



## Monthly Current Affair of January, 2020 in English

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### 01-01-2020

Government has launched a web portal for Delhi, Noida, Gurugram and Ghaziabad residents to request tracing and blocking stolen and lost phones.

Indian Army Chief General Bipin Rawat has been appointed the country's first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS).

India has improved its composite score from 57 in 2018 to 60 in the Sustainable Development Goals Index 2019-20.

Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the 87th Sivagiri pilgrimage meeting in Sivagiri Theerthadana Mutt in Kerala.

Nagaland Legislative Assembly Speaker Vikho-o Yhoshü passed away in Mumbai. He was 69.

South Africa beat India by five wickets in the third and final Under-19 Youth ODI at the Buffalo Park in East London.

Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has launched the torch relay of the Third Khelo India Youth Games to be held in Guwahati from 10th to 22nd of next month.

Former East Bengal and Mohun Bagan defender Radhakrishnan Dhanarajan died while playing a 'Sevens' football match at Perinthalmanna in Malappuram.

Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) extended the deadline for linking PAN with Aadhaar card from December 31, 2019, to March 31, 2020.



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**02-01-2020**

Kerala and Uttar Pradesh assemblies have approved the extension of reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies for 10 more years.

General Manoj Mukund Naravane took charge as the 28th Chief of Army Staff succeeding General Bipin Rawat.

The Railways has renamed its security force Railway Protection Force (RPF) as Indian Railway Protection Force Service.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman unveiled a report by a high-level task force which recommended 102 lakh crore spending on infrastructure.

Flipkart partnered with the government's Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) to support self-help groups (SHGs) and bring their products online.

Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries has entered the e-commerce segment with the pilot launch of its e-tail platform JioMart in some parts of Mumbai.

In a bid to reduce the vehicular pollution, Rajasthan Transport Department will observe a 'No Vehicle Day' on the first working day of every month.



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**03-01-2020**

As per the biennial report of the Forest Survey of India, Jammu and Kashmir has figured among the top five states of the country in terms of increase in its forest cover area over the past two years which is a significant achievement in forest conservation.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 107th National Science Congress in the University of Agricultural Sciences in Bengaluru.

Indian Space Research Organisation will establish a second launch port in Thoothukodi district of Tamilnadu for small satellite launch vehicles.

ISRO Chairman Dr. K Sivan has announced that four Air Force Personnel have been identified for India's first manned mission Gaganyaan.

The Reserve Bank of India launched the MANI (Mobile Aided Note Identifier) mobile app to help visually-impaired people identify the denomination of currency notes.

The Pacific nation of Palau has become the world's first country to ban toxic sunscreen products in an effort to protect its coral reefs.

Australia pacer Ben Laughlin has become the first bowler to take 100 wickets in the Big Bash League (BBL).

Former India fielding coach Trevor Penney has been appointed as the assistant coach of West Indies cricket team for limited-overs formats.



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**04-01-2020**

The Indian Railways has integrated its helpline numbers into a single number - 139 for quick grievance redressal and enquiries by passengers during their train journeys.

Paint manufacturer Shalimar Paints announced appointment of Ashok Gupta as its Managing Director.

India will host the 36th International Geological Congress, aimed at the development of Earth Sciences, in the National Capital Region (NCR) from March 2-8.

Global healthcare firm Novo Nordisk has appointed Vikrant Shrotriya as Managing Director and Corporate Vice President for India business.

The chief of Delhi AIIMS' ENT head-neck surgery department, Professor Suresh Chandra Sharma, was appointed the first chairman of National Medical Commission.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated five Young Scientists Laboratories of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) launched free high-speed WiFi services in train coaches on its Airport Express Line.

State-owned engineering and construction firm Ircon International Ltd has entered into a pact with BEML to explore and address opportunities in the overseas market.



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**05-01-2020**

In Table Tennis, Young Indian paddler Manav Thakkar has become world No. One in the latest International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) rankings in the Under-21 men's singles category.

India's largest private port operator Adani Ports has agreed to buy a 75% stake in Krishnapatnam Port for an enterprise value of 13,572 crore.

Union Minister Prakash Javadekar said the government has given its nod for setting up of 2,636 electric vehicle charging stations in 62 cities across 24 states and union territories under the FAME India scheme.

