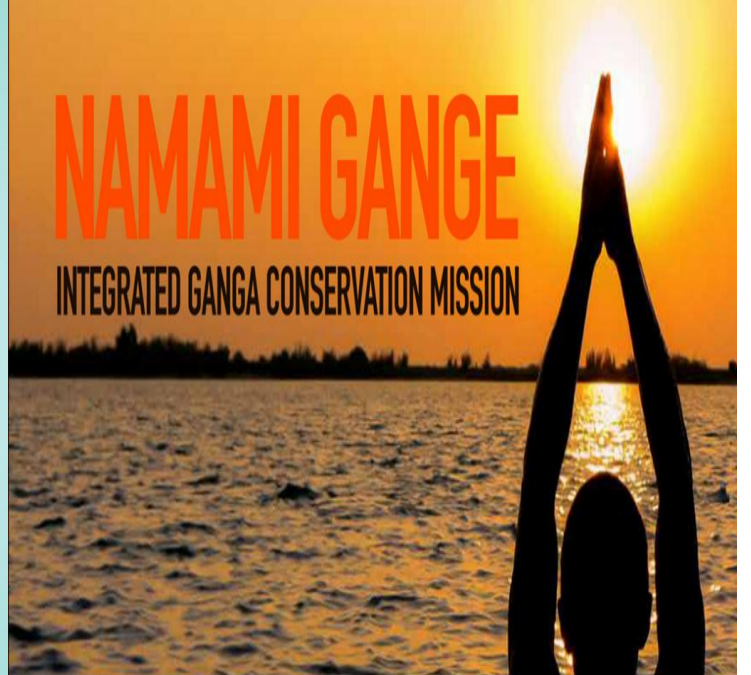




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The government extended the deadline for linking PAN with biometric ID Aadhar by 6 months till September 30. This is the sixth time the government has extended the deadline for individuals to link their Permanent Account Number (PAN) to Aadhar. In June last year, the government had said that PAN has to be linked with the biometric ID by March 31.

In Maharashtra, Election Commission has come up with a mobile application called 'PWD' for making voting easier and implement the poll body's slogan of Accessible Elections for over two lakhs Divyang voters across the state.

A district in western Assam is going the digital way to attract the first-time voters towards the election process and ensure their participation. The district administration of Bongaigaon has developed a 'Sankalp' mobile phone application to especially reach out to the first-time voters.

Election Commission has approved a request of the Rural Development Ministry to revise the wages under the MGNREGA scheme from April 1.

The Ministry of Home Affairs has constituted Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal, to determine the sufficient cause to ban Jamaat-e-Islami, and Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) faction. It will be headed by Justice Chander Shekhar of the Delhi High Court.

For the second successive year, Telangana has been ranked first in e-learning training programme of Department of Personal and Training (DoPT) of the Government India.

On 2nd April, 2019, India and Ukraine have discussed bilateral trade featuring the importance of exports and imports between the 2 countries. The deliberation was part of the 4th Meeting of India-Ukraine Working Group on Trade and Economic Cooperation (IU-WGTEC) held in New Delhi.

The Indian Army has achieved a record-breaking feat by constructing 'Maitri', the 260-feet longest suspension bridge over the Indus River in the Leh-Ladakh region in just 40 days.

On 3rd April 2019, as per the State of Global Air 2019 report, over 1.2 million people died in India due to air pollution in 2017.

WhatsApp launched an India-focused fact-checking feature to combat fake news and rumours starting with the run-up to the Lok Sabha elections. The messaging platform said that its Indian users, numbering more than 200 million, can now report uncertain information or rumours they have received to a WhatsApp number (+91-9643-000-888) and check its authenticity.

President Shri Ram Nath Kovind, reached Santiago, Chile in the evening of 30th March, 2019. This was the final leg of his visit to three nations – Croatia, Bolivia and Chile. Ram Nath Kovind addressed India-Chile Business Forum.

On 4th April 2019, a High-level discussion on 'Fiscal Relations across levels of Government' was held by 15th Finance Commission under the chairmanship of Shri N. K. Singh.

On 4th April 2019, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has received the In-Flight Connectivity license from the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) for enabling in-flight and maritime connectivity (IFMC) within Indian airspace.

An Android-based application named "Sahulat" was launched to facilitate and to encourage the elder voters for participating in the elections in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district.

Imphal West district of Manipur namely Phayeng Village has become India's first carbon-positive settlement.

President of All India Football Federation (AIFF) Praful Patel has become the first Indian to be elected as a member of FIFA Executive Council.

The Tamil Nadu government has renamed the iconic Chennai Central Railway Station as Puratchi Thalaivar Dr MGR Central Railway Station. The station was renamed after the receipt of ‘no objection’ from the Union Home Ministry. Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that.

On 5th April 2019, the 3-day National Cardiology Conference 2019 has been started at Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of medical sciences in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

According to a new survey conducted by the Research Institute for Compassionate Economics, 85% of the Ujjwala beneficiaries in rural Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan still use solid fuels for cooking.

On 8th April 2019, the biannual Army Commanders’ Conference began in New Delhi for the planning and execution process of the Indian Army.

India and Sri Lanka have agreed to increase cooperation in security and defence spheres in several areas, including regional security, curbing drugs, smuggling and human trafficking.

Military forces of India and Singapore got together to participate in a joint exercise in Babina Cantonment in Jhansi. The three-day exercise, ‘Bold Kurukshetra–2019’, is being conducted to develop military technology, boost maritime security and bolster the nations’ fight against terrorism.

Vice Admiral Bimal Verma has dropped the petition to challenge the appointment of Vice Admiral Karambir Singh as the next Navy Chief. He will be seeking the “statutory remedy” of approaching the government first.

The National Green Tribunal formed a committee to look into the alleged erosion of Yamuna floodplain due to movement of heavy vehicles in Haryana’s Sonipat district.

According to the United Nations Population Fund, India's population grew to 1.36 billion at an average annual rate of 1.2% between 2010 and 2019 which stands more than double the annual growth rate of China.

On 11th April 2019, India and Sweden inked a pact that will deal a range of challenges around smart cities and clean technologies among others. The programme co-sponsored by Indian Department of Science and Technologies (DST) and Swedish agency Vinnova.

Russia awarded its highest state honour "Order of St. Andrew the Apostle" to PM Narendra Modi for exceptional services in promoting special and privileged strategic partnership between the Russian Federation and the Republic of India and friendly relations between the Russian and Indian people.

UAE has announced that India will be the Guest of Honour country at the Abu Dhabi International Book Fair, ADIBF 2019, to be held from 24th to 30th of this month. The fair aims to highlight the UAE's rich heritage, showcasing its authenticity and modernity, as well as its cultural and literary output.

On 11th April 2019, the 21st ASEAN-India Senior Officials "Meeting (SOM) was held at New Delhi to improve the connectivity and strengthen the cooperation in the maritime sector between Indian and the ASEAN countries.

On 11th April 2019, Haryana Chief Electoral Officer Rajeev Ranjan inaugurated India's first-of-its-kind 'Voter Park' in Vikas Sadan building complex, Gurugram, to raise voter awareness instructing people about the electoral process.

On 15th April 2019, The 4th Resilient Cities Asia-Pacific Congress 2019 organized by the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) and co hosted by South Delhi Municipal Corporation started in New Delhi. It will conclude on 17th April 2019.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved a proposal to extend the duration of New Urea Policy-2015, from April 1 till further orders. The extension will not apply to the provisions which were amended by a notification dated March 28, 2018.

On 11th April 2019, India's first exotic Bird Park "Essel World Bird Park" was launched by Essel World Leisure Pvt. Ltd., the family entertainment arm of the \$6- billion Essel Group in Mumbai.

