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JANUARY

- Jan. 1: Kerala women under the aegis of the LDF form a 620 km human wall for gender equality from Kasaragod to Thiruvananthapuram.
 - The ban on **single-use plastics** takes effect in Tamil Nadu.
- Jan. 2: Two young women make it to the **Sabarimala temple** in Kerala, triggering State-wide protests.
- Jan. 3: Scores are injured and 79 KSRTC buses damaged in violence during the Kerala hartal.
- Jan. 4: The Lok Sabha passes **The Aadhaar and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill**.
- Jan. 5: Businessman Vijay Mallya becomes the first person to be declared a **fugitive economic offender** by a special court in Mumbai.
- Jan. 7: The Lok Sabha passes the **Personal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2018**, removing leprosy as a ground for divorce.
- Jan. 8: The Supreme Court “reinstates” CBI Director Alok Verma.
 - The Lok Sabha passes the **Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019**. Protests rock the northeastern States.
 - The Lok Sabha passes the **Constitution (124th Amendment) Bill, 2019**, allowing 10% quota in jobs and education for general category candidates from economically weaker sections.
 - Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami announces creation of Kallakurichi district by bifurcating Villupuram district.
- Jan. 9: Parliament passes Bill to provide 10% quota for the poor, after Rajya Sabha nod.
 - General strike hits transport, banking and postal services in many parts of the nation for the second day.
- Jan. 10: A panel led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi removes Alok Verma as CBI Director. M. Nageswara Rao again appointed interim Director.
- Jan. 13: Noted English writer Neelum Saran Gour, author of Requiem in Raga Janki bags The Hindu Prize 2018 for fiction at The Hindu Lit for Life 2019 in Chennai.
- Jan. 17: Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s decision to buy 36 Rafale jets from France instead of the 126 asked for by the IAF pushed the price of each jet by 41.42%, says The Hindu in an exclusive newsbreak.
 - The Supreme Court lifts curbs on dance bars in Mumbai in force since 2005.
 - Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami releases commemorative coins to mark MGR’s birth centenary at a function in Chennai. An arch is unveiled on Kamarajar Salai.
- Jan. 25: President Ram Nath Kovind confers Bharat Ratna on former President Pranab Mukherjee, and social activist Nanaji Deshmukh and Assamese musician Bhupen Hazarika (both posthumous).
 - Teejan Bai, Chhattisgarh folk artist; Ismail Omar Guelleh, President of Djibouti; Anilkumar Manibhai Naik, executive chairman of L&T; and Balwant Moreshwar Purandare, theatre artist from Maharashtra are named for the Padma Vibhushan.
 - Former ISRO scientist Nambi Narayanan, actor Mohanlal, mountaineer Bachendri Pal, journalist Kuldip Nayar (posthumous), Akali Dal leader Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa, prominent among 14 Padma Bhushan awardees.
 - Former Foreign Secretary S. Jaishankar; cricketer Gautam Gambhir; composer Shankar Mahadevan; actors Prabhu Deva, Manoj Bajpayee, and Kader Khan (posthumous), physicist Rohini Godbole prominent among 94 Padma Shri awardees.
- Jan. 26: India’s military might and many facets of Mahatma Gandhi’s life are showcased at the 70th Republic Day celebrations in New Delhi. An all-women contingent of the Assam Rifles makes its debut.

- Jan. 30: The ICICI Bank decides to sack former MD and CEO Chanda Kochhar after the B.N. Srikrishna panel finds her guilty of violating the bank's code of conduct.
 - A CBI special court in Guwahati sentences NDFB chairman Ranjan Daimary and nine others to life for their role in the October 30, 2008 serial blasts in Assam.

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 3: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee goes on an indefinite sit-in in Kolkata after the CBI tries to question the city Police Commissioner Rajeev Kumar in connection with the **Saradha and Rose Valley chit fund scam cases**.
- Feb. 5: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee ends sit-in, following the Supreme Court order restraining the CBI from taking any coercive action against Rajeev Kumar.
- Feb. 6: The Supreme Court reserves orders on 65 review petitions seeking reconsideration of its ruling lifting the bar on menstruating women from entering the Sabarimala temple in Kerala.
- Feb. 10: The entire 45 km stretch of Phase I of Chennai Metro Rail becomes operational.
 - The quota stir by the **Gujjar Aarkshan Sangharsh Samiti** in Rajasthan turns violent.
 - The Modi government dropped provisions for anti-corruption penalties and did away with an escrow account for routing payments days before signing the inter-governmental agreement on the Rafale deal, says The Hindu in an exclusive report.
- Feb. 13: The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019 and the triple talaq bill lapse, as the government fails to push them through Rajya Sabha.
 - The Rajya Sabha passes the Personal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2018 removing leprosy as ground for divorce.
 - The Rajasthan Assembly passes an Amendment Bill giving 5 per cent reservation in government jobs and education to Gujjars and four other nomadic communities.
 - **Puducherry** Chief Minister, V. Narayanasamy, Ministers and MLAs go on an indefinite dharna in front of the Raj Nivas in protest against Lt. Governor Kiran Bedi's style of functioning.
- Feb. 14: At least 40 CRPF personnel are killed and 44 others injured after a Jaish-e-Mohammed suicide bomber rams his explosives-laden vehicle into a bus in the Lethpora area of **Pulwama** district on the Srinagar-Jammu Highway.
 - A three-judge Bench to look into the question whether the **Delhi government has control over service matters**, after a two-judge Bench of the Supreme Court delivers a split verdict.
- Feb. 15: India revokes the **MFN status** given to Pakistan in 1996.
 - Prime Minister Narendra Modi flags off the inaugural trip of the Vande Bharat Express, connecting Delhi and Varanasi at the New Delhi railway station.
 - Flight Lieutenant Hina Jaiswal becomes the IAF's first woman flight engineer.
- Feb. 16: Gujjars call off quota stir.
- Feb. 17: The Kashmir Valley observes a shutdown over the harassment of Kashmiri students and traders in other States.
 - **Vande Bharat Express** begins first commercial run from New Delhi.
- Feb. 18: The Supreme Court sets aside the NGT order to allow re-opening of the Sterlite copper plant in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu, shut down on April 9, 2018.
 - Puducherry Chief Minister 'temporarily suspends' his agitation.
- Feb. 20: The Supreme Court holds Reliance Communications Ltd. and its chairman Anil Ambani and two other group firms guilty of contempt of court. Asks RCom to pay ₹453 crore to Swiss telecom equipment major Ericsson.
- Feb. 23: Tashi Tobgyal wins the Photo of The Year award at the first edition of The Hindu Photojournalism Awards in Chennai. In all, 12 photojournalists from across the country get awards.

- Feb. 25: Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates the **National War Memorial** near the India Gate in New Delhi.
- Feb. 26: The IAF drops five one-tonne bombs on the Jaish-e-Mohammed's 'biggest' training camp in **Balakot** in Pakistan's **Khyber Pakhtunkhwa** province that housed 200-325 militants.
- Feb. 27: An IAF plane is shot down and its pilot Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman is taken into custody by Pakistan Army near the LoC after a major aerial confrontation.
 - Kanthan - the Lover of Colour is chosen as the Best Film in the Kerala State Film Awards for 2018. Soubin Shahir (Sudani from Nigeria) and Jayasurya (Captain and Njan Marykutty) share the Best Actor honours. Nimisha Sajayan wins the Best Actor (female) Award for Chola and Oru Kuprasiddha Payyan. Shyamaprasad bags the Best Director Award for Oru Njarazhcha.
- Feb. 28: The Delhi High Court upholds the Election Commission decision to allot the 'two leaves' symbol and the name 'AIADMK' to the organisation led by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami and Deputy Chief Minister O. Panneerselvam.

MARCH

- March 1: Pakistan frees Abhinandan Varthaman at the Wagah border.
- March 4: Prime Minister Narendra Modi launches **National Common Mobility Card** at a function in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- March 5: Prime Minister Narendra Modi launches the **national pension scheme for workers of the unorganised sector**, at Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- March 6: Prime Minister Narendra announces decision to name Central Railway Station in Chennai after Tamil Nadu's former Chief Minister MGR.
- March 8: The Supreme Court appoints a three-member panel to mediate in the Ayodhya dispute.
 - The NCLT clears ArcelorMittal's ₹42,000 crore resolution plan to take over the debt-ridden Essar Steel in Gujarat.
- March 11: A case of alleged serial sexual assault and blackmail of scores of women by a gang in Pollachi, Tamil Nadu triggers outrage.
- March 13: The Pollachi sexual assault and blackmail case is handed over to the CBI.
- March 15: Ramon Magsaysay awardee Bezwada Wilson gets The Hindu BusinessLine Changemaker Award at a function in New Delhi.
- March 16: President Ram Nath Kovind presents the Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri awards for 2019 at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.
- March 18: Anil Ambani avoids jail term as RCom pays ₹460 crore to Swedish firm Ericsson.
- March 19: Pramod Sawant is sworn in as the 11th Chief Minister of Goa.
 - Former Supreme Court judge Pinaki Chandra Ghose is appointed the nation's first **Lok Pal**.
- March 20: Swami Aseemanand and three other accused in the February 18, 2007 Samjhauta train blasts case are acquitted for want of evidence by a special NIA court in Panchkula, Haryana.
- March 21: The Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court sentences nine people to life term for the May 9, 2007 attack on the office of the Tamil daily Dinakaran in Madurai in which three staff were killed, nine years after their acquittal by a trial court.
- March 22: Trinamool Congress drops the C-tag from its logo, banners, posters and communication material, 21 years since launch.
 - SCARF founder Sharada Menon is conferred The Hindu Lifetime Achievement Award at The Hindu World of Women 2019 Awards in Chennai.
- March 23: Vice-Admiral Karambir Singh is appointed the next Chief of the Naval Staff.

- March 27: India successfully conducts an **Anti-Satellite missile test**, from the Dr. Abdul Kalam Island launch complex in Odisha.
- March 29: The Supreme Court upholds the life imprisonment awarded to P. Rajagopal, proprietor of Saravana Bhavan hotel chain in Tamil Nadu for murdering an employee 18 years ago.

APRIL

- April 1: ISRO launches the country's first electronic surveillance satellite, **EMISAT**, from Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
 - Sensex breaches the 39,000-mark for the first time ever, before ending the day at 38,871.87.
- April 5: Chennai Central railway station is renamed as Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. MGR Central railway station.
- April 8: The Madras High Court quashes the land acquisition notification issued in 2018 for the ₹10,000 crore, eight-lane Chennai-Salem greenfield expressway.
- April 10: The Supreme Court rejects the Centre's plea to declare the Rafale jets' purchase documents a secret, while upholding the right of freedom of speech of The Hindu to publish the defence papers in a series of articles since February 2019.
- April 11: Three people are killed, and 15 EVMs damaged in violence during the first phase of Lok Sabha polls in 91 seats across 18 States and two Union Territories and the Assembly polls in Andhra Pradesh, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh.
- April 16: Rohit Shekhar Tiwari, son of former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh N.D. Tiwari is brought dead to the Max Hospital in Saket, New Delhi.
- April 17: Jet Airways announces suspension of all its international and domestic flights.
- April 18: A 67% turnout is registered in the second phase of the Lok Sabha polls in 95 seats across 11 States and the Union Territory of Puducherry. Tamil Nadu records 71.8 per cent turnout in the Lok Sabha polls and seventyone per cent voting in bypolls to 18 Assembly seats.
- April 19: A former Supreme Court employee writes to 22 Supreme Court judges accusing the CJI Ranjan Gogoi of making sexual advances towards her. The alleged incident took place on October 11, 2018.
- April 23: The third phase of Lok Sabha polls in 116 seats spread across 13 States and two Union Territories records 65.97% voting.
- A three-member committee of Supreme Court judges led by Justice S.A. Bobde to hear charges against the CJI.
- The Supreme Court orders Gujarat to pay ₹50 lakh to 2002 communal riots victim Bilkis Yaqoob Rasool and give her a government job.
- April 24: Apoorva Shukla, wife of Rohit Shekhar Tiwari is arrested for allegedly strangling him after a quarrel.
- April 25: Former Supreme Court judge Justice A.K. Patnaik to probe 'conspiracy' against the CJI and look into affidavit provided by lawyer Utsav Singh Bains.
- April 26: The Supreme Court stays the proceedings of the Justice A. Arumughaswamy Commission probing the death of former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Jayalalithaa in Apollo Hospitals on December 5, 2016.
- April 29: The fourth phase of Lok Sabha polls covering 71 seats across nine States records more than 64% per cent turnout.
- April 30: The Madras High Court rules that the Lt. Governor of Puducherry cannot intervene with the day-to-day running of the Union Territory.

