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1. Rajeev Kumar has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Mozambique.
2. Viraj Singh has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Tajikistan.
3. Saurabh Chaudhary and Manu Bhaker have won the gold medal in 10-metre air pistol mixed team event at the ISSF World Cup in New Delhi.
4. Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has launched the PRANAM Commission for protection of parents of state government employees.
5. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the "Khelo India Mobile App" to create awareness about sports and fitness in the country.
6. Kotak Mahindra Bank has approved a proposal to increase foreign shareholding limit to 45% from the existing 43%..
7. Allahabad Bank, Corporation Bank and Dhanlaxmi Bank have been taken out of the Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework of RBI.
8. West Bengal Government has inaugurated a web portal 'Banglar Shiksha', which will provide real-time data on state-run and aided schools.

02.03.19

1. The Union Cabinet approved setting up of a new AIIMS at Manethi in Rewari District, Haryana at a cost of Rs 1,299 crore.
2. Muktesh Kumar Pardeshi has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to New Zealand.
3. Steel major Tata Steel has been recognised as one of the World's Most Ethical Companies for the year 2019 by the Ethisphere Institute.
4. Software firm Adobe has partnered with Niti Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) to collaborate on enhancing digital literacy and creativity skills across all Atal Tinkering Labs in the country.
5. Veteran Marathi poet and writer Vasant Abaji Dahake has been honoured with the prestigious 'Janasthan' award. The award has been instituted by Kusumagraj Pratishthan.
6. AYUSH Minister Shripad Yesso Naik has laid the foundation stone of National Institute of Unani Medicine (NIUM) at Ghaziabad.

7. The Union cabinet approved an agreement between India and the United States to access tipline reports on missing and exploited children.

8. The RBI and Bank of Japan have completed signing of the bilateral currency swap agreement for \$75 billion that will help in bringing greater stability in foreign exchange and capital markets in the country.

9. Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has launched its own payment aggregator system, 'IRCTC iPay.'

10. Deepak Singh has won the gold medal in Makran Cup in Chabahar, Iran.

11. Union cabinet has given its approval for an MoU between India and Argentina on cooperation in the field of Medical Products Regulation.

12. Union Cabinet has given its approval for the establishment of new All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Manethi in District Rewari, Haryana.

03.03.19

1. According to Moody's Global Macro Outlook, India's Gross Domestic Product Growth Rate is expected to 7.3 % in the Calendar Year 2019.

2. Ravneet Gill took charge as MD and CEO of Yes Bank.

3. Former Finance Secretary Hasmukh Adhia has been appointed as the non-executive chairman of Bank of Baroda for three years.

4. Former Jammu and Kashmir minister and senior Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) leader Qazi Mohammad Afzal died. He was 76.

5. Ride-sharing company Uber has partnered with the government's flagship healthcare insurance scheme, Ayushman Bharat, to facilitate free healthcare for several drivers associated with the firm.

6. Seventh Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Inter-sessional Ministerial Meeting (RCEP ISSL MM) was held in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

7. Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Government of India signed a \$926 Million Loan Agreement to operationalize two lines for the Mumbai Metro Rail System.

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8. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Construction Technology India-2019 Expo-cum-Conference in New Delhi.

9. Air Marshal Raghunath Nambiar took over as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Western Air Command.

10. According to CSO, India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate in the third quarter (October-December) of Financial Year 2018-2019 is at 6.6%.

11. A joint exercise 'Mainamati Maitree Exercise 2019' between Border Security Force (BSF) and Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB) concluded in Tripura.

04.03.19

1. A book titled, 'Mann Ki Baat - A Social Revolution on Radio' was released by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley in New Delhi.

2. Shashank Shekhar won the 10 Kilometre race of Nepal's Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Open Marathon and Run for Fun held in Kathmandu.

3. Ajay Narayan Jha has joined the 15th Finance Commission as a member.

4. Government has approved the proposal regarding setting up of a "Centre for Disability Sports" at Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh.

5. Sarbananda Sonowal has laid the foundation stone of a 70 MW Solar Park in Sivasagar district, Assam.

6. Third India-Japan Cyber Dialogue was held in Tokyo.

7. Air Marshal R D Mathur assumed charge of the Eastern Air Command of the Indian Air Force.

8. Ninth Edition of Yonex Sunrise India Open will be held in New Delhi.

05.03.19

1. Former Indian captain Anil Kumble has been re-appointed as the chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC) Cricket Committee.

