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TAMIL NADU NEWS

September 7

1. Which district administration has received the national award for effective implementation of the ‘Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao’ programme?
   Answer: Namakal and Thiruvallur
   Explanation:
   - Namakal and Thiruvallur district administration has received the national award for effective implementation of the ‘Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao’ programme.
   - This Award is awarded for doing excel in this scheme in Tamil Nadu.

September 10

1. How many saplings were planned to be planted in Tamil Nadu on the 71st birthday of the late Chief Minister Jayalalithaa under the 100 days work opportunity scheme?
   Answer: 71 lakh
   Explanation:
   - 71 lakh saplings were planned to be planted in Tamil Nadu on the 71st birthday of the late Chief Minister Jayalalithaa under the 100 days work opportunity scheme. For this project Rs. 198.57 have been allotted by our State Government.
   - It was proposed that trees will be planted at school, colleges, parks, state-owned areas and forest areas in rural places throughout Tamil Nadu.

2. Which state tops in the Postal Bank Accounts all over the Country?
   Answer: Tamil Nadu
   Explanation:
   - Tamil Nadu tops in the Postal Bank Accounts all over the Country. Indian Post payment Bank is formed on September 1st, 2018. This comes under the Prime minister Jan dhan project.
   - In Central and State government’s Projects 440 project amount were directly credited to the concerned person’s account.

September 11

1. Which sweet bagged the Geographical Indication tag from the Geographical Indications Registry in Chennai?
   Answer: Srivilliputhur palkova
   Explanation:
   - Srivilliputhur palkova Bagged the Geographical Indication tag from the Geographical Indications Registry in Chennai. The GI application was filed by the Srivilliputhur Milk Producers Co-operative Society.
   - The sweet is manufactured in and around the municipality of Srivilliputhur in
Virudhunagar district.

2. Which place has been adjudged the second best ‘Swachh Iconic Place’ (clean place) in India?
   **Answer**: Meenakshi Sundareswarar Temple
   **Explanation**:
   - The famed **Meenakshi Sundareswarar Temple in Madurai** has been adjudged the second best ‘Swachh Iconic Place’ (clean place) in India.
   - The Madurai City Corporation is also set to receive a special award from the Centre as part of the **Swachh Bharat Abhiyan**.

**September 15**

1. Which state government announces Anna Medals to 130 policemen on the occasion of Annadurai’s birth anniversary on September 15?
   **Answer**: Tamil Nadu
   **Explanation**:
   - **Tamil Nadu government** announces Anna Medals, 130 policemen to be honoured
   - The Anna medals are given to those including from the police, fire and forensic departments in recognition of their outstanding work. The medals are awarded on the occasion of **Annadurai’s birth anniversary on September 15**.

2. Who appointed as the new Inspector General of Tamil Nadu Enforcement Department?
   **Answer**: H.M Jayaram
   **Explanation**:
   - **H.M Jayaram L.P.S.** appointed as new Inspector General of **Tamil Nadu Enforcement Department**.

**September 19**

1. Which organization will lead a Skill Development training for those who are left behind in employment in Tamil Nadu?
   **Answer**: Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation
   **Explanation**:
   - **Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation (TNSDC)** will lead a **Skill Development training** for those who are left behind in employment.
   - It is functioning as a Corporation under the **Labour and Employment Department** with a vision to transform the state into skill hub.

**September 20**

1. Who led the committee set up by Tamil Nadu government for investment facilitation and single-window clearances to the investment commitments?
   **Answer**: Edappadi K Palaniswami
   **Explanation**:
o On September 19, Tamil Nadu government set up a committee led by chief minister Edappadi K Palaniswami for investment facilitation and single-window clearances to the investment commitments made during the three-nation trip undertaken by the CM.

September 21

1. Which state government has been chosen for the Centre’s Krishi Karman award for the fifth time since 2011?
   Answer: Tamil Nadu
   Explanation:
   o The Tamil Nadu government has been chosen for the Centre’s Krishi Karman award for the fifth time since 2011. The award for 2017-18, to be given in the category of oilseeds, carries a trophy, citation and Rs 2 crore in cash.
   o It is to be noted that during the past eight years, the AIADMK regime has bagged this award five times.

September 22

1. Who is appointed as the acting Chief Justice of Madras High Court?
   Answer: Vineet Kothari
   Explanation:
   o Justice Vineet Kothari appointed Acting Chief Justice of Madras High Court
   o This notification comes after the resignation of Chief Justice VK Tahilramani, which has been accepted by the president and notified by the Ministry of Law and Justice

NATIONAL NEWS

September 01

1. Which state government has launched a new health insurance scheme called Ayushman Bharat-Mahatma Gandhi Rajasthan Swasthya Bima Yojna?
   Answer: Rajasthan
   Explanation:
   o On September 1, 2019, The Rajasthan state government has launched a new health insurance scheme called Ayushman Bharat-Mahatma Gandhi Rajasthan Swasthya Bima Yojna (AB-MGRSBY) by integrating the Bhamashah Health Insurance Scheme (BSBY) of the State Government and Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna Scheme (AB-PMJAY) of the Central Government.

2. Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) has partnered with which entity to roll out ‘Build for Digital India’?
   Answer: Google
   Explanation:

The Best Coaching Institute For TNPSC, Bank, SSC, Police Exam, TET Exam, Railways Exams
The Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) has partnered with Google to roll out ‘Build for Digital India’.

- The program aims to give engineering students a platform to develop market-ready technology-based solutions to address key social issues in areas like healthcare and women safety.

3. A cultural event called ‘Namaste Pacific’ to showcase in India the culture of Pacific countries was held in which place?
   - Answer: New Delhi
   - Explanation: A cultural event called ‘Namaste Pacific’ to showcase in India the culture of Pacific countries such as Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Fiji was held in New Delhi.
   - The event was jointly organized by High Commissions of Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, and Fiji. Key Highlights of Event Participants.

**September 02**

1. Which act was recently approved by President Ram Nath Kovind aims at stricter punishment for violation of traffic regulations?
   - Answer: Motor Vehicles Amendment Act
   - Explanation: The Motor Vehicles Amendment Act, which was approved by President Ram Nath Kovind last month aims at stricter punishment for violation of traffic regulations.
   - Besides, the amended rules include several other stringent measures to increase awareness and road behaviour.

**September 03**

1. Who inaugurated India’s longest electrified rail tunnel?
   - Answer: M. Venkaiah Naidu
   - Explanation:
     - On 1st September, Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated India’s longest electrified rail tunnel. The Tunnel is located between Cherlapalli and Rapuru stations of Andhra Pradesh.
     - It is 6.6-km long tunnel is a part of the Obulavarpalli-Venkatachalal railway line.

2. Which department will automatically issue PAN to a taxpayer using Aadhaar number for filing returns?
   - Answer: Income Tax Department
   - Explanation: The Income Tax Department will automatically issue PAN to a taxpayer using Aadhaar number for filing returns as part of a new arrangement to link the two databases.
3. Who is the Wing Commander of India?
   Answer: Abhinandan Varthaman
   Explanation:
   - Indian Air Force chief Air Chief Marshal BS Dhanoa today flew a sortie on a MiG-21 fighter aircraft with Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman, who was taken prisoner by Pakistan after being shot down during a rare fight between Indian and Pakistani fighter jets earlier this year.

September 04

1. Who inaugurated the 72nd Session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia in New Delhi?
   Answer: Dr. Harsh Vardhan
   Explanation:
   - Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) Dr. Harsh Vardhan inaugurated the ‘72nd Session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia’ in New Delhi on September 2, 2019.
   - He was unanimously elected as the chair of the 72nd Session of the WHO (World Health Organisation) Regional Committee for South-East Asia.

2. Who inaugurated the “Garvi Gujarat Bhavan” at Akbar Road in New Delhi?
   Answer: Narendra Modi
   Explanation:
   - Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the “Garvi Gujarat Bhavan” at Akbar Road in New Delhi on September 2, 2019.
   - The building was built by the Gujarat government at a cost of Rs 131 crore which will serve as home for Gujarati people in Delhi and the old Gujarat Bhavan at Chanakyapuri, Delhi will also continue to function.

September 05

1. Who launched "Yathum ore " in New york to attract the NRI Investment?
   Answer: K.Palaniswamy
   Explanation:
   - Tamil Nadu CM K.Palaniswamy launched "Yathum ore" in New York to attract the NRI Investment.
   - This started Under the Department of Labor by tamil naidu industry guidance. On this occasion new MoU have signed for 2,780 crore investment in the state.

2. 20th India - Russia Annual Summit was held in which place?
   Answer: Vladivostok
   Explanation:
   - Modi is visiting Russia on the invitation of President Putin. The 20th India - Russia Annual Summit was held in Vladivostok. Modi also participated in the
5th Eastern Economic Forum as the Chief Guest.
- On 4th September, India and Russia decided to step up industrial cooperation and create new technological and investment partnership.

3. Which certification was obtained by Salem, Karur, Erode, Tirupur and Mettupalayam railway station for complying with national green tribunal (NGT) directives?  
**Answer**: ISO-14001  
**Explanation**:  
- Salem, Karur, Erode, Tirupur and Mettupalayam railway station obtained the ISO-14001 certification for complying with national green tribunal (NGT) directives.  
- The certification was given away after water audit to see the efforts taken by the stations to minimize water consumption, energy audit to identify steps taken to reduce energy consumption and drive to check implementation of solid waste management, among other things.

4. Which Institution has launched a unit to assess and provide technological solutions to large and small scale industries to help companies reduce energy consumption?  
**Answer**: IIT-Madras  
**Explanation**:  
- IIT-Madras has launched a unit to assess and provide technological solutions to large and small scale industries in the manufacturing sector to help companies reduce energy consumption.  
- The 'Industrial Energy Assessment Cell', the unit has research scholars, postgraduate and undergraduate students and faculty members doing the assessment for companies for free of cost.

**September 06**

1. Food and Consumer Affairs Ministry has decided to ban single-use plastic in its various departments as well as the public sector units from which date?  
**Answer**: September 15  
**Explanation**:  
- From September 15, 2019, Food and Consumer Affairs Ministry has decided to ban single-use plastic in its various departments as well as the public sector units under its administration.  
- Union Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Ram Vilas Paswan took this decision. Paswan announced "a blanket ban on all types of single use plastic products".

2. Which two ships participated in the 28th edition of India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol?  
**Answer**: Kesari and Kraburi  
**Explanation**:  
- Indian Navy (IN) and the Royal Thai Navy (RTN) joint in the 28th edition of India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol (Indo-Thai CORPAT) being conducted from 05 – 15 September 2019.
3. Which country’s Central Military Commission conducted the Exercise TSENTR 2019?
Answer: Russia
Explanation:
- India will be taking part with armies from Pakistan, China among others in the exercises being held by Russia set to be kicked off from September 9.
- “This year, invitations for the participation of this exercise have been extended to nine other countries. This year’s Exercise TSENTR 2019 will be conducted by the Central Military Commission of Russia.”