India is joining hands with Japan and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to implement 2 projects in Africa as it seeks to extend its footprint on the continent where strategic rival China has made deep in roads.

Assam's most awaited festival the Rongali Bihu, also known as 'Bohaag Bihu' which marks the beginning of the new Assamese calendar year started. Assam celebrates major agricultural events as the festival of Bihu.

The 8th edition of Home Expo India 2019 began at India Expo Centre and Mart in Greater Noida. It covers sectors with maximum thrust and growth potential in home decor, furnishing, furniture, flooring and textiles.

The Indian Navy held the 2nd edition of the bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and Vietnam People's Navy, (IN – VPN BILAT EX) at Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam during 13th to 16th April, 2019.

On 16th April, 2019, the debrief of the Indian Navy exercise termed as 'Sea Vigil' (held from January 22 to 23) was conducted. The meeting was chaired by Vice Admiral MS Pawar, AVSM, VSM, the Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff (DCNS).

Recently, Reporters Without Borders released World Press Freedom Index 2019 in which Norway topped the index in third consecutive year and India drops down by two positions (138th rank in 2018) to be ranked 140th out of 180 countries in 2019.

Saudi Arabia will host G20 summit in November 2020 in Riyadh. This will be the first G20 meeting in the Arab world and the 15th meeting of the G20 (Group of Twenty). The G20 summit 2018 was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The G20 summit of 2019 will be held in Osaka, Japan in June 28-29.

Recently, Rs. 4315.15 crores budget has been approved by Union Cabinet headed by PM Narendra Modi, to create over 2 lakhs additional seats in 158 central education institutions.

On 19th April 2019, To get immediate assistance to the people who are in trouble, Union territories and Twenty states have joined in a pan-India network of single emergency helpline number '112', which is implemented by central government's Nirbhaya Fund(2012 Delhi gang rape case).

On 19th April 2019, the retail arm of the Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries became India's first retail company to cross the Rs.1 lakh crore annual revenue.

On 20th April 2019, India ranked 17th position among 100 countries in the global startup ecosystem in 2018, from the 37th spot last year in the Startup Ecosystem Ranking for 2019 as per the data released by Startup Blink.

The Indian Navy ships Kolkata and Shakti arrived at Qingdao in China to participate in the International Fleet Review (IFR) as a part of the 70th anniversary celebrations of People Liberation's Army (PLA-Navy).

Recently, Indian and the US navies conducted joint submarine hunting exercise near Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean in which India's P8I Neptune Aircraft and US P- 8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft along with the USS Spruance have participated.

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The Centre has revamped its high-level 'anti-hi jack panel' to include top officials in the Prime Minister's Office, especially National Security Advisor, Ajit Doval who will be able to coordinate any immediate military response.

Indonesia released a special commemorative stamp on the theme of Ramayana to mark the 70th anniversary of diplomatic ties with India. The stamp, designed by renowned Indonesian sculptor Padmashri Bapak Nyoman Nuart, features a scene from Hindu epic Ramayana in which Jatayu valiantly fought to save Sita.

Garia festival is an important festival for the Tripuri tribal community of the state. The Garia dance is very popular among the Tripuris and the Reangs. It is held on the seventh day of the month of Vaishakha. This year's Garia puja was on 21 April.

On World Earth Day- April 22, 2019 the State Bank of India (SBI) has launched India's first 'Green Car Loan' (Electric Vehicle) to encourage customers to buy electric vehicles.

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs has distributed around 3,100 special kits among states and union territories. The kits are termed 'SAECKs' (The Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits) and are also called 'rape investigation kits'.

Recently, Indian Army signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) Limited, to build four underground tunnels along China and Pakistan borders for storage of ammunition and other war-related equipment.

Recently, United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) India and NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) to provide an open platform to promote participation, skilling and empowerment among young children across different communities.