2. Former Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court Justice Ajit Singh has been appointed as the first Lokayukta of Odisha.

3. Indian Air Force Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman will be the first recipient of the 'Bhagwan Mahavir Ahimsa Puraskar' instituted by the Akhil Bharatiya Digambar Jain Mahasamiti.

4. Kuwait's Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah has been re-elected president of the powerful Olympic Council of Asia (OCA).

5. Indian American Medha Narvekar has been appointed as the Vice President and Secretary of the University of Pennsylvania.

6. The eighth edition of joint military exercise 'Sampriti', aiming to increase mutual cooperation, bonhomie and camaraderie between the armies of India and Bangladesh, began with an impressive ceremony. Sampriti 2019 is being conducted in Tangail, Bangladesh, till March 15.

7. Former Deputy Prime Minister of Nepal, Bharat Mohan Adhikari, has passed away. He was 83.

8. Pranay Kumar Verma has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Vietnam.

9. Reuters Pulitzer award-winning photographer, Yannis Behrakis, died. He was 58.

10. Switzerland Roger Federer has won the 100th ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) Singles tennis title of his career by defeating Greece' Stefanos Tsitsipas in the Final of the Dubai Tennis Championships.

11. Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared the 2019-2020 as the year of construction technology.

12. Third edition of Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam Summit on Innovation and Governance was held in New Delhi.

13. Russian scientist Zhores Alferov, who won the Nobel physics prize for his work in semi-conductor and laser technologies, has passed away. He was 88.

06.03.19

1. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has launched "Young Scientist Programme" for school children.

2. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and the Government of India signed a USD 455 million loan to finance the Andhra Pradesh Rural Roads Project.

3. Sanjiv Kohli has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to Tanzania.

4. Shakuntala D. Gamlin laid the foundation stone of the 'National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation' at Sehore, Madhya Pradesh.

5. Union Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment Thawar chand Gehlot has inaugurated the National Conference on "Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS)" in New Delhi.

6. Narendra Nath Sinha has been appointed as the Chairman of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).

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7. CISF set a Guinness world record in 'single line bicycle parade'.

8. Second Asian Rhino Range Countries meeting was held in New Delhi.

9. Rahul Bharadwaj has won the Kenya Open Future Series badminton tournament by defeating compatriot Aman Farogh Sanjay in Nairobi.

10. The second edition of Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) - 2019 will be held at New Delhi.

07.03.19

1. India's richest person Mukesh Ambani jumped six positions to rank 13th on Forbes World's Billionaire list. This list has been topped by Amazon's Jeff Bezos.

2. The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a total penalty of Rs 10 crore on Bank of Baroda, Allahabad Bank, ICICI Bank, Yes Bank and Canara Bank for non-compliance with directions and rules related to 'Swift'.

3. Supreme Court judge Justice S A Bobde has been nominated as Executive Chairman of the National Legal Service Authority (NALSA).

4. The World Bank signed a \$250 million loan agreement with the government of India for the National Rural Economic Transformation Project (NRETP) to help women in rural households develop viable enterprises for farm and non-farm products.

5. The government has appointed REC's (formerly Rural Electrification Corporation Limited) Chairman P V Ramesh as the director-general of the National Archives of India.

6. A joint military exercise between India and Oman "Al Nagah III" will be held from 12 to 25 March 2019 at Jabel Al Akhdar Mountains in Oman.

7. Government of India, State Government of Chhattisgarh and World Bank signed a \$25.2 Million Loan Agreement to support the State's Reforms in Expenditure Management.

8. Indore has been adjudged India's cleanest city for the third straight year in the central government's cleanliness survey.

9. Puneet Roy Kundal has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Tunisia.

10. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan (PM-SYM) Yojana at Vastral in Gujarat.

11. Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Shikshan Bhavan and Vidhyarthi Bhavan at Annapurna Dham Trust in Adalaj, Gujarat.

12. Former Union Minister Venur Dhananjay Kumar has passed away recently. He was 67.

13. Home Minister Rajnath Singh Inaugurated the project BOLD-QIT (Border Electronically Dominated QRT Interception Technique) on India-Bangladesh border in Dhubri District of Assam.

14. International sports Expo, 'SportX Kerala-2019', will be held at the Jimmy George Indoor Stadium in Thiruvananthapuram.

08.03.19

1. According to a report by Japanese brokerage Nomura, India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth is likely to be below 7% in 2019-20.