4. Who launched the Eat Right India Movement of FSSAI?
Answer: Dr Harsh Vardhan
Explanation:
- “Eat Right, Stay Fit, Dr Harsh Vardhan” said this as he launched the Eat Right India Movement of FSSAI, the new healthy eating approach which places citizens at the centre of a Health Revolution through food and fitness.
- The campaign ‘Eat Right India’ with its new logo and tagline ‘Sahi Bhojan, Behtar Jeevan’ were released by the Health Minister.

September 07

1. Under which mission 10 crore toilets have been built?
Answer: Swachh Bharat Mission
Explanation:
- On September 6th, President Ram Nath Kovind said Around 10 crore toilets have been built under the Swachh Bharat Mission, and with this there has been a change in the attitude of 55 crore people who have ceased the practise of defecating in open.

2. Who launched a-Rs 13,500-crore central scheme to control diseases in livestock, mainly foot & mouth disease (FMD) and brucellosis?
Answer: Narendra Modi
Explanation:
- 11th September 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch a-Rs 13,500-crore central scheme to control diseases in livestock, mainly foot & mouth disease (FMD) and brucellosis, from Mathura district in Uttar Pradesh.
- Giriraj Singh, Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying made the announcement.

3. South east-Asia Prime countries of WHO have decided to overcome the disease like Chicken pox and Rubella viral diseases within which year?
Answer: 2023
Explanation:
In the 72nd WHO Summit, to control the death and Defects, the South East Asia Prime countries of WHO have decided to overcome the disease like Chicken pox and Rubella viral diseases within 2023. These diseases highly spread with the children.

September 08

1. How many Government Medical College Hospitals will soon be upgraded to state-of-the-art specialized hospitals?
   Answer: 4
   Explanation:
   - Union Government Minister Aswini Kumar Choubey said four Government Medical College Hospitals, including Salem and Madurai in Tamil Nadu, will soon be upgraded to state-of-the-art specialized hospitals.
   - Home-Based Medicine is being implemented in Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand and Bihar to help the homeless.

September 09

1. Who inaugurated the National Youth Summit in New Delhi?
   Answer: Ram Nath Kovind
   Explanation:
   - The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the National Youth Summit in New Delhi on September 7, 2019, organised by the Youth Awakening Mission, a youth wing of Paavan Chintan Dhara Charitable Trust, Ghaziabad.

2. Who said that the Centre will not scrap Article 371 of the Constitution?
   Answer: Amit Shah
   Explanation:
   - Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday said that the Centre will not scrap Article 371 of the Constitution, which grants special provisions to the northeastern states.
   - Addressing the 68th Plenary Session of the North Eastern Council here, he said, "Article 371 is not a temporary provision like Article 370 was.

September 10

1. The UN summit of controlling the lands from transforming into the desert held at which place?
   Answer: New Delhi
   Explanation:
   - India have set a goal to enrich the soil of Waste and dry lands by 2030. The UN summit of controlling the lands from transforming into the desert held at New Delhi.
   - PM Modi have report in the summit that waste and Dry land will be prevented.
from transforming into deserts.

2. According to a report published in The Lancet journal what is the rank of India in the global incidence of the deadly mosquito-borne disease malaria in 2017?

   **Answer:** 4
   **Explanation:**
   - India ranked fourth in the global incidence of the deadly mosquito-borne disease malaria in 2017, with four percent of the cases worldwide reported in the country, according to a report published in The Lancet journal. Where Nigeria tops the ranking Board.
   - India have set a goal to become a malaria free nation by 2030.

**September 11**

1. South Asia’s first cross-border oil pipeline was opened between which two countries?
   **Answer:** India and Nepal
   **Explanation:**
   - On September 10, 2019, India and Nepal officially opened South Asia’s first cross-border oil pipeline.
   - Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Nepal counterpart K.P. Sharma Oli joined the inauguration ceremony by video link from their respective capitals.

2. How much amount was planned to spend in the next five years by central government to upgrade the Indian Army?
   **Answer:** 9.35 lakh crores
   **Explanation:**
   - To Upgrade the Indian Army 9.35 lakh crores were planned to spend in next five year by central government.
   - There are 132 ships, 220 war flights and 15 submarine were currently present in Indian Navy. The Agni-1, Agni-2, Agni-3.4 and Agni-5 have added strength to the Indian Air Force.

3. Which department have started the Campaign on Plastic Waste Management?
   **Answer:** Department for promotion of Industry and Internal trade
   **Explanation:**
   - Department for promotion of Industry and Internal trade have started the Campaign on Plastic Waste Management. This comes under Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
   - This Campaign starts under Swachhta Hi Seva -2019.

**September 12**

1. At which place new veterinary Research Center have been planned to set up?
   **Answer:** Chinnam Salem
   **Explanation:**
   - New veterinary Research Center have been planned to set up in Chinnam
salem, Vizhupuram District.
- This Research Park will be built in the area of **1000 hectares with international standards**. In this center they have also included the milk preservation department.

2. How many farmers have been included from Tamil Nadu in the PM-Kisan Pension scheme?
   **Answer:** 38000
   **Explanation:**
   - In the PM-Kisan Pension scheme, **38000 farmers** have been included from Tamil Nadu. The event for the **start of this pension scheme** took place in Jharkhand Capital Ranchi.
   - The aim of this PM-Kisan Scheme is to provide pension of **Rs-3000 every month** for the farmers above the age of **60 years**.

3. Who has inaugurated a vaccination programme for cattle at national level in Mathura?
   **Answer:** Narendra Modi
   **Explanation:**
   - **PM Narendra Modi** has inaugurated a **vaccination programme for cattle** at the national level in Mathura.
   - With 100 per cent funding from the Central Government, of **Rs 12,652 crore for a period of five years till 2024**, the programme aims at vaccinating **over 500 million livestock** including cattle, buffalo, sheep, goats and pigs against the FMD.

**September 13**

1. The Food and Cultural Festival, titled “Madrasapattinam Feast”, is being held at which place?
   **Answer:** Chennai
   **Explanation:**
   - The **Food and Cultural Festival**, titled “Madrasapattinam Feast”, is being held in Chennai today (13-9-19) with the Tamil Nadu Food Security Department and the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Movement.
   - The food festival, which takes place on the Theevu thidal until the 15 September.

2. Who laid the foundation stone of ISS Mumbai?
   **Answer:** Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey
   **Explanation:**
   - With an aim to push skill development among the youth, the **Government has approved setting up of 3 Indian Institute of Skills (IIS)**.
   - Taking another step in this direction, **Union Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)**, Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey laid the foundation stone of **ISS Mumbai** on September 13.
September 14

1. Which park has been accepted as a member of the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA)?
   **Answer:** Arignar Anna Zoological Park
   **Explanation:**
   - The **Arignar Anna Zoological Park at Vandalur in Chennai** has been accepted as a **member of the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA)**.
   - In an official release, the zoo said the membership would provide a special global platform to the zoo to attract talent and expertise on wildlife from all around the world.

2. Who laid the foundation stones online for 462 Eklavya Model Schools across the country?
   **Answer:** Narendra Modi
   **Explanation:**
   - **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** laid the foundation stones online for **462 Eklavya Model Schools across the country**, of which **69** will be established in **13 of Jharkhand's 24 districts**.
   - The prime minister also laid the foundation for a new building of Jharkhand Secretariat.

3. What is the Minimum Export Price of onions?
   **Answer:** $850 per tonne
   **Explanation:**
   - The government has decided to **import onions from Pakistan, Egypt, China, Afghanistan or any other origin**. Minimum Export Price (MEP) of **$850 per tonne** on onions, virtually putting brakes on the export of the produce. This is the first time that a MEP has been imposed on onions this year.

September 15

1. At which country Statue of Mahatma Gandhi unveiled by President of India?
   **Answer:** Switzerland
   **Explanation:**
   - **President of India Unveils Statue of Mahatma Gandhi at Villeneuve**, Switzerland President Addressed **India-Switzerland Business Forum**
   - India-Switzerland Sign and Exchange three Agreements on Climate change, Science and Tech

2. How much amount was allocated for exports, housing sectors to boost growth?
   **Answer:** Rs 70,000
   **Explanation:**
   - **FM Sitharaman** announces Rs **70,000 crore** package for exports, housing sectors to boost growth Real estate external commercial borrowing guidelines to be relaxed for affordable housing.
3. Who is appointed as the Chancellor of Haryana Sports University?
Answer: Kapil Dev
Explanation:
- Kapil Dev appointed Chancellor of Haryana Sports University.
- Sports University of Haryana will be the third sports university established by a state government. The university will conduct academic and training programmes in physical education. Kapil Dev, who was India’s first World Cup-winning captain, has been appointed first Chancellor of Haryana Sports University.

September 16

1. Special Training Program for Maldivian Civil Servants conducted at which two places?
Answer: Mussoorie and Delhi
Explanation:
- The Special Training Program for Maldivian Civil Servants under the India-Maldives MoU on Training and Capacity Building Programme between the National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) and the Maldives Civil Service Commission (CSC).
- It will be conducted from September 16-28, 2019 at Mussoorie and Delhi.

2. What is the name of the drive undertook by Indian Railways to focus collection of plastic waste?
Answer: MASSIVE SHRAMDAN
Explanation:
- Indian Railways will undertake one more drive of “MASSIVE SHRAMDAN” with main focus on “COLLECTION OF PLASTIC WASTE”. This is to be done on this Tuesday, the 17th September, 2019. In the recent past such drives are being undertaken by Railways.
- This Shramdan is for Enhanced cleanliness, through collection of plastic waste from all railway premises.

3. What is the name of the portal launched by Rajasthan Chief Minister to commemorate former Prime minister (PM) Rajiv Gandhi’s 75th anniversary?
Answer: ‘Jan Soochna Portal’
Explanation:
- The Chief Minister (CM) Shri Ashok Gehlot, of the govt of Rajasthan has launched a portal called ‘Jan Soochna Portal’ under the Rajasthan Innovation Vision (RAJIV) campaign that was started to commemorate former Prime minister (PM) Rajiv Gandhi’s 75th anniversary.
- This portal designed by the information and technology (IT) department, is a first of its kind in India to provide access to information about govt. departments in a single platform.

4. Who is the defence minister of India?
Answer : Rajnath Singh
Explanation :
  o On September 13, 2019 the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) under the
    ministry of defence chaired by Shri Rajnath Singh (defence minister) has
    approved proposals for procurement, for the India armed forces Services,
    worth Rs 2000 crore as part of the “Make in India” initiative.

