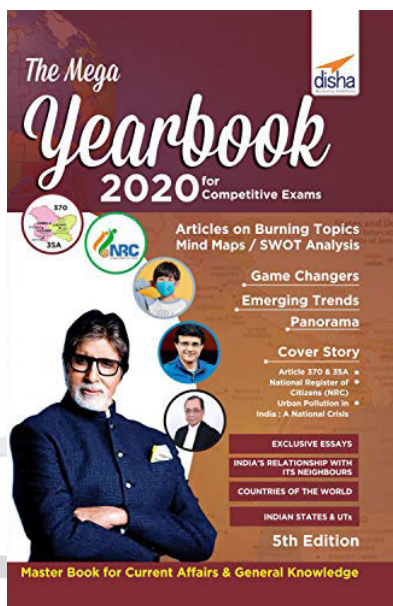


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INDIA AT A GLANCE

JANUARY		
Social	Economy	Polity
Constitution (103rd Amendment) Act, 2019: 10% reservation for economically weak in general category	GST Council reduces GST Rates of 23 goods and services; revised rates effective from January 1, 2019	Article 35-A: Supreme Court to take 'in-chamber' decision on plea challenging the legislation
Parliament passes Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Bill, 2018	RBI constitutes U.K. Sinha led Expert Committee on Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises	National Voters' Day 2019 observed in India
Sahitya Akademi Awards 2018 presented to 24 writers; Hindi writer Chitra Mudgal among winners	RBI constitutes U.K. Sinha led Expert Committee on Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises	Lok Sabha passes Citizenship Amendment bill
Bharat Ratna 2019: Pranab Mukherjee, Nanaji Deshmukh, Bhupen Hazarika conferred honours	Supreme Court upholds constitutional validity of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code	Congress wins Ramgarh; BJP wins Jind bypoll
FEBRUARY		
Vande Bharat, India's first semi-high speed train launched	New e-commerce policy comes into effect	Priyanka Gandhi officially joins mainstream politics as Congress's general secretary of eastern UP
Anoop Satpathy-led Expert Committee submits report recommending National Minimum Wage at ₹ 375 per day	Finance Minister Piyush Goyal presents Interim Budget 2019-20 before 2019 elections	Mamata-Centre row: Parliament adjourned after protests by Trinamool over alleged misuse of the CBI
Cabinet approves Promulgation of Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Ordinance, 2019	"Relief for Angel Investors - Govt clears proposal to encourage investments in Start-Ups; hikes tax exemption cap"	Mayawati has to repay public money spent on erecting her statues, BSP symbols in parks: SC

Sushil Chandra appointed as new Election Commissioner; Pulwama attack, 40 CRPF personnel killed	Cabinet approves merger of Vijaya Bank, Dena Bank with Bank of Baroda	Supreme Court refuses to government plea to extend NRC verification beyond November 2
MARCH		
The Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen (SBM-G): Over 96% of households in Rural India use toilets-Survey	Textile Ministry launches comprehensive scheme for the development of knitting and knitwear sector under PowerTex India	SP-BSP-RLD tie-up for 2019 Lok Sabha elections; no alliance between AAP and Congress in Delhi
SC Proposes Mediation Panel for Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid Land Dispute Case	Cabinet approves measures to promote Hydro Power Sector including renewable energy source	Government Imposes Ban On Jamaat-e-Islami Jammu & Kashmir
Lok Sabha elections will be organised in seven phases, beginning from April 11, will conclude on May 19; results on May 23	Mukesh Ambani figures in top 10 richest individuals globally: Loong Palace Hurun Global Rich List 2019	Pramod Sawant sworn in as new Goa chief minister after death of Manohar Parrikar
Former Supreme Court judge, Pinaki Chandra Ghose likely to be appointed as India's first Lokpal	RBI categorises IDBI Bank as Private Sector Bank; SBI, ICICI, HDFC remain Systemically Important Banks	"Goa CM Pramod Sawant wins floor test after 20 MLAs vote in his favour"
APRIL		
Chandrayaan-2 to carry NASA instruments; ISRO to launch 29 satellites	Supreme Court quashes RBI circular on insolvency issued last year	Rahul Gandhi files nomination from Wayanad, Amethi
Jet Airways in debt of over USD 1 billion defaulted on its loan repayments to banks	BOB, Vijaya Bank, Dena Bank merger became effective on April 1, first-ever 3-way merger in India's banking sector	Prime Minister Narendra Modi files nomination papers from Varanasi
Mission Shakti: India shoots down live satellite, becomes 4th nation to enter elite space power club	"RBI issued the guidelines for banks to set up new currency chests; Vikram Kirloskar takes charge as CII President"	Lok Sabha Elections 2019 First Phase: Phase I held in 91 constituencies

