

## 1-2 September 2019 Current Affairs



1) Which personalities were appointed as new Governors of 5 states by the Union Government on 1 September 2019?

– [Kalraj Mishra \(Rajasthan\)](#), [Bhagat Singh Koshiyari \(Maharashtra\)](#), [Arif Mohammed Khan \(Kerala\)](#), [Bandaru Dattatreya \(Himachal Pradesh\)](#) and [Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan \(Telangana\)](#)

2) The RBI on 31 August 2019 the deadline for prepaid installments, including mobile wallets, to do full KYC of customers till which date?

– [29 February 2020](#)

(The extension of KYC deadline from 31 August 2019 to 29 February 2020 came as a relief for operators such as PhonePe, Paytm and Amazon Pay who ran the risk of losing thousands of customers if they failed to comply with the 31 August deadline)



3) Jasprit Bumrah became the third Indian bowler to take a hat-trick in Test cricket on 31 August 2019. Who are the other two to have achieved this distinction?

– [Harbhajan Singh and Irfan Pathan](#)

(Fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah became the third Indian bowler to take a hat-trick in Test cricket as he dismissed Darren Bravo, Shamarh Brooks and Roston Chase in consecutive deliveries in his fourth over during West Indies' first innings in the second Test at . The other two Indians to achieve this distinction are off-spinner Harbhajan Singh (2001, Australia) and fast bowler Irfan Pathan (2006, Pakistan))



4) What is the name of the young French driver who was killed following a crash during the Formula 2 feature race at Belgian Grand Prix on 31 August 2019?

– [Anthoine Hubert](#)

(France's 22-year-old driver Anthoine Hubert died following a high-speed crash during the Formula 2 feature race at Belgian Grand Prix on 31 August 2019. He was a member of Arden International team and was hit by Ecuadorian-American driver Juan Manuel Correa. Hubert's death is the first driver fatality at a Formula One race weekend since Ayrton Senna and Roland Ratzenberger were killed at the San Marino GP in May 1994)

## 3-13 September 2019 Current Affairs



1) Fresh light was thrown on the Indus Valley Civilisation as study of DNA from skeletal remains excavated from a Harappan cemetery has confirmed that Indus Valley settlers had distinct lineage. This important study was conducted at which Harappan site in India?

– [Rakhigarhi](#)

(The DNA study carried out on skeletal remains found in Haryana's Rakhigarhi has concluded that the theory of the Harappans having Steppe pastoral or ancient Iranian farmer ancestry is incorrect. It has also negated the hypothesis about mass migration during Harappan times from outside South Asia. The study was conducted by Prof. Vasant Shinde, Department of Archaeology, Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute, Pune)



**2)** What is the name of the Chief Justice of Madras High Court who resigned after she was shifted to the Meghalaya High Court during September 2019?  
- [Justice Vijaya K Tahilramani](#)

(Justice Vijaya K Tahilramani, the Chief Justice of Madras High Court resigned on 7 September 2019 after the Supreme Court Collegium declined her request for reconsideration of transfer to Meghalaya High Court. Madras High Court is one of the most prestigious High Courts of India with wide jurisdiction area while Meghalaya High Court is one of the smallest High Courts of the country)

**3)** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 6 September 2019 inaugurated the first coach for Mumbai Metro which has been manufactured under the 'Make in India' programme. This coach has been built by which entity?  
- [Bharat Earth Movers Limited](#)

(Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) has built the first indigenous metro coach under 'Make in India' initiative at its Bengaluru facility in record time of 75 days. This metro coach was commissioned in the Mumbai Metro by PM Modi on 6 September 2019)



**4)** Noted jurist Ram Jethmalani, who passed away on 8 September 2019, had held two Union minister portfolios during which Prime Minister's regime? -  
[Atal Bihari Vajpayee](#)

(Ram Jethmalani was the Union Law Minister and the Urban Development Minister during the Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led NDA government. Later he was ousted from BJP and fought against Atal Bihari Vajpayee from Lucknow. He passed away at the age of 95 on 8 September 2019)

**5)** Whom Rafael Nadal defeated to win the men's singles title of US Open of 2019 on 8 September 2019? - [Daniil Medvedev](#)

(Rafael Nadal (Spain) defeated Daniil Medvedev of Russia by 7-5, 6-3, 5-7, 4-6 and 6-4 in a thrilling final to claim his fourth U.S. Open crown on 8 September 2019. With this win he moved within one Grand Slam title of matching his great rival Roger Federer's all-time record)



**6)** Who won her maiden tennis Grand Slam title by winning the women's singles title of 2019 US Open on 7 September 2019?  
- [Bianca Andreescu](#)

(Bianca Andreescu has become the first Canadian to win a Grand Slam singles title as she defeated 23-time Grand Slam champion Serena Williams in the US Open final by 6-3, 7-5 on 7 September 2019. With her maiden Grand Slam title win she also became the first teenager to win a Grand Slam title in 13 years)



**7)** Former Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe passed away on 6 September 2019 at the age of 95. One of the largest serving head of state he served as his country during which years?  
- [From 1987 to 2017](#)

(Robert Mugabe was Zimbabwe's Prime Minister from 1980 to 1987. He later became country's President in 1987 and continued till he was ousted from power in a military coup in 2017. But his years in power were characterised by financial collapse, violent intimidation and vicious power struggle)

