TAMILNADU

- **Bharat Mata temple** – to be set up in Dharmapuri (Papparapatti in Pennagaram)
  - Budget Rs 1.50 crores

- **IIT, Madras & Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited** – to collaborate and provide Solar power, Safe drinking water and Garbage disposal in 3 districts of Nagapattinam

- **Additional intake of 20% students** in Government arts and science colleges

- **AIIMS** – to come up near Madurai, Tamil Nadu

- **1st Hydro Electric Museum in the country** – inaugurated at Manjoor, Nilgiris – to contain details of various hydroelectric projects of the state and country

- **Sickle cell anaemia detection** – to be expanded soon to tribal pregnant woman in Tamil Nadu (South India’s 1st Sickle cell anaemia detection for tribals started in Tamil Nadu in Nov 2017)

- **CM** to hold meeting with UAE foreign minister Sheikh Abdullah Bin Zayed on 30th June
STATES

- **Goa** - GOAMILES – App-based taxi service – started by Tourism department of Goa

- **Haryana** – Godikan panchayat – 1st Panchayat to pass ‘No toilet: No bride’ resolution

- **Haryana** – makes LED bulbs ‘compulsory’ in all the Government Offices

- **J&K** - Chamesahn bridge under Project HIMANK – from Ladakh to Siachen – opened to public by Border Roads organisation

- **Maharashtra** - to set up a committee under Mr Satish Chavan – for the development of 1000 MW Floating solar power plant – in Ujani Dam in Solapur district

- **Punjab** – launches ‘Paani Bachao, Paise Kamao’ campaign – to check the depletion of underground water by providing monetary benefits to the farmers who use less water from the wells

- **Telangana** - Hyderabad - 4th National Review & consultation on Swachh iconic places begins

- **Telangana** - Bonalu festival – to be celebrated in July/August
NATIONAL

- **PM** – opens 11 km Mundka-Bahadurgarh section of Delhi Metro’s ‘Green line’ (Delhi Metro – 5th largest in world after Beijing, London, Shanghai and New York)
- **CJI** – to hear all PIL’s in Supreme court (2nd most senior judge – Justice Ranjan Gogoi)
- **TECH-THON** – to be organized by Ministry of Women and Child development – for Steering Poshan Abhiyaan by providing Anganwadi workers with Smartphones (Poshan Abhiyaan or National Nutrition Mission – Launched by PM on March 8, 2018 in Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan)
- **“Women in Prisons”** – A report launched by Ministry of Women and child development – contains 134 recommendations for improving the lives of women in prisons
- **Pradhan Mantri Awaz yojana (Urban)** – 3rd anniversary of its implementation – Ministry of Housing and Urban affairs announced that 51 lakh houses are sanctioned in three years & 3 lakh houses approved for construction (PMAY – Launch – 1st June 2015 – Theme – Housing for All – by 2022 – Total investment – Rs 8692 crores)
- **Union Government** – Announced that no overtime will be provided to Central government employees – except those in Operations – as per 7th pay commission recommendations
- **2nd Hydrocarbon discovery** - by Oil India Limited – at Krishna-Godavari basin
- **Kohitoor Mangoes** of Murshidabad (West Bengal) – Applied for GI tag
- **Visa exemption** for Foreign designers in Handicrafts sector – Announced by Ministry of Textiles

INDIA & WORLD

Seychelles President Danny Faure’s visit to India

- India & Seychelles – 6 MoU’s – In the areas of Infrastructure development, Cyber security and White-shipping arrangement (Information Network protocol for Navies to share the details of Ships in their water territories)
India – Extended USD 100 million credit – for Seychelles defence capabilities
India – to hand over Second Dornier aircraft to Seychelles
India & Seychelles – to jointly develop a naval base at Assumption island of Seychelles
Seychelles – Gifted a pair of Giant Aldabra tortoise to India – handed over to Nehru zoological park, Hyderabad

INTERNATIONAL

Turkey – Incumbent President Recep Tayyip Erdogan (Justice & Development Party (AKP)) – Re-elected for the new five year term – becomes the country’s 1st executive President
CONFERENCES/MEETINGS/SUMMIT

- 3rd Annual Meeting of AIIB – PM addressed the Opening session – in Mumbai (4th – Luxembourg in July 2019 – 1st at Beijing, 2016)
- 15th India-Australia Joint Ministerial meeting – held in Canberra, Australia – co-chaired by Mr Suresh Prabhu

COMMITTEES

- Baba Kalyani Committee for the Policy recommendations to Special Economic Zones (SEZ’s) – Conducts its 1st meeting chaired by Mr Suresh Prabhu, Min of Commerce & Industry and Civil aviation

BUSINESS

- RBI – to set up Board of Management for Urban cooperative banks with a deposits of over Rs. 100 crores in one year – to strengthen professional management and daily business operations – As per R Gandhi Committee’s Recommendations

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- NASA’s James Web space telescope – to study Jupiter’s Great Red spot using its InfraRed capabilities
- NASA – to install ECOSTRESS (Ecosystem Spaceborne Thermal Radiometre Application) in the Space station, ISS – to study temperature on Plants from Space – to determine agricultural water imbalance
- mPassport Seva App – Launched on the eve of 6th Passport Seva Divas on 24th June, 2018 (Celebrated since 2013 to mark the launch of Passport Act, 1967) – MEA, Mrs Sushma Swaraj said that the PP can be applied anywhere in the country using the Mobile App from the Smartphones
- **Turnitin** - New software to be used by the government – to check Plagiarism in Research papers
- **Alisha** – Artificial Intelligence-powered Chat bot of Aviva Life Insurance Launched

**SPORTS**

- **World Junior ISSF Shooting championship, Suhl, Germany** - Elavenil valarivan (TN) – 10m Air rifle - Gold