The Services team emerged as winner of the 2019 Santosh Trophy; Three-judge panel to probe case against CJI	RBI sells entire stake in Nabard, NHB for Rs 1,450 crore and Rs 20 crore, respectively	Congress-AAP alliance fails to shape up, 3-way contest unfolds in Delhi
MAY		
Environment Minister rejects global reports claiming 1.2 million deaths in India due to pollution	RBI imposes fines on PPI issuers- ₹ 3.05 crore on Vodafone m-pesa and ₹ 1 crore each on Mobile Payments, PhonePe	India has robust plan to import oil from other countries: MEA
CJI sexual harassment issue: former SC staffer says she won't take part in panel hearing	RBI releases vision document for e-payment system for boosting customer awareness, setting up a 24X7 helpline	Arun Jaitley takes break from active politics, writes letter to Modi
Cyclone 'Fani' intensified into a 'severe cyclonic storm' heading towards the Odisha coast-IMD	Nandan Nilekani Committee on Digital Payments submits its report to RBI	India invites BIMSTEC leaders for PM Narendra Modi's oath-taking ceremony on May 30
India's military spending up by 3.1% in 2018 while Pakistan's military spending rose by 11%	Jet Airways crisis: faces heavy losses in stock market, and over Rs 8,500 crore bank debt	PM Narendra Modi takes oath on 30th May; 25 Cabinet ministers, 33 MoS also take oath at the Rashtrapati Bhavan
JUNE		
Deadline for finalisation of Assam NRC will not be extended: SC; Cyclone Vayu : 52 NDRF teams deployed, 2.8 lakh people evacuated	Nirmala Sitharaman assumes charge as India's first woman Finance Minister	Former Home Minister & senior BJP leader Rajnath Singh took charge as the Defence Minister on June 1
DRDO successfully test fires AKASH MK-1S missile; Ajit Doval reappointed as National Security Adviser, gets Cabinet rank	Net Banking gets cheaper; RBI removes charges on RTGS & NEFT; sets up Committee on ATM charges	Congress will not stake claim for the position of Leader of Opposition in Parliament since it is short of the necessary numbers

NITI Aayog reconstituted: Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh appointed as ex-officio members; Rajiv Kumar reappointed Vice Chairman	New income tax rules with revised guidelines comes in effect from today	Mayawati calls off BSP-SP alliance in by-poll elections; Sonia Gandhi re-elected as leader of Congress Parliamentary party
Virat Kohli becomes fastest to score 11,000 ODI runs takes 222 innings (230 ODIs)	Yashovardhan Birla declared 'wilful defaulter' by UCO bank	Virendra Kumar to be Pro-tem Speaker; Om Birla becomes Speaker of 17th Lok Sabha succeeding Sumitra Mahajan
JULY		
Mumbai rains paralyse city claiming over 30 lives due to collapse of Ratnagiri dam	Economic Survey 2019 Analysis: 7% GDP growth, \$5 Trillion economy, BADLAV, Sundar Bharat & More	Rahul Gandhi announces his resignation as Congress Chief on Twitter on 3rd July
Jaipur, known for its iconic architecture made its entry into the UNESCO World Heritage Site list	Union Budget 2019: No changes in personal income tax rates, additional surcharge on the super rich	Anusuiya Uikey, Biswa Bhusan appointed Governors of Chhattisgarh & Andhra Pradesh
Chandrayaan-2 lift-off on July 22 from Sriharikota; 3 components, orbiter, lander & rover, carried by launch vehicle	Inter-ministerial committee recommends ban on private cryptocurrencies in India	"Three-time Delhi CM Sheila Dikshit passed away at 81; condolences pour in from PM Modi to President"
"Triple Talaq Bill gets President's assent on July 31, becomes a law; Tiger count rises 33% in India, now the count is 2967"	Merger of PSU Insurance Companies announced: National Insurance, Oriental India & United India	Karnataka government of HD Kumaraswamy collapsed; Yeddyurappa becomes CM for fourth time
AUGUST		
Former President Pranab Mukherjee conferred Bharat Ratna; Ravish Kumar-NDTV won Ramon Magsaysay Award 2019	Govt announces mega merger of PSBs, bringing down their number to 12 from 27 in 2017	Article 370 & 35A scrapped in J&K; bifurcated into 2 UTs - Ladakh & J&K