MAY

- May 1: Shops and businesses can remain open 24x7 in Gujarat with the coming into effect of Gujarat Shops and Establishments (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 2019.
- May 3: Sixty four people are killed and 160 others injured, rail and air transport hit and villages and towns swamped as severe **Cyclone Fani** makes landfall near Puri in Odisha. Heavy rainfall batters Bhubaneswar and Cuttack.
- The Supreme Court stays the trial of Malayalam actor Dileep in a case of sexual assault of a woman actor in a car on February 17, 2017.
- May 5: Over 30 lakh consumers in Odisha go without power following extensive damage to infrastructure.
- May 6: The Justice S.A. Bobde panel finds “no substance” in the sexual harassment charges against the CJI Ranjan Gogoi.
- The Fifth phase of Lok Sabha polls across 51 seats in seven States registers 63.26% polling.
- The Supreme Court stays the disqualification proceedings initiated against three dissident AIADMK MLAs by the Speaker P. Dhanapal.
- May 9: The Supreme Court disposes of a plea against the release of seven convicts in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case.
- May 10: The Supreme Court upholds a Karnataka law which grants **reservation in promotion for SC/STs in government services**.
- May 12: An overall turnout of 63.5% is recorded in the sixth phase of the Lok Sabha polls covering 59 seats in six States and the Union Territory of Delhi.
- May 13: Sanjiv Puri is appointed ITC chairman by the board of directors.
- May 17: The Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board’s **masala bonds** are listed at the London Stock Exchange.
- May 19: Over 64.23 per cent turnout is registered in the last phase of the Lok Sabha polls in 59 seats across seven States and one Union Territory.
- May 20: Sensex surges 1,422 points to close at 39,352.67.
- May 23: The BJP sweeps back to power in the 17th Lok Sabha polls.
- The YSRCP led by Jagan Mohan Reddy wins a landslide in Andhra Pradesh Assembly polls and also the Lok Sabha election. The BJD retains power in Odisha Assembly winning 112 of the 146 seats. The BJP wins the Arunachal Pradesh Assembly election. The Sikkim Krantikari Morcha is declared winner in Sikkim.
- The DMK-led front wins in 37 of the 38 Lok Sabha seats that went to the polls in Tamil Nadu. The AIADMK wins nine seats of the total 22 where bypolls were held, to retain majority in the Assembly. The DMK bags the rest.
- The UDF wins 19 out of the 20 Lok Sabha seats in Kerala. Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh go to the BJP kitty. The BJP wins all the seats in Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Delhi. In Karnataka, the BJP bags 25 of the 28 Lok Sabha seats. The BJP-Shiv Sena alliance wins 41 of the 48 seats in Maharashtra.
- May 24: Prime Minister Narendra Modi submits his resignation and that of the Union Cabinet to the President Ram Nath Kovind. Earlier, the Cabinet passes a resolution dissolving the 16th Lok Sabha.
- Twenty two students are killed in a **fire** at a coaching centre in the Sarthana area of Surat city in Gujarat.
- May 25: Sanjiv Punalekar, an advocate and his employee Vikram Bhave are arrested in Mumbai by the CBI for the 2013 murder of rationalist Narendra Dabholkar.
- AICC president Rahul Gandhi puts in his papers before the Congress Working Committee.
- May 27: Prem Singh Tamang (Golay) is sworn in as Sikkim Chief Minister in Gangtok.

- May 28: Mohammed Sanaullah, a Kargil war veteran is arrested and sent to a detention centre in western Assam's Goalpara after being declared a non-citizen by a Foreigners' Tribunal in Kamrup district (on May 23).
- May 29: Biju Janata Dal leader Naveen Patnaik and senior BJP leader Pema Khandu are sworn in Odisha and Arunachal Pradesh Chief Ministers.
- May 30: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and 57 Ministers take oath at a grand swearing-in ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.
- Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy is sworn in Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister at a function in Vijayawada.
- May 31: Admiral Karambir Singh assumes office as the 24th Chief of the Naval Staff.

JUNE

- June 3: The Supreme Court refuses to stay the Madras High Court order quashing the land acquisition for the ₹10,000 crore Salem-Chennai eight-lane green corridor project.
- June 4: The Supreme Court restrains Puducherry government from implementing decisions involving financial implications or transfer of officials.
- June 5: Nalin Khandelwal of Sikar, Rajasthan emerges all-India topper in the NEET scoring 701 out of 720. Shruthi K. is the topper from Tamil Nadu with 685 marks.
- June 8: Kargil War veteran Mohammed Sanaullah returns home a day after the Gauhati High Court grants him interim bail.
- June 10: Three persons are sentenced to life imprisonment in the rape and murder of a girl in Kathua, Jammu and Kashmir in 2018 by a special court in Pathankot, Punjab.
- June 14: SEBI bars Prannoy Roy and his wife Radhika Roy from the NDTV board and from accessing the securities market for two years.
- June 16: India imposes retaliatory duties on 29 U.S. items.
- June 19: Om Birla, the BJP MP from Kota, Rajasthan is unanimously elected Speaker of the 17th Lok Sabha.
- June 20: The Mumbai bench of the NCLT admits insolvency proceedings against Jet Airways.
- June 22: A Muslim youth Tabrez Ansari dies four days after being lynched at Dhatkidih village in Jharkhand's Saraikela Kharsawan district.
- June 26: The Lok Sabha passes the **Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Bill, 2019** that seeks to allow trusts to set up units in SEZs.
- June 27: The Bombay High Court upholds **reservation for the Marathas** but caps it at 13 per cent.
- The Rajya Sabha clears the Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Bill, 2019.
- June 28: Larsen and Toubro completes take over of IT firm Mindtree.
- June 29: At least 15 persons, including four children are killed as a part of a compound wall of an apartment complex crashes on workers' hutments in Kondhwa, Pune following heavy rain.

JULY

- July 1: Two Karnataka Congress MLAs Anand Singh and Ramesh Jarkiholi resign from the Assembly.
- The Centre rolls out the **Jal Shakti Abhiyan**.
- July 2: At least 22 people are killed and 94 injured in a wall collapse at Pimpripada in Malad as a 375.2 mm deluge throws life out of gear in Mumbai. Six construction workers die in a wall collapse in Ambegaon, Pune. Nineteen people are killed following a breach in the Tiware dam in Ratnagiri in Maharashtra's Konkan region.
- The Lok Sabha passes the **Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Bill, 2019** by a voice vote.
- July 3: Rahul Gandhi formally resigns as Congress president.
- July 4: The **National Company Law Appellate Tribunal** gives nod for Arcelor-Mittal's ₹42,000 crore bid to acquire bankrupt Essar Steel.

- The Lok Sabha passes the Aadhaar and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2019 enabling voluntary use of the biometric ID in private sector.
- July 5: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announces a ₹70,000 crore capital infusion in **public sector banks**, presenting the Union Budget.
- The Union Home Ministry informs the Madras High Court that the President has rejected the two NEET Bills passed by the Tamil Nadu Assembly in 2017.
- July 6: In a fresh blow to the coalition government in Karnataka, 12 MLAs, three from the JD(S) and nine from the Congress, resign.
- July 10: Two more Congress MLAs resign in Karnataka.
- July 11: The Supreme Court rejects plea against demolition of flats built in violation of **CRZ norms** in Maradu panchayat in Kerala's Ernakulam district.
- July 15: Chandrayaan-2 launch is aborted 56 minutes before the scheduled liftoff following a glitch in the launch vehicle system.
- July 18: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami announces in the Assembly the creation of Tenkasi and Chengalpattu districts.
- P. Rajagopal, founder of the Saravana Bhavan chain of hotels serving life term for murder dies in a private hospital in Chennai.
- July 19: The Bombay High Court hands down 10 years' RI for Samson D'Souza, a shack worker for the February 18, 2018 rape-murder of British teenager Scarlet Eden Keeling in Goa.
- The Lok Sabha passes the Protection of **Human Rights (Amendment) Bill, 2019** by voice vote.
- July 21: D. Raja takes over as CPI general secretary.
- July 22: The **Chandrayaan-2** spacecraft is safely placed in earth's orbit by a GSLV rocket after liftoff from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- The Lok Sabha passes the **Right to Information (Amendment) Bill, 2019** by voice vote.
- The Rajya Sabha clears by a voice vote the Protection of Human Rights (Amendment) Bill, 2019.
- The Supreme Court puts on hold the sale of Essar Steel to ArcelorMittal.
- July 23: The Congress-JD (S) government in Karnataka collapses after Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy loses the confidence motion in the Assembly by six votes. He later submits resignation to the Governor Vajubhai Vala.
- The Lok Sabha passes the **Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2019** by a voice vote.
- July 24: The Lok Sabha passes the **Unlawful Activities Prevention (Amendment) Bill, 2019**, which allows designation of individuals as terrorists. **Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Bill, 2019** passed by voice vote.
- The Rajya Sabha gives nod for the **Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill, 2019**.
- July 25: Three rebel Karnataka MLAs are disqualified till the end of the 15th Vidhana Sabha by the Assembly Speaker K.R. Ramesh Kumar.
- The Lok Sabha passes the **Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2019**.
- The Right to Information (Amendment) Bill, 2019, is passed by the Rajya Sabha.
- July 26: B.S. Yediyurappa takes oath as the 31st Chief Minister of Karnataka.
- July 28: Fourteen more rebel MLAs are disqualified by the Karnataka Assembly Speaker K.R. Ramesh Kumar till the end of term of the 15th Assembly.
- The survivor of the 2017 Unnao gangrape and her lawyer are injured and her two aunts killed in an accident in Rae Bareilly district, Uttar Pradesh.
- The toll in the flood havoc in Assam and Bihar touches 82 and 127 respectively.
- July 29: The Yediyurappa government in Karnataka wins confidence motion by voice vote. Speaker K.R. Ramesh Kumar resigns.
- The Lok Sabha passes by a voice vote the **National Medical Commission Bill, 2019**.

- July 30: Rajya Sabha passes the **Triple Talaq Bill**.
- The Lok Sabha passes the **Code on Wages Bill, 2019**, and the **Consumer Protection Bill, 2019**.
- July 31: The body of Cafe Coffee Day founder V.G. Siddhartha is recovered from the Nethravati river near Mangaluru and cremated at the family estate in Chatanahalli village in Hassan district.
- The Lok Sabha passes the **Inter-State River Water Disputes (Amendment) Bill, 2019**.

