

- India CEO Forum on Climate Change was organized by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) on May 8, 2019
- Kalavathi GV has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Philips Innovation Campus in Bengaluru.
- The Trump administration imposed sanctions on Iran's iron, steel, aluminium and copper industries.
- Faceboook has chosen London as the centre for the global rollout of WhatsApp Pay.
- Infrastructure major Larsen & Turbo bought shares of Mindtree worth about Rs 368 crore through open market transactions.
- BharatPe, a fintech startup enabling payments for merchants through interoperable UPI OR codes, has announced its foray into merchant services with a new app.
- The sea phase of the Indo-French naval exercise 'Varuna' began on May 8, 2019.
- Olympia Cyberspace, a unit of the Chennai-based Olympia Group, is coming up with a 1.1 million square feet greenfield IT Park jointly with US Private equity fund Apollo Global, in Guindy.
- Bajaj Auto Executive Director Rakesh Sharma has been elected as Vice-President of Geneva-based International Motorcycle Manufacturers Association (IMMA).
- An outbreak of 'Fall Armyworm' has affected at least 5,636 farming families in over 200 villages in Mizoram.

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- GRIHA council released a rating tool 'GRIHA for Existing Day Schools' on May 6, 2019, that will help in evaluating the environmental performance of existing schools across India.
- announced two new award categories- Women's goalkeeper of the year and Women's team of the year to promote women's football across the globe.
- Bharti Airtel has decided to merge its broadband satellite, or VSAT, business with Hughes Communication India.
- A report titled 'Sand and Sustainability: finding new solutions for environmental governance of global sand resources' was released by the United Nations Environment Program.
- United National General Assembly (UNGA) will hold its 2020 high-level conference early June in Portugal's Lisbon to support the sustainable use of the oceans, seas and marine resources.
- According to a World Health Organization (WHO), Road accidents are the leading cause of death among people in the 5-29 age-group worldwide with more than 1.35 million lives lost each year and 50 million sustaining injuries.
- Dairy major Amul will be the principal sponsor of the Afghanistan cricket team for the upcoming ICC World Cup hosted by England and Wales.
- According to a report by the UN, Royal Bengal Tiger, which dominates the marshy areas of the Sundarban forest reserves, may be pushed into extinction due to rise in sea levels and climate change.

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- Public service broadcaster Doordharshan has launched a souvenir store on online shopping website Amazon India.
- Bharti Airtel and HDFC Life Insurance announced a partnership on May 13, 2019.
- Jet Airways (India) Ltd's CFO and Deputy CEO Amit Agarwal has resigned from its positions at the airline.
- Delhi's air quality was recorded in the 'very poor' category, but the pollution level is expected to reduce due to thunderstorms, as per SAFAR.
- The Home Ministry has cancelled the FCRA licence of Infosys Foundation after a request was made by the not-for-profit initiative of it.
- Scientists in the US have detected the highest levels of planetwarming carbon dioxide in the Earth's atmosphere since records began.
- The All India Football Federation confirmed the participation of Syria, DPR Korea, and Tajikistan in the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Intercontinental Cup, starting on July 7, 2019.
- DRDO conducted a successful flight test of ABHYAS-High speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) from Interim Test Range, Chandipur in Odisha on May 13, 2019.
- Mary Kom will make her competitive debut in 51 kg in the second edition of the India Open boxing tournament.
- The Young Scientist Programme 'Yuvika2019' was inaugurated by ISRO Chairman Dr. K Sivan, through video mode in Bengaluru on May 13, 2019.

