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- Indian Navy maintaining its presence in the Gulf region as part of its 'Operation Sankalp' to ensure safety of Indian Flag Merchant Vessels transiting through the region
- Pravasi Bharatiya Divas celebrated on January 9
- New logo of Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly adopted; consists of the national emblem and foxtail orchid (*Rhynchostylis Retusa*), the state flower
- AP Govt. launches 'Amma Vodi' scheme to provide an annual assistance of Rs. 15,000 each to poor mothers to educate their children.
- Tamil Nadu Fisheries University and Tamil Nadu Music and Fine Arts University rechristened after late CM J. Jayalalithaa
- Justice Dilip B. Bhosale, 63, resigns as member of anti-corruption ombudsman Lokpal citing personal reasons
- Agricultural scientist Dr M S Swaminathan receives the first 'Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu National Award for Excellence' in Hyderabad from Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu
- Social worker Dr. Gutta Muniratnam receives the first 'Muppavarapu National Award for Social Service' in Hyderabad from Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu
- 'Pax Sinica: Implications for the Indian Dawn, a book on China authored by Samir Saran & Akhil Deo, released
- Gangster Ejaz Lakdawala arrested by Mumbai police's Anti-Extortion Cell (AEC) in Patna after being on the run for two decades
- Forbes India has unveiled its list of 20 people to watch in the 2020s
- Indians in the list (6) — Poll strategist and JD(U) national vice-president Prashant Kishor, former JNU Students' Union president Kanhaiya Kumar, Dushyant Chautala (deputy CM of Haryana), Mahua Moitra (Lok Sabha

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member of TMC), the Godrej family (of Adi Godrej) and Garima Arora (chef and the first Indian woman to receive a Michelin star).

- Persons of Indian origin in the list (2) — US-born Hasan Minhaj (comedian, political commentator) and Aditya Mittal (Group CFO and CEO, ArcelorMittal Europe).
- World leaders in the list (8) — Gotabaya Rajapaksa (President of Sri Lanka), Mohammed bin Salman (Crown Prince, Saudi Arabia), Jacinda Ardern (New Zealand PM), Boris Johnson (PM, the UK), Sanna Marin (Finland PM), Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (member of US House of Representatives), Peter Buttigieg (Mayor of South Bend, Indiana, USA), Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer (Minister of Defence, Germany).
- Sportspersons (3) — Max Verstappen (Formula 1 driver) Ansumane Fati Vieira (Footballer, Barcelona FC) and Eliud Kipchoge (Marathoner)
- Activists (1) — Greta Thunberg (famous environmental activist from Sweden).
- Indian economy to grow 5% in 2019-20 and 5.8% in 2020-21: World Bank said in its Global Economic Prospects report
- HDFC completes acquisition of Apollo Group's stake in Apollo Munich Health Insurance
- Rajya Sabha MP Chandra Pal Singh elected as Chairman of Krishak Bharati Cooperative Ltd (KRIBHCO)
- Supreme Court orders government to include re-grassing of mined areas as a mandatory condition for grant of mining leases to restore biodiversity
- Cabinet approves ordinance to amend mining laws to remove "end-use restrictions", allowing "anyone to participate in the auction of coal blocks"

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- Former Prime Minister Zoran Milanovic wins presidential election in Croatia
- Australia's raging bushfire crisis has killed 24 people and burned over six million hectares of land
- Pakistan: Government College University Lahore (GCU) sets up a Research Chair honouring its alumni Indian-American biochemist Har Gobind Khorana (1922-2011), who won the 1968 Nobel Prize for medicine
- Sebastian Kurz sworn in Chancellor of Austria after his People's Party (OeVP) forms coalition govt. with Greens Party