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## England scripts history, claims maiden ICC World Cup title 2019

- **The ICC Cricket World Cup** is the international championship of **One Day International (ODI) cricket (50-over cricket)** organised by the International Cricket Council (ICC) **every 4 years**. The **12th edition of the world's biggest** cricketing event, the **ICC Men's cricket World Cup 2019**, was played in England and Wales.
- **England lifted the ICC Cricket World Cup Trophy 2019** at the Lord's cricket stadium in London. England defeated New Zealand with more number of boundaries in the Super Over thriller in the grand finale of ICC Cricket World Cup Trophy 2019.
  - Player of the tournament: Kane Williamson (New Zealand).
  - Player of the Match Award: Ben Stokes (England).
  - Highest run scorer of the tournament: Rohit Sharma (India).
  - Highest wicket taker of the tournament: Mitchell Starc (Australia).

## The Sangeet Natak Akademi announces winners for 2018

- **The General Council have selected 44 artists** from the field of Music, Dance, Theatre, Traditional/Folk/Tribal Music/Dance/Theatre, Puppetry and Overall contribution /scholarship in the Performing Arts for the Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards for the year 2018. Some of the awardees are:
- **Zakhir Hussain, Sonal Mansingh, Jatin Goswami and K Kalyanasundaram Pillai** have been selected in the Akademi Ratna category.
- **Diwan Singh Bajeli and Puru Dadhich** have been selected for the Akademi Award 2018 in the field of Overall Contribution/Scholarship in the Performing Arts. The honour of Akademi Award has been conferred since 1952.
- **The honour of Akademi Fellow carries purse money of Rs.3,00,000 and Akademi Award carries Rs 1,00,000** , besides a Tamrapatra and Angavastram.

## The Championships, Wimbledon 2019: List of Winners

The **Championships, Wimbledon**, commonly known as **Wimbledon** is the oldest tennis tournament in the world. It has been held at the All England Club in Wimbledon, London, since 1877 and is played on outdoor grass courts. The Championships, Wimbledon (2019) was the 133rd **edition of the tournament**.

Here is the Complete List of Winners of the Wimbledon 2019 (with their Respective Countries):

Sl. No.	Category	Winner	Runner Up
1.	<b>Men's Singles</b>	N. Djokovic (Serbia)	R. Federer (Switzerland)
2.	<b>Women's Singles</b>	S. Halep (Romania)	Serena Williams (USA)
3.	<b>Men's Doubles</b>	Juan Sebastian Cabal (Colombia) and Robert Farah (Colombia)	Nicolas Mahut (France) and Edouard Roger Vasselin (France)
4.	<b>Women's Doubles</b>	S W. Hsieh (Taiwan) and B. Strycova (Czech Republic)	G. Dabrowski (Canada) and Y. Xu (China)
5.	<b>Mixed Doubles</b>	I. Dodig (Croatia) and L. Chan (Taiwan)	R. Lindstedt (Sweden) and J. Ostapenko (Latvia)

## Kalraj Mishra appointed Himachal Pradesh Governor

- **President Ram Nath Kovind** has appointed **Kalraj Mishra** as the **Governor of Himachal Pradesh**. Acharya Devvrat has been transferred from Himachal Pradesh and appointed as the **governor of Gujarat**.
- President has also appointed **Anusuiya Uikey** as **Governor of Chhattisgarh**. **Biswa Bhusan Harichandan** has been named as Governor of **Andhra Pradesh**.



**Over 30 lakh persons enrolled under “PM Shram Yogi Maandhan Scheme”**

- Under “Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan Scheme”, total **30,85,205 persons** have been enrolled. This voluntary and contributory pension scheme is benefited for unorganized workers. Under this scheme assures the minimum monthly pension of 3000 rupees to the beneficiaries after attaining the age of **60 years**.

**Deposits in Jan Dhan Yojana accounts crosses Rs 1 lakh crore**

- Deposits in bank accounts opened under Jan Dhan scheme have crossed the **Rs 1 lakh crore mark**. As per the latest finance ministry data, the total balance in **over 36.06 crore** Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana accounts was at **Rs 1,00,495.94 crore as on 03rd July 2019**.
- The PMJDY was launched on **28th August 2014**, with an aim to provide universal access to banking facilities to the people in the country.

**Current Status of the Pradhan Mantri Jan - Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) as on 03rd July 2019-**

Bank Name / Type (All figures in Crore)	Number of Beneficiaries at rural/semi-urban centre bank branches	Number of Beneficiaries at urban metro centre bank branches	No Of Rural-Urban Female Beneficiaries	Number of Total Beneficiaries	Deposits in Accounts (In Crore)	Number of Rupay Debit Cards issued to beneficiaries
Public Sector Banks	15.51	13.14	15.08	28.65	79349.40	23.49
Regional Rural Banks	5.17	1.00	3.44	6.17	18130.05	3.80
Private Sector Banks	0.69	0.56	0.67	1.25	3016.50	1.16
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>21.37</b>	<b>14.69</b>	<b>19.19</b>	<b>36.06</b>	<b>100495.95</b>	<b>28.45</b>

**RBI board finalises ‘Utkarsh 2022’**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) board has finalised a three year roadmap to improve regulation and supervision, among other functions of the central bank. This medium term strategy named **Utkarsh 2022**, is in line with the global central banks’ plan to strengthen the regulatory and supervisory mechanism.
- Worldwide, all **central banks strengthen the regulatory and supervisory mechanism, everybody is formulating a long-term plan and a medium-term plan**. So, the RBI has also decided it will formulate a programme to outline what is to be achieved in the next three years. An internal committee was formed, which was anchored by **outgoing Deputy Governor Viral Acharya**, to identify issues that needed to be addressed over the next three years. While around a dozen areas were identified by the committee, some board members felt that areas could be filtered and lesser number of areas can be identified for implementation in the **next three years**.

