

Puerto Williams is now the world's southernmost city

Puerto Williams, a growing hamlet draped in snow-covered peaks on the remote southern tip of the South American continent, has been upgraded to the category of “city” by Chilean authorities, making it the **world's southernmost city**. **Puerto Williams has nudged out Ushuaia**, a neighbour in Argentina's Tierra del Fuego, for the title.

Indian-origin Anita Bhatia appointed UN Deputy Executive Director

Indian-origin Anita Bhatia, a veteran in strategic partnerships, resource mobilization, and management, has been appointed by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres as the Deputy Executive Director in the global body's agency focused on women empowerment and gender equality.

Global Day of Parents

The Global Day of Parents is observed on the **1st of June every year**. The day was announced to honour and acknowledge the love, commitment and selfless efforts of parents across the globe, towards their children. **The theme for the 2019 Global Day of Parents is “Honor Your Parents!”**

Financial Literacy Week 2019 organised by RBI

Telangana Agriculture Commissioner Rahul Bojja inaugurated ‘**Financial Literacy Week 2019**’ at Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Hyderabad. The Financial Literacy Week is an initiative of RBI to promote awareness on key topics every year through a focused campaign. Financial Literacy Week 2019 will be observed from June 3-7 on the **theme of ‘farmers’** and how they benefit by being a part of the formal banking system.

Pakistan to host 2020 Asia Cup

The Asian Cricket Council (ACC) in its meeting in Singapore reasserted its decision to award the **2020 Asia Cup to Pakistan**, casting serious doubts on the participation of defending champions India. The tournament, which may be organised in T20 format, will be held in September ahead of the World T20 in Australia.

Admiral Karambir Singh takes over as Navy Chief

Admiral Karambir Singh assumed charge as the **24th Chief of the Naval Staff**. Admiral Singh is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla.

Ex-President Pratibha Patil Conferred Mexico's Highest Civilian Honour

Former Indian President of India **Pratibha Patil has been conferred the “Orden Mexicana del Aguila Azteca” (Order of the Aztec Eagle)** the highest civilian award of Mexico given to foreigners.

14th Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) summit held in Mecca

The 14th summit of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) held in Mecca, Saudi Arabia was hosted by Saudi King **Salman bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud**. The official agenda of the meeting was to address current issues in the Muslim world and recent developments in a number of OIC member states.

Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad) meets in Bangkok

The **Quadrilateral Security Dialogue** also known as **Quad** is an informal strategic grouping consisting of **India, US, Australia and Japan** recently met in **Bangkok in Thailand**. The meet in Bangkok was attended by senior officials of Quad (India, US, Japan and Australia).

ONGC overtakes India Oil Corp as Most Profitable PSU

ONGC, India's top oil and gas producer, has toppled Indian Oil Corp (IOC) to regain crown of being the country's **most profitable public sector company**. In fiscal year 2018-19, ONGC's net profits increased by 34% to Rs.26,716 crore in comparison to it IOC registered a net profit of Rs.17,274 crore for fiscal year ended March 31, 2019

Liverpool wins UEFA Champions League Trophy, beats Tottenham Hotspur 2-0

Liverpool's 2-0 victory is the sixth time it has won the European title in the club's history. An early goal from Mohamed Salah and a late one from Divock Origi gave Liverpool a 2-0 win.

India ranks 95 among 129 countries in global gender equality index

- **India ranked 95th** out of 129 countries in a new **index that measures global gender equality** looking at aspects such as poverty, health, education, literacy, political representation and equality at the workplace. **Denmark was ranked at the first place and Chad at 129th place.**

The Sustainable Development Goals Gender Index has been developed by UK-based Equal Measures 2030, a joint effort of regional and global organisations including African Women's Development and Communication Network, Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and International Women's Health Coalition.

Jay-Z named world's first billionaire rapper by Forbes magazine

American Jay-Z has been named the **world's first billionaire rapper** in a new Forbes cover story. The magazine has claimed the 49-year-old's empire "conservatively" totals \$1bn after valuing his various ventures as well as any real estate and his art collection.

China confirmed as host of AFC Asian Cup 2023

China was confirmed as the host of the AFC Asian Cup 2023 at the AFC Extraordinary Congress in Paris. After South Korea dropped its bid last month, China was set to stage the 2023 edition of the Asian Cup as the sole bidder.



