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weekly current affairs



PERSONS IN NEWS

1. Vivek Kumar Johri took charge as the 25th Director General (DG) of the border defense organization, BSF (Border Security Force).

2. President Ram Nath Kovind recently appointed 5 new governors:

Telangana: Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan (**CM:** K Chandrashekar Rao)

Maharashtra: Bhagat Singh Koshyari (**CM:** Devendra Phadnavis)

Rajasthan: Kalraj Mishra (**CM:** Ashok Gehlot)

Kerala: Arif Mohammed Khan (**CM:** Pinyari Vijayan)

Himachal Pradesh: Bandaru Dattatreya (**CM:** Jairam Thakur)

1. National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) will launch 'Samudrayaan project by 2021-22 to explore the deep-sea region.

The project comes under Union Ministry of Earth Sciences as part the Rs 6000 crore 'Deep Ocean' mission for deep ocean mining of rare minerals.



SCHEMES

2. The Rajasthan government has launched a new health insurance scheme called Ayushman Bharat-Mahatma Gandhi Rajasthan Swasthya Bima Yojna (AB-MGRSBY) by integrating Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna Scheme (AB-PMJAY) and Rajasthan's previous scheme, Bhamashah Health Insurance Scheme (BSBY).

3. Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has joined hands with, Microsoft to incorporate cloud-based technology in high school teachers' capacity building programs and teaching.

4. Indian cricketer Rohit Sharma has launched "Rohit4Rhinos campaign" in partnership with WWF India and Animal Planet (wildlife channel) to spread awareness about the need for conservation of one-horned rhinos.



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1. NBFC & a subsidiary of Edelweiss Financial Services, ECL Finance Limited have entered into an agreement with Central Bank of India (CBI) and State Bank of India (SBI) for priority sector lending to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).

2. As announced in this year's Union Budget, "Sabka Vishwas", - a legacy dispute resolution scheme for taxpayers has started off with its operation from **September 1, 2019**, and will be operational till December 31, 2019.

3. ICICI Bank (Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India), has **become the first bank in India to deploy industrial 'robotic arms' to count** millions of **notes in currency chests** across the country.

4. Union government has approved a capital infusion of Rs 9,300 crores in IDBI Bank (Industrial Development Bank of India) to increase the bank's capital base.

5. Singapore based DBS bank has reduced India's GDP to 6.2% from the fiscal year 2019-20.

6. IRDAI (Headquarter: Hyderabad) has set up a 9-member panel headed by New India Assurance Company Ltd (NIACL) CMD Atul Sahai, in order to review its three-year old guidelines on trade credit insurance due to the changing market requirements.

7. London based Standard Chartered Bank, has launched its "DigiSmart" credit card primarily focused on the ever-growing segment of millennials.

1. The Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI) between India and Switzerland kicked off from September 01. Under this mechanism, India will start receiving information on all financial accounts held by Indian residents in Switzerland for the year 2018.



2. IIT-Kharagpur has partnered with Amazon Web Services (AWS) in developing the National Artificial Intelligence Resource Portal (NAIRP) to develop and promote Artificial Intelligence (AI) learning for all AI learners and Practitioners.

3. Credit rating agency CRISIL has reduced India's GDP growth to 6.3% for FY20.



1. Vatican City conferred Noble laureate of Bangladesh, Prof Muhammad Yunus with 2019 'Lamp of Peace of Saint Francis' award.

2. Event Horizon Telescope Team consisting of 347 **scientists** who produced the world's first image of a black hole **were felicitated with Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics also known as the "Oscars of science".**

3. Organized by Ministry of Jal Shakti, Swachh Mahotsav 2019 was held in New Delhi recently, President Ram Nath Kovind awarded Swachh Bharat Awards in the following categories:

Best ministry for Implementation of Swachhata Action Plan for 2018-19: Ministry of Railways

Best Swachh iconic Place: Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT), Mumbai, Vaishno Devi Shrine Board in Jammu and Kashmir

Award for Open Defecation Free (ODF) and Behavior Change: Gujarat and Sikkim

Ganga Gram: Village Baghori in Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand

The three best stations as per Cleanliness Ranking Survey for 2018 i.e. Jodhpur, Jaipur & Tirupati were also awarded.

4. Minister of Woman and Child Affairs (WCD) Smriti Zubin Irani awarded ten districts for good work in sex ratio awareness and outreach activities under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) campaign, districts are: **Arunachal Pradesh:** East Kameng, **Haryana:** Mahendragarh

-Bhiwani, **Uttarakhand:** Udham Singh Nagar, **Tamilnadu:** Namakkal, **Maharashtra:** Jalgaon, **Uttar Pradesh:** Etawah, **Chattisgarh:** Raigarh, **Rajasthan:** Jodhpur.