AUGUST

- Aug. 1: The Supreme Court orders the U.P. government to pay ₹25 lakh in interim compensation to the Unnao rape survivor.
- The BJP expels Kuldeep Singh Sengar its Bangarmau MLA, who is in jail on the charge of raping a woman in Unnao.
- The Triple Talaq Bill becomes law after presidential assent.
- The Rajya Sabha clears the National Medical Commission Bill.
- The Lok Sabha passes the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill, 2019.
- Aug. 2: The Rajya Sabha passes the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Bill, 2019.
- Aug. 5: **Jammu and Kashmir loses its special status** as Union Home Minister Amit Shah pilots two resolutions and a Bill creating the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh through the Rajya Sabha.
- The Lok Sabha passes the **Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2019**.
- Sister Lucy Kalappura, who joined a stir against Bishop Franco Mulakkal of Jalandhar accused of raping a nun, is dismissed from the Franciscan Clarist Congregation in keeping with a decree dated May 11.
- Aug. 6: The Lok Sabha passes a resolution abrogating special status to Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 and a Bill for **splitting the State into two Union Territories**.
- Aug. 8: Avalanche in Tamil Nadu's Nilgiris district receives 820 mm rain over a 24-hour period, the highest in the State's history.
- At least 46 people are killed, a village is wiped out and 100 acres devastated in a massive landslide at Kavalappara near Nilambur in Kerala's Malappuram district as heavy rain lashes the State.
- Former President Pranab Mukherjee, Bharatiya Jana Sangh ideologue Nanaji Deshmukh and singer Bhupen Hazarika (both posthumous) are conferred with the Bharat Ratna by the President Ram Nath Kovind.
- Aug. 9: Ayushman Khurana and Vicky Kaushal jointly win the Best Actor Award for Andhadhun and Uri: The Surgical Strike at the 66th National Film Awards. Keerthy Suresh bags the Best Actress Award for Telugu movie Mahanati. Gujarati film Hellarao is adjudged Best Feature Film.
- Aug. 10: The Congress names Sonia Gandhi as the interim president of the party after CWC meeting.
- Aug. 13: Ten of the 11 MLAs of the Sikkim Democratic Front join the BJP at a function in New Delhi.
- Aug. 14: All the six accused in the April 1, 2017 lynching of Haryana dairy farmer Pehlu Khan on the Jaipur-Delhi Highway are freed by a sessions court in Alwar, Rajasthan.
- Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman is awarded the Vir Chakra and all the IAF personnel who were part of the February 27 Balakot airstrike get gallantry medals.
- The Hindu Playwright Award 2019 is awarded to V. Balakrishnan for his play Sordid at the launch of the 15th edition of The Hindu Theatre Fest in Chennai.
- Aug. 15: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister announces creation of Ranipet, Tirupattur districts by trifurcating Vellore district.
- The toll in Kerala rain havoc touches 108.
- Aug. 16: Over 1 crore people offer worship to the Athi Varadar idol at the Sri Devarajaswamy Temple in Kancheepuram, Tamil Nadu over the last 47 days during the once-in-40-years festival that began on July 1.

- Aug. 21: The CBI arrests former Union Finance Minister P. Chidambaram in the INX Media case after high drama in New Delhi.
- Aug. 26: The trial into the death of Sister Abhaya at a convent in Kottayam, Kerala in 1992 starts at a CBI special court in Thiruvananthapuram.
- Aug. 27: The principal sessions court in Kottayam, Kerala, awards a double life term to all 10 persons convicted in the kidnapping and murder of Dalit Christian youth Kevin P. Joseph in May 2018.
- Aug. 29: Prime Minister Narendra Modi launches the **'Fit India Movement'** on National Sports Day in New Delhi.
- Aug. 30: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announces the **merger of 10 public sector banks**.
- Aug. 31: More than 19 lakh of the 3.3 crore applicants have been left out of Assam's final **National Register of Citizens**.

SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 1: Lt. Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane assumes charge as Vice Chief of the Army.
- New law on traffic violations comes into force across the nation.
- Sept. 7: The Chandrayaan-2's lander Vikram loses contact with the earth and goes blank three minutes before lunar touchdown.
- Sept. 8: Chandrayaan-2 orbiter spots lander Vikram on the lunar space. ISRO confirms hard landing.
- Sept. 15: Forty-seven people are killed as Royal Vasista, a private boat with 77 people capsizes in Godavari river near Katchuluru village in East Godavari district, Andhra Pradesh.
- Sept. 18: The Jharkhand police revive murder charges against all the 11 accused in the **Tabrez Ansari lynching case**.
- Sept. 19: **The right to have access to the Internet is a basic right, holds the Kerala High Court.**
- Sept. 20: The government issues an ordinance to cut the corporate tax rate for domestic firms and new manufacturing units.
- Sept. 22: Journalist Ravish Kumar is presented the first Gauri Lankesh National Award for Journalism at a function in Bengaluru.
- Sept. 26: Power supply to the four apartment complexes housing 354 flats at Maradu in Kochi, Kerala is cut.
- Sept. 27: The Supreme Court orders the Kerala government to pay ₹25 lakh each to the residents of the illegal high-rise Maradu flats.
- The LDF wrests the Pala seat held by the late KC (M) leader K.M. Mani for 54 years in bypolls. While the BJP retains Badharghat in Tripura and Hamirpur in U.P., the Congress wins in Dantewada, Chhattisgarh.
- Sept. 29: The Election Commission cuts short the disqualification term of Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang, convicted for graft, from six years to just a year and a month.
- The residents of flats in Maradu, Kochi, Kerala begin moving out.
- Sept. 30: Air Chief Marshal R.K.S. Bhaduria takes over as the 26th Chief of the Air Staff from B.S. Dhanoa.

OCTOBER

- Oct. 1: The Supreme Court recalls its March 20, 2018 verdict diluting the **Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989**.
- Oct. 4: Over 2,000 trees are cut after the Bombay High Court upholds the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation's Tree Authority's nod on August 29 to fell 2,646 trees at Aarey Milk Colony to make way for the construction of a Metro car shed.
- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath flags off the Lucknow-Delhi **Tejas Express**, the nation's first 'private train', at the Lucknow junction.

- Oct. 5: Clashes break out in Mumbai's Aarey Milk Colony after activists try to stop tree felling for a Metro project.
- Kerala's Crime Branch cracks the case involving the death of six members of the Thomas family in Koodathayi in Kozhikode between 2002 and 2016 through cyanide poisoning and arrests Jolly Shaju, the prime suspect, and two others.
- Oct. 9: The RBI rejects the proposed merger of Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd. and Lakshmi Vilas Bank.
- Oct. 12: India and China agree to set up a high-level economic and trade dialogue mechanism during talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping at a private beach resort in Kovalam near Chennai.
- Oct. 16: The Supreme Court reserves Ayodhya verdict after a marathon 40-day hearing.
- The ED arrests former Union Finance Minister P. Chidambaram, lodged in Tihar jail, in the INX Media case.
- Oct. 21: Over 60.5% voting is recorded in Maharashtra Assembly polls. Haryana registers 65% turnout.
- Oct. 22: The Supreme Court grants bail to former Union Finance Minister P. Chidambaram in the case registered by the CBI in the INX Media case.
- Oct. 23: The Union Cabinet gives in-principle nod to **merge BSNL and MTNL** and clears a ₹70,000-crore package.
- Oct. 24: The BJP-Shiv Sena combine retains power in Maharashtra. Results throw up a hung Assembly in Haryana.
- In the Lok Sabha bypolls, NCP bags the Satara seat and the LJP retains Samastipur. In Tamil Nadu, the AIADMK wins in both Nanguneri and Vikravandi Assembly bypolls.
- Oct. 25: The government notifies new RTI rules.
- Oct. 27: Manohar Lal Khattar is sworn in as Haryana Chief Minister. Dushyant Chautala takes oath as Deputy Chief Minister.
- Oct. 29: Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde is appointed the country's 47th CJ.
- Tamil Nadu becomes the first State in the country to enact a law on **contract farming**.
- Oct. 30: Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh become Union Territories as the bifurcation of the State comes into effect.

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 2: A major clash breaks out between Delhi police officers and lawyers at the Tis Hazari court allegedly over a parking issue.
- Nov. 3: Pollution levels in Delhi peak to a three-year high.
- Nov. 4: Sensex closes at a new all-time high of 40,267.62.
- Nov. 5: Delhi police personnel stage a protest and lay siege to the force's headquarters at ITO for 11 hours to condemn attacks on two colleagues.
- Nov. 8: Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis resigns.
- The Ministry of Home Affairs revokes the **Overseas Citizenship of India** card of British-born writer and journalist Aatish Taseer.
- Nov. 9: The Supreme Court in a unanimous verdict permits the building of a temple at the site where the Babri Masjid once stood and asks the government to allot a 5-acre plot for Muslims to construct a mosque in Ayodhya.
- Thirteen life convicts in the 1997 Melavalavu massacre case involving the killing of six Dalit men are released from the Madurai Central Prison.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi flags off the first batch of 562 pilgrims to the **Kartarpur Sahib** Gurdwara in Pakistan through the newly built 4.7 km corridor, at Dera Baba Nanak in Gurdaspur, Punjab.

- Nov. 12: President's rule is imposed in Maharashtra and the Assembly kept under suspended animation.
- Andhra Pradesh government decides not to proceed with the Amaravati start-up project.
- Nov. 13: The Supreme Court upholds the disqualification of 17 dissident Congress and Janata Dal (Secular) MLAs by then Karnataka Assembly Speaker K.R. Ramesh Kumar. Their ouster no bar to fighting polls afresh, it rules.
- The Supreme Court strikes down in entirety rules framed by the government under the Finance Act of 2017 to alter the appointments to 19 key judicial tribunals.
- Nov. 14: The Supreme Court dismisses pleas seeking a review of its December 14, 2018 judgment upholding the purchase of 36 Rafale fighter jets.
- The Supreme Court keeps in abeyance a final decision on the Sabarimala review and writ petitions till a larger bench makes a pronouncement on role of courts in religion.
- Sixteen disqualified Karnataka MLAs join the BJP.
- Nov. 15: The Supreme Court clears ArcelorMittal's takeover of Essar Steel.
- The Madras High Court declares as unconstitutional certain provisions of the Tamil Nadu Government Servants (Conditions of Service) Act of 2016.
- The Kerala government decides not to allow women in the menstruating age group to visit the Sabarimala temple.
- Reliance Group Chairman Anil Ambani resigns as the director of the bankrupt Reliance Communications.
- Nov. 17: The All India Muslim Personal Law Board declines the five acres of land allotted in Ayodhya and decides to file review plea against the Supreme Court verdict.
- Justice Ranjan Gogoi retires as the CJI.
- Nov. 18: Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde takes office as the 47th CJI.
- Nov. 20: The Union Cabinet gives nod to the government's proposal to **sell off its entire stake in BPCL, SCI, CONCOR, THDCIL and the North Eastern Electric Power Corporation. Nod for Industrial Relations Code Bill, 2019.**
- The RBI supersedes the board of troubled mortgage financier DHFL.
- Actor Rajinikanth is presented the Icon of Golden Jubilee of IFFI award at a function in Panaji, Goa.
- Nov. 23: President's rule in Maharashtra revoked. BJP's Devendra Fadnavis is sworn in Chief Minister and the NCP's Ajit Pawar Deputy Chief Minister at the Raj Bhavan in Mumbai.
- Nov. 25: Telangana RTC employees call off strike after 52 days.
- Sensex gains 529.82 points to close at a new high of 40,889.23.
- Nov. 26: **Maharashtra** Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and his Deputy Ajit Pawar resign ahead of a floor test ordered by the Supreme Court.
- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami inaugurates Kallakurichi district, the 34th district of the State.
- Nov. 27: India's **Cartosat-3** and 13 other U.S. nano satellites are put in orbit by a PSLV C-47 rocket after liftoff from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- A woman veterinarian is gang-raped and her body burnt at an underpass at Chatanpally near Shadnagar, 60 km from Hyderabad in Telangana.
- The Lok Sabha passes the Special Protection Group (Amendment) Bill, 2019. Passes Bill to ban sale of e-cigarettes.
- The **Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu (Merger of Union Territories) Bill, 2019** is passed by the Lok Sabha by voice vote.
- Sensex gains 199.31 points to close at 41,020.61.
- Nov. 28: Shiv Sena leader Uddhav Thackeray is sworn in Maharashtra Chief Minister at Shivaji Park, Mumbai.