China's Segway-Ninebot Group unveiled a self-balancing transportation pod, called the S-Pod, which allows one to sit while navigating around enclosed campuses.

The Chinese paddlefish, one of the world's biggest freshwater fish species, growing up to 7 metres long, has been declared extinct by scientists.

Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei named the Deputy Head of the Revolutionary Guards' foreign operations arm Esmail Qaani to replace Qasem Soleimani as its commander.

The Spanish city of Barcelona has restricted the use of



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**06-01-2020**

The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) opened its first silk processing plant at Surendranagar in Gujarat which would help cut down the cost of production of silk yarn and increase availability of raw material used in production of Patola sarees locally.

Former secretary of state Hillary Clinton has been appointed chancellor of Queen's University in Belfast.

Sahitya Akademi Award-winning writer and former Assam Director General of Police, Kuladhar Saikia has been elected as the president of Asom Sahitya Sabha, the apex literary body of Assam.

Ministry of Development of Noth East Region-DoNER has given approval for setting up of First Bamboo Industrial Park at Manderdisa in Dima Hasao District of Assam.

Centenarian freedom fighter Bhim Chandra Jana has died in West Bengal's Howrah district. He was 107.

Adani Group's port developing arm Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone will acquire 75 per cent stake in Krishnapatnam Port Company.

Cricketer Rohit Sharma laid foundation stone for an international cricket stadium and training centre at Heartfulness Institute headquarters in Hyderabad.

Paul Hector Pandian, AIADMK leader and former Speaker of Tamil Nadu Assembly passed away in Chennai.



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**07-01-2020**

Investments in Indian tech-enabled start-ups grew 18 per cent to \$14 billion (about Rs 99,400 crore) in 2019, with Delhi-NCR and Bengaluru accounting for a lion's share of the funds, a report by research and consulting firm HexGn said.

Actor Rami Youssef took home his first Golden Globe at the 77th Golden Globe Awards ceremony for his role in the series "Ramy".

New Zealand's Leo Carter scripted history as he became only the seventh batsman ever across formats to smash six sixes in an over.

Actress Priyanka Chopra has attained the fourth spot in Yahoo India's Top 20 Most Searched Personalities of 2019.

Amazon India and the Kishore Biyani-led Future Retail Ltd (FRL) announced long-term agreements to expand the reach of Future Retail stores and consumer brands through the Amazon India marketplace.

Public sector Indian Overseas Bank has received capital infusion of Rs 4,360 crore from the government.

After almost 60 years in showbiz, actor Brian Cox won his first Golden Globe at the 77th annual award ceremony for his work on TV show "Succession".

State-owned Kuwait Petroleum Corp signed a long-term contract with Qatar Petroleum to purchase three million tonnes of liquefied natural gas per year.



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**08-01-2020**

Reserve Bank of India granted in-principle approval to Uttar Pradesh-based Shivalik Mercantile Cooperative Bank Ltd to convert into a small finance bank, becoming the first urban cooperative bank to be granted such nod.

India's P Magesh Chandran won 95th edition of the prestigious Hastings International Chess Congress at Hastings in England.

South Korea has become the eighth country in the world to offer universal high-speed Internet to the whole country.

Common Service Centres (CSC) e-Governance Services India has signed a memorandum of understanding with Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL) for sale of FASTags.

2019 was recorded as the seventh warmest year since 1901, but the heating was substantially lower than the highest warming observed in 2016, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said.

The inaugural edition of Khelo India University Games will be held in Bhubaneswar from February 22 to March 1.

A new, larger headquarters for Turkey's National Intelligence Organization (MIT) was inaugurated in the capital Ankara.

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has approved the issuance of a five-year multi-entry visa for foreign tourists.

Private sector RBL Bank announced the launch of three credit card variants - the Popcorn Credit Card, Monthly Treats Credit Card and World Safari Credit Card - focused primarily towards millennials.

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur launched Himachal MyGov portal which will help strengthening public participation in governance.



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**09-01-2020**

SpaceX launched its third batch of 60 small satellites into orbit atop SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket, part of its plans to construct a giant constellation of thousands which will form a global broadband internet system.

President Ram Nath Kovind laid foundation stone to Lakshadweep's first Super Specialty Hospital at Kavaratti.

According to the first advanced estimates of national income released by the National Statistical Office, The Indian economy is estimated to grow at 5 per cent in 2019-20 as against 6.8 per cent in the previous fiscal.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar conferred the first Antar-rashtriya Yoga Diwas Media Samman to 30 media houses in New Delhi.

In Bihar, Mission Indradhanush 2.0 has been launched for covering low immunization pocket of state. The extensive immunization programme will cover children up to two years of age and all pregnant women.

In Gujarat, the 31st International Kite Festival was launched at the Sabarmati River front in Ahmedabad.

Commissioner Secretary, Industries and Commerce, Manoj Kumar Dwivedi unveiled the logo of first-ever JK Global Investors Summit at Udhog Bhawan, Jammu.

The Uttar Pradesh government sanctioned Rs 234 crore for the Shaheed Ashfaqullah Khan Zoological Garden in Gorakhpur.



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**10-01-2020**

Soumendu Roy, who has worked closely with film maestro Satyajit Ray, will be conferred the lifetime achievement honour at the annual award ceremony of West Bengal Film Journalists Association(WBFJA) to be held on January 12.

Liverpool star Sadio Mane was crowned as Africa's 2019 Player of the Year for the first time at an awards gala in Egypt.

The Government has approved the Viability Gap Funding, VGF of 5 thousand, 559 crore rupees to Indradhanush Gas Grid Limited to build Natural Gas Pipeline Grid covering 8 North Eastern states.

Paytm announced the launch of its all-in-one QR for merchants across the country.

A first-of-its-kind "selfie museum" to promote an interactive photo-friendly social space through art and creativity has been inaugurated in UAE.

India-born author Jasbinder Bilan has bagged a coveted UK children's book award for her debut novel set in the Himalayan territory of her Indian roots and inspired by the special childhood bond with her grandmother.

The Union Cabinet gave its approval to Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed with the UK's Department for International Development for enabling energy self-sufficiency in Indian Railways.

Dhadi folk singer Idu Sharif died at Mani Majra.



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**11-01-2020**

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy on Thursday launched his government's flagship programme 'Amma Vodi' scheme meant to support lakhs of poor and needy mothers to educate their children.

Census India-2021 will begin on 1st of April this year and will end on 30th of September.

Indian-American biochemist Har Gobind Khorana, who won the 1968 Nobel Prize for medicine, was honoured by a Pakistani university, which announced to set up a Research Chair in his name.

India's growth rate is projected to decelerate to 5 per cent in 2019-20 amid enduring financial sector issues, according to a World Bank report, which said the country's GDP was likely to recover to 5.8 per cent in the following financial year.

The Union Cabinet approved government's stake sale in four PSUs in Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited (NINL), namely, MMTC, NMDC, BHEL and MECON.

Justice Dilip B Bhosale has resigned from the post of Lokpal member citing personal reasons.

In latest ICC rankings for Test bowlers, India's Ravichandran Ashwin (9) is the only spinner in the top 10.



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**12-01-2020**

The industrial output grew 1.8 per cent in November last year, turning positive after three months of contraction, on account of growth in the manufacturing sector. According to National Statistical Office data released, the growth in the manufacturing sector was 2.7 per cent.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) and also dedicated National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal to the nation.

The Citizenship (Amendment) Act has come into effect from Jan 10, 2020.

In Cricket, India beat Sri Lanka by 78 runs in the third and final T20 International to win the the three-match series 2-0 in Pune.

Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Council which met under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor G C Murmu accorded sanction to J&K Special Sugar Scheme for Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families.

A day-long Special Session of the Gujarat Assembly concluded with a passage of the motion supporting the 126th Constitution Amendment Bill for extending the tenure of ST/ST reservation for another 10 years.

The Income-Tax Department has launched a 24x7 control room to monitor black money and illegal inducements in poll-bound Delhi.



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**13-01-2020**

Local sources of pollution such as traffic, construction, and domestic heating contribute significantly to the Delhi National Capital Region's high concentrations of harmful air pollutants. The study was conducted by researchers from the University of Surrey in the UK.

India's Virat Kohli became the quickest to reach 11,000 international runs as a captain during the third and final T20 International against Sri Lanka in Pune.

Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Said, who ruled Oman for almost half a century, has died at the age of 79.

India women's hockey captain Rani Rampal has been nominated for the World Games Athlete of the Year 2019 award.

Country's largest public sector bank, State Bank of India has announced a 'residential builder finance with buyer guarantee' (RBBG) scheme. It aims at giving a push to residential sales and improve homebuyers' confidence.

Union Government released the State Energy Efficiency Index 2019, which tracks the progress of Energy Efficiency initiatives in 36 States and Union Territories.

The RBI amended the KYC norms allowing banks and other lending institutions regulated by it to use Video based Customer Identification Process (V-CIP), a move which will help them onboard customers remotely.

Teenager Shafali Verma smashed 89 off 45 balls to power India 'C' to a title triumph in the women's T20 Challenger Trophy with an eight-wicket victory over India 'B'.

Yes Bank's independent director Uttam Prakash Agarwal has resigned citing "serious concerns" on "deteriorating practices" and the state of affairs at the private sector lender.



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**14-01-2020**

Batting legend Sachin Tendulkar has been shortlisted as one of the 20 contenders for the greatest Laureus Sporting Moment 2000-2020 Award. The moment is titled Carried On the Shoulders Of A Nation, a reference to the Indian cricket team's 2011 World Cup triumph.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a sound and light show at the iconic Howrah Bridge from the Millenium Park on the banks of the Ganga.

The naval version of Tejas aircraft made its first landing on the deck of aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya.

India opener K L Rahul retained his sixth position while captain Virat Kohli moved up a place to ninth in the batting chart of the ICC T20I players rankings released.

India's pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah received the prestigious Polly Umrigar Award for his exploits in international cricket in the 2018-19 season.

Cheteshwar Pujara joined a select group of cricketing greats by smashing his 50th first-class century during Saurashtra's Ranji Trophy group B match against Karnataka, in Rajkot.

Lt Col Yuvraj Malik has been appointed the Director of the National Book Trust (NBT).

Haitham bin Tariq, Oman's culture minister and the 65-year-old cousin of late Sultan Qaboos, has been sworn in as the new royal ruler of the country.

Noted Kannada scholar Dr M Chidananda Murthy died in Bengaluru. He was 88.



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**15-01-2020**

Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen declared a landslide victory in election as voters delivered a stunning rebuke of Beijing's campaign to isolate the self-ruled island and handed its first female leader a second term.

Addressing 150th year celebrations of the Kolkata Port Trust, Prime Minister announced the renaming of Kolkata Port as Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Port.

India has imposed anti-subsidy duty for a period of five years on copper wire rods from Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam.

Senior IPS officers Sujit Pandey and Alok Singh will be the first police commissioners of Lucknow and Noida respectively.

Thibaut Courtois proved the hero as Real Madrid beat city rivals Atletico Madrid in a penalty shoot-out in Saudi Arabia to win their 11th Spanish Super Cup.

Joaquin Phoenix won Best Actor for his role in 'Joker' at the 25th Critics' Choice Awards.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated various people centric projects of Gujarat Police and Indian Postal Department at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar.

Union Minister for Women and Child Development and Textiles, Smriti Irani launched Yashaswini Scheme for Women entrepreneurship in Goa.



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**16-01-2020**

In Tamil Nadu, fresh investment proposals worth 6608 crore rupees have been approved. They have been cleared by the higher-level committee on industrial guidance and single window system, led by the state chief minister Edappadi K Palaniswamy.

Senior IPS officer A P Maheshwari was appointed as Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).

Road, Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has said that World Bank and Asian Development Bank have approved seven thousand crore rupees each to remove black spots and enhance road safety.

The Centre has identified 16 islands in Andaman and Nicobar Islands and 10 in Lakshadweep for holistic development by promoting tourism and offering facilities for export of seafood and coconut-based products.

Dhaka University will soon have a Hindi chair to facilitate honours level studies for students of Bangladesh.

Daughter of late Bollywood actor-filmmaker Raj Kapoor, passed away in New Delhi. She was 71.

Manmohan Mahapatra, renowned Odia filmmaker and winner of eight consecutive national awards, passed away. He was 69.

'St Louis Superman', a documentary film by two Indian-American filmmakers, Smriti Mundhra and Sami Khan, has been nominated in the Documentary Short Subject category at Oscars 2020.

Retail inflation in December 2019 rose to 7.35% as against 5.54% in November and 2.19% in December 2018.



