

## Top Current Affairs of the Week (26<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019)

### 1. PM Narendra Modi arrives in France for G-7 summit

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has arrived in Biarritz, France to participate in the G7 summit (24–26th August 2019).
- The countries which are part of the G7 include the UK, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the US as well as the European Union (EU).
- The theme of this year summit is 'Fighting Inequality'.
- Top leaders of the world have gathered to discuss various issues including global warming, climate change, biodiversity, Taxation and digital transformation.
- Although India is not a member of the G7 group, Mr Narendra Modi will attend the G7 Summit as a special guest as he has been personally invited by French President Emmanuel Macron.
- Mr Modi will address sessions on the environment, climate, oceans and digital transformation at the G7 Summit in Biarritz, France.

Gallery of participating leaders:

| Member Countries | Represented by/ Title           |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Canada           | Justin Trudeau (Prime Minister) |
| France           | Emmanuel Macron (President)     |
| Germany          | Angela Merkel (Chancellor)      |
| Italy            | Giuseppe Conte (Prime Minister) |
| Japan            | Shinzo Abe (Prime Minister)     |
| United Kingdom   | Boris Johnson (Prime Minister)  |
| United States    | Donald Trump (President)        |
| European Union   | Donald Tusk (Council President) |

Note:

- The Group of Seven (G7) is an international intergovernmental economic organization consisting of the seven largest IMF-described advanced economies in the world.
- The European Union represents itself at the United Nations, the World Trade Organization, the G7 and the G20.
- The Hotel du Palais in Biarritz, France, was chosen as the host of the G7 summit.



## 2. Scarlett Johansson named highest-paid actress in 2019 by Forbes

- American business magazine, 'Forbes' has released the list of the world's 10 highest-paid actresses in 2019.
- For the second consecutive year, Hollywood Actress Scarlett Johansson (34-year) has topped the Forbes' list of highest-paid female actors in the world.
- Spurred by the success of her Marvel film Avengers: Endgame, her earning reached USD 56 million.
- At number two is Modern Family star Sofia Vergara with USD 44.1 million earnings.

World's Highest-Paid Actress of 2019 listed by Forbes:

| S. No. | Actors name        | Paid Money (in USD) |
|--------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1.     | Scarlett Johansson | 56 million          |
| 2.     | Sofia Vergara      | 44.1 million        |
| 3.     | Reese Witherspoon  | 35 million          |
| 4.     | Nicole Kidman      | 34 million          |
| 5.     | Jennifer Aniston   | 28 million          |

## 3. Bahrain conferred PM Modi with "The King Hamad Order of the Renaissance award"

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi held talks with King of Bahrain Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa in Manama on various bilateral and regional issues.
- The two countries signed four Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) in the field of culture, space, solar energy, and on the roll-out of the 'RuPay card'.
- PM Modi is the first-ever Indian Prime Minister to visit Bahrain.
- Prime Minister Modi was also honoured with 'The King Hamad Order of the Renaissance' by Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa (King of Bahrain) for his effort to strengthen the bilateral ties with the Gulf nation.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the USD 4.2 million redevelopment project of the 200-year-old Lord Sri Krishna temple in Bahrain's Manama.

## 4. PM holds receives UAE's Highest Civilian Honour

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi discussed the full spectrum of the strong India-UAE partnership with the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.
- Mr. Modi was also conferred with the highest civilian award of the United Arab Emirates, the "Order of Zayed".
- Prime Minister Modi launched Rupay Card in the UAE to promote cashless transactions abroad.
- With this, UAE has become the first country in the Middle East to have this facility.
- To mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, a commemorative stamp was jointly released by Mr Modi and the Crown Prince at the Presidential Palace in Abu Dhabi.

Note:

- The Order of Zayed is the United Arab Emirates' highest civil decoration named after Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the founding father of the UAE.

**Sports**



## 5. Gokulam Kerala FC wins Durand Cup 2019

- In football, Gokulam Kerala FC won the Durand Cup 2019 defeating heavyweights Mohun Bagan 2-1 at the Salt Lake Stadium, Kolkata.
- With this win, Gokulam Kerala became the first club from the state in 22 years to clinch the tournament.
- Gokulam Kerala Football Club is an Indian professional football club based in Kozhikode, Kerala.
- A total of 16 teams (Indian Super League-5, I-League- 6, 2nd division club - 1 and armed forces teams- 4) participated in this year's competition.

Note:

- The 2019 Durand Cup (129th edition) of the Durand Cup, oldest football tournament in Asia, since the tournament's founding in 1888.
- The matches were played across three locations in West Bengal (Kolkata, Howrah and Kalyani) from 2nd to 24th August 2019.

## 6. PV Sindhu becomes the first Indian to win BWF World Championships Gold

- Badminton star PV Sindhu (24-years) defeated Nozomi Okuhara of Japan 21-7, 21-7 in the women's singles final to become the first Indian to win Gold at the BWF World Championships.
- With the win, Sindhu has a full set of medals at World Championships - two bronze medals, two silver medals and a gold medal.
- Men's singles: Kento Momota (Japan)
- Women's singles: V. Sindhu (India)
- Men's doubles: Mohammad Ahsan & Hendra Setiawan
- Women's doubles: Mayu Matsumoto (Japan)& Wakana Nagahara (Japan).

## 7. Sai Praneeth won the bronze medal at BWF World Championships 2019

- B. Sai Praneeth (27-years) has become the second Indian male shuttler (first Prakash Padukone- 1983) to win a bronze medal in the BWF World Championships in 2019.
- Sai Praneeth was outclassed by defending champion Kento Momota (World No. 1) by 13–21, 8–21.
- Japanese Kento Momota has won the Gold medal of 2019 Badminton World Championship.
- Danish badminton player Anders Antonsen has won the Silver medal at 2019 Badminton World Championship.