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami inaugurates Tirupattur and Ranipet as the State's 35th and 36th districts.
- French Director Blaise Harrison's Particles bags the Golden Peacock at the 50th IFFI Awards in Panaji, Goa. Lijo Pellissery bags Best Director Award for the Malayalam film Jallikattu.
- Nov. 29: India announces a \$400 million line of credit to **Sri Lanka** after talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Gotabaya Rajapaksa in New Delhi. Colombo to get a special line of credit of \$50 million to fight terror.
- Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray stays work on the Metro car shed inside **Aarey forest, Mumbai**.
- Chengalpattu becomes Tamil Nadu's 37th district.
- Eminent Malayalam poet Akkitham Achuthan Namboothiri is chosen for the 55th Jnanpith Award.
- Nov. 30: Sixtyfive per cent turnout is recorded in phase I of Jharkhand Assembly polls.

DECEMBER

- Dec. 2: Seventeen people are killed as three houses collapse after a 15-foot compound wall falls on them at Nadur in Mettupalayam, Coimbatore amid heavy rains.
- Sub Lieutenant Shivangi of Bihar becomes the first woman pilot to join the Indian Navy after being awarded the 'golden wings' at the Kochi naval base.
- Dec. 3: The SPG (Amendment) Bill, 2019 gets Parliament nod. Passes Bill to merge the Union Territories of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu.
- Dec. 4: The Supreme Court grants bail to former Finance Minister P. Chidambaram in the INX media money laundering case.
- The Union Cabinet gives nod to the government's plan to create and launch India's first corporate bond exchange traded fund (ETF) — Bharat Bond ETF.
- Dec. 5: A Mumbai court declares diamond trader Nirav Modi, an accused in the PNB scam case, a fugitive economic offender.
- Dec. 6: All the four accused in the gangrape and murder of a woman veterinarian, Disha, are killed in an alleged exchange of fire with the Cyberabad police at Chatanpalli near Shadnagar, about 60 km from Hyderabad.
- The 23-year-old rape victim from Unnao, Uttar Pradesh dies at a Delhi hospital a day after being set ablaze by five persons outside Sindupur village in Unnao.
- Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan formally announces the formation of the Kerala Bank, in Thiruvananthapuram.
- Dec. 7: Around 63.44% polling recorded in second phase of Jharkhand Assembly election marred by stray incidents of violence.
- Dec. 8: At least 43 people are killed and 16 injured after a massive fire at an illegal manufacturing unit in the Anaj Mandi area on Rani Jhansi Road of Central Delhi.
- Dec. 9: The BJP sweeps the Assembly bypolls in Karnataka bagging 12 out of 15 seats.
- The Lok Sabha passes the **Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019**.
- The World Anti-Doping Agency bans Russia from global sporting events for four years.
- Dec. 10: An 11-hour shutdown against passage of the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019 hits life in the northeastern states.
- Lok Sabha passes the **Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Amendment) Bill, 2019** extending the quota for SC/STs in state legislatures till January 25, 2030.
- Dec. 11: The Rajya Sabha passes the CAB, 2019 after a heated debate.
- The Nanavati-Mehta Commission gives a clean chit to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the 2002 Gujarat riots.

- India's advanced radar imaging satellite RISAT-2BR1 and nine other foreign satellites are put in orbit by the PSLV in its 'Golden Jubilee' launch after liftoff from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- Dec. 12: The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill gets the President's assent. Meanwhile two persons are killed in police firing in Guwahati, Assam.
- Over 62.35% turnout recorded in the third phase of Jharkhand Assembly polls.
- Dec. 13: The Andhra Pradesh Assembly passes two Bills to set up special courts and to amend sections of IPC and Cr. P.C. to ensure speedy trials and award of death penalty for crimes against women and children.
- Violent protests against the new citizenship law rock the Jamia Millia Islamia campus in New Delhi.
- Dec. 14: The protests against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act turn violent in West Bengal as railway stations and buses are torched. Nagaland observes a six-hour shutdown.
- Dec. 15: At least 51 people are injured in police action near Jamia Millia Islamia University in New Delhi as protests over the CAA turn violent. Over 100 students of AMU are injured in a clash with the UP police.
- Confusion reigns at toll plazas across the nation as **FASTag** rollout begins.
- Dec. 16: Students resort to nationwide protests against police action at Jamia Millia Islamia and Aligarh Muslim University.
- Lt. Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane is appointed the next Chief of the Army Staff.
- Dec. 18: The NCLAT reinstates Cyrus Mistry as Tata Sons Ltd. Executive Chairman and director on the board of other Tata firms.
- Tamil writer Cho. Dharman wins the Sahitya Akademi Award for his novel Sool. Congress MP Shashi Tharoor wins in English category for his non-fiction book An Era of Darkness: The British Empire in India.
- Dec. 19: Two persons are killed in police firing in Mangaluru, Karnataka.
- Portuguese Prime Minister Antonio Costa announces the setting up of a Gandhi Citizenship Education Prize, at a meeting in New Delhi.
- Dec. 20: Six people are killed in Firozabad and 50 policemen injured across Uttar Pradesh as the anti-CAA protests turn violent. The Delhi Metro closes 17 stations as violence erupts at Seemapuri in Shahdara and the Delhi Gate.
- A Delhi court sentences to life imprisonment former BJP MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar for the rape of a minor girl on June 4, 2017 in Unnao, Uttar Pradesh.
- A special court in Jaipur, Rajasthan, sentences to death four persons convicted of the serial blasts in the city on May 13, 2008 that claimed 71 lives.
- The fifth phase of Jharkhand Assembly poll passes off peacefully.
- Dec. 21: The toll in Uttar Pradesh goes up to 16 as protests against the CAA continue in many parts of the nation.
- Dec. 22: The toll in UP goes up to 18. A massive rally is taken out in Rajasthan seeking CAA withdrawal.
- Dec. 23: The JMM-led coalition wins the Jharkhand Assembly polls. Chief Minister Raghubar Das resigns.
- In continuing protests against the CAA, the Congress holds a 'Satyagraha for unity' at Rajghat in New Delhi. The DMK and its allies hold a massive rally in Chennai.
- Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan presents the Ezhuthachan Award for 2019 to writer Anand at Thiruvananthapuram.
- Dec. 24: The Union Cabinet gives nod for updating the **National Population Register** across the nation, barring Assam and the Census of India, 2021.
- Dec. 27: The IAF de-inducts the last squadron of MiG-27 aircraft at a ceremony in Jodhpur, Rajasthan.

- Mumbai police file a 32,000-page chargesheet naming five persons in the multi-crore PMC Bank scam.
- Dec. 29: Hemant Soren is sworn in Jharkhand's 11th Chief Minister at a function in Ranchi. In maiden order, drops Pathalgadi cases.
- Veteran actor Amitabh Bachchan is presented the Dada Saheb Phalke Award by the President Ram Nath Kovind at a function in New Delhi.
- Dec. 30: Ajit Pawar is sworn in Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister. Aditya Thackeray, Ashok Chavan among 35 Ministers inducted into the Cabinet.
- Outgoing Army Chief, Gen. Bipin Rawat is appointed the nation's first Chief of Defence Staff and will head the Department of Military Affairs.
- The Navy bans smartphones and FB at naval establishments.
- Dec. 31: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman outlines plans to invest ₹102 lakh crore in infra projects by 2024-25.
- Gen. Bipin Rawat demits office as Chief of the Army Staff and Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane takes charge.

INTERNATIONAL

JANUARY

- Jan. 1: Jair Bolsonaro is sworn in Brazil's President.
- Jan. 3: China's Chang'e-4 probe lands on the far side of the moon, transmits image.
- Saudi Arabia seeks death penalty for five of the 11 defendants charged with the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, as their trial opens in Riyadh.
- Nancy Pelosi is elected Speaker at the opening session of the 116th U.S. Congress.
- Jan. 5: Juan Guaido assumes the presidency of the Venezuelan National Assembly in the capital Caracas.
- Jan. 6: Malaysia's King Sultan Muhammad V abdicates.
- Bohemian Rhapsody bags the best actor and best drama awards at the Golden Globes at the Beverly Hilton, California.
- Jan. 7: Sheikh Hasina is sworn in as Bangladesh's Prime Minister for a record fourth term.
- Jan. 10: Nicolas Maduro is sworn in Venezuela President for a second term at the Supreme Court in the capital Caracas.
- Jan. 15: The Theresa May government suffers a huge defeat after MPs reject the **Brexit** withdrawal deal by a margin of 230, by a vote of 432 to 202.
- At least 21 people are killed as al-Shabaab militants attack the upscale DusitD2 hotel complex in Nairobi, Kenya.
- Jan. 16: The British government survives a vote of no-confidence by a narrow margin of 19 at the end of a five-hour debate.
- More than 700 civilians are evacuated from the DusitD2 complex after a 20-hour siege and the militants eliminated.
- Jan. 21: At least 126 people are killed in a **Taliban attack** on the National Directorate of Security forces training centre in Afghanistan's Maidan Wardak province.
- Jan. 22: Boeing's flying car completes first test flight in Virginia.
- Jan. 23: Juan Guaido, leader of Venezuela's Opposition-controlled Congress declares himself "acting President" amid a fresh wave of deadly street clashes.
- Jan. 24: Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro breaks off diplomatic ties with the U.S.
- Jan. 25: U.S. President Donald Trump signs a Bill to reopen government until February 15 ending a shutdown.
- Jan. 29: British MPs vote in the House of Commons for an amendment by Sir Graham Brady by 317 votes to 301 to pass the Brexit deal Bill if Prime Minister Theresa May can negotiate changes to the Irish backstop. Another amendment to reject a no-deal Brexit in principle is passed by 318 votes to 310.
- Jan. 31: The European Parliament votes to recognise Venezuela's Juan Guaido as acting President.
- Malaysia enthrones a new king, Sultan Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah at a ceremony in Kuala Lumpur.

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 2: The U.S. pulls out of the **Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty** signed during the Cold War in 1987. Russia too suspends participation.
- Feb. 3: British Foreign Secretary Sajid Javid signs the order for the extradition of liquor baron Vijay Mallya to India.
- Feb. 10: Childish Gambino's This is America wins Record and Song Of The Year at the 61st Annual Grammy Awards function at the Staples Center in Los Angeles, U.S. The Album Of the Year goes to Kacey Musgraves for Golden Hour. British pop singer Dua Lipa is named Best New Artist.