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- The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development announced an Rs 700 crore venture capital fund for equity investments in agriculture and rural-focuses startups.
- The Moon is steadily shrinking, causing wrinkling on its surface and quakes, according to an analysis of imagery captured by NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO).
- Oil prices rose after Saudi Arabia said explosive-laden drones had attacked two pumping stations belonging to state oil company Aramco.
- India had more deaths among children under five than any other country in 2015, a Lancet study has found.
- The central government has extended the ban on the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) for five years with immediate effect.
- Maruti Suzuki India has opened a skill training centre at ITI-Becharaji, in Gujurat, that can provide training to over 7,000 trainees annually.
- Japanese two-wheeler manufacturer Yamaha Motor has achived 10 million production milestone in the country.
- Union Bank of India reported a net loss of Rs 3,369 crore in the March quarter of FY19, owing to higher operational expenses, and provisions on account of bad loan divergences.
- Victoria, the capital of Seychelles, is the most expensive city with an index value of 192 and a rank of 28, as per the Mint Globetrotter Index's others category
- Indian Captain Virat Kohli bagged the International Cricketer & Batsman of the Year Award during the CEAT Cricket Rating (CCR) International Awards 2019.

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- A MoU was signed between National Mission for Clean Ganga, HCL Foundation and INTACH for taking up a project of 'Plantation of Rudraksh Trees in Uttarakhand'.
- Aarohi Pandit has become the world's first female pilot to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean in a Light Sport Aircraft (LSA)
- The Scientists have created a next-generation plastic that can be fully recycled into new materials of any colour, shape, or form, without loss of performance or quality.
- RBI has appointed former deputy governor Rama Subramaniam Gandhi as an additional director on the board of YES Bank for two years, from May 14, 2019 to May 13, 2021.
- Japanese two-wheeler manufacturer Yamaha Motors has achieved 10 million production milestone in the country.
- Star India wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav believes he wouldn't have been successful at the world stage had it not been for skipper Virat Kohli, who gave him the freedom to attack.
- Bengaluru has moved up two positions to 18<sup>th</sup> in the startup Genome 2019 global report.
- A bipartisan group of lawmakers has introduced identical resolutions that would require the US government to develop a list of scientific and engineering istitutions affiliated with the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA)

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- Indian filmmaker, Achyutanand Dwivedhi's film, 'Seed Mother', won the third prize in the International section of Nespresso Talents Awards 2019 in Cannes.
- HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company announced the launch of 'Mosquito Disease Protection Policy'
- The Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) signed an MoU with HCL on May 15, 2019.
- Merchant service and UPI payments app BharatPe appointed Bollywood actor Salman Khan as its brand ambassador.
- Scientists in Germany have found a new species of flying dinosaur that flapped its wings like a raven.
- Zoologists have discovered a new vine snake species from the eastern State of Odisha.
- The 11th Joint Consular Committee Meeting between India and Iran took place in New Delhi on May 14, 2019.
- Taiwan's parliament has become the first in Asia to legalize same-sex marriage following a vote on May 17, 2019.
- Two warships of the Indian Navy-INS Kolkata and INS Shakthiparticipated in the International Maritime Defence Exhibition Asia (IMDEX Asia-2019) in Singapore.
- Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) launched a pilot scheme to extend financial assistance of up to Rs 10 crore to fintech Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs)
- The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) announced that for the first time an all-female referee team will take charge of a men's continental club cup clash.

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- India's top woman racer Sneha Sharma jumped into the lead in the ladies category after Round 3 of the Formula 4 South East Asia Championship.
- Two U.S. guided missile destroyers sailed near disputed islands claimed by China in the South China Sea on May 19, 2019.
- Starbucks has opened a silent cafe in the Chinese city of Guangzhou, where about half of the staff are hearing impaired.
- Astrobee, a free-flying robot system has had its first hardware checks on the International Space Station.
- A dwindling user base has forced Google to shut down its Jump virtual reality (VR) platform.
- Bandipora youth Mudasir Nazir Wani has been selected for the Asia Youth International Model United Nations (AYIMUN) conference.
- Virat Kohli is the first cricketer in the world ever to break into the 100 million category for followers on social media.
- The Global Drugs Survey found that Indians are seeking help to reduce their alcohol intake which reflects an awareness of abuse.
- Over 2.7 lakh Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh have been registered by the United Nations, several getting identity cards as their first-ever proof of documentation.
- Indian Hotels Company, which runs hotels under Taj, Vivanta and Ginger brands partnered with Singapore's wealth fund GIC to invest Rs 4000 crore for buying hotels in India.