IAF Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman honored with the Vir Chakra gallantry medal	Karnataka topped SARAL index which evaluates states on basis of their attractiveness for rooftop development	Sonia Gandhi named as the Interim Congress President after Rahul Gandhi steps down
P.V. Sindhu becomes first Indian to win Badminton World Championships gold; PM Modi conferred with Order of Zayed	RBI approved transfer of a record Rs 1.76 lakh crore dividend and surplus reserves to govt	Former External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj passed away; Arun Jaitley, former Finance Minister, passed away
Chandrayaan 2 sends back first image of moon, Mare Orientale basin and Apollo craters visible	Govt merges 10 public sector banks into 4 making the number of banks from 27 in 2017 to 12	Assam: Final National Register of Citizens released, 19 lakh people don't submit claims
SEPTEMBER		
One Nation One Ration Card scheme will begin in Kerala, Karnataka & other states to ensure all beneficiaries can access PDS across the nation	India's economic growth dips to 7-year low of 5% in April-June; Economic growth was 8 per cent in the same quarter of 2018-19	T. N. Sundareshan appointed as Telangana Governor, Kalraj Mishra to Rajasthan, Bandaru Dattatreya to Himachal Pradesh
Chandrayaan 2: Two km from Moon, Vikram lander loses contact with mission control; Lander Vikram intact, lying in tilted position on moon surface- sources	Housing, Auto & MSMEs Loans to get cheaper from Oct 2019; RBI asks banks to link certain loans to External Benchmarks like Repo Rate	Arif Mohammed Khan appointed governor to Kerala; Bhagat Singh Koshyari appointed to Maharashtra
Single-use plastic items - small plastic bottles, plastic bags, straws, cups, plates, certain types of sachets- will be banned from Oct 2.	Indian market suffered heavy losses with Sensex falling by 704 points to 36,419.09; Nifty slumping below 10,800, giving up all its gains of 2019	Former J&K CM Farooq Abdullah arrested under the Public Safety Act (PSA); kept under house arrest since revocation of Article 370
Air Marshal RKS Bhadauria to be next Indian Air Force Chief	Govt notifies new rules for foreign funding of NGOs; Any individual receiving a personal gift of Rs 1 lakh needn't inform the govt	J&K Bifurcation: 3-member committee will oversee distribution of assets & liabilities of UTs of J&K & Ladakh