Qatar to host 2019 and 2020 FIFA Club World Cup

FIFA has appointed **Qatar as the host of the FIFA Club World Cup in 2019 and 2020** to function as test events for the next FIFA World Cup in 2022. Qatar will host the 2019 and 2020 editions in its existing seven-team format, with a revamped edition of the tournament featuring 24 teams to be played from 2021 onwards.

Kerala honours veteran film star Sheela with award

Veteran actress Sheela, 76, has been honoured with the prestigious **J.C. Daniel Award** in recognition of her contribution to the Malayalam film industry. This award is the Kerala government's top film award for a film veteran. The award includes a cash prize of Rs 500,000 and a citation.

'Cricket World Cup: The Indian Challenge' book by Ashis Ray released

Celebrated cricket broadcaster Ashis Ray released a new book titled '**Cricket World Cup: The Indian Challenge**'. In the new book he has Ray penned down the journey of Indian cricket at the World Cups since the inaugural edition of WCs in 1975.

World Milk Day

World Milk Day is an international day established by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations to recognize the importance of milk as a global food. It has been observed on **June 1 each year** since 2001. The day is intended to provide an opportunity to bring attention to activities that are connected with the dairy sector.

India loses its spot as world's fastest growing economy to China

India lost its spot as the fastest growing major economy to China in the January-March quarter for the first time in one-and-a-half years, government data showed. **India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate slowed to 5.8% in the quarter, compared to China's 6.4%**. This is also India's slowest growth rate in five years.


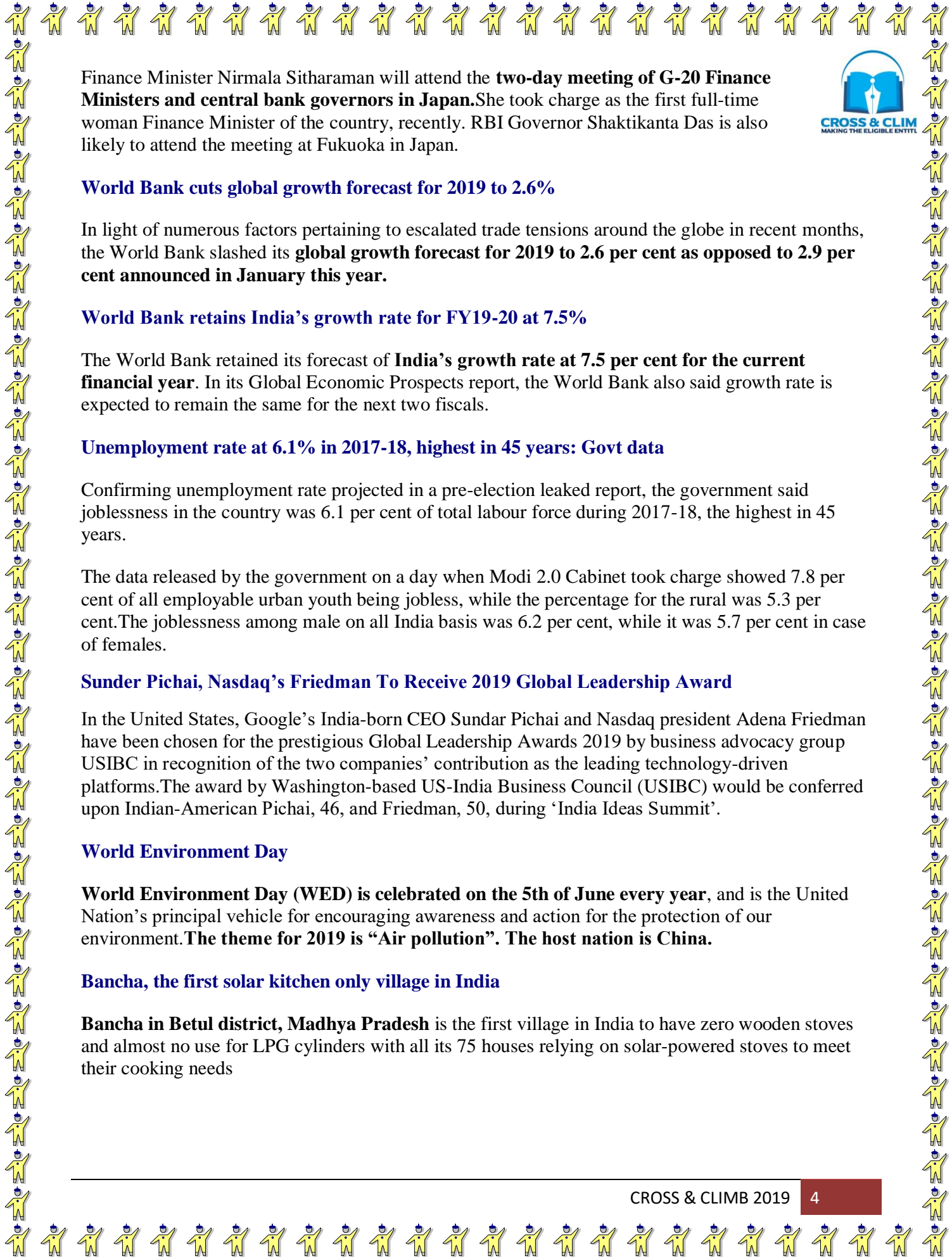
Delhi Metro becomes India's first project to receive power from waste-to-energy plant

