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weekly current affairs



PERSONS IN NEWS

1. **Vikas Varma** has been appointed as the **Chief Operating Officer (COO)** of the **Mastercard India**.

2. **Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance (IPA)** has appointed Chairman of Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Limited, **Kallam Satish Reddy** as its **President for 2019-2021**.

1. **'Yuva Sahakar'- Cooperative Enterprise Support and Innovation Scheme 2019** was launched at the opening ceremony of first-ever 'India International Cooperatives Trade Fair' in New Delhi.

2. **SUMAN scheme - "Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan"** scheme to provide free medicines for pregnant women and there by bringing down the Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) and Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) in the country was **launched by the Union Health Minister Dr Harsha Vardhan** during the Conference of Central Council of Health and Family Welfare (CCHWF) in **New Delhi**.

3. Human Resource Development Minister **Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'** **launched Pradhan Mantri Innovative Learning Programme - DHRUV** a **fourteen-day learning programme from** Indian Space Research Organization (**ISRO**).

4. **e-Dant Seva** was launched by the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare under the National Oral Health Program** to sensitize the importance of maintaining oral health.



SCHEMES

5. In order to promote the MSMEs and startups, Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) has organized a discussion session in collaboration with FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry) in New Delhi. Udyam Saathi and Udyam Sakhi are the initiatives to promote the MSME sector.

6. UP Government has introduced the Mukhya Mantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana which aims to empower the girl child. If a girl child is born, that family will receive Rs 15,000.



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1. India's gross domestic product (GDP) **growth** is projected at 6 **percent according to** the latest South Asia Economic Focus report by **World Bank.**

2. United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), has become the first UN organization to hold and make transactions in cryptocurrency.

For the purpose it has established UNICEF Cryptocurrency Fund, to receive, hold as well as disburse donations via cryptocurrencies such as bitcoin and ether. T

The **Ethereum Foundation will be the first one to be contributing to UNICEF through Cryptocurrency Fund.**

3. SEBI recently notified that only **FPIs (Foreign Portfolio Investors)** located in **FATF countries** or **managed by an enterprise based under FATF jurisdiction can deal in Participatory Notes.**

4. Axis Bank, has launched **digital fixed-deposit (FD) product named 'Express FD'** which **can be opened in three minutes** through the digital route without opening a savings account by investing a minimum Rs 5,000.

5. RBI came up with a **new reporting system for all co-operative banks** (urban, State & district central) called **Central Information System for Banking Infrastructure (CISBI)** in which they will submit information related to opening/ closing/ conversion of branches, offices, customer service points like ATMs in a single proforma online.

6. International rating agency Moody's has reduced India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth forecast to 5.8% for FY20 from its

previous estimate of 6.2%.

7. Shubh Loans, a Bengaluru-based fintech sector start-up, has received an **NBFC license from the RBI**.

1. Rating agency India Ratings & Research (Ind-Ra) downgraded India's GDP growth to 6.1% in FY 20.

2. RBI has given its final nod to Kerala Government for the formation of Kerala Bank by merging 13 District Co-operative Banks (DCBs) with Kerala State Co-operative Bank.

3. According to the Edelgive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2019 by Hurun India, HCL (Hindustan Computer Limited) Chairman Shiv Nadar is India's most generous philanthropists who contributed Rs 826 crore during the financial year 2018-19 (FY19).

4. Life Insurance Council (LIC) has decided to launch the Indian life insurance industry's first joint mass media campaign with the slogan 'Sabse Pehle Life Insurance' (first thing is life insurance) whose total cost will be around Rs 100 crore.

For this purpose, Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India will provide Rs 40 crore. It will be a joint effort of 24 Indian life insurance companies.

5. Credit Saison India, the domestic subsidiary of Japanese financial services leader Credit Saison, has received a license from the RBI to set up a non-banking financial company (NBFC) in Bengaluru.



1. Environmentalist Chandi Prasad Bhatt was awarded Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration for the years 2017 and 2018 for his services in promoting and preserving national integration in the country.

2. The 2019 Nobel prize for Physics was awarded to Swiss Scientists Michel Mayor and Didier Queloz and Canadian - American physicist James Peebles.

The **American** was awarded for his contribution towards **"theoretical discoveries in physical cosmology"**. The other half was shared between the **Swiss scientists for their work on "Discovery of an exoplanet orbiting a star similar to sun"**.

3. The 100th **Nobel Prize for Peace** has been awarded to the **Ethiopian Prime Minister Abhiy Ahmed Ali** for his efforts to **resolve the border conflict with Eritrea** and for his overall contribution to peace and international cooperation.

4. The **Nobel Prize in Literature for the year 2018** which couldn't be given last year was awarded to **Polish author Olga Tokarczuk** and **for the year 2019 was awarded to Austrian author Peter Handke.**

5. IFS officer Ramesh Pandey was **selected by** United Nations Environment Programme (**UNEP**) **for the prestigious Asia Environmental Enforcement Award.**

6. The **2019 Nobel Prize in Chemistry** has been awarded to **John B Goodenough (US), M Stanley Whittingham (US)** and **Akira Yoshino (Japan) for the development of lithium-ion batteries.**

7. Sveriges Riksbank (**Nobel**) **Prize in Economic** Sciences 2019 was **given jointly to Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer** for their experimental approach to reduce global poverty.



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1. Part of the **Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat initiative**, the **Rashtriya Sanskrit Mahotsav** was **conducted in Jabalpur, MP** by the Ministry of Culture. (**Union Culture Minister: Prahlad Singh Patel**).



2. **First-ever two-day-long National Hindi Science writers conference** was held at Dr. Shakuntala Mishra National rehabilitation university in **Lucknow, UP.**

3. **C-40 summit** to show how cities are delivering their strong commitments for healthier, sustainable, resilient and inclusive future **to take place in Copenhagen.**

4. 10th edition of the **joint military exercise between India and Maldives named Ekuverin** for the was recently held at **Pune.**

5. **38th India Carpet Expo** was **organized by CEPC - Carpet Export Promotion Council in Varanasi.**

6. A joint military training exercise **“Vajra Prahar”** was **conducted in**

Seattle, US.

7. 25th Technology Summit would be held in New Delhi by the Ministry of Science and Technology. It is a **bilateral platform that provides opportunities to industries, government agencies, and institutes from India and another country to interact with each other, this time the partner country is the Netherlands.**

Theme: Young entrepreneurship

8. "SARAS Aajeevika Mela" under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (**DAY - NRLM**) **with an aim to bring the rural women SHGs - Self Help Groups under one platform was launched in New Delhi.**

9. Organized by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), in partnership with Union Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, **India Sports Summit- Fitness: \$10 Billion Opportunity' was held in New Delhi recently.**

10. India International Cooperative Trade Fair (IICTF) 2019 was held at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi. The fair was organised by the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC).

11. Breast Cancer Awareness Week: October 1 - 31

12. World Space Week: October 4 - 10

Theme: The Moon: Gateway to the stars

The World Space Week was launched on October 4, 1957. The date was selected to mark the launch of the first human-made Earth satellite, Sputnik 1.

13. World Post Day: October 9

14. World Sight Day: October 10

Theme: Vision First

15. World Mental Health Day: October 10

Theme: Suicide Prevention

16. National Postal Week: October 9-15

17. International Day of Girl Child: October 11

Theme: Girl force – Unscripted and unstoppable

18. World Obesity Day: October 11

19. World Egg Day: October 11

Theme: Eat your egg today and every day

20. World Arthritis Day: October 12

Theme: Time2Work

21. World Migratory Bird Day: October 12

Theme: Protect birds – Be the solution to plastic pollution.

22. International Day of Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDRR): October 13

Theme: Reduce disaster damage to critical infrastructure and disruption of basic services.

23. World Standards Day: October 14

Theme: “Video Standards Create a Global Stage”

1. India ranked 68th in the annual Global Competitiveness Index compiled by **World Economic Forum** (Headquarter: Cologny, Switzerland). This year **Singapore** has replaced the **US** as the world’s most competitive country.



2. India was ranked 7th with 18.7% growth in brand value to \$2,562 bn in the **annual report on the most valuable and strongest nation brands by Brand Finance**. The list was topped by the United States of America (USA) with a brand value of \$27,751 bn.

3. According to the recent (October 9) Henley Passport Index 2019, Indian passport ranked at 82nd position. Japan and Singapore secured the joint top spot as the most powerful passports in the world.



NATIONAL

1. The m-Hariyali mobile application was launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs to encourage public engagement in planting trees and Green drives.

2. Union Science and Technology Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan launched a disaster warning device and satellite-based Gagan Enabled Mariner’s Instrument for Navigation and Information (GEMINI) system to provide information related to disaster warnings when fishermen move away from the coast.