- Feb. 13: The U.S. House of Representatives passes a resolution to end support to the Saudi Arabia-led war in **Yemen**.
- Feb. 14: British MPs defeat the Theresa May government 303-258 in a symbolic vote on the Brexit strategy.
- British actor Charlotte Rampling is awarded the Berlin Film Festival's Golden Bear for lifetime achievement.
- Feb. 15: U.S. President Donald Trump declares a national emergency at the border with Mexico.
- A U.S. man fatally shoots five of his co-workers at a factory in Aurora, Illinois, shortly after being sacked, and is later gunned down by the police.
- Feb. 18: Former **Maldivian** President Abdulla Yameen is arrested on money laundering charges.
- Feb. 20: At least 150 people are killed in a blaze that engulfs several buildings in Chawkbazar district in the Bangladesh capital Dhaka.
- Feb. 22: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is given the Seoul Peace Prize for 2018 at a ceremony in the South Korean capital.
- Feb. 23: Sudan's President Omar al-Bashir appoints Tahir Ayala Prime Minister, a day after declaring a state of emergency.
- Feb. 24: Green Book wins the Best Picture and Best Original Screenplay Oscars at the 91st Academy Awards ceremony held at Dolby Theatre, Los Angeles, U.S. Alfonso Cuarón wins Best Director for Roma, which also bags prizes for Cinematography and Best Foreign Language Film. Rami Malek gets Best Actor (Bohemian Rhapsody). Olivia Colman bags Best Actress statuette (The Favourite).
- Feb. 26: The U.S. House of Representatives passes a resolution overturning (245-182) President Donald Trump's Emergency to build a border wall with Mexico.
- Feb. 27: Muhammadu Buhari is re-elected Nigeria's President for a second term.
- Feb. 28: **U.S. President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un** end their second summit meeting in Hanoi, Vietnam abruptly after the talks collapse without any agreement.

MARCH

- March 1: Sini Mathews, the foster mother of Sherin Mathews found dead in a culvert in Dallas, U.S. in 2017 is freed after 15 months in jail for lack of evidence.
- March 5: The U.S. withdraws trade concessions to India and Turkey under the **Generalised System of Preferences**.
- Japanese architect Arata Isozaki is chosen for the 2019 Pritzker Prize.
- March 6: Ousted Nissan boss Carlos Ghosn is freed on bail after more than 100 days in detention in Tokyo, Japan.
- March 7: Paul Manafort, former campaign chairman of U.S. President Donald Trump is jailed for 47 months for fraud by the District Court in Alexandria, Virginia.
- March 10: All 157 people on board an Ethiopian Airlines Boeing 737 MAX 8 flight bound for Nairobi, Kenya are killed after the plane crashes soon after take-off from Bole airport, Addis Ababa near the town of Bishoftu.
- March 11: Britain and the EU agree upon legally binding changes to the withdrawal deal after talks in Strasbourg, France
- Siti Aisyah, an Indonesian woman accused of assassinating North Korean leader Kim Jong-un's half-brother Kim Jong-nam in 2017 is freed by a Malaysian court.
- March 12: British MPs resoundingly reject Prime Minister Theresa May's EU withdrawal deal by a margin of 148 in the House of Commons.
- March 13: British MPs vote by 312 to 308 to reject a no-deal Brexit under any circumstances. It is not binding.
- At least six children and two staff of the Raul Brasil school in Sao Paulo, Brazil are killed and 17 others injured by two gunmen who turn the guns on themselves.

- The U.S. Senate gives nod to resolution seeking to end America's support for the Saudi Arabia-led coalition in the war in Yemen.
- Australian Cardinal George Pell is jailed for six years by a Melbourne court for the "brazen" sexual abuse of two choirboys in 1996-97.
- March 14: British MPs reject three amendments, including one proposing a second referendum by a margin of 249, that sought to curtail the government's Brexit agenda.
- The U.S. Senate passes a proposal 59-41 to end President Donald Trump's declaration of an emergency at the southern border.
- March 15: Brenton Harrison Tarrant, an Australian gunman goes on a rampage at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand leaving 50 people, including seven Indians dead and more than 40 others injured.
- At least 602 people are killed in Mozambique, 344 killed in Zimbabwe and 56 others left dead in Malawi after Cyclone Idai tears through the region.
- U.S. President Donald Trump vetoes congressional opposition to secure funding for walls on the border with Mexico.
- March 16: '**Yellow vest**' protesters go on a rampage looting stores on the Champs-Élysées avenue in Paris on the 18th week of demonstrations.
- Eightynine people are killed and more than 70 injured after an earthquake hits Indonesia's eastern Papua province, triggering flash floods and mudslides.
- March 18: Three people are killed and seven injured after Gokmen Tanis, a Turkish-born gunman opens fire on a tram in Utrecht, the Netherlands.
- March 19: Kazakhstan's President Nursultan Nazarbayev resigns after being at the helm for three decades.
- Indian diamond trader Nirav Modi, is arrested in London.
- Karen Uhlenbeck of the U.S. is awarded the Abel Prize in mathematics for her work on partial differential equations.
- March 20: UN appeals judges uphold the conviction of former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic for war crimes and raise the sentence from 40 years to life imprisonment.
- March 22: Special Counsel Robert Mueller submits report of his 22-month-long inquiry into Russia's role in the 2016 U. S. election. Brings charges against 34 people.
- March 23: **Italy signs a non-binding protocol with China** in Rome to take part in Beijing's new '**Silk Road**' becoming the first G7 nation to do so.
- Kazakhstan capital Astana is officially renamed Nur-Sultan in honour of Nursultan Nazarbayev.
- March 28: Thailand's Election Commission announces victory of the pro-Army Palang Pracharat in the general election.
- A Maldives court orders release of former President Abdulla Yameen held on money laundering charges.
- March 29: British MPs for the third time reject Prime Minister Theresa May's Brexit deal after a special sitting of the Parliament.
- March 31: Russian aviation tycoon Natalia Fileva is killed in a plane crash near an airport in Germany.
- **Ukrainians** cast votes in presidential polls.
- Grammy-nominated rapper Nipsey Hussle is shot dead in Los Angeles, U.S.

APRIL

- April 1: British MPs vote against all Brexit alternative plans in a turbulent session of the House of Commons.
- April 2: Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika resigns following weeks of massive demonstrations.
- April 4: British MPs pass by one vote a Bill to rule out no-deal Brexit.

- Ousted Nissan chairman Carlos Ghosn is re-arrested in Tokyo.
- April 5: David Malpass, a senior U.S. treasury official is unanimously chosen as World Bank president.
- April 7: The Maldivian Democratic Party of President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih heads for a landslide in Maldives.
- April 8: The U.S. designates Iran's elite military force, the **Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps**, a terrorist organisation.
- April 9: Abdelkader Bensalah is chosen Algerian President by the lawmakers.
- Israelis cast votes in parliamentary polls.
- British lawmakers endorse 420 to 110 Prime Minister Theresa May's request to the EU to delay Brexit until June 30.
- April 10: Astronomers reveal the first photograph of a black hole at a news conference in Washington, U.S.
- New Zealand MPs pass sweeping gun reforms.
- Two Reuters reporters jailed in Myanmar are chosen for the UNESCO annual press freedom prize.
- Nusrat Jahan Rafi, a schoolgirl from Feni, Bangladesh dies five days after being set on fire at the behest of her head teacher against whom she had lodged a police complaint for sexual harassment.
- April 11: WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange is arrested by the British police in London.
- Sudan President Omar al-Bashir is overthrown and arrested by the armed forces.
- Britain and the EU agree to Brexit extension till Oct. 31 after a meeting in Brussels, Belgium.
- April 12: Greece joins China's Belt and Road Initiative at a summit in Croatia.
- April 15: A fire devastates Paris's iconic Notre-Dame cathedral.
- The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal are awarded Pulitzer Prizes for their separate probes on U.S. President Donald Trump and family.
- April 16: U.S. President Donald Trump vetoes a Bill to end the nation's support for the Yemen war.
- Egyptian MPs vote to extend President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi's tenure till 2030.
- April 17: Indonesians cast votes in presidential and parliamentary polls.
- Peru's former President Alan Garcia dies at a hospital after shooting himself at his home in Lima fearing arrest in a graft case.
- April 21: At least 258 people are killed and 485 injured as eight blasts targeting churches and luxury hotels rock the Sri Lankan capital Colombo, nearby Negombo and the eastern Batticaloa city on Easter Sunday.
- April 22: Volodymyr Zelensky is elected Ukraine's President.
- April 24: Four prominent leaders of **Hong Kong's democracy movement** are jailed for the mass protests in 2014.
- April 28: Spanish Prime Minister Paedro Sanchez's Socialist Party wins snap general election.
- April 30: Emperor Akihito of Japan steps down.

MAY

- May 1: WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange is sentenced to 50 weeks in jail for flouting bail conditions by the Southwark Crown Court, London.
- Naruhito takes over as Japan's Emperor.
- May 3: Doan Thi Huong, a Vietnamese woman suspected of killing Kim Jong-nam, the half-brother of North Korean leader Kim Jong-un in 2017 is freed from a Malaysian jail.
- May 4: Three people are killed and 17 injured in **Israeli air strikes** after Hamas militants from Gaza Strip fire 200 rockets on Israeli cities.
- King Maha Vajiralongkorn is crowned Thailand monarch in Bangkok.
- May 7: Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo, two Pulitzer Prize-winning Reuters journalists are freed from Myanmar's Insein Prison.

- Asia Bibi, a Christian woman acquitted by the Pakistan Supreme Court in 2018 of blasphemy arrives in Canada.
- May 8: Sixty five per cent turnout is registered in South African parliamentary and provincial elections.
- May 10: **The U.S. increases tariffs on \$200 billion worth of Chinese goods.**
- May 11: South Africa's ruling ANC wins the national election.
- May 13: Sweden reopens probe into a 2010 rape allegation against WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange.
- May 15: President Donald Trump signs an order barring Chinese telecom giant Huawei from the U.S. market.
- May 16: The U.S. President Donald Trump announces a new points-based green card system that will reward education and English language skills.
- May 17: In a first for Asia, **Taiwan's Parliament passes a Bill to legalise same-sex marriage.**
- May 18: Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz calls for snap polls following the collapse of the coalition after a video sting forces his deputy Heinz-Christian Strache to resign.
- May 20: Volodymyr Zelensky is sworn in Ukraine President.
- May 21: Joko Widodo is re-elected Indonesia President.
- In a first, an Arabic novel Celestial Bodies by Oman's Jokha Alharthi wins the Man Booker International Prize.
- May 22: Cyril Ramaphosa is re-elected South African President.
- May 24: Several same-sex couples tie the knot as a landmark bill takes effect in Taiwan.
- May 25: Cyril Ramaphosa takes oath as South African President in Pretoria.
- Parasite directed by South Korea's Bong Joon-Ho wins the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival.
- May 27: Pro-European parties keep a firm grip on the EU Parliament after a four-day polling.
- Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurtz loses a no-confidence vote in Parliament.
- May 30: Israeli MPs vote to dissolve Parliament after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu fails to form a coalition government before a midnight deadline.
- Seven Indian-Americans among eight students to jointly win the 2019 Scripps National Spelling Bee held in Washington D.C., U.S.
- May 31: U.S. President Donald Trump issues a proclamation ending trade concessions for Indian exports under the Generalized System of Preferences given 30 years ago.
- Twelve people are killed and four others injured after a public utility employee opens fire at a municipal building in Virginia, before he is fatally shot by the police.

JUNE

- June 3: At least 101 people are killed as Sudan's military breaks up a weeks-long sit-in outside the Army headquarters in Khartoum.
- June 6: The African Union suspends Sudan.
- June 7: British Prime Minister Theresa May steps down as leader of her Conservative Party.
- The U.S. calls off tariffs against Mexico after the latter agrees to expand an asylum programme to stop the flow of migrants.
- June 9: Around a million people take out a march in Hong Kong against an extradition law that would allow suspects to be sent to China to face trial.
- People cast votes in Kazakhstan presidential polls.
- June 12: Protests against an extradition Bill in Hong Kong turns violent and police fire tear gas, rubber bullets.
- June 15: Hong Kong decides to suspend extradition Bill.
- June 17: Former Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi dies in a Cairo hospital after fainting during a court hearing.