- **Shalini** (Gopichettipalayam, Tamil Nadu) – chosen as Indian volleyball Under 19 team – Captain
World Para Athletics Grand prix – Tunisia - Amit Kumar Saroha (INDIA) – wheel-chair bound athlete - won Gold in Men’s Club throw F51 event

4th World Cup Kabaddi championships – 2019 – to be held in Dubai (1st Three world cups- India)

**APPOINTMENTS**

- S Ramesh – Appointed as Chairman of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (Replacing Vanaja N Sarna)
- Sathish Kumar Sivalingam – 1st Indian weightlifter to turn Brand ambassador – For ‘i steel TMT bars’

**AWARDS**

- World Food prize 2018 – awarded to Lawrence Haddad (UK) & Dr David Nabarro (UK) for their work towards maternal and child malnutrition (1st Indian to get – Prof M S Swaminathan (1987) – So far 7 Indians have received it – This award is created by Norman Borlaug (Father of Green revolution) in 1986)
India’s UN Peacekeeping Mission in South Sudan – won United Nations Medal – for its ‘Selfless service’

TechnipFMC – received a Special recognition award for their initiative ‘Seed of Hope’ (Suva Village in Dahej, Gujarat) – at 13th National convention of UN Global compact Network – at Bengaluru

Pallavi Durua (Odisha, Koraput district) – Crowned as India’s 1st Tribal queen – at Adi Rani Kalinga tribal queen competition

BOOKS & AUTHORS

“Human Rights, Values and Cultural Ethos” – Book authored by Dr R P Dholakia – Released by VP, Shri Venkaiah Naidu

MOU’S AND AGREEMENTS

MoU – Ministry of Health & Indira Gandhi National Open University – to provide Short term health courses by IGNOU (Initially 4 courses to be launched)

INDICES

Thomas Reuters Foundation survey

- India - Most dangerous country for Women in the World – due to high risk of sexual violence (2nd – Afghanistan; 3rd – US & Syria)
- 83% increase between 2007 & 2016 – in crimes against women

IMPORTANT DAYS

June 26 – International Day against Drug abuse and illicit trafficking

- Theme – Listen First – Listening to children and youth is the first step to help them grow healthy and safe
- Celebrated since 1987
- India - Toll free helpline 1xxx-xx-0031 launched – to assist the alcoholics and drug addicts
June 26 – International Day in support of victims of torture (since 1997)
2nd UN MSME Day – to be celebrated on 27th June 2018 – with the Theme ‘The Youth dimension’ (Last year – 1st MSME day – Theme – Small business-big impact)
July 1 – 1st Anniversary of GST to be celebrated on ‘GST day’ (Launch 2017 July 1)

OBITUARY

Moosa Aboobaker Moosa – Head of Avalon Group in South Africa, the Only Indian-owned Cinema Group – Passes away
Cauvery Water Management Authority – 1st Meeting scheduled on July 2, 2018 – Chairman – S Masood Husain (Authorities – Tinku Biswal (Kerala), S K Prabhakar (TN), A. Anbarasu (Pondy) and Rakesh Singh(Karnataka) - TN to get 177.25 tmcft as overall annual share

Ma.Po.Si Award 2018 – Winners – Mr Ela Ganesan, Mr N. Mahalingam and Mr Elango kumanan

Avadi HVF – has the biggest Solar power plant in Chennai (16 MW)

TN Government – Passes resolution against the draft of Dam Safety Bill, 2018
STATES

- **Maharashtra** – Jaitapur nuclear plant (Ratnagiri district) – France’s EDF and America’s General Electric (GE) – signed agreement with Nuclear power corporation of India – to build 6 EPR (European pressurized reactors) type Nuclear reactors of Capacity 1650 MW each

- **Himachal Pradesh** – Increases the salary of ASHA workers under National Rural health mission – from Rs 1000 to Rs 1250

NATIONAL

- **Cabinet Approvals** -
  - MoU – India & Singapore – Urban planning and development – Signed on 31st May, 2018
  - MoU – India & Denmark – Animal Husbandry & Dairy, Science & Technology, Innovation – signed on 22nd May, 2018
  - MoU – India & Germany – Civil aviation – signed in March 2018
  - MoU – India & France – Maritime awareness – Signed on 10th March 2018
  - MoU – India & Indonesia – Railway sector – Signed on 29th May 2018
  - MoU – India & Bahrain – Health care
  - Cabinet approval – to set up 2 Strategic Petroleum Reserves (SPR) at Chandikol in Orissa and Padur in Karnataka with 4 MMT and 2.5 MMT respectively (MMT-Million Metric Tonne) – Currently 3 SPR’s are available (Vishakapatnam -1.33 MMT; Mangalore -1.5 MMT; Padur-2.5 MMT)

- **FSSAI (Food safety and standards authority of India)** – Recommends Life imprisonment and upto Rs 10 lakh fine for Food adulteration – Also proposed to create a ‘Food safety and nutrition fund’ to reach out food businesses (Amendments proposed to Food safety and standards Act, 2006)
• **UGC** – forms panel for fixing Medical courses fee in Deemed university – under R C Deka, Former Director, AIIMS, New Delhi

• **Union Government** – Proposes a draft Bill – to replace UGC with Higher Education Commission of India (HECI) – to reform higher education

• **Railways** – to provide Nylon blankets instead of Woollen blankets in AC coaches

• **UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA)** – India to provide USD 5 million for Palestinian Refugees for the next 3 years

**INTERNATIONAL**

• **UAE** – to construct World’s largest Vertical farm – in Dubai – along with US Crop One holdings

![Vertical farm image](image-url)

• **UAE** – to host 1st ever ‘World Tolerance summit’ in November – Theme – *Prospering from pluralism: Embracing diversity through innovation and collