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## TAMIL NADU NEWS

### August 04

1. Who is the Founder & Chairman of MSSRF?

**Answer :** M S Swaminathan

**Explanation :**

- Achieving Sustainable Development Goals and Strengthening Science for Climate Resilience”, is being organised at the **M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation** (MSSRF) in **Chennai** from 7 to 9 August 2019.
- Prof M S Swaminathan, is Founder & Chairman, MSSRF
- M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation started in 1988

### August 08

1. Department of Public Health has decided to distribute intestinal parasite medicine for how many children in Tamil Nadu?

**Answer :** 2.2 crore

**Explanation :**

- **Department of Public Health** has decided to distribute **intestinal parasite medicine** for the **2.2 crore children** in Tamil Nadu.
- **National Elimination of Intestinal parasites days** are observed on **February 10 and August 10.**

### August 11

1. Union HRD Minister launched which Drive to create awareness about water conservation among all school students in the country?

**Answer :** 'Samagra Shiksha-Jal Suraksha'

**Explanation :**

- **Union HRD Minister to launch 'Samagra Shiksha-Jal Suraksha'** Drive to create awareness about **water conservation** among all school students in the country
- The **Tamilnadu education department** has prepared a detailed outline to implement this programme in **all the schools in Tamilnadu.**

### August 14

1. To prevent crimes against women and children in Chennai, which name of patrol vehicle will be launched soon?

**Answer :** 'AMMA PATROL'

**Explanation :**

- To prevent crimes against women and children in Chennai , a **new patrol vehicle, named 'AMMA PATROL' will be launched soon.**
- A separate division which will be headed by the **ADGP was formed as a separate crime prevention unit to ensure the safety of women and children in**

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## Tamil Nadu.

2. What is the name of the operation code which was launched during Independence Day celebrations in Chennai and other parts of the state?

**Answer :** Operation Number Plate

**Explanation :**

- Ahead of the **Independence Day celebrations**, the Railway Protection Force in Chennai and other parts of the state conducted a three-day intense combing operation at various parking lots of railways stations, looking for vehicles parked for a long period of time.
- The operation was **codenamed 'Operation Number Plate'**,

### August 16

1. Who announced that Vellore will be split up into three districts during Independence Day speech?

**Answer :** Edappadi Palaniswami

**Explanation :**

- Tamil Nadu **Chief Minister Edappadi Palaniswami** announced that **Vellore** will be split up into three districts, during Independence Day speech.
- He said that **Vellore district** will be trifurcated into **Vellore, Tirupathur and Ranipet**. KV Kuppam is being formed as a new taluk.

2. Who was awarded with the Kalpana Chawla award for Daring and courage?

**Answer :** P Ramyalakshmi

**Explanation :**

- Tamil Nadu government's **Kalpana Chawla award** for Daring and courage has been awarded to **Fisheries department assistant director P Ramyalakshmi** from Cuddalore, from our Cheif minister K. palani swamy for the year 2019.

### August 25

1. Which Railway Station has been subsequently awarded with the ISO Certificate of Environmental Management?

**Answer :** Chennai Egmore

**Explanation :**

- **Chennai Egmore Train Station** has been selected and certified as **one of the best in South India**. It has been subsequently awarded the **ISO Certificate of Environmental Management** (ISO 14001: 2015).

### August 30

1. Which state government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Kings College Hospital, London to set up its branch in the state of Tamil Nadu?

**Answer :** Tamil Nadu

**Explanation :**

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- The **Tamil Nadu government** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) with **Kings College Hospital, London**, to set up its branch in the state of Tamil Nadu. MoU signed during Chief Minister **K. Palaniswami's visit** there.
- Leading a team of ministers and officials, Palaniswami is visiting **UK** and the **USA** to meet businessmen there in order **to attract investments to Tamil Nadu**.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### August 01

1. The Bill to ban instant Triple Talaq was tabled by which minister?

**Answer :** Ravi Shankar Prasad

**Explanation :**

- On Tuesday the **Muslim Women Bill, 2019, or the Triple Talaq Bill** (Protection of Rights on Marriage), in Rajya Sabha, with Opposition parties demanding a review by select committee.
- The Bill to ban instant Triple Talaq was tabled by **Union law minister Ravi Shankar Prasad** who said **more than 20 countries** have regulated triple talaq.

2. What is the name of the bill passed in Lok Sabha to enhance Customer Rights?

**Answer :** Ravi Shankar Prasad

**Explanation :**

- Customer Safety bill have passed in Lok Sabha , Which is developed to enhance the Customer Rights.
- The central food and Affairs minister Ram Vilas Paswan, passes this Customer safety bill 2018 instead of the customer safety bill 1986 .

3. Which city has launched a helpline, “Jeene Do” under the central funding scheme beti bachao beti padhao?

**Answer :** Udhampur

**Explanation :**

- Under the central funding scheme **beti bachao beti padhao** jammu and kashmir district Administration **Udhampur** has launched a helpline, **“Jeene Do”** .
- The objective is **to improve sex ratio** and deal with defaulters of Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal

4. Who initiated a new political campaign ‘Didi Ke Bolo’ to address the public grievances and other social issues?

**Answer :** Mamata Banerjee

**Explanation :**

- A new political campaign **‘Didi Ke Bolo’** has been initiated by the Chief Minister of West Bengal **Mamata Banerjee** to address the **public grievances and other social issues**.
- More than 1,000 party workers will go to different villages in the next 100 days to learn about local issues.

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## August 02

1. What is the name of the bill passed by Lok Sabha to replace corruption-plagued MCI?

**Answer :** National Medical Commission Bill

**Explanation :**

- **Lok Sabha** on Monday passed the **National Medical Commission Bill** for replacing the corruption-plagued MCI with a new body, in what was described by the government as one of the biggest reforms that will end inspector raj' in the medical education sector.
- The bill that seeks to repeal the **Indian Medical Council Act 1956** was passed by a voice vote.

2. Which penalty was approved by Parliament for sexual assault on children and greater punishments for other crimes against minors?

**Answer :** Death penalty

**Explanation :**

- The bill seeking to provide **death penalty** for **sexual assault on children** and greater punishments for **other crimes against minors** was approved by Parliament after it was passed by the Lok Sabha .
- Piloting the **Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill, 2019**, Women and Child Development Minister **Smriti Irani** said it aims at making offences against children gender-neutral.

3. How many saplings are planted under the scheme "Pure Green Arunachal Pradesh 2019"?

**Answer :** 1 lakh

**Explanation :**

- Chief minister of Arunachal Pradesh in **Itanagar** started the state Scheme "**Pure Green Arunachal Pradesh 2019**". In this Campaign the state forest Department have planted **1 lakh saplings**.

4. Indian Air Force (IAF) has signed a deal with which country for buying R-27 air-to-air missiles worth over Rs 1500 crore?

**Answer :** Russia

**Explanation :**

- The **Indian Air Force (IAF)** has signed a deal with **Russia** for buying **R-27 air-to-air missiles worth over Rs 1500 crore**. The missiles will be fitted on the **Su-30MKI fighter planes**. The missiles will further strengthen the air-to-air combat capability of the air force.

## August 03

1. What is the name of the bill passed by Lok Sabha to enable Centre to fix minimum statutory wage for the entire country?

**Answer :** Code on Wages Bill, 2019

**Explanation :**

- The **Lok Sabha**, passed the **Code on Wages Bill, 2019** enabling Centre to **fix minimum statutory wage** for the entire country, a move that will benefit 500 million workers.
- The bill will now be tabled in Rajya Sabha for passage following which it will be enacted.

2. What is the name of the bill approved by Parliament to give powers for the central government to designate an individual as terrorist and seize his/her properties?

**Answer :** Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Bill, 2019

**Explanation :**

- The **Parliament** on Friday **approved** an amendment to the **anti-terror law**, to give powers for the central government to **designate an individual as terrorist** and seize his/her properties even as the Opposition warned that the law may be misused.
- While the Lok Sabha had passed the **Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Bill, 2019**, that seeks to amend the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

3. Which state has been ranked among the leading silk producing States in the country?

**Answer :** Tamil Nadu

**Explanation :**

- **Tamil Nadu**, which has been ranked among the **leading silk producing States** in the country, will receive about **Rs 6.22 crore** under the **Silk Samagra — an Integrated Scheme for Development of Silk Industry (ISDSI)** implemented by the Union government through the Central Silk Board (CSB).

4. What is the name of the scheme launched on a pilot basis in four states- Gujarat, Maharashtra, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh to boost national food security?

**Answer :** One nation one ration card

**Explanation :**

- **One nation one ration card scheme** was launched on Thursday on a pilot basis in four states- **Gujarat, Maharashtra, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh**.
- The scheme will provide a major boost to the national food security government.

**August 04**

1. What is the place of India in the global GDP rankings in 2018 data compiled by the World Bank?

**Answer :** Seventh

**Explanation :**

- **India** has been pushed to the **seventh place** in the **global GDP rankings in 2018** data compiled by the **World Bank**.
- **India** recorded a **GDP of \$2.73 trillion in 2018**.
- **United States** continues to **top** the list with a **GDP of \$20.5 trillion**.



2. 9th East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers' Meeting held in which place?