5. Which state government raised the income limit to Rs 1.8 lakh per annum (p.a) in order to claim the benefits under Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) scheme?
Answer : Haryana
Explanation :
  o The Government of Haryana raised the income limit to Rs 1.8 lakh per annum
    (p.a) in order to claim the benefits under Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri
    Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) scheme.
  o Under this scheme, eligible beneficiaries can get free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh
    at empanelled hospitals

September 17

1. Which train is India’s first private train to be entirely run by Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation?
Answer : Delhi-Lucknow Tejas Express
Explanation :
  o The Delhi-Lucknow Tejas Express, which will be India’s first private train to
    be entirely run by Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation
    (IRCTC), will become operational on 4th October after it will be flagged off by
    Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.
  o The Delhi-Lucknow Tejas Express will cover the journey between the two cities
    in 6 hours and 15 minutes.

2. At which place India Soft a two-day flagship IT event of Electronics and Computer Software Promotion Council’s 20th edition, will be held?
Answer : Hyderabad
Explanation :
  o India Soft a two-day flagship IT event of Electronics and Computer Software
    Promotion Council (sponsored by the Government of India) 20th edition, will be
    held on March 3-4, 2020 in Hyderabad.
  o It will display India’s capabilities in areas such as automation, Internet of Things
    and robotics.

3. India, Thailand and Singapore have jointly conducted the five-day maritime exercise at which place?
Answer : Port Blair
Explanation :
  o India, Thailand and Singapore have jointly conducted the five-day maritime
**exercise** is aimed at bolstering the maritime inter-relationships and contribute significantly to enhancing the overall maritime security in the region.
- The exercise comprises a shore phase at port blair in andaman and nicobar islands on September 18 to 20.

4. Indian Army and the Royal Thailand Army commenced a joint exercise at which place?
   **Answer**: Meghalaya
   **Explanation**:
   - Defence officials said the **Indian Army and the Royal Thailand Army** commenced a joint exercise at Umroi in Meghalaya on Monday.
   - The aim of the exercise is joint training of troops in counter-terrorism operations in both jungle terrain and urban scenario.

**September 18**

1. Which state government have approved Rs. 6078 crore for placing seawater desalination?
   **Answer**: Tamil Nadu
   **Explanation**:
   - Tamil Nadu Government have approved Rs. 6078 crore for placing seawater desalination in perur near chennai. This project will be processed under the funds of Japan Multinational Co-operative Bank.

2. Which state Chief Minister has launched Mukhya Mantri Seva Sankalp Helpline ‘1100’?
   **Answer**: Himachal Pradesh
   **Explanation**:
   - Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur has launched Mukhya Mantri Seva Sankalp Helpline ‘1100’ (Chief Minister’s Service Resolution Helpline) for speedy and time-bound redressal of public grievances using modern technology.
   - By calling this helpline common citizens of state will be able to resolve their complaints and problems.

3. Which country has become a part of the Global Antimicrobial Resistance Research and Development Hub with the highest bacterial disease burden in the world?
   **Answer**: India
   **Explanation**:
   - India, which is among countries with the highest bacterial disease burden in the world, has become a part of the Global Antimicrobial Resistance Research and Development Hub on September 12, 2019.
   - The hub, which was launched during the 71st session of the World Health Assembly in 2018, is aimed at helping countries decide the allocation of resources for research and development (R&D) on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) by identifying gaps and overlaps.

**September 19**
1. Which country has banned e-cigarettes?
   **Answer**: India
   **Explanation**:
   - **India has banned e-cigarettes** as US health inspectors investigate a series of deaths linked to vaping. Reuters reports that an executive order prohibits selling, producing, importing, or advertising e-cigarettes.
   - **Nirmala Sitharaman, headed a group of ministers on the issue** said the Cabinet decided to ban e-cigarettes and similar products as they pose a health risk to people.

2. Who appealed chief secretaries and principle secretaries of all the states and union territories to follow the spirit of central Government?
   **Answer**: Jitendra Singh
   **Explanation**:
   - **Union Minister Jitendra Singh on September 19, appealed chief secretaries and principle secretaries of all the states and union territories** to follow the spirit of central Government.
   - This Meeting held in Vigyan Bhawan Delhi.

**September 20**

1. National Police University will be setup in which place?
   **Answer**: Greater Noida
   **Explanation**:
   - **Home Ministry has confirmed that the National Police University will be setup in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh** soon.
   - According to the statement issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government is all ready to setup the National Police University in Greater Noida.

2. Women personnel will be inducted into which organization’s new battalions?
   **Answer**: National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)
   **Explanation**:
   - The **National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)** is all set to induct women personnel in its new battalions **within the next one year**, a top official NDRF Director general S.N. Pradhan Reported.
   - The Union Government had, made a proposal to attach women contingents to NDRF battalions in the country. There are **12 grew** in the National Disaster Response force.

3. Who is the first defence minister to fly in the indigenously-built light combat aircraft Tejas?
   **Answer**: Rajnath Singh
   **Explanation**:
   - On September 19, **Union minister Rajnath Singh became the first defence minister** to fly in the indigenously-built light combat aircraft — **Tejas** — from the
HAL airport in **Bengaluru**.
- He was **accompanied by Air Vice Marshal N Tiwari**, who is also the Project Director, National Flight Test Centre, ADA (Aeronautical Development Agency) in Bengaluru.

**September 21**

1. How many citizen-centric services of the Chandigarh Police launched by Union Minister for Home Affairs, Amit Shah?
   **Answer:** 3
   **Explanation:**
   - Union Minister for Home Affairs, Amit Shah launched three citizen-centric services of the Chandigarh Police, in Chandigarh.
   - The services include the Emergency Response Support System (ERSS - Dial 112), ‘E-Beat Book’ System and the ‘E-Saathi App’.

2. For the first time in India, Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) bottle crush machine installed by Indian Railways in which express?
   **Answer:** Mumbai Rajdhani
   **Explanation:**
   - For the first time in India, Indian Railways installed Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) bottle crush machine in Mumbai Rajdhani Express which runs between Mumbai Central and New Delhi.
   - It was implemented by the Western Railways as part of the Indian Railways’ Swachh Bharat and Go Green missions associated with the ban of single-use plastic imposed by the Centre.

3. What is the name of the massive integrated exercise conducted by the Indian Army in the Eastern Ladakh region?
   **Answer:** Chang Tang
   **Explanation:**
   - On September 18, 2019 the Indian Army conducted massive integrated exercise named ‘Chang Tang’ in the Eastern Ladakh region bordering China in a very high altitude area in order to test and improve its capabilities in war fighting.
   - The exercise involved all the arms of the Indian Army like T-72 tanks, artillery guns and helicopters, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles etc. The exercise was monitored by Lieutenant General Ranbir Singh, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command.

**September 22**

1. In which country Buddha Statue unveiled by PM Modi through video conferencing?
   **Answer:** Mongolia
   **Explanation:**
   - Buddha Statue unveiled at Mongolia. PM Modi and Mongolian President jointly unveiled through video conferencing Buddha statue at the historic
Gandan Tegchenling Monastery, Ulaanbaatar.
- The statue depicts Buddha in a sitting posture along with his two disciples conveying the message of compassion along with peace and coexistence. “SAMVAAD” was a discussion on contemporary Buddhism by world Buddhist scholars and monks.

2. Which country will host hundreds of delegates for a weeklong Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference?
   **Answer**: Uganda
   **Explanation**:
   - Uganda will host hundreds of delegates for a weeklong Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference starting Sunday aimed at discussing several topics, including issues concerning parliaments in the Commonwealth countries.

3. National Conference on Agriculture for Rabi Campaign 2019 was organized at which place?
   **Answer**: New Delhi
   **Explanation**:
   - National Conference on Agriculture for Rabi Campaign 2019 was organized on 20 September 2019 at NASC, Pusa in New Delhi.
   - The conference was inaugurated by Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare. Record production was achieved for food grains of about 285 million tonnes (MT) due to state governments for effective implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

**September 23**

1. Which dance has created history by entering into the Guinness Book of World Records?
   **Answer**: Shondol dance
   **Explanation**:
   - Shondol dance, which is best known as the royal dance used to be performed for King of Ladakh, has created history by entering into the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest Ladakhi dance. On the occasion of 4 days long (September 16-20, 2019) annual Naropa Festival 2019.
   - Themed ‘Environmental sustainability of Ladakh and the Himalayan region’
   - Naropa Festival: Celebrated every 12th year of the Tibetan calendar.
   - The Naropa festival, also known as the ‘Kumbh Mela of the Himalayas’

2. Who launched "champions campaign" to fight against dengue?
   **Answer**: Arvind Kejriwal
   **Explanation**:
   - Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal launched "champions campaign" in the fight against dengue and urged people to encourage their friends to inspect their
houses on Sunday to clean stagnant water.
- Three weeks ago, Kejriwal had launched a mega drive against dengue.
- Lakhs of Delhites are joining the #10Hafte10Baje10Minute campaign against Dengue.

September 24

1. SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) has tightened the rules for which funds to improve the risk management & ensure sufficient liquidity in India?
   **Answer:** Mutual Funds
   **Explanation:**
   - On September 22, 2019, in order to improve the risk management & ensure sufficient liquidity in India, SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) has tightened the rules for mutual funds.
   - It is mandatory for liquid schemes to hold at least 20% in liquid assets such as cash and cash equivalents and repo on government securities. The new guideline comes into force from April 1, 2020.
   **Related Keys**
   - SEBI was established in 1988 and given statutory powers on 12 April 1992
   - Headquartered at Mumbai, Maharashtra.

September 25

1. In which place National Conclave on Energy Efficiency in MSME sector held?
   **Answer:** New Delhi
   **Explanation:**
   - On September 23, 2019 (The Union Minister for Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) and Road Transport & Highways) Shri Nitin Gadkari and Shri RK Singh (Union Minister of State for Power and New & Renewable Energy (IC) and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship) jointly inaugurated the 2-day organized National Conclave on Energy Efficiency in MSME sector in New Delhi.
   **Related Keys**
   - MSME Ministry Founded on 2006
   - Headquarters: Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi.