3. India Meteorological Department (IMD) is collaborating with meteorological agencies in China and Pakistan, to provide climate

forecast services to countries in Hindu-Kush-Himalayan (HKH) region.

4. As per the **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)**, the **target date for achieving the cumulative 175 GW** (gigawatt) renewable power **installed capacity is December 31, 2022**, with 100 GW of solar, 60 GW of wind, 10 GW of bio-power and 5 GW of small hydropower.

5. **Phunchok Stobdan's** new book **"The Great Game in the Buddhist Himalayas: India and China's Quest for Strategic Dominance"**, the book describes the several unknown insights into the India-China, India-Tibet and China-Tibet relationships.

6. **"Carpenters and Kings: Western Christianity and the Idea of India"** written by **Siddhartha Sarma** was released recently.



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1. **Government of India signed a 190 million USD loan with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to upgrade road transport in the state of Rajasthan (CM: Ashok Gehlot, Governor: Kalraj Mishra).**



2. **Delhi government recently launched an initiative called 'Farishte Dilli Ke'** (Angels of Delhi) under which citizens who take accident victims to the hospital are felicitated.

3. **The state government of West Bengal (CM: Mamta Banerjee, Governor: Jagdeep Dhankar) is setting up Kanyashree University in Nadia district and Kanyashree colleges across the state so as to empower girls.**

1. During his **visit, to the African nation, Sierra Leone Vice President Venkaiah Naidu announced that India will open its High Commission there.** He also **announced a \$30 million credit line for rice cultivation** in Sierra Leone (**Capital: Freetown, Currency: Leone**).



INTERNATIONAL

2. The **Vice President in his visit to Comoros** (Capital: Moroni, Currency: Franc) **India has extended more than \$60 million line of credit** to Union of Comoros in the field of Energy and Maritime Defence Cooperation.

Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu was given **'The Order of the Green Crescent'**, the highest Civilian Honour of Comoros, in Moroni.

3. **India has joined the World Economic Forum's (WEF) (Headquarter: Cologny, Switzerland) G20 Global Smart Cities Alliance on Technology Governance**, a league of 15 of world's leading city networks and technology governance organisations.

4. **NASA** (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) **has launched a satellite called ICON or Ionospheric Connection Explorer to explore the mysterious, dynamic region** where air meets space (i.e. Ionosphere).

5. **PM Modi** along with **Chinese President Xi Jing Ping** held **second informal summit** (first one was held in Wuhan) in **Mahabalipuram or Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu**.

6. Recently the **Subaru telescope discovered 20 new moons of Saturn**. With this Saturn has a total of 82 moons.

7. The **first edition of the World Cotton Day (WCD) was observed on October 7**, It was organized by the World Trade Organization (WTO) as an **initiative of the Cotton-4 (C4) countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad and Mali)**. Mahatma Gandhi was chosen as the icon for the WCD 2019. Five-day World Cotton Day programme was held in Geneva.

8. World Health Organisation (**WHO**) **has launched its first report on vision. According to the report, nearly 2.2 billion people live with vision impairment** or blindness globally.

9. **External Affairs Minister Shri Subrahmanyam Jaishankar inaugurated e-Vidyabharti** (tele-education) **and e-ArogyaBharti** (Tele-Medicine) **projects for all the 54 African countries in New Delhi** on the 55th anniversary of Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) which is India's flagship capacity building programme.



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1. **AIBA (Headquarter: Lausanne, Switzerland)**
Women's World Boxing Championships

2019 was held in Ulan-Ude, Russia.

India's Manju Rani won the silver medal whereas MC Marykom, Jamuna Boro and Lovlina Borgohain won the bronze medals.



SPORTS

2. Marathon runner from Kenya Eliud Kipchoge became the **first person in history to run a marathon in under 2 hours by finishing the 42Km marathon in 1 hour, 59 minutes, 40.2 seconds** in Vienna.

3. 14-year old R Praggnanandhaa from Chennai won the Gold in Under-18 Open category of World Youth Chess Championship held in Mumbai.

4. 49th edition World Artistic Gymnastics Championships 2019 was held in Stuttgart, Germany. American gymnast **Simon Biles** became the **highest medal-winning female gymnast in history.**

5. German footballer Bastian Schweinsteiger has announced his retirement from the International level.



1. Russian astronaut Alexei Leonov, who walked for the first time in space in 1965, **died in Moscow.**

2. Renowned saxophone player & Padma Shri awardee Kadri Gopalnath has passed away in Mangaluru.

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