

## **CURRENT AFFAIRS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2019**

### **Awards**

The child activist who has become the first Indian to be awarded the Changemaker Award 2019, for her work towards abolition of child marriage in Rajasthan, by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation – **Payal Jangid**

The international organisation which has awarded the 2019 Global Goalkeeper award to the Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for his leadership of the Swachh Bharat Mission – **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**

The veteran Bollywood actor who has been chosen for the 66<sup>th</sup> Dada Saheb Phalke Award for the year 2018 – **Amitabh Bachchan**

The TV journalist who has been awarded the first Gauri Lankesh National Award for Journalism – **Ravish Kumar**

The noted mathematician, educator and founder of Super 30 who has been awarded Education Excellence Award 2019 by US based organisation Foundation for Excellence – **Anand Kumar**

The renowned Indian photographer who has been chosen for the first edition of the Académie des beaux-arts Photography Award - William Klein – **Raghu Rai**

The veteran bollywood music director who has been chosen for the 2019-20 Lata Mangeshkar Award – **Usha Khanna**

The noted Odia writer who has been chosen for the prestigious Sarala Puraskar - 2019 for his work Chaur Chibar O Charjya – **Pradeep Dash**

The Nobel laureate from Bangladesh who has been conferred the Lamp of Peace of St. Francis award by the Vatican – **Prof Muhammad Yunus**

### **Defence**

The indigenously built submarine which was commissioned into the Indian Navy by the Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh in Mumbai – **INS Khanderi**

The trilateral maritime exercise by the navies of India, Japan and the USA to be conducted off the coast of Japan from 26 Sep 19 to 04 Oct 19 – **Exercise Malabar**

The IAF officer who has become the India's first female military diplomat on being appointed as the Deputy Air Attache to Russia – **Wg Cdr Anjali Singh**

The maiden trilateral maritime exercise being conducted at Port Blair from 16 Sep to 20 Sep 19 by the navies of India, Singapore and Thailand is named – **SITMEX 19**

The place in Meghalaya where Joint Military Exercise MAITREE-2019 between India and Thailand is scheduled to be conducted from 16 to 29 Sep 2019 – **Umroi**

The squadron of the Indian Air Force which has been resurrected about 3 years after it was disbanded in 2016 and also chosen to be the first squadron to be equipped with Rafale in future – **17 Squadron (Golden Arrows)**

The 7th edition of bilateral maritime exercise by India and Sri Lanka being conducted at Visakhapatnam from 08 Sep 19 – **SLINEX 2019**

The Indian Air Force base at which AH-64E Apache Attack Helicopter was inducted into the IAF in presence of the Chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marshall BS Dhanoa – **Pathankot**

The venue of Indo-US joint military exercise Yudh Abhyas 2019 being held from 05 to 18 September 2019 – **Joint Base Lewis McChord, Washington**

### **Persons**

The Indian classical singer after whom a minor planet (located between Mars and Jupiter) has been named – **Pandit Jasraj**

The Bulgarian economist who has been chosen to be the new Managing Director of International Monetary Fund replacing Christine Lagarde – **Kristalina Georgieva**

The Vice Chief of Air Staff who has been chosen to be the next Chief of Air Staff of India – **Air Marshall RKS Bhadauria**

The 1972 batch retired IAS officer who has taken over as the new Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister succeeding Shri Nripendra Mishra who resigned recently – **Dr. Pramod Kumar Mishra**

The three member committee constituted by the Union Govt to look into the distribution of assets and liabilities of Jammu and Kashmir between two new Union Territories is headed by – **Sanjay Mitra**

The former President of Zimbabwe who passed away on 06 September 2019 in Singapore – **Robert Mugabe**

### **Sports**

The Indian duo which has won the IBSF World Snooker Team title defeating the team from Thailand at Mandalay, Myanmar – **Pankaj Advani and Aditya Mehta**

