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1) The 3rd Summit for the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement was held from 31 October to 4 November 2019 at which place where India opted out of the agreement due to its apprehensions not being addressed? – [Bangkok](#)

(The 3rd RCEP Summit was held in Bangkok with the objective of signing the mega trade deal between 10 ASEAN countries - (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam) and 6 FTA partners - (China, India, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand). But on 4 November 2019 India decided to opt out of the agreement. India felt that it did not receive any credible assurance on market access and non-tariff barriers. Prime Minister Narendra Modi represented India at the Summit)



2) During October 2019 the number of transactions via the Indian Government promoted payments interface UPI crossed which landmark figure for the first time ever? – [One billion](#)

(The number of transactions via the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)-promoted Unified Payment Interface (UPI) crossed the one billion mark in October 2019 for the first time since its launch in 2016. As per data released on 2 November 2019, 1.15 billion transactions worth Rs. 1.91 lakh crore were made in October, compared to 960 million transactions worth Rs. 1.46 lakh crore in September 2019)

3) Who took over as the new Governor of Goa on 3 November 2019? – [Satya Pal Malik](#)

(Chief Justice of Bombay High Court Pradeep Nandrajog administered the oath of office to Satya Pal Malik as Governor of Goa on 3 November 2019. He replaced Mridula Sinha who was holding the post since August 2019. Malik was the Governor of

the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir before its bifurcation into Union Territories)



4) Which country won the Rugby World Cup 2019 by defeating England in the final on 2 November 2019? – [South Africa](#)

(South Africa lifted the Rugby World Cup 2019 title after defeating England 32-12 in the final at Yokohama, Japan on 2 November 2019. With this title win, South Africa also equaled New Zealand's record of 3 title wins. This was the ninth edition of Rugby World Cup and was hosted by Japan from 20 September to 2 November 2019)



5) British Formula One (F1) racing star Lewis Hamilton won the 2019 F1 championship with a second-place finish at US Grand Prix on 3 November 2019. With this Hamilton has now won how many F1 championship titles? – [Six](#)

(Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton secured his sixth Formula One championship with a second-place finish on 3 November 2019 at US Grand Prix. He now ranks second in F1 history behind German Michael Schumacher's record seven titles)

6) Which Chinese group acquired the brand name of collapsed travel group Thomas Cook for \$14.3 million? - [Fosun](#)

(Chinese business group Fosun on 1 November 2019 announced that it is acquiring the Thomas Cook brand name - the oldest name in world tourism for \$14.3 million. The deal, which also includes hotel brands Casa Cook and Cook's Club, gives Fosun access to Thomas Cook trademarks, websites, social media accounts and software across most of the world. It is worth mentioning that Fosun was Thomas Cook's largest shareholder and a key part of a failed rescue deal)

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1) The 11th Summit of BRICS nations was held on 13-14 November 2019 at which place? – [Brasilia, Brazil](#)

(The 2019 Summit of 5-nation BRICS group was held from on 13 and 14 November 2019 at Brazilian capital Brasilia. Prime Minister Narendra Modi represented India in the Summit. The theme of this 11th Summit was “BRICS: economic growth for an innovative future”. The host country Brazil was represented by President Jair Bolsonaro while Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping and South African President Cyril Ramaphosa represented their countries in the Summit. Some important discussed in the Summit included strengthening of the cooperation in science, technology and innovation and enhancement of the cooperation on digital economy)



2) In its historic ruling the Supreme Court on 9 November 2019 ordered that the a temple dedicated to Lord Ram be constructed at the disputed holy site of Ayodhya while 5 acre land at another plot should be given to build a mosque. This ruling thus brought an end to centuries old Ayodhya dispute. In the ruling the Supreme Court rejected suit filed by which Hindu body claiming it to be party to the issue? – [Nirmohi Akhara](#)

(In the historic Supreme Court judgement of 9 November 2019 the apex ordered the Government of India to create a trust to build a temple and a Board of Trustees within three months. The Court ordered the entire disputed land of area of 2.77 acres to be allocated for the construction of a temple while an alternative piece of land of area of 5 acres be allocated to the Sunni Waqf Board for the construction of a mosque within Ayodhya. It also ruled that the suit filed by Nirmohi Akhara could not be upheld. However, the court ruled that Nirmohi Akhara should be given appropriate representation

in the Board of Trustees that will be created by the Government of India. This historic decision by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi-led 5 member SC bench was unanimous)

