penguin Random House India** has announced a **book on** the life of the actor, **Sridevi** titled **"Sridevi: Girl Woman Superstar"**.



INTERNATIONAL

1. Chinese telecom giant **Huawei** launched its **own operating system** called **HarmonyOS** or **HongMeng** in Chinese.

2. The Pacific island nation of **Papua New Guinea** has the **highest number of 'living' indigenous languages** in the world (840), while **India stands fourth with 453**.

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1. **Aishwarya Pissay** became **first Indian to claim a world title in motorsports** by winning **FIM World Cup** in women's category held in **Hungary** (Currency: Forint, Capital: Budapest).

2. **Chennai Lions** (led by Sharath Kamal) **defeated Dabang Delhi** (led by G. Sathiyam) in final **to win Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) crown**.

3. South African batsman **Hashim Amla** **recently announced his retirement** from all forms of international cricket.

4. **Indian Wrestler Bajrang Punia** **won gold** in 65kg men's freestyle competition at Tbilisi Grand Prix 2019.



SPORTS



1. **Renowned freedom fighter Dayanidhi Nayak** passed away in Bargarh, Odisha.

2. **Former Additional Solicitor General** and senior advocate **Amarendra Sharan** **passed away recently**.

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