**Answer :** Thailand

**Explanation :**

- **9th East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers' Meeting** held in **Thailand**.
- **H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the kingdom of Thailand, **chaired** the 9th East Asia Summit (EAS) Foreign Ministers' Meeting
- Meeting underscored the importance of Progress Report **on the Implementation of the Manila Plan of Action to Advance the Phnom Penh Declaration** on the East Asia Summit Development Initiative 2018 – 2022.

### August 05

1. What will be given to the houses to Appreciate the rain water harvest in Chennai?

**Answer :** Green stickers

**Explanation :**

- **Green stickers** will be given to the houses **to Appreciate the rain water harvest in Chennai** reported by Corporation Commissioner **Prakash**.

2. Central Government has decided to implement which scheme for population survey throughout the country?

**Answer :** Assam's National Registered Citizen(NRC) Scheme

**Explanation :**

- Central Government have came up with this law before 3 years .
- Central Government have decide to act the **Assam's National Registered Citizen(NRC) Scheme** for population survey throughout the country.
- According to the act **1955 Civil law and 2003 Citizens Registration Rule** this survey will be held.

3. Which yatra was suspended in Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir due to security reasons?

**Answer :** Machail Mata Yatra

**Explanation :**

- The **43-day-long 'Machail Mata Yatra' in Kishtwar** district of **Jammu and Kashmir** was **suspended** on Saturday due to security reasons, officials said.
- Authorities have asked people not to start the yatra and those on the way should leave and get back.

### August 06

1. Maternity leave period of female workers of Secretary of Panchayat has been extended to how many months?

**Answer :** 9

**Explanation :**

- The female workers of Secretary of Panchayat's **maternity leave period** has been extended for **9 months** reported by **Tamil Nadu** Government.
- This leave period been extended **from 180 days to 270 days**.

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2. Name the two Union Territories carved out from Jammu and Kashmir?

**Answer :** Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir

**Explanation :**

- The Jammu and Kashmir, carving out two separate Union Territories of Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir, **Union Home Minister Amit Shah** announced on Monday.
- **Ladakh** will be a Union Territory **without an assembly** and **Jammu and Kashmir** will be a Union Territory **with an assembly**.

3. Which Commission informed the Delhi High court that the person in a prison or in a police custody for any reason is not entitled to vote in an election ?

**Answer :** Election Commission of India

**Explanation :**

- The **Election Commission of India** on Monday informed the **Delhi High court** that the **person in a prison** or in a police custody for any reason is **not entitled to vote in an election**
- According to the **law 62(5) prisoners** are entitled for voting .

### August 08

1. Ram Nath Kovind declared abrogation of the provisions of which article?

**Answer :** Article 370

**Explanation :**

- On August 7, 2019, President of India Shri **Ram Nath Kovind** declared abrogation of the provisions of **Article 370** of the Constitution after Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha passed the resolution for the same. Article 370 gave **special status to Jammu & Kashmir**.

2. Under which scheme jalibaikuri trains is updated with new enhance compartment?

**Answer :** Uthkrisht

**Explanation :**

- The **jalibaikuri trains** is updated with **new enhance compartment** under the **utkrisht scheme**. The **first train from chennai central to Jalibaikuri** will run under this scheme.
- Uthkrisht is a scheme which enhance and update the train compartments.

### August 09

1. President Ram Nath Kovind has given his approval to which bill?

**Answer :** National Medical Commission Bill 2019

**Explanation :**

- **President Ram Nath Kovind** has given his approval to **National Medical Commission Bill 2019**.
- The move came after Parliament passed the bill in the just-concluded session. The Bill seeks to repeal the **Indian Medical Council Act, 1956**.

### August 10

1. India could soon have its first underwater train in which city?

**Answer :** Kolkata

**Explanation :**

- **India** could soon have its **first underwater train in Kolkata** as Union **Railways minister** has announced that most of the work for the train project has been completed and the metro train services would start soon.
- "India's first underwater train will soon get started in **Kolkata under the Hubli river**. An example of impeccable engineering, this train is proof of the progress made by Indian Railways.

### August 11

1. How much amount will be given to Jharkhand farmers under the Mukhya Mantri Krishi Ashirwad Yojana (MMKAY) scheme?

**Answer :** Rs 5,000 per acre

**Explanation :**

- **Largesse for Jharkhand farmers** as state rolls out **3000 crore** scheme.
- Vice president **Venkiah Naidu** is scheduled to **flag off the scheme**, along with Jharkhand chief minister **Raghubar Das**, at Ranchi's Harmu ground.
- Under the **Mukhya Mantri Krishi Ashirwad Yojana (MMKAY), Rs 5,000 per acre**, upto a maximum of five acres.

2. How many supreme court judges will be appointed according to President's approval?

**Answer :** 33

**Explanation :**

- **President's Nod** to Increase **Number of Supreme Court Judges From 30 to 33** Besides CJI.
- The **Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2019**, introduced by the Minister of Law and Justice, Mr. Ravi Shankar Prasad.
- The Bill amends the **Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act, 1956**.
- The Act fixes the maximum number of judges in the Supreme Court at 30 judges (excluding the Chief Justice of India). The Bill increases this number from 30 to 33.

### August 12

1. Who is the speaker of Lok Sabha?

**Answer :** Om Birla

**Explanation :**

- **Lok Sabha Secretariat** will be soon made **paperless** so that public money worth crores of rupees can be saved by decreasing the use of paper.
- **Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla** informed the **delays** involved in delivery of hard copies to the members will also be **minimized** with the use **electronic and digital**

### methods.

2. Which drive has created world record after planting more than 22 crore saplings?

**Answer :** Vriksharopan Mahakumbh

**Explanation :**

- **Uttar Pradesh's "Vriksharopan Mahakumbh"** drive has created **world record** after planting **more than 22 crore saplings**. The drive was launched on the occasion of **77th anniversary of Quit India Movement**.
- More than 22 crore saplings were planted **at 12.2 lakh locations** under the drive in state. Another record of **"largest distribution of saplings in the world"** was created when **76823 saplings** were **distributed** free in just **6 hours in Prayagraj**.

3. The 3rd International Electric Vehicle Conclave was inaugurated in which place?

**Answer :** Manesar

**Explanation :**

- The **3rd International Electric Vehicle Conclave** was inaugurated at the **International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT) in Manesar, Haryana**.
- The Conclave was held **to create a knowledge sharing platform** to ensure flow of information at all levels in the automotive sector.

### August 13

1. How many union territories will come into existence on October 31, 2019 according to Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Reorganisation Act, 2019?

**Answer :** 2

**Explanation :**

- On August 9, 2019, the **Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Reorganisation Act, 2019** was **approved** by President of India, Shri **Ram Nath Kovind**. The Ministry of Law and Justice issued the Gazette Notification.
- According to the notification by the Home Ministry the **2 new Union territories** will come into existence on October 31, 2019.

2. On which date Vikram Sarabhai's 100th birth anniversary observed across the country?

**Answer :** August 12, 2019

**Explanation :**

- **On August 12, 2019**, The **founder of ISRO** (Indian Space Research Organisation) and the **Father of the Indian Space Program, Vikram Sarabhai's 100th birth anniversary** observed across the country.

### August 14

1. What is the name of the scheme launched by Indian Army to ensure basic necessities and needed essential services are available in the Jammu region?

**Answer :** Mission Reach Out

**Explanation :**

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- The **Indian Army** has launched "**Mission Reach Out**" in **Jammu** to ensure basic necessities and needed essential services are available in the region post the **abrogation of the provisions of Article 370** and reorganisation of Jammu and Kashmir, reported by officials.
2. What is the name of the mobile application through which people will be able to get their household waste picked up by urban municipal bodies?

**Answer :** Swachh Nagar App

**Explanation :**

- The Centre on Tuesday launched a mobile **application named " Swachh Nagar App"** through which people will be able to get their household **waste picked up by urban municipal bodies**.
- People will have to pay to civic bodies to avail the service through Swachh Nagar app.

### August 15

1. Who was awarded with the Vir Chakra gallantry medal on 73rd Independence Day?

**Answer :** Abhinandan Varthaman

**Explanation :**

- India is celebrating its **73rd Independence day** On 15th August 2019. Our Indian Prime minister Narendra Modi have hoisted the Indian National Flag by 7:30 am.
- **Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman**, who spent nearly **60 hours in Pakistan's custody** after his **MiG-21 Bison** was shot down by **Pakistan Air Force F-16s** in February, will be awarded the **Vir Chakra gallantry medal** on Independence Day.

2. Which state host the 3 days Global Investors Summit from October 12, 2019?

**Answer :** Jammu and Kashmir

**Explanation :**

- **Jammu and Kashmir** is set to host the **3 days Global Investors Summit** in **Srinagar** from October 12, 2019. The announcement comes a week after the Centre scrapped special status to Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 of the Constitution.

3. What is the name of the music video released by Union Information and Broadcasting minister Prakash Javadekar?

**Answer :** Watan

**Explanation :**

- On Tuesday **Prakash Javadekar** , the Union Information and Broadcasting minister released a **music video titled "Watan"** and said that this video will **add 'colour' to the Independence Day celebrations** on August 15.

### August 17

1. What is the name of the short film released by Commissioner of Police K. V.

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Vishwanaathan?