2. Deaths caused by malnutrition decreased by how much percent in 2017 from 70.4% in 1991?
   **Answer:** 68.2%
   **Explanation:**
3. When will the revised family pension for the govt. employee who dies within 7 years of service come into effect?
   **Answer:** October 1, 2019
   **Explanation:**
   - The government has hiked the family pension for the govt. employee who dies within 7 years of service. He/she will now avail the pension at 50% of the last pay drawn from previous 30% for a period of 10 years. This hike will come into effect from October 1, 2019.
   **Related Keys**

4. What is the name of the first ever tri-services exercise conducted by India and the United States(US)?
   **Answer:** Exercise Tiger Triumph
   **Explanation:**
   - In November 2019, India and the United States(US) are set to host the first ever tri-services exercise codenamed “Exercise Tiger Triumph” at Visakhapatnam and Kakinada, both of state Andhra Pradesh.
   **Related Keys**
   - Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister : Y. S. Jaganmohan Reddy
   - Andhra Pradesh Governor : Biswabhushan Harichandan

5. Which Indian company topped among other Indian firms in the Forbes World’s best ‘regarded’ companies list 2019?
   **Answer:** Infosys
   **Explanation:**
   - On September 24, 2019 nearly 17 Indian companies were listed in the Forbes World’s best ‘regarded’ companies list 2019. The company which topped among other Indian firms is Infosys which ranked third in the overall list.
   **Related Keys**
   - Forbes Editor-in-chief- Steve Forbes.
   - Forbes Headquarters- Jersey City, New Jersey, America.
   - Infosys MD and CEO - Salil Parekh

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**September 26**

1. What is the name of the trilateral maritime exercise conducted by India, Japan and the United States(US)?
   **Answer:** Malabar 2019
   **Explanation:**
   - On September 25, 2019 the 23rd edition of the trilateral maritime exercise of
India, Japan and the United States(US) named “Malabar 2019” exercise begun at Sasebo, Japan.
- India fields 6,100-tonne stealth frigate Indian Navy Ship (INS) Sahyadri, anti-submarine warfare corvette INS Kiltan along with the first time deployment of Poseidon-81 long-range maritime patrol aircraft.

**Related Keys**
- Previous exercise of Malabar 2018 took place in coast of Guam in the Philippine Sea

**Words Meaning**
- Stealth - It is a modern technology which makes detection by radar, sonar or other detection methods difficult.
- Frigate - is a type of warship
- Corvette - Small war ship

2. The 5th edition of India International Science Festival (IISF) 2019 will be held at which place?

**Answer:** Kolkata

**Explanation:**
- The 5th edition of India International Science Festival (IISF) 2019 will be held at Kolkata from 5th to 8th November, 2019. The Union Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan announced this at a curtain raiser Press Conference in New Delhi.
- The theme for 2019 is “RISEN India – Research, Innovation, and Science Empowering the Nation”.

**Related Keys**
- IISF is launched in 2015
- The first IISF Event held at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi

**September 27**


**Answer:** Dr Harsh Vardhan

**Explanation:**
- 21.5 lakh TB cases were reported in 2018 compared to 18 lakhs in 2017 (increase of 17%).

**Related keys**
- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Formed: 1976
- **Constituency** of Dr Harsh Vardhan: Chandni Chowk, New Delhi

**Word Meaning:**
- Prevalence - widely spreading of something.
- Similar words - preponderance

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2. At which place The 16th Global SME (Small and Medium Enterprises) Business Summit for 2019 was held?
Answer: New Delhi

Explanation:
- The 16th Global SME (Small and Medium Enterprises) Business Summit for 2019 was held in New Delhi under the theme “Making Indian MSMEs Globally Competitive” on September 24-25, 2019. The summit organized by Ministry of MSME and Confederation of Indian Industries (CII).
- The Summit was inaugurated by union minister for MSME and Road Transport & Highways Mr Nitin Gadkari.

Related Keys
- CII Founded: 1895
- CII Headquarters: New Delhi

Word Meaning:
- Confederation - An organization with several groups united in an league.
- Similar words - Alliance, Association.

September 28

1. At which place The 21st session of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and World Health Organisation (WHO) Coordinating Committee of Asia for 2019 was held?
Answer: Goa

Explanation:
- The 21st session of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and World Health Organisation (WHO) Coordinating Committee of Asia for 2019 was held at the Double Tree by Hilton Goa- Panaji, Goa from September 23-27, 2019.
- Organized by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) in collaboration with the WHO and FAO of the United Nations (UN).

Related Keys
- FAO Founded on 16 October 1945
- FAO Headquarters: Rome, Italy.

2. What is the rank of India in the World Digital Competitiveness according to the latest report of the International Institute for Management Development’s (IMD)?
Answer: 44

Explanation:
- On September 26, 2019 according to the latest report of the International Institute for Management Development’s (IMD) World Digital Competitiveness Rankings (WDCR) 2019, India has moved up by 4 places from 48th rank in 2018 to rank at 44th position in 2019.
- The list was topped by United State (US) followed by Singapore and Sweden in the second and third places.

Related Keys
- IMD Established- 1990.
IMD Location- Switzerland.

September 29

1. Who inaugurated the National Tribal Festival ‘AdiMahotsav 2019’ in Uttar Pradesh (UP)?
   Answer: Shri Renuka Singh
   Explanation:
   - Tribal Affairs Ministry inaugurates National Tribal Festival “AdiMahotsav 2019” in Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
   - On September 28, 2019, The Minister of State for Tribal Affairs, Shri Renuka Singh has inaugurated the National Tribal Festival, ‘AdiMahotsav 2019’, which focuses on rich tribal culture, crafts, food and commerce, at India Expo Centre, Noida, Uttar Pradesh (UP).
   Related Keys
   - Organized by the tribal ministry
   - The Festival has 70 stalls of the exhibition cum-sale center, where tribal handicrafts, art, paintings, textiles, jewelry has been displayed.
   - About 200 tribal artisans from all over the country participated in this festival.

September 30

1. Under which mission the 10 Year Rural Sanitation Strategy (2019-2029) to focus on sustaining the change in sanitation behavior launched?
   Answer: Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen
   Explanation:
   - On September 27, 2019 the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India (GoI) launched 10 Year Rural Sanitation Strategy (2019-2029) to focus on sustaining the change in sanitation behaviour that has been achieved under Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen (SBM-G).
   - Since SBM-Gs launch in 2014, 10 crore toilets have been built in rural areas across the country and nearly 5.9 lakh villages, 699 districts, 35 states and Union Territories
   Related News
   - Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen Launched on 2 October 2014
   - The aim of this SBM-G is to make the nation ODF in 5 years from its implementation.

2. Which state government launched India’s 1st trading program called “Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS)”?
   Answer: Gujarat
   Explanation:
   - The State Government of Gujarat has launched India’s 1st trading program called “Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS)” in Surat, Gujarat to combat particulate air pollution.
- ETS, an initiative of Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB), is a market-based system where the government sets a cap on emissions and allows industries to buy and sell permits (in kilograms) to stay below the cap.

**Related News**
- Gujarat Capital: Gandhinagar
- Gujarat Governor: Acharya Devvrat
- Gujarat Chief minister: Vijay Rupani

**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**September 01**

1. East Kalimantan province on Borneo island is the new capital of which country?
   **Answer:** Indonesia
   **Explanation:**
   - The Indonesian President announces that capital will move from overcrowded, sinking and polluted Jakarta to a site in sparsely populated East Kalimantan province on Borneo island.
   - Indonesia is Asia's biggest island country.

**September 02**

1. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh visited which two countries to strengthen defence and military?
   **Answer:** Japan and South Korea
   **Explanation:**
   - To strengthen defence and military ties with Japan and South Korea, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will visit both the countries for two days each in September.
   - Rajnath Singh will be in Japan on September 2-3 and in South Korea on September 5-6.

**September 04**

1. Which is the largest joint running military training exercise conducted between India and USA?
   **Answer:** Yudh Abhyas -2019
   **Explanation:**
   - Exercise Yudh Abhyas - 2019 is being conducted as a part of ongoing Indo-USA defence cooperation, it is a joint military training, at joint Base Lewis Mc Chord, Washington, USA from 05-18 September 2019.
   - This Exercise Yudh Abhyas -2019 is one of the largest joint running military training and defense Corporation between India and USA.
September 05

1. Who is appointed as the Pakistan men’s national team head coach in all three formats on a three-year contract?
   Answer: Misbah-ul-Haq
   Explanation:
   - Former captain Misbah-ul-Haq was appointed as Pakistan men's national team head coach in all three formats on a three-year contract.
   - In line with the PCB's commitment to ensure transparency, accountability and role clarity at all levels, Misbah was also named as the Chairman of Selectors with head coaches of the six first-class Cricket Association sides as his fellow selectors.

September 06

1. What is the rank of India in the Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index 2019 according to the report released by the World Economic Forum?
   Answer: 34
   Explanation:
   - According to the recent Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index (TTCI) for the year 2019 released by the World Economic Forum (WEF) on September 4, 2019, India was ranked at the 34th spot, an improvement by 6 places from the 2017 report (40th rank).

September 07

1. Who scripted history as became the youngest ever Test captain?
   Answer: Rashid Khan
   Explanation:
   - Rashid Khan scripted history as he became the youngest ever Test captain on Thursday leading Afghanistan against Bangladesh in the one-off Test.
   - The record was earlier held by Zimbabwe's Tatenda Taibu who was 20 years and 358 days old when he led his side against Sri Lanka in 2004. Rashid is 20 years and 350 days old.

September 08

1. Who inaugurated the country's first green industrial city on a 10,000-acre site in Aurangabad, Maharashtra?
   Answer: Narendra Modi
   Explanation:
   - Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that Rs 3.5 lakh crore will be spent on behalf of the federal government over drinking water projects.
   - Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the country's first green industrial city on a 10,000-acre site in Aurangabad, Maharashtra.
September 09

1. Who won the 2019 US Open title?
   Answer: Bianca Andreescu
   Explanation:
   - Bianca Andreescu stunned Serena Williams with a 6-3, 7-5 victory to capture the 2019 US Open title.
   - With the victory, Andreescu becomes the first Canadian singles player to win a Grand Slam event.

September 17

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi joined US President Donald Trump for which program?
   Answer: Howdy, Modi!
   Explanation:
   - Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be joined by US President Donald Trump at the “Howdy, Modi!” event in Texas on September 22.
   - White House Press Secretary said, “It will be a great opportunity to emphasize the strong ties between the people of the United States and India.

September 19

1. Who addressed the annual high-level UN General Assembly Session?
   Answer: Narendra Modi
   Explanation:
   - The annual General Debate of the United Nations General Assembly is the occasion for world leaders to gather at UN Headquarters to discuss global issues, will be held from 24th to 30 September.
   - Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the annual high-level UN General Assembly session on September 27.

