

- ❑ **The capital city of Rajasthan-Jaipur has been granted the status of World Heritage Site by UNESCO**, becoming the 38th site from India to be so tagged. The city was nominated for its value of being an exemplary development in town planning and architecture(Govind Dev temple, City Palace, Jantar Mantar and Hawa Mahal).
- Jaipur: It is also known as the Walled City, the Pink City. It was founded in 1727 by Sawai Jai Singh II.
- Ahmedabad became the first Indian city to get into the list.

- ❑ **Bimal Jalan panel that was set up to review the economic capital framework of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has decided to recommend transfer of surplus reserves to the government . According to Section 47 of the RBI Act, profits of the RBI are to be transferred to the government, after making various contingency provisions. In the past, the issue of the ideal size of RBI's reserves was examined by three committees,V Subrahmanyam (1997) 2. Usha Thorat (2004), Y H Malegam (2013).

- ❑ The three-year road map launched by Reserve Bank of India board to improve regulation and supervision is named – **Utkarsh 2022**.

- ❑ **Andhra Bank launched its Artificial Intelligence interactive assistant — ABHi.**

- ❑ **According to the RBI data, Maharashtra topped in ATM frauds in 2018-19 with 233 cases. Delhi grabbed the second spot followed by Tamil Nadu.**

- ❑ **ICICI Bank has launched the digital platform called 'InstaBIZ' for MSME & self-employed customers.**

- ❑ **RBI slapped a penalty of Rs 7 crore on SBI.**The penalty has been imposed on SBI for noncompliance of income recognition & asset classification norms, code of conduct for opening & operating current accounts and reporting of data on (CRILC).

- ❑ **GST Council Lowers Tax Rate on Electric Vehicles** to 5% from 12%.

- ❑ India lifted 271 mn people out of poverty between 2006 and 2016: UN Data.

- ❑ **Gujarat has stood first in the country with total 261.97 MW of installed rooftop solar capacity.**

- ❑ **Andhra Pradesh became the first state to reserve 75% of jobs in private industrial units and factories for locals.**
- ❑ **India's first garbage cafe** has launched in Ambikapur, Chhattisgarh.
- ❑ **The Kerala government will set up the country's first space tech park** at Thiruvananthapuram's Knowledge City.
- ❑ **Meghalaya became the 1st state to ensure conservation of water & have water policy.**
- ❑ Government of India has launched '**LaQshya**' (**Labour room Quality improvement Initiative**) to improve quality of care in labour room and maternity operation theatres in public health facilities.
- ❑ The theme of Kargil Vijay Diwas 2019 observed on July 26 to commemorate India's victory in 1999 – Remember, Rejoice and Renew.
- ❑ Companies (Amendment) Bill which seeks to tighten corporate social responsibility compliance and reduce the load of cases on the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).
- ❑ Indian Railways' Northeast Frontier Railway zone has started a unique initiative to earmark a special portion of the SLR coach with pink colour which is done to specially help the women passengers with better safety and security.
- ❑ **Boris Johnson** took over as Prime Minister of Britain. He succeeded Theresa May who resigned recently.
- ❑ Indian origin Priti Patel appointed as Britain's Home Secretary.
- ❑ **The former MD of State Bank of India who has been appointed the MD and CFO of World Bank** – Ms. Anshula Kant
- ❑ **Google India's 'Internet Saathi' programme** aimed to empower rural women on how to use the Internet. The programme launched as a pilot project in 2015, along with Tata Trusts. It focuses on educating women on how to use the Internet.
- ❑ New Zealand has banned single-use plastic shopping bags & introducing hefty fines for businesses that continue to provide them.
- ❑ WHO declared that measles disease has been eradicated in Sri Lanka.

