



Monthly Current Affair of December, 2019 in English

01-12-2019

The Jammu and Kashmir government has set a September 2024 deadline to start operations on the 9,590 crore metro project for twin cities of Jammu and Srinagar.

The government announced extending the date to December 15 for making FASTag mandatory for toll payments on national highways.

India has announced a line of credit of \$400 million for development projects in Sri Lanka and a \$50 million fund to fight terrorism.

The government has said it will make hallmarking of gold jewellery and artefacts mandatory from January 15.

Zurich Airport will build and manage Delhi's second international airport in Jewar under a 40-year concession.

India's economic growth slipped further to hit an over six-year low of 4.5 per cent in July-September, according to official data released.

Yasuhiro Nakasone, one of Japan's longest-reigning Prime Ministers, has passed away at the age of 101.

India will set up 12 hi-tech parks in Bangladesh at a cost of \$193 million.



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Steve Smith became the fastest man to score 7,000 Test runs, shattering a record that had stood since 1946, while moving past Donald Bradman to become Australia's 11th highest scorer.

The Indian Navy has commissioned its sixth Dornier aircraft squadron in strategically located Porbandar town of Gujarat, giving a fillip to coastal security near the sea border with Pakistan.

A French-Lebanese engineer Hadi Zablit has been chosen as secretary general of the Renault-Nissan-Mitsubishi auto alliance.

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David Warner became the seventh Australian batsman to smash a Test triple hundred, achieving the feat against Pakistan on the second day of Adelaide pink-ball Test.

Karnataka pacer Abhimanyu Mithun has become the first Indian to take 5 wickets in an over in a T20 match.

Eminent Malayalam poet Akkitham has been chosen for the 55th Jnanpith Award, according to an announcement by the Jnanpith Selection Board.

The fish species, that has a scientific name *Schistura syngkai*, was discovered at Twahdidoh stream, a tributary of Wahblei river, by a team of scientists led by Prof Khlur Mukhim of Shillong's Lady Keane College.



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The first night trial of the nuclear-capable Agni-III surface-to-surface ballistic missile was carried out from a mobile launcher at the Integrated Test Range at the APJ Abdul Kalam Island off Odisha coast.

Jadavpur University has topped the list of state-run universities in the country, according to a latest ranking and secured the 11th spot among Indian higher educational institutes.

India has become the first country to make the entire Haj 2020 process 100 percent digital.

Senior Indian Ordnance Factories' Service Officer (IOFS) Hari Mohan took over as the new chairman of the city-headquartered Ordnance Factory Board (OFB).

National Security Advisor Ajit Doval was awarded the honorary doctorate degree at the convocation ceremony of the Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University in Srinagar, Uttarakhand

Saudi Arabia became the first Arab nation to take over the G20 presidency

Karnataka defeated Tamil Nadu by 1 run in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy final to become domestic T20 champions for the second straight time.

Incumbent Namibian President Hage Geingob has won a second term after securing 56.3 per cent votes in the recently concluded elections.

Former Finance Minister Arun Jaitley was conferred posthumously the Lifetime Achievement award for Public Service at the Economic Times Award 2019.



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Crisil Rating sharply revised India's growth outlook for fiscal 2020 to 5.1 per cent from 6.3 per cent, citing a dip in fixed investment, weak private consumption growth, weak growth in tax collections and industrial production among others.

Sub-lieutenant Shivangi became the first woman pilot for the Indian Navy.

The Centre launched a nationwide vaccination drive to prevent eight diseases under the Intensified Mission Indradhanush 2.0 across the country.

India and Sweden ink 3 agreements in the fields of polar research, science and technology and sea-faring.

India announced their 15-member squad for the 2020 Under-19 World Cup that will be held in South Africa in January-February 2020.

Japan agreed to buy uninhabited Mageshima island, around 30 kilometres off southwestern coast, for \$146 million from a developer to conduct military drills with the US.

Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping oversaw launch of the first gas pipeline linking the two countries.

Nepal Women spinner Anjali Chand has set the world record for the best bowling figures in T20I cricket (men and women), achieving the feat against Maldives Women.

The Meghalaya Cabinet approved the state lottery rules for conducting lottery in the state which will help the state government generate revenues.