Note:

- The men's singles tournament of the 2019 BWF World Championships held at St. Jakobshalle in Basel, Switzerland (19 to 25 August).

## 8. Intel launches first artificial intelligence chip Springhill

- Intel Corp has launched its latest processor, its first using artificial intelligence (AI), designed for large computing centres.
- The chip, developed at its development facility in Haifa, Israel, is known as Nervana NNP-I or Springhill
- It is based on a 10 nanometre Ice Lake processor that will allow it to cope with high workloads using minimal amounts of energy.
- Intel Corporation is an American multinational corporation and technology company headquartered in Santa Clara, California, in the Silicon Valley.



## 9. Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2018 Announced

- Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards 2018 has been announced. The award is given in four categories namely, Land Adventure, Water Adventure, Air Adventure and Life Time Achievement.
- This award is given every year to recognize the achievements of persons in the fields of adventure, to encourage young people to develop the spirit of endurance, risk-taking, cooperative teamwork and quick, ready and effective reflexes in challenging situations.
- Based on the recommendations of the Selection Committee and after due scrutiny, the Government has decided to confer awards upon the following:

Land Adventure: Aparna Kumar, Shri Dipankar Ghosh, Shri Manikandan K

Water Adventure: Prabhat Raju Koli

Air Adventure: RameshwerJangra

Life Time Achievement: Wangchuk Sherpa

- The awardees will receive their awards from the President of India along with other Sports Awardees at the Rashtrapati Bhawan on 29th August, 2019.
- They will receive statuettes, certificates and award money of Rs. 5 lakh each.

## 10. Delhi's Feroz Shah Kotla Stadium to be renamed after Arun Jaitley

- The Delhi & District Cricket Association (DDCA) has announced that the Feroz Shah Kotla cricket stadium will be renamed after Arun Jaitley.
- The decision was taken to honour Mr Jaitley who served as DDCA's president (from 1999 to 2013).
- The renaming of the stadium will be done on 12th September 2019.
- In the same function, one of the stands in the ground will be named after current Indian skipper Virat Kohli.

Note:

- Feroz Shah Kotla Stadium is a cricket ground located at Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg in New Delhi.
- It is the second oldest international cricket stadium (established in 1883) still functional in India, after the Eden Gardens in Kolkata.

## 11. India first in the world to launch facial biometric data-based identity document

- India has become the first country in the world to issue Biometric Seafarer Identity Document (BSID) capturing the facial biometric data of seafarers.
- Mansukh Mandaviya (Minister of State for Shipping) has launched the project in New Delhi.
- The total number of Indian seafarers employed on Indian or foreign flag vessels increased from over one and a half lakh in 2017 to over two lakhs this year.
- The new document will give a foolproof identification to our seafarers which will facilitate their movement, provide ease of getting jobs and help in identifying them from any location in the world.
- Nine data collection centres have been set up at Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Noida, Goa, New Mangalore, Kochi, Vizag and Kandla for the issue of BSID.
- Every Indian seafarer who possesses a valid Continuous Discharge Certificate issued by the government will be eligible for issue of a BSID.
- The total number of existing Indian seafarers who will be required to be issued BSIDs is around 3,50,000.
- All the existing seafarers will be given BSID within the next two years.



## 12. Wing Commander S Dhami becomes the first female officer to become Flight Commander

- Indian Air Force's Wing Commander S Dhami has become the first female officer in the country to become the Flight Commander of a flying unit.
- Recently, Dhami took over as Flight Commander of a Chetak helicopter unit at Hindon airbase
- She is a permanent commission officer of the flying branch in the Air Force and has been flying choppers.
- Flight Commander is the second in command of the unit meaning that she is the number two in the unit after the commanding officer.

## 13. India to host COP14 of UN Convention in September this year

- India will host the Conference Of Parties (COP 14) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification from 2nd to 13th September 2019.
- The event will be held at the India Mart and Expo, in the Greater Noida area of New Delhi.
- The event will see the participation of over 3000 representatives from over 200 countries which will include Ministers from around 100 countries.
- The Conference Of Parties will focus on desertification and degradation of land.

## 14. Final NRC of Assam released

- The much-awaited d Final National Register of Citizens (NRC) has been released in Assam.
- Names of 3.11 crore applicants have been included in final NRC, while 19.07 lakh have been excluded.
- The status of both inclusion and exclusion can be checked online in the NRC website [www.nrcassam.nic.in](http://www.nrcassam.nic.in)
- The hard copies of the Supplementary List of Inclusions are available for public viewing at the NRC Seva Kendras (NSK), offices of the deputy commissioner and offices of the Circle Officer during office hours.
- The process of NRC Update was started in Assam as per the order of the Supreme Court in 2013.
- Any person who is not satisfied with the outcome of the claims and objections can file an appeal before the Foreigners Tribunals.

## 15. Union HRD Minister launches Integrated Online junction for School Education 'Shagun'

- Union Human Resource Development Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has launched one of world's largest Integrated Online Junction for School Education 'Shagun' in New Delhi.
- The app will provide all the details about the education system in the country as well as detailed information about schools with a feedback procedure structured for the parents.
- The portal seeks to connect approximately 92 lakh teachers and 26 crores, students.
- Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' also announced the setting up of the Integrated National School Education Treasury (INSET) which envisages a fully integrated, instantly accessible and seamless information network for all parameters relating to the students, teachers, and schools in the country.