- June 20: New Zealand launches a gun buyback scheme.
- June 24: The U.S. slaps new sanctions on Iran.
- June 26: Wesley Mathews, accused of killing his 3-year-old daughter Sherin Mathews in October 2017 is sentenced to life by a court in Dallas, Texas.
- June 27: The U.S. Senate passes the National Defense Authorisation Act.
- June 29: The U.S. and China reach trade war truce on the sidelines of the G20 summit in Osaka, Japan.

JULY

- July 1: **Iran breaches limit on uranium stockpile.**
- July 4: British Royal Marines seize Grace 1, an Iranian supertanker in Gibraltar for trying to take oil to Syria in violation of EU sanctions.
- July 10: The U.S. House of Representatives passes the Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act of 2019.
- July 11: Japan's Hayabusa2 probe makes a "perfect" touchdown on the desolate asteroid Ryugu, some 300 million km from Earth.
- July 13: New Zealanders begin handing over firearms in Christchurch.
- July 17: Pakistan should "**review and reconsider**" the conviction and death sentence imposed on Kulbhushan Jadhav, rules the ICJ at The Hague, Netherlands.
- Pakistan arrests Hafiz Saeed, the alleged mastermind of the 2008 Mumbai terror attack that killed 166 people, in a terror financing case.
- Sudan's protesters and the ruling generals sign a deal that aims to instal a civilian government.
- July 19: Iran seizes Stena Impero, a British-flagged oil tanker and its 23 crew members in the Strait of Hormuz.
- July 23: Boris Johnson wins the Conservative Party leadership polls.
- July 24: I did not exonerate President Donald Trump, says former U.S. Special Counsel Robert Mueller testifying to the Congress.
- Boris Johnson assumes office as British Prime Minister.

AUGUST

- Aug. 2: Saudi Arabia allows women over 21 to travel abroad without prior consent and any citizen to apply for a Saudi passport on their own.
- **The U.S. withdraws from the 1987 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces treaty, minutes after Russia pronounces it to be "dead."**
- Aug. 3: Twenty-two people are killed and more than 24 injured as a white youth Patrick Crusius goes on a rampage at a Walmart store in El Paso, Texas, U.S.
- Aug. 4: Nine people are killed and 26 injured after Connor Betts, a white gunman opens fire in Oregon district of Dayton, Ohio, U.S. before being shot dead by the police.
- Aug. 5: President Donald Trump freezes all Venezuelan government assets in the U.S.
- Aug. 9: Pakistan formally suspends trade ties with India. All train services suspended and the Lahore-Delhi friendship bus service stopped.
- Aug. 10: Disgraced U.S. financier Jeffrey Epstein, awaiting trial on sex trafficking charges, commits suicide at a prison in lower Manhattan, New York.
- Aug. 11: A Saudi-led coalition launches an offensive against Yemen's southern separatists after they seize the presidential palace and the main port in Aden in deadly fighting.
- Aug. 12: The Hong Kong International Airport is shut after four days of sit-in by protesters.
- Aug. 14: U.S. rapper A\$AP is convicted in Sweden of assault over a Stockholm street brawl, but spared time in jail after a high-profile trial.
- Aug. 15: Gibraltar's Supreme Court orders release of Iranian oil tanker Grace 1.

- Aug. 17: At least 80 people are killed after a suicide blast at a wedding reception in the Afghanistan capital Kabul.
- Sudan's generals and protest leaders sign a historic deal in Khartoum paving the way for civilian rule.
- Aug. 19: The U.S. gives Chinese telecom giant Huawei a 90-day reprieve on a ban against buying American technology.
- Aug. 20: Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte resigns.
- Aug. 21: An 11-member civilian-majority ruling council headed by General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan is sworn in in Sudan.
- Aug. 24: The U.S. raises tariffs on \$550 billion in Chinese goods, in response to new tit-for-tat levy hikes announced earlier by Beijing.
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi is honoured with the 'Order of Zayed,' the UAE's highest civilian award.**
- **Bahrain honours Prime Minister Narendra Modi with "The King Hamad Order of the Renaissance" award.**
- Aug. 28: British Prime Minister Boris Johnson extends suspension of Parliament till October 14.
- Italy's Five Star Movement and the Democratic Party clinch a deal to form a government.

SEPTEMBER

- Sept 1: Flight operations are hit as protesters block Hong Kong airport, following a night of pitched battles with police.
- China and the U.S. begin imposing more tariffs on each other's goods.
- Sept. 3: British Prime Minister Boris Johnson loses his working majority in Parliament. Parliament is shut down amid chaos, as MPs vote to block a snap election.
- Sept. 4: Hong Kong's Chief Executive Carrie Lam announces withdrawal of the extradition Bill.
- British MPs vote 327-299 on a Bill to block a no-deal Brexit.
- Sept. 5: **India announces a \$1 billion line of credit for the development of Russia's Far East.**
- Sept. 7: Todd Phillips' Joker bags the Golden Lion at the 76th Venice Film Festival. Roman Polanski's An Officer and a Spy gets the Silver Lion Grand Jury Prize.
- Sept. 8: U.S. President Donald Trump calls off year-long talks with the Taliban.
- Sept. 9: A Bill to prevent a no-deal Brexit on October 31 gets royal assent and passes into law.
- Indian journalist Ravish Kumar and four others are presented the Ramon Magsaysay Awards at a function in the Philippines capital Manila.
- Sept. 10: The U.S. National Security Adviser John Bolton quits, a day after being sacked by President Trump.
- Sept. 11: The U.S. Supreme Court allows Trump government to implement asylum curbs.
- Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau dissolves Parliament.
- Scientists announce discovery of water in the atmosphere of an exoplanet — K2-18b — eight times the mass of earth and twice as big.
- Sept. 14: Two oil plants of Saudi Arabia's energy giant Aramco in Abqaiq and Khurais are hit in drone attacks by Yemen's Houthi rebels triggering fires.
- Sept. 17: Israelis cast votes in the second general election in five months.
- Sept. 18: Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu fails to win a ruling majority in polls.
- U.S. hostage negotiator Robert O'Brien is new National Security Adviser.
- Sept. 20: U.S. President Donald Trump announces new sanctions on Iran.
- Sept. 22: **"It is time to fight a decisive battle against terrorism and all those who promote terrorism,"** says Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the 'Howdy, Modi!' diaspora rally at the NRG Stadium in Houston, Texas.

- HBO's Game of Thrones makes history at the 71st Primetime Emmy Awards in Los Angeles, winning 12 Emmys for best drama series.
- Sept. 23: Tourist behemoth Thomas Cook U.K. declares bankruptcy.
- **Russia formally accepts the 2015 Paris climate accord.**
- Sept. 25: Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg among four people named as winners of the 2019 Right Livelihood Award, also known as the 'Alternative Nobel.'
- Sept. 27: The British-flagged oil tanker Stena Impero sets sail from the port of Bandar Abbas after being released by Iran.
- Saudi Arabia offers tourist visas for the first time and eases its strict dress code for foreign women.
- Sept. 28: Afghans cast votes in presidential polls amid violence.
- Sept. 29: Former Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz's conservative People's Party comes first in parliamentary polls.

OCTOBER

- Oct. 1: "No force can shake the status of our great country," says the Chinese President Xi Jinping in an address to mark the 70th anniversary of the formation of the People's Republic of China.
- Oct. 2: The U.S. slaps tariffs on products imported from Europe after the WTO rules that Airbus got undue subsidies from partners Germany, France, Spain and the U.K.
- In a major blow to Facebook, EU's top court rules that national courts in Europe can order online platforms to remove defamatory content worldwide.
- Oct. 3: Three days of anti-government rallies in Iraq leave 28 people dead.
- Oct. 4: Hong Kong invokes colonial-era emergency powers to ban face masks and quell violence.
- U.S. President Donald Trump signs a proclamation to block immigrant visas for the uninsured.
- Oct. 7: Two Americans — William G. Kaelin Jr. and Gregg L. Semenza — and Britain's Sir Peter J. Ratcliffe are awarded the 2019 Nobel Prize for Medicine.
- Oct. 8: Canadian-American cosmologist James Peebles and Swiss star-gazers Michel Mayor and Didier Queloz are awarded the 2019 Nobel Prize for Physics.
- Oct. 9: **Turkey launches airstrikes and fires artillery to crush Kurdish fighters in northern Syria, a day after U.S. troops pulled back from the area.**
- John B. Goodenough of Germany, British-American M. Stanley Whittingham, and Japan's Akira Yoshino win the 2019 **Chemistry Nobel Prize.**
- Saudi Arabia announces decision to allow women to serve in the armed forces.
- Oct. 10: Polish novelist Olga Tokarczuk and Austrian author Peter Handke win the 2018 and 2019 **Nobel Prizes for Literature.**
- Oct. 11: Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed is awarded the **2019 Nobel Peace Prize.**
- The U.S. suspends a threatened tariff hike on Chinese imports.
- Federal judges in California, New York and Washington block U.S. President Donald Trump's policy to deny green cards to immigrants who avail of government benefits.
- Oct. 13: Kerala nun Sister Mariam Thresia among five persons declared Saints by Pope Francis at a grand ceremony in Vatican City.
- Oct. 14: Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer are awarded the **2019 Nobel Prize in Economics.**
- Spain's Supreme Court jails nine Catalan leaders for sedition for their role in a failed 2017 independence bid. Issues arrest warrant for former President Carles Puigdemont.
- The Booker Prize is jointly awarded to Canadian author Margaret Atwood's The Testaments and British writer Bernardine Evaristo's Girl, Woman, Other.
- Oct. 15: The U.S. House of Representatives passes the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act.
- Oct. 17: Britain secures a Brexit deal with the EU.

- Turkey agrees to a 120-hour ceasefire in Syria.
- Oct. 18: The U.S. slaps tariffs on \$7.5 billion worth of European goods.
- Oct. 19: The U.K. Parliament votes 322 to 306 to postpone a vote on the new Brexit deal with the EU.
- Oct.20: Bolivian President Evo Morales wins first round in polls.
- Oct. 21: Canadians cast votes in general election.
- Oct. 22: Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau retains power but his Liberal Party loses majority.
- Oct. 23: Bodies of 39 Vietnamese citizens are found in a refrigerated lorry at the Waterglade Industrial Park in Grays, east of London.
- Hong Kong's legislature formally withdraws extradition Bill.
- The U.S. lifts sanctions after Turkey makes ceasefire permanent.
- Oct. 24: Sixteen people are sentenced to death for burning alive a Bangladeshi teenager, Nusrat Jahan Rafi, at a rural Islamic seminary.
- The EU Parliament awards the Sakharov Prize for human rights to Uighur intellectual Ilham Tohti, sentenced to life in China for "separatism."
- Oct. 25: Forty two people are killed and 2,000 wounded as rallies across Iraq demanding end to graft turn violent.
- **Oct. 26: Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi kills self during a raid by U.S. forces in Idlib, Syria.**
- Oct. 27: Alberto Fernandez wins the Argentine presidential polls.
- Oct. 29: Prime Minister Narendra Modi announces the formation of the India-Saudi Strategic Partnership Council after talks with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in Riyadh.
- The House of Commons votes to allow a general election in the U.K. on December 12.
- Lebanon Prime Minister Saad Hariri resigns following two weeks of street protests.
- Oct. 31: At least 74 people are killed and 44 injured after cooking gas cylinders explode on a train with pilgrims in a rural area of Pakistan's central Punjab province.
- The U.S. House of Representatives approves rules for President Donald Trump's impeachment for bid to have Ukraine probe a domestic political rival.