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- The US space agency has invited public to submit their names to fly abroad the next rover to Red Planet in 2020.
- Scientists in China have created a new kind of monkey using human brain genes in an attempt to understand how human brains develop.
- A 28-year old Indian climber has scaled two mountains above 8,000 meters, including the Mt. Everest, in just six days.
- Bengaluru-based medical doctor Hema Divakar was honoured with 'Global Asian of the Year 2018-19' award in Dubai recently.
- The National Pharmaceutical pricing Authority (NPPA) has reduced the prices of non-scheduled cancer drugs by up to 87%.
- Anirudh Chandrashekar and Niki Poonacha won the 2019 International Tennis Federation (ITF) men's Future tennis tournament title in Kampala, Uganda.
- India allowed the import of refurbished mobile phones or second mobile phones only if they are certified by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)
- Kapil Sharma is named as the most viewed stand-up comedian in India and abroad by the World Book of Records London.
- Oman Author Jokha Al Harthi won the prestigious Man Booker International Prize for 'Celestial Bodies'
- Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) has become the country's biggest company by revenue.

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- U.S. Navy ships conducted joint drills with warships from allies Japan, Australia and South Korea in their combined exercise in the Western Pacific.
- Nahida Manzoor created history by becoming the first Kashmiri woman to successfully summit the world's highest peak, Mount Everest.
- The coach of Kenya's Olympic track team in 2016, Michael Rotich, has been banned for 10 years for corruption.
- With sales estimated at Rs 168.25 crore, contemporary sculptor Anish Kapoor has topped the first edition of the Hurun India Art List.
- Karnataka Bank launched a new savings bank product called 'KBL SB Salary' for salaried class with three variants of Executive, Prime, and Classic.
- Former foreign secretary Shyam Saran will be conferred with Japan's second highest national award.
- A cosmic body that hit the Earth and led to the formation of the Moon about 4.4 billion years ago may have also delivered large quantities of water to our home planet, scientists have found.
- Mt Everest witnessed a traffic-jam like situation as over 200 mountaineers attempted to reach the summit point.
- Former PepsiCo Chairman and CEO Indra Nooyi was presented with the Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters by Yale University.
- IAF successfully fired the BrahMos air version missile from its frontline Su-30 MKI fighter aircraft.

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- The world Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2019 Midyear Update was released by the United Nations on May 21, 2019
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) set up Regulatory Sandbox (RS) for fintech innovations.
- Ankur Patwardhan from Pune has bagged the second prize of 25,000 Euros for a project at the 'Elsevier Foundation-ISC3 Green and Sustainable Chemistry Challenge'
- The 5<sup>th</sup> Smart Cities India 2019 expo, including Transport India, Solar India, Buildings India and Water India expos, was inaugurated by Durga Shanker Mishra on May 23, 2019.
- TAFE, India's second largest tractor manufactured by volumes, appointed Bollywood actor Akshay Kumar as its brand ambassador for the Massey Ferguson brand of Tractors.
- The International Labour Organization (ILO) released a new report titled 'Women in Business and Management: The business case for change'
- NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), the commercial arm of Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), was officially inauguarated in Bengaluru on May 23, 2019.
- Paytm Payments Bank has turned profitable within its second year of operations, posting a Rs 19 crore profit for the financial year 2018-19.
- Six-time world Champion MC Mary Kom and Sarita Devi won gold medals at the second India Open Boxing Tournament.

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- The World Chess Federation (FIDE) has decided to restore the Elo ratings of dozens of Indian Players, whose ratings were banned by the All-India Chess Federation (AICF) nearly a decade ago.
- The Central Information Commission (CIC) has directed the RBI to disclose the list of big loan defaulters it had sent to banks for resolution.
- Fiat Chrysler announced that it will look to pursue a \$35 billion merger with French automaker Renault.
- Former PM Monmohan Singh, who has represented Assam in the Rajya Sabha for the last 28 years, will not be nominated to the Parliament's Upper House this time.
- Indian shooter Rahi Sarnobat won the gold in 25m Pistol event at the ISSF world cup 2019 in Munich.
- Rivers worldwide are polluted with antibiotics that exceed environmental safety thresholds by up to 300 times, according to research.
- Adoption of AI expected to help double the rate of industrial innovation and may result in over two times jump in employee productivity in India by 2021.
- In ISSF Shooting World Cup 2019, in Munich Germany, India's Saurabh Chaudhary has won 10m Air Pistol Gold.
- 4 new Delhi High Court judges, including a woman judge, were sworn in, taking the working strength of the court to 40.

