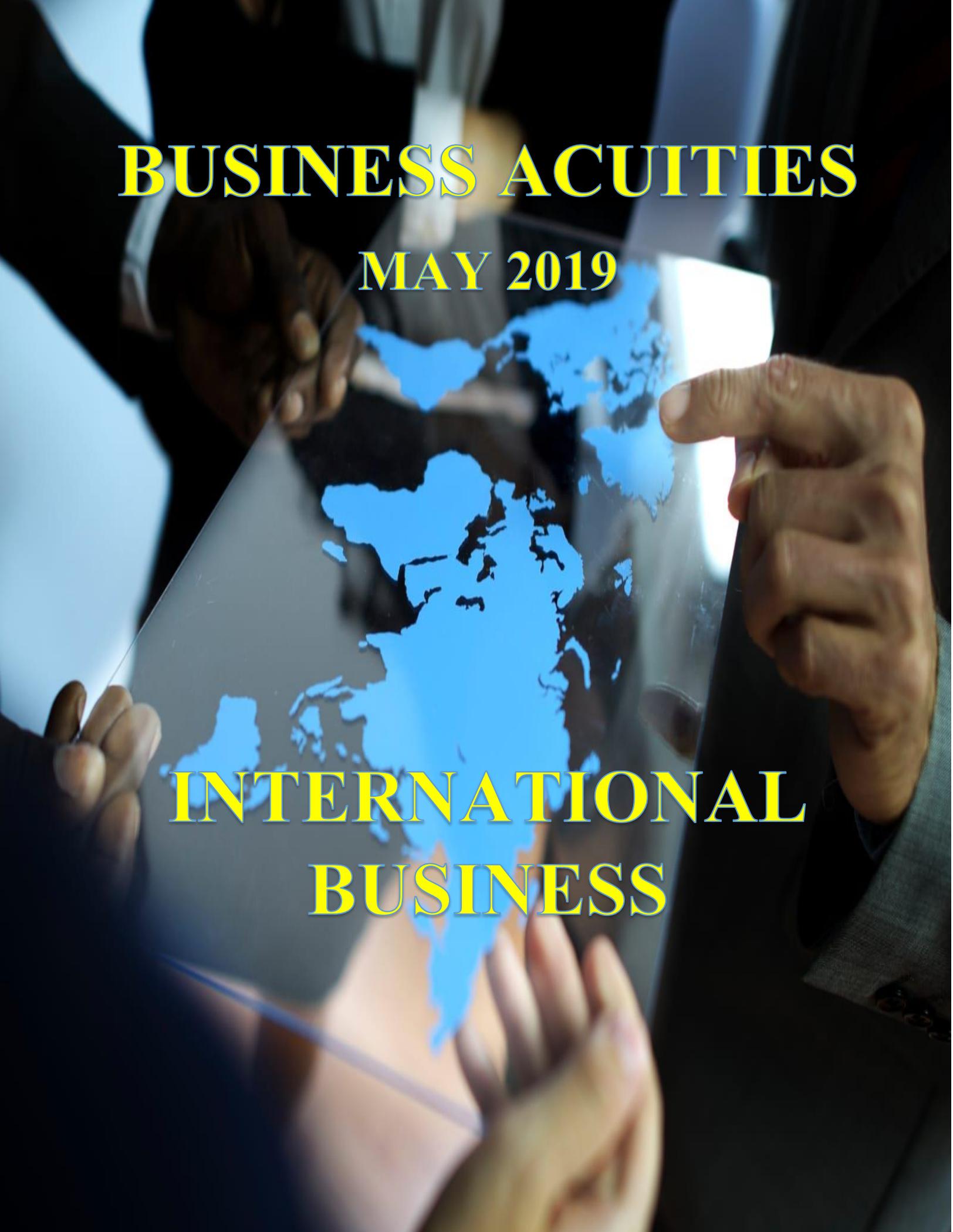


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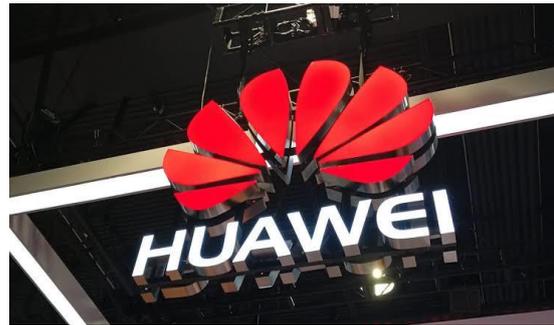
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INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