The Ministry of Corporates Affairs launched the databank of independent directors with an aim to strengthen the institution of independent directors under the Companies Act.



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New Zealand cricket team has been awarded the MCC's Christopher Martin-Jenkins (CMJ) Spirit of Cricket Award 2019 for their "sporting conduct" in ICC Men's World Cup 2019 final.

Barcelona forward Lionel Messi has won the Ballon d'Or award for the world's best player for a record sixth time.

Government has launched the 4th round of Regional Connectivity Scheme - UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik) to further enhance the connectivity to remote and regional areas of the country.

Uttar Pradesh government has decided to provide 25 per cent subsidy and 100 per cent stamp duty waiver for setting up defence industry in the state.

48 Universities and Higher Educational Institutions have been given the 3rd Swachhata Ranking Awards at a function in New Delhi.

The Global Migration Film Festival (GMFF) was organised in Dhaka.

Uttar Pradesh batsman Priyam Garg will lead defending champions India in next year's Under-19 ICC Cricket World Cup to be held in South Africa.

Google CEO Sundar Pichai will take over as CEO of the parent company Alphabet in addition to his current role.

North Korea's leader Kim Jong-un has unveiled a new city Samjiyon that's been dubbed the "epitome of modern civilisation".

New Zealand's Ross Taylor became only the second New Zealand cricketer to reach 7,000 Test runs after crossing the mark in the second Test against England.



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Maldivian President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih jointly inaugurated four key development projects covering a wide range of sectors through video conferencing.

Former England captain Bob Willis has died at the age of 70.

India captain Virat Kohli regained the top spot in the International Cricket Council's (ICC) Test rankings in batting.

The Union Cabinet approved a proposal to extend reservation for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) in the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies for another 10 years.

State-owned MMTC has further contracted four thousand tonnes of onions from Turkey which is expected to arrive by mid-January next year.

Indian Super League team Chennaiyin FC appointed former Burnley and Bolton Wanderers manager Owen Coyle as the new head coach till the end of the season.

India has ranked 73rd out of 152 countries listed in a business-to-consumer e-commerce index by the UN, which measures an economy's preparedness to support online shopping.

The Union Cabinet approved the launch of India's first debt exchange-traded fund, called the Bharat Bond ETF, comprising bonds of state-run companies and other government entities.

Seasoned South African Mickey Arthur is set to take over as Sri Lanka's new national cricket coach on a two-year contract with Grant Flower and David Sekar as his support staff.



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The Reserve Bank of India has increased the limits imposed on peer-to-peer lenders to 50 lakh, in a major relief to the fledgling sector. The limit is the total amount of money any investor can invest across all P2P platforms.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in its fifth bi-monthly Monetary Policy has kept the policy repo rate unchanged at 5.15 per cent.

Union Home Ministry has sanctioned a sum 100 crore rupees from Nirbhaya Fund for setting up and strengthening of Women Help Desks in Police Stations.

Actress Priyanka Chopra, who is UNICEF's Goodwill Ambassador, was honoured with the Danny Kaye Humanitarian Award at the organisation's Snowflake Ball in New York.

The Global Climate Risk Index 2020 released by environmental think tank Germanwatch ranked India the fifth most vulnerable nation to climate change.

Ajay Mehra and late Rakesh Sanghi, were honoured at a function organised by Punjab Cricket Association.

Priyanka Chopra Jonas is at the number one position in IMDB's "Top 10 Stars of Indian Cinema and Television" list.

Wipro Limited, a leading information technology announced the launch of its Cyber Defence Centre (CDC) in Melbourne, Australia.



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In a bid to promote digital transactions, Reserve Bank has said that round-the-clock transactions will be allowed under the National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) system from December 16.

OPEC group of oil-producing countries and their allies, including Russia, have decided to cut oil production by 500,000 barrels per day.

Former India table tennis head coach Bhawani Mukherji died. He was 68.

Shashini Puvi from Karnataka has won the coveted gold medal in the recently held National Schools Chess Championship in Aurangabad.

Aberdeen Police station in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands ranks first in the list of the best-performing police stations in the country while dealing with a property offence, a crime against women and weaker sections.

Cricket South Africa (CSA) Board suspended CEO Thabang Moroe on allegations of misconduct.