The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MOEFCC) notified that a committee will be formed to implement the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) which was launched to handle the major issue of air-pollution in India.

Recently, Supreme Court bench headed by Justice L Nageswara Rao has directed the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to disclose information related to its annual inspection report of banks under the Right to Information (RTI) Act until and unless they are exempted under law.

On 27th April 2019, Canara Bank and its life insurance partner Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance launched 'Web assurance' to enable its customers to purchase life insurance in a convenient and hassle-free way.

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) set up Suresh Mathur Committee to review regulatory framework on micro insurance, and to recommend measures to increase demand for such products.

Arunachalam Muruganantham, known as the maker of low-cost sanitary napkins in India with his invention of cellulose-based pads, has made it to Fortune magazine's 2019 list of the world's greatest leaders. Muruganantham ranks 45th in the list released by the American publication.

Australia is conducting 7 nation Indian Ocean military exercise along with Sri Lanka, India, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia and Singapore. Australia sent 4 Naval Ships and one military aircraft along with around 1000 security personnel making it one the biggest military exercise.

On 2nd April, 2019, Japanese printers have issued the name for its new imperial era which will be set in motion on 1st May 2019 as the public tried to make sense of the meaning of "Reiwa" a day after its unveiling gripped the nation.

President Ram Nath Kovind was on a visit of Bolivia from 28th to 30th March, 2019. He reached Santa Cruz, Bolivia on the second leg of his three nation visit to Croatia, Bolivia and Chile. This is the first visit by an Indian President to Bolivia.

Chicago has created history by electing an African-American woman as its mayor for the first time. Lori Lightfoot, a 56-year-old former federal prosecutor and practicing lawyer who has never before held elected office, won the city's mayoral race by a huge margin. She will also be Chicago's first openly gay mayor.

After plans to land American astronauts on the Moon by 2024, four years ahead of its previous schedule, NASA now proposes to put humans on Mars by 2033. At a congressional hearing on NASA's budget in fiscal year 2020, NASA administrator Jim Bridenstine cited the goal of putting astronauts on Mars by 2033.

The World Economic Forum (WEF) on the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) 2019 kicked off in Jordan with over 1,000 participants from more than 50 countries. The 17th WEF meeting in the region called for united efforts to address the most pressing challenges of the area.

The 16th edition of the joint military exercise between Morocco and the United States named "African Lion 2019" was held from March 16 to April 7, 2019 in southern Morocco in the cities of Agadir, Tifnit, Tan-Tan, Tata, and Ben Guerir near Marrakech.

On 7th April 2019, Emirates Islamic bank launched a chat banking facility for its customer via Whatsapp and become the world's 1st bank in the Islamic banking sector to give such facility.

National Mission for Clean Ganga or Namami Gange which is India's flagship programme, was approved, with the 'Public Water Agency of the Year' award at the Global Water Summit held in London on 9th April, 2019.

G-20 conducted the joint World Bank-IMF Development Committee and the IMF's International Monetary and Financial Committee

meeting during the 2019 Annual Spring Meeting in Washington, DC.

On 13th April 2019, the last known female Yangtze giant soft shell turtle, 90years old died in China. Now, there are only three left in the world. The Wildlife Conservations Society (WCS) declares the Yangtze giant soft shell turtle the world's most critically endangered turtle species.

UAE is set to host the world's foremost Artificial Intelligence, AI Summit to empower global dialogue on the future of government, business and society. The inaugural, AI Everything, AIE will take place at the Dubai World Trade Centre, between 30 April and 1May.

WHO Has Released New Guidelines on 10 Ways to Use Digital Health Technology to Boost People's Health. The guidelines were based on a 2-year-long research study by WHO on digital technologies which was inclusive of consultations with global experts.

On 19th April 2019, India's Haj Quota has been increased by about 25,000, raising the number to 2 lakh from 1.75 lakh by Saudi Arabia. Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman gave the assurance to Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a meeting in February.

Site containing the 220-million-year-old fossilized remains of nearly a dozen dinosaurs has been discovered in western Argentina. According to Martinez, of the University of San Juan, the fossils are approximately 220 million years old, belonging to "an era of which we know little".

The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) has released the 2019 Index of Cancer Preparedness (ICP) in which out of 28 countries India is in 19th position from the top. The wide range of data indicates variation of cancer preparedness of countries i.e. methods to treat and prevent cancer.

Israel said it would name a new community on the Golan Heights after U.S. President Donald Trump as an expression of gratitude for his recognition of its claim of sovereignty over the strategic plateau.

The world's first malaria vaccine RTS, S is also known as Mosquirix has launched in Malawi, one of three countries in Africa in a landmark pilot programme coordinated by the World Health Organization (WHO). The other two African countries are Ghana and Kenya.

Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un holds first-ever talks at the Far Eastern Federal University Campus on Russky Island in the far eastern Russian Pacific port city of Vladivostok. The aim of this meeting is to break the deadlock over North Korea's nuclear weapons programme.

On 26th April 2019, UN's International Labour Organization announced that Qatar is set to abolish its exit visa system for all foreign workers by the end of 2019.

India has lost to South Korea in the final of Sultan Azlan Shah Hockey tournament at Ipoh in Malaysia. South Korea lifted the title, defeating India in a shootout 4-2.

2019 India Open which is officially known as YONEX-SUNRISE India Open 2019 was organized by the Badminton Association of India at the K.D. Jadhav Indoor hall in New Delhi from 26th March to 31 March 2019.

Five times world champion Lewis Hamilton took a lucky Bahrain Grand Prix win for Mercedes after engine trouble in the dying stages denied Ferrari's Charles Leclerc a first Formula One victory.

On 1st April 2019, Saurav Ghosal moved up two places to become the first Indian male squash player to break into the top 10 of the latest PSA (Professional Squash Association) world ranking. He is ranked at 10th Place which is his career best ranking.

For the 4th consecutive time in a row the Northern Command based in Udhampur has won the 15th edition of General J J Singh air weapon championship.

Isaak Hayik of Or Yehuda, Israel, has set a new world record as the oldest active player in a professional soccer match after tending the goal for Ironi or Yehuda in game against Maccabi Ramat Gan.

On 10th April 2019, Wisden Cricketers Almanack has named Virat Kohli and Smriti Mandhana as the Leading male and female cricketer of the year 2019. Smriti Mandhana bagged the women's Leading Cricketer of the year for the first time while Indian men's team captain was named for the third straight year.

On 10th April, 2019, All India Tennis Association has collaborated with STF (Serbian Tennis Federation) to train Indian junior players under world renowned Serbian coaches, at the RK Khanna Stadium.

Indian player Smriti Mandhana bagged the Women's Leading Cricketer of the Year. Rashid Khan of Afghanistan bagged the Leading T20 Cricketer of the Year.

Indonesian Eni Nuraeni was named by Asian Athletic Association (AAA) as the best athletic coach in Asia for the short-haul run category in 2019.

Roland-Garros, BNP Paribas and BIGBEN announced Rohit Thakur as the winner of second edition of India leg of the Roland-Garros e Series, an e-sport competition played on the Tennis World Tour videogame.

Meena Kumari Maisnam has clinched gold medal under 54 kg by continuing her enthusiastic form to finish on the top of the podium by edging Thailand's Machai Bunyanut on points in the summit clash at the Cologne Boxing World Cup 2019 in Cologne, Germany on 13th April, 2019.

Formula One driver Lewis Hamilton secured a record-extending sixth Chinese Grand Prix (GP) victory, snatching the world championship lead from his Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas.

On 16th April 2019, International cricket council (ICC) cricket for good in partnership with UNICEF, launched #OneDay4Children, a tournament-wide campaign to help construct a better world for all child, at the World Cup

Ethiopian athletes Gelete Burkain women's race and Abrha Milaw in men's race have won the 43rd edition of the Paris Marathon by leading a record of 60,000 participants through the French capital, Paris on 14th April, 2019.