September 23

1. Which is the world’s best real-time payment service as per the Flavours of Fast report for 2019?
   Answer: India’s Immediate Payment Service
   Explanation:
   - The Jacksonville, United States (US)-based research firm Fidelity National Information Services (FIS) in its 6th annual Flavours of Fast report for 2019 rated India’s Immediate Payment Service (IMPS) as the world’s best real-time payment service. It received the only 5+ rating compared to 54 countries.
   - It is an instant payment inter-bank electronic funds transfer system in India.
   - It is founded on 22 November 2010.
   - It is managed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
September 24

1. 7th India-UAE High Level Task Force on Investment 2019 held in which place?
   Answer: Abu Dhabi
   Explanation:
   - Along with Sheikh Hamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Managing Director (MD) of Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) and Crown Prince Court of Abu Dhabi, Piyush Goyal, minister of Railways and Commerce has co-chaired the 7th India-UAE High Level Task Force on Investment 2019 held in Abu Dhabi, UAE.
   - The aim of the meeting is to review & maintain the significant progress made in enhancing bilateral trade relations and investment between the two countries.
   Related Keys
   - The currency used in Abu Dhabi is the UAE Dirham
   - President of UAE is Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

September 26

1. The United Nations (UN) Climate Action Summit 2019 was held in which place?
   Answer: New York
   Explanation:
   - The United Nations (UN) Climate Action Summit 2019 was held in the General Assembly Hall of the UN Headquarters in New York, United States on September 23, 2019.
   - PM Modi, along with UN chief Antonio Guterres and other world leaders, inaugurated the 50-kilowatt Gandhi Solar Park and Gandhi Peace Garden funded by India at a cost of 1 million dollars at the UN Headquarters, New York.
   Related Keys
   - United Nations was Founded on 1945
   - UN Headquarters: New York City, US

September 27

1. Which country will offer tourist visas for the first time as a measure to expand its economy away from oil?
   Answer: Saudi Arabia
   Explanation:
   - Saudi Arabia will offer tourist visas for the first time as a measure to expand its economy away from oil. As a part, it will open applications for online tourist visas to citizens of 49 countries. Enhancing tourism is a one among the targets in Vision 2030.
   Related Keys
   - Saudi Arabia Capital: Riyadh
   - Saudi Arabia Currency: Saudi riyal
September 30

1. The 50th Edition of World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting for 2020 will be held in which country?
   Answer: Switzerland
   Explanation:
   - The Chief Minister of Punjab Captain Amarinder Singh will be attending the meeting
   Related News
   - WEF Founded: January 197
   - WEF Headquarters: Cologny, Switzerland

IMPORTANT DAYS

September 1

1. On which day National council of Educational Research and Training started at New Delhi?
   Answer: 1st of September
   Explanation:
   - The National council of Educational Research and Training started on 1st of September. Minister of Human Resources Development opened a stone for the 59th year anniversary of NCERT at New Delhi.

September 2

1. Who has 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 Programme in which he laid emphasis on creating awareness to fight malnutrition among children, particularly girl child.

September 5

1. Which day is being celebrated across India to honour Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan on his birth anniversary?
   Answer: Teacher’s Day
   Explanation:
   - Teacher’s Day is being celebrated across India today to honour Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan on his 131st birth anniversary. The Teacher’s Day is observed annually on September 5, as Dr. Radhakrishnan was born on September 5, 1888.
September 6

1. Which organisation officially declared to observe September 5 annually as the International Day of Charity?
   Answer: United Nations (UN)
   Explanation:
   - The United Nations (UN) officially declared to observe September 5 annually as the International Day of Charity in its 2012 UN General Assembly. The day was chosen to commemorate the death anniversary of “Mother Teresa”
   - The day aims to create awareness about the role of charity to alleviate poverty and hunger.

September 9

1. Which day was observed on September 8, 2019?
   Answer: International Literacy Day
   Explanation:
   - International Literacy Day (ILD) was observed on September 8, 2019 with the theme ‘Literacy and Multilingualism’.
   - ILD was declared by the UNESCO on 26 October 1966 at 14th session of UNESCO’s General Conference & was celebrated for the first time in 1967.

September 15

1. Which day is observed as Hindi Day every year?
   Answer: Sep-14
   Explanation:
   - Sep-14 – Hindi Diwas
   - After the Constituent Assembly took the decision in 1949, the RashtrabhashaPracharSamiti, Wardha on 1953 requested to observe 14 September as Hindi Day every year and broadcast the language in every region. Written in the Devanagari script, Hindi is one of the 22 scheduled languages spoken in the country.

September 16

1. Which organisation will translate and publish an anthology of Guru Nanak Dev’s writings in different major languages of the world to commemorate his 550th birth anniversary?
   Answer: UNESCO
   Explanation:
   - Ministry of Culture of the union government notified that in commemoration of the 550th birth anniversary (April 15, 1469) of Guru Nanak Dev, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) will translate and publish an anthology of Guru Nanak Dev’s writings in different major languages of the world.
September 18

1. Which state celebrated Children’s week from September 16-21, 2019?
   Answer: Uttar Pradesh
   Explanation:
   - Children’s week celebrated from September 16-21, 2019 at Anganwadi centers in Uttar Pradesh. Hence September is named as Nutrition Month, a variety of activities are taking place at the Anganwadi centers across the state.
   - Rural Health Cleanliness and awareness campaigns are also included in the week-long celebration.

September 23

1. Which day was observed on September 22, 2019?
   Answer: World Rhino Day
   Explanation:
   - World Rhino Day was observed on September 22, 2019. It is an international ecological observance to raise awareness on the protection of 5 existing species of rhinoceros- white rhino, black rhino, Indian rhino, Javan rhino and Sumatran rhino.

2. Which day is observed as world rose day?
   Answer: September 22
   Explanation:
   - On September 22, 2019, World rose day is observed on all over the world for the welfare of cancer patients who are battling cancer. The purpose of celebrating this day is to make cancer patients become strong enough to face the disease with spirit and will power.

September 24

1. Which day was observed as International Day of Sign Languages?
   Answer: September 23
   Explanation:
   - The second International Day of Sign Languages (IDSL) was observed throughout the world on September 23, 2019, to raise awareness of the importance of sign language in the full realization of the human rights of people who are deaf.
   - The theme of this day for 2019 is “Sign Language Rights for All”.
   - Related Keys
     - World Federation of the Deaf was formed in 1951.
     - President of World Federation of the Deaf: Joseph Murray

September 25

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1. Who has inaugurated 6th India Water Week 2019 in New Delhi with the 2019 theme of “Water cooperation”?
   **Answer:** Shri Ram Nath Kovind
   **Explanation:**
   - On September 24, 2019, The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind has inaugurated **6th India Water Week 2019 in New Delhi** with the 2019 theme of “Water cooperation: Coping with 21st Century Challenges”.
   - He also praised **Jal Jeevan Mission** initiative of Government that envisages offering clean drinking water to all households in India.
   **Related Keys**
   - Ministry of Jal Shakti Founded: 31 May 2019
   - Jal Shakti Headquarters: New Delhi

**September 26**

1. Which day was observed as World Pharmacists Day?
   **Answer:** September 25
   **Explanation:**
   - **World Pharmacists Day** was observed all over the world on September 25, 2019. The day aims to promote and spread awareness about the pharmacist’s key role in improving health in every part of the world.
   - The theme for this year’s World Pharmacists Day is **Safe and effective medicines for all**.
   **Word Meaning**
   - Pharmacists - health professionals who practice in pharmacy
   - Similar word – chemists

**September 27**

1. Which day was observed as International day for the total elimination of nuclear weapons?
   **Answer:** September 26
   **Explanation:**
   - International day for the total elimination of nuclear weapons was observed on **September 26, 2019.** The day creates public awareness on nuclear disarmament matters, educates people on the potential threat by nuclear weapons and stresses the need for their elimination.
   - There are **14,000** nuclear weapons in the world at present.
   **Word Meaning**
   - Disarmament - the reduction of military forces and weapons
   - Similar word - Demobilization, Demilitarization.

2. Which day was observed as World Environmental Health Day?
   **Answer:** September 26
   **Explanation:**
   - **World Environmental Health Day (WEHD)** was observed on September 26,
2019 under the theme “Climate change challenges, time for global Environmental Health to act in unison” to review environmental health issues and take appropriate actions.

3. What is the theme for World Maritime Day (WMD)?
   Answer: “Empowering women in the maritime community”
   Explanation: “Empowering women in the maritime community”
   - World Maritime Day (WMD), which is usually held on the last Thursday of September, was observed on September 26, 2019. The theme for WMD 2019 is “Empowering women in the maritime community”

4. What is the theme for World Tourism Day (WTD)?
   Answer: “Tourism and jobs: a better future for all”
   Explanation:
   - The World Tourism Day (WTD) is celebrated annually on September 27. The theme for the year 2019 is “Tourism and jobs: a better future for all”.
   - The host nation for this 2019 WTD is India, selected by the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) where the main event will be held at New Delhi.
   Related Keys
   - UNWTO Formed - October 1975.
   - UNWTO Headquarters- Madrid, Spain

September 30

1. Which day was observed as International Translation Day?
   Answer: September 30
   Explanation
   - International Translation Day is celebrated every year on 30 September. The theme of International Translation Day 2019 is “Translation and Indigenous Languages”.

SCIENCE AND TECH UPDATES

September 2

1. Which mission will be started by National Ocean Technology in the year 2021-22?
   Answer: Mission Samudraayan
   Explanation
   - After Mangalyaan and Chandrayaan, we are poised to tap the vast marine resources through Mission Samudraayan. This will be started by National Ocean Technology in the year 2021-22.

September 3

1. What is the name of the lander in mission Chandrayaan 2?
Answer: Vikram
Explanation
- India's second moon mission Chandrayaan 2 has successfully finished the last procedure - the separation of the lander from the main module. The lander on the Chandrayaan 2 mission is called Vikram, named after Vikram Sarabhai.
- He was an Indian scientist, physicist, and astronomer. He is also known as the Father of the Indian Space Program.

September 7

1. Who reported that Communications with the Vikram Lander of Chandrayaan 2 was lost before it could land on the surface of the Moon?
Answer: K Sivan
Explanation
- Communications with the Vikram Lander of Chandrayaan 2 was lost before it could land on the surface of the Moon, ISRO chief K Sivan reported.
- In this uncertainty over the status of the lander, the Mr Sivan said "data is being analysed" after ISRO stopped receiving data from the lander when it was at an altitude of 2.1 km above the Moon.

September 8

1. Which organization is satisfied that the Chandrayaan 2 spacecraft (orbiter) is performing well in the moon's orbit?
Answer: ISRO
Explanation
- The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) is satisfied that the Chandrayaan 2 spacecraft (orbiter) is performing well in the moon's orbit.
- The orbiter, which weighs 2,379 kg, is expected to carry out its research work over the next year. It will investigate the nature of minerals found on the moon from 100 km away.