The former Indian track and field athlete who has been honoured by the IAAF with Veteran Pin for her contribution to sports – **PT Usha**

The team which has won the 20th Senior Women's National Football Championship defeating Railways in the finals at Paisghat in Arunachal Pradesh – **Manipur**

The Argentine football player who has been awarded the FIFA Best Player of the Year 2019 award – **Lionel Messi**

The team which has won the Under-19 Asia Cup cricket tournament defeating Bangladesh in the finals in Colombo, Sri Lanka – **India**

The Indian billiards player who has clinched his 22nd world title by winning the World Billiards Championship in Mandalay, Myanmar – **Pankaj Advani**

The former leg-spinner from Pakistan who passed away on 06 Sep 2019 – **Abdul Qadir**

The team which has won the Duleep Trophy 2019-20 defeating India Green in the finals in Bengaluru – **India Red**

The Indian women's cricketer who has announced her decision to retire from T20 internationals – **Mithali Raj**

The Indian bowler who has become the 3rd Indian to claim a hat-trick in test cricket while playing against West Indies – **Jasprit Bumrah**

The Sri Lankan cricketer who has become the first bowler to claim 100 wickets in T20 internationals – **Lasith Malinga**

### **Places**

The venue of UN Climate Action Summit held on 23 September 19 with the theme A Race We Can Win – **New York**

The Indian state which has declared 2020 to be the Year of Artificial Intelligence – **Telangana**

The place at which Union Govt has accorded approval for setting up India's first Central Police University – **Greater Noida**

The country in which the Indian President has unveiled the statue of Mahatma Gandhi sculpted by Ram Vanaji Sutar – **Switzerland**

The venue of World Energy Congress being held from 09 to 12 Sep 19 with the theme Energy for Prosperity – **Abu Dhabi**

The venue of annual training exercise of Russian armed forces TSENTER 2019 to be held from 09 to 23 Sep 2019 with participation from India, Pakistan and China – **Orenburg, Russia**

The town in Gurdaspur district of Punjab where a fire accident in a fire-crackers factory killed 23 people and injured several others – **Batala**

## Themes

The theme of the 7th annual World Hindu Economic Forum (WHEF) 2019 held in Mumbai – **Prosperous Society: Stronger Society**

The theme of 6th India Water Week being observed from 24 to 28 Sep 2019 – Water Cooperation – **Coping with 21st Century Challenges**

## Miscellaneous

The index released by the NITI Aayog to evaluate the performance of States and Union Territories (UTs) in the school education sector is named – **School Education Quality Index (SEQI)**

The river in Andhra Pradesh in which a tourist boat capsized killing several people onboard – **Godavari**

The minimum export price (MEP) fixed by the Central Govt for onions in order to increase domestic prices and check rising prices – **\$ 850 per metric tonne**

The airport at which India's tallest Air Traffic Control tower with a height of 102 meters was inaugurated by the Union Minister Shri Hardeep Puri – **Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi**

The theme of Rashtriya Poshan Maah being observed for the month of September by the Union government – **Complementary Feeding**

The country from India has taken over the Presidency of COP to UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) for a period of 2 years (till 2021) – **China**

## Ram Jethmalani

Born: 14 Sep 1923 Death: 08 Sep 2019

Served as Minister of Law and Justice and Minister of Urban Development under PM Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee

Books written: Big Egos, Small Men; Conscience of a Maverick; and Maverick: Unchanged, Unrepentant