The International Hockey Federation (FIH) has imposed a fine of 170,000 Euros on Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF) for not honoring the Pro League commitments and has given PHF time-limit till 20th June, on failure of which PHF would have to pay double the penalty.

In Football, the Services lifted the Santosh Trophy, beating Punjab 1-nil in the final at Ludhiana. In the first half, both the teams were goal-less. In the second half, Services scored the lone goal and held on till the final whistle.

PU Chitra defended her 1500m title to give India its third gold medal at the Asian Athletics Championships.

Boxers Pooja Rani and Amit Panghal gave India two gold medals at the Asian Boxing Championships in Bangkok. Panghal, who had won the Asian Games gold medal last year, defeated Korea's Kim Inkyu in a unanimous decision, thereby clinching his second gold of the year.

On 30th March, 2019, China's Shanghai claimed to have the world's first district with 5G coverage and a broadband gigabit network. It has conducted trial runs of the 5G network.

ISRO's workhorse launch vehicle Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV C-45), in its 47th mission, has successfully launched the 436 kg EMISAT and 28 co passenger satellites into their designated orbits from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. This was the 71st launch vehicle mission for Sriharikota.

China has successfully launched the first of its new-generation data relay satellites into orbit that will provide data relay, measurement and control services for its manned spacecraft. The Tianlian II-01 satellite was launched by a Long March-3B carrier rocket from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre.

Astronomers have discovered a new exoplanet using NASA's exoplanet-hunting space telescope, TESS. The exoplanet is said to be 60 times bigger than our planet and is five-billion-year-old planet. The exoplanet is dubbed TOI-197.0 or "hot Saturn" because of its size and hot temperature.

The Center for Cell and Molecular Biology (CCMB) scientists have discovered a new enzyme called "Murein Endopeptidase K" which helps to cut bacterial cell walls, so it is possible for a new drug treatment that prevents bacterial resistance by existing antibiotics.

A 12-member patrol team of the Indian Army along with a police official has discovered the wreckage of a World War II vintage US Air Force aircraft in Roing district of Arunachal Pradesh on 30th March, 2019.

On 5th April 2019, Chinese scientists have discovered a mechanism named "death switch" mechanism in the plant's immune system that can keep the plant healthy.

American conglomerate, General Electric in association with IIT Madras, established India's first 'Cold Spray' SMART (Surface Modification and Additive Research Technologies) Laboratory in the institution. And thereby 31 IIT-M became the only academic institution with High-Pressure Cold Spray (HPCS) facility in India.

Google has launched a new open platform named Anthos to run and manage apps from anywhere. It lets users run applications on the public cloud or on existing on-premise hardware investments.

SpaceX carries out first commercial launch with Falcon Heavy rocket on 11th April, 2019, SpaceX carried out its first commercial operational mission by launching its Falcon Heavy rocket to place a Saudi telecoms satellite into orbit operated by Arabsat.

On 14th April 2019, the world's largest air plane a Stratolaunch behemoth has made its first test flight in California. It has two fuselages and six Boeing 747 engines and is designed to carry into space, and drop a rocket that would in turn ignite to deploy satellites.

Nirbhay', long range sub-sonic cruise missile indigenously designed and developed by Bengaluru – based Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE), a lab under Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). The missile test fired from launch complex-3 of the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur, Odisha.

Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) has discovered an Earth-sized planet, HD 21749b and a "sub-Neptune" world, revolving around the star, HD 21749. The star lies 53 light-years from Earth.

On 15th April 2019, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has chosen a team led by an Indian American student, Keshav Raghavan to have its CubeSat which is a mini research satellite to be sent to space to detect cosmic rays.

Nepal has launched its first satellite "NepaliSat-1" into space. The satellite was launched in the early morning (2:31 am) of Baishak 5, 2076 on 18th April, 2019.

On 17th April 2019, the Research team led by Kiran Ambatipudi from the Biotechnology Department at the Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee has identified a new method to detect breast

and ovarian cancer. The research published in the journal, 'FASEB Bioadvances'.

The Northrop Grumman Antares rocket and its unscrewed Cygnus Spacecraft launched which contains tons of NASA's supplies and 40 live mice to the International Space Station (ISS), from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spacecraft at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility on Wallops Island in Virginia.

US researchers have used HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) to develop gene therapy that cured 8 infants who were treated at St. Jude and at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital, San Francisco of a rare combined immunodeficiency disease termed as "bubble boy" disorder.

NASA (The National Aeronautics and Space Administration) has revealed that Mercury, the smallest planet in the solar system has a massive solid inner core.

On 24th April 2019, Researchers at the Lund University Diabetes Centre have discovered how lifestyle affects genes and disease development in a human body in a new study called 'Epigenetic Mechanisms'.

The 70 MW 'Akademik Lomonosov', world's first floating nuclear power plant successfully tested by Rosenergoatom, operator subsidiary of Rosatom, state owned atomic energy cooperation of Russia. The ship was named after famous academician Mikhail Lomonosov.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)'s Hubble Space Telescope ejected measurements validate that the Universe is expanding about 9% faster than expected based on its trajectory seen shortly after the big bang. It was published in Astrophysical Journal Letters on April 25.

Kandhamal Haldi (turmeric), Odisha's locally grown turmeric in its Kandhamal district has received the Geographical Indications (GI)

tag from Intellectual Property India. It is organically grown by tribals.

On 2nd April 2019, Hero MotoCorp Chairman, Dr. Pawan Munjal has been honoured with 'the Asian Tour with a Special Achievement Award' at the ceremony of Hero Indian Open Golf tournament for his contributions to Asian Golf.

On the 3rd of April, 2019, UAE honored PM Narendra Modi with its highest civilian award, the Zayed Medal for boosting the bilateral ties between both of the nations.

On 4th April, 2019, Eminent Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan was conferred with an honorary doctorate in Philanthropy by the University of Law, London. He was awarded this for his efforts to give back to society.

The Indian subsidiary of ESPN (Entertainment and Sports Programming Network), ESPN India (espn.in) declared the ESPN India awards for 2018 in which PV Sindhu was conferred with the sportsperson of year award in female category and Neeraj Chopra was conferred with the sportsperson of the year award in Male category.

The Guwahati Railway Station has become the first ever railway station in the Indian Railways to get an ISO (International Organisation for Standardisation) certification from the National Green Tribunal (NGT).

The All India Management Association (AIMA) Managing India Awards 2019 was held on 8th April, 2019 at Durbar Hall, Hotel Taj Palace, New Delhi.

Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has bagged the prestigious "AIMA Managing India Award 2019 for outstanding PSU of the year." The award was presented by former President Pranab Mukherjee to Sanjiv Singh, Chairman, Indian Oil.

Digital Sukoon founder, Sudhanshu Kumar was honoured with the Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Nobel Award by International Human Rights Council at Hotel Sea Princess Juhu Mumbai.

On 12th April 2019, An image of a little girl crying, as she and her mother have been taken into custody by US border officials in Texas won the prestigious World Press Photo of the Year. Veteran Getty photographer John Moore took the picture in the Rio Grande Valley on 12th June 2018.

Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism has selected Mint's Teena Thacker as the winner of the 2019 Citi Journalistic Excellence Awards.

A total of 150 Indian peacekeepers serving with the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) have received medals of honour for their dedicated service and sacrifice.

Three organizations All India Radio, Publication Division and Children's Film Society of India conferred Swacchta Pakhwada Award 2019. The award was given by Amit Khare, Secretary Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

Election Commission has appointed two eminent former Civil Servants Shailendra Handa and Ms. Madhu Mahajan as Special Expenditure Observers for the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections.