3) The Union Cabinet approved the setting up of an alternative investment fund (AIF) to revive stalled housing projects on 6 November 2019. What is the corpus of this ambitious fund? – [Rs. 25,000 crore](#)

(The Union Cabinet on 6 November 2019 approved the setting up of a Rs 25,000-crore alternative investment fund (AIF) to revive around 1,600 stalled housing projects across top cities in the country. The AIF will be a special window to provide priority debt financing for completion of projects in the affordable and middle-income categories)



4) Who was appointed Google’s new country manager and vice president of sales and operations for India during November 2019? – [Sanjay Gupta](#)

(Google India on 8 November 2019 announced appointing Sanjay Gupta as its new country manager and Vice President of sales and operations for India. He joins Google from Star and Disney India where he was the Managing Director. During his tenure there, Sanjay Gupta played a pivotal role in Star becoming the largest media company in India)

5) Which country became the first South Asian country to criminalise match-fixing and sports betting? – [Sri Lanka](#)

(On 12 November 2019 Sri Lanka became the first South Asian country to criminalise match-fixing and sports betting, with a bill setting out penalties including fines of up to \$555,000 and 10-year prison terms. Prevention of Offences Related to Sports bill of Sri Lankan parliament makes it illegal for any person connected to a sport to manipulate an event)

6) The 6th edition of the World Congress on Rural and Agricultural Finance (WCRAF) was held at which Indian city during November 2019? – [New Delhi](#)

(The 6th World Congress on Rural and Agricultural Finance (WCRAF) was held on 12 and 13 November 2019 at New Delhi. This congress is held

every 3 years and last edition was held in Dakar, Senegal in 2016. The theme of 6th WCRAF was “Rural and Agricultural Finance: Critical Input to achieve Inclusive and Sustainable Development”. The main objective of this congress is to bring all possible stakeholders associated rural and agricultural finance on a common platform)

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7) Who took over as the new Chief Justices of Bihar High Court and Meghalaya High Court during November 2019? – [Justice Sanjay Karol](#)

(Bihar High Court) and Justice Muhammad Raffiq (Meghalaya High Court) - Justice Sanjay Karol was sworn in as the 43rd Chief Justice of Patna High Court on 12 November 2019. He replaced Justice Amreshwar Pratap Sahi, who earlier was appointed Chief Justice of the Madras High Court. On the other hand Justice Muhammad Raffiq became the 8th Chief Justice of Meghalaya High Court on 6 November 2019. He succeeded Justice Ajay Kumar Mittal who is now the Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court)

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8) Who was appointed as the first-ever woman Editor of Financial Times during November 2019? - [Roula Khalaf](#)

(Roula Khalaf (Lebanon), who is presently Deputy Editor, was on 12 November 2019 named the new Editor of Financial Times, the leading financial daily. She is thus first-ever female editor of this prestigious daily in its 131-year old history)

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9) The first ever BIMSTEC Conclave of Ports was held on 7-8 November 2019 at which place in India? – [Vishakhapatnam](#)

(The first edition of BIMSTEC Conclave of Ports was inaugurated on 7 November 2019 at Vishakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) by Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of State for Shipping. The 2-day conference focused on providing a platform to strengthen maritime interaction, port-led connectivity initiatives and sharing best practices among member countries)

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10) Which insurance company was ordered to stop selling new policies by the IRDAI during November 2019? - [Reliance Health Insurance Company](#)

(The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI), on 6 November 2019 ordered Anil Ambani-led Reliance Health Insurance Company (RHIC) to stop selling new policies and transfer the entire policyholders’ liabilities along with financial assets to Reliance General Insurance Co. Ltd (RGICL) with effect from 15 November 2019. The company, which commenced its operations in October 2018, has not been able to maintain the required solvency margin since June 2019 and was followed up by IRDAI repeatedly)

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11) What is the name given to the first of its kind railway rake launched by Indian Railways on 6 November 2019 that is the first non-AC local train with CCTV cameras? – [Uttam](#)

(Indian Railways’ Western Railway Zone introduced state of the art ‘Uttam Rake’ for the local trains in Mumbai that is equipped with better seats, CCTV cameras, red emergency buttons, anti-dent partitions, modular luggage racks. Only two Uttam rakes have built at the Integral Coach Factory in Chennai, out of which the other has been given to South Central Railway)

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12) The Guinness World Records for the largest astrophysics lesson and largest assembly of spectroscopes was successfully achieved at which place in Indian during November 2019? – [Kolkata](#)