NOVEMBER

- Nov.2: Hong Kong protesters take out a march billed as global 'emergency call' for autonomy. A federal judge in Oregon grants a 28-day temporary restraining order blocking U.S. President Donald Trump's insurance proclamation targeting immigrants.
- Nov. 8: Thousands hold a vigil in Hong Kong mourning the death of a student Alex Chow last month after a fall during clashes with the police.
- Brazil's former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva is freed from a jail in the southern city of Curitiba, 580 days since his arrest in April 2018.
- Mauritius President Pravind Kumar Jugnauth wins a five-year term in Parliament polls held a day earlier.
- Nov. 9: Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan inaugurates the renovated shrine of Guru Nanak in Kartarpur in Narowal district and a corridor that allows visa-free travel to pilgrims from India.
- Nov. 10: Bolivian President Evo Morales resigns.
- Nov. 11: Evo Morales flees to Mexico.
- The ruling Socialist Party of Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez wins Spanish general elections, but once again fails to secure a majority.
- Nov. 12: Bolivian Senate Second Deputy Speaker Jeanine Anez proclaims herself 'acting President.'
- Nov. 13: Australia frees Iranian writer Behrouz Boochani after holding him for six years at an offshore detention camp on Manus Island in Papua New Guinea.
- Nov.17: **Former Defence Secretary Gotabaya Rajapaksa wins the Sri Lankan presidential polls.**

- Nov. 18: **Israeli settlements in the West Bank and annexed east Jerusalem not illegal, says the U.S. reversing a 1978 legal opinion by the State Department.**
- Gotabaya Rajapaksa is sworn in Sri Lanka's President at a Buddhist shrine in Anuradhapura.
- Nov. 19: Sweden drops probe into WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange over a 2010 rape allegation.
- The U.S. Senate passes the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act.
- Nov. 20: Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe decides to resign.
- Nov. 21: Mahinda Rajapaksa is sworn in Sri Lankan Prime Minister by his younger brother and President Gotabaya Rajapaksa at a function in Colombo.
- Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is indicted for fraud and breach of trust in all three corruption cases against him.
- Nov. 25: Pro-democracy candidates win a landslide in Hong Kong district council polls.
- Nov. 27: Seven persons of an Islamic militant group are awarded death penalty by a Bangladesh court for their role in the July 1, 2016 attack on the Holey Artisan Bakery in Dhaka that left 22 dead.
- U.S. President Donald Trump signs into law Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act.
- Nov.28: Twenty four Iraqis are shot dead by security forces in Nassiriya and four others in Baghdad after protesters storm and torch the Iranian consulate in Najaf overnight.
- Former Maldives President Abdulla Yameen is sentenced to five years in prison for money laundering.
- Nov. 29: Usman Khan, a man convicted for terrorism in 2012, kills two people and injures three others in a stabbing spree near the London Bridge before being shot dead by the London police.
- Nov. 30: Iraqi Prime Minister Adel Abdel Mahdi resigns after nearly two months of protests that have claimed more than 400 lives.

DECEMBER

- Dec. 1: China makes face scans mandatory for customers registering for a new phone number.
- Dec. 2: Chandrayaan-2 lander Vikram broke into pieces after crash-landing, NASA images reveal.
- Dec.3: At least 23 people, including 18 Indians are killed and 130 injured in an LPG tanker blast that destroys a ceramics factory in Sudan's capital Khartoum.
- Google co-founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin step down as CEO and President of the search engine's parent firm Alphabet.
- The U.S. House of Representatives passes the Uighur Act seeking tougher action against China for crackdown against Muslims in Xinjiang.
- Dec. 4: A U.S. Navy sailor kills two civilians working at the Pearl Harbour military base in Hawaii before turning the gun on self.
- China notifies Washington of "reciprocal" curbs against U.S. diplomats in the country.
- Dec. 6: Three persons are killed and eight wounded as a Saudi student opens fire inside a classroom at the Naval Air Station Pensacola in Florida, U.S. before being killed by a sheriff's deputy.
- Dec. 8: Miss South Africa Zozibini Tunzi is crowned Miss Universe in Atlanta, U.S.
- Finland's Social Democrats elect Sanna Marin Prime Minister.
- Dec. 11: Myanmar did not commit genocide against Rohingyas, says Foreign Minister Aung San Suu Kyi at the ICJ, The Hague.
- **Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg is named Time Person of the Year for 2019.**
- People of Bougainville, an island group in Papua New Guinea, vote for independence in a referendum held between November 23 and December 7.
- Dec. 12: Britons cast votes in snap general election.
- Dec. 13: British Prime Minister Boris Johnson's Conservative Party wins 365 seats to trounce the Labour Party in the general election.
- The U.S. and China cool their trade war, announcing a "Phase one" agreement.
- Abdelmadjid Tebboune wins Algerian presidential polls.

- Dec. 14: Sudan's former President Omar al-Bashir is sentenced to two years in a corruption case.
- Jamaica's Toni-Ann Singh is crowned Miss World 2019 in London.
- **Dec. 15: Climate talks in Madrid, Spain, spread over 14 days fail to clinch a deal.**
- Dec. 16: Amitabha Bagchi is presented the DSC Prize for South Asian Literature 2019 for his 2018 novel, Half the Night is Gone at the 8th edition of the IME Nepal Literature Festival in Pokhara, Nepal.
- Dec. 17: A special court in Pakistan awards death penalty to former President Pervez Musharraf, for treason related to his 2007 imposition of emergency rule.
- Dec. 18: The U.S. House of Representatives votes to impeach President Donald Trump for abuse of power and obstruction of Congress.
- Dec. 19: British MPs vote by 358 to 234 to pass the second reading of the Withdrawal Agreement Bill in the House of Commons.
- Dec. 20: New Zealanders surrender 50,000 guns in a buyback scheme.
- Dec. 22: Incumbent Ashraf Ghani secures a narrow victory in the Afghan presidential polls following the release of preliminary results.
- Dec. 23: Saudi Arabia sentences to death five persons and three more to jail for the October 2, 2018 murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi at the Kingdom's consulate in Istanbul, Turkey.
- Dec. 24: Iraqi Parliament votes to reform the poll law, setting up a first-past-the-post system.
- Thirty five civilians are killed in terrorist attacks in Burkina Faso.
- Dec. 27: Thousands of protestors clash with the police in Chile capital Santiago in a fresh round of anti-government demonstrations.
- Dec. 28: At least 79 people are killed and 149 injured in a massive car bomb attack at a checkpoint in the Somali capital Mogadishu.
- An intruder stabs five people at a rabbi's house in the New York suburb of Monsey.
- Dec. 30: Ousted Nissan boss Carlos Ghosn flees to Lebanon.
- Dec. 31: Demonstrators attack the U.S. Embassy in the Iraqi capital Baghdad, protesting against the death of 25 Shia militia fighters in an air strike two days earlier.
- **Taiwan's Parliament passes a Bill aimed at countering China's influence on the island.**

OBITUARY

JANUARY

- Jan. 7: Sabyasachi Bhattacharya, 81, noted historian, in Kolkata.
- Jan. 14: Lenin Rajendran, 67, Malayalam filmmaker, at a hospital in Chennai.
- Jan. 20: Masazo Nonaka, 113, the world's oldest man, at his home in Ashoro, Japan.
- Jan. 21: Shivakumara Swami, 111, Siddaganga Mutt seer, at the Mutt in Tumakuru, Karnataka.
- Jan. 25: Krishna Sobti, 93, eminent Hindi author and essayist, at a Delhi hospital.
- Jan. 26: Michel Jean Legrand, 86, French composer, musician and three-time Oscar winner, in Paris.
- Jan. 29: George Fernandes, 88, former Defence Minister, at his home in New Delhi.
- Jan. 30: Charukesi, 80, veteran writer-journalist and art critic, in Chennai.

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 19: Karl Lagerfeld, 85, German fashion designer, in Paris, France.
- Namvar Singh, 92, renowned Hindi poet and critic, at the AIIMS, New Delhi.
- Feb. 22: Kodi Ramakrishna, 70, veteran movie director, at a hospital in Hyderabad.

MARCH

- March 17: Manohar Parikkar, 63, four-time Chief Minister of Goa and former Defence Minister, of pancreatic cancer at his residence in Dona Paula near Panaji.
- Chinmoy Roy, 79, veteran Bengali actor, of cardiac arrest at his residence at Salt Lake in Kolkata.
- March 21: L.V. Sharada, 78, veteran Kannada actor, at a hospital in Bengaluru.

APRIL

- April 2: J. Mahendran, 79, Tamil film director, in Chennai.
- April 5: Sydney Brenner, 92, Nobel Prize-winning South African biologist, who helped decipher the genetic code, in Singapore.
- April 6: Silamboli S. Chellappan, 91, noted Tamil scholar and orator, at his residence in Chennai.
- April 9: K.M. Mani, 86, Kerala Congress (M) chairman, at a private hospital in Kochi, Kerala.
- April 20: S. Muthiah, 89, writer and chronicler of Chennai, in Chennai.

MAY

- May 10: Thoppil Mohamed Meeran, 74, Tamil novelist and Sahitya Akademi awardee, at his home in Pettai near Tirunelveli in Tamil Nadu.
- May 11: Yogesh Chander Deveshwar, 72, ITC's longest-serving chairman, in Delhi.
- May 13: Doris Day, 97, Hollywood icon and singer, at her home in Carmel Valley in California, U.S.
- May 16: Bob Hawke, 89, former Prime Minister of Australia, in Northbridge, New South Wales.
- May 17: Herman Wouk, 103, American novelist, at his home in Palm Springs, California, U.S.

JUNE

- June 1: Brij Mohan Khaitan, 92, industrialist and patriarch of the Williamson Magor Group, at his residence in Kolkata.
- June 4: Jiggs Kalra, 71, celebrated Indian chef, in New Delhi.
- June 5: Dinyar Contractor, 79, actor and theatre legend, in Mumbai.
- June 10: Girish Karnad, 81, writer and actor, at his home in Bengaluru.
- 'Crazy' Mohan, 67, Tamil theatre artist and ace scriptwriter, of a heart attack in Chennai.
- June 29: Jaya Arunachalam, 87, founder of the Working Women's Forum and a pioneer of the women's self-help group movement in India, in Chennai.
- Santosh Rana, 76, CPI(M-L) leader in Kolkata.

JULY

- July 2: Lee Iacocca, 94, automobile industry legend at his home in Bel-Air, Los Angeles.
- July 3: Basant Kumar Birla, 98, doyen of Indian industry, in Mumbai.
- July 14: Hussain Muhammad Ershad, 89, former military dictator and President of Bangladesh, in Dhaka.
- July 18: Yukiya Amano, 72, Japanese diplomat and IAEA Director General.
- July 20: Sheila Dikshit, 81, former Chief Minister of Delhi, at the Fortis Escorts Heart Institute, of a cardiac arrest.
- July 21: Arun Kumar Roy, 84, founder of the Marxist Coordination Committee and a three-time MP from Dhanbad, in Dhanbad, Jharkhand.
- July 22: Li Peng, 90, former Chinese Prime Minister, , in Beijing.
- July 25: Beji Caid Essebsi, 92, Tunisia's first democratically elected President, in Tunis.
- July 26: Russi Taylor, 75, American actor, who was the voice of Disney's Minnie Mouse for more than three decades in Glendale, California, U.S.
- July 28: Sudini Jaipal Reddy, 77, Congress leader and former I&B Minister at a hospital in Gachibowli, Hyderabad.
- Donkumar Roy, 65, Meghalaya Assembly Speaker and former Chief Minister in Gurugram, Haryana.

AUGUST

- Aug. 5: Toni Morrison, 88, the first African - American woman to win the Nobel in literature, in New York City, U.S.
- Aug. 6: Sushma Swaraj, 67, former Union External Affairs Minister, of a cardiac arrest at the AIIMS, New Delhi.
- Mrs. Y.G. Parthasarathy, 93, doyenne of education and founder of the PSBB Group of Schools, at a hospital in Chennai.
- Aug. 15: Vidya Sinha, 71, Bollywood actor, noted for her roles in Rajnigandha and Yahi Sach Hai at a hospital in Mumbai.
- Aug. 16: Peter Fonda, 79, Hollywood actor, at his home in Los Angeles.
- Aug. 19: Jagannath Mishra, 82, former Bihar Chief Minister, at a hospital in Delhi.
- Khayyam, 92, veteran Hindi music composer, in Juhu, Mumbai.
- Aug. 21: Babulal Gaur, 89, former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister, in Bhopal.
- Aug. 24: Arun Jaitley, 66, former Union Finance Minister and senior BJP leader, at the AIIMS, New Delhi.

SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 5: Kiran Nagarkar, 77, Marathi writer and Sahitya Akademi Award winner, in Mumbai.
- Charlie Cole, 64, the Texan photographer who snapped the Tiananmen Square 'Tank Man,' in Bali, Indonesia.
- Sept. 6: Robert Gabriel Mugabe, 95, former Zimbabwe President at a hospital in Singapore.
- Sept. 8: Ram Jethmalani, 95, eminent jurist, Rajya Sabha MP and former Union Law Minister, in New Delhi.
- Sept. 18: Shyam Ramsay, 67, Bollywood filmmaker known for cult horror films, in Mumbai.
- Sept. 26: Jacques Chirac, 86, former French President, at his home in Paris.
- Sept. 30: Viju Khote, 77, Bollywood actor, at his home in Mumbai of multiple organ failure.

OCTOBER

- Oct. 11: Kadri Gopalnath, 69, eminent Carnatic musician, in Mangaluru, Karnataka.
- Robert Forster, 78, Hollywood actor at his home in Los Angeles, U.S.

- Oct. 14: Baby Saroja, 88, yesteryear child star, who shot to fame with films like Balayogini and Tyagabhumi in Chennai.
- Oct. 16: P.V. Krishnamoorthy, 98, veteran journalist and first Director-General of Doordarshan, at his residence in Chennai.
- Oct. 26: Nanammal, 99, Yoga exponent, at her home in Coimbatore.
- Robert Evans, 89, Hollywood movie mogul, in California, U.S.
- Oct. 31: Gurudas Dasgupta, 83, veteran CPI leader, at his south Kolkata residence.

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 7: Nabanita Deb Sen, 81, eminent Bengali writer, at her south Kolkata residence.
- Nov. 8: Ramakant Gundecha, 56, Dhrupad maestro, in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- Nov. 10: T.N. Seshan, 87, former Chief Election Commissioner, at his residence in Chennai.
- Nov. 12: Ram Ray, 77, advertising guru, in Kolkata after a prolonged illness.
- Nov. 14: Vashishtha Narayan Singh, 78, noted mathematician, in Patna.
- Nov. 22: Shaukat Kaifi, 91, veteran theatre and film actor and writer, in Mumbai.
- Nov. 23: Barbara Hillary, 88, American writer and the first black woman to reach the North and South Poles, in Queens, New York.
- Nov. 24: Kailash Joshi, 90, former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister, in Bhopal.
- Clive James, 80, Australian writer and broadcaster, in Cambridge, United Kingdom.
- Nov. 26: Sudhir Dhar, 87, renowned cartoonist, in New Delhi.
- Nov. 27: Admiral Sushil Kumar, 79, former Navy Chief, in Delhi.

DECEMBER

- Dec. 12: Gollapudi Maruti Rao, 80, Telugu actor and writer, at a private hospital in Chennai.
- Dec. 14: Anna Karina, 79, French New Wave icon, in Paris.
- Dec. 17: Shriram Lagoo, 92, eminent theatre personality and film actor, at his residence in Pune.
- Dec. 27: Justice S. Mohan, 89, former judge of the Supreme Court, at a hospital in Chennai.
- Dec. 29: Vishwasha Tirtha Swami, 88, senior seer of Pejawar Mutt, in Udupi, Karnataka.
- Dec. 31: Ratna Ojha, 88, Assamese dramatist, at his Guwahati residence.

SPORTS

JANUARY

- Jan. 5: Kevin Anderson triumphs in the Tata Open Maharashtra ATP tennis championship in Pune.
- Jan. 7: India scripts a historic 2-1 win over host Australia in the Test Series in Sydney.
- Jan. 9: A. Sharath Kamal and Archana Kamath emerge National table tennis champions in Cuttack.
- Jan. 10: Karnataka and Kerala clinch the men's and women's crowns respectively in the National volleyball championship in Chennai.
- Jan. 12: Punjab (men) and Railways (women) reign in the senior National basketball championships in Bhavnagar.
- Jan. 26: Naomi Osaka claims her second tennis Major by triumphing at the Australian Open.
- Jan. 27: Novak Djokovic bags a record seventh Australian Open.

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 7: Vidarbha beats Saurashtra to retain the Ranji Trophy.
- Feb. 10: Pankaj Advani wins the men's title in the senior National snooker championships in Indore.
- Feb. 16: Sourabh Verma and Saina Nehwal take the men's and women's crowns in the senior National badminton championships in Guwahati.
- Feb. 22: Chennai Spartans claims the Pro Volleyball League title in Chennai.
- Feb. 23: Apurvi Chandela wins the World Cup air rifle gold in New Delhi.
- Feb. 25: Indian women clinch the 3-match ODI series with a seven-wicket win over England in the second game at Mumbai.
- Feb. 27: Australia defeats India in Bengaluru to seal the T20I series 2-0

MARCH

- Mar. 9: Chennai City FC crowned I-League football champion in Coimbatore.
- Mar. 13: Australia wins the fifth and final ODI in New Delhi to take the five-match series 3-2.
- Mar. 14: Karnataka bags the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy T20 cricket tournament in Indore.
- Mar. 17: Bengaluru FC crowned the Indian Super League champion in Mumbai.
- Mar. 19: Afghanistan claims first-ever victory in Test cricket, defeating Ireland by seven wickets in Dehradun.
- Mar. 31: Scotland's Stephan Gallacher wins Indian Open Golf.

APRIL

- Apr. 14: Tiger Woods wins his fifth Green Jacket at the Augusta Masters.

MAY

- May 5: Saurav Ghosal and Joshna Chinappa win the men's and women's titles in the Asian squash championship in Kuala Lumpur.
- May 12: Mumbai Indians beats Chennai Super Kings by one run to win its fourth IPL title.
- Manchester City retains the Premier League crown.
- May. 18: Bayern Munich crowned Bundesliga champion.
- May 19: Brooks Koepka wins his second PGA Championship at Farmingdale, New York.

JUNE

- June 1: Liverpool beats Tottenham Hotspur in Madrid to regain the UEFA Champions League title.
- June 8: Ashleigh Barty of Australia wins the women's crown at the French Open in Paris.
- June 9: Rafael Nadal extends his record to 12 titles at Roland Garros.
- June 13: Toronto Raptors dethrones Golden State Warriors for its maiden NBA championship.

- June 15: India claims the FIH Hockey Series finals, defeating South Africa in the final in Bhubaneswar.
- June 16: Mahesh Mangaonkar and Joshna Chinappa bag the men's and women's titles in the senior National squash championships in Pune.
- Gary Woodland picks up his first Major by winning the US Open at Pebble Beach, California.
- June 21: Pankaj Advani crowned Asian snooker champion in Doha.
- June 23: Indian women take the FIH women's Series Finals with a victory over Japan in the final in Hiroshima.

JULY

- July 7: USA wins the women's football World Cup in Lyon, defeating The Netherlands in the final.
- July 10: Dutee Chand becomes the first Indian woman to claim a gold medal in the World University athletics championships in Napoli.
- July 13: Romania's Simona Halep crowned women's champion at Wimbledon.
- July 14: Novak Djokovic retains the men's title at The Championships.
- England pips New Zealand in a thrilling final at Lords, wins its maiden ICC Cricket World Cup.
- July 21: Shane Lowry bags the British Open golf championship in Portrush.
- July 22: Harmeet Desai and Ayhika Mukherjee claim the men's and women's titles in the Commonwealth table tennis championship in Cuttack.
- July 27: Bhakti Kulkarni of Air India wins the National women's chess championship in Karaikudi.

AUGUST

- Aug. 6: India clinches the T20 series versus West Indies 3-0 in Guyana.
- Aug. 11: Chennai Lions defeats Dabang Delhi in the final to win its maiden Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) title in New Delhi.
- Aug. 14: India wins the ODI series against West Indies 2-0 in Trinidad.
- Aug. 24: Gokulam Kerala beats Mohun Bagan 2-1 for its first-ever Durand Cup title in Kolkata.
- Sai Praneeth wins bronze in the BWF World badminton championships in Basel.
- Aug. 25: P.V. Sindhu becomes the first Indian woman to win the World badminton championship by triumphing in Basel. Japan's Kento Momota is the new men's champion.

SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 2: India blanks West Indies 2-0 in the Test series with a victory at Kingston.
- Sept. 7: India Red wins the Duleep Trophy in Bengaluru.
- Sept. 8: Canadian Bianca Andreescu beats Serena Williams, clinches the US Open for her maiden Grand Slam crown.
- Sept. 9: Rafael Nadal beats Russian Daniil Medvedev to claim his fourth US Open men's singles crown and 19th career Grand Slam title.
- Sept. 15: England wins the last and fifth Test in London to draw the Ashes series 2-2 against Australia.
- Sept. 20: Manish Kaushik settles for a lightweight bronze at the AIBA men's World boxing championships in Yekaterinburg.
- Sept. 21: Amit Panghal wins a flyweight silver at Yekaterinburg.
- Sept. 22: South Africa beats India by nine wickets in the third T20I in Bengaluru to share the series 1-1.
- Sept. 23: Lionel Messi and Megan Rapinoe win The Best FIFA men's and women's player awards in Milan.

OCTOBER

- Oct. 19: Bengal Warriors beats Dabang Delhi in Ahmedabad for its first ProKabaddi League (PKL) title.
- Oct. 22: India defeats South Africa in the third Test in Ranchi to sweep the series 3-0.

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 2: South Africa beats England in Yokohama to win its third rugby World Cup.
- Nov. 3: Ashleigh Barty overcomes Elina Svitolina in Shenzhen to win the WTA Finals.
- Nov. 4: India-B wins the Deodhar Trophy in Ranchi.
- Nov. 10: India beats Bangladesh in the third T20I in Nagpur to clinch the series 2-1.
- France beats Australia 3-2 in the final to win its first Fed Cup tennis title in 16 years.
- Nov. 24: India beats Bangladesh in the first-ever day-night Test for the teams (Pink ball Test) in Kolkata to win the series 2-0.
- Spain beats Canada to claim its first Davis Cup title since 2011.

DECEMBER

- Dec. 2: Lionel Messi wins the FIFA Ballon d'Or for a record sixth time in Paris. Megan Rapinoe takes the Ballon d'Or Feminin.
- Dec. 10: India finishes the South Asian Games in Nepal with its highest-ever medals tally of 312 medals — 174 gold, 93 silver, 45 bronze.
- Dec. 15: Kento Momota claims the men's crown at the BWF World Tour finals in Guangzhou. China's Chen Yufei reigns in the women's section.
- Tiger Woods-led USA bests the International team 16-14 in Melbourne to win a eighth successive President's Cup.
- Dec. 21: Liverpool defeats Brazil's Flamengo 1-0 in extra-time in the final of the Club World Cup in Doha.
- Dec. 29: Koneru Humpy beats Lei Tingjie in the Armageddon game to become the Women's World Rapid Chess champion in Moscow.