Manu Sawhney took over as the International Cricket Council (ICC) Chief Executive.

Vipin Anand has assumed the charge of Managing Director of the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC). In March 2019, he was appointed by Centre as the LIC MD.

Justice Vikram Nath, the senior most judge of Allahabad High Court, was appointed as the first Chief Justice of the newly-constituted Andhra Pradesh High Court.

On 14th April 2019, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas accepted the oath of office from the new 24-member cabinet headed by Prime Minister Mohammed Ishtayeh.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will issue new Rs 20 denomination banknotes having a base colour of greenish -yellow with size of 63 X 129 mm. The first Rs 20 notes were issued in the Mahatma Gandhi Series in August 2001. The new note will have a motif of Ellora caves on the dorsal side.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Rajasthan Day is celebrated on 30th March every year on which the state Rajasthan came into existence as it was previously known as Rajputana. On 30th March 1949, the state was formed.

Odisha celebrates its Foundation day on 1st April every year to commemorate the sacrifices of people for the formation of Odisha province in 1936. The Odisha Day is also known as “Utkal Divas”.

World Autism Awareness Day – April 2

Theme 2019: “Assistive Technologies, Active Participation.”

International Children’s Book Day - April 2

International Mine Awareness Day – April 4

Theme 2019: “United nations promotes SDGs –Safe Ground –Safe Home”.

National Maritime Day – April 5

To commemorate the maiden voyage of the first Indian owned ship “SS Loyalty” sailed from Bombay to London on 5th April 1919. This year is it is 55th edition of NMD. The NMD is being observed annually since 1964.

Theme 2019: “Indian Ocean-An Ocean of opportunity”.

International Day of sport for development and peace - April 6

World Health Day - April 7

Theme 2019: Universal Health Coverage: Everyone, Everywhere.

WHO started on April 7, 1948. HQ @ Geneva, Switzerland.

National Handloom week - 7th April to 14th April

The national handloom day observed on 7th August every year.

World Homeopathy Day - April 10

The World Homoeopathy Day is observed to commemorate the birth anniversary of the founder of Homoeopathy, Dr. Christian Fredrich Samuel Hahnemann.

National Safe Motherhood Day - April 11

Theme 2019: “Midwives for Mothers”

Jallianwala Bagh Massacre (100th anniversary) - April 13

Ambedkar Jayanthi - April 14

National Dolphin Day - April 14

Himachal Day - April 15

On the 15th April Chief Commission inaugurated this territory and after that this day was celebrated as ‘Himachal Day’ every year. On 25th January 1971, it became the 18th state of the country.

World Hemophilia Day - April 17

Theme 2019 – “Outreach and Identification”

World Heritage Day - April 18 (Since 1983)

Theme 2019 - “Rural Landscapes”

World Liver day - April 19

National Civil Services Day - April 21 (Since 2006)

World Earth Day - April 22

Theme 2019 - ‘Protect our Species’

World Book and copyright Day - April 23

2018 – World Book Capital – Athens, Greece.

2019 - World Book Capital - Sharjah, UAE.

2020 - World Book Capital - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

World Immunization Week - 24th April to 30th April

Theme 2019: Vaccines Work

National Panchayati Raj Diwas – April 24.

The first National Panchayati Raj Day was celebrated in 2010.

World Malaria Day - April 25

Theme 2019 - Zero malaria starts with me

World Intellectual Property Day - April 26

Theme 2019 - “Reach for Gold: IP and Sports”.

South Africa Freedom Day – April 27

It celebrates freedom and commemorates the first post-apartheid elections held on that day in 1994.

World Day for Safety and Health at Work – April 28

Theme 2019: “Safety and health and future of work”

International Dance Day - April 29

Theme 2019 - “Dance and Spirituality”

Ayushman Bharat Diwas - April 29