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1. A cultural event called **‘Namaste Pacific’ to showcase in India the culture of Pacific countries** such as Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Fiji was recently **held in New Delhi.**



2. **Mini Conclave of First Jammu and Kashmir Investor Summit-2019** was **held in Leh & Ladakh** recently.

3. **To commemorate 20 years of ‘Kargil Vijay Diwas’** (named after successful Operation Vijay), the Indian Air Force (**IAF**) is **organizing 4,500 km ultra-marathon** named as **‘Kargil to Kohima (K2K): Glory Run’.**

4. **The fifth edition of Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) was held in Vladivostok, Russia** with the aim of expanding international cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region and developing the economy of Russia’s Far East region.

India committed \$1 billion for the development of the Far East region of Russia.

5. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar attended fourth **Indian Ocean Conference 2019 held in Male, Maldives.** The theme of the event is ‘Securing the Indian Ocean Region: Traditional and Non-Traditional Challenges’.

6. **First National Conference on Cyber Crime Investigation and Cyber Forensics** was recently **held at** Central Bureau of Investigation (**CBI**) **headquarters in New Delhi.**

7. Organized by Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) national conference on **‘India-Africa Partnership in a Changing Global Order: Priorities, Prospects, and Challenges’** was recently **held in New Delhi.**

8. Union Minister of Health, Harsh Vardhan inaugurated **72nd session of World Health Organization (WHO) regional committee for South-East Asia in New Delhi.**

9. 14th Conference of Parties (COP 14) to UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) was recently held at India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida, UP.

10. International Snacks Festival 2019 was inaugurated in Hyderabad, Telangana.

11. National Nutrition Week (NNW): September 01-07

12. World Coconut Day: September 02

Theme: “Coconut for Family Wellness”

13. National Teacher’s Day: September 05 (In honor of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, India’s second President)

14. UN International Day of Charity: September 05

1. As per the “Global Happiness Survey”

conducted by market research firm Ipsos, **India is ranked 9th** with 77% **on happiness index** among 28 global markets. **Australia and**

Canada with the happiness score of 86% have been **ranked as the happiest countries.**



2. According to the report of Fitch Solutions Macro Research, India will overtake China as the largest importer of coking coal by 2025.

3. In the “Global Liveability Index” prepared by Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) **Delhi and Mumbai have been ranked at 118th and 119th spot** due to an increase in crime, poor air quality, and worsening climate conditions.

The list was topped by Vienna, the capital of Austria.

4. According to the Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index (TTCI) released by the World Economic Forum (WEF), **India was ranked at the 34th spot.** The index was topped by Spain (Capital: **Madrid**, Currency: **Euro**).

5. United States (US) topped the Gold reserves list released by World Gold Council (WGC) (Headquarter: London, UK). India was ranked at 10th spot. **India was ranked at 9th spot in terms of individual countries** with 618.2 tonnes gold.

If organizations are also countries then India’s rank is 10th as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) ranks third in the list.



1. Election Commission of India (ECI) hosted the fourth General Assembly of Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB) at Bengaluru recently. India also took over as A-WEB's Chair for 2019-21, hence CEC Sunil Arora assumed Chairmanship of Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB).

2. Commercial vehicle major Ashok Leyland has upgraded its truck to meet BS-VI emission norms, which come into force from April 1, 2020, and has become the first Indian original equipment manufacturer (OEM) to meet BS-VI emission norms.

3. Department of Science and Technology (DST) has selected IIT, Delhi and IIT, Kharagpur to establish a shared science and technology infrastructure facility named Sophisticated Analytical and Technical Help Institute (SATHI).

4. An Indian Army team successfully summited Mount Leo Pargyl at 6773 m in Zaskar range in Kinnaur District, Himachal Pradesh recently.

5. First-ever architectural LED illumination at Qutb Minar was recently inaugurated by Prahalad Singh Patel, Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism.

6. Union Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) and Google recently launched 'Build for Digital India' programme for engineering students.

7. PM Modi announced setting of 12,500 AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy) centres across the country. Out of which 4,000 centres would be set up this year only.

8. Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs Food and Public Distribution has announced a blanket ban on all types of single-use plastic products in various PSUs including FCI starting from 15 September 2019.

9. The Indian Air Force inducted 8 Apache AH-64E (from the US) attack helicopters at Pathankot Air Force station recently.