**National Affairs**

- The Union Cabinet has approved **National Medical Commission Bill, 2019**. The bill provides for setting up of a National Medical Commission in place of Medical Council of India and repeal the **Indian Medical Council Act 1956**.
- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare will launch a Jan Jagrukta Abhiyaan** in Delhi to accelerate measures for prevention and control of Vector Borne Diseases like Malaria, Dengue and Chikungunya.
- The Rajya Sabha passed the **Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2019**. The Bill aims the establishment of a Central University and **Tribal University in Andhra Pradesh**.

**19th Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers Meeting in London**

- External Affairs Minister (EAM) **S Jaishankar** has Attend the **19th Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers’ Meeting in London**. The EAM also meet his **British counterpart Jeremy Hunt** among other foreign ministers during the conference.

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- **Union Health Minister released National Digital Health Blueprint**, bringing in the National Digital Health Eco-system that can ensure the availability of healthcare services on a wider scale.
- **Union Environment Ministry** has selected **12 beaches in India to vie for a ‘Blue Flag’** certification, an international recognition conferred on beaches that meet certain criteria of cleanliness and environmental propriety.
- **The Supreme Court of India** has directed the **Meghalaya government to deposit the Rs 100 crore fine**. The fine was imposed by the NGT for failing to curb illegal coal mining with the Central Pollution Control Board.
- **United Arab Emirates Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan** arrived in India. He held talks with his Indian counterpart **S Jaishankar** to boost cooperation in key sectors such as trade and energy.
- **The Prime Minister unveiled the statue of former Prime Minister Sh. Lal Bahadur Shastri** at the Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport in **Varanasi**. It is built by Northern Coalfields, a subsidiary of **Coal India**.
- **RPF launched “Operation Thirst”** to crack down selling of **unauthorised Packaged Drinking Water in the railway premises**. During the operation, 1371 persons were arrested for selling of packaged drinking water of unauthorised brands.
- **The Institute of Company Secretaries of India** has rolled out an initiative a **Unique Document Identification Number** to pursue heightened sense of self-governance and strengthen the practising side of company secretaries.
- **India handed over 250 pre-fabricated houses to Myanmar in Maung Daw** for use of displaced returnees from Bangladesh. The Indian government had taken up the project under its Rakhine State Development Programme for \$ 25M for a period of five years.

### States in the News

- **Meghalaya** became the first state in India to ensure the **conservation of water** and have own water policy following a nod given by the State Cabinet.
- **Chandrakant Kavlekar** to be the **new Deputy Chief Minister of Goa**. He will replace **Vijai Sardesai** as the deputy chief minister of Goa.
- **Maharashtra government** increased financial aid to families of jawans martyred in war or war-like situations or conflict related to national security **from Rs 25 lakh to Rs 1 crore**. Personnel wounded in conflict will get monetary compensation ranging **from Rs 20 lakh to Rs 60 lakh each**, depending on the severity of their injury.
- **The Jammu and Kashmir government** approves **Aadhaar-linked payment mode** for pension disbursement. The aim is to distribute pension to the beneficiaries under various central and state sponsored schemes in order to ensure transparency and to **avoid delay**.
- **The annual Bonalu festival** kicked off at the **Jagadamba temple in historic Golconda Fort, Telangana**. Bonalu is celebrated every year in the state during the first month of the monsoon season. **Bonalu is the “state festival” of Telangana**.

- **Assam Tourism Development Corporation** will spend **150 crore rupees** to develop the 316 locations under **Axom Darshan**.
- **Odisha government** has decided to give monthly allowance of **Rs 10,000** to Padma award winners of the state facing financial problems.
- **The West Bengal Government** has decided to construct **8 lakh 30 thousand houses under Bangla Abas Yojana** for the people belonging to **Economically Weaker Section**.
- The **Delhi government** has announced that the **Rajghat thermal power plant** will be officially shut and turned into a solar park. A 5,000 KW of solar power will be produced at the 45 acre plant site.
- **Highlights of the state budget presented by Madhya Pradesh government:**
  - Allocation of **Rs 8,000 crore** has been made to waive loans of 20 lakh farmers of the state.
  - The grants for the Madhya Pradesh Waqf Board and the Haj committee have been hiked.
  - A grant of **Rs 132 crore** has been proposed for the welfare of cows.
- **Chief Minister of West Bengal Mamata Banerjee** and eminent persons of different fields, School students took part in a Padayatra in Kolkata to spread the message of water conservation.

### International Affairs

- **Palau**, an archipelago of over 500 islands in Oceania, became the 76th signatory country to join the International Solar Alliance.
- **China has gifted warship ‘P625’ to Sri Lanka**. As a new member of the Lankan Navy, the ‘P625’ frigate will be mainly used for offshore patrol, environment **monitoring and anti-piracy combats**.
- **Ursula von der Leyen** has been confirmed as the **European commission’s first female President** and the **first German** in the job for more than 50 years.
- **Pakistan Punjab’s chief minister** laid the foundation stone of **Baba Guru Nanak University at Nanakana Sahib**. The University was dedicated to Guru Nanak Dev at his birth place. This university would be spread over 10 acres.