2. United Nations, India has nominated NITI Aayog member Ramesh Chand for the post of the new Food and Agriculture Organization's (FAO) Director-General.

3. Kiran Agarwal has been appointed as additional director and chairman of Hindustan Zinc Limited.

4. Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation Indian Oil Corp's Rs 5,150 crore LNG import terminal at Ennore in Tamil Nadu.

5. India has signed Loan Agreement with the World Bank for USD 96 Million for Additional Financing for Uttarakhand Disaster Recovery Project.

6. DBS Bank has inaugurated its first branch in Ahmedabad.

7. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari laid the foundation stone for development of an intermodal station, to be built at an estimated cost of Rs 1,588.81 crore, in Nagpur.

8. Ajit Kumar Mohanty has been appointed Director of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC).

9. IRDAI and National Health Authority (NHA) have formed joint working group on Ayushman Bharat.

09.03.19

1. Soumya Swaminathan, Deputy Director-General of the World Health Organisation has been named Chief Scientist of the WHO.

2. Priyanka Dubey, a correspondent with the BBC, has been named for the Chameli Devi Jain Award for an Outstanding Woman Journalist for the year 2018.

3. United Bank of India has signed a bancassurance agreement with HDFC Life Insurance Company.

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4. Ausaf Sayeed has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Saudi Arabia.

5. India has signed a \$3-billion deal with Russia for leasing a nuclear-powered attack submarine for the Indian Navy for a period of 10 years.

6. According to National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), it had issued over 64 million RuPay global cards since 2014.

7. According to Knight Frank's Prime International Residential Index, Mumbai has been ranked 16th in the most expensive prime residential property market of the world.

8. Biju Patnaik International Airport (BPIA) has won the prestigious Airport Service Quality (ASQ) award for being the best airport in size and region for the year 2018.

9. Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the new series of visually impaired friendly coin of one, two, five, ten and twenty rupees in New Delhi.

10. According to the latest Monster Salary Index (MSI), women in the country earn 19 per cent less than men.

10.03.19

1. London Mayor Sadiq Khan has been named the 'Politician of the Year' of UK for his ongoing contribution to the political life.

2. Indian-American television personality and food expert Padma Lakshmi has been appointed by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) as its newest Goodwill Ambassador, supporting the agency's fight against inequality and discrimination around the world.

3. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) will provide a USD 26-million loan as additional financing for improving drainage infrastructure in Dibrugarh town of Assam under the ongoing Assam Urban Infrastructure Investment Program.

4. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the new civil enclave at Hindon airport.

5. Economic Affairs Secretary Subhash Chandra Garg has been named as the Finance Secretary.

6. Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the commercial run on Lucknow Metro's North-South corridor through video conference from Kanpur.

7. Ashu Khullar has been appointed as the CEO of Citibank India.

8. Jagdish Mukhi has been appointed as the Governor of Mizoram.

9. Railway Minister Piyush Goyal announced that WiFi facilities will be provided at over 6,440 stations by September this year.

11.03.19

1. Kavinder Singh Bisht has won the gold medal at the 38th GeeBee boxing tournament in Helsinki, Finland.

2. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley released the book "Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas" - a collection of selected speeches of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

3. Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has won the First Prize in the category of TV Cinema Spot at the prestigious International Golden City Gate Tourism Awards 2019.

4. National Women Livelihood Meet-2019 held at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

5. President Ram Nath Kovind has launched the Pulse Polio Programme for 2019.

6. India-Japan Space Dialogue was held in New Delhi.

7. Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) celebrated its 50th Raising Day on 10th March.

8. National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) will celebrate its 34th Inception Day on March 11, 2019.

12.03.19

1. Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat laid the foundation stone for 'Science City' in Jhajra near Dehradun. It is the fifth science city in the country.

2. Former Congress MP Sunderlal Tiwari passed away. He was 65.

3. China's Liu Hong became the first woman to complete the women's 50km race walk event in less than four hours.

4. China's Chen Yufei has won the women's singles title at the All England badminton championships by defeating Taiwan's Tai Tzu Ying.

5. Forty-seven prominent personalities, including Malayalam actor Mohanlal, former foreign secretary S Jaishankar, Akali Dal leader Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa and renowned journalist Kuldip Nayar (posthumous), were conferred the Padma awards by President Ram Nath Kovind.

6. Japan's Kento Momota has won the Men's singles title at the All England badminton championships by defeating Denmark's Viktor Axelsen.

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18.03.19

1. Irfan Kolothum Thodi has qualified for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics after finishing fourth at the Asian Race Walking Championship in Nomi.
2. Diksha Dagar became only the second Indian woman golfer to win on Ladies European Tour after clinching the South African Open.
3. Veteran journalist Darryl D'Monte passed away. He was 76.
4. Fourth session of United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) was held in Nairobi, Kenya.
5. First BRICS Sherpa meeting was concluded at Curitiba in Brazil.
6. India and Maldives have agreed to cooperate on defence, development, and health.
7. India skipper Virat Kohli and pacer Jasprit Bumrah have retained their top positions in the batsmen and bowlers' list of the latest ICC ODI rankings.
8. Jammu and Kashmir Bank said it proposes to sell its stake in PNB Metlife India to private equity player Oman India Joint Investment Fund II for Rs 185 crore.

19.03.19

1. Former Supreme Court judge and current member of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), Pinaki Chandra Ghose, will be India's first Lokpal.
2. Goa Chief Minister and former Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar passed away. He was 63.
3. Veteran Bengali actor Chinmoy Roy passed away. He was 79.
4. A Marathi book "Rashtriya Pratham Namu Sarvotam" highlighting the decisions taken by the Modi government is written by Anand Deodhar.
5. Mercedes' Formula-1 Driver Valtteri Bottas has won the Australian Grand Prix title.
6. Chinese Shi Yuqi has won the Men's Singles title of Yonex Swiss Open 2019 by defeating B. Praneeth in Basel, Switzerland.
7. A 10-day long India Africa Field Training Exercise (IAFTX) - 2019 between the Indian Army and 16 African nations will be conducted in Pune from March 18 to 27.
8. Canadian sensation Bianca Andreescu became the first wild card to win the WTA title at Indian Wells by defeating Angelique Kerber.

20.03.19

1. Pramod Sawant will be New Chief Minister of Goa.
2. The Indian Army began a 10-day military exercise "Africa-India Field Training Exercise (AFINDEX)" with armed forces of 17 African nations at Aundh in Maharashtra, reflecting the growing strategic ties between India and the Africa continent.
3. Renowned social psychologist Ashis Nandy has been chosen for the Hans Kilian Award for 2019.
4. WhatsApp has partnered with National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) to deliver digital literacy training.
5. 22nd Meeting of Sub-Committee of Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) was held in Mumbai.
6. South African all-rounder J P Duminy announced that he would retire from ODIs after the ICC World Cup in England.
7. India has extended a grant assistance of up to USD 250 million to Nepal for the reconstruction of infrastructures.

8. 2019 World Athletics Championships will be held in Doha, Qatar.

9. India has won the 26 Medals in Asian Youth Athletics Championships in Hong Kong.

21.03.19

1. 3rd Indo-Japan Workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction was held in New Delhi.
2. International Workshop on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (IWDR) has been started in New Delhi.
3. Rear Admiral Krishna Swaminathan has assumed charge as Flag Officer Sea Training (FOST) at Kochi.
4. Former IAS officer Shah Faesal has launched his political party 'Jammu and Kashmir Peoples' Movement'.
5. Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw has been reappointed as the independent director of Infosys.
6. Padmaja has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to Fiji.
7. Popular Indian fashion designer Ritu Beri has been appointed as the Cultural and Tourism Ambassador of Uzbekistan.

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8. International Day of Forests is observed on 21st March.

25.03.19

1. K. Govindaraj has been re-elected as president of the Basketball Federation of India (BFI).

2. CBSE will introduce artificial intelligence (AI), early childhood care education and yoga as new subjects in school curriculums from the upcoming academic session.

3. Mohinder Lal, former chief National pistol coach and DIG of BSF, has passed away recently. He was 72.

4. American mathematician Karen Uhlenbeck has been awarded with the Abel Prize.

5. International seminar on "Sanskrit: a common treasure for India and Nepal" was held in Kathmandu, Nepal.

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7. Government of India has extended financial grant of 35.5 million Nepalese rupees for the construction of an educational campus in Nepal.

8. Government has appointed Vice Admiral Karambir Singh as next Chief of the Naval Staff with effect from May 31, 2019.

9. 33rd edition of the India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (IND-INDO CORPAT) has been started at Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

10. Kazakhstan's parliament voted to rename the country's capital Astana as Nursultan in honour of Nursultan Nazarbayev.

26.03.19

1. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) signed an MoU with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for better implementation of IBC.