**Answer :** Ushhar payanpatalargal matrum sakalakala Puchandigal

**Explanation :**

- The people must use the technology carefully said by Commissioner of Police **K.V. Vishwanaathan** chennai in the release of awareness short film " **Ushhar payanpatalargal matrum sakalakala Puchandigal**"

2. For which reason Mobile internet services were suspended in Jammu on August 5?

**Answer:** security concerns

**Explanation:**

- Mobile internet services were suspended in Jammu on **August 5**, in view of security concerns in the region.
- Starting Saturday morning, 2G mobile internet services were restored in **Jammu, Reasi, Samba, Kathua and Udhampur** districts of the region.

3. Who said that India may see a major shift in its policy of using nuclear weapons?

**Answer :** Rajnath Singh

**Explanation :**

- **Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** on Friday said that India may see a major shift in its policy of using nuclear weapons. Rajnath has said India currently has a "**no first use policy**" on nuclear weapons but it may change in the future.

### August 18

1. In which place Internet, landline service has started again after 13 days?

**Answer:** Kashmir

**Explanation:**

- **In Kashmir, the Internet, landline service has started again** After 13 days, 2G internet service for mobile in Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Udhampur and Rezi resumed after 13 days. Landline services have also been launched in 17 valleys. School and colleges were started as usual.

2. Under which act enables individuals to be arrested and treated as extremists?

**Answer :** Prevention of Terrorism Act

**Explanation :**

- Terrorism Prevention Act petition in the Supreme Court seeking to annul, In the petition, "**This Prevention of Terrorism Act**" enables individuals to be arrested and treated as **extremists**. The petition is expected to be heard in the Supreme Court soon.

### August 19

1. Who inaugurated the "Journey of Teacher Education: Local to Global" International conference in New Delhi ?

**Answer :** Ramesh Pokhriyal

**Explanation :**

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- **Union Minister of Human Resource Development Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'** today inaugurated the International Conference titled "Journey of Teacher Education: Local to Global" in New Delhi.
2. Who launched a "School Fagadaba" scheme to improve the infrastructure of government schools in the state?  
**Answer :** N Biren Singh  
**Explanation :**
- **Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh** on Saturday launched a scheme to improve the infrastructure of government schools in the state.
  - Launching the "**School Fagadaba (Make education better) scheme**", Singh said the objective was to ensure better infrastructure, quality education and overall improvement of government schools to make them model schools.
3. President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the underground Bunker Museum at which place?  
**Answer :** Mumbai  
**Explanation :**
- President **Ram Nath Kovind** on Sunday inaugurated the **underground Bunker Museum at Raj Bhavan in Mumbai**.
  - The **15,000 square feet** underground bunker museum has **virtual reality booths** in which visitors can "**time travel**" to the **19th century**, a state government official said.
4. What is the name of the world's biggest teacher training project launched by MHRD?  
**Answer :** NISHTHA  
**Explanation :**
- On August 22, the **MHRD** will launch the **world's biggest project for teacher training called NISHTHA (National Initiative on School Teachers Head Holistic Advancement)**, under which **more than 42 lakh teachers will be trained**, MHRD, reported.

### August 20

1. Which state government launched the new application to certify the vehicles Followed by the e-sallan plan?  
**Answer :** Tamil Nadu  
**Explanation :**
- Followed by the e-sallan plan , the **Transport Department of Tamil Nadu** launched the new application to certify the vehicles.
  - The **E- sallan** is a plan which allows the **rule breakers to pay penalty** through this. **73 Transportation rules and their penalty** were updated in this.
2. Which policy will be released by Central Government of India?  
**Answer :** National Population policy  
**Explanation :**

- Our **Central Government of India** have reported that it will soon release the **National Population policy**. In the year **2025 India's population** is expected to reach **145.2 crore**.
  - In the year of 2000 the separate law and committee were introduced to Control the population.
3. Which is compulsory for medicine for both production and import of medicines announced by Central Government ?

**Answer :** QR-Code

**Explanation :**

- **QR-Code becomes compulsory** for medicine, This have **to be printed on the outer package of the medicine** , The rules is applicable for both production and import of medicines announced by Central Government.
- This is reported by **Central Drug Standards Board** , which **headquartered at New Delhi**.

### August 21

1. Which state government has reported to provide new houses for the people below the poverty line?

**Answer :** Tamil Nadu

**Explanation :**

- **Tamil Nadu** Government have reported that it will provide **new houses** for the people **below the poverty line**. This act comes under the "**Pradhan Mandhiri Awas Yojana** " .
- For this scheme the **Central Government** will contribute **60%** and **State Government** will Contribute **40%**. **Within the year 2022, 1 crore houses** will be build Under this " Pradhan Mandhiri Awas Yojana"

2. Which state government planned to create law overheads?

**Answer :** Madhya Pradesh

**Explanation :**

- **Madhya Pradesh** state government planned **to create law overheads**. There are already **6 states** which have this and Before the state alignment jammu and Kashmir also had its Law Overheads.
- This Law creation and demolition comes under the **Article 169**.

3. Which commission will be created again, under the leadership of Prime minister Narendra modi?

**Answer :** State commission

**Explanation :**

- **State commission** will be created again, under the **leadership of Prime minister Narendra modi**. This act comes under the **Indian Law Article 263**.
- The **6 central ministers and all state chief minister** will be a part of this commission.



4. Indian manufactured Aircrafts Exhibition held in which place?

**Answer :** Delhi

**Explanation :**

- **Indian manufactured Aircrafts Exhibition** held in **Delhi** on August 20, 2019. **Defense Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated** the Event. The Idea of Make in India Started at 2014.

### August 22

1. Which bill was passed in parliament to implement 63 new clauses from September 1?

**Answer :** Motor Vehicles [Amendment] Bill, 2019

**Explanation :**

- Minister for Road Transport and Highways **Nitin Gadkari** told reporters that the bill (**Motor Vehicles [Amendment] Bill, 2019**) was passed in the parliament. IN this bill We have decided to implement **63 new clauses** (of the act) from September 1.

2. Which status will be given to mayors of Srinagar and Jammu civic bodies?

**Answer :** Minister of State

**Explanation :**

- It is officially announced that the **mayors of Srinagar and Jammu civic bodies** have been granted **status equivalent to that of Minister of State** .
- The order for this official announcement issued by **additional secretary Subash Chhibber**.

### August 23

1. Which state has been placed at the first rank in the Index that evaluates Indian states based on their attractiveness for rooftop development?

**Answer :** Karnataka

**Explanation :**

- The Union Minister of State for Power and New & Renewable Energy (IC) and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, **RK Singh** launched the **State Rooftop Solar Attractiveness Index-SARAL** on 21 August 2019.
- The State of **Karnataka** has been placed at the **first rank** in the Index that evaluates Indian states based on their **attractiveness for rooftop development**.

2. Indian Army has signed an MoU with which organization for 'Ready to Move in' project?

**Answer :** Tata Realty & Housing

**Explanation :**

- **MoU** have Signed between **Indian Army and Tata Realty & Housing** on 22 Aug 2019. The MoU enables the personnel of Indian Army to immediately take over dwelling units in **13 'Ready to Move in' projects** of Tata Realty pan India spread over 10 cities including **Gurugram, Chennai, Bengaluru, Pune** among others at a discount ranging from 11% to 27%.

### August 24

1. Who is the present Union Finance Minister?

**Answer :** Nirmala Sitharaman

**Explanation :**

- **Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman** has said that she is taking steps **to lift the Indian economy**. She made several announcements during a press conference yesterday.
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has **simplified the rules** for housing, vehicle loan, consumer deduction, GST tax deductions, RBI interest deductions and benefits for direct borrowers.

### August 25

1. Who is the Prince of Bahrain?

**Answer :** Khalifa bin Salman

**Explanation :**

- Addressing a gathering of people of Indian origin in the country, **Prime Minister Modi** said that he regrets being the **first Indian Prime Minister to visit Bahrain**.
- He was greeted by the **Prince of Bahrain, Khalifa bin Salman**. The two countries negotiated friendship, trade and global issues.

2. Which research firm has announced to provide training for the Indian Space Medical Group participating in the Gaganyaan program?

**Answer :** CNES

**Explanation :**

- Space for the first time, human beings send the **"Gaganyaan project"**, Russia's Space Research Center of Indian astronauts to **4 persons** in the training offered.
- **French space research firm CNES** has announced that it will provide training for the Indian Space Medical Group participating in the Gaganyaan program.

3. Who led the team that discovered the technology for early detection of cancer?

**Answer :** Dr. Jayant Kandare

**Explanation :**

- **Indian scientists** have discovered the technology for **early detection of cancer**. A team of Indian scientists led by **Dr. Jayant Kandare** has investigated the technology under the name of **OncoDiscover**.

### August 26

1. How Many MoU were signed between India and Bahrain?

**Answer :** 3

**Explanation :**

- **3 memorandum of Understanding** have been signed between India and Bahrain.

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This MoU were signed for the **departments of Culture, Space Technology and Solar electric power.**

- In this visit Our prime minister have launched **RuPay Card to Bahrain.**

2. Which commission have setted up a new committee to investigate the Rs.50 crores Banking Frauds?

**Answer :** Central Corruption Prevention Commission

**Explanation :**

- **Central Corruption Prevention Commission** have setted up a new committee to investigate the Rs.50 crores Banking Frauds.
- The committee is **headed by Former c.v.c Officer T.M. Bhasin's.** The Posting Duration will be for 2 year.