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- Apple on May 28 introduced its first iPod model in four years, highlighting music and games as it continued make a priority of serving up digital content.
- The Netflix ISP Index is a measure of Netflix Prime Time performance on particular internet service providers.
- Suresh Kumar's appointment comes as Walmart is undertaking major investments in it e-commerce business.
- Bharti Airtel and Reliace Jio Infocomm (RJio) are in advanced stages of testing Voice over WiFi (VoWiFi) services.
- Ola Electric has announced the appointment of Arun Sarin as an independent director on its board.
- The External Affairs Ministry says the security situation is gradually returning to normal in the island nation but Indian nationals travelling there need to be careful and vigilant.
- Western Command Children Summer Adventure Camp 2019 is being organized at Manali from May 27 to June 2, 2019.
- India signs Loan Agreement with the World Bank for Strengthening the Public Financial Management in Rajasthan Project.
- In the US, Mississippi River flooding has affected at least eight states since January, and it has become the longest-lasting since the 'Great Flood' of 1927.
- India maintains ample reserves according to the IMF metrics for reserve adequacy, the US treasury department said in a report.

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- The government will be taking over the National Housing Bank (NHB) after stake for Rs 1,450 crore from the Reserve bank of India (RBI)
- Lebanon's capital Beirut has set a new Guinness World Record for the number of national flags raised in a city for 24 hours.
- Indian Marathon runner, Nitendra Singh Rawat finished 27th in the men's Elite race of Virgin Money London Marathon 2019 at London, the UK.
- Alfred Brownell, an environment lawyer, and activist was awarded the Goldman Environmental Prize
- Niramai, the Bengaluru based health tech startup nailed gold prize at the Hack Osaka event, Japan, imprinting India's technology at the global level.
- Bajrang Punia is set to become the first wrestler from India to fight at the iconic Madison Square Garden in New York.
- Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) recommended 4 Indian Cricketers – Mohammed Shami, Jasprit Bumrah, Ravindra Jadeja and Poonam Yadav for the Arjuna Award 2019.
- CBSE will conduct 2-level exams for class 10 Mathematics and English exams in which 20 marks internal exam will be conducted by respective schools and 80 marks will be given to theory.
- A total of 3,000 kg of solid waste has been collected from Mt. Everest, since April 14, 2019 as a part of campaign launched by Nepal.

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- The total gross GST revenue collected in the month of April 2019 is Rs 1,13,865 crore of which CGST is Rs 21,163 crore.
- From the 428-year-old Charminar, a huge chunk of lime-plaster from its south-west minaret broke and fell to the ground.
- Dredging Corporation of India Limited (DCIL) signed a MoU with WAPCOS Limited.
- All modules of India's second moon mission 'Chandrayan-2', are scheduled for launch in July 2019.
- India Ratings & Research (A Fitch Group Company) has lowered the country's growth forecast for the current fiscal to 7.3%, from the earlier projection of 7.5%.
- Bharti AXA General Insurance has tied up with Wishfin's Insurance arm Wishpolicy, to offer two-wheeler insurance to customers via Whatsapp.
- Senior IAS Officer Dilip Kumar was appointed as the Officer on Special Duty (OSD) in the Office of Lokpal.
- India's G Sathiyan has become the first Indian to break into the top-25 of world rankings in Table Tennis.
- Former Sri Lankan captain Kumar Sangakkara was appointed as the first non-British president of Marylebone Cricket Club.
- Indian Goalkeeper P.R.Sreejesh has been nominated for the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award by Hockey India.
- Indian shooting ace Apurvi Chandela attained the world number one position in the women's 10 metres air rifle event.
- Directorate of Indian Defence University (IDU) is organizing a 2day workshop on Space Warfare & Technology in New Delhi.