India men's hockey captain Manpreet Singh has been nominated by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) for its Player of the Year award.

A UK-based global market research company Euromonitor International has named seven Indian cities in its recent Top 100 City Destinations 2019 report.

The Asian Development Bank has approved an emergency loan worth \$1 billion for Pakistan.

India is the fifth-worst country in terms of privacy of biometric data collected by the government, said a report by UK tech research firm Comparitech.



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In just over a year of its unveiling, the Statue of Unity has surpassed the footfall at the 133-year-old Statue of Liberty in the US, with an average of over 15,000 tourists visiting the monument in Gujarat daily.

Ron Leibman, who played the father of Jennifer Aniston's character in 'Friends', passed away at the age of 82.

The Prime Minister inaugurated the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund raising in Pune. Flag Day function was organized by the Maharashtra State Sainik Kalyan Board at Raj Bhavan.

In order to accelerate artificial intelligence (AI) research in Japan, SoftBank Founder Masayoshi Son announced a partnership with the University of Tokyo to establish the 'Beyond AI Institute'.

Around 1 lakh temporary workers lost their jobs in the auto component industry between October 2018 and July 2019, the Automotive Component Manufacturers Association said.

Team India captain Virat Kohli smashed his highest score in T20I cricket after scoring an unbeaten 94 off 50 deliveries against West Indies.

The eighth edition of the India-China joint training exercise - "Hand-in-Hand 2019" commenced at Umroi in Meghalaya.

Former bureaucrat Girish Chandra Chaturvedi has been appointed as the Chairman of the governing board of the NSE.



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Satnam Singh Bhamara, the first Indian player to be drafted into an NBA team in 2015, has been provisionally suspended by the National Anti-Doping Agency after he failed a dope test last month.

Zozibini Tunzi from South Africa has been crowned Miss Universe 2019 at the finale which was held in Atlanta, Georgia, US.

Dockless scooter rental startup Flyy has partnered with Chennai Metro Rail to offer e-scooter rental services at stations at 1 per minute.

The Delhi government introduced a booklet on the life and works of B R Ambedkar in the curriculum for classes 6 to 8.

Former world number one Caroline Wozniacki will retire after the Australian Open 2020.

A 100-crore startup fund was announced for boosting MSMEs and entrepreneurship by Punjab CM Captain Amarinder Singh.

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has inaugurated Gurgaon's ambitious Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC).

In Karnataka, Human Library, a concept which seeks to replace books with humans, was held in the City of Palaces, Mysuru.

Former Odisha Minister Bhagabat Prasad Mohanty passed away. He was 93.

America's 21-year-old rapper Jarad Anthony Higgins, known professionally as Juice Wrld, died.



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Lok Sabha has passed the Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2019 after a marathon discussion and division. In all, 311 members voted in favour of the bill and 80 members opposed it.

The Uttar Pradesh government has decided to set up 218 fast track courts to hear rape cases and crimes against children.

The World Anti-Doping Agency, WADA, banned Russia for four years, from participation in global sporting events, including the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

Worldwide arms sales rose by nearly 5 per cent in 2018. According to a new report by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), the market is dominated by the United States.

Indian shooters Elavenil Valarivan, Saurabh Chaudhary and Divyansh Singh Panwar were presented the Golden Target award by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) at its headquarters in Munich, Germany.

Super 30 Founder Anand Kumar has been invited at a function on the eve of India's Republic Day celebrations in New York in January.

The European Union confirmed that it will no longer permit sales of the widely-used insecticide chlorpyrifos after January 31, 2020.

Paul Volcker, the former Federal Reserve Chairman who helped tame inflation in the 1980s and carried out Wall Street reforms amid the global financial crisis, died at the age of 92.

Veteran opener Wasim Jaffer on December 9 became the first player in Indian cricket to feature in 150 Ranji matches.



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Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched its radar imaging earth observation satellite, RISAT-2BR1 and nine foreign satellites. RISAT-2BR1 will be launched through Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle, PSLV-C48 from Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.

Suniel Shetty has been appointed as the brand ambassador of National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) in New Delhi.

Lily Thomas, the senior most female lawyer of the Supreme Court, passed away aged 91.