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**17-01-2020**

India's swashbuckling opener Rohit Sharma has been named the ICC's '2019 ODI Cricketer of the Year' for his incredible run of form through the year.

Suresh Kishinchand Khatanhar has taken charge as Deputy Managing Director of LIC-controlled IDBI Bank.

IPS officer Anand Prakash Maheshwari took over as the new director general of the CRPF, the world's largest paramilitary force.

Senior CPI(M) leader and the former editor of the party's mouthpiece 'Ganashakti', Avik Dutta, died. He was 58.

Former vice-president of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) P T Ummer Koya passed away. He was 69.

Bhuvan Chandra Tripathi, former chairman and managing director of state-owned GAIL India Ltd, has joined Essar Exploration & Production Mauritius as the firm's Non-executive Chairman.

Lt General Girish Kumar was reappointed as the Surveyor General of India for one year.

Michael Debabrata Patra has been appointed deputy governor of the Reserve Bank of India. He has been appointed to the post for a period of three years.

Captain Tania Shergill, an officer with Army's Corps of Signals, will be the first woman parade adjutant for the Republic Day parade.



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**18-01-2020**

Reserve Bank has asked banks and other card-issuing companies to provide facility to customers to switch on and off their debit or credit cards, a move aimed at enhancing security for digital transactions.

Australian batsman Marnus Labuschagne was named as the 2019 ICC Men's Emerging Cricketer.

Rafael Nadal and Naomi Osaka have been nominated for the prestigious Laureus World Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year.

The US has signed the first phase of a trade deal with China, concluding more than a year of tough negotiations including several months of suspension of talks between the two largest economies of the world.

Alok Kansal, a senior officer of the 1983 batch of Indian Railway Service of Engineers (IRSE) took over the charge as General Manager of Western Railway.

Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev has resigned.

Worldwide IT spending is projected to total \$3.9 trillion in 2020, an increase of 3.4 per cent from the previous calendar year, according to the latest forecast by Gartner, Inc.

The four astronauts shortlisted for the Gaganyaan project, India's first manned space mission, will receive training in Russia for 11 months.

Rocky Johnson, a WWE Hall of Famer and the father of Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, has died. He was 75.



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**19-01-2020**

China's economy grew by 6.1 per cent last year, the lowest annual growth rate in 29 years, National Bureau of Statistics said, as weak domestic demand and the bruising 18-month-long trade war with the US took their toll on the world's second-largest economic giant.

India's "high power" communication satellite GSAT-30, aimed at providing high- quality television, telecommunications and broadcasting services, was successfully launched onboard Ariane 5 rocket from French Guiana.

Piramal Enterprises has signed an agreement for the sale of its Decision Resources Group (DRG) business to US-based Clarivate Analytics for \$950 million (over Rs 6,745 crore).

The Army has conducted its biggest airborne exercise, codenamed 'Winged Raider', in the north-eastern theatre on January 10.

Mohun Bagan will be rechristened ATK-Mohun Bagan from next season after the iconic club merged with ATK FC by selling the majority stake to the owner of the two-time Indian Super League winners.

Bahadurpur and Kheri Viran are set to become India's first 'Model Sports Villages' as part of Institute of Management Technology (IMT) Ghaziabad's plan to evolve a sports culture in the country.

Pakistan appointed Maj Gen Babar Iftikhar as the new military spokesman replacing incumbent Maj Gen Asif Ghafoor.

Researchers from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras have developed a technology that can be used to generate hydrogen fuel from seawater, an advance that may contribute to a cleaner energy future.

Singer Suman Kalyanpur and music director Kuldeep Singh have been selected for the Madhya Pradesh government's prestigious National Lata Mangeshkar Award for 2017 and 2018, respectively, in recognition of their contribution in the field of music.



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**20-01-2020**

Rohit Sharma became fastest to reach 7000 ODI runs as an opener in the 2nd ODI against Australia at the Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium in Rajkot.

The world's shortest man, Khagendra Thapa Magar, died in Nepal. He was 27.

Former principal secretary to the Prime Minister, Nripendra Misra, has been appointed chairperson of the executive council of the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML).

Pakistan all-rounder Mohammad Hafeez said that he will retire from international cricket after the T20 World Cup in Australia this year.

Russia has started production of S-400 long-range surface-to-air missile systems for India, and all five units will be delivered by 2025.