September 9

1. Which orbiter has spotted the country's lost Vikram lander on the lunar surface?
Answer: Chandrayaan-2
Explanation
- India's Chandrayaan-2 orbiter circling the moon has spotted the country's lost Vikram lander on the lunar surface, but there is still no signal from the lander.
- K Sivan, Chief of ISRO said that the Vikram lander was located by Chandrayaan-2 and efforts to restore contact the probe will continue for at least 14 days.

September 12

1. Which missile was successfully tested by the Defence Research Development
Organization in Andhra Pradesh’s Kurnool?
Answer: Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile
Explanation
  o On September 11, 2019, the indigenously-developed Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM) was successfully tested by the Defence Research Development Organization in Andhra Pradesh’s Kurnool.
  o The missile was launched from a man portable tripod launcher and the target was mimicking a functional tank in the Kurnool ranges.

September 13

1. Which country launched a new remote sensing satellite using a Long March 4B launch vehicle from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center?
   Answer: China
   Explanation
     o China launched a new remote sensing satellite using a Long March 4B launch vehicle from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center on Thursday.
     o Launch of the Ziyuan (ZY-1 02D) satellite took place around 03:26 UTC from the LC9 Launch Complex.

September 17

1. Which country plans to send its first astronaut to space by 2022?
   Answer: Pakistan
   Explanation
     o Pakistan Federal Minister for Science and Technology Fawad Chaudhry has reported that the country plans to send its first astronaut to space by 2022.
     o China would collaborate with Pakistan in its space mission.

September 18

1. Which air-to-air missile was successfully flight-tested at the coast of Odisha by DRDO?
   Answer: Astra
   Explanation
     o On September 17, DRDO India successfully flight-tested its indigenously developed air-to-air missile Astra, off the coast of Odisha.
     o The state-of-the-art missile was launched from Sukhoi-30 MKI as a part of user trials by the Indian Air Force.

2. Which two organizations inked MoU for Gaganyaan project?
   Answer: ISRO and DRDO
   Explanation
     o The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Tuesday inked MoUs with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) for development of human-centric systems for the Gaganyaan project.
     o Some of the critical technologies to be provided by the DRDO to ISRO include
space food, space crew health monitoring and emergency survival kit, radiation measurement and protection, parachutes for safe recovery of crew module

**September 26**

1. **What is the name of the miniature satellite launched by NASA?**
   **Answer:** RamanSat 2
   **Explanation**
   - On September 23, 2019, an independent space agency of the United States (US), NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) has successfully launched a **miniature satellite** (measures 4 cm x 4 cm x 4 cm) called “**RamanSat 2**” made by a **17-year old New Delhi-based Indian student Aabhaas Sikka**.
   **Related Keys**
   - NASA Headquarters: **Washington, D.C.**, United States
   - NASA Founder: **Dwight D. Eisenhower**
   - NASA Founded on: **29 July 1958**
   - NASA Administered by: **Jim Bridenstine**

**September 27**

1. **Which is considered as the world’s biggest transport spaceship?**
   **Answer:** Tanegashima Space Center
   **Explanation**
   - On September 25, 2019, Japan’s unmanned H-2B rocket lifted off with cargo vessel Kounotori8 towards the **International Space Station (ISS)** from the **Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency’s (JAXA) Tanegashima Space Center in southwestern Japan**, which is considered as the world’s biggest transport spaceship.
   **Related Keys**
   - JAXA Formation: **1 October 2003**
   - JAXA Headquarters: **Chōfu, Tokyo, Japan**

**September 28**

1. **Who launched the first Indigenous High Temperature Fuel Cell System developed by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)?**
   **Answer:** Shri Ram Nath Kovind,
   **Explanation**
   - On September 26, 2019 the President of India, **Shri Ram Nath Kovind**, launched the **first Indigenous High Temperature Fuel Cell System** developed by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) under flagship programme named “**New Millennium Indian Technology Leadership Initiative (NMITLI)**”.
   **Related Keys**
   - CSIR Established- **26 September 1942.**
   - CSIR Director General (DG)- **Shekhar C. Mande.**
Sports

September 2

1. Who won the championship title in the World Boxing Championship held at Los Angeles?
   Answer: Erislandy Lara
   Explanation:
   - Erislandy Lara won the championship title in the world boxing championship held at Los Angeles.
   - He belongs to the country Cuba.

September 3

1. Who won the US Tennis Championship for 5 times?
   Answer: Roger Federer
   Explanation:
   - In US Open Tennis the Roger Federer qualifies to the quarter finals, he have already won the US Tennis Championship for 5 times.

September 4

1. Who has announced her retirement from T20 (twenty-twenty) International?
   Answer: Mithali Raj
   Explanation:
   - On September 3, 2019 former India women’s cricket team captain Mithali Raj has announced her retirement from T20 (twenty-twenty) International inorder to focus on the upcoming 2021, 50 over World Cup hosted by New Zealand.
   - She represented India in 89 matches in the shortest format, scoring 2,364 runs which is the highest by any Indian Women to date.

2. Which country finished at the top of the ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol Championship in Rio De Janeiro?
   Answer: India
   Explanation:
   - India finished at the top of the ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol Championship in Rio De Janeiro with 5 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze medals.
   - Indian pair of Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Choudhary of India defeated their compatriot rivals Yashaswini Deswari and Abhishek Verma in the summit clash of 10-Metre Air Pistol mixed team event.

3. Who secured the top spot in the International Cricket Council (ICC) Test Rankings?
Answer: Steve Smith
Explanation:
- In the International Cricket Council (ICC) Test Rankings, Steve Smith of Australia piped Indian captain Virat Kohli and secured the top spot. He has a one-point (904 points) lead over Kohli (903 points).
- Smith returned to the top spot riding on his twin centuries in the first Ashes Test against England and 92 in the second match.

**September 8**

1. Who won the championship title in the final of the Tulip Cup?
   **Answer:** Indian Red Team
   **Explanation:**
   - Indian Red Team won the championship title by an innings and 38 runs in the final of the Tulip Cup. The match between the two teams was played in Bangalore.

2. Who is the first Canadian to earn the US Open tennis championship title?
   **Answer:** Bianca Andreescu
   **Explanation:**
   - Serena Williams of the United States and Bianca Andreescu of Canada clashed in the women’s singles final of the US Open. Bianca won the Grand Slam title by beating Serena Williams.
   - Bianca Andreescu is proud to be the first Canadian to earn the US Open tennis championship title.

**September 10**

1. Who won the US Open 2019 men singles title?
   **Answer:** Rafael Nadal
   **Explanation:**
   - He also won the title of French Open 2019.

**September 11**

1. Who is the silver-medallist from the India Open and the Thailand Open earlier this year?
   **Answer:** Brijesh Yadav
   **Explanation:**
   - India were off to a fine start in the World Men’s Boxing Championships with Brijesh Yadav (81kg) out-punching Poland’s Maleusz Goinski in a brutal opening-round contest here on Tuesday.
   - Yadav, a silver-medallist from the India Open and the Thailand Open earlier this year.
September 12

1. Which country will conduct the final match of FIFA World Cup 2023?
   Answer: Qatar
   Explanation:
   - India managed a goalless draw against Asian champions Qatar in FIFA World Cup qualifiers held at Doha. The Final match will be conducted in Qatar in 2023.

September 13

1. Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) held its annual general meeting (AGM) in which place?
   Answer: Bengaluru
   Explanation:
   - The government’s move to suspend the Paralympic Committee of India on the grounds of alleged mis-governance.
   - Nearly six months the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) held its annual general meeting (AGM) in Bengaluru.

September 14

1. Which Championship had started in Kazakhstan’s capital Nur-Sultan?
   Answer: World Wrestling Championships
   Explanation:
   - The World Wrestling Championships had start in Kazakhstan’s capital Nur-Sultan on Saturday.
   - In the first day of championship, eliminations, quarterfinals and semifinals will be held in 55, 63, 72 and 82 kilogram categories of Greco-Roman style.

September 15

1. How many times India won in the continental tournament for junior cricketers?
   Answer: seven
   Explanation:
   - U19 Asia Cup Final: India U-19 beat Bangladesh U-19 by five runs in a nail-biting contest in Colombo to win its seventh ACC U-19 Asia Cup
   - This is India’s seventh triumph in the continental tournament for junior cricketers.

September 16

1. Who won the IBSF World Billiards Championship held in Mandalay, Myanmar?
   Answer: Pankaj Advani
   Explanation:
   - Pankaj Advani defeated Nay Thway Oo to win the 150-up format at the IBSF
World Billiards Championship held in Mandalay, Myanmar.
- This was his 4th straight victory in the final of the 150-up format at the IBSF World Billiards Championship. With this win, he has increased his tally of world titles to 22.

September 17

1. What is the rank of Indian cricket captain Virat Kohli in the International Cricket Council (ICC) Test Rankings for batsmen?
   **Answer**: Second
   **Explanation**:
   - The International Cricket Council (ICC) Test Rankings for batsmen released on September 16, 2019 has ranked Indian cricket captain Virat Kohli at second place with 903 points, which is 34 points behind first positioned Australian cricketer Steve Smith holds 937 points.

September 19

1. Who defeated two-time world bronze medalist Maria Prevolaraki of Greece by fall in the bronze medal bout of 53 kg freestyle event?
   **Answer**: Vinesh Phogat
   **Explanation**:
   - Vinesh Phogat defeated two-time world bronze medalist Maria Prevolaraki of Greece by fall in the bronze medal bout of 53 kg freestyle event. She is only the fourth Indian female wrestler to win a medal at the prestigious tournament.
   - The win comes as a double delight for the young Indian wrestler as she won India an Olympic quota in the 53 kg freestyle event earlier on 18th September.

September 20

1. What is the rank of India in the latest FIFA rankings?
   **Answer**: 104
   **Explanation**:
   - On September 19, FIFA have released the ranking List of world teams. The Indian football team slipped a place to 104th spot in the latest FIFA rankings.
   - Belgium managed to hold on to the top position, while France have surpassed Brazil to reach the second spot.

September 21

1. Who made history by reaching the finals of the World Boxing Championship?
   **Answer**: Amit Panghal
   **Explanation**:
   - India's star boxer Amit Panghal has made history by reaching the finals of the World Boxing Championship. He has become the first boxer to reach the final of this tournament for India. Panghal said after the semi-final win that it was a big
day for Indian boxing.

September 22

1. Who becomes the first Indian male boxer to clinch a World Championship silver?
   Answer: Amit Panghal
   Explanation:
   - World Boxing Championships 2019 Final: Amit Panghal gets historic silver. Amit Panghal becomes the first Indian male boxer to clinch a World Championship silver.
   - First time India finish their campaign with two medals (Manish Kaushik – bronze medal) at the World championships. Shakhobidin Zoirov beats Amit Pangal 5-0 in men’s 52kg final to win gold.