Aramco became the world's most valuable listed company at \$1.9 trillion, nearly \$700 billion more than Apple.

Narendra Modi and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi are among the most tweeted about male politicians in India in 2019, according to a list released by Twitter.

Group Chairman and BJP MLA Mangal Prabhat Lodha topped the GROHE Hurun India Real Estate Rich List 2019 with a wealth of 31,960 crore.

12th-century Hindu temple in Cambodia, is the world's largest religious monument, encompassing an area of 402 acres.

climbed one spot to 129 among 189 countries in the 2019 human development index, according to a report released by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).



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Greta Thunberg, the Swedish teenager who became the voice of conscience for a generation facing the climate change emergency, was announced as TIME magazine's 2019 Person of the Year.

The Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2019 has been passed by the Parliament, with the Rajya Sabha approving it. 125 members supported the legislation while 105 opposed it.

The Union Cabinet approved the introduction of the Aircraft (Amendment) Bill, 2019 for carrying out the amendments to the Aircraft Act, 1934.

Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman was the most searched personality on Google India in 2019.

India defeated West Indies in the third T20I in Mumbai to clinch the three-match series 2-1. With this, India recorded their seventh straight series win over West Indies across formats.

Former South African captain Graeme Smith has been appointed Cricket South Africa's director of cricket on an interim basis.

Former India cricket captain Sunil Gavaskar has bought a stake in Mumbai-based board games startup Binca Games .

Commonwealth Games 2018 bronze medallist shooter Ravi Kumar has been banned for two years by the National Anti-Doping Agency for failing a dope test in July.

The Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) reappointed senior player Asghar Afghan as the national team's captain across all the three formats of the game.

LinkedIn released its list of 20 ideas expected to change the world in 2020.

Paytm Founder Vijay Shekhar Sharma has resigned as the Director of Paytm Financial Services.



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Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries Limited-owned Reliance Strategic Business Ventures Limited (RSBVL) has acquired 85% stake in Hyderabad-based SaaS platform NowFloats for ₹141.63 crore.

President Ram Nath Kovind has given his assent to the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019, turning it into an Act.

Chennai-based commercial vehicle manufacturer Ashok Leyland appointed Vipin Sondhi as its Managing Director and CEO for a period of five years.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel has topped Forbes' list of The World's 100 Most Powerful Women for the ninth straight year.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, ranked at 34, is among the 23 newcomers in the Forbes' 2019 list of World's 100 Most Powerful Women.

India's retail inflation accelerated to a 40-month high of 5.54% in November due to high food prices, compared to 4.62% in October, government data showed.

Former AC Milan coach and player Gennaro Gattuso has been named Italian club Napoli's new manager.

Bank of Baroda has signed a share purchase agreement (SPA) with ANSA Merchant Bank to sell its Trinidad and Tobago subsidiary, aiming to rationalise international operations.



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All-rounder Dwayne Bravo, who won T20 World Cup in 2012 and 2016 with West Indies and announced his retirement in October last year, has announced his return to international cricket.

Former wicketkeeper Mark Boucher is set to be the interim coach of the South Africa cricket team.

Reliance Industries' subsidiary Reliance Strategic Business Ventures (RSBVL) has acquired a 51.78% stake in Asteria Aerospace for 23.12 crore.

Jharkhand created history after becoming the first team in the history of Ranji Trophy to win a match after being forced to follow-on.

Pakistan Cricket Board has appointed former leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed as their spin bowling consultant for one year.

Telugu film and theatre personality Gollapudi Maruti Rao passed away in Chennai. He was 80.

India and Indonesia resolved to strengthen cooperation in areas of defence and security, connectivity and trade.

Former Prime Minister Abdelmadjid Tebboune has been elected as Algeria's new president after a contentious election denounced by the country's protest movement.



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Advocate Pratibha Jain has received the 'Woman Lawyer of the Year Award, 2019' in the Law Firm category for being an innovative and impactful leader in the legal profession in India. Additional Solicitor General Madhavi Jain has also won the award in the individual category.

Indian-American MP Amy Berra has been elected as the Chairperson of the Asia, Pacific and Nuclear Non-Proliferation Sub-Committee of the US Parliament (Congress).