Continuing its efforts to establish an environment-friendly network, the **Delhi Metro has become the first ever project in the country to receive power generated from a waste-to-energy plant**. The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) said it has started receiving 2 MW power from a 12 MW capacity waste-to-energy plant set up in Ghazipur.

Mumbai traffic worst among world's 403 cities, Delhi ranks 4th: Study

Mumbai had the worst traffic congestion in 2018, an analysis of 403 cities across 56 countries on six continents in 'Traffic Index-2018', compiled by location technology specialist TomTom, has found. Mumbai was followed by Colombia's Bogota, Peru's Lima and Delhi in traffic congestion. It added that the best time to drive in Mumbai was between 2 AM to 5 AM.

Nirmala Sitharaman to attend G20 Finance Ministers' Meeting in Japan



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will attend the **two-day meeting of G-20 Finance Ministers and central bank governors in Japan**. She took charge as the first full-time woman Finance Minister of the country, recently. RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das is also likely to attend the meeting at Fukuoka in Japan.

World Bank cuts global growth forecast for 2019 to 2.6%

In light of numerous factors pertaining to escalated trade tensions around the globe in recent months, the World Bank slashed its **global growth forecast for 2019 to 2.6 per cent as opposed to 2.9 per cent announced in January this year**.

World Bank retains India's growth rate for FY19-20 at 7.5%

The World Bank retained its forecast of **India's growth rate at 7.5 per cent for the current financial year**. In its Global Economic Prospects report, the World Bank also said growth rate is expected to remain the same for the next two fiscals.

Unemployment rate at 6.1% in 2017-18, highest in 45 years: Govt data

Confirming unemployment rate projected in a pre-election leaked report, the government said joblessness in the country was 6.1 per cent of total labour force during 2017-18, the highest in 45 years.

The data released by the government on a day when Modi 2.0 Cabinet took charge showed 7.8 per cent of all employable urban youth being jobless, while the percentage for the rural was 5.3 per cent. The joblessness among male on all India basis was 6.2 per cent, while it was 5.7 per cent in case of females.

Sunder Pichai, Nasdaq's Friedman To Receive 2019 Global Leadership Award

In the United States, Google's India-born CEO Sundar Pichai and Nasdaq president Adena Friedman have been chosen for the prestigious Global Leadership Awards 2019 by business advocacy group USIBC in recognition of the two companies' contribution as the leading technology-driven platforms. The award by Washington-based US-India Business Council (USIBC) would be conferred upon Indian-American Pichai, 46, and Friedman, 50, during 'India Ideas Summit'.

World Environment Day

World Environment Day (WED) is celebrated on the 5th of June every year, and is the United Nation's principal vehicle for encouraging awareness and action for the protection of our environment. **The theme for 2019 is "Air pollution". The host nation is China.**

Bancha, the first solar kitchen only village in India

Bancha in Betul district, Madhya Pradesh is the first village in India to have zero wooden stoves and almost no use for LPG cylinders with all its 75 houses relying on solar-powered stoves to meet their cooking needs

Gujarat first to launch emissions trading

Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani on the World Environment Day launched the **country's first emissions trading scheme (ETS)** to encourage and incentivize the industrial units to cut air pollution.

Under the scheme, the government will fix a cap on emissions as advised by the Gujarat Pollution Control Board and then allow industries to buy and sell permits to maintain their emissions below the cap.

America's first private moon lander will be engineered in India

The **first US lunar lander in the 21st century will be designed in India**, the result of NASA's new willingness to outsource production of its space vehicles.