The United Nation's (UN) report shows India's economy to grow by 5.7 per cent in the current fiscal year.

Sri Lankan government lifted a 25-year ban on the operation of helicopter flights by private operators from Colombo.

Bankrupt Jet Airways plans to sell its Netherlands business to KLM Royal Dutch Airlines.



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**21-01-2020**

Australia has conferred its highest civilian honour, the Order of Australia honour, on Biocon founder Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw for her contribution towards advancing the country's relationship with India.

Young India batswoman Jemimah Rodrigues was conferred honorary membership by the Bandra-based MIG Cricket Club.

Union minister Arjun Munda was elected as president of the suspended Archery Association of India (AAI) in its much-delayed elections, which were held here smoothly in the presence of three observers.

Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijiju inaugurated the 'Fit India Cyclothon' along with Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant at Campal Parade Ground in Goa.

Rising star Ugo Humbert won his maiden ATP title beating Benoit Paire in a three-set thriller in the final of the Auckland Classic Tennis Tournament.

Ashleigh Barty won her first career title at home with a 6-2, 7-5 defeat of Ukrainian Dayana Yastremska at the ATP-WTA Adelaide International.

England spinner Dominic Bess has become England's youngest spinner to take five-wicket haul overseas during the third Test against South Africa.

IIT Kharagpur has developed an artificial intelligence-powered method to automate the reading of legal case judgments.



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**22-01-2020**

India captain Virat Kohli and his deputy Rohit Sharma consolidated their top two positions in the batting chart, while pace ace Jasprit Bumrah continued to lead among bowlers in the ICC ODI Rankings issued.

India has successfully test-fired a 3,500 kilometre range nuclear capable K-4 ballistic missile that can be launched from a submarine.

The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) has elected Ashish Garg as the president and Nagendra D Rao as the vice-president.

South India got its first squadron of Sukhoi-30 MKI fighter jets, which have been modified to carry BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles, at the Air Force station in Thanjavur.

Tasneem, the 34-year-old JD(S) corporator, was elected as the first Muslim woman Mayor of Mysuru.

South Korean electronics maker Samsung appointed its youngest-ever President Roh Tae-moon, aged 51, as its new mobile chief.

Team India captain Virat Kohli became the fastest batsman to score 5,000 runs in ODI cricket as captain.

Team India opener Rohit Sharma slammed his 29th ODI hundred off 110 deliveries against Australia in the third ODI in Bengaluru.



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**23-01-2020**

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) lowered India's economic growth forecast to 4.8 per cent for this fiscal year owing to the crisis in the non-banking financial sector and weak rural demand.

Sanjiv Chadha has been appointed as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at Bank of Baroda.

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, along with Prime Minister of Nepal Shri K.P. Sharma Oli jointly inaugurated the second Integrated Check Post (ICP) at Jogbani - Biratnagar.

Lingam Venkata Prabhakar, ED, PNB, has been appointed as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Canara Bank.

The Union government announced the appointment of senior IAS officers Rajeev Singh Thakur and Shantanu as new joint secretaries in the newly-created department of military affairs.

Thailand's Ratchanok Intanon lifted the Indonesia Badminton Masters 2020 women's singles title after defeating Carolina Marin.

Atanu Kumar Das has been appointed MD and CEO of the Bank of India for a period of three years.

Zomato has acquired Uber Eats India in an all-stock transaction, which gives Uber 9.99% ownership in Zomato.



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**24-01-2020**

Amrit Singh, an Indian-American law enforcement officer, has scripted history by becoming the first-ever turban-wearing Sikh to be sworn in as Deputy Constable in Harris County in the US state of Texas.

The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, presented the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2019 at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Defence Acquisition Council, DAC has approved procurement of equipment worth over Rs 5,000 cr from indigenous sources to promote indigenization.

Bangladesh have appointed Ottis Gibson as their new pace bowling coach, replacing South African Charl Langeveldt who resigned in December.

According to the WEF survey, Indians and Bangladeshis have topped the charts when it comes to trust in climate science as also for keeping themselves abreast about news and current affairs, while Russia and Ukraine are among the laggards on both counts.

Australia is set to host the 11th edition of the Indoor Cricket World Cup from October 10 to 17.

Coal-belching Jharia in Jharkhand continues to be the most polluted city in India, while Delhi has made marginal improvement in reducing air pollution, according to a Greenpeace India report released.