The Rajasthan government has announced state-level Export Awards under which 30 exporters in various categories have been selected.

Pakistan and the World Bank has signed a project agreement worth \$406.6 million for financing the Khyber Pass Economic Corridor (KPEC) project with an aim to promote economic development.

Zuari Agro Chemicals said its Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Samrat Sen has resigned.

'Mind Master', the book written by five-time world champion Viswanathan Anand was released at a glittering function.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the first meeting of the National Council for Ganga and reviewed the progress of the Namami Gange project aimed at cleaning river Ganga.

The state Cabinet, headed by Chief Minister, Y. S. Jaganmohan Reddy has approved to enact the new law, Andhra Pradesh Disha Act, Andhra Pradesh Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2019 and Andhra Pradesh Special Court for Specified Offences against Women and Children Act- 2019.



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AirAsia India has appointed Ankur Garg as its Chief Commercial Officer (CCO) to manage operations related to network and revenue management, marketing and sales, and cargo.

Jamaica's Toni-Ann Singh was crowned as Miss World 2019 on December 14.

Rajasthan's Suman Rao, who had represented India at the Miss World 2019 beauty pageant, was crowned Miss World Asia.

In a unique approach, the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) has started a dedicated matrimonial site for its staff.

Sarpreet Singh became the first Indian origin player to play in the Bundesliga when he made his Bayern Munich debut against Werder Bremen.

Volkswagen Group and Qatar have agreed to develop a public transit system of autonomous shuttles and buses by 2022 for the capital city of Doha.

The IT Department said that it's mandatory for individuals to link PAN with Aadhaar by December 31.

Australian opener David Warner became the 12th Australian cricketer to go past the 7,000-run-mark in Test cricket.



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Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in partnership with Wipro 3D has created India's first metal additive 3D printing machine which will work on selective electron beam melting technology.

Lt Gen Manoj Mukund Naravane will be the next Chief of Army Staff.

Team India captain Virat Kohli has retained the top spot in the latest ICC Test rankings for batsmen.

Three iconic products from Apple have made it to the Time magazine's most significant 10 gadgets' of the decade list. These are: Apple iPad (2010), Apple Watch (2015) and AirPods (2016).

Intel has acquired Israel-based artificial intelligence firm Habana Labs for about \$2 billion.

Reliance Industries ended state-owned Indian Oil Corporation's (IOC) 10-year reign as India's largest company, topping the Fortune India 500 list.

Danish-French veteran actress-singer Anna Karina, who became a symbol of French New Wave film movement, passed away in Paris at the age of 79.

Chuy Bravo, who found fame as the on-screen sidekick to comedian Chelsea Handler, has died at the age of 63.



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Pannalal Chatterjee, who is considered one of the biggest fans of football in India, passed away at the age of 86. Chatterjee and his wife Chaitali have been ardent fans of the game and have travelled for 10 editions of the FIFA World Cup.

India successfully conducted a developmental trial of the land-attack version of BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from Chandipur Integrated Test Range, off Odisha coast.

Veteran actor Shriram Lagoo passed away in Pune. He was 92.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres announced the appointment of Agnes Kalibata of Rwanda as his Special Envoy for the 2021 Food Systems Summit.

Australian all-rounder Ellyse Perry has been named ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year for the second time in three years.

Roy Jorgen Svenningsen, an 84-year-old Canadian national, has become the oldest person ever to complete the Antarctic Ice Marathon.

Shuttler Lakshya Sen has jumped nine places to achieve his career-best ranking of world number 32 in the latest BWF rankings.

Indian Railways has installed over 2,600 Mobile Satellite Service (MSS) terminals on locomotives under Phase-1 of its train tracking system Real Time Train Information System (RTIS) for punctuality.

Facebook was the most downloaded app of this decade, as per data by app analytics firm App Annie. Following Facebook were three apps owned by it, namely Facebook Messenger, WhatsApp and Instagram.

According to Forbes' Real Time Billionaire rankings, Bernard Arnault, Chief Executive Officer of French luxury conglomerate LVMH, claimed the title of the richest man on Earth with a net worth of \$109.6 billion, for a brief period from Xichang Satellite Launch Center in Sichuan Province.



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India, US signed industrial security agreement for transfer of defence technology.