# 14-30 September 2019 Current Affairs



1) Who took over as the new Chief of Indian Air Force (IAF) on 30 September 2019? – [Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria](#)

(Air Chief Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria took over as the 26<sup>th</sup> Chief of the Indian Air Force on 30 September 2019. He replaced Air Chief Marshal B.S. Dhanoa who retired on the same day after 41 years of illustrious service. Bhadauria was commissioned in the IAF in 1980 and has flown over 26 different types of fighter planes. He was one of the first Indian pilots to have flown the Rafale aircraft that will be commissioned in the IAF very soon)

2) Curb on granting new loans and withdrawals were placed on which cooperative bank by the RBI on 24 September 2019?  
– [Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank \(PMC Bank\)](#)

– The Reserve Bank of India on 24 September 2019 banned the BMC Bank from granting new loans for six months and capped withdrawals at Rs. 1,000 per customer following alleged irregularities. Later this withdrawal limit was raised to Rs. 10,000)

3) Which station became India's 5000<sup>th</sup> station to be Wi-Fi enabled? – [Midnapore](#)

(West Bengal's Midnapore became on 28 September 2019 became India's 5000<sup>th</sup> public Wi-Fi enabled railway station. RailTel, a PSU under the railways, started providing free Wi-Fi from Mumbai Central station in January 2016)



4) Who was chosen as for the Dada Saheb Phalke Award for 2018, as was announced on 24 September 2019? – [Amitabh Bachchan](#)

(Amitabh Bachchan has been selected for the Dada Saheb Phalke award for the year 2018 for his contribution to the Indian film industry. This was announced by Union Minister of Information & Broadcasting Prakash Javadekar on 24 September 2019. He will be the 50 recipient of this prestigious award. The 2017 award was given to the late Vinod Khanna)

5) During September 2019 who became the first-ever Emirati astronaut to go to the space?  
– [Hazza al-Mansouri](#)

(UAE's Hazza al-Mansouri on 25 September 2019 became the Emirati to go to the space as he left Earth for the International Space Station (ISS) from Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. He is overall the third Arab to go to space)



6) Who was named the new head (MD) of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)?  
– [Kristalina Georgieva](#)

(According to an announcement made on 25 September 2019, Bulgarian economist Kristalina Georgieva has been selected as the new managing director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). She succeeds Christine Lagarde, who is leaving to become head of the European Central Bank (ECB). Georgieva, who was previously chief executive of the World Bank, becomes the first person from an emerging economy to lead the IMF)

7) What is the name of the indigenously-built second Kalvari class submarine that was inducted in the Indian Navy on 28 September 2019?  
– [INS Khanderi](#)

(INS Khanderi is an indigenously-built second Kalvari class diesel-electric submarine that was inducted into the Indian Navy on 28 September 2019. The first, INS Kalvari, was commissioned in December 2017. Khanderi is built at the state-run Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL) and underwent rigorous sea trials for over two and a half years)

**8)** What is the name of the award given to Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for Swachh Bharat Abhiyan on 25 September 2019?

– **“Global Goalkeeper Award”**

(Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred the 'Global Goalkeeper Award' for the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan launched by the government. The award from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation was presented to PM Modi by Bill Gates in New York on 25 September 2019)

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**9)** Which film was selected as India's official entry for 2020 Academy Awards (Oscars)?

– **“Gully Boy”**

(Zoya Akhtar-directed “Gully Boy” was selected as India's official entry for 2020 Academy Awards in the Best Foreign Language film category. The film stars Ranveer Singh and Alia Bhatt in the main lead and revolves around a youth who uses rap music to break free from his situations)

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**10)** The Union Finance Minister on 21 September 2019 announced steep reduction in corporate taxes with the view to enthuse the sagging economy. The government is incurring how much expenditure on this? – **Rs. 1,45,000 crore**

(Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman reduced corporate tax from 35% to 22% (effective rate 25.17%) for all existing domestic companies while for new manufacturing companies corporate tax was reduced to 15% (effective rate 17.01%). The total revenue forgone on account of today's measures would be Rs 1.45 trillion (Rs. 1,45,000 crore per year)

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**11)** Indian Air Force inaugurated the resurfaced Vijayanagar advanced landing ground (ALG) during September 2019. This ALG is situated in which state? – **Arunachal Pradesh**

(Vijayanagar advanced landing ground (ALG) in Arunachal Pradesh was made operational by the IAF on 18 September 2019. It is situated on the border with Myanmar. This is the eighth ALG made operational by the IAF since a Rs. 720-crore project received impetus in 2013. The others are at Aalo, Mechuka, Pasighat, Tawang, Tuting, Walong and Ziro)

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**12)** What is the name of the 350m tall tower inaugurated in Sri Lankan capital Colombo on 16 September 2019 that is the tallest tower in South Asia? – **Lotus Tower**

(The 350m tall Lotus Tower constructed at a cost of US \$ 104.3 million was formally inaugurated on 16 September 2019 by Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena. It is the tallest tower in South Asia and features a revolving restaurant, conference hall and observation area. The tower, overlooking Beira Lake in central Colombo, is expected to become a major tourism attraction)

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