3. Our national flag was hoisted in which state's head office after the cancellation of law 370?

**Answer :** Jammu and Kashmir

**Explanation :**

- After the cancellation of law 370 our national flag was hoisted in the state's head Office. According to the law 370 the **Jammu and Kashmir** state government will have **separate flag.** This flag will be **red in colour with three white strips along with white plow on it.**
- This separate flag for the state was accepted according to the state law from **June 7th 1952 .**

### August 27

1. Which Air Vehicle has delivered at the 11th C-17 Globemaster III to the Indian Air Force?

**Answer :** Boeing

**Explanation :**

- **Boeing** has delivered the **11th C-17 Globemaster III** to the Indian Air Force Boeing's C-17 Globemaster III is a premier transporter for military, humanitarian and peacekeeping missions which is an adding capability to meet current and future strategic requirements in airlift.
- The Central Government announced the plan of providing Wi-Fi in all the villages through GramNet with connectivity between **10mbps to 100 mbps speed.**
- Minister of State for Communications **Shri Sanjay Shamrao Dhotre** said that **BharatNet** also plans to provide

2. Under which mission Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat requested the states to come forward to achieve the access to piped potable water to every rural household by 2024?

**Answer :** Jal Jeevan Mission

**Explanation :**

- Union Jal Shakti Minister **Gajendra Singh Shekhawat** extolled Prime Minister

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Narendra Modi for his ambitious **Jal Jeevan Mission** and requested the **states to come forward to achieve the access to piped potable water to every rural household by 2024.**

### August 28

1. Who said that India will restore 50 lakh hectare of its degraded land by 2030?

**Answer :** Prakash Javadekar

**Explanation :**

- On Tuesday , Union Environment Minister **Prakash Javadekar** said that **India will restore 50 lakh hectare of its degraded land by 2030.**
- While Speaking about the upcoming global conference on land desertification, the minister said 29 per cent land of India's total geographical area is degraded which has to be restored and will be the agenda of the the summit.

### August 29

1. Who launched a mobile application “Janaushadhi Sugam”?

**Answer :** D.V. Sadananda Gowda

**Explanation :**

- Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers, Shri **D.V. Sadananda Gowda** launched a mobile application **“Janaushadhi Sugam”**
- This mobile app that helps to locate nearby Janaushadhikendra

2. Which is the first country in the world to issue a Biometric Seafarer Identity Document (BSID) to its seafarers?

**Answer :** India

**Explanation :**

- **India** has become the first country in the world to issue a **Biometric Seafarer Identity Document (BSID) to its seafarer**

3. Who handed over the new BSID cards to five Indian seafarers?

**Answer :** Mansukh Mandaviya

**Explanation :**

- **Mansukh Mandaviya, MoS (I/C) Shipping and Chemical & Fertilizers** launched the project in **New Delhi** and handed over the **new BSID cards to five Indian seafarers.**

4. At which place the 12th India Security Summit on the theme “Towards New National Cyber Security Strategy”held?

**Answer :** New Delhi

**Explanation :**

- The **12th India Security Summit** on the theme **“Towards New National Cyber Security Strategy”**held at **New Delhi.**
- During the conference, many issues were discussed such as **protection of critical**

**national infrastructure, emerging cyber threats: incidents, challenges and response.**

2. What is the full form of DPIIT??

**Answer :** Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade

**Explanation :**

- After becoming a member of the **World Trade Organization** (WTO), India approved the Geographical Indication of Goods (Registration and Protection Act) in 1999, which later came into effect on **September 15, 2003**.
- There is a Geographical Indications (GI) Registry at the **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade** (DPIIT) that evaluates and confers GI tag. This tag ensures that only registered authorised users can easily adopt a product name.

**August 30**

1. Which movement was launched on the occasion of the National Sports Day the birth anniversary of Major Dhyan Chand,?

**Answer :** 'Fit India movement'

**Explanation :**

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** launched a nation-wide '**Fit India Movement**' at Indira Gandhi Stadium complex at **new delhi**.
- '**Fit India movement**', was launched on the occasion of the National Sports Day — the birth anniversary of **Major Dhyan Chand**, which aims to encourage people to inculcate physical activity and sports in their everyday lives.

**August 31**

1. Which State Chief Minister embarked on a three-nation tour in a bid to attract investors from those countries to invest in the state?

**Answer :** Tamil Nadu

**Explanation :**

- **Tamil Nadu Chief Minister K Palaniswami** embarked on a **three-nation tour** in a bid to attract investors from those countries to invest in the state.
- On the visit to London, Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami signed three key **partnership agreements in the health sector**.

2. Which is part of a report published by government agency World Vision India and research firm IFMR LEAD ?

**Answer :** Child Welfare Index

**Explanation :**

- The **Child Welfare Index** is part of a report published by **government agency World Vision India and research firm IFMR LEAD**
- This report is based on the dimensions of healthy personal growth and positive relationships and safe environments

3. How Many excavations have been carried out so far in the Keezhadi Sivaganga district near Thirupuvanam ?

**Answer :** 142

**Explanation :**

- The museum will open by March 2020 in Keezhadi said by Minister of **Tamil Culture and Archeology, Hon. Pandiarajan.**
- There are 142 excavations have been carried out so far in the **Keezhadi Sivaganga district near Thirupuvanam**

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### August 02

1. Which organization announced the launch of its state-of-the-art Cyber Defence Center ?

**Answer :** Infosys

**Explanation :**

- **Infosys** announced the launch of its state-of-the-art **Cyber Defence Center** in Bucharest, Romania. The Defence Center is an expansion of services delivered through Infosys **Digital Innovation Center** which opened in The air forces of China and Pakistan began joint exercise Labelled 'Shaheen-VIII' in the Chinese city of Holton, close to the Indian border of around 300 km north of Ladakh, Jammu and Kashmir(J&K).
- They will provide end-to-end, real-time, 24/7 cyber security monitoring and protection services .

### August 03

1. Which city launched the Innovation for Clean Air programme?

**Answer :** Bengaluru

**Explanation :**

- The **Innovation for Clean Air (IfCA)** was launched in **Bengaluru** on Wednesday. The **two-year UK-India joint initiative** provides Indian and UK stakeholders opportunities to test interventions related to air quality and EV integration.

### August 18

1. How Many MoU was signed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bhutan Prime Minister Lothey Shering?

**Answer :** 5

**Explanation :**

- **5 Memorandums of Understanding (MoU)** signed by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bhutan Prime Minister Lothey Shering.**
- On that Conversations Our Prime Minister Modi said that India's largest health plan has been implemented in India. This scheme provides health insurance to 500 million Indians.

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### August 19

1. Who represented India for the 28th session of BASIC Ministerial meeting 2019 on Climate Change?

**Answer** : Prakash Javadekar

**Explanation** :

- The **28th** session of **BASIC** (Brazil, South Africa, India, and China) Ministerial meeting 2019 on Climate Change was held in **Sao Paulo, Brazil** from 14 – 16 August 2019. Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, **Shri Prakash Javadekar represented India for this meeting.**

### August 24

1. Which is considered as the lung of the world?

**Answer** : Amazon

**Explanation** :

- The **Amazon**, which is considered the **lung of the world**, is burning about forests. A **wildfire** has been burning in **more than 9,500 locations in the Brazilian Amazon forest since August 15**. Environmental activists say the fires in most of the Amazon forests are not all accidents but are caused by forest fires by livestock activists to graze livestock.

2. Who is the chancellor of France?

**Answer** : Emmanuel Macron

**Explanation** :

- Prime Minister **Modi**, who is on a state **visit to the United Arab Emirates**, was greeted at the Abu Dhabi airport. **Prime Minister Modi then met with French Chancellor Emmanuel Macron** and held talks on strengthening and strengthening the two-nation alliance.

### August 25

1. Which Country test-fired a modern-day missile called the Super Large Rocket?

**Answer** : North Korea

**Explanation** :

- **North Korea** has test-fired a **modern-day missile** called the **Super Large Rocket**. North Korea is now actively testing its weapons. North Korea is beginning to test mainly high-powered rockets.

2. Which country launched the world's first floating nuclear reactor?

**Answer** : Russia

**Explanation** :

- **Russia** launched the **world's first floating nuclear reactor** yesterday.
- Russia has built the **largest ship** named the **Academic Lomonov**. According to sources in Russia, the **nuclear power system of Russia, Rosatom**, said, "This

nuclear reactor has been replaced by a conventional nuclear reactor.

### August 28

1. Which two countries conducted the joint exercise labelled 'Shaheen-VIII'?

**Answer :** China and Pakistan

**Explanation :**

- The **air forces of China and Pakistan** began joint exercise Labelled '**Shaheen-VIII**' in the Chinese city of **Holton**, close to the Indian border of around 300 km north of Ladakh, Jammu and Kashmir(J&K).
- This is the **8th such exercise** undertaken by two countries with the participation of **Chinese J10 & J-11 and Pakistani JF-17s planes**.

2. How much amount was allocated to tackle the huge forest fires engulfing the world's biggest Amazon rain-forest?

**Answer :** 22 million US Dollars

**Explanation :**

- **G7 has agreed to spend 22 million US Dollars** to tackle the huge forest fires engulfing **the world's biggest Amazon rain-forest**.
- This was stated by **Presidents of France and Chile** at the G7 summit in the French town of **Biarritz**.