- ❑ **Jagdeep Dhankhar appointed as Governor of West Bengal.**
- ❑ **Global innovation index:** India has improved its ranking in the global innovation index by five places to 52nd in 2019. The GII rankings are published by Cornell University, INSEAD and the WIPO and GII Knowledge Partners. Switzerland retained its number-one spot on the index.
- ❑ Bhubaneswar most affordable city for homebuyers: RBI survey. Bengaluru has topped the list of 'most digitised cities' accounting for highest card payments.
- ❑ **NITI Aayog released its "Agricultural Marketing and Farmer Friendly Reforms Index" 2019.** Maharashtra was ranked first for implementing most of the marketing reforms.
- ❑ **World Population Day** 2019 observed on July 11.
- ❑ **Sports:**
 - **Novak Djokovic** beats Roger Federer in five sets to **win Wimbledon.**
 - **Sachin Tendulkar** has been inducted into the **International Cricket Council's Hall of Fame** alongside South African pace legend Allan Donald. Sachin is the sixth Indian to be inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame. Donald is known as 'White Lightning'.
 - The **former Indian wicket-keeper** who has been appointed as the interim coach of USA cricket team – Kiran More
 - **ICC Cricket World Cup 2019** Host: England Winner: England Runner-up: New Zealand Golden Bat (Top scorer): Rohit Sharma (648 runs) Golden Ball (Top wicket taker): Michael Stark (Australia) (27 wickets) Man of the Tournament: Kane Williamson (New Zealand)
- ❑ The north-eastern state from which the Union Government has commenced the **7th Economic Census** of the country – Tripura. Economic census aimed to get a complete count of all economic units in the country. The census, conducted by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
- ❑ University Grants Commission approved a new Scheme for **Trans-disciplinary Research for India's Developing Economy**. It will provide support to research projects that are socially relevant, locally need-based, nationally important & globally significant.
- ❑ ISRO has signed a contract with a Russian company Glavkosmos for selection support, medical examination & space training of Indian astronauts for the country's proposed **maiden manned space mission 'Gaganyaan'.**

- ❑ The **drone mission planned to be launched by NASA** in 2026 to explore Saturn's moon Titan is named – **Dragonfly**
- ❑ Indian Army to buy American howitzer ammo for long-range accurate strikes.
- ❑ The operation launched by the Border Security Force to fortify the 'anti-infiltration grid' along the Pakistan border in Punjab and Jammu is named – Sudarshan
- ❑ Advanced Short Range Air-to-Air Missile (ASRAAM) is the next generation infrared-guided missile of UK
- ❑ Manav, a new human atlas initiative has been launched by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and Persistent Systems, a biotechnology company.

❑ **Details about Chandrayaan-2**

- Launch of Chandrayaan-2 on 22 July 2019.
 - Launched from: Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota
 - Launch vehicle: GSLV MkIII-M1. It is also called as „Baahubali“, the country's heaviest and most powerful rocket to date.
 - Weight of Chandrayaan-2 is 3840 kg.
 - Chandrayaan-2 is India's second mission to the moon. The first was launched in 2008.
 - It is expected to soft land in the South polar region of the Moon on September 7, 2019. India will become the 4th country to make a soft landing on the moon.
 - The Indian Space Research Organisation has set up a national-level panel to analyse the cause of communication loss with the Vikram Lander.
- ❑ **Tiangong-2** (Heavenly Palace ||) is a Chinese Space Laboratory.
 - ❑ **Jal Shakti Abhiyan**: A campaign for water conservation and water security.

❑ **Tiger Census 2018**

- Total number of tigers in India: 2967
- Top 3 states : Madhya Pradesh (526), Karnataka (524) and Uttarakhand (442).
- Tiger reserves where no tigers were sighted : Buxa, Palamu and Dampa.

- ❑ **Quichotte - written by Salman Rushdie.**

- ❑ **Japanese Encephalitis** : It is a **mosquito-borne viral infection**. It is a **flavivirus** family related to dengue, yellow fever and West Nile viruses. It will not spread from one person to another. "**SA 14-14-2**" **vaccine** become the most widely used vaccine. Migratory birds along with pigs in the community play an important role in the transmission of JE from one area to another.

- ❑ **Odisha gets GI tag for its version of Rasagola** The name of the geographical indication will be read as "Odisha Rasagola". Now **both Odisha and West Bengal has GI Tag for their own version of Rasagola.**

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