OCTOBER		
PM Modi conferred the "Global Goalkeeper" award by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for Swachh Bharat Abhiyan	RBI imposes restrictions on PMC Bank for 6 months; maximum limit capped at ₹ 10000	Assembly Elections in Haryana, Maharashtra take place on October 21; BJP forms govt with Independents in Haryana
Amitabh Bachchan honoured with Dadasaheb Phalke award; Mahatma Gandhi 150th birth anniversary	RBI rejects proposed merger plan between Indiabulls housing Finance and Lakshmi Vilas bank	BJP-Shiv Sena alliance retains power in Maharashtra; President rule in Maharashtra
India declared open-defecation free; Sourav Ganguly 1st India cricketer in 65 years to become BCCI president	India gets the first tranche of Swiss account under the automatic exchange framework	Girish Chandra Murmu & Radha Krishna Mathur appointed as J&K's & Ladakh's first Lieutenant Governors respectively
Justice SA Bobde to take oath as 47th Chief Justice on 18 Nov; CJI Gogoi initiates appointment process	Mukesh Ambani tops the Forbes Richest Indian 2019 list while Gautam Adani secured the second position	From 31st Oct, Jammu & Kashmir officially divided into two union territories as Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh
NOVEMBER		
SC asks Punjab, Haryana, U.P. to end stubble burning immediately; Delhi air improves to 'poor' category	Global Competitiveness Index 2019: India slips down 10 places to 68th rank, Singapore replaces US at top	Jharkhand Legislative Assembly Elections 2019 will be held from Nov 30; counting will take place on December 23
Ayodhya verdict: Ram Temple to be built at disputed Ayodhya site, 5 acres of alternate land for Muslims	RBI issues new compensation guidelines for private, foreign bank CEOs	SC dismissed all review petitions filed against its December 14 2018 judgement on the controversial Rafale deal

WORLD AT A GLANCE

JANUARY		
Social	Economy	Polity
2019 Golden Globe Awards: Bohemian Rhapsody wins Best Picture Drama	India, Japan sign Exchange of Notes and Loan Agreements on Japan's assistance Loan to India	US Defence Secretary Jim Mattis resigns, cites differences with Trump; Patrick Shanahan takes charge
Mary Kom becomes 'World No 1' Boxer in latest AIBA World Rankings	The annual meet of World Economic Forum (WEF) began on January 22, 2019 in Davos, Switzerland.	Belgium, D Republic, Germany, Indonesia & SA assume charge as Non-Permanent Members of UN SC
India takes over operations of Chabahar Port; sets up India Ports Global Chabahar Free Zone	"India replaces Japan to be world's second largest steel producer"	US Chief of Staff Kevin Sweeney resigns
India improves ranking on Corruption Perceptions Index 2018; moves to 78th position	UAE, Saudi Arabian central banks launch common digital currency called 'Aber'	Brexit: UK Parliament rejects Brexit Deal, May wins no-confidence vote
FEBRUARY		
India liberalises e-visa regime, makes it more tourist-friendly	Trump declares National Emergency in an attempt to bypass Congress to approve \$5.7bn for Mexico wall	US pulls out of Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces treaty with Russia
The third Indo-German Environment Forum with theme "Cleaner Air, Greener Economy" held in New Delhi	European nations set up transaction channel 'INSTEX' to trade with Iran	Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz visits India
India, Morocco sign four MoUs to enhance cooperation	India withdrew the 'Most-Favoured Nation' status to Pakistan following the Pulwama terror attack	US president Donald Trump declares national emergency to build US-Mexico border wall
Afghanistan begins exports goods to India through Iran's Chabahar port bypassing Pakistan route	India, ADB sign 926 million dollar loan agreement to operationalise two lines of Mumbai Metro	Trump-Kim Vietnam Summit: President Donald Trump met Kim Jong Un in Vietnam