### August 29

1. Who secured the no.1 spot in Forbes list of the top 10 highest-paid women in music?

**Answer :** Taylor Swift

**Explanation :**

- **Forbes** released its **2019** list of the **top 10 highest-paid women in music** on Monday, and **Taylor Swift** secured the **no. 1 spot**.
- According to the **magazine**, the 29-year-old singer raked in about **\$185 million in pretax earnings** over the past year.

## SPORTS

### August 02

1. Who has been suspended by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) till November 15, 2019?

**Answer :** Prithvi Shaw

**Explanation :**

- Indian Test opener **Prithvi Shaw** has been suspended by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) till **November 15, 2019**, for a doping violation. According to a **BCCI** release, Shaw had inadvertently ingested a prohibited substance, which can be commonly found in cough syrups.
- His sample was subsequently tested and found to contain **Terbutaline**.

2. Who won the gold medal in the World Deaf Youth Badminton Championships?

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**Answer :** Jerlin Anika

**Explanation :**

- Tamil Nadu girl **Jerlin Anika** won the **gold medal** in the World Deaf Youth Badminton Championships. The competition is held in Taipei last week.
- Anika bagged **four medals** in the championship, including the **gold, two silver,** and **one bronze**.

### August 03

1. Who has maintained her fifth spot in the women`s singles ranking released by Badminton World Federation?

**Answer :** PV Sindhu

**Explanation :**

- Ace **Indian shutter PV Sindhu** has maintained her fifth spot in the women`s singles ranking released by **Badminton World Federation (BWF)**, while her compatriot **Saina Nehwal** remained at **eight**.

2. Who has reached a mile stone by scoring 1000 runs and 100 wickets in T20 cricket?

**Answer :** Ellis Berry

**Explanation :**

- Australian Woman cricketer **ellis berry** have reached a mile stone by scoring **1000 runs** and **100 wickets in T20** Cricket.

### August 04

1. Who won gold medal at the World Cadet Wrestling Championship?

**Answer :** Komal Jadhav

**Explanation :**

- India`s **Komal Jadhav** won gold medal at the **World Cadet Wrestling Championship**.
- She won gold in the **40kg women`s category**

### August 05

1. Who was banned for three months from international matches and fined \$50,000 after accusing South America's governing body?

**Answer :** Lionel Messi

**Explanation :**

- Argentina's **Lionel Messi** was banned for three months from international matches and fined **\$50,000** on Friday after accusing South America's governing body for football of "corruption" during the **Copa America**.

2. The semi-finals of the Magomed Salam Umakhanov Memorial International Boxing Tournament 2019 held in which country?

**Answer :** Russia

**Explanation :**

- Asian Championships **gold medallist Pooja Rani (75kg)** and **World Championships bronze medallist Lovlina (69kg)**, along with **Neeraj (57kg)** and **Jony (60kg)**, entered the semi-finals of the Magomed Salam Umakhanov Memorial International Boxing Tournament 2019 in Russia on Wednesday.

3. Who won the 1st gold medal in 65 kg category at cadet World Championship?

**Answer :** Sonam Malik

**Explanation :**

- **India** managed to end women's wrestling campaign at cadet World Championships in Sofia with their **second gold medal as Komal captured the title in 40 kg category.**
  - **Sonam Malik** had won the 1st gold medal in **65 kg category** on Thursday,
4. Who won the men's doubles final of the Thailand Open Badminton Championships in Bangkok?

**Answer :** Satviksiraj Rangretti and Chirac Shetty

**Explanation :**

- India's **Satviksiraj Rangretti and Chirac Shetty** won the men's doubles final of the Thailand Open Badminton Championships in Bangkok, overcoming **Chinese champions Li Jung Hui and Liu Yu Chen.**

#### August 06

1. Which trainers will be selected by Cricket Advisory Committee which leads by kapil dev reported by BCCI?

**Answer :** Indian Cricket Team's trainers and Chief trainer

**Explanation :**

- **Indian Cricket Team's trainers and Chief trainer** will be selected by Cricket Advisory Committee which leads by **kapil dev reported by BCCI.**
- The members of committee **kapil dev, Anshuman Gaekwad and Shantha Rangaswamy.**

#### August 08

1. Who is the only athlete from India to be named among the world's highest-paid female athlete?

**Answer :** P V Sindhu

**Explanation :**

- The **Forbes magazine** have listed the top 15 world's highest-paid sports women across the world. India's badminton star **P V Sindhu** placed on **13th position.** She is the only athlete from the country to be named among the **world's highest-paid female athletes.**
- Tennis great Serena Willams from America topped the list.

#### August 09

1. Which team qualified for the world master Championship by winning bronze medal in

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European master Hockey games?

**Answer :** Indian Women's hockey Team

**Explanation :**

- Our **Indian Women's hockey Team** qualified for the world master Championship by **winning bronze medal in European master Hockey games held at Dorin , Italy.**
- The World master Games will be held in **kansai, Japan.**

2. Which organisation Suspended the faction-ridden Archery Association of India (AAI)?

**Answer :** World Archery

**Explanation :**

- **World Archery Suspended the faction-ridden Archery Association of India (AAI).**In an earlier decision, the WA executive board had given a **July 31 deadline to both AAI factions to resolve their disputes, including parallel elections. The matter is now in court.**

### August 10

1. Which management has been collecting the cricketers' samples and submitting them to the National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL)?

**Answer :** International Dope Testing Management

**Explanation :**

- Sports Secretary said that the Indian cricket board has agreed to come under the ambit of the **National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA).**
- Till date, Sweden-based **International Dope Testing Management (IDTM)** has been collecting the cricketers' samples and submitting them to the **National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL).** **IDTM was an outside agency hired by BCCI to take samples.**

### August 12

1. Which wrestler won gold at Tbilisi?

**Answer :** Bajrang Punia

**Explanation :**

- **Bajrang Punia** wins gold at Tbilisi, **Vinesh Phogat in final at Medved**
- **Bajrang Punia** defended his title at Tbilisi Grand Prix by beating **Iran's Peiman Bibyani in the 65kg freestyle final. Vinesh Phogat, meanwhile, reached her 4th final at Medved event.**

### August 13

1. Who won the Men's Single Championship in the 2019 Rogers Cup/ Canadian Open?

**Answer :** Rafael Nadal

**Explanation :**

- 2019 Rogers Cup/ Canadian Open presented by National Bank was held from **August 5-11, 2019. Rafael Nadal** (Spain) won the Men's Single Championship

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**Bianca (Canada)** won the Women's Single championship.

- It was the **139th edition of Men's tournament with prize money of \$5.7 million and 128th Edition of Women's tournament with prize money of \$2.8 million.**

2. Which Country won the under 19 cricket world cup 2019 held in England?

**Answer :** India

**Explanation :**

- **India** won the **championship of under 19 cricket world cup 2019 held in England** . The Final match will be held on this Sunday between **India and West Indies** . By winning this India will win the Tripartite Championship.

### August 16

1. Who has become the first batsman to score 20,000 international runs in a single decade?

**Answer :** Virat Kohli

**Explanation :**

- **Indian captain Virat Kohli** has become the first batsman to score **20,000** international runs in a single decade, the incredible star providing another reflection of his greatness.
- Kohli has aggregated **20,502 runs across three formats** out of which he has **scored 20,018 in the ongoing decade.**

2. Who won gold at the Junior World Championships in Talinn, Estonia?

**Answer :** Deepak Punia

**Explanation :**

- **Deepak Punia** on Wednesday won **gold at the Junior World Championships in Talinn, Estonia**. Deepak beat Russia's Alik Shebzukov to win the 86kg junior freestyle title which follows the silver he won in the category in 2018.

### August 17

1. Who was recommended for this year's Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award?

**Answer :** Bajrang Punia

**Explanation :**

- **Asian and Commonwealth Games gold-medallist wrestler Bajrang Punia** was recommended for this year's **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award.**
- Bajrang will aim to book a Tokyo Games berth at the upcoming World Championships to be held in **Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan from September 14 to 22.**

### August 18

1. Which team have been selected for Arjuna Award?

**Answer :** Indian cricket team

**Explanation :**

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- The 12-member selection committee recommended the names of athletes for the award.
- 19 players, including **all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja of the Indian cricket team**, have been selected for the **Arjuna Award**.
- **Deepa Malik**, 48, has been selected for the **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award** at the Paralympics. Wrestler **Bajrang Bunia** will also receive the Kel Ratna Award.

### August 19

1. Which country's Cricket Board organized T20 Physical Disability World Cricket Series?

**Answer :** England & Wales Cricket Board

**Explanation :**

- The **T20 Physical Disability World Cricket Series** held in **England**, where **India beat Pakistan by eight wickets** in the concluding round-robin league match to become the number one team, **This Match was organized by the England & Wales Cricket Board**.

2. Asian Tennis Team Championship 2019 held in which place?

**Answer :** Kazakhstan

**Explanation :**

- In the **Under- 12 Asian Tennis Team Championship 2019 held in Kazakhstan**, India clinched the gold medal by defeating Chinese Taipei 2-1 in the summit clash.
- India won both the singles matches but lost the doubles match. **Manas Dhamme and Tamil Nadu's Pranav Rethin won their singles matches**.