2. Who became the India’s fifth-ever senior World Championships finalist?
   Answer: Deepak Punia
   Explanation:
   - Deepak Punia Marches Into World Wrestling Championships Final
   - Deepak Punia, by reaching the last four, became the fourth Indian wrestler to bag Tokyo 2020 Olympics quota. Deepak Punia became India’s fifth-ever senior World Championships finalist with Sushil Kumar being the sole wrestler to win a gold medal.

September 24

1. World Wrestling Championships 2019 was held at which country?
   Answer: Kazakhstan
   Explanation:
   - The World Wrestling Championships 2019 was held at Barys Arena in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan from September 14-22, 2019. It was organized by the United World Wrestling (UWW). It was a qualifying event for Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympics where the top 6 wrestlers from each category qualified for the event.
   - India won 5 medals (1 Silver & 4 Bronze). It was ranked 17th in the list of medal table. Where Russia tops the table with 19 medals (9 Gold, 5 Silver, 5 Bronze).
   Related Keys:
   - United World Wrestling was Formed on 1912.
   - Uww Headquarters: Corsier-sur-Vevey, Switzerland

September 26

1. Which state won the 25th Senior Women’s National Football Championship held at CHF Ground in Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh?
   Answer: Manipur
   Explanation:
   - On September 24, 2019 defending champion Manipur won the 25th Senior Women’s National Football Championship held at CHF Ground in Pasighat,
Arunachal Pradesh by defeating Railways. This marks Manipur’s 20th championship title in the game.

Related Keys
- Manipur Governor Najma Heptulla
- Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh

September 28

1. Who clinched the top spot in the rankings released by United World Wrestling (UWW)?
   Answer: Deepak Punia
   Explanation:
   - Indian wrestler Deepak Punia, aged 20, clinched the top spot in the rankings released by United World Wrestling (UWW), an international federation for wrestling, in the 86 kg category with 82 points. He had recently won silver in the World Wrestling Championships 2019 held in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan.
   Word Meaning
   - Federation: a group of organizations, countries, regions, etc. that have joined together to form a larger organization or government
   - Similar Words - confederation, league

September 29

1. Who stamped his authority on the ongoing IAAF World Athletics Championships by winning the coveted 100m title in a personal best time of 9.76 seconds?
   Answer: Christian Coleman
   Explanation:
   - Christian Coleman wins 100m gold, gets one step closer to being crowned the fastest man on earth
   - 23-year-old American Christian Coleman stamped his authority on the ongoing IAAF World Athletics Championships by winning the coveted 100m title in a personal best time of 9.76 seconds.
   Related Keys:
   - Defending champion Justin Gatlin finished with a silver and 0.13 seconds behind Christian Coleman
   - Canada’s Andre De Grasse claimed bronze in 9.90 seconds
   - Coleman never trailed his opponents during the entire race

September 30

1. 2019 International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) World Weightlifting Championships was held at which place?
   Answer: Thailand
   Explanation:
   - 2019 International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) World Weightlifting Championships was held at Eastern National Sports Training Center in

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Pattaya, Thailand from September 18-27, 2019. It was organized by Thai Amateur Weightlifting Association

- China topped the medal tally with 10 Gold, 5 Silver & 3 Bronze followed by North Korea and Armenia.

Related News
- IWF was founded in 1905
- IWF Headquarters: Budapest, Hungary.

ECONOMY

September 9

1. Which country prepares to analyse troves of Swiss banking details of its citizens, a large portion of the first tranche of data being shared by Switzerland under an automatic exchange of information (AEOI) framework this month?

**Answer** : India

**Explanation** :
- As **India** prepares to analyse troves of Swiss banking details of its citizens, a large portion of the first tranche of data being shared by Switzerland under an automatic exchange of information (AEOI) framework this month.
- The data that was prepared by all Switzerland-based banks under a direction from the Swiss government for despatching further to the Indian authorities provides full details of the entire flow of funds.

September 14

1. World Bank has agreed to sanction how much crore for the Ministry of Food Processing to enable it to start mini and mega food parks across India?

**Answer** : Rs 3,000 crore

**Explanation** :
- The **World Bank** has agreed to sanction **Rs 3,000 crore** for the **Ministry of Food Processing** to enable it to start mini and mega food parks across India.
- The Ministry of Food Processing made the remarks while addressing 15th Indo-US Economic Summit organised by the **Indo-American Chamber of Commerce- North India Council**.

2. Which organization said India's economic growth is "much weaker" than expected?

**Answer** : IMF

**Explanation** :
- India's economic growth is "much weaker" than expected, the IMF said on Thursday, attributing the reasons for corporate and environmental regulatory uncertainty and lingering weaknesses in some non-bank financial companies.

September 18

1. Which Network decided to make Aadhaar authentication or physical verification is

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mandatory for new dealers from January 2020?

**Answer:** GST

**Explanation:**
- The **GST Network** on Saturday decided to make **Aadhaar authentication or physical verification mandatory for new dealers** from January 2020 to check malpractices in **Goods and Services Tax**.
- "Aadhaar authentication of new registered dealers will be mandatory. Earlier it was optional."

**September 21**

1. Which Law was introduced to make certain amendments in the Income-tax Act 1961 and the Finance (No. 2) Act 2019?

**Answer:** Taxation Laws (Amendment) Ordinance 2019

**Explanation:**
- On September 20, 2019, Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs **Smt Nirmala Sitharaman** in a Press Conference in Goa notified that **Taxation Laws (Amendment) Ordinance 2019** was introduced to make certain amendments in the **Income-tax Act 1961 and the Finance (No. 2) Act 2019**.
- The new provision gives any domestic company an option to pay income-tax at the rate of 22% subject to the condition that they will not avail any exemption/incentive.

**September 27**

1. India’s economic growth rate at a 7-year low of how much percent in calendar year (CY) 2019 as per the Trade and Development Report 2019?

**Answer:** 6%

**Explanation:**
- The **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)** in its Trade and Development Report 2019 forecasted India’s economic growth rate at a 7-year low of 6% in calendar year (CY) 2019 from 7.4% in 2018.

**Related Key**
- NCTAD Formation: **30 December 1964**
- NCTAD Headquarters: **Geneva, Switzerland**

**AWARDS**

**September 7**

1. Which place won the Best Swatch Iconic Place award?

**Answer:** Vaishno Devi Shrine Board

**Explanation:**

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[Contact Information]
Swachh Mahotsav 2019 was held at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi on 6 September 2019. The function was organised by Union Ministry of Jal Shakti. On this occasion, President of India Ram Nath Kovind presented the Swachh Bharat Awards in various categories for outstanding contribution to Swachh Bharat.

Best Swachh Iconic Place award: was awarded to Vaishno Devi Shrine Board in Jammu and Kashmir. The Shrine was selected on basis of overall improvement in sanitation.

September 16

1. Who won the eminent engineers award?
   Answer: Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav
   Explanation:
   - The Union Minister for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey, awarded Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, Chairman, Railway Board with Eminent Engineers Award.
   - The award was presented at the special event to mark the 52nd Engineers’ Day organised by the Institution of Engineers in New Delhi today. The award was for his outstanding contributions in the field of engineering.

September 24

1. Who won the Gauri Lankesh Memorial Award 2019?
   Answer: Ravish Kumar
   Explanation:
   - Ravish Kumar (44) of Motihari, Bihar, an Indian TV anchor, writer, journalist and the Managing Editor of NDTV India has received the 1st Gauri Lankesh Memorial Award 2019 by the Gauri Lankesh Memorial Trust in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
   Related Keys
   - Born on 5th December 1974
   - He was awarded 2019 Ramon Magsaysay Award
   - He joined NDTV in the year 1996.

September 26

1. Who won the 2019 Right Livelihood Award?
   Answer: Greta Thunberg
   Explanation:
   - On 25th September, Swedish 16-years old crusader, climate activist Greta Thunberg was named as one of four winners of the 2019 Right Livelihood Award, known as Sweden’s alternative Nobel Prize.
   - Thunberg lashed out at all the leaders of the world during her speech at the United Nations Summit at the United Nations (UN) in New York, United States (US) on September 23, 2019
Related Keys

- This award was established in 1980
- Ela Ramesh Bhatt from India who founded the Self-Employed Women's Association of India got this award on 1984

Word Meaning

- Lashed out - criticize Someone/ Something angrily
- Similar Words - Hit out, Kick out
- crusader - A person who fights or campaigns for change.
- Similar words - Battler, Fighter, Campaigner.

September 27

1. Which bank was declared as the country’s most valuable brand for the sixth consecutive year according to the report, “BrandZ Top 75 Most Valuable Indian Brands 2019 ranking”?
   
   **Answer:** HDFC Bank
   
   **Explanation:**
   
   - **HDFC Bank** (Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited) was declared the country’s *most valuable brand* for the sixth consecutive year with the brand value of 1.61 lakh crore rupees. According to the report, “BrandZ Top 75 Most Valuable Indian Brands 2019 ranking” released by WPP and Kantar Millward Brown.

   **Related Key**
   
   - HDFC Bank Founded : August 1994
   - HDFC Bank Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
   - HDFC Bank Managing Director : Aditya Puri

September 28

1. Which airport was named as the best airport in terms of service as per Airport Council International survey?
   
   **Answer:** Cochin International Airport Ltd
   
   **Explanation:**
   
   - In a survey conducted by Airport Council International (ACI), Cochin International Airport Ltd (CIAL) at Kochi, Kerala was named as the *best airport in terms of services* it offered to passengers. It stood at the top spot in 5-15 million passenger category among the airports in the Asia-Pacific region.

   **Related Keys**
   
   - CIAL Formed On March 30, 1994
   - ACI Founded on 1991
   - ACI relocated its headquarters from Geneva, Switzerland to Montreal, Canada.

September 29

1. Who received the punyabhashan award?
   
   **Answer:** Dr. G.B. Dehlurkar
Explanation:

- **Punyabhushan Award** presented to archaeologist Dr. G.B. Deogurkar.
  - The eminent archaeologist Dr. G.B. Deogurkar was conferred with prestigious Punyabhushan Award for his long-standing contribution to the **field of Indian Archaeology**.

Related Keys:

- The word ‘Punyabhushan’ in Marathi means ‘Jewel of Pune’.
- He was presented the award by Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu.
- The award has been instituted by Pune based Punyabhushan Foundation. It was first awarded in 1989.

**September 30**

1. Who was honoured with the Saraswathi Samman Award?
   - **Answer:** Dr. K Siva Reddy

   **Explanation:**
   - On September 28, 2019, The Vice President, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu has honored the Telugu litterateur Dr. K Siva Reddy with the 28th Saraswathi Samman for the creation of his famous poetry collection ‘Pakkaki Ottigilite’ (Turning aside while lying down) in 2018 during an award giving ceremony organized by the **KK Birla Foundation in New Delhi**.

