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August month – one liner current affairs

August 01 2019

- August 01 – World Lung Cancer Day
- President Ram Nath Kovind has given his nod to the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2019 that abolishes the practice of instant Triple Talaq.
- Postal department decides to convert India Post Payments Bank into SFB
- Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has formed 10 Task Forces to examine, review and suggest inputs for formulating New Industrial Policy of the state.
- Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank inaugurated Indian Air Force Facilitation-cum-Publicity Pavilion at National Bal Bhawan in New Delhi.
- India is among 48 countries whose citizens have been exempted from visa fees for tourism purposes by Sri Lankan government.
- The U.S. Embassy in Nepal has organized a South Asia Air Quality Tech Camp in Kathmandu.
- India has offered a grant of 5 lakh dollar to the Gambia for skill development and cottage industry project.
- Foreign Ministers from South East Asia are attending the 52nd ASEAN summit in Bangkok.
- Rakesh Asthana given additional charge of Narcotics Control Bureau.
- Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar launched redesigned dynamic website of publication division www.publicationsdivision.nic.in to provide realtime purchase facilities to book lovers.
- Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched Atal Community Innovation Centre in New Delhi to encourage the spirit of innovation at the community level.
- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has announced that the Lower House will become paperless from the next session.
- Cabinet has given nod to the setting up of ISRO Technical Liaison Unit (ITLU) at Moscow in Russia.
- Cabinet has decided to introduce bill to increase the number of Supreme Court Judges from 30 to 33 excluding Chief Justice of India.
- The Cabinet also approved MoU between ISRO and the Bolivian Space Agency on Cooperation in the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes.
- Indian women's football team will face Villareal CF in its starting match in the 2019 COTIF Cup in Valencia, Spain.



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August 02 2019

- August 02 – Birth anniversary of freedom fighter Pingali Venkayya
- In a major boost to national food security government, launched the One Nation-One Ration Card scheme on a pilot basis in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat from today.
- President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated exhibitions on Mahatma Gandhi and Khadi at the Ebunjan Theatre in Gambia.
- Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has launched a competition for designing a Postage Stamp along with the First Day Cover to commemorate Golden Jubilee edition of International Film Festival of India (IFFI).
- The West Bengal Government has launched an awareness campaign ‘Save Green, Stay Clean’ in Kolkata for preserving the greenery and keeping the environment clean.
- Japan’s cabinet approved a plan to remove South Korea from a list of countries that enjoy minimum export controls.
- President Ram Nath Kovind has reached the Guinea capital, Conakry. This is the first-ever state visit by an Indian President to Guinea.
- A joint venture company Khanij Bidesh India limited, KABIL has been set up with the participation of three Central Public Sector Enterprises, CPSEs to ensure supply of critical Minerals to Indian domestic market.
- Japan approves growing human organs in animals for first time.
- ‘Conference on Countering Rogue Drones’ was held in New Delhi.
- Atish Dabholkar, a theoretical physicist from India, has been appointed as the new director of Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) in Trieste, Italy.
- Vice President M Venkaih Naidu released book “The Dynamics of Indian Education”,. This book was written by Prof Rajput, in New Delhi.
- Football Giant East Bengal Club turns 100 years on August 01 . On this day in 1920 East Bengal Club was established at Kumartuli Park in North Kolkata.
- In Shooting, Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar clinched a yellow metal in Men’s Rifle 3 Positions (3P) at 12th Sardar Sajjan Singh Sethi Memorial Masters competition in New Delhi.

August 03 2019

- 1st – 7th August – World Breastfeeding Week , The focus this year is on protection, promotion, and support of breastfeeding.
- Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has published an Indian Standard for identification, marking and labelling of Pashmina products to certify its purity.



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- Deputy Commissioner M. Deepa formally launched the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department's Varsha Dhare cloud seeding project at Hubballi International Airport.
- Nearly 45 days after the fifth phase of excavation commenced at Keezhadi, a ring well has been unearthed.
- S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced Washington's formal withdrawal in a prepared statement at the ASEAN meet in Bangkok, minutes after Russia pronounced the treaty to be "dead".
- As a result of their ongoing trade war, China is no longer the top trading partner of the United States and has been replaced by America's neighbours Mexico and Canada, according to a media report.
- Regional Conference on Good Governance will be held on 14th-15th November, 2019 at Jaipur, Rajasthan. **Theme: "Strengthening State Institutes of Public Administration"**
- The 11th Annual General Meeting of the Indo-Lanka Chamber of Commerce & Industry was held in Colombo.
- Addressing the 10th MGC Ministerial Meeting in the Thai capital Bangkok, Dr Jaishankar said, connectivity is a major focus area of cooperation for India.
- Indian and US officials have agreed to pursue a policy environment conducive to collaboration between the defence industry and start-ups in both countries.
- India and Guinea have signed three MoUs. These MoUs were signed between the two countries Cooperation in the Field of Traditional System of Medicine, e- Vidhyabharati – e-Aarogya Bharati e-VBAB Network Project and Renewal Energy.
- Senior Indian television journalist Ravish Kumar has been awarded the 2019 Ramon Magsaysay Award.
- President Ram Nath Kovind has been awarded the National order of Merit by the President of Guinea.
- In Shooting, young Adarsh Singh in the Sardar Sajjan Singh Sethi Memorial Masters competition won the gold medal in both the men and junior 25 metres rapid fire pistol event in New Delhi.
- All India Football Federation (AIFF) general secretary Kushal Das confirmed to Sportstar that Guwahati's Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium and Kolkata's Salt Lake Stadium will host the Indian football team's opening two World Cup Qualifiers home matches.

August 04 & 05 2019

- Human Resources Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank inaugurated Technology Expo at IIT Delhi to showcase latest innovation in field of science and technology.
- National Academy of Art, Lalit Kala Akademi, celebrated its 65th Foundation Day in New Delhi.
- The next round of recording biometric and family-tree details of Indian citizens under the National Population Register (NPR) will be conducted in September 2020.
- Amid Opposition uproar, the government introduced the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Bill, 2019 in the Rajya Sabha.



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- Arunachal Pradesh State Home Minister Bamang Felix flagged off Five Anti-Riot police vehicle, also known as Vajra, from Police Headquarter in Itanagar.
 - Sri Lanka, the Gandhi Nagar model village built with Indian assistance was inaugurated and the completed houses handed over to the beneficiaries.
 - A potential virus Canine Distemper Virus (CDV) that can be transmitted from CDV-infected dogs living in and around wildlife sanctuaries has started to raise concern among wildlife biologists.
 - Space agency ISRO released the first set of pictures of the earth, captured by Chandrayaan 2, the country's second Moon mission launched a fortnight ago.
 - India's ambitious 'Deep Ocean Mission' is all set to be launched this year.
 - The Commerce Secretary Dr. Anup Wadhawan led a delegation to the 8th RCEP Inter-sessional Ministerial meeting held in Beijing on 2-3 August 2019.
 - India successfully test-fired its all weather tracked-chassis Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missile (QR-SAM) from a mobile launcher at launch complex III of the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur in Odisha.
 - Star India grappler Vinesh Phogat has bagged gold in women's 53kg category of the Poland Open wrestling tournament in Warsaw.
 - Indian boxers have ended their campaign at the Magomed Salam Umakhanov Memorial International Boxing Tournament in Kaspisk, Russia with a rich haul of six medals.
 - Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty became the first Indian pair to win a BWF Super 500 badminton tournament.
 - Formula One leader Lewis Hamilton hunted down Max Verstappen to win the Hungarian Grand Prix for a record-extending seventh time and surge 62 points clear in the championship standings.

August 06 2019

- August 06 – Hiroshima Day
- The government announced the repealing of Article 370 which grants special status to Jammu and Kashmir.
- The Forest Department is set to roll out the first-ever tree census within the next few weeks to estimate the tree numbers and ensure their protection, to shore up the green cover of the city.
- The green protocol will be strictly enforced during the 67th edition of the Nehru Trophy Boat Race.
- Rajasthan legislative assembly passed two important bills to curb honour killings and Mob Lynching in the state.
- The United States has designated China a "currency manipulator", a move that could escalate the tense trade relations between the two nations.



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- The mayor of Hiroshima urged Japan to sign a landmark UN treaty banning nuclear weapons as the city, on August 6, marked 74 years since being targeted in the world's first atomic attack.
- S. President Donald Trump imposed a freeze on all Venezuelan government assets in the United States on August 5, sharply escalating a diplomatic and sanctions drive aimed at removing socialist President Nicolas Maduro from power.
- A two ft-long Indian egg-eating snake has for the first time been spotted in Bukkapatna forest in Sira taluk of Tumakuru district in Karnataka.
- Scientists have developed an automated system that uses artificial intelligence (AI) to detect and capture fast radio bursts (FRBs) in real-time.
- To protect the interest of online shoppers, the Department of Consumer Affairs has released draft guidelines on e-commerce that state that an e-commerce entity cannot directly or indirectly influence the price of the goods or services.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed monetary penalty on 11 banks for non-compliance with certain provisions on fraud classification and reporting norms.
- The Second All India Annual Conference of Indian Information Service Officers was organized at Pravasi Bhartiya Kendra in New Delhi.
- A one-day Workshop on 'Role of Technology in Reuniting Missing Children & Trafficked Persons' was jointly organised by National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs, in collaboration with Indian Police Foundation on 5th August, 2019 at NCRB Auditorium New Delhi.
- Dale Steyn, the legendary South African pacer, has announced his retirement from Test cricket. Steyn made his debut in 2004 against England.
- Japan's Hinako Shibuno won a thrilling women's British Open.
- India beats Chinese Taipei in World junior squash championship.

August 07 2019

- August 07 – 5th National Handloom Day
- Former External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj passed away at the age of 67. She was the country's first full-time woman Foreign Minister.
- The book 'Oru Manidhan Oru Iyakkam Kalaignar Mu. Karunanidhi', published by Frontline, a publication of The Hindu group.
- The Tamil Nadu State government named D. Karthikeyan as the member secretary of the Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority.
- Bangladesh signed a deal with Russia for the supply of uranium for its 2,400 MW Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant (RNPP).



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- India contributed yesterday USD 5 million to the UN Palestine refugee agency and called for ensuring sustained fiscal support for the organisation's work.
- The United States has revoked visa-free entry rights to the country, for foreigners who have visited North Korea in the past eight years.
- India's lunar probe Chandrayaan-2 has successfully completed its fifth and final earth-bound orbit-raising manoeuvre.
- The 22nd National Conference on e-Governance (NCeG) 2019 will held on 8-9th August, 2019 at Shillong, Meghalaya. Theme: "Digital India: Success to Excellence"
- The Parliament gave its nod to the landmark Consumer Protection Bill, 2019 which aims to protect the rights of consumers by establishing authorities for timely and effective administration and settlement of consumers' dispute.
- Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Shripad Yesso Naik flagged off an Expedition Team of Himalayan Mountaineering Institute (Hmi), Darjeeling to Mt. Elbrus, Russia.
- In Badminton, Indian men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty jumped seven places to enter the top 10 of the latest world rankings. They are placed ninth in the doubles rankings.
- India topped the latest ICC Test team rankings while New Zealand is placed 2nd and South Africa is in 3rd position.
- India skipper Virat Kohli retains his number one position in the latest ICC Test batsmen's ranking
- The NBA India Games 2019 will feature the Sacramento Kings and Indiana Pacers playing two pre-season games on October 4 and 5.

August 08 2019

- The 77th anniversary of the August Kranti Din, which is considered as one of the important milestones in the history of freedom struggle of our country, is observed on August 08.
- Uttar Pradesh government and Netherlands have extended the existing bilateral agreement of cooperation in several fields by another five years.
- The 30th anniversary of the MS Swaminathan Research Foundation was celebrated in Chennai.
- The United Nations General Assembly has declared **2019 as the International Year of Indigenous Languages.**
- The US government has approved the sale of 12 multi-mission Seahawk helicopters to South Korea worth 800 million US dollar.
- The amount of methyl mercury toxin that gets accumulated in certain fish which are higher in the food chain have been found to increase.
- The Reserve Bank of India has decided to lower interest rate for the fourth consecutive policy review as it reduced repo rate by 35 bps to 5.40%.
- NHRC National Level Review Meeting on Mental Health was held at India International centre, New Delhi.



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- Balaji Srivastava assumed charge as the new Director General of Police of the Union Territory . He replaces S. Sundari Nanda, who has been transferred to Delhi.
 - Six-time world champion M C Mary Kom and Lovlina Borgohain have been selected for the upcoming women's world boxing championships based on their recent performances.

August 09 2019

- August 9 – International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
- August 9 – Nagasaki Day, On this day in 1945, a second atom bomb is dropped on Japan by the United States, at Nagasaki, resulting finally in Japan's unconditional surrender.
- Union HRD Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' will launch 'Samagra Shiksha-Jal Suraksha' drive on 9th August 2019 in New Delhi.
- The e-version of Rozgar Samachar has been launched recently by Union Minister of Information & Broadcasting Shri Prakash Javadekar.
- The Central Information Commission will hold a seminar on "Human Resource Development and Right to Information Act 2005" on 09th August 2019.
- India and Bangladesh have agreed to set up a Joint Technical committee for optimum utilisation of Ganges water as being received by Bangladesh under the Ganga Water Sharing Treaty 1996.
- The Seventh meeting of the India-Bangladesh Home Minister Level Talks (HMLT) was held in New Delhi on 07 August 2019.
- Ministry of New & Renewable Energy organised Curtain Raiser ceremony for the 3rd Edition of Renewable Energy Investors' Meet and Expo (RE-INVEST 2019) which will be held from 30th October to 2nd November 2019 in India.
- Defence Acquisition Council, DAC has accorded approval for procurement of indigenous Software Defined Radio (SDR) and Next Generation Maritime Mobile Coastal Batteries for the Indian Navy.
- President Ram Nath Kovind conferred country's highest civilian honour Bharat Ratna on former President Pranab Mukherjee and posthumously on social activist Nanaji Deshmukh and singer Bhupen Hazarika.
- The NITI Aayog will launch the Fourth Edition of Women Transforming India (WTI) Awards in the capital on 9 August 2019. This year's theme is 'Women and Entrepreneurship'.
- The Indian team, currently ranked world No. 5 in the International Hockey Federation FIH Rankings, will be the top-ranked team taking part in the next year's Olympic Games.



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August 10 2019

- August 10 – World Biofuel Day
- Union Minister of Consumer Affairs Ram Vilas Paswan launched the 'One Nation, One Ration Card', a Government of India initiative which enables beneficiaries to procure ration from fair price shop across the country.
- The Virasat-e-Khalsa museum in Punjab's Anandpur Sahib town is all set to find a place in the Asia Book of Records for becoming the most visited museum in the Indian sub-continent on a single day.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on Friday declared areas around Tungareashwar and Tansa wildlife sanctuaries in Maharashtra as eco sensitive zones (ESZ).
- The Chhattisgarh government has announced that it will launch a scheme that will provide "free nutritious food" to those that suffer from malnutrition and anaemia in the state on a daily basis.
- The dreaded cotton crop pest, pink bollworm, has made its appearance in some fields near Ponnari village in Tamsi mandal of Adilabad district, galvanising agriculture scientists to initiate measures to control its spread.
- Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd announced that it has got the status of a Scheduled Bank from RBI.
- The Minister of State for Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises, Arjun Ram Meghwal, inaugurated the 3rd International Electric Vehicle (EV) Conclave at the International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT) in Manesar, Gurugram,.
- **PM Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana** – The scheme has been envisioned with an aim to improve the life of small and marginal farmers of the country.
- **66th National Film Awards for 2018** – Gujarati film 'Hellaro' was declared Best Feature Film winner.
- The World Archery (WA) suspended the Archery Association of India (AAI) for defying its guidelines by electing two parallel bodies, asking the federation to put its house in order by the end of this month.

August 11 & 12 2019

- August 12 – International Youth Day – 2019 Theme: "Transforming education"
- August 12 – World Elephant Day
- Vikram Sarabhai's 100th birth anniversary is observed on August 12, 2019.
- Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu launched the Jharkhand government's 'Mukhya Mantri Krishi Ashirwad Yojana' under which money will be directly transferred into the bank accounts of farmers in the state.



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- With a view to making Punjab a 'zero stubble burning state', the Punjab Agriculture Department has initiated a massive drive to provide more than 28000 agro-machines/farm equipment to farmers.
- The Kajin Sara lake in Manang district was discovered about a few months ago by a team of mountaineers.
- The Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), Government of India, is organizing a two-day exhibition on DAE spin-off technologies for non-power applications at New Moti Bagh recreation club, New Delhi.
- 'Listening, Learning and Leading' book chronicling Vice President's two years in office was released by Union Minister of Home Affairs Shri Amit Shah.
- The third edition of Khelo India will be held in Assam from 10th to 22nd of January next year.
- In Badminton, Indian junior shuttlers won six medals at the Bulgarian Junior International Championships which concluded in Pazardzhik, Bulgaria.
- In Badminton, reigning national champion, Sourabh Verma clinched the Men's Singles title in the Hyderabad Open.
- India's top two wrestlers continued their impressive run this season with Bajrang Punia defending won gold at Tbilisi Grand Prix and Vinesh Phogat reaching her fourth final at Medved event.
- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) agreed to come under the ambit of the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA).

August 13 2019

- August 13 - **International Lefthanders Day**
- Special hospitals offering Indian Systems of Medicines like **Siddha and Ayurveda** will be started in **150 districts** across the country.
- In **Chhattisgarh**, thousands of students and members of several social organisations unfurled a **15-km long national flag** by forming a human chain in Raipur ahead of the Independence day.
- In **China**, the death toll from **Typhoon Lekima** in the eastern part of the country has risen to 32.
- Indian Space Research Organisation chairman Dr K Sivan has said, the organization on August 14 will perform a maneuvers called trans-lunar injection by which **Chandrayaan 2** will leave earth and move towards the moon's orbit.
- Researchers at the **Indian Institute of Technology - Guwahati (IIT-G)** have developed a low-cost handheld **biocompatible sensor that can detect bacteria** almost instantaneously without cell culture and microbiological assays.
- Senior IPS officer **A. Shankar Rao** has been appointed as **Sikkim's** new Director General of Police.
- Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports **Kiren Rijiju** conferred the **National Youth Awards** for 2016-17 on twenty individuals and three organisations at a function in New Delhi on the occasion of International Youth Day.



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- **Wimbledon 2019** champion Novak Djokovic remains to be at the top of the ATP rankings while Rafael Nadal, who secured his 35th Masters title takes the second position. Roger Federer stays third and Dominic Thiem fourth.
 - Impressed with the Indian women's football team's performance in the **COTIF Cup** in Valencia, the tournament's president handed the players a special third-placed trophy.
 - **Aishwarya Pissay** became the first Indian to claim a world title in motorsports, annexing the FIM World Cup in the women's category after the final round of the championship at Varpalota in Hungary.

August 14, 2019

- August 14 – **Pakistan Independence Day**
- Union Minister of Textiles and Women and Child Development, Smriti Zubin Irani, inaugurated Textiles Gallery at National Crafts Museum in New Delhi.
- Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Indian Railways launched a Special Drive with a Code Name Operation "Number Plate" to identify and verify all vehicles parked in Railway premises, circulating area, parkings and even in the 'No Parking' areas for longer duration
- Union Minister Shri Prakash Javadekar released patriotic song "Watan" produced by Doordarshan to mark the occasion of Independence Day, 2019 in New Delhi.
- The famous Palani panchamirtham, given as 'prasadam' at the Murugan temple there, has been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- 'Rythu Bharosa' programme is to be launched on October 15.
- Indonesia has introduced the Surabaya scheme, by which passengers can swap trash for travel tickets.
- Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Housing & Urban Affairs launched the Swachh Survekshan 2020 (SS 2020), the fifth edition of the annual cleanliness survey conducted by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).
- Jammu and Kashmir Administration will host a three-day Global Investors Summit from 12th October this year in Srinagar.
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Naval Air Enclave (NAE), Kochi and Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) was signed in a formal function held at CIAL.
- Naresh Kumar has taken over the charge as the new Chief Secretary of Arunachal Pradesh.
- The "Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in Investigation" for the year 2019 has been awarded to 96 Police personnel.
- The Commonwealth Games Federation announced that women's T20 Cricket has been confirmed for inclusion at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games in 2022.



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August 15,16 2019

- **August 15 – 73rd Independence Day**
- Jal Shakti Minister Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat launched the Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2019 (SSG 2019) in Delhi.
- The government will launch a Jal Jeevan Mission to bring piped water to households and resolved to spend more than Rs.3.5 lakh crore in coming years.
- An unexploded World War II bomb was found in the grounds of the Kremlin in Moscow during construction works.
- Pretomanid is the novel compound developed by the New York-based non-profit organisation TB Alliance and which received the FDA greenlight.
- July 2019 was the joint-hottest month on Earth (July 2016 was equally hot), according to the United Nations.
- Minister of Railways and Commerce & Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal launched CORAS (Commando for Railway Security) of Indian Railways and new establishment manual for Railway Protection Force.
- Ramyalakshmi, assistant director, fisheries, Cuddalore received the Kalpana Chawla award 2019.
- Chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) K. Sivan, under whose leadership, the organisation launched its Chandrayaan-2 mission, was awarded Tamil Nadu government's Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Award.
- Kagaznagar Forest Range Officer (FRO) Chole Anita received the prestigious K.V.S. Babu IFS Memorial Gold Medal in Hyderabad.
- India skipper Virat Kohli became the first batsman to score 20,000 international runs in 10 years.

August 17, 2019

- August 17 – Indonesian Independence Day
- Aadi Mahotsav (National Tribal Festival) is all set for a colourful start from 17th August to 25th August, 2019 at Polo Ground, Leh-Ladakh.
- Palani Panchamirtham from Palani, Tawlhlohpuan & Mizo Puanchei from the state of Mizoram and Tirur Betel leaf from Kerala got the Geographical Indication (GI Tags) under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.
- Nagaland State Police Department got its first Laboratory-cum-Training Centre for Prevention of Cyber Crime against Women and Children.
- A powerful tropical storm Krosa lashed Japan, bringing strong winds and torrential rain.
- India has got its first National Essential Diagnostics List (NEDL) finalised by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).



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- The Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) will be organizing a one day national workshop cum exhibition at Vigyan Bhawan ,New Delhi on 19 August, 2019.
- Ravi Shastri was re-appointed head coach of the Indian men's team by the Kapil Dev-led Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC).
- Wrestler Deepak Punia has become India's first junior World Champion in 18 years.
- Rookie Gauri Karhade, playing only her sixth event as a pro on the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour pick her first title on the circuit.

August 18 & 19, 2019

- **August 19 – World Photography Day**
- **August 19 – World Humanitarian Day**
- Union Minister of State for Chemical & Fertilizers Mansukh Mandaviya has announced that the first Central Institute of Chemical Engineering & Technology (CICET) will be set up in Gujarat.
- Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the state's first-ever CNG fuelling station in Dibrugarh.
- President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated an underground Bunker Museum at Raj Bhavan Mumbai.
- In Iceland, people will gather to commemorate the loss of the glacier Okjokull, which was officially declared dead in 2014 at the age of 700.
- In Arunachal Pradesh, researchers of the Rajiv Gandhi University have discovered five new fish species in various districts of the state.
- The Union Minister of Human Resource Development Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' inaugurated the International Conference titled "Journey of Teacher Education: Local to Global" in New Delhi.
- The 5th Meeting of India-Nepal Joint Commission will be held in Kathmandu on 21- 22 August.
- The Bangladesh Cricket Board appointed former South African Coach Russel Domingo as the Head Coach for the national cricket team.
- The Pradhan Mantri Laghu Vyapari Maan-Dhan scheme would target enrolling 25 lakh subscribers in 2019-2020 and 2 crore by 2023-2024.
- India have won gold at the Under 12 Asian Tennis Team championship held in Kazakhstan. India defeated Chinese Taipei 2-1 in the summit clash to win the title.
- A team of 48 Indian contestants will take part in World Skills International Competition at Kazan in Russia.
- Top Indian sprinters Hima Das and Mohammad Anas have won a gold each in 300m races at the Athleticky Mitink Reiter event in Czech Republic.



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August 20, 2019

- **August 20 – World Mosquito Day**
- **August 20 – former PM Rajiv Gandhi 75th birth anniversary**
- The Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah lays foundation stone of Karbi Bhawan and Dimasa Bhawan of Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council, Diphu and North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council, Haflong, at Dwarka.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will embark on a three-nation tour of France, UAE and Bahrain on 22nd of this month.
- Indian Space Research Organisation Chairman Dr. K Sivan has informed that Chandrayaan-2 moon mission will have lunar orbit ion at around 9.30 am.
- Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of State(I/C) for Civil Aviation, Housing & Urban Affairs, chaired a meeting via Video Conference on Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS-UDAN).
- Thawar Chand Gehlot, Union Minister,(MoS)&E) has stated that the Government is fully committed to eradicate manual scavenging through the ‘The Prevention of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013’, while speaking at the national Workshop Cum Exhibition on Sustainable Sanitation organised by MoS&E and the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) .
- The Union Minister of State for Tourism & Culture ,Shri Prahlad Singh Patel will inaugurate the State Tourism Ministers’ Conference being held in New Delhi.
- Union Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change and Information and Broadcasting, Shri Prakash Javadekar attended the inaugural session of the 15th National Convention on “Housing for All By 2022” in New Delhi.
- Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das stressed on the need for the entire system switching to linked their loans and deposits pricing to the repo rate, Speaking at an annual banking conference organized by the industry lobby FICCI in Mumbai, the RBI Governor said such a move can speed up the monetary transmission process.
- India’s junior women boxers clinched 12 medals at the third Nation’s Cup in Vrbas, Serbia, They won four gold, four silver and four bronze medals and claimed the runners-up trophy.
- Indian skipper Virat Kohli retained the top spot in the latest Test batsmen’s rankings released by the International Cricket Council in Dubai.

August 21, 2019

- **21 August – International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism**
- To commemorate the 73rd Independence Day celebrations, a Heritage Special Service hauled by EIR-21 was operated from Chennai Egmore to Kodambakkam.

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- Divyang Satendra Singh Lohia from Madhya Pradesh has become the first Asian swimmer to cross the Catalina Channel of America.
- Maharashtra Transport Minister Diwakar Raote launched a tracking system for MSRTC buses which will allow people to have real-time information about their commute.
- Union Minister of Civil Aviation Hardeep Singh Puri announced that the Hollongi Airport in Itanagar will be completed by March 31, 2022.
- A 400-year-old temple in Japan is attempting to hot-wire interest in Buddhism with a robotic priest.
- Scientists of the Zoological Survey of India have discovered two new species of freshwater fish from the north-eastern and northern parts of the country.
- The Indian Space Research Organisation, ISRO, has successfully manoeuvred Chandrayaan-2 satellite into lunar orbit using the on-board propulsion system.
- The State Bank of India has plans to promote digital payment solutions and eliminate the plastic cards, according to chairman Rajnish Kumar.
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) handed over the design of Mobile Metallic Ramp (MMR) to the Indian Army at a ceremony held at DRDO Bhawan.
- The Selection Committee for National Sports Awards 2019 has confirmed that para-athlete Deepa Malik and wrestler Bajrang Punia will be conferred with the prestigious Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award.

August 22, 2019

- **22 August – International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief**
- Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has announced that FASTags will become mandatory for all vehicles from December this year.
- A two-day National Conference on Capacity Building of Sustainable Food Value Chains for Enhanced Food Safety and Quality began in New Delhi.
- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Culture and Tourism, Shri Prahlad Singh Patel will launch the book 'the Diary of Manu Gandhi' (1943-44) at a function in the auditorium of Nehru Memorial Museum and Library.
- Shri RK Singh, Union Minister of State for Power and New & Renewable Energy (IC) and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, launched the State Rooftop Solar Attractiveness Index-SARAL.
- The MoU was signed between India and Zambia in the field on Cooperation in the field of Geology and Mineral Resources, Defence, field of Arts & Culture.
- Union Home Secretary Rajiv Gauba was appointed as new Cabinet Secretary.



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- The government has appointed Ajay Kumar as Defence Secretary. Ajay Kumar, is a 1985 batch IAS officer of Kerala cadre and is currently serving as Secretary, Department of Defence Production.
 - Shri Brij Kumar Agarwal, IAS presently in the Cadre, has been appointed as Secretary to the Lokpal in the rank and pay of Secretary to the Government of India.
 - Union Human Resource Development Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' launched the National Mission to improve Learning Outcomes at the Elementary level- NISHTHA at Dr Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi.
 - Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju and former India football captain Baichung Bhutia flagged off the Delhi leg of Op-Blue Freedom.
 - The World Police and Fire Games-2019 was held from 08-18 August, 2019 at Chengdu, China wherein CISF sports personnel represented India in different sporting events and won ten (10) medals.

August 23, 2019

- **23 August - International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition**
- The government calls for applications for its latest initiative under the Swachh Bharat Mission, called the 'San-Sadhan' Hackathon, an initiative to ease lives of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) by making toilets smarter, more accessible, and easier to use.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to launch "Fit India Movement", This nation-wide campaign aims to encourage people to inculcate physical activity and sports in their everyday lives.
- Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot, Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment inaugurated the 'Renovated ALIMCO Orthotics and Prosthetic Centre (AOPC) and Residential complex building of ALIMCO Headquarters at Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh.
- The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has directed the Assam government to declare the area around Deepor Beel a major wetland on the western edge of Guwahati an eco-sensitive zone.
- Iran displayed a domestically-built long-range, mobile surface-to-air missile system Bavar-373, Iran developed a large domestic arms industry in the face of international sanctions and embargoes barring it from importing many weapons.
- Amid increased India-Pakistan tension, the United States will host an intersessional meeting of the US-India 2+2 Dialogue in California to discuss ways to advance cooperation on critical diplomatic and security priorities.
- Nepal will make the Everest region a plastic-free zone by 2020 by banning single-use plastics, a move that will curb excessive pollution on the highest point of the Earth's surface.
- Russia launched an unmanned rocket carrying a life-size humanoid robot that will spend 10 days learning to assist astronauts on the International Space Station.



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- A historic milestone was reached with the signing of an MoU between Indian Army's Army Welfare Housing Organization (AWHO) and Tata Realty & Housing on 22 Aug 2019.
 - Former opener Vikram Rathour will replace Sanjay Bangar as India's new batting coach while Bharath Arun and R. Sridhar were retained as bowling and fielding coaches.
 - The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has suspended the accreditation of India's National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL) for six months in what could be a massive blow to anti-doping movement in the country

August 24, 2019

- **24 August - International Strange Music Day**
- In Jammu and Kashmir, as part of Mission Reach Out Indian Army distributed Portable Solar Lights to the poor families of village Lapri Top and adjoining villages of Reasi District of Jammu Division.
- First ever state-of-the-art National Food Laboratory-Delhi, NCR of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) was inaugurated at Ghaziabad.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a memorial in the honour of the victims of two Air India crashes at the foothills of the Mont Blanc mountain in France in which several Indians, including Homi J. Bhabha, regarded as the father of India's nuclear programme, were killed.
- India and France have formalised the development and launch of a unique constellation of around 10 low-earth orbit satellites that will continuously provide maritime surveillance and security.
- India and Russia are negotiating the supply of space suits, crew seats and windows for astronauts who will be part of Gaganyaan, India's first human space mission set for 2022, according to a release issued by Russia's state-owned Roscosmos.
- The President of the Republic of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the first World Youth Conference on Kindness organised by the UNESCO Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development and Ministry of Human Resource Development.
- Union Minister for Women and Child Development Smriti Irani gave the Poshan Abhiyaan Awards for the year 2018-19 in different categories at a function in New Delhi.
- Dr Jitendra Singh presents Smart Policing Awards at the Homeland Security 2019 conference.
- BrahMos Aerospace and Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd will represent India in the international aviation and space show, MAKS 2019, in Russia, where defence and aerospace majors from across the globe will participate.
- NITI Aayog prepared the second Round of Composite Water Management Index (CWMI 2.0). The Report was launched by Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Minister of Jal Shakti, and Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog.

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- In Archery, the Indian team of Sukhbeer Singh, Sangampreet Singh Bisla and Tushar Phadtare clinched a bronze medal in the junior compound men's team event in the World Youth Championships in Madrid.

August 27, 2019

- The two day 'Brainstorming Session on Technological Innovations and Strategies for Farmers' Prosperity in Madhya Pradesh and Chattisgarh' was inaugurated in New Delhi by Union Agriculture Minister Shri Narendra Singh Tomar.
- Human Resource Development Ministry under its National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology, NMEICT has launched the National Digital Library of India project to develop a framework of virtual repository of learning resources with a single-window search facility.
- In Meghalaya, the Union Minister of Textiles Smriti Zubin Irani laid the foundation stone of the Integrated Textiles Tourism Complex at Nongpoh, Ri Bhoi district in the presence of Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma.
- The Education Department in Tamil Nadu has launched an exclusive 24-hour television channel for the school students.
- The first electric bus in Chennai has been flagged off by the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswamy.
- In Jammu and Kashmir, as a part of this goodwill initiative, the Indian Army has established 45 Army Goodwill schools in J&K wherein over 14 thousand students are studying at present.
- In the Democratic Republic of Congo, a coalition government was announced, seven months after the inauguration of new President Felix Tshisekedi. Mr Tshisekedi emerged victorious in elections that marked the Democratic Republic of Congo's first peaceful transition of power since the mineral-rich nation gained independence from Belgium in 1960.
- Chandrayaan-2's orbiter or mother spacecraft has scanned a crater on the moon named after 20th century's acclaimed radio physicist Sisir Kumar Mitra.
- The Seventh Community Radio Sammelan will be held at Dr. BR Ambedkar Bhawan, New Delhi from 27th to 29th August, 2019.
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed here today between the Department of Social Justice, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and National AIDS Control Organization (NACO,)Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- The 4th edition of National Entrepreneurship Awards will be held in November this year.

August 28, 2019

- Union Minister for Science and Technology, Dr. Harsh Vardhan and Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Trivendra Singh Rawat inaugurated a waste plastics to diesel plant in Dehradun.



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- Feroz Shah Kotla Stadium in Delhi will be renamed as Arun Jaitley Stadium in memory of its former president who passed away recently.
 - A bus service between Nepal's capital Kathmandu and India's Siliguri in West Bengal has started, Nepal's Minister for Physical Infrastructure and Transportation Raghbir Mahaseth and Indian Ambassador Manjeev Singh Puri flagged off the bus from Kathmandu.
 - The 43rd death anniversary of the rebel poet Kazi Nazrul Islam is being observed on August 27 in Bangladesh.
 - The spider belonging to the genus Poecilotheria, commonly known as the Peacock Parachute Spider or Gooty Tarantula was spotted by a team of researchers of the Puducherry-based Indigenous Biodiversity Foundation (IBF) in the Pakkamalai Reserve Forests near Gingee in Villupuram district.
 - The Minister of State for Culture & Tourism (Independent Charge), Shri Prahlad Singh Patel launched an integrated NOC online Application Processing System for National Monuments Authority (NMA) for 517 local bodies of six states in New Delhi.
 - Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers, Shri D.V. Sadananda Gowda launched a mobile application "Janaushadhi Sugam" and had announced that "Jan Aushadhi Suvidha Oxo-Biodegradable Sanitary Napkin" will now be available at only One Rupee per pad.
 - India will host the Conference Of Parties, COP 14, of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification from 2nd to 13th of next month.
 - Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards are given every year to recognize the achievements of persons in the fields of adventure by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
 - Indian cricket team skipper Virat Kohli maintained his lead over Australia's Steve Smith in the latest ICC Cricket Test rankings released in Dubai.
 - The Indian team created history by winning one gold, one silver and two bronze medals at the 45th WorldSkills Kazan 2019 competition, in Russia.

August 29, 2019

- **August 29 - International Day Against Nuclear Tests**
- **August 29 - National Sports Day**
- Union Minister of Home Affairs, Shri Amit Shah, presided over the 49th Foundation Day of Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD) as Chief Guest in New Delhi on August 28.
- India has become the first country in the world to issue Biometric Seafarer Identity Document (BSID), capturing the facial bio-metric data of seafarers.



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- Additional Chief Secretary of the Home and Political department Kumar Sanjay Krishna said that 200 Foreigners Tribunals will become functional from 1st of September in Assam.
 - Union Home Minister Amit Shah flagged off the first fleet of eco-friendly electric buses in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
 - India's proposal to upgrade the protection of star tortoises (*Geochelone elegans*), the smooth-coated otter (*Lutrogale perspicillata*) and small-clawed otters (*Aonyx cinereus*) in CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species on Wild Fauna and Flora) have been approved.
 - Union Human Resource Development Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' launched one of world's largest Integrated Online Junction for School Education 'Shagun' in New Delhi.
 - The Union Cabinet has relaxed Foreign Direct Investment rule for foreign single-brand retailers and also permitted foreign investment in contract manufacturing and coal mining.
 - The research arm of Indian Railways, Research Designs and Standards Organization (RDSO) is organizing a special Mega Vendor Meet at RDSO in a significant move to show-case greater business opportunities in Railway sector in Lucknow on 30th August, 2019.
 - The 12th India Security Summit on the theme "Towards New National Cyber Security Strategy" was held at New Delhi.
 - A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Indian Navy (IN) and India Meteorological Department (IMD) was signed at Naval Base, Kochi on 28 Aug 19.
 - The Union Cabinet gave approval for the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Guinea on Cooperation in the Field of Traditional Systems of Medicine and Homeopathy.
 - The 25th Senior Women's National Football Championship will be held in Arunachal Pradesh for the first time from September 10 to 24 next month.

August 30, 2019

- **August 30 – International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances**
- The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched the Fit India Movement at a ceremony in New Delhi on the occasion of National Sports Day.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the 26th Mela of Ladakhi-Kisan-Jawan-Vigyan Mela organised by Defence Institute of High Altitude Research (DIHAR) in Leh, Rajnath Singh said, Kashmir has always been with us and will remain so.
- The Dindigul lock and the Kandangi saree were given the GI tag by the Geographical Indications Registry in Chennai.
- The Government has taken a conscious decision to establish an International Standard Zoo and Biopark on the forest land at Gorewada, Nagpur.



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- In Jammu and Kashmir, Governor Satyapal Malik has said that Industrial Training Institutes will be set up in each district to impart skills to the youth and give professional training.
 - Russia is likely to offer India its conventional submarines on the government-to-government route under the Navy's Project-75I at the summit between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Vladimir Putin at Vladivostok next week.
 - Coal and Mines Minister Pralhad Joshi has said that the decision of 100 per cent Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) under the automatic route for coal mining activities is the biggest reform by Modi Government.
 - Civil Aviation Minister Mr Hardeep Singh Puri launched an aviation job portal.
 - The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will present Yoga awards to the winners of PM's Award for Outstanding Contribution for Promotion and Development of Yoga, which were announced during the International Day of Yoga, 2019 at Ranchi, along with the two winners of the previous year in an event being organized by the Ministry of AYUSH at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
 - In shooting, Abhishek Verma won the gold medal and Saurabh Chaudhary the bronze, in a dominant display by Indian shooters in the men's 10m air pistol event of the World Cup at Rio de Janeiro.

August 31, 2019

- **31 August - Malaysia's Independence Day**
- Vivekanand rock memorial has been an iconic landmark at the Tri-junction of Indian ocean, Bay of Bengal and Arabian sea in Kanyakumari.
- The unique tribal eco-tourism programme, being conducted in various parts of the Western Ghats in Tamilnadu, will be restarted from Sep 2.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma took the lead to launch the campaign of Fit India Movement which has been launched in the country by the Prime Minister.
- In a unique initiative, the Ambikapur municipal corporation of Chhattisgarh will open a first-of-its-kind 'Garbage Cafe' within a few days, This initiative is a step towards making the city plastic-free.
- The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the Malayala Manorama News Conclave 2019 in Kochi via video conferencing.
- The Embassy of India in Nepal and National Reconstruction Authority (NRA) of Nepal organized a two-day training programme in Kathmandu on the Export-Import (EXIM) Bank of India's Line of Credit guidelines and procedures.
- Bangladesh government will set up 560 model mosques and Islamic cultural centres in districts and upzilas across the country.



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- Hurricane Dorian powered toward Florida with increasing fury, becoming an “extremely dangerous” Category 4 storm but leaving forecasters uncertain whether it would make a direct hit on the state’s east coast or inflict a glancing blow.
- The government has announced the merger of ten public sector banks into four banks. It announced the merger of Oriental Bank of Commerce and United Bank with Punjab National Bank as well as the merger of Canara Bank and Syndicate Bank.
- Cash-strapped Pakistan will get about \$7 billion in fresh assistance from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for various development projects over the next three years.
- India and Pakistan are expected to participate in the Foreign Minister-level meeting of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) in New York on September 26, a diplomatic source has confirmed.