3. Who won a gold each in 300m races at the Athleticky Mitink Reiter event in Czech Republic?

**Answer :** Hima Das and Mohammad Anas

**Explanation :**

- Top Indian sprinters **Hima Das and Mohammad Anas** have won a **gold each in 300m races at the Athleticky Mitink Reiter event in Czech Republic**.
- While **Hima won the gold in women's event and, Mohammad Anas claimed the gold metal in men's category**.

### August 21

1. Which award is considered as the highest appreciation award for the Coaches in Sports?

**Answer :** Dronacharya Award

**Explanation :**

- The **Dronacharya Award** for Outstanding Coaches in Sports and Games 2019 were announced. **This award is considered as the highest appreciation award for the Coaches in Sports**.
- The Awardees are **Mohinder Singh Dhillon (athletics), Sandeep Gupta (table tennis) and Vimal Kumar (badminton)**.

## August 22

1. Which Team won the Olympic Test event beating New Zealand 5-0?

**Answer :** Indian men's hockey team

**Explanation :**

- The **Indian men's hockey team** won the Olympic Test event **beating New Zealand 5-0 on 21 august, 2019.**
- India had lost 1-2 to New Zealand earlier in round robin league-stage. Indian men's hockey team avenged their round **robin league-stage loss by defeating New Zealand**

2. Who has become the first Asian swimmer to cross the Catalina Channel of America?

**Answer :** Divyang Satendra Singh Lohia

**Explanation :**

- **Divyang Satendra Singh Lohia** from Madhya Pradesh has become the **first Asian swimmer to cross the Catalina Channel of America. Satendra holds the Asian record of crossing both the English and Catalina channels.**

## August 24

1. Who have advanced to the semi-finals of the World Badminton Series?

**Answer :** Sindhu and Sai Praneeth

**Explanation :**

- **India's Sindhu and Sai Praneeth** have advanced to the **semi-finals of the World Badminton Series.**
- The World Badminton Championships are taking **place in Basel, Switzerland.**

## August 25

1. At which place The World Championship Badminton Tournament held?

**Answer :** Basil.

**Explanation :**

- The **World Championship Badminton Tournament is being held in Basil.** The men's semifinal match was held yesterday. In this match, **India's SaiPraneeth and Japanese player Kendo Momoda clash.36 years later, he qualified for the semifinals and received the medal.**

## August 26

1. Who is the first indian sports women to win the title of world's badminton Championship?

**Answer :** PV Sindhu

**Explanation :**

- **PV Sindhu** defeated Japan's Nozomi Okuhara in straight games 21-7, 21-7 to lift the women's singles title of world's badminton Championship.
- P.V. Sindhu is the **first indian sports women to win this title.**

### August 28

1. Who reached personal highs in the latest ICC Test rankings?

**Answer :** Jasprit Bumrah

**Explanation :**

- India captain **Virat Kohli maintained his number 1 position as batsman** while **England all-rounder Ben Stokes and Indian pacer Jasprit Bumrah reached personal highs in the latest ICC Test rankings.**
- Stokes reached a high of 13 in the batsmen list and was number 2 in the all-rounders while **Bumrah entered the top 10 for the first time in bowlers' list.**

### August 30

1. Who grabbed the Gold medal in the ISSF World Cup tournament held in Brazil?

**Answer :** Elavenil Valarivan

**Explanation :**

- **India's Elavenil Valarivan grabbed the Gold medal in the ISSF World Cup tournament held in Brazil.** Elavenil, shot her way to the top spot in the **10-metre Air Rifle category (Women) in the tournament by scoring 251.7 points.**

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### August 03

1. Which city joined with Indian Space Research center to launch its first private space museum?

**Answer :** Hyderabad

**Explanation :**

- **Hyderabad** joined with **Indian Space Research center** to launch its **first private space museum.**

### August 05

1. Which will be given to the houses to appreciate the rain water harvest in Chennai ?

**Answer :** Green stickers

**Explanation :**

- **Green stickers** will be given to the houses to Appreciate the rain water harvest in **Chennai** reported by **Corporation Commissioner Prakash.**
- Central Government have came up with this law before 3 years .

2. Which Government has decided to act the Assam's National Registered Citizen(NRC) Scheme for population survey throughout the country?

**Answer :** Central Government

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**Explanation :**

- Central Government has decided to act the Assam's **National Registered Citizen(NRC)** Scheme for population survey throughout the country.
  - According to the act 1955 Civil law and 2003 Citizens Registration Rule this survey will be held.
3. Which Yatra was suspended due to security reasons in Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir?

**Answer :** Machail Mata Yatra

**Explanation :**

- The **43-day-long 'Machail Mata Yatra'** in **Kishtwar** district of Jammu and Kashmir was suspended on Saturday due to security reasons, officials said.
- Authorities have asked people not to start the yatra and those on the way should leave and get back.

**August 06**

1. Which School Students Developed A New Satellite weights 30 grams to destroy prosopis juliflora ?

**Answer :** Government School, Karur

**Explanation :**

- For the research to destroy **prosopis juliflora** the **Government School students of karur** have developed a new satellite **weights 30 grams**.
- **The space kids india** organization conducts **vikram sarabai space challenge competition for government school children**

**August 07**

1. Which Country unveiled three precision-guided missiles “Yasin”, “Balaban” and a new series of “Ghaem”?

**Answer :** Iran

**Explanation :**

- On August 6, 2019, **Iran** unveiled three precision-guided missiles **“Yasin”, “Balaban”** and a new series of **“Ghaem”** in Tehran.
- The **air-to-air missiles** were developed jointly by the Ministry of Defence of Iran and Sa Iran, also known as Iran Electronics Industries.

2. On which day Chandrayan 2 will reach the moon's orbit and land on moon?

**Answer :** 7th september

**Explanation :**

- **Chandrayan 2** reaches the **fifth stage of earth's Orbit** on Tuesday afternoon and continues with its task , reported by ISRO .
- Soon it will reach the moon's orbit and **land on moon by 7th September**.

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### August 10

1. Which Award in Space Science, Technology and Research” announced by ISRO to recognize and reward journalists?

**Answer :** Vikram Sarabhai Journalism Award

**Explanation :**

- **“Vikram Sarabhai Journalism Award** in Space Science, Technology and Research” **announced by ISRO** to recognize and **reward journalists** who have actively contributed towards the field of space science, applications, and research.
- The nominations are open to all Indians who have a good experience in journalism.

### August 15

1. Which Spacecraft is expected to reach the moon's orbit on 20th August 2019 and land on lunar surface on September 7, 2019 ?

**Answer :** Chandrayaan-2

**Explanation :**

- The ISRO's **Chandrayaan-2** spacecraft is expected to **reach** the **moon's orbit** on 20th August 2019 and **land on lunar** surface on September 7, 2019.
- ISRO said that India's lunar lander- orbiter craft 'Chandrayaan-2' was put in the path of moon, some 3.84 lakh km away, in the wee hours of Wednesday.

### August 16

1. Which organization has planned to launch RISAT- 3 for helping Indian Army in surveillance?

**Answer :** ISRO

**Explanation :**

- **ISRO who recently launched Chandrayan 2** , have planned to launch **RISAT-3** for helping Indian Army in surveillance. This satellite will be launched in few weeks with **PSLV C47 launch vehicle** .

### August 18

1. Which Space Station Launched Chandrayaan-2 spacecraft, which has three levels of orbiter, lander and rover On 22nd of last month?

**Answer :** Satish Dhawan

**Explanation :**

- ISRO has reported that the Moon-2 spacecraft will land on the Moon on **September 7**.
- The Chandrayaan-2 spacecraft, which has three levels of orbiter, lander and rover, was launched from **Satish Dhawan** space station on **22nd of last month**.

2. Which is currently developing a 'Map Kit' service as an alternative to Google Maps?

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**Answer :** Huawei

**Explanation :**

- Huawei is currently developing a '**Map Kit**' service as an alternative to Google Maps.
- **Huawei said it is developing map kits in 40 languages**, including **maps of 150 countries**. The official announcement of the map kit is expected to come out in **October**.

### August 20

1. Which country's second moon mission Chandrayaan 2 successfully completed a major milestone today by breaking away from the Earth's orbit and entering the moon's orbit of influence?

**Answer :** India

**Explanation :**

- **India's second moon mission Chandrayaan 2** successfully completed a major milestone today by breaking away from the Earth's orbit and entering the moon's orbit of influence.
- This is one of the few remaining critical milestones in the mission before the spacecraft attempts a soft-landing in the moon's South Polar region on 7 September.

### August 23

1. What is the name of robot, sent up by Russia?

**Answer :** Fedor

**Explanation :**

- **Russia on 22, August 2019**, launched an **unmanned rocket carrying a humanoid robot** that will spend 10 days learning to assist astronauts on the International Space Station.
- **The Robot is named as fedor** Named Fedor, this is the first ever robot sent up by Russia.

2. Who has reported after the successful launch of Chandrayaan 2, ISRO have planned to launch Chandrayaan 3 to take the lunar research to the next level?

**Answer :** ISRO Chairman

**Explanation :**

- After the Successful launch of Chandrayaan 2, ISRO Chairman reported that ISRO have planned to launch **Chandrayaan 3** to take the lunar research to the next level.
- **Chandrayaan 2** will reach the **Moon's Surface** on **September 7th, 2019**.