(The Guinness World Records for the largest astrophysics lesson (45 minutes) and assembly of spectroscopes was successfully achieved at the Science City, Kolkata on the first day of India International Science Festival (IISF) 2019 on 5 November 2019 with the participation of over 1,598 students)

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1) Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde was administered the oath as the new Chief Justice of India by President Ram Nath Kovind on 18 November 2019. He is theChief Justice of India – [47th](#)

(Justice Sharad Bobde replaced Justice Ranjan Gogoi to become the 47th Chief Justice of India on 18 November 2019. He will hold office till 23 April 2021. A judge since 2000, he joined the Bombay High Court as an additional judge. In April 2013, he was elevated to Supreme Court by Altamas Kabir)

2) Which state govt. during November 2019 launched a dedicated web portal and a mobile application, e-Ganna, for sugarcane farmers of the state? – [Uttar Pradesh](#)

(On 14 November 2019 the Uttar Pradesh Government launched the e-Ganna application (app) exclusively for the sugarcane farmers of the state. This app will be able to issue cane supply slips to the farmers by sugar mills online and will this help in eradicating cane mafia and middleman and strengthen cane development societies)



3) The Supreme Court of India in its decision on 15 November 2019 paved the way for takeover of Essar Steel's business by which global steel conglomerate? – [ArcelorMittal](#)

(On 15 November 2019 ArcelorMittal, the world's largest steelmaker, won approval from India's apex court to complete its \$5.8 billion purchase of Essar Steel, a bankrupt steel mill. This Supreme Court (SC) judgement, delivered by a three-judge bench headed by Justice Rohinton F. Nariman, thus cleared the way for tycoon Lakshmi Mittal to enter India - the world's second-biggest market for steel. ArcelorMittal, and its partner Nippon Steel Corp had offered to pay Rs. 42,000 crore in cash to creditors

and pump another Rs. 8,000 crore in the mill last year. The SC also set aside the earlier ruling of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLAT))



4) Who will be the Chief Guest for India's Republic Day celebrations on 26 January 2020? - [Jair Bolsonaro](#)

(Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro will be the Chief Guest for India's Republic Day celebrations to be held on 26 January 2020. He met Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the sidelines of the 11th BRICS Summit at Brazilian capital Brasilia where PM Modi invited him to be Chief Guest for the prestigious annual event. The Brazilian President accepted the invitation)

5) Which south Indian state launched a new programme named "Nadu-Nedu" on 14 November 2019 with the aim to transforming government schools? – [Andhra Pradesh](#)

(Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jaganmohan Reddy on 14 November 2019 launched an ambitious programme named "Nadu-Nedu" to introduce English medium from classes 1 to 6 in state-run schools. In the first phase, the 'Nadu-Nedu' programme will be implemented in 15,715 schools. It will cover all schools in three years under a budget of Rs. 12,000 crore)

6) Which private-sector bank on 15 November 2019 became the third Indian company and first bank to cross Rs. 7 lakh crore in market capitalization? – [HDFC Bank](#)

(HDFC Bank on 15 November 2019 became the third Indian company and first bank to cross Rs. 7 lakh crore in market value. Reliance Industries, with a market cap of Rs. 9.38 lakh crore, is currently the country's most valued company, followed by Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) at Rs. 8.23 lakh crore)



7) Noted Indian mathematician and academic Vashishtha Narayan Singh passed away on 14 November 2019 at the age of 73. A child prodigy once, he completed his Ph.D. from which American university? – [University of California](#)

(Vashishtha Narayan Singh completed his PhD in Cycle Vector Space Theory from University of California, Berkley in 1969 at the age of just 23 years. He returned to India in 1974 and was associated with many prestigious institutes like IIT Kanpur, TIFR Mumbai and Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata. But he was diagnosed with schizophrenia and much of his life was affected with mental illness and imbalanced life. He passed away in Patna on 14 November 2019)

20-30 November 2019 Current Affairs



1) Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray took oath as the 18th chief minister of Maharashtra on 28 November 2019. What is the name of given to the alliance that includes NCP and Congress apart from Shiv Sena that are powering this new government? – [Maha Vikas Aghadi](#)

(Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) is the name given to the post-election alliance formed after 2019 Maharashtra Legislative Assembly election under the leadership of Sharad Pawar of the NCP, Uddhav Thackeray of Shiv Sena and Sonia Gandhi of the Congress. MVA also includes numerous small parties that are opposed to the BJP. This alliance came up with a Common Minimum Programme (CMP) that pledges immediate loan waiver for farmers and 80% reservation in jobs for locals)