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- SBI linked interest rate on large savings account deposits to RBI's repo rate from May 1, 2019
- NASSCOM has partnered with the GE Healthcare to encourage startups to work on digital healthcare solutions in India.
- The Geological Survey of India (GSI) North Eastern Region (NER) installed two geological display boards at two important sites -Mawmluh cave and Therriaghat, Sobhar in East Khasi district in Meghalaya.
- BSNI has become the first operator to start optical fiber- based high-speed broadband service in Pulwama with the launch of 'Bharat Fibre'
- LIC Housing Finance (LIC HFL) has launched 'Udyam', a skilling center in Bengaluru.
- Vodafone Idea Ltd on May 3, 2019 announced a five-year multimillion-dollar IT Outsourcing deal with IBM.
- Chief Economic Advisor Krishnamurthy Subramaniam has been included in the Advisory Council of the 15th Finance Commission as its member.
- Paytm, India's mobile paymeny and commerce platform's President, Bhushan Patil, has quit the company.
- Scientists have discovered the first small-molecule inhibitors of the Streptococcus pyogenes Cas9 (SpCas9) protein.
- International Firefighters' Day (IFFD) is celebrated every year on May 4
- National Space Day is celebrated on the first Friday in May. This year it was on May 3, 2019.

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- Extending helping hand to cyclone-hit Odisha, the Tamil Nadu government has announced financial assistance of Rs 10 crore as an immediate relief contribution.
- Actor Shilpa Shetty Kundra is all set to launch her own holistic wellness application – Shilpa Shetty app is available on iOS from May 6 and on Android from June 8.
- Space Exploration Technologies Corp. (Space X) launched its 17<sup>th</sup> commercial resupply mission to the International Space Station by using Falcon 9 rocket with Dragon Spacecraft.
- Narendra Modi reached Odisha's capital Bhubaneshwar on 6<sup>th</sup> May to visit districts hit by Cyclone Fani.
- The powerful Cyclone Fani which ravaged the eastern coast of India was the longest-lasting cyclone in April over over Bay of Bengal in a century, said the India Meteorological Department.
- Marvel's blockbuster superhero flick Avengers: Endgame has closed its second weekend in India by crossing the Rs 300 crore mark to earn Rs 311 crore.
- Flipkart-owned Fashion platform e-commerce Myntra announced that it had appointed celebrity couple Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma as its first brand ambassadors.
- North Korea has fired several short range projectiles into the Sea of Japan.
- Around 41 people were killed when a Russian passenger plane made a fiery crash-landing at a Moscow airport.
- Ace Indian squash players Saurav Ghoshal and Joshna Chinappa won their respective Asian Individual Squash Championship titles in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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- Microsoft has unveiled Azure Block chain Service that would simplify the formation, management and governance.
- US President Donald Trump bestowed Tiger Woods with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honour.
- Apple and Google have removed 3 dating apps from their online stores after the US Federal Trade Commission (FTC) alleged the apps allowed kids as young as 12 to access them.
- In the last one year, the number of Indian patients receiving organs from brain-dead donors has gone up by 56% on Tamil Nadu.
- Bandana Nepal danced continuously for 126 hours to set a Guinness Worl Records on Longest Dancing Marathon by an individual, a feet previously hold by an Indian.
- ISRO is set to launch its Radar Imaging Satellite, the RISAT-2BR1, on May 22, 2019 from Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.
- Gregor Robertson has accepted an ambassador role with the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy.
- The RBI has increased the eligibility cap on home loans extended by regional rural banks and small finance banks to Rs 35 Lakh in Metropolitan areas and Rs 25 Lakh in other centers.
- Indian boxers finished with six medals, including two gold at the 36<sup>th</sup> Feliks Stamm International Boxing Tournament in Warsaw, Poland.
- PM Modi announced Rs 1000 crore assistance for restoration work due to cyclone FANI in affected areas of Odisha.

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