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- Indian Rafale fighter jets to fly with BS-series tail numbers honouring ex-IAF Chief Birender Singh Dhanoa.
- Chairman of the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), B. B. Kumar, passes away.
- 43 killed in factory fire in Anaj Mandi on Rani Jhansi Road in Delhi.
- SAARC Charter Day celebrated on December 8; its signing on Dec 8, 1985 established SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation).
- Malaysia records first polio case in 27 years.
- **DIWALI-POWER OF ONE AWARDS**
  - Four diplomats honoured with ‘The Diwali – Power of One’ award in New York in recognition of their work at UN.
  - The awards were established by the Diwali Foundation USA, Inc in 2017.
  - Winners: Kairat Abdrakhmanov (Kazakhstan), Nicholas Emiliou (Cyprus), Frantisek Ruzicka (Slovakia) and Volodymyr Yelchenko (Ukraine).
  - Indian captain Virat Kohli (2,563 runs) surpasses Rohit Sharma as the leading run-scorer in the T20I cricket.
  - Sweden’s Henrik Stenson win Hero World Challenge golf tournament in Nassau, Bahamas.
  - Britain’s Anthony Joshua wins world heavyweight boxing title by beating Andy Ruiz of US.
  - Jal Shakti Ministry and the Centre for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies (cGanga) led by IIT-Kanpur organised the fourth India Water Impact Summit in New Delhi from December 5 to 7.
  - 8th India-China joint training exercise ‘HAND-IN-HAND 2019’ with ‘counter-terrorism’ theme being organised in Meghalaya from December 7 to 20.
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- All India Conference of Director Generals /Inspector Generals of Police being organised in Pune from December 6 to 8
- President inaugurates new building of Rajasthan High Court, at Jodhpur
- Haryana: Gurgaon city’s Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) for enabling Smart City applications inaugurated by CM Manohar Lal Khattar
- Armed Forces Flag Day celebrated on December 7
- Vidita Ashok Vaidya of TIFR, Mumbai wins Rs. 3 crore Sree Ramakrishna Paramhansa Research Grant in Vijayawada (AP) for trauma research
- Retired IPS officer K. Vijay Kumar appointed Senior Security Adviser to Home Ministry for J&K and LWE-affected States
- CBIC (Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs) organises GST Stakeholder Feedback Diwas on December 7, 2019 on the new system for filing returns across 125 cities
- Air India subsidiary Alliance Air starts Guwahati-Dimapur-Imphal flight under regional connectivity scheme (RCS) Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN)
- Fashion designer Ritu Beri appointed as chief design consultant for TRIFED to promote tribal Arts and Culture
- TRIFED: Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited
- At least 4 killed after Saudi Arabian air force trainee opens fire at US naval base in Pensacola, Florida
- Indian Oil Corporation, New Delhi wins the 15th Guru Tegh Bahadur (GTB) Gold Cup All India Hockey tournament in Mumbai
- India’s R. Praggnanandhaa wins the FIDE Open category of the London Chess Classic
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- Aberdeen Police Station in Andaman & Nicobar is the country’s best police station: Centre
- to set up FM transmitters in Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) premises along the Indo-Nepal border
- SC lifts its earlier interim order imposing a complete ban on construction, industrial activities in Taj Trapezium Zone (TTZ)
- Mauritian PM Pravind Jugnauth visits India
- BJP’s K. C. Ramamurthy elected to the Rajya Sabha seat from Karnataka
- Assam govt. launches Anti Depredation Squads in forests to avoid human-wildlife conflicts
- 24th International Film Festival of Kerala being held in Thiruvananthapuram from December 6 to 14
- Jharkhand’s Mahuamilan station becomes the country’s 5500th station to get free wifi facility
- Odisha CM distributes free laptops to Plus Two (+2) meritorious students under the ‘Biju Sashaktikaran Yojana’
- Government to introduce the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019 in Parliament
- The Bill proposes to amend the Citizenship Act, 1955
- The Bill seeks to grant citizenship to undocumented non-Muslims (Hindu, Buddhist, Christian, Parsi, Jain and Sikh) from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan who came to India on or before December 31, 2014.
- Purpose of the Bill is to enable acquisition of Indian citizenship by persons who were forced to seek shelter in India due to persecution on grounds of religion
- The Bill shall not apply to:
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- Tribal areas of Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Tripura as included in the sixth schedule of the Constitution
- States that are protected by the Inner Line Permit (ILP) — Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Nagaland
- Foreign exchange reserves touch a new high of USD 451.08 billion in the week to November 29
- National Stock Exchange appoints Girish Chandra Chaturvedi as its new Chairman
- NEFT (National Electronic Funds Transfer) transactions to be available 24×7 from Dec 16, including holidays
- The Kerala Bank, an amalgamation of district co-operative banks in the state, launched by the state’s CM Pinarayi Vijayan
- Hindustan Times Leadership Summit being held in New Delhi on December 6-7; theme: ‘Conversations for a Better Tomorrow’
- ONGC’s USD 300 million medium-term note (MTN) issue listed on BSE’s India International Exchange (India INX)
- Bajaj Auto launches Husqvarna Vitpilen 250 and Husqvarna Svartpilen 250 motorcycles in India
- To introduce Personal Data Protection Bill in Parliament
- It specifies rules on collection, storage, and processing of personal data, the consent of individuals, penalties and compensation, and a code of conduct.
- It was prepared by a high-level expert committee headed by former SC judge Justice B.N. Srikrishna.
- To notify categories of personal data as critical personal data
- Personal data is to be stored in India, but can be processed outside with the consent of the person.

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- 5th edition of annual ‘MED – Mediterranean Dialogues’ being held in Rome from December 5 to 7; EAM S. Jaishankar representing India
- International Civil Aviation Day celebrated on December 7
- Priyanka Chopra Jonas honoured for outstanding contribution to cinema at Marrakech Film Festival
- Worth £40,000, Turner Prize is the biggest award in British art; jointly awarded to Oscar Murillo, Lawrence Abu Hamdan, Tai Shani and Helen Cammock in Margate (UK)
- Oxford names ‘Climate Emergency’ as its 2019 Word of the Year
- Global Migration Report 2020 released by UN’s International Organisation for Migration (IOM)
- Number of international migrants in 2019 estimated at 270 million; US remains top destination at 50.7 million
- At 17.5 million, India was the largest country of origin of international migrants in 2019
- At $78.6 billion, India was the top receiver of overseas remittances in 2018; US was the top remittance-sending country at $68 billion
- The Global Climate Risk Index was published by environmental think-tank Germanwatch on December 4, 2019
- Japan was rated as the most-affected country in 2018 followed by the Philippines, Germany, Madagascar and India
- The annual ranking measures the damage done by extreme weather to human life and economies.
- Anthony Amalraj, Sutirtha Mukherjee win table tennis singles titles in South Asian Games in Kathmandu
- Former India Table tennis head coach Bhawani Mukherji dies at 68; won Dronacharya Award in 2012

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