2. India has won the SAFF Women's Championship for the fifth time by defeating Nepal.

3. India has won the 368 medals (85 Gold, 154 Silver and 129 Bronze) at Special Olympic Games in Abu Dhabi.

4. Indian Air Force will participate in Langkawi International Maritime Aero Expo, LIMA 2019.

5. 6th edition of joint Military Exercise "Mitra Shakti" will be conducted from 26 March to 08 April 2019 in Sri Lanka.

6. Karnataka Municipalities Minister C S Shivalli passed away recently. He was 58.

7. SpiceJet has become a member of global airlines' grouping International Air Transport Association (IATA).

8. Bihar has celebrated its 107th foundation day on 22nd March.

9. According to the government, in the current financial year (2018-19) so far, ¹ 85,000 crore has been raised from disinvestment, which is more than ¹ 5,000 crore more than the target.

10. SBI has signed Memorandum of understanding with Bank of China to enhance business synergies.

27.03.19

1. Cab-service provider Uber Technologies Inc will buy Dubai-based rival Careem Networks FZ for over \$3 billion.

2. A social entrepreneur from India, Neha Upadhyaya is among 16 persons selected by Yale University as the 2019 World Fellows, the signature global leadership development initiative at the prestigious institution.

3. Engineering firm KPTL arm Kalpataru Power Transmission Sweden AB has signed an agreement to acquire 85 per cent equity stake in Linjemontage i Grastorp AB for USD 24 million.

4. Senior bureaucrat Janak Kumar Garg has been appointed as the Commissioner of Metro Railway Safety (CMRS).

5. The Indian Navy's Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Training Facility (NBCTF) was inaugurated at INS Shivaji in Lonavala by chief of Naval Staff Admiral Sunil Lanba.

6. West Indies batsman Chris Gayle became the first batsman to score the fastest 4000 runs in the Indian Premier League (IPL).

7. The Indian Air Force inducted the first unit of four US-made 'Chinook' heavy-lift helicopters.

8. NITI Aayog organised the FinTech Conclave 2019 in New Delhi.

28.03.19

1. India and Croatia signed four MoUs in the fields of culture, tourism and sports.

2. India has been ranked 76th on a World Economic Forum' Global Energy Transition Index.

3. Former Maharashtra badminton player Ramesh Nabar died. He was 69.

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4. Public sector lender Bank of Baroda said it will develop an agri-digital platform called 'Baroda Kisan' in order to provide solutions for all major agricultural requirements.

5. President Ram Nath Kovind has been conferred with Croatia's highest civilian award the 'Grand Order of the King of Tomislav.'

6. Karur Vysya Bank has appointed N S Srinath as non-executive chairman for a period of three years.

7. Reserve Bank of India has slapped a penalty of Rs 2 crore on Punjab National Bank for non-compliance of regulatory directions with regard to SWIFT operations.

8. According to the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS), India has achieved an 84 per cent reduction in tuberculosis deaths among people living with HIV by 2017.

9. Brazilian physicist and astronomer Marcelo Gleiser has been awarded the 2019 Templeton Prize.

29.03.19

1. DRDO successfully conducted an Anti-Satellite (ASAT) missile test, under Mission Shakti from Dr A P J Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha.

2. Nobel Prize-winning economist Amartya Sen has been awarded the prestigious Bodley Medal, the highest honour bestowed by the University of Oxford's world-famous Bodleian Libraries.

3. Pioneering Soviet-era cosmonaut Valery Bykovsky, died. He was 84.

4. India and Sri Lanka have begun a two-week joint military exercise 'Mitra Shakti - VI' in Sri Lanka with an aim to bring synergy and cooperation including in the field of counter-terrorism between the two armed forces.

5. As per SEBI guidelines, transfer of shares of listed companies can be done only in dematerialised form from April 1.

6. State-run telecom company BSNL has awarded satellite bandwidth connectivity project worth Rs 40 crore to Hughes Communications India for upgrading connectivity in Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep.

7. World's largest e-waste recycling facility has opened in Dubai.

8. Union Cabinet has given its approval on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between India and Republic of Korea on Startup Cooperation.

9. Nepal Investment Summit 2019 will be held in Kathmandu.

10. Former Australian Test cricketer, coach and commentator Bruce Yardley has passed away. He was 71.

30.03.19

1. D K Jain has been appointed as the ad-hoc Ethics Officer of BCCI.

2. IT services major Wipro has partnered with IIT Kharagpur to collaborate on industry-focused applied research in the areas of 5G and artificial intelligence (AI).