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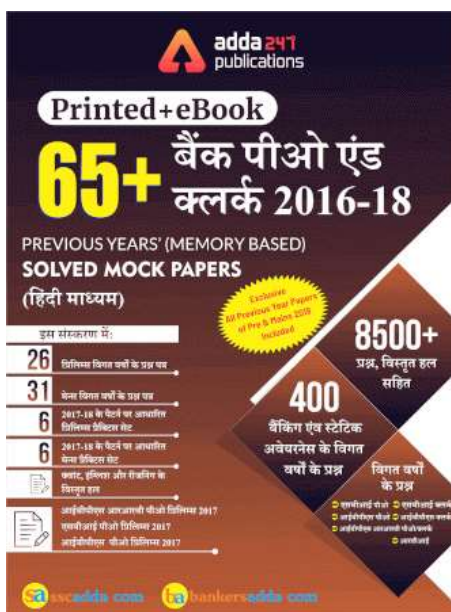
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- **Russia** launched a space telescope from the cosmodrome in **Baikonur, Kazakhstan**. It was a joint project with **Germany**.
- **The French government** marked the national day on **July 14th**. The day is also known as **Bastille Day**. This is the 230th anniversary of the storming of the Bastille prison which took place in Paris on **14 July 1789**.
- **Indian Haj mission in Saudi Arabia** adopts **Digital India, equality of women**. It aims to reach out to a large number of pilgrims as part of the **Government of India's initiative of Digital India**.
- **Kyriakos Mitsotakis** was sworn in as the **Prime Minister of Greece**.
- **Sri Lanka** has inaugurated first model village built with Indian assistance. **The village is a part of housing project meant for war affected people**.
- **Sharjah's first Golden Card visa** was issued to an Indian expat **businessman Lalu Samuel**.
- **Sri Lanka** has become **fifth country** in the World Health Organisation (WHO) Southeast Asia region to eliminate measles. The other countries in the region which have achieved this feat are **Bhutan, Maldives, DPR Korea and Timor-Leste**.
- **France** will impose **green tax** up to €18 on plane tickets from **2020**. The move aims to fund less-polluting transportation projects.
- **Russia** successfully launched **Soyuz-2.1a carrier rocket with a hydrometeorological satellite** and 32 small satellites.
- **Ukraine** has inaugurated the **world's largest movable metal dome** encasing the destroyed reactor at the infamous Chernobyl plant. It is a 108-meter high dome which weighs **36,000 tonnes**.
- **North Korea** has revised its constitution to make **Kim Jong Un** as official head of state, a promotion that could help normalise the isolated country's diplomatic relations with the rest of the world.
- **In the United States, Tropical Storm Barry** began hitting Louisiana. **President Donald Trump** has declared a state of emergency in Louisiana.



### Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **Google India and Tata Trusts** initiative is aimed at facilitating digital literacy among women in rural India named **“Internet Saathi”**. This initiative will be expanded to villages in Punjab and Odisha.
- **Israel Aerospace signs \$50 million** follow-up deal with Indian navy. Under the deal, Israel Aerospace Industries will provide complementary missile systems to the Indian navy and India's **MDL Shipyard**.
- **The Department of Telecom (DoT)** and the Indian Council for Research on **International Economic Relations (ICRIER)** signed a MoU to develop a Broadband Readiness Index (BRI) for Indian States and Union Territories (UT). The first estimate will be **made in 2019 and subsequently every year until 2022**.
- **National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)** and **National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)** signed an MoU for funding highway projects.
- **Vihaan Networks Ltd (VNL)** has inked a pact with **Vietnam to develop digital villages**. Vihaan Networks Ltd will offer solutions for advancing rural connectivity by developing digital villages in Vietnam's underserved areas through solar-based **cellular and broadband solution**.
- **Prasar Bharati and IIT Kanpur** signed an MoU for research collaboration in **newly emerging technologies and broadcasting-related** areas in New Delhi.
- **Defence Ministry** has signed an MOU with the **Intellectual Property Facilitation Cell and National Research Development Corporation** in connection to the mission Raksha Gyan Shakti.
- **Bharat Chamber of Commerce and the BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry**, New Delhi, signed an MoU for promoting trade and investments between the BRICS countries and the eastern part of India.
- **A joint venture of a Kalyani group firm and Israel's Rafael Advanced Systems** has secured a **\$100 million contract for manufacturing 1,000 Barak-8 MRSAM missile kits**.

### Books and Authors

- **The Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu** has released the book **‘Vivekadeepini’ in ten languages**. It is a concise book of aphorisms that contains glimpses of India's wisdom. The book will be published by Vedanta Bharati.

### Banking/Economy/Business News

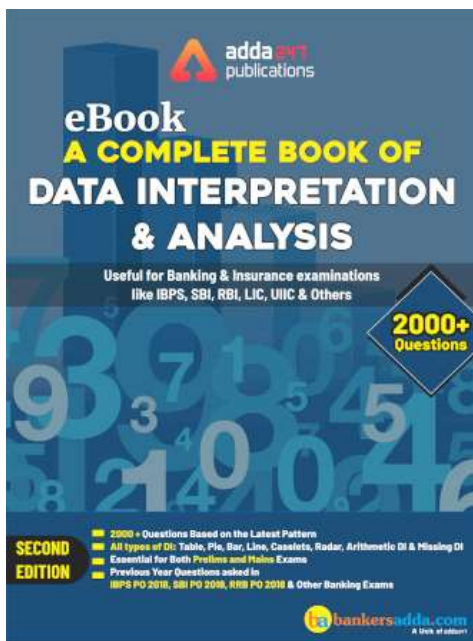
- **Larsen & Toubro Infotech Ltd** acquires AI firm **Lymbyc for Rs 38 crore**.
- **HDFC Bank and Common Services Centres** launched a co-branded **‘Small Business Money Back Credit Card’** for small traders and **village-level entrepreneurs (VLEs)**.
- **Asian Development Bank** lowered India's GDP growth rate from **7.2% to 7%** for the current fiscal year.
- **US company, Ebix** has announced the acquisition of travel portal **Yatra Online** for \$337.8 million. Now, Yatra has become the part of **Ebix's EbixCash travel portfolio, forming India's one of the “largest and most profitable” travel services companies**.

- **GoI plan to increase the total production of coal in the country to 1 billion tone by 2022-23.** Coal minister said that the gap between demand and supply of coal cannot be bridged completely as there is insufficient domestic availability of coking coal.
- **Finance Ministry has cut the rate of General provident fund (GPF) by 10 basis points from 8% to 7.9%.**
- **Private sector lender HDFC Bank has terminated and delisted its 22 outstanding global depository receipts (GDRs) from the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.**
- **OYO Hotels & Homes has formally announced its acquisition of co-working venture Innov8.** OYO will operate the firm Innov8 as an independent brand, and along side its existing co-working operations.
- **U.S.'s Federal Trade Commission have approved a \$5 billion penalty to be levied on Facebook.**
- **The Reserve Bank of India has penalised State Bank of India and Union Bank of India for violating certain regulatory guidelines. SBI was fined Rs 7 crore for non-compliance on Income Recognition and Asset Classification norms.**
- **World Bank offers a loan of \$250 million to the Kerala Government for the Resilient Kerala project, aimed at enhancing the state's resilience against the impacts of natural disasters and climate change.**
- **State Bank of India has reduced its benchmark lending rate by 5 bps across all loan tenures.** The lender's one-year marginal cost of funds based lending rate (MCLR) will be **8.4% compared with 8.45%.**
- Online grocery delivery platform **Milkbasket** has acquired Bengaluru-based e-grocery distributor **PSR Supply Chain.**
- **Walmart Labs** has acqui-hired health tech startup **FloCare and B2B** wholesale trading platform **BigTrade.** The aim of acqui-hiring is to strengthen its customer service.
- **GoI has waived off basic customs duty (BCD) on products imported for nuclear plants.** "All goods for use in generation of nuclear power" and "all forms of uranium ores and concentrates for generation of nuclear power" will now have to pay no basic customs duty.

- **Internal committee of the RBI has suggested that the foreign exchange market could function from 9 am to 9 pm.** At present, the currency market works from 9 am to 5 pm. The panel suggested call money market timings could be extended till **6 pm instead of the 5 pm now.**
- **International Business Machines Corp** acquired a software company **Red Hat Inc in \$34 billion** for ramp up its cloud computing business. This is company's biggest acquisition in its more than 100-year.

### Appointments/Resignations

- **Former Supreme Court judge, Justice AK Sikri,** has been appointed as an international judge of the Singapore International Commercial court (SICC).
- **Global beverages major Coco-Cola** announced top level changes in its india and southwest asia unit with the appointment of **Sarvita Sethi as Vice president, M&A and New Ventures and Harsh Bhutani as Vice-president finance(CFO).**
- **B Harideesh Kumar** has been appointed as **director of Institute of Banking Personnel Selection** for a period of **three years.** Earlier, he was the **Executive Director of Canara Bank.**
- **Nalin Shinghal** has been appointed as the **chairman and managing director of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited.** He will replace **Atul Sobti** as the chairman and **managing director of BHEL.**
- **BCCI** has formally appointed **Rahul Dravid** as the **National Cricket Academy's Head of Cricket.**
- **Lieutenant General Shailesh Tinaikar** of India assumes charge as Force Commander of United Nations Mission in **South Sudan.**
- **Arun Kumar** has been appointed as the **Director General of aviation regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation.** He will replace **BS Bhullar.**
- **LinkedIn** has appointed **Ashutosh Gupta** as the new country **manager for India operations.** Gupta will replace Mahesh Narayanan, who was the country manager for India for period from January-June 2019.
- **The Central government** appointed **M Nageswar Rao,** as the Director General of Fire Services, Civil Defence and Home Guard. Rao will replace former **CBI Chief Alok Verma.**
- **The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet** has approved the appointment of **Shri Vikas Swarup,** High Commissioner in Ottawa as Secretary (Consular, Passport, Visa and Overseas Indian affairs) in the Ministry of External Affairs with effect from 01.08.2019.
- **The World Bank Group announced that SBI's Anshula Kant,** an Indian national, has been appointed **Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer.** Ms. Kant will be the **first woman CFO of the Bank.**



### Defence News

- **Indian Space Research Organisation** has signed a contract with **Russia's Glavkosmos** for selection support, medical examination and space training of Indian astronauts. **ISRO has planned to send two unmanned missions before the mission 'Gaganyaan-1'.**
- **BSF** has launched the **operation 'Sudarshan'** to fortify the **'anti-infiltration grid' along the Pakistan border in Punjab and Jammu.** It was launched on July 1 and will cover the entire **1,000-kms length** of the India-Pakistan International Border.
- **DRDO** successfully tested Nag missiles in **Pokhran ranges.** The system includes a third generation Anti-Tank Guided Missile, **the NAG, along with the Missile Carrier Vehicle (NAMICA).**
- **India** has successfully tested the vertical steep dive version of the **Brahmos supersonic cruise missile.** Made in India 'Brahmos Aerospace' is also ready with a longer 500 km range version of the Brahmos missile that can be fired from **Sukhoi 30 fighter jets.**
- **Indian Naval Ship Tarkash** arrived at **Tangier, Morocco.** The visit is part of an ongoing Overseas Deployment by the **Indian Navy to the Mediterranean Sea, Africa and Europe.**
- **India and Russia** bilateral co-operation to the next level in the **field of space, including assistance in India's maiden human space flight mission 'Gaganyaan'.** National Security Advisor **Ajit Doval and Dmitry Rogozin,** Director General of Russia's space agency (ROSCOSMOS) led the two sides in the meeting.

### Awards and Recognitions

- The **"Find the Incredible You"** campaign of the **Tourism Ministry,** has won the **Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Gold Award, 2019.**
- **Director Kaushik Ganguly's** Bengali film **'Nagarkirtan',** has won 4 awards in **SAARC film festival.** The movie was honoured with **'Best Feature Film', 'Best Director', 'Best Actor'** and **'Best Original Score'** awards. **SAARC film festival.**

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- **Filmmaker Zoya Akhtar's** directorial **'Gully Boy'** has won the Network for the Promotion of Asian Cinema (NETPAC) **Award at the 23rd Bucheon International Fantastic Film Festival (BIFAN) in South Korea.**
- **Northeast Frontier Railway** has won the **'Best Innovation Award'** for unique strategy adopted to keep wild elephants away from train tracks. The cash prize awarded of Rs 3 lakh. The NEFR, in a bid to tackle the problem, came up with **'Plan Bee' in 2017.**

### Summit and Conference

- **Uttarakhand** will host the first ever Himalayan states conclave here on July 28 where the prime focus will be on sustainable development. The conclave will host the Chief Ministers of the Himalayan states – **Uttarakhand, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Tripura, Mizoram and Nagaland, along with administrators and specialists.**
- **13th meeting of the India-UK Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO)** was held in London. Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Railways and Secretary of State for International Trade of the UK participated in the meeting.
- **The 8th meeting of India-Uzbekistan Joint Working Group on Counter-Terrorism was held in New Delhi.** The Joint Working Group reviewed threats posed by terrorist groups worldwide and in their respective regions including cross border terrorism.
- **43rd session of the World Heritage Committee of UNESCO was held in Baku,** Republic of Azerbaijan from 30 June to 10 July 2019. In the meeting, UNESCO named 29 new World Heritage sites for 2019.
- The **Golden Jubilee Edition of International Film Festival of India,** will be held from 20th Nov till 28th November 2019 in **Panaji, Goa.**
- **2nd** formal discussion on holy **Gurdwara of Kartarpur Sahib between India and Pakistan** was held in Wagah.
- **Odisha** will host the **21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship** in Cuttack, from July 17 to 22.
- **The 2nd India-Russia Strategic Economic Dialogue** held in New Delhi. It was held under the chairmanship of **NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Rajiv Kumar** and Deputy Minister of the Economic Development of **Russia, Timur Maksimov.**
- **India** will host the **14th conference of the parties from September 02 to 13 in Greater Noida.** 197 countries are expected to participate in the conference.
- **4th Director General level talks** between **Narcotics Control Bureau (India) and Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control (Myanmar)** was held in New Delhi.
- **The Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship** organised the **36th meeting** of the Central Apprenticeship Council (CAC) in New Delhi.
- **Fergus Kavanagh** has been roped in to conduct a 7 day camp with Indian defenders at the **Sports Authority of India Centre in Bengaluru.**



- **The US India Strategic and Partnership Forum 2nd annual leadership summit held in Washington. “US India Bilateral Trade Report” was released on the occasion. Some findings of the report are:**
  - US India bilateral trade could reach **USD 238 billion by 2025.**
  - Sectors such as defence trade, **commercial aircrafts, oil and LNG, coal, machinery and electronics are areas of potential growth.**
  - **The US-India trade balance has grown 3.8 per cent on an average in favour of India.**
- **The first Global Conference for Media Freedom** co-hosted by the UK and Canada **in London.**
- **Kochi to host India’s largest women startup summit in August 2019.** The meet will be open for all women professionals, aspiring entrepreneurs, corporate leaders and startup founders.

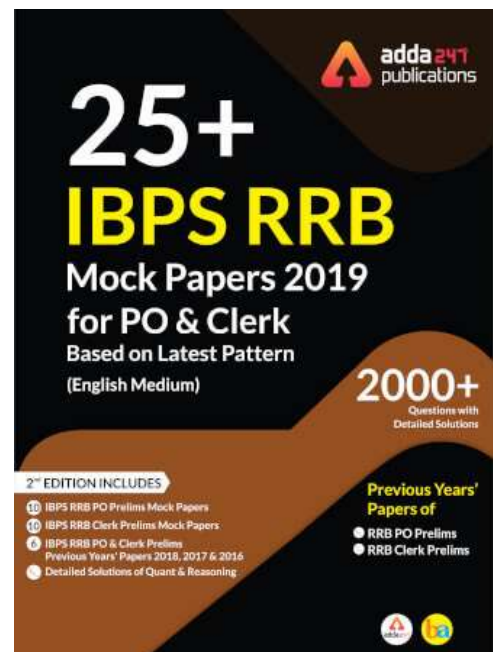
- **child mortality dropped from 4.5% to 2.2%.**
- **people deprived of cooking fuel reduced from 52.9% to 26.2%.**
- **deprivation in sanitation from 50.4% to 24.6%.**
- **people deprived of drinking water reduced from 16.6% to 6.2%.**

### Ranks and Reports

- **A UN report stated, more than 821 million people** suffered from hunger worldwide last year. It is the third year in a row that the number has risen.
- **India lifted 271 million people out of poverty** between 2006 and 2016, recording the fastest reductions in the multidimensional poverty index values during the period.
- **Tata Steel Kalinganagar** has been included in **World Economic Forum’s Global Lighthouse Network.** TSK in **Odisha’s Jajpur district** is the first and the only Indian manufacturing plant to be included in the **WEF’s Lighthouse Network.**
- According to **property consultant CBRE, New Delhi’s Connaught Place (CP)** is the **9th most expensive office location** in the world. **Hong Kong’s Central district retained the top spot** as the world’s most expensive market for prime office rents. **Mumbai’s Bandra Kurla Complex and Nariman Point CBD** slipped to **27th and 40th position.** Global Prime Office Occupancy Costs survey, CBRE tracks the cost of leasing prime office space globally.
- **Singer Taylor Swift has topped the Forbes’ Celebrity 100 list** and emerged as the highest-paid celebrity with her 2019 estimated earnings of over **USD 185 million.** **Taylor Swift replaced Kylie Jenner.** Jenner is now 2nd in the list. **India’s Akshay kumar is placed 33rd in the list.**
- **UN Development Programme (UNDP)** has released the **2019 global Multidimensional Poverty Index. Highlights of the reports are:**
  - **India’s MPI value reduced from 0.283 in 2005-06 to 0.123 in 2015-16.**
  - **India has lifted 271 million people** out of poverty between 2006 and 2016, recording the fastest reductions in the multidimensional poverty index.
  - **India and Cambodia** has reduced their MPI values the fastest among the 10 selected countries for which changes over time were analysed.
  - **Gains for India according to the report:**
  - **Deprivation in nutrition from 44.3% in 2005-06 to 21.2% in 2015-16.**

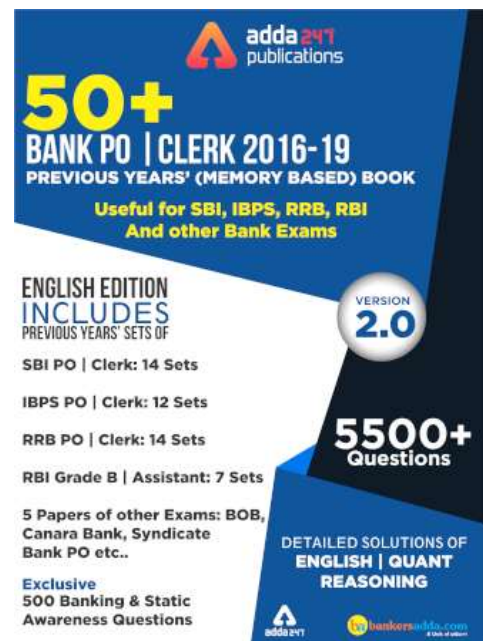
### Sports News

- **Star Indian sprinter Hima Das** clinched gold in a **200m race in 23.25 seconds** creditable timing in the Tabor Athletics Meet in Czech Republic.
- **Shooter Anish Bhanwala** claimed gold in **25m rapid fire pistol** competition to continue India’s dominance in the tournament in **Suhl, Germany.**
- **Vijayveer Sidhu** picked up his third gold medal of the ongoing ISSF Junior World Cup in **Suhl, Germany, combining with Rajkanwar Singh Sandhu and Adarsh Singh** to clinch the men’s 25m pistol.
- **Odisha Governor** inaugurated the **21st edition of Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship** at the Jawaharlal Indoor Stadium in **Cuttack, Odisha.**
- **Sports and Youth Affairs Minister** conferred Arjuna Awards to tennis player **Rohan Bopanna** and Women cricketer **Smriti Mandhana.**
- **India bagged two Gold medals in the Women’s 10-meter Air Rifle** event at the International Shooting Sport Federation Junior World Cup in **Suhl, Germany.**
- **Lewis Hamilton** made a thrilling victory in the Silverstone circuit to win **his sixth British Grand Prix,** his seventh victory in ten races in 2019 and the **80th win of his career.**
- **Olympic silver medallist Amir Khan** clinched the WBC international welterweight title.
- **Anahat won the girls’ U13 title while Joshi** won the boys’ U17 title. Two Indian players managed to win the titles on the final day of the Dutch Junior Open squash tournament in Amsterdam (Netherlands).
- **Sharath Kamal was voted the Sportsperson of the Year** in the annual Indian Oil Sports Conclave.



- **International Shooting Sport Federation** approved India's application to host the ISSF World Cup stages. World Cup will be held in New Delhi from March 15 to 26 ,2020. **The last edition of ISSF World Cup was held in Munich, Germany.**
- **Former India wicket keeper-batsman Kiran More** will take charge as the interim coach of the senior USA cricket team. He will replace the head coach Pubudu Dassanayake.
- **M. Sreeshankar** has won the long jump gold at the **Tatyana Kolpakova International athletics**. The tournament was held in **Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan)**.
- **India wrestler Vinesh Phogat** has won her second consecutive gold in 53kg, at Yasar Dogu International in Istanbul.
- **Ten-man Brazil** held on to win the **Copa America** on home soil despite **his sixth British Grand Prix**, Gabriel Jesus's dismissal with a **3-1 victory over Peru**.
- **Li Shi Feng** has won the **men's singles title of Canada Open Badminton**. He defeated **India's Parupalli Kashyap** in the title clash.
- **Indian athletes have won 4 gold medals in the Kutno Athletics Meet held in Poland.**  
Following is the list of winners in the different categories:
  - **Hima Das** won the gold while V.K. Vismaya bagged the silver in the women's 200m race.
  - **Muhammed Anas** won the gold in men's 200 m race.
  - **MP Jabir** won the gold while **Jithin Paul** bagged the bronze medal in the men's 400m hurdles.
  - **P Saritaben (gold), Sonia Baishya (silver) and R Vithya (bronze)** won the women's 400 m race.
- **Rohit Sharma** has set a world record of maximum **hundreds in the single World Cup**. He has become the **first batsman** in the world to score five hundreds in a single World Cup and break the record of **Former Sri Lankan skipper Kumar Sangakarra**.
- **United States wins FIFA Women's World Cup 2019 held in Lyon, France**. They defeated the **Netherlands with a score of 2-0**. This is the **4th world cup title** for the US's women football team.
- **Arinjeeta Dey**, a 10-year-old girl, has won a **silver medal** in the World Youth Cup held in **Umag, Croatia**.
- **Wrestler Vinesh Phogat** has won a gold medal in the 53kg category, while **Divya Kakran** has won the gold medal in the **68kg** category at the Grand Prix of Spain.
- **4 gold medals for India in Commonwealth Senior Weightlifting Championships**. Following is the list of winners in the different categories:
  - **Mirabai Chanu** wins gold in the senior women's 49 kg event.
  - **Jhilli Dalabehra** wins gold in the senior women's 45 kg event.
  - **Soroikhaibam Bindyarani Devi** wins gold while **Matsa Santoshi** wins the silver medal in the senior women's 55kg event.
  - **Rishikanta Singh** grabbed the gold in the senior men's 55kg event.