   **Related News**
   - Saraswathi Samman instituted in 1991 by the K. K. Birla Foundation.
   - KK Birla Foundation

**APPOINTMENTS**

**September 02**

1. Who is appointed as the Telangana Governor?
   - **Answer:** Tamilisai Soundararajan

   **Explanation:**
   - Tamil Nadu BJP Chief Tamilisai Soundararajan is appointed as the **Telangana Governor**. Tamilisai stated that her term as the state Chief ends in December, allowing her to take up the role of Governor.
   - This appointment comes along with the **change of Governors in three other states - Kerala, Maharashtra and Himachal**.

**September 9**

1. Who is the Telangana’s second governor?
   - **Answer:** Tamilisai Soundararajan

   **Explanation:**
   - Former Tamil Nadu BJP chief Tamilisai Soundararajan assumed office as Telangana’s second Governor on 8th September.
Chief Justice of High Court Justice R.S. Chauhan administered the oath of office to the new Governor at the Raj Bhavan in the presence of Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao.

September 10

1. Who is appointed as the Rajasthan governor?
   Answer: Kalraj Mishra
   Explanation:
   - Former Union minister Kalraj Mishra was sworn in as Governor of Rajasthan in a ceremony at the Raj Bhavan on 9th September.
   - Mishra replaced Kalyan Singh, who has completed his five year tenure.

September 12

1. Who is the 27th Governor Of Himachal Pradesh?
   Answer: Bandaru Dattatreya
   Explanation:
   - On September 11th, Bandaru Dattatreya took oath as the 27th Governor of Himachal Pradesh at Raj Bhavan.
   - Dattatreya has replaced Kalraj Mishra, who has now been appointed as the Governor of Rajasthan.

September 13

1. Who is appointed as the new principal Secretary to Narendra Modi?
   Answer: Pramod Kumar Mishra
   Explanation:
   - On September 13, former Indian Administrative Service officer Pramod Kumar Mishra appointed as the new principal secretary to Narendra Modi, and former Cabinet Secretary Pradeep Kumar Sinha to the post of principal advisor to the prime minister.

September 19

1. How many High Court Chief Justices were appointed as judges of the Supreme Court?
   Answer: 4
   Explanation:
   - Four different High Court Chief Justices were appointed as judges of the Supreme Court, taking the judge strength of the apex court to 34, the highest ever. The oath ceremony is likely to take place next Monday.
   - The four new judges of the top court are Himachal Pradesh Chief Justice V. Ramasubramanian, Punjab and Haryana Chief Justice Krishna Murari, Rajasthan Chief Justice S.A. Ravindra Bhat and Kerala Chief Justice Hrishikesh Roy.
September 24

1. Who is reappointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Federal Bank?
   Answer : Shyam Srinivasan
   Explanation :
   - Shyam Srinivasan (aged 57), Reappointment as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Federal Bank was approved by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). He will continue for another year which effects from September 23, 2019 until September 22, 2020
   Related Keys
   - Federal Bank Headquarters: Aluva, Kochi, Kerala

September 29

1. Who has been appointed as chairman of the international Egg Commission?
   Answer : Suresh Chitturi
   Explanation :
   - Suresh Chitturi appointed Chief of International Egg Commission
   - Suresh Chitturi, Vice Chairman and Managing Director of India’s leading poultry firm Srinivasa Farms, has been appointed as chairman of the international Egg Commission (IEC)
   Related Keys
   - International Egg Commission was established in 1964.
   - In the history of the IEC institution, Suresh Chitturi will be the first chair from Asia.
   - He is appointed as the chairman of IEC for a period of next two years.

BOOKS

September 20

1. What is the name of the book which has David Cameron’s experience related to his work?
   Answer : For the Record
   Explanation :
   - The most revealing David Cameron’s Book "For the Record" have released. This book will have all his experience related to his work. He was been a prime minister of Britain in 2010 to 2016.
   - He is the first Britain Prime minister to visit the Golden Temple in Punjab.

September 23

1. Who is the author of the book "Being Gandhi"?
Answer: Paro Anand

Explanation:
- A new book by award-winning author Paro Anand will mark the 150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi by publishers Harper Collins Children’s Books have been announced.
- Titled "Being Gandhi", the book explores not Gandhi the man or his life as a leader, but really the Gandhian way that must remain relevant to us.

September 25

   Answer: Neha J Hiranandani
   Explanation:

OBITUARY

September 8

1. Who is the veteran lawyer and former law minister, passed away in Delhi?
   Answer: Ram Jethmalani
   Explanation:
   - Ram Jethmalani (95), a veteran lawyer and former law minister, passed away at his residence in Delhi
   - He was elected to the sixth and seventh Lok Sabha from Mumbai on behalf of the Bharatiya Janata Party. He served in the Cabinet of former Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee from 1996 to 2000 as Minister of Law and Urban Development.

BANKING NEWS

September 23

1. Indian Bank has signed a bancassurance agreement with which insurance company?
   Answer: Max Bupa
   Explanation:
   - On September 21, 2019, a state-owned financial services company, Indian Bank has signed a bancassurance agreement with a standalone health insurance player, Max Bupa to provide Max bupa’s suite of health insurance products to its customers.
   - Indian Bank was Founded on 15 August 1907.
   - Headquartered at Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
   - MD & CEO of Indian Bank is Ms. Padmaja Chunduru.
2. Which bank has launched an agriculture digital platform called “Baroda Kisan”?

Answer: Bank of Baroda

Explanation:
- On September 21, 2019, Indian multinational, public sector banking and financial services company, **Bank of Baroda (BoB) has an agriculture digital platform called “Baroda Kisan” in Bardoli, Surat, Gujarat.** It is a web-based portal that can also be accessed by farmers through mobile.
- BoB bank was founded on 20 July 1908
- Headquarters: Alkapuri, Gujarat
- MD & CEO of BoB is PS Jayakumar

September 24

1. Paisalo Digital has signed its second co-origination of loan agreement with which bank?

Answer: Bank of Maharashtra

Explanation:
- On September 20, 2019, **Paisalo Digital (Formerly known as S F Investments Limited) has signed its second co-origination of loan agreement with Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) with the aim to necessitate the joint contribution of credit flow by BoM and Paisalo Digital. The arrangement also involve sharing of risks & gains between them.**

Related Keys
- Paisalo Digital Managing Director: Sunil Agarwal
- Paisalo Digital Headquarters: New Delhi.
- BoM Founded on 1935
- BoM Headquarters: Pune, Maharashtra
- BoM MD & CEO: A. S. Rajee

September 25

1. Who is MD and CEO of SBI Life insurance?

Answer: Mr. Sanjeev Nautiyal

Explanation:
- On September 24, 2019, **Repcro Home Finance Ltd (RHFL), an Indian banking and financial services company has signed corporate agency agreement with SBI (State Bank of India) Life Insurance to provide SBI Life’s range of products to its customers.**

Related Keys
- SBI Life Insurance Founded on March 2001
- SBI Life Insurance Headquarters: Mumbai
- SBI Life Insurance MD & CEO: Mr. Sanjeev Nautiyal
- RHFL Founded on 2000
- Headquarters: Chennai, Tamil Nadu
September 27

1. Which bank has introduced 1st of its kind Preventive Vigilance (PV) portal?
   Answer: Punjab National Bank
   Explanation:
   On September 25, 2019, In order to promote vigilance awareness, the Punjab National Bank (PNB) has introduced 1st of its kind Preventive Vigilance (PV) portal, to facilitate all staff members to contribute towards arresting procedural lapses and unhealthy practices at a function held at PNB Corporate Office, chaired by Sharad Kumar, Central Vigilance Commissioner.

   Related Keys
   - PNB Founded: 19 May 1894
   - PNB Headquarters: New Delhi
   - PNB Managing Director: Sunil Mehta

   Word Meaning:
   - Lapses - temporary Failure.
   - Similar words - Fall, Slip, Error, Mistake.
   - Vigilance - the state of keeping careful watch for possible dangers.
   - Similar Words - Observation, surveillance.

September 28

1. Which insurance company has joined hands with Religare Health Insurance to bundle and sell the live covers with Religare?
   Answer: PNB MetLife India Insurance Co. Ltd
   Explanation:
   On September 26, 2019, PNB MetLife India Insurance Co. Ltd, one of the leading life insurance companies in India has joined hands with Religare Health Insurance to bundle and sell the live covers with Religare comprising health, death and illness. The policy package will be offered from mid-December 2019.

   Related Keys
   - PNB MetLife India Insurance Founded: 2001
   - PNB MetLife India Insurance Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra
   - PNB MetLife India Insurance Managing Director & CEO: Ashish Kumar Srivastava

September 30

1. Which denomination coins were released to commemorate the 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev?
   Answer: 100, 1000 and 2500 Nepali rupees
   Explanation:
   On September 27, 2019, The Governor of Nepal’s Central Bank ‘Nepal Rastra Bank (NRB)’, Dr. Chiranji Nepal & Indian Ambassador Manjeev Singh Puri have jointly released three coins (100, 1000 and 2500 Nepali rupees) bearing...
the Sikh symbol to commemorate the 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev.
- These coins will be available in the market from September 30, 2019
- Related keys
  - NRB Founded: 26 April 1956
  - NRB Headquarters: Kathmandu, Nepal
  - Nepal Currency: Nepalese rupee
  - Nepal President: Bidhya Devi Bhandari
  - Prime Minister: Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli

BANKING AND FINANCE

September 29

1. Which bank imposed ban on Laxmi Vilas Bank under PCA framework?
   Answer: Reserve Bank of India
   Explanation:
   - RBI imposes ban on Laxmi Vilas Bank under PCA framework
   - The country’s central bank, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has put the Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) Framework against Laxmi Vilas Bank (LVB) after an inquiry against the directors of the bank over the alleged fraud.
   Related Keys
   - United Bank of India, Indian Overseas Bank (IOB), Central Bank of India, IDBI Bank (Industrial Development Bank of India) and UCO Bank are currently under PCA framework.
   - A non-performing asset (NPA) is a loan or advance for which the principal or interest payment remained overdue for a period of 90 days.

DEFENCE NEWS

September 29

1. Who has been appointed as the new vice chief of Indian Air Force (IAF)?
   Answer: Harjit Singh Arora
   Explanation:
   - Air Marshal HS Arora appointed as Vice Chief of Indian Air Force
   - Air Marshal Harjit Singh Arora has been appointed as the new Vice Chief of India Air Force (IAF).
   - He will be succeeding Air Marshal RKS
   Related Keys
   - He was commissioned in IAF as a fighter pilot in December 1981.
   - He was also awarded Ati VishistSeva Medal on 26 Jan 2011 by President of India.
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