## New Governors

**Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari:** Maharashtra

**Shri Arif Mohammad Khan:** Kerala

**Shri Bandaru Dattatreya:** Himachal Pradesh

**Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan:** Telangana

**Shri Kalraj Mishra:** Rajasthan

## Important Days of September

<p><b>International Day of Charity:</b> 05 September 2019 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2013</p>
<p><b>International Literacy Day:</b> 08 September 2019 Designated by: UNESCO First observed: 1966 Theme: Literacy and Multilingualism</p>
<p><b>World Suicide Prevention Day:</b> 10 September 2019 Designated by: International Association for Suicide Prevention First observed: 2003 Theme: Working together to prevent suicide</p>
<p><b>International Day of Democracy:</b> 15 September 2019 Designated by: UN General Assembly First observed: 2008 Theme: Participation</p>
<p><b>International Day for Preservation of Ozone Layer:</b> 16 September 2019 Designated by: UN General Assembly First observed: 1995 Theme: 32 years and healing</p>
<p><b>International Day of Peace:</b> 21 September 2019 Designated by: UN General Assembly First observed: 1982 Theme: Climate Action for Peace</p>
<p><b>International Day of Sign Languages:</b> 23 September 2019 Designated by: UN General Assembly First observed: 2019 Theme: Sign Language Rights for All</p>
<p><b>International Day for total elimination of Nuclear Weapons:</b> 26 September 2019 Designated by: UN General Assembly First observed: 2014</p>
<p><b>World Maritime Day:</b> 27 September 2019 Designated by: International Maritime Organisation First observed: 1978 Theme: Empowering Women in Maritime Community</p>
<p><b>World Tourism Day:</b> 27 September 2019 Designated by: UNWTO General Assembly First observed: 1980 Theme: Tourism and Jobs: A Better Future for All</p>
<p><b>World Rabies Day:</b> 28 September 2019 Designated by: Global Alliance for Rabies Control First observed: 1980 Theme: Vaccinate to Eliminate</p>

**International Day for Universal Access to Information:** 28 September 2019

Designated by: UNESCO

First observed: 2016

Theme: Leaving no one behind

**International Translation Day:** 30 September 2019

Designated by: Federation of International Translators and UN General Assembly

First observed: 1953 (By FIT) and 2019 (by UN)

### IIFA Awards 2019

Venue: Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Indoor Stadium, Mumbai

Best Film: **Raazi** directed by Meghna Gulzar

Best Director: **Sriram Raghavan** for Andhadhun

Best Actor: **Ranveer Singh** for Padmavat

Best Actress: **Alia Bhatt** for Raazi

Lifetime Achievement Award: **Jagdeep** (Actor-comedian) and **Saroj Khan** (Choreographer)

### Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2020

Released by: Times Higher Education (THE) Magazine

1. University of Oxford, United Kingdom
2. California Institute of Technology, United States
3. University of Cambridge, United Kingdom

### US Open 2019

Title	Winner	Runner-up
Men's Singles	Rafal Nadal (Spain)	Daniil Medvedev (Russia)
Women's Singles	Bianca Andreescu (Canada)	Serena Williams (United States)
Men's Doubles	Juan Sebastián Cabal and Robert Farah (Columbia)	Marcel Granollers (Spain) and Horacia Zeballos (Argentina)
Women's Doubles	Elise Mertens (Belgium) and Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)	Victoria Azarenka (Belarus) and Ashleigh Barty (Australia)
Mixed Doubles	Bethanie Mattek-Sands (USA) and Jamie Murray (UK)	Chan Hao-ching (Chinese Taipei) and Michael Venus (New Zealand)

## Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana

Launched by the Prime Minister from Ranchi in Jharkhand

It is voluntary and contributory for farmers in the entry age group of 18 to 40 years and a monthly pension of Rs. 3000/- will be provided to them on attaining the age of 60 years.

The farmers will have to make a monthly contribution of Rs.55 to Rs.200, depending on their age of entry, in the Pension Fund till they reach the retirement date i.e. the age of 60 years.

The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) shall be the Pension Fund Manager and responsible for Pension pay out.

Small and Marginal Farmer (SMF) - a farmer who owns cultivable land upto 2 hectare as per land records of the concerned State/UT is eligible for joining this scheme.

## Books in News

Loktantra ke Swar (Republican Ethic) - II - Compilation of speeches by President **Shri Ramnath Kovind**

Shiksha, My Experiments as an Education Minister - **Manish Sidodia**

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