### August 24

1. Which Operating System was released by Google?

**Answer :** Android 10

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**Explanation :**

- Google has officially announced the release of the Android Q operating system under the name **Android 10**. It also released the logo for the new operating system.
- The new operating system will not have the same sweetener names as before. Alternatively, it would be called number based.

**August 28**

1. Name The Camera on-board the orbiter of the lunar craft has Chandrayaan-2 captured the set of images from a distance of over 4,300 kilometres above the moon's surface?

**Answer :** Terrain Mapping Camera

**Explanation :**

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has released more pictures of lunar surface which were captured by **India's lunar craft Chandrayaan-2**.
- The **Terrain Mapping Camera-2** on-board the orbiter of the lunar craft has Chandrayaan-2 captured the set of images from a distance of over 4,300 kilometres above the moon's surface.

**August 29**

1. Which Country's Lunar mission Chandrayan 2 will reach the moon in next 9 days?

**Answer :** India

**Explanation :**

- India's Lunar mission Chandrayan 2 will reach the moon in next 9 days. **On August 30, Chandrayaan-2** will perform its penultimate orbit manoeuvre around the Moon. This manoeuvre will be performed between **6 pm and 7 pm**.

**AWARDS**

**August 01**

1. Which vegetable bagged the Geographical Indication (GI) tag from Kodaikanal?

**Answer :** Hill Garlic

**Explanation :**

- Famous **Hill Garlic of Kodaikanal** bagged the **Geographical Indication (GI) tag**. It has become a **single agricultural product** from the hill station of the south.
- It would not allow using the name 'hill garlic' for other varieties.

**August 02**

1. Which channel got the "Champions of Empathy Award"?

**Answer :** DD News

**Explanation :**

- **DD News** (Doordarshan) news channel of India awarded **"Champions of**

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- Empathy Award**". The award is given for spreading awareness about **hepatitis**.
- **Mayank Agrawal**, Director General of DD News received the Award **from Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla**.

#### August 04

1. Who has been honoured with the 2019 Ramon Magsaysay Award?

**Answer :** Ravish Kumar

**Explanation :**

- **NDTV journalist Ravish Kumar** has been honoured with the **2019 Ramon Magsaysay Award**.
- **Magsaysay** is the highest honour given to **Asian individuals** and organizations and often referred to as the Asian version of the Nobel Prize

#### August 07

1. Who won the beauty pageant title of Miss World Diversity 2019?

**Answer :** Naaz Joshi

**Explanation :**

- **Naaz Joshi, transsexual woman** from India won the **beauty pageant title of Miss World Diversity 2019** held in **Port Louis, Mauritius**.
- This was her third successive victory in this beauty pageant competition as she won the title previously in 2017 and 2018.  
August 07.

2. Who are three persons to be awarded with the country's highest civilian award Bharat Ratna?

**Answer :** Pranab Mukherjee, Bhupen Hazarika and Nanaji Deshmukh

**Explanation :**

- Former President **Pranab Mukherjee**, Assamese singer-composer **Bhupen Hazarika** and social activist **Nanaji Deshmukh** will be awarded the country's **highest civilian award, Bharat Ratna, by President Ram Nath Kovind today**. Bhupen Hazarika and Nanaji Deshmukh will be honoured posthumously.
- The announcement for Bharat Ratna was made on January 25 in a statement issued by the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

#### August 14

1. How many persons were awarded with the Kalaimamani Award?

**Answer :** 201

**Explanation :**

- The **Kalaimamani** awards from 2011 to 2018, announced in this March, were awarded to the artistes by the Chief Minister **Edappadi K. Palaniswami** on Tuesday. In the announcement that came after **8 years, as many as 201 recipients were selected from 72 different art forms**.

2. Which sweet got the Geographical Indication (GI) tag?

**Answer :** Palani panchamirtham

**Explanation :**

- The most popular **Palani panchamirtham**, at the Murugan temple at Palani, has been granted the **Geographical Indication (GI) tag**.
- This is the first time ever in the history that a temple '**prasadam**' from **Tamil Nadu has been bestowed with the GI tag**.

3. Which state won the “best innovation and initiative leadership award”?

**Answer :** Rajasthan

**Explanation :**

- **Rajasthan** has won the “**best innovation and initiative leadership award**” for its achievements in higher education in the **World Education Summit-2019** held in **New Delhi**.
- **Minister of State for Higher Education Bhanwar Singh Bhati** received the award at the 14th summit organised on Saturday.

4. Who became the first Indian chef to be awarded with the 'Chevalier de l'Ordre du Mérite Agricoleto' by the government of France?

**Answer :** Priyam Chatterjee

**Explanation :**

- On Monday **Priyam Chatterjee** became the first Indian chef to be awarded with the '**Chevalier de l'Ordre du Mérite Agricoleto**' by the government of France.
- Chatterjee (30) is best known for revisiting the traditional dishes from his native state of West Bengal and giving it a French twist.

#### August 16

1. Who won the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Award from Tamil Nadu government?

**Answer :** K Sivan

**Explanation :**

- **Indian Space Research Organisation Chairman K Sivan** was on Thursday awarded the **Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Award** by the Tamil Nadu government.
- He will be receiving the Award **from Tamil Nadu Chief minister k. Palani swamy**.
- Chandrayan 2 is one of his recent works.
- On **22nd August 2019**, ISRO Chairman K Sivan was honoured with the Tamil Nadu Government's Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Award by Chief Minister K Palaniswami.
- The award was earlier announced in recognition of Sivan's stellar work in the promotion of science and technology.

#### August 26

1. Who was honored with the highest civilian award named "King Hamad Order of the Renaissance”?

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**Answer :** Narandra Modi

**Explanation :**

- Our Prime minister **Narandra Modi** was honored with Bahrain's highest civilian Award named "**King Hamad Order of the Renaissance**" by Bahrain's King Hamad bin Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa.

### August 30

1. Who won the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award ?

**Answer :** Bajrang Punia and Deepa Malik

**Explanation :**

- The President of India takes this day to hand out the prestigious awards like the Arjuna Award, the **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award** and the **Dronacharya Award** to the various **sportsmen** who have done the country proud in that year.
- **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna** Award winners are **Bajrang Punia and Deepa Malik**
- **Dronacharya Award** winners are **Vimal Kumar, Sandeep Gupta and Mohinder Singh Dhillon.**

### August 31

1. Who has secured the Distinguished Fellowship of the Institute of Directors (IOD), 2019?

**Answer :** Mr Shashi Shanker

**Explanation :**

- **ONGC CMD Mr Shashi Shanker** has secured the **Distinguished Fellowship of the Institute of Directors (IOD), 2019**. The prestigious honor was conferred to Mr Shanker during the 29th Institute of Directors (IOD) Annual Day Ceremony on 26 August.
- The Fellowship has been given in **appreciation of his distinguished contribution to business and society.**

## APPOINTMENTS

### August 01

1. Who has been sworn in as the State Governor of West Bengal ?

**Answer :** Mr. Jagdeep Dhankar

**Explanation :**

- Mr. Jagdeep Dhankar has been sworn in as the State Governor of West Bengal. The Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court **Mr T.B Radhakrishnan** administered the oath of office and Secrecy to him.
- **Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee**, her cabinet colleagues and other distinguished guests were present at the function.

### August 04

1. Who was appointed as new Controller General of Accounts ?

**Answer :** Giriraj Prasad Gupta

**Explanation :**

- Giriraj Prasad Gupta appointed as new Controller General of Accounts
- **Giriraj Prasad Gupta, Indian Civil Accounts Service Accounts Officer**

### August 06

1. Who is the new Director (Exploration) of energy major Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) Limited?

**Answer :** Mr Rajesh Kumar Srivastava

**Explanation :**

- Mr Rajesh Kumar Srivastava took charge as the new Director (Exploration) of energy major **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)** Limited on 2 August 2019.
- ONGC is an public sector institute at **Maharashtra**

### August 12

1. Who is the interim president of the Congress party?

**Answer :** Sonia Gandhi

**Explanation :**

- On August 10, 2019, The Congress Working Committee (CWC), the highest decision-making body of the party, selected **Sonia Gandhi, aged 72, as interim president of the Congress party.**
- She had held the post of Congress President between **1998 and 2017**. She succeeds **Rahul Gandhi**.

### August 13

1. Who is the 1st woman president of the Indian National Science Academy?

**Answer :** Chandrima Shaha

**Explanation :**

- **Chandrima Shaha is set to be the 1st woman president of the Indian National Science Academy.** Her tenure will begin from January 2020. She was formerly the Director of the National Institute of Immunology, Delhi.

### August 17

1. Who has been appointed as the head coach of the Indian Men's senior cricket team for a second successive term ?

**Answer :** Ravi Shastri

**Explanation :**

- Ravi Shastri has been appointed as the head coach of the Indian Men's senior

cricket team for a second successive term.