The Goods and Services Tax or GST Council has fixed a uniform tax rate of 28 per cent on both state-run and private lottery. It also decided to rationalise the GST rate on woven and non-woven bags to 18 per cent.

The Government has announced 436 crore rupees outlay for skilling four lakh professionals in artificial intelligence, blockchain, and cybersecurity areas over the next three years.

Budget carrier IndiGo has become the first domestic carrier to operate 1,500 flights per day.

India opener Smriti Mandhana was named in both the International Cricket Council's ODI and T20 teams of the year, capping off a memorable season.

The European Parliament awarded its 2019 Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought to outspoken Uighur intellectual Ilham Tohti, who is in prison in China and was unable to attend the ceremony.

India's left-arm wrist-spinner Kuldeep Yadav became the first Indian bowler to take two hat-tricks in ODIs.

Legendary all-rounder Jacques Kallis was appointed as South Africa's batting consultant for the entire duration of their home summer.



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India had successfully test-fired two missiles from Chandipur in Odisha. The upgraded version of Pinaka guided rocket system was test-fired from the DRDO's Proof and Experimental Establishment firing test range.

Portuguese Prime Minister, Antonio Costa has announced that in order to help perpetuate Mahatma Gandhi's ideals, Portugal will be launching a Gandhi Citizenship Education Prize, each year inspired by his different thoughts and quotes.

Pat Cummins became the the most expensive foreign buy ever in the Indian Premier League (IPL) players' auction when two-time former champions Kolkata Knight Riders shelled out a whopping Rs 15.50 crore for the lead Australian pacer.

The Indian men's football team remained static at 108th spot in the year-ending FIFA rankings issued on Dec 19.

Pratt & Whitney (P&W) has appointed Ashmita Sethi as their new Managing Director for India.

HDFC Bank became only the third Indian company to cross \$100 billion in market capitalisation.

Actor Akshay Kumar, with 293.2 crore earnings in 2019, has bagged the second position in the Forbes India Celebrity 100 list.

William Charles 'Charlie' McMillian, a seven-month-old baby, has been made an honorary Mayor of Whitehall, Texas.



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OYO Hotels & Homes has appointed Ankit Gupta as chief operating officer and senior vice president for its coliving, rental homes and self-operated hotel businesses in Indian and South Asia.

Former world champion, weightlifter Saikhom Mirabai Chanu won the women's 49kg category gold medal at the 6th Qatar International Cup in Doha.

Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Ministry has finalized a plan for setting up 500 skill hubs and labs in government schools.

Former Kerala Minister and Kuttanad MLA, Thomas Chandy, passed away at the age of 72.

Sweden defeated India 4-0 in the three-nation U-17 Women's Football Tournament final in Mumbai.

Spaniard Rafael Nadal and Australian Ashleigh Barty have been named International Tennis Federation's (ITF) World Champions for 2019.

Himachal Pradesh's Zeena Khitta has won gold in women's 10m Air Rifle event at the 63rd National Shooting Championship.

Rating agency Fitch cut India's GDP growth forecast for the fiscal year ended March 2020 to 4.6% from 5.5% it projected earlier.



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Left-arm Indian spinner Radha Yadav was static at the second spot but compatriots Deepti Sharma and Poonam Yadav slipped a place each to the fifth and sixth positions in the latest ICC Women's T20I players rankings.

Pakistan opener Abid Ali joined the elite club of batsmen who have hit hundreds in consecutive matches in his first two Tests.

Fazle Hasan Abed, the founder of the Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC), one of the world's largest NGOs, has died in Dhaka aged 83.

Government has decided to organize hundred Hunar Haat across the country in the next five years. These Haat aim to provide market exposure and employment opportunities to artisans, craftsmen and traditional culinary experts.

British luxury automaker Rolls-Royce unveiled its single-seater electric plane, which it hopes will fly in late spring next year.

Ethiopia launched its first-ever satellite into space successfully, making it the 11th African country to have a satellite in space.

Department of Telecommunications has approved the use of very small aperture terminal (VSAT) to improve internet connectivity for soldiers posted in remote locations.

Alia Bhatt and Ranveer Singh starrer 'Gully Boy' has been named as the most tweeted Hindi movie of 2019, according to #ThisHappened 2019 Twitter report.