MARCH		
Geneva Convention facilitates IAF pilot Abhinandan's safe return to India from Pakistan	US to end preferential trade status for India, Turkey on Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) benefits	France reiterates support for India's permanent seat in UN Security Council
India rejects OIC resolution on "Indian terrorism" in Kashmir; France supports India's permanent seat in UNSC	India signs \$250 million loan agreement with WB for National Rural Economic Transformation Project	Donald Trump held second summit with Kim Jong Un in Vietnam to denuclearise North Korea
PM Modi and PM Hasina Jointly Inaugurates Development Projects	EU announces changes to Brexit deal ahead of crucial vote	Mohammad Shtayyeh named as new Prime Minister of Palestine by the President Mahmoud Abbas
India is world's second largest arms importer; Saudi Arabia tops the list: SIPRI Report	India, US agreed to build 6 nuclear power plants in India to boost bilateral civil nuclear energy cooperation	UK Parliament votes to delay March 29 deadline of Brexit
APRIL		
As per latest FIFA rankings, India is on 101st position while 18th in the Asia.	Italy joins China's Economic Silk Road project	UAE honours PM Narendra Modi with its highest decoration Zayed Medal
Russia confers highest Order on PM Modi for exceptional services in promoting a special strategic partnership	David Malpass named World Bank President	Kazakhstan renamed its capital Astana as 'Nursultan' in honor of outgoing leader Nursultan Nazarbayev
India ranked 140 in World Press Freedom Index 2019; Wrestler Bajrang regains world no. 1 spot	Trump threatens to hike tariffs on China by an additional \$300 billion	EU agrees to delay the Article 50 process, postponing Brexit beyond its designated deadline March 29
US to end sanctions waivers for Iranian oil importers; UAE adopts National Artificial Intelligence Strategy	"US places India on 'Priority Watch List' alleging lack of measurable improvements to its IP framework"	Zuzana Caputova elected as Slovakia's first female president
MAY		
A series of bombings struck churches and hotels in Sri Lanka on Easter Sunday killing more than 250 people	Pakistan gets loan \$6 billion from the IMF in addition to \$2 to \$3 billion from World Bank & Asian Develop Bank	US seeks ouster of President Nicolas Maduro & recognizes Juan Guaido as president

British Parliament became world's first to declare a climate emergency; Ireland follows suit	Denied H-1B visa to Indian professional, US IT firm sues Trump government	Gaza-Israel hostilities flare up with rocket attacks, air strikes
Trump declares national emergency to protect US computer networks from foreign adversaries	"India's economic growth in final quarter of FY2019 to 5.8% compared to 6.6% in 3rd quarter of FY19"	Benjamin Netanyahu sworn-in as Israeli PM; UN designates Masood Azhar as Global Terrorist
UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Orchha Town of Madhya Pradesh added to Tentative List	India stops importing oil from Iran after American waivers granted to eight buyers expired in May	African National Congress's (ANC) Cyril Ramaphosa elected as South Africa's President
JUNE		
ICC Cricket World Cup 2019 will be held in England & Wales on May 30, with host England playing SA	Trump threatens to hike tariffs on China by an additional \$300 billion	China to 'fight at all costs' for 'reunification' with Taiwan: defence minister
UK HC begins hearing fugitive Nirav Modi's appeal against a lower court's order to deny him bail in USD 2 billion PNB fraud	US to revoke India's 'beneficiary developing country' status from June 5	"After IAF move, Pakistan likely to lift the airspace ban along its eastern border with India"
India slams the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation after it announced a Special Envoy for Jammu and Kashmir	Raghuram Rajan only outsider among top contenders for UK central bank chief	UK's Theresa May steps down as party leader, triggers race for successor
Pakistan was placed on the grey list by the FATF in June 2018 for failing to curb anti-terror financing	Iran warns any clash in the Gulf would push oil prices above \$100'	PM Modi in Bishkek for SCO summit, held bilateral talks with Xi Jinping & Vladimir Putin
JULY		
PM Modi had trilateral meeting with Donald Trump & Japanese premier Shinzo Abe in Osaka	Senate of France allows imposing a tax on the revenues of tech giants like Google, Amazon & Facebook	PM Modi & Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman meet at G20 Summit 2019
Kulbhushan Jadhav Verdict: ICJ asks Pakistan to review death sentence, grant consular access	SBI's Anshula Kant has been appointed as the new World Bank MD and CFO	Kyriakos Mitsotakis sworn in as Greece's new prime minister, winning over leftist Syriza

Ebola outbreak in DR Congo declared as a global health emergency by WHO	India ranks 43rd most competitive economy in the world in IMD World Competitiveness Rankings-2019	Boris Johnson of Conservative Party chosen as the U.K.'s next prime minister
World commemorates 50th launch anniversary of Apollo 11, Neil Armstrong & Buzz Aldrin first on Moon	Anshula Kant appointed as Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer of the World Bank	Indian-origin MP, Priti Patel takes charge as UK's first Indian-origin home secretary
AUGUST		
Netherlands new law bans wearing of burqa and niqab in public transport, hospitals, schools and government buildings.	India slips to 7th spot in Global GDP Rankings of 2018, UK & France at 5th & 6th respectively: WB	Pro-democracy protests in Hong Kong rolled into their 11th week
Amazon Rainforest fire: Bolivia ordered air tanker; Boeing 747 'Supertanker', to put out fire	Saudi Aramco to buy 20% stake in Reliance oil to chemical business in one of India's largest FDI deals to date	Hong Kong protests: a bill that would allow individuals to be extradited to main-land China
Saudi Arabia lifts travel restrictions on women, grants them greater control	FATF Asia Pacific Group places Pakistan on (Enhanced) Blacklist for not fighting terrorism & money laundering	PM Modi in G7 summit; will meet Trump & discuss Kashmir
Statue of Unity, Mumbai's Soho House feature in Time's list of 100 greatest places in world	India, Bahrain sign 3 MoUs, release Joint Statement; PM Modi conferred Bahrain Order	The G7 summit concludes at Biarritz, France, trade, Iran, climate change and Russia discussed
SEPTEMBER		
Malaria, one of the oldest & deadliest diseases can be eradicated by 2050: The latest Lancet report	PM Modi announced India will give 1 billion dollar worth 'Line of Credit' for the development of the Far East	U.S.-Iran crisis: Hassan Rouhani rules out bilateral talks with U.S.
US Open 2019: Rafael Nadal outlasted Daniil Medvedev in 4 hours & 49 minutes to claim his 19th grand slam title	China's trade with US shrinks by double digits in August as two sides prepare for trade talks with no sign of progress	Israel PM Benjamin Netanyahu repeats pledge to annex Israeli settlements in occupied West Bank
'Howdy Modi' Event: US President Donald Trump to join PM Modi in Houston rally	At 17.5 Million, overseas Indians are largest diaspora in the world: UN Report	Robert Mugabe passed away; the drone attacks on Saudi Arabia's major oil facilities caused rise of global oil prices

PM Modi to be conferred Global Golekeepers Award by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	40 US lawmakers, US Congress members urge Trump to reinstate India's preferential trade status	Israel election results: Israel's Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud party failed to win a majority in election
OCTOBER		
Nobel Prizes in Literature for 2018 and 2019 awarded to Olga Tokarczuk, Peter Handke	Kristalina Georgieva, former World Bank CEO, selected as new IMF chief becomes second-ever woman to lead IMF	US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced an official impeachment inquiry against Donald Trump
Nobel Peace prize 2019 awarded to Ethiopian PM Abiy Ahmed Ali for resolving border conflict with Eritrea	India slipped down 10 places to be ranked 68th in the annual Global Competitiveness Index 2019	Modi-Xi Summit: Chinese President Xi Jinping arrives in Chennai on Oct 11, for a t2-day visit to India
FATF keeps Pakistan on its 'Grey List' till Feb 2020; calls for measures for terror funding & money laundering	Nobel Prize Winners '19: Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo & Michael Kremer for their approach to alleviating global poverty	Turkey agrees to Syria Ceasefire announced by VP Mike Pence; Trump terms it as Great Day for Civilization
India-Pakistan sign agreement on Kartarpur corridor; will be inaugurated by PM Modi & PM Imran Khan on Nov 9	India & Saudi Arabia signed 12 MOUs, an agreement to set up a highest-level Strategic Partnership Council	PM Justin Trudeau won a second term in a surprisingly strong showing in Canada's national elections
NOVEMBER		
Spain will host the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change -COP25- after Chile backs out	India dropped out of 16-nation ASEAN-led RCEP (Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership) or Free Trade Agreement	Angela Merkel will co-chair 5th Indo-German Integovnmmental consultations along with PM Modi in Delhi
ATP Rankings 2019: Rafael Nadal No.1, Novak Djokovic slipped to No. 2, India's Prajnesh Gunneswaran on 94th	Rating agency Moody's cut its global sovereign outlook for 2020 to 'negative' from 'stable'	"The 438-20 vote in Parliament, Britain to hold a general election on December 12"