NASA says it will spend more than \$250 million hiring private companies to transport scientific missions to the moon. These privately operated missions, part of the US space agency's broader rush back to the moon, are designed to gather data about the lunar surface and pilot technologies for landing robotic explorers

Razorpay launches digital payment support for 100 currencies

Razorpay, India's first converged payments solution company, announced that it now supports 100 currencies for international digital payments – including all popular currencies such as U.S. Dollar (USD), European Dollar (EUR), British Pound (GBP), Arab Emirates Dirham (AED) and Singapore Dollar (SGD)

Mrutyunjay Mohapatra appointed chief of India Meteorological Department

Renowned scientist Mrutyunjay Mohapatra was appointed as the **chief of the India Meteorological Department (IMD)**.

Mohapatra, who is Scientist 'G' in the IMD, has been appointed as Director-General of Meteorology, IMD, for a period of five years. He will assume charge of the post on or after August 1, 2019, the order said.

Punjab to be promoted as India's basketball hub

Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh announced to make the state the **country's basketball hub**. He said, "Delighted to share that one of our own from @PunjabPoliceInd will also be playing for India. We will work towards making Punjab a hub for basketball in India."

Russia launches 1st Arctic Train Service

In **Russia**, the first tourist train traveling through **Russia's Arctic region** and on to Norway set off from St. Petersburg station with 91 passengers aboard for the inaugural trial journey. The tourists came from seven countries including the US, Germany, Norway and Russia.

The train, named, Zarengold, complete with two restaurant cars will travel from Saint Petersburg through, the whole trip will take 11 days and allow passengers to discover areas difficult to access by other means.



RBI cuts repo rate by 25 basis points to 5.75 pc

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) **cut repo rate** for the third consecutive time this year to **5.75 per cent** from the current 6 per cent amid falling economic growth and uncertain global scenario.

Repo Rate: 5.75%

Reverse Repo Rate: 5.50%

SLR (Statutory Liquidity Ratio): 19.00%

CRR (Cash Reserve Ratio): 4.00%

MSF(Marginal Standing Facility) Rate: 6.00%

Inflation: 2.86%

Sunil Chhetri becomes most Capped India Player

Sunil Chhetri became the most capped India player by surpassing Bhaichung Bhutia's 107 international matches. In his milestone match of the King's Cup football tournament in Buriram, Thailand, he scored the lone goal for his side for his 69th goal.

Rajiv Kumar re-appointed NITI Aayog Vice Chairman

Economist Rajiv Kumar was re-appointed as the **Vice Chairman** of the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) **Aayog**. Accordingly, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the re-constitution of NITI Aayog**, which will have scientist V.K. Saraswat, agricultural economist Ramesh Chand and Dr V.K. Paul as its full-time members.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah, Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will be among the ex-officio members of the institution.

Wipro founder Azim Premji to retire next month, son Rishad to take over

Azim Premji, one of the pioneers of Indian technology industry and founder of Wipro Limited, **will retire as Executive Chairman** upon the completion of his current term on July 30, after having led the company for 53 years. Wipro said that his son **Rishad Premji**, Chief Strategy Officer and Member of the Board, **will take over as the Executive Chairman**. Azim Premji, however, will continue to serve on the board as Non-Executive Director and Founder Chairman.

Nigeria's UN envoy Tijjani Muhammad-Bande elected UNGA President

Nigeria's Ambassador to the UN Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, has been elected as the next **President of the General Assembly**. He said that he will try and hasten the long-delayed reform process of the Security Council to ensure that the powerful UN organ is more democratic and efficient.

Gianni Infantino re-elected unopposed as FIFA president

Switzerland's Gianni Infantino was re-elected for a second term as **president of football's international governing body FIFA** having run unopposed. Infantino, who was first elected in

February 2016 after Sepp Blatter was ousted amidst corruption investigations, will now run until at least 2023



‘Czar of Indian Cuisine’ Jiggs Kalra passes away

Celebrated chef and culinary revivalist Jaspal Inder Singh Kalra, popularly known as Jiggs Kalra, has passed away. He was 71. Mr. Kalra, who held titles like the “Czar of Indian Cuisine” and “Taste maker to the Nation”, conferred upon him by eminent writer Khushwant Singh, was best known for his role as a culinary revivalist.

Nirmala Sitharaman second woman Finance Minister after Indira Gandhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi surprised markets by naming **Nirmala Sitharaman**, formerly the country’s defence minister, as the **next finance minister** at a time when Asia’s third-largest economy is stuttering.

Vietnam elected to Asian seat on UN Security Council

Vietnam has been elected unopposed to the Security Council on behalf of the Asian countries in an election that could reshuffle the dynamics of the UN’s highest body that is already paralyzed on many important issues like Syria, Yemen and Venezuela.

SriLankan Airlines named world’s most punctual

SriLankan Airlines, the flag carrier of the island nation, has been named the **‘World’s Most Punctual Airline’ for the second consecutive time** with over 90 per cent of its flights in May being “on time”.

Rihanna named world’s richest female musician by Forbes

Singer Rihanna has been named as the **“World’s Richest Female Musician” by the Forbes magazine** with an estimated fortune of \$600 million with the bulk of that coming from her Fenty beauty range. She’s overtaken Madonna and Beyonce, who previously topped the list.

World Food Safety Day

7 June 2019 marks the first ever celebration of the United Nations World Food Safety Day. It aims to strengthen efforts to ensure that the food we eat is safe. **The theme of World Food Safety Day 2019 is “Food Safety, everyone’s business”.**

World Oceans Day

World Oceans Day takes place every 8 June. The concept was originally proposed in 1992 by Canada’s International Centre for Ocean Development (ICOD) and the Ocean Institute of Canada (OIC) at the Earth Summit – UN Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. **The theme selected by the United Nations for this United Nations International Day (2019) is “Gender and Oceans”**

India gets its first Dinosaur Museum

India's first Dinosaur Museum cum Park was inaugurated in Gujarat's Mahisagar district and is set to give visitors the true Jurassic Park feel. It has been claimed that it was the country's first such museum and the world's third park. Raiyoli is known to be the third largest dinosaur fossil site in the world, and also the second largest dinosaur hatchery in the world, where thousands of eggs had been found.

Rohit Sharma becomes fastest Indian to score 2000 runs against Australia in ODIs

Rohit Sharma has become the fastest Indian to go past 2000-run mark against Australia in ODIs after he knocked 57 in the ongoing ICC Men's World Cup match between the two sides at the Oval.

Ashleigh defeats Vondrousova to win Women's French Open title

Ashleigh Barty defeated 19-year-old Marketa Vondrousova 6-1, 6-3 in the final to lift the Women's French Open title. As a result of this win, Barty has become the first Australian woman to win the French Open title since 1973

PM Modi conferred with Maldives' highest honour

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred with **Nishan Izzuddeen, the Maldives' highest honour** accorded to foreign dignitaries, during his visit to the Island Nation. The Prime Minister is on a two-day bilateral visit to the Maldives, his first after assuming office for the second term.

India partners with Portugal to set up a national maritime heritage museum

India has partnered with Portugal to set up a **national maritime heritage museum at Lothal in Gujarat**. The Indian Navy will be the stakeholder in the project and the Portuguese Navy will assist as they have experience in it by administering the maritime museum in Lisbon, Portugal. India is to follow a similar model of the maritime museum.

ASI declares Chaukhandi Stupa as of national important monument

Chaukhandi Stupa, an ancient Buddhist site located in Sarnath, Uttar Pradesh, has been declared as a **Monument and protected area of national importance** by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

Chaukhandi Stupa is a lofty mound of brick whose square edifice is surrounded by an octagonal tower. It was built to mark the place where Lord Buddha met his first disciples as he traveled from Bodhgaya to Sarnath.

Mela Kheer Bhawani celebrated with religious fervor in J&K

The annual '**Mela Kheer Bhawani**', the most important festival of Kashmiri pandits, associated with Hindu Goddess Ragnya Devi was Monday celebrated with religious fervor and gaiety at Tulmulla area of central Kashmir's Ganderbal district and Kupwara with thousands of Pandith devotees participated in the function.



India test fires Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle



India successfully test-fired **Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle (HSTDV)** off Odisha coast. It was test-fired from launch pad number-4 of Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Abdul Kalam Island in Balasore district at 11.22 a.m. With scramjet engine, it can cruise at Mach 6 and have multiple civilian applications. It can be used for launching satellites at low cost and long-range cruise missile

Facebook launches 1st interactive game show in India

Social networking giant Facebook announced its **first interactive game show, titled “Confetti”** in India. Starting June 12, the interactive show will air from Wednesday to Sunday on Facebook’s dedicated video platform – Facebook Watch.

Vegan Teen Climate Activist Greta Thunberg Wins Prestigious Prix Liberté

Vegan teen climate activist Greta Thunberg has won the prestigious Prix Liberté. Thunberg, 16, is the first recipient of this new award, which was designed to honor a young person ‘engaged in a fight for peace and freedom’. The award comes with prize money of €25,000.

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