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Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu given away the 66th National Film Awards at a function in New Delhi. Gujarati movie Hellaro was awarded the best feature film.

President Ram Nath Kovind released the mobile app of the Red Cross Society of India in Hyderabad.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar co-chaired the 19th Joint Commission meeting with Foreign Minister of Iran in Tehran.

The Govt. of India has constructed Girls' Hostel for Nepal Armed Police Force School, Kirtipur.

India's shuttler Maisnam Meiraba Luwang has won the Men's singles Bangladesh Junior International Badminton Series 2019 in Dhaka.

The Centre has approved the building and installation of 11 new supercomputers in research institutes across India under the next phase of the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM).

India's Rohit Sharma broke Sanath Jayasuriya's 22-year-old record for most runs in a calendar year by an opener across formats.

Randy Suess, a computer hobbyist who helped build the first online bulletin board, anticipating the rise of the internet, messaging apps and social media, died on Dec. 10 in Chicago. He was 74.

Indian-American Dr. Monisha Ghosh has become the first woman to be appointed as the Chief Technology Officer (CTO) at US' Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and will take charge on January 13.

Payments provider Razorpay has named former American Express India Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Arpit Chug as its new CFO.



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The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully flight-tested indigenously developed Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile (QRSAM) system from Chandipur off the Odisha coast.

Harsh Vardhan Shringla, India's Ambassador to the US, has been appointed as the new Foreign Secretary.

Indian Railways has decided to modernize its Signalling system on its entire network by implementing Modern Train Control system.

The Income Tax Department has said that it will be mandatory to link Permanent Account Number (PAN) with Aadhaar by the end of this month.

Indian weightlifter Rakhi Halder with creating two new national records clinched a bronze medal in the women's 64kg weight category at the Qatar International Cup in Doha.

Mastercard has acquired security assessment startup RiskRecon which helps companies protect their cyber systems and infrastructure.

Seasoned South Africa pacer Vernon Philander will retire from international cricket following the upcoming Test series against England, announced Cricket South Africa.

French fashion designer Emanuel Ungaro passed away in Paris at the age of 86.



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Cash-strapped Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Service (IL&FS) on Tuesday said the government has extended the tenure of its deputy managing director (DMD) Bijay Kumar for one year, effective December 21, 2019.

P R Ravi Mohan has been appointed as the new chairman of Kerala-based ESAF Small Finance Bank.

The Cabinet approved restructuring of the Railway Board by downsizing its strength from eight to five including the chairperson, and merging its different cadres into a single Railway Management System.

The Cabinet Committee on Security approved the report of a high-level committee, headed by National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, which finalised responsibilities and the enabling framework for the CDS.

The Union Cabinet approved funds to the tune of over Rs 8,500 crore for updating the National Population Register.

India skipper Virat Kohli and his limited-overs deputy Rohit Sharma will end 2019 as number one and two in the ICC ODI rankings for batsmen.

In ICC women's Cricket rankings, India's left-arm spinner Radha Yadav was static at the second spot but compatriots Deepti Sharma and Poonam Yadav slipped a place each to the fifth and sixth positions.

The Australian Open says prize money for the first Grand Slam tennis tournament of next year will be increased by 13.6 percent to 71 million Australian dollars (\$49.1 million).



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Indian tennis icon Leander Paes announced that he will bring the curtains down on his illustrious career in 2020, which will be his farewell season on the Pro-circuit.

Rohtang tunnel in Himachal Pradesh named as Atal tunnel on the occasion of 95th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

Union Cabinet approves conduct of Census of India 2021 and updation of National Population Register.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Atal Bhujal Yojana in New Delhi.

Minister of State for Public Grievances and Pensions Dr Jitendra Singh launched Good Governance Index in New Delhi on the occasion of Good Governance Day.

Renowned Hindi author Ganga Prasad Vimal was killed in a road accident in Sri Lanka.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a statue of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee at the Lok Bhawan in Lucknow.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical University in the Uttar Pradesh capital.

Sangita Reddy, Joint Managing Director, Apollo Hospitals Group, has taken over as the President of industry chamber FICCI for 2019-20.