- **Magnus Carlsen won the 2019 Croatia Grand Chess Tour title**. He scored 8 points. Wesley So finished second with 7 points. India's Viswanathan Anand ended up with 4.5 points and finished 11th.
- **Dutee Chand from Odisha** has won the gold medal in the **women's 100 metre sprint** at the 30th Summer University Games in **Naples, Italy**.
- **The full list of AIFF awards:**
  - Best Grassroots Development Programme: **Jammu & Kashmir Football Association**.
  - Best Referee: **R. Venkatesh (Tamil Nadu)**.
  - Best Assistant Referee: **Joseph Tony (Karnataka)**.
  - Emerging Women's Footballer 2018-19: **Dangmei Grace (Manipur)**.
  - Emerging Men's Footballer of the Year: **Abdul Sahal (Kerala)**.
  - Women's Footballer of the Year: **Ashalata Devi**.
  - Men's Footballer of the Year: **Sunil Chhetri**.
- **Rakhi Halder and Davinder Kaur** has won a gold medal each in the **senior women's section of weightlifting in the Commonwealth Championships**.
- **Mexico defeated USA** to claim their eighth **CONCACAF Gold Cup title**. Jonathan Dos Santos scored the winning goal in 73rd min for Mexico in the thrilling final.
- **India have won 4 gold medals** in Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships held in **Apia, Samoa**. **The Indian medalists are:**
  - Men (Elite and junior): **Achinta Sheuli** has won 2 gold medals in 73kg event.
  - Junior: **Gulam Navi** has won gold medal in 67kg event.
  - Junior and youth: **L. Sadananda Singh** has won Bronze & Gold medals in 73kg event.
  - Women (Elite): **Manpreet Kaur** has won silver medal in 76kg event.
  - Junior: **R. Arockiya Alish** has won silver medal in 76kg event.
- **The Independent Atlantic League** became the first American professional baseball league to let a **computer call balls and strikes**.







- Minister for Information and Broadcasting: Prakash Javadekar.
- President of Russia: Vladimir Putin; Capital of Russia: Moscow, Currency of Russia: Ruble.
- Capital of Kyrgyzstan: Bishkek; Currency of Kyrgyzstan: Kyrgyzstani Som.
- Chief Minister of Goa: Pramod Sawant; Governor: Mridula Sinha.
- Bangladesh Capital: Dhaka, Currency: Taka, Prime Minister: Sheikh Hasina.
- Pakistan Capital: Islamabad; PM: Imran Khan; President: Arif Alvi.
- The United Nations observes 15 July every year as World Youth Skills Day.
- President of France: Emmanuel Macron; Capital of France: Paris, Currency of France: Euro, CFP Franc.
- Union Environment Minister: Prakash Javadekar.
- Capital of Netherlands: Amsterdam; Currency of Netherlands: Euro.
- CM of Kerala: Pinarayi Vijayan; Governor of Kerala: P. Sathasivam.
- President of ISSF: Vladimir Lisin.
- European Union Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium.
- Director General of UNESCO: Audrey Azoulay; Headquarters: Paris, France.
- Dalit Panthers was founded by: Namdeo Dhasal and J. V. Pawar.
- CEO of OYO: Ritesh Agarwal; Founder of Innov8: Ritesh Malik.
- MD of HDFC Bank: Aditya Puri; Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- CEO of Luxembourg Stock Exchange: Robert Scharfe.
- Present Administrator of NASA : James Frederick Bridenstine, HQ of NASA: Washington, D.C.
- Facebook Headquarters: California, US; CEO: Mark Zuckerberg.
- Chief of the Naval Staff: Admiral Karambir Singh.
- Capital of Israel: Jerusalem; Currency: Israeli new shekel.
- Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare: Dr Harsh Vardhan.
- Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Railways: Piyush Goyal.

- Secretary of State for International Trade of the UK: Liam Fox.
- CM of Chhattisgarh: Bhupesh Baghel; CM of Andhra Pradesh: Jaganmohan Reddy.
- DIPP HQ: New Delhi; DIPP Established in: 1995.
- Union HRD Minister of India: Ramesh Pokhriyal.
- Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh: Y.S. Jaganmohan Reddy; Governor: E.S.L. Narasimhan.
- Sports and Youth Affairs Minister: Kiren Rijiju.
- CocaCola President and COO: Brian Smith.
- Cocacola HQ: Atlanta, Georgia, United States.
- Headquarters of United Nations: New York, USA; Founded: 24 October 1945.
- Mr Antonio Guterres is the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
- International Criminal Court HQ: The Hague, Netherlands.
- Chief of "Internet Saath" Google India: Neha Barjatya.
- Capital of Palau: Ngerulmud; Currency of Palau: U.S. Dollar.
- Union Coal Minister of India: Prahlad Joshi.
- National Rifles Association of India President: Shri Raninder Singh.
- Chief Minister of Odisha: Naveen Patnaik; Governor: Ganeshi Lal.
- Capital of Singapore: Pulau Ujong; Currency of Singapore: Singapore dollar, President of Singapore: Halimah Yacob.
- China Capital: Beijing; Currency: Renminbi.
- Sri Lanka Capitals: Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte; Currency: Sri Lankan rupee.
- CEO of Larsen & Toubro Infotech Ltd: Sanjay Jalana.
- CEO of Lymbyc: Satyakam Mohanty.
- CM of Uttarakhand: Trivendra Singh Rawat.
- Governor of Uttarakhand: Baby Rani Maurya.
- Capital of Uttarakhand: Dehradun.
- CEO of Yatra Online: Dhruv Shringi; CEO of Ebix: Robin Raina.
- President of ADB Bank: Takehiko Nakao; HQ of ADB Bank: Manila, Philippines.
- MD of HDFC Bank: Aditya Puri; Headquarters: Mumbai.
- CM of Maharashtra: Devendra Fadnavis.
- Governor of Maharashtra: CH Vidyasagar Rao; Capital of Maharashtra: Mumbai.
- President of Czech Republic: Milos Zeman.
- Capital of Czech Republic: Prague; Currency of Czech Republic: Czech koruna.
- Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Tourism: Prahalad Singh Patel.
- Capital of Croatia: Zagreb; Currency of Croatia: Croatian kuna.
- President of the UAE: Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan; Capital of the UAE: Abu Dhabi, Currency of the UAE: Dirham.
- CM of Odisha: Naveen Patnaik; Governor of Odisha: Ganeshi Lal.
- Meghalaya Capital: Shillong; Chief Minister: Conrad Sangma; Governor: Tathagata Roy.