2) India's GDP growth rate slipped to just 4.5% during July-September 2019 quarter. This is the slowest growth rate of Indian economy in how many quarters? – [26](#)

(Indian economy's growth rate slipped further to just 4.5% during the second quarter ending September 2019. This is the worst growth rate for last 26 quarters or over 6 years. The growth figures were announced by the National Statistical Office (NSO) on 29 November 2019. The sharp slowdown was triggered by a contraction in the manufacturing sector and a deceleration in agriculture, services and construction as well as in utilities, including electricity generation)



Reliance Industries Limited

3) Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) on 28 November 2019 breached which market capitalization mark to become the first Indian company to do so? – [Rs. 10 lakh crore](#)

(On 28 November 2019 Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) became the first Indian company to hit the Rs. 10 lakh crore milestone in market capitalization. This happened as company's shares rose to a record high of Rs. 1,584 apiece)



4) Who was chosen for the 55th Jnanpith Award, as was announced on 29 November 2019? – [Akkitham Achuthan Namboothiri](#)

(Renowned Malayalam poet Akkitham Achuthan Namboothiri will be conferred with the 55th Jnanpith Award (for year 2019). This announcement was made by the Jnanpith Award Selection Committee on 29 November 2019. He will be the sixth Malayalam writer to win this coveted award, regarded as the most prestigious literary award in India. His poetic works have a rare prophetic character, predicting socio-political developments. Popularly known as Akkitham, he is also known as the poet who ushered in modernity in poetry)



5) Union Government will sell how much of its stake in Bharat Petroleum Corporation (BPCL), as was announced on 20 November 2019? – **53.3%**

(The Union Cabinet on 20 November 2019 approved the privatisation of India's second-largest state oil refiner and fuel retailer Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) by selling its 53.3% stake worth around Rs. 63,000 crore in the entity. However, BPCL's 61.7% stake in Numaligarh Refinery will be taken over by another public sector company)



6) Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe achieved which landmark of his leadership during November 2019? – **He became Japan's longest-serving Prime Minister**

(Shinzo Abe became Japan's longest-serving Prime Minister after he marked his 2,887th day in office on 20 November 2019. He took over as Japan's Prime Minister in 2006, becoming the country's youngest leader in the post-World War II era, but had stepped down a year later. He returned to power for the second time in 2012. Till now Katsura Taro (1848-1913) was the longest serving Japanese PM)



7) Who became the new President of Sri Lanka after winning the 8th Presidential Elections of the country? - **Gotabaya Rajapaksha**

(Gotabaya Rajapaksha won the Presidential elections of Sri Lanka that were held on 16 November 2019. He is the younger brother of former President Mahinda Rajapaksha and his party Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) defeated Sajith Premadasa's United National Party (UNP) by over 10% votes. He replaced Maithripala Sirisena on 18 November 2019. Gotabaya Rajapaksha later

on 20 November 2019 nominated his brother Mahinda Rajapaksha as the new Prime Minister of the island country. Mahinda had served as Sri Lanka's President from 2005 to 2015)

8) 26 November 2019 was observed as the 70th Constitution Day. From which year this day has been observed as the Constitution Day? – **2015**

(Constitution Day is observed to mark the adoption of the Constitution of India on 26 November 1949. However, the decision to observe Constitution Day was taken in 2015 by a gazette notification as that year was the 125th Birth Anniversary year of Baba Saheb Ambedkar and subsequently the Constitution Day was observed on 26 November every year)

9) The Indian Railway Institute of Financial Management (IRIFM) was formally inaugurated during November 2019. This institute has been established in which city? – **Hyderabad**

(Indian Railway Institute of Financial Management (IRIFM), the new entity, set up to impart professional training in management of railway finances, was formally inaugurated by Vinod Kumar Yadav (Chairman, Railway Board) on 26 November 2019. This institute has been established in Moula-Ali, Hyderabad. The ensuing batch of probationers belonging to Indian Railway Accounts Service (IRAS) will have opportunity to get trained at IRIFM)

10) The Union Home Ministry on 20 November 2019 revoked the citizenship of which MLA of the ruling TRS party? - **Chennamaneni Ramesh**

(The Home Ministry evoked Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) MLA Chennamaneni Ramesh's Indian citizenship for concealing facts. The government said Ramesh had German citizenship and didn't fulfil the criteria for seeking Indian citizenship in 2009. Ramesh, who had migrated to Germany in 1993, said he returned to India in 2009 and was granted citizenship here in February that same year)