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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman released a postage stamp to commemorate distinguished service and glorious contribution of Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) in protecting the nation.

Indian skipper Virat Kohli has been named in the Cricketers of the decade list alongside four others by the Wisden Cricketers' Almanac.

Afghanistan spinner Mujeeb Ur Rahman has become the youngest bowler in history to take 100 wickets in T20 cricket.

Leading Australia batter Steve Smith achieved yet another milestone by entering the top 10 of the all-time leading run-scorers for his country in Test cricket.

Flipkart Co-founder Sachin Bansal-owned Navi Technologies has acquired Bengaluru-based technology consulting startup MavenHive.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal flagged off 100 standard-floor buses in the capital.

The UN has declared Pakistani education activist and Nobel laureate Malala Yousafzai as "the most famous teenager in the world" in its 'Decade in Review' report.

England pacer Stuart Broad became the second bowler to take 400 Test wickets in this decade.



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A South Korean construction HDC Hyundai Development Company firm signed a deal to acquire Asiana, the country's second-largest airline, which has long been plagued by financial problems.

The iconic MiG-27 was decommissioned from the Indian Air Force at Jodhpur air base.

Aadhaar saturation across the country has now crossed the 125 crore mark.

Noted Economist and Political Analyst S Gurumurthy released a book titled Politics of Opportunism at a function in New Delhi.

The Centre approved construction of 6.5 lakh houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban), taking the total number of houses being funded under the scheme to over one crore.

Indian Overseas Bank will get a fresh capital infusion of Rs 4,360 crore from the government in the current financial year for meeting regulatory requirement.

Vistara has partnered with Tata group company Nelco for inflight data services, which are expected to be rolled by the full service carrier shortly.

Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu dedicated the LPG bottling plant at Balangir in Odisha to the nation.



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The country's first university for transgender community will be opened in Uttar Pradesh's Kushinagar district to facilitate its members to study right from class one to PG and even do research and get PhD degree.

Goa spinner Shadab Jakati, who also played in the cash-rich Indian Premier League, retired from all forms of cricket.

Former India captain and member of the 1983 World Cup - winning team Krishnamachari Srikkanth will be the recipient of this year's prestigious CK Nayudu Lifetime Award given by the BCCI.

Former Asian silver medallist boxer Sumit Sangwan was handed a one-year ban by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) for failing a dope test.

China launched its heaviest and most advanced communications satellite on the country's largest new carrier rocket Long March-5 that will lay the foundation for the development of highly sensitive space probes.

India ranks 47th in the world in terms of appreciation in housing prices as rates grew by only 0.6 per cent during July-September quarter over the year-ago period on slow demand, global property consultant Knight Frank said.

Seven-time Olympic medallist and nine-time World Champion, Americangymnast Shannon Miller was named the international event ambassador for the 17th edition of Tata Mumbai Marathon. The marathon will be held in the city on January 19.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched a mobile application to assist visitors who will visit DefExpo 2020, the 11th edition of biennial mega defence exhibition, in Lucknow at February next year.

Russia deployed its first regiment of hypersonic nuclear-capable missiles.

Allee Willis, a Grammy-winning and Emmy-nominated songwriter who helped compose the theme song for the sitcom Friends, has died aged 72.



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India is expected to overtake Germany to become fourth-largest economy in 2026 and Japan to become third largest in 2034, according to a recent report by the UK-based Centre for Economics and Business Research (CEBR).

Veteran actor Amitabh Bachchan was presented the Dadasaheb Phalke award by President Ram Nath Kovind at Rashtrapati Bhawan.

Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, JMM leader Hemant Soren took oath as the 11th Chief Minister of the state.

Vishweshwara Theertha Swami of Pejawara mutt passed away in the coastal town of Udupi in Karnataka.

Indian grandmaster Koneru Humpy has become the 2019 Women's World Rapid Champion.

The world's oldest rhino, Fausta, passed away at the age of 57 in Tanzania.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has launched 'eBkay', an online common platform for the auction of assets attached by public sector banks (PSBs).

Leg-endar-y for-mer West In-dies cap-tain Clive Lloyd, along with for-mer Windies bat-ting star Gor-don Greenidge, have been award-ed Knight-hoods in the Queen's New Year Ho-n-ours list.