I apologize for the confusion in my previous response. While I don't have access to real-time data or the ability to browse the internet, I can provide you with some notable international business news that occurred in May 2019 based on my training up until September 2021. Here are a few highlights:

Trade tensions between the United States and China: In May 2019, trade negotiations between the United States and China continued to dominate international business news. The two countries were engaged in ongoing trade talks and were imposing tariffs on each other's goods.

Huawei ban: In May 2019, the United States government added Huawei Technologies Co., a Chinese telecommunications company, to its "Entity List." This move restricted American companies from doing business with Huawei due to national security concerns, which had significant implications for Huawei's global operations.



Brexit uncertainty: May 2019 was a time of significant uncertainty regarding Brexit, the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union. The deadline for Brexit had been extended to October 31, 2019, and negotiations between the UK and EU were ongoing, creating volatility and uncertainty in international business and financial markets.

Uber's IPO: In May 2019, ride-hailing giant Uber Technologies Inc. went public with its initial public offering (IPO). The IPO was highly anticipated, but the company faced scrutiny over its financial performance and ongoing losses.

US-China technology rivalry: The tech rivalry between the United States and China was a prominent theme in May 2019. The United States had expressed concerns about intellectual property theft and unfair trade practices by Chinese technology companies, leading to increased scrutiny and restrictions on Chinese technology companies operating in the US market.

RECENT DOMESTIC ISSUES

Pulwama Attack and Balakot Airstrikes: In February 2019, a suicide bombing in Pulwama, Jammu and Kashmir, resulted in the deaths of 40 Indian paramilitary personnel. In response, India conducted airstrikes on alleged terrorist camps in Balakot, Pakistan, in late February. Tensions between India and Pakistan were high in May 2019 due to these events.



Economic Growth and Reforms: India's economic growth and various reform initiatives were subjects of discussion in May 2019. The government aimed to boost economic growth, attract investments, and implement reforms in areas such as taxation, ease of doing business, and infrastructure development.

Water Crisis: Several parts of India, particularly Chennai and other southern states, faced severe water shortages in May 2019. The water crisis highlighted the challenges of

water management, overuse, and climate change impacts in the country.

Cyclone Fani: Cyclone Fani, one of the strongest cyclones to hit India in decades, made landfall in Odisha in early May 2019. The cyclone caused significant damage to infrastructure, displaced thousands of people, and led to the evacuation of millions.



Citizenship Amendment Bill: The Citizenship Amendment Bill, introduced by the Indian government, sought to grant Indian citizenship to religious minorities from neighboring countries. The bill generated debates and protests across the country due to concerns about its potential exclusionary nature.

TECHNOLOGY

Google Suspends Android Support for Huawei: Following the US restrictions on Huawei, Google announced that it would suspend its

business operations with Huawei, including the provision of Android updates and Google Play services for future Huawei devices. This decision had a significant impact on Huawei's global smartphone business.

WhatsApp Security Vulnerability: In May 2019, a security vulnerability was discovered in the popular messaging app WhatsApp. The vulnerability allowed attackers to install spyware on users' phones by exploiting a flaw in the app's voice calling feature. The incident raised concerns about user privacy and security.



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Facebook's Cryptocurrency Announcement: In May 2019,

Facebook announced plans to launch its own cryptocurrency called Libra. The announcement generated significant attention and raised concerns regarding privacy, regulation, and the potential impact on global financial systems.

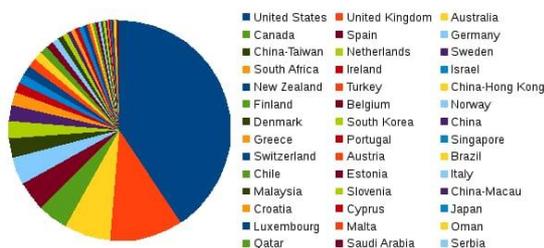
Microsoft and Sony Partner for Cloud Gaming: Microsoft and Sony announced a partnership in May 2019 to collaborate on cloud-based gaming and content-streaming services. The partnership aimed to leverage Microsoft's Azure cloud platform to support Sony's game and content-streaming services.