3. India's second largest IT services firm Infosys said it will acquire 75 per cent stake in ABN AMRO Bank's wholly-owned subsidiary, Stater, for 127.5 million euros (about Rs 989 crore).

4. India and African Union have signed an MOU on strengthening cooperation in healthcare sector.

5. Young Cricketer Rishabh Pant, wrestler Bajrang Punia, women's hockey player Rani Rampal and shooter Manu Bhaker have been honored with this year's Delhi Sports Journalists Association's (DSJA) Best Sportsperson award.

6. The South Eastern Coalfields Ltd (SECL) has become the first company in the country to have crossed coal production figure of 150 million tonnes in a financial year.

7. India and USA have signed an Inter-Governmental Agreement for exchange of Country-by-Country (CbC) reports to check tax evasion by multinational companies.

8. Renowned Malayalam writer, Ashitha, has passed away recently. She was 63.

9. Azali Assoumani has been reelected as the President of Comoros.

31.03.19

1. Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) signed an agreement with Common Services Centers (CSC) to help upskill one lakh young professionals in core technologies over the next year.

2. India opener Smriti Mandhana and leg spinner Poonam Yadav remained static at third and second spots respectively in the batting and bowling charts of the latest ICC Women T20 Players' Ranking.

3. According to the latest rankings by Skytrax, Singapore's Changi has become the world's best airport for 7th straight year.

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4. Former Governor of RBI and Chairman of the 14th Finance Commission of India Dr. Y. V. Reddy has written a book "Indian Fiscal Federalism".

5. India has been designated as the Guest of Honour at Paris Livre (Paris Book Fair) in 2020.

6. French Film director Agnes Varda has passed away. She was 90.

7. Manu Bhaker has won the Gold Medal in women's 10m Air Pistol event at the 12th Asian Airgun Championships in Taoyuan, Taipei.

8. According to latest data released by RBI, India's current account deficit (CAD) for the third quarter narrowed to 2.5% of the GDP compared with 2.9% in the preceding quarter.

9. Virat Kohli became the second batsman to score 5000 runs in IPL.

IMPORTANT DAYS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

March 1: Zero Discrimination Day, World Civil Defense Day

March 3: World Wildlife Day, national Defense day

March 4: National Security Day

March 8: International Women's Day, World Kidney Day

March 10: CISF Raising Day

March 11: Commonwealth Day

March 15: World Consumer rights Day

March 16: National Vaccination Day

March 18: Ordinance Factories Day, Global Recycling Day

March 20: World Happiness Day, World Sparrow Day

March 21: World Forestry Day, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, World Down Syndrom Day

March 22: World Water Day

March 23: World Meterological Day

March 24: World TB Day

March 25: International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade

March 27: World Theatre Day

IMPORTANT APPOINTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Bhagwan Lal Sahni:

Chairman of the National Commission for Backward Classes

P V Ramesh:

Director-General of the National Archives of India

Ramesh Chand:

Post of Director-General of FAO

Hasmukh Adhia:

Chancellor of Gujarat Central University

Manohar Ajaonkar:

Goa Deputy Chief Minister

Vijai Sardesai:

Goa Deputy Chief Minister

Naresh Goyal:

Jet Airways chairman

Ravneet Gill:

MD and CEO of Yes Bank

P K Bezbaruah:

Chairman of Tea Board for a second tenure

Anil Kumble:

Chairman of the ICC Cricket Committee

Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah:

President of Olympic Council of Asia

Ajay Kapur:

CEO of its aluminium and power business

Scientist Ajit Kumar Mohanty:

BARC Director

Kaja Kallas:

First female Prime Minister of Estonia

S. Mubarak:

Next Ambassador of India to the Republic of El Salvador

Mohammad Shtayyeh:

Prime Minister of Palestine

Rakesh Makhija:

New Chairman of Axis Bank

M.R.Kumar:

Chairman of LIC

P. S. Narasimha:

Mediator for resolving various disputes related to cricket administration in the country

Pinaki Chandra Ghose:

Indias first Lokpal

Santosh Jha:

Next Ambassador Of India to the Republic Of Uzbekistan

Pramod Sawant:

New Chief Minister of Goa

Chacko Purackal Thomas:

MD And CEO of Tata Coffee

Vice Admiral Karambir Singh:

Next Chief of Indian Navy

Shambhu S Kumaran:

Next Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Morocco

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