- CM of Telangana: K Chandrashekhar Rao; Capital of Telangana: Hyderabad, Governor of Telangana: ESL Narasimhan.
- Chairman of IBPS: Rajkiran Rai G.
- DRDO Chairman: G Satheesh Reddy, Established: 1958, Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Venue of ICC World Cup 2019 : England and Wales.
- Saudi Arabia Capital: Riyadh, Currency: Saudi Riyal.
- Governor of Jammu & Kashmir: Satya Pal Malik.
- ISRO Director: K Sivan, Headquarters: Bengaluru, Established: 1969.
- CEO of BrahMos Aerospace: Sudhir Mishra.
- Capital of UAE: Abu Dhabi; Currency: Dirham.
- Capitals of Sri Lanka : Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte; Currency: Sri Lankan Rupee.
- RBI 25th Governor: Shaktikant Das; Headquarters: Mumbai; Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata.
- Capital of Greece: Athens, Currency: Euro.
- Assam Capital: Dispur; CM: Sarbananda Sonowal; Governor: Jagdish Mukhi.
- Capital of Spain: Madrid; Currency of Spain: Euro.
- Chief of the Naval Staff: Admiral Karambir Singh.
- Chairperson of SBI: Rajnish Kumar; Headquarters: Mumbai; Founded: 1 July 1955.
- President of France: Emmanuel Macron; Capital: Paris; Currency: Euro, CFP Franc.
- CM of UP: Yogi Adityanath; Governor of UP: Ram Naik.
- Capital of South Korea: Seoul; Currency of South Korea: South Korea won.
- Minister of road and highway: Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari.
- UN Secretary-General: Antonio Guterres; Headquarters: New York, United States; Established: 24th October 1945.
- National Museum of Indian Cinema: Mumbai (Maharashtra)
- Union Railway Minister: Piyush Goyal.
- HQ of DGCA: New Delhi; Established in: January 1978.
- Vietnam Capital: Hanoi; Currency: Vietnamese dong.
- Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers: D.V. Sadananda Gowda.
- CEO of Milkbasket: Anant Goel.
- President of Russia: Vladimir Putin; Capital of Russia: Moscow, Currency of Russia: Ruble.
- CEO of Prasar Bharati: Shashi Shekhar Vempati; Prasar Bharati HQ: New Delhi, Established in: 23rd November 1997.
- Headquarters International Court of Justice (ICJ): The Hague (Netherlands); Established: June 1945, President: Judge Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf (Somalia).
- Capital of Ukraine: Kyiv; Currency of Ukraine: Ukrainian Hryvnia.
- Madhya Pradesh CM: Kamal Nath, Governor: Anandiben Patel.
- LinkedIn's CEO: Jeff Weiner; HQ: California, United States.
- Capital of Myanmar: Naypyitaw; Currency of Myanmar: Burmese Kyat.
- Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change: Prakash Javadekar.
- Administrator of UNDP: Achim Steiner.
- President of United States: Donald Trump; Capital: Washington, DC.
- North Korea Capital: Pyongyang; Currency: North Korean won.

- Capital of Canada: Ottawa; Currency of Canada: Canadian dollar.
- Minister of External Affairs: Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar.
- Capital of Israel: Jerusalem; Currency of Israel : Israeli New Shekel.
- Capital of Myanmar: Naypyitaw; Currency of Myanmar: Burmese Kyat.
- BRICS Headquarters: Shanghai, China; President of BRICS: K V Kamath.
- Members of the BRICS: Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.
- UK Capital: London; Currency: Pound sterling.
- Chief Minister of Delhi: Arvind Kejriwal; Lieutenant Governor of Delhi: Anil Baijal.
- Capital of Mexico: Mexico City; Currency of Mexico: Mexican peso.
- Union Minister of Corporate Affairs: Nirmala Sitharaman.
- Minister of Skill development and Entrepreneurship: Mahendra Nath Pandey.
- Union Defence Minister of India: Rajnath Singh.
- RBI 25th Governor: Shaktikant Das; Headquarters: Mumbai; Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata.
- North Korea Capital: Pyongyang; Currency: North Korean won.
- National game of USA: Baseball.
- Present BFSI President: Uthappa M.C.
- Headquarter of World Bank: Washington DC (USA), Established in: 1944; President: David Malpass.
- CM of Kerala :Pinarayi Vijayan; Governor of Kerala: P. Sathasivam.
- President of Table Tennis Federation Of India (TTFI): Dushyant Chautala.
- CEO of YouTube: Susan Wojcicki; You Tube Established: February 2005.
- CM of West Bengal: Mamta Banerjee; Capital of West Bengal: Kolkata.
- Union Agriculture Ministry: Narendra Singh Tomar.
- World Water Day: 22nd March.
- Founder of IBM: Charles Ranlett Flint; Established in: June 16, 1911