Crisis-hit realty firm Unitech's newly appointed chairman and managing director (CMD) Yudvir Singh Malik assumed office.

Quinton de Kock was named as South Africa's one-day international captain.

The Department of Telecom has approved raising of foreign direct investment in Bharti Airtel to 100 per cent from 49 per cent allowed earlier.



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**25-01-2020**

The Cabinet gave approval to Election Commission of India to enter into MoU with the Independent High Authority for Elections of Tunisia and the Papua New Guinea Electoral Commission for elections for cooperation in the field of electoral management and administration.

The Union Cabinet approved the Revised Cost Estimates (RCE) of over Rs 4,371 crore to establish permanent campuses of new National Institutes of Technology (NITs) till 2022.

Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina has launched an e-passport facility for its citizens on January 22, 2020.

Ltd, a Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals.

Terry Jones, one of the founding members of the British comedy group Monty Python, has died aged 77 in North London.

Maharashtra cabinet has approved a proposal to allow malls, multiplexes, shops and eateries to remain open round the clock.

High court judge and human rights advocate Katerina Sakellaropoulou has been elected Greece's first female president by parliament.

Adani Capital, the non-banking financial arm of Adani Group, has acquired Essel Finance's micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) loan business.

ISRO will send humanoid robot Vyommित्रा into space for its next unmanned mission.

India slipped 10 places to 51st position in the 2019 Democracy Index's global ranking, according to The Economist Intelligence Unit, which cited "erosion of civil liberties" in the country as the primary cause for the downtrend.

Soft Bank Group has appointed Manoj Kohli as its India head.



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**26-01-2020**

Singapore-based investment firm Temasek and Sweden's EQT AB have formed a \$500 million venture to invest in renewable projects across solar and wind power generators in India.

Election Commission of India hosted the 10th Annual Meeting of the Forum of the Election Management Bodies of South Asia (FEMBoSA) in New Delhi.

Brussels' two top officials, the Presidents of the European Commission and the European Council, signed off on Britain's EU divorce agreement, Brexit.

India's ranking fell two places to 80 in the Corruption Perceptions Index released by Transparency International.

Vinay Sinha, the producer of Aamir Khan and Salman Khan-starrer 'Andaz Apna Apna' passed away.

Facebook has appointed Avinash Pant as its India Marketing Head. Pant has previously served as Red Bull India Marketing Head.

North Korea's state media confirmed that former Defence Commander Ri Son Gwon has been appointed the country's new Foreign Affairs Minister.

Queen Elizabeth II gave assent to the Brexit bill, thereby making it a law and enabling the UK to leave the European Union on January 31.



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**27-01-2020**

New Zealand's Colin Munro, Kane Williamson and Ross Taylor, and India's KL Rahul and Shreyas Iyer smashed fifties in the first T20I in Auckland. This is the first time that five batsmen slammed fifties in one T20I match.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Sunil Arora has assumed Chairmanship of the Forum of the Election Management Bodies of South Asia (FEMBoSA) for the year 2020.

An Olympic boxing qualifier, which was cancelled in China following the outbreak of a coronavirus, will be held instead in Jordan.

After taking two wickets in the first T20I against India, New Zealand spinner Ish Sodhi has become the highest wicket-taker against India in the shortest format of the game.

India has surpassed the US for the first time to become the world's second-largest smartphone market in 2019, a report by Counterpoint Research said.

Pakistan marked their 150th T20I appearance with a five-wicket win over Bangladesh in the first T20I of the three-match series.

The Government of Uttar Pradesh has shaped 'Yamuna International Airport Private Limited' firm to make Asia's second largest worldwide airport at Jewar in Greater Noida.

Former Rajya Sabha MP Mulhupra Vero died. He was 88.

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) senior pracharak Dhanprakash Tyagi died in Jaipur on the age of 103.



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**28-01-2020**

India and Brazil inked 15 agreements to boost cooperation in a wide range of areas like trade and investment, oil and gas, cybersecurity and information technology after talks between Brazilian President Jair Messias Bolsonaro and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Government has announced 141 Padma Awards for this year on the occasion of 71st Republic Day. The list comprises of 7 Padma Vibhushan, 16 Padma Bhusan and 118 Padma Shri awards. 12 persons are awarded posthumously.