10. A book named "India's Lost Frontier the Story of the North-West Frontier Province of Pakistan" written by Raghvendra Singh, has been released recently.

11. PM Modi inaugurated the first Metro Coach in Mumbai under the 'Make in India' initiative in Mumbai.



1. Vice President **M. Venkaiah Naidu** inaugurated country's longest electrified rail tunnel (length 6.7 Km) between Cherlopalli and Rapuru in **Andhra Pradesh** recently.
2. Geographical Indication (GI) tags were recently given to **Dindigul locks and Kandangi saree** from **Tamil Nadu** by GI - Registry Chennai.
3. **Nuakhai Juhar**, a harvest festival welcoming the newly harvest crop of the season was celebrated in **Odisha**. It is also called Nuakhai Parab or Nuakahi Bhetghat.
4. Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) launched first-ever '**Terracotta Grinder**' at **Sewapuri in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**.
The machine will grind the wasted and broken pottery items for re-using in pottery-making.
5. **PM Modi** inaugurated '**Garvi Gujarat**', the second state Bhawan of the **Gujarat government** in the national capital New Delhi.
6. Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu recently inaugurated the **fifth edition of Aqua Aquaria India 2019 in Hyderabad**. The theme of the event was "To take Blue Revolution to India's hinterland".
7. **Asia's first 5th Generation - Virtual Reality based Advanced Driver Training Simulator Centre** was launched in **Chennai** recently.
8. **World Bank** announced its partnership to fund the **Uttar Pradesh government's 'pro-poor tourism' (PPT)** development projects with funding worth more than \$57 million.
7. **Government of Gujarat** signed sister-state MoU with the **Delaware State of America** in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
8. **UNESCO** has joined hands with **Rajasthan** state government to further enhance music, art and craft forms, and other intangible cultural heritage of the state.

1. **Indonesia** will move its current capital from **Jakarta** (on the island of Java) to the



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sparsely populated **East Kalimantan** on **Borneo islands**.

2. India has announced the contribution of \$22 million to Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFTAM) (Headquarter: Geneva, Switzerland) for year 2020-22.

3. First ASEAN-US Maritime Exercise (AUMX) was recently held in Thailand.

4. International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) (Headquarter: Lyon, France) Secretary-General, Mr. Jürgen Stock, recently met Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah, and assured the best support for the fight against terror.

5. Iranian (Capital: Tehran, Currency: Rial) army has unveiled a high-precision jet-propelled drone called “Kian”, which has the capacity of carrying long-time surveillance missions.

6. Hurricane Dorian recently hit the Bahamas and the South-eastern United States (US). It was developed from a tropical wave in the Central Atlantic.

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1. Bangladesh Krida Shiksha Prothishtan (BKSP) defeated Nilmani English School, Manipur and successfully defend their U17 Girls Subroto Cup Football 2019 title held in New Delhi.

2. At the age of 20 years & 350 days, spinner of Afghanistan (Capital: Kabul, Currency: Afghani), Rashid Khan has become the youngest captain in test cricket. He captained his side in a test match against Bangladesh.

3. Rishabh Pant became the **fastest Indian wicket-keeper to claim 50 dismissals in Test cricket.** He achieved the feat in his 11th test for India in a match against West Indies.

4. ‘Nadubhagam Chundan’, the snake boat of Pallathuruthy Boat Club, lifted the 67th Nehru Trophy at Punnamada Lake in Alappuzha in Kerala.



SPORTS

15. India Under-15 team has defeated Nepal in the SAFF (South Asian Football Federation) U-15 Championship 2019 held in West Bengal.

16. Ferrari's Charles Leclerc from Monaco (Capital: Monaco, Currency: Euro) won the **2019 Belgian Grand Prix**. This was his first-ever win in the Formula 1.

17. At the 73rd Glenmark National senior aquatics Championships 2019 held at Bhopal, **Rujuta became the fastest female swimmer** of India winning the title **in 50m freestyle** and gold in the women's **50m breaststroke was won by Divya Satija** (Haryana).

18. In men's category, Virdhawal Khade won gold in 50m breaststroke event.

19. International Cricket Council (ICC) has appointed Jonathan Hall as its General Counsel and Company Secretary.



1. Udit Pratap Deo, former king of Kalahandi which was a princely state of Odisha, but now a district, has passed away recently.

2. Former President of Zimbabwe, Robert Mugabe passed away recently.

3. Noted novelist and playwright Kiran Nagarkar passed away in Mumbai. He is known for authoring the books, 'Cuckold' and 'Bedtime Stories'.

4. Pakistan's former cricketer (leg spinner) Abdul Qadir passed away.

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