- **The three-member Cricket Advisory Committee headed by Kapil Dev made the announcement in Mumbai.**

### August 23

1. Who was appointed as the new Defence Secretary?

**Answer :** Dr. Ajay Kumar

**Explanation :**

- **Dr. Ajay Kumar was appointed as the new Defence Secretary.** He will **replace Sanjay Mitra** whose term ends on August 23, according to the Prime Minister-headed Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### August 01

1. On which day World Day Against Trafficking In Persons was observed?

**Answer :** July 30

**Explanation :**

- In order to raise awareness of the situation of victims of human trafficking and promotion and protection of their rights, the UN General Assembly designated **July 30 as the World Day Against Trafficking In Persons.**
- The theme for 2019 is "Human Trafficking: call your government to action"

### August 07

1. On which day Hiroshima Day was observed?

**Answer :** August 6

**Explanation :**

- **Hiroshima Day was observed on August 6, 2019.** It marks the anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki by the United States (US) in 1945.
- An American B-29 bomber had dropped the **first atomic bomb nicknamed 'Little Boy'** on Hiroshima **on August 6, 1945.**

### August 08

1. On Which Date, Mahatma Gandhi made the Quit India speech , on the eve of the Quit India movement, Which was headed by Aruna Asaf Ali ?

**Answer :** 8 August 1942

**Explanation :**

- On 8 August 1942, **Mahatma Gandhi made the Quit India speech** , on the eve of the Quit India movement, Which was headed by **Aruna Asaf Ali.**

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### August 10

1. On which day International Day of the World's Indigenous People was observed?

**Answer :** August 9

**Explanation :**

- International Day of the **World's Indigenous People was observed on August 9, 2019**. It is celebrated to raise awareness about the protection of the rights of the world's indigenous population.
- The theme of International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples 2019 is "Indigenous Languages".

### August 11

1. On which day World Biofuel Day was observed?

**Answer :** August 10

**Explanation :**

- World Biofuel Day - AUGUST 10
- Theme 2019: **'Production of Biodiesel from Used Cooking Oil (UCO)**
- It is being observed by **Union Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas since 2015**.
- Objective: To **create awareness about importance of non-fossil fuels** (or environment-friendly fuels) as an alternative to conventional fossil fuels and to highlight various efforts made by Government.

### August 13

1. On which day World Elephant Day was observed?

**Answer :** August 12

**Explanation :**

- The World Elephant Day is observed every year on **August 12**, This day celebrated to create awareness and bring attention to the dangerous situation of Asian and African elephants.
- This day was first initialized on **August 12, 2012**.

### August 12

1. Which day is celebrated as Sadbhavana Diwas every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of our former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi?

**Answer :** 20 August

**Explanation :**

- **20 August is celebrated as Sadbhavana Diwas** every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of our former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.
- This day is observed to **encourage the communal harmony, peace, affection and national integration among the Indian people of all religions**.

## August 27

1. On which day Women's Equality Day was observed?

**Answer :** August 26

**Explanation :**

- **Women's Equality Day is celebrated on August 26, 2019.** It commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment in the **United States of America (USA)** that provides equal rights to women, including the right to vote. It is an annual event in the US.
- **The colour for Women's Equality Day is purple, It was first celebrated in 1973.**

2. Who recently announced to celebrate September 2019 as a month of nutrition?

**Answer :** Narendra Modi

**Explanation :**

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has announced to celebrate September 2019 as a month of nutrition.
- The announcement was made in his **latest Mann Ki Baat programe** in which he laid emphasis on **creating awareness to fight malnutrition among children, particularly girl child.**

## August 30

1. Which day is celebrated in India on August 29, to mark the birth anniversary of Major Dhyan Chand, a legendary Indian hockey player who was also born on this day in 1905?

**Answer :** National Sports Day

**Explanation :**

- National Sports Day is celebrated in India on August 29. It is celebrated to mark **the birth anniversary of Major Dhyan Chand**, a legendary Indian hockey player, who was also born on this day in 1905.
- This auspicious day is celebrated across the country to create and spread awareness about the importance of sports in everyone's life.

2. Which day was observed as The International Day against Nuclear Tests (IDANT) ?

**Answer :** August 29

**Explanation :**

- **The International Day against Nuclear Tests (IDANT) was observed on August 29, 2019.** The day raises awareness about the effects of nuclear weapon test explosions or any other nuclear explosions.
- It was established **on December 2, 2009 at the 64th session** of the United **Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** by unanimously adopting resolution 64/35 and it was first observed in 2010.

## ECONOMY

### August 03

1. Government-owned India Post Payments Bank has decided to change into which entity?

**Answer :** Small Finance Bank

**Explanation :**

- **Government-owned India Post Payments Bank** has decided to change its future course by converting to a small finance bank. With this, **the postal department aims to offer small loans to customer and open one crore bank accounts in 100 days.**
- **The announcement came as a part of the heads of circles conference held at Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir, from July 29-31, 2019.**
- Government-owned India Post Payments Bank has decided to change into a small finance bank.

### August 08

1. The RBI Banks Interest on the loans decreased by how much percentage?

**Answer :** 0.35%

**Explanation :**

- **RBI** reported that the **interest rate** on the **loans have decreased** , This is the lowest in **past 9 years. The RBI Banks Interest** on the loans decreased by **0.35%** which now stands on **5.40%** .

### August 10

1. For which state the Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved \$200 million loan for improving road infrastructure?

**Answer :** Maharashtra

**Explanation :**

- On August 8, 2019, **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** approved **\$200 million loan** for improving **road infrastructure in 34 districts of Maharashtra** to connect rural areas with markets and services.
- **The total cost** of the project **is \$296 million.** The government will provide **\$96 million.**

### August 16

1. Which bank has launched the world's first negative interest rate mortgage?

**Answer :** Danish bank

**Explanation :**

- A **Danish bank** has launched the **world's first negative interest rate mortgage** – which handing out loans to homeowners where the charge is **-0.5% a year.**
- Negative interest rates effectively mean that the borrowers pays back less than they have been loaned.

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### August 21

1. Who is the head of New Law of Income Tax on direct taxes committee?

**Answer :** Akhilesh Ranjan

**Explanation :**

- **New Law of Income Tax on direct taxes** has proposed by its committee. members and submitted its report to finance minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** .
- **Akhilesh Ranjan** is the head of this committee.

### August 31

1. Who announced amalgamation of 10 public sector banks into four big banks?

**Answer :** Niramala Sitharaman

**Explanation :**

- **Finance Minister Niramala Sitharaman** today announced amalgamation of **10 public sector banks into four big banks**. After this the total number of **Public Sector Banks** in the country will come down to **12 from 27** banks in 2017.

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

### August 13

1. Who was launched the book 'Listening, Learning and Leading' marking Shri Venkaiah Naidu's two years of service as vice president ?

**Answer :** Amit Shah

**Explanation :**

- The book 'Listening, Learning and Leading' marking Shri Venkaiah Naidu's two years of service as vice president was launched by **Union Home minister Amit Shah** at kalaivanar Arrangam, Chennai.
- Achievements during vice president's tenure in these two years were discussed. Amit Shah especially noted about **Venkaiah Naidu's 19 countries visit in these two years**

### August 23

1. Name the book launched by Our Culture and Tourism Minister Prahlad Singh Patel at a function held at New Delhi ?

**Answer :** Diary of Manu Gandhi

**Explanation :**

- On 22nd August 2019, Our **Culture and Tourism Minister Prahlad Singh Patel** launched the book titled- the **Diary of Manu Gandhi**' at a function held at New Delhi .
- The book has been brought out by National Archives of India, on the occasion of **150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi** in collaboration with **Oxford**

University Press.

### August 30

1. Who has written a book on Barack Obama, former United States (US) President, titled “Obama: The Call of History ?

**Answer :** Peter Baker

**Explanation :**

- A book on Barack Obama, former United States (US) President, **titled “Obama: The Call of History”** has been written by **Peter Baker**, the Chief White House Correspondent for The New York Times.
- It gives an in-depth account of Obama’s years in office. It has been published by **Penguin India**

## DEFENCE NEWS

### July 28

1. What is the name of coast guard patrol recently launched?

**Answer :** Kanaklata

**Explanation :**

- Coast Guard patrol vessel **Kanaklata** launched
- **The fifth fast patrol vessel (FPV)**, also the last of the series of the class being built by **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) was launched on Saturday**

### August 22

1. Which was handed over to the Indian Army by DRDO?

**Answer :** Mobile Metallic Ramp

**Explanation :**

- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) handed over the design of **Mobile Metallic Ramp (MMR)** to the Indian Army.
- With a load-bearing capacity of **70 metric ton (MT)**, the MMR has been designed and developed by DRDO’s premier research laboratory, Centre for Fire, Explosive and Environment Safety (CFEES).

## ENVIRONMENT

### August 27

1. Which journal has published about 7 new species of insects that can walk or run on the surface of the water?

**Answer :** Zootaxa’

**Explanation :**

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- **The journal 'Zootaxa'** has published about **7 new species of insects** that can walk or run on the surface of the water. This was discovered by scientists of the 'Zoological Survey of India'.
- This combination of **hydrophobic state and water surface tension prevents the insects from sinking.**

## OBITUARY

### August 28

1. Name the India's first woman Director General of Police passed away in Mumbai, Maharashtra after an illness On August 26, 2019?

**Answer :** Kanchan Chaudhary Bhattacharya

**Explanation :**

- On August 26, 2019, India's first woman Director General of Police (DGP), **Kanchan Chaudhary Bhattacharya**, passed away in Mumbai, Maharashtra after an illness.
- She hailed from Himachal Pradesh and she was **the second woman IPS (Indian Police Service) officer of India after Kiran Bedi.**



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