The five-day Ganga Yatra under Namami Gange mission kicked off from Bijnor and Ballia in Uttar Pradesh.

The ruling Nepal Communist Party's Agni Sapkota has been elected as the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the lower house of Parliament in Nepal.

President Ram Nath Kovind has approved 409 award of Gallantry and other Defence decorations to Armed Forces personnel and others on the eve of the 71st Republic Day.

Commodore Jyotin Raina of the Indian Navy has been awarded the Nao Sena Medal (gallantry) for ensuring that the Western Fleet was ready to meet operational tasks within a very rapid time frame post the Pulwama attack in February last year.

The UK government unveiled a new 50-pence commemorative Brexit coin ahead of the UK's exit from the European Union (EU).

Kobe Bryant, the former Los Angeles Lakers superstar and one of the greatest players in NBA history, died in a helicopter crash.



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**29-01-2020**

Former US First Lady Michelle Obama has won the Grammy Award for the 'Best Spoken Word Album'. Michelle won the award for the audiobook recording of her memoir 'Becoming'.

American actress Marsha Kramer, who portrayed actor Ed O'Neill's assistant named Margaret in TV show 'Modern Family', passed away at the age of 74.

Late American rapper Nipsey Hussle won his first Grammy Award for Best Rap Performance for 'Racks in the Middle'.

The world's highest and India's largest gamma-ray telescope which has been set up in Ladakh will go live this year.

TikTok has announced the appointment of attorney Erich Andersen as the firm's Global General Counsel.

Indian-origin Samasource Founder and CEO Leila Janah passed away on January 24, aged 37.

England have become the first team in Test cricket to score 500,000 runs, achieving the feat during the fourth Test against South Africa.

The first 'Army' school run by the Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS) will begin classes in April this year in Bulandshahr in Uttar Pradesh.

The Afghan Public Health Ministry launched a nationwide polio vaccination campaign targeting 9.1 million children under the age of five.

Former House of Commons Speaker John Bercow has become a part-time professor of politics at Royal Holloway, University of London.



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**30-01-2020**

Well-known theatre person Sanjna Kapoor will receive the prestigious French honour of "Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters) for her outstanding contribution to the field of theatre.

Former Indian women's hockey team captain Sunita Chandra died. Chandra, an Arjuna awardee, was 76.

India's hockey hub Odisha will host the maiden Khelo India University Games from February 22 to March 1.

Senior bureaucrat B Anand was appointed as the secretary of National Commission for Minorities.

Senior sports administrator Anil Khanna was nominated as the Life President of the Asian Tennis Federation (ATF).

Puducherry pacer Vinay Kumar took six wickets against Chandigarh in the Ranji Trophy to complete 500 wickets in first-class cricket.

The government signed a peace accord with all factions of the banned organisation National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB).

American singer Billie Eilish, who was nominated in six categories at the 62nd Grammy Awards, won five awards at the ceremony.



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**31-01-2020**

Renowned Indian environmental economist and UN Environment Programme (UNEP) Goodwill Ambassador Pavan Sukhdev has won the 2020 Tyler Prize, regarded as the "Nobel Prize for the Environment" for his groundbreaking "green economy" work.

Nobel laureate Abhijit Vinayak Banerjee was conferred the honorary Doctor of Letters (D.Litt.) by his alma mater Calcutta University at its annual convocation in Kolkata.

The Ramsar Convention has declared 10 more wetlands in India as sites of international importance. With this, a total of 37 sites in the country have been recognised under the international treaty.

Ace Indian cueist Pankaj Advani claimed yet another Senior National Billiards Championship title with a 5-2 win over Sourav Kothari in a pulsating final.

The CISF has been declared as the 'best marching contingent' amongst CAPFs and other auxiliary squads during the Republic Day parade this year.

Senior diplomat Taranjit Singh Sandhu has been appointed as India's Ambassador to the US.

Sachin Bansal has resigned from the board of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Ltd citing that an entity owned and controlled by him has applied for a universal banking licence.

Indian cyclist Esow Alben has bagged a gold in the men's Keirin individual event of the Six Day Berlin Tournament.

New Zealand leg-spinner Todd Astle has announced his retirement from first-class cricket to focus on the limited-overs formats.

Quick service restaurant chain Burger King India has received markets regulator Sebi's approval for an initial public offer.