EDUCATION

Indian Board Exam Results: In May 2019, the results of various Indian board examinations, such as the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and state board exams, were announced. These results were crucial for students' academic and career prospects, often determining admission to higher education institutions.

International Education Rankings: Several international education rankings and assessments were released in May 2019. These rankings evaluated countries' education systems based on various factors, such as student performance, teacher quality, and educational infrastructure. Such rankings provide insights into the state of education worldwide.



Higher Education Funding: Discussions on higher education funding and affordability continued in May 2019. Debates centered around the rising cost of college tuition, student loan debt, and the need for accessible higher education options.

Education Policy Reforms: Many countries were implementing education policy reforms in May 2019. These reforms aimed to improve the quality and accessibility of education, enhance curriculum standards, and promote innovation in teaching and learning.

Technological Advancements in Education: Technology's role in education was a topic of discussion in May 2019. Innovations such as online learning platforms, adaptive learning systems, and educational apps were being developed and implemented to enhance teaching and learning experiences.

SHARE MARKET

Federal Reserve signals potential rate cuts: The U.S. Federal Reserve signaled a possible shift towards monetary policy easing in May 2019. This announcement, along with hopes of a resolution in the trade dispute, provided some support to the stock markets.

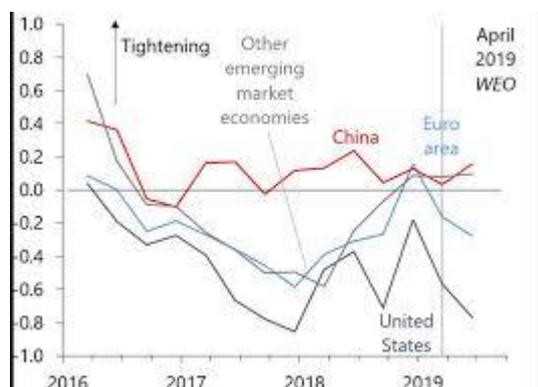


Brexit uncertainty: The Brexit saga, as the United Kingdom negotiated its departure from the European Union, created uncertainty in the global markets. In May 2019, there were concerns about the potential impact of a disorderly Brexit on the economy and stock markets.

Tech stocks under pressure:
Technology stocks faced some pressure in May 2019, as regulatory concerns and fears of a slowdown in global economic growth affected investor sentiment. Companies like Google, Facebook, and Amazon experienced fluctuations in their stock prices.

IPOs and tech unicorns: May 2019 saw some significant initial public offerings (IPOs) and developments among tech unicorns (privately held companies with a valuation over \$1 billion). Companies like Uber, Lyft, and Pinterest went public, attracting attention from investors and impacting the market.

Global economic growth concerns: Concerns about global economic growth, particularly due to the trade tensions between the United States and China, influenced stock market performance in May 2019. Economic indicators and data releases from various countries played a role in market movements.



RESEARCH

Climate Change Research: Climate change continued to be a significant research area in May 2019.

Scientists focused on studying the impacts of climate change, analyzing climate patterns and trends, developing renewable energy solutions, and exploring strategies for mitigating climate change.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) Research: AI and ML research were prominent in May 2019. Researchers explored applications of AI in various fields such as healthcare, finance, transportation, and natural language processing. They also delved into improving ML algorithms, enhancing deep learning models, and addressing ethical considerations in AI development.



Space Exploration and Astrophysics: Research related to space exploration and astrophysics was ongoing. This included studies on exoplanets, gravitational waves,

black holes, and advancements in space technology. Notably, in May 2019, the first image of a black hole was released by the Event Horizon Telescope collaboration.

Energy and Sustainability Research: Researchers focused on renewable energy sources, energy storage technologies, and sustainable development strategies. This encompassed studies on solar power, wind energy, battery technology, and exploring ways to reduce carbon emissions and promote sustainable practices.

Social Sciences and Behavioral Research: In May 2019, various studies in social sciences and behavioral research were conducted. These studies included topics such as psychology, sociology, economics, and political science, covering areas such as human behavior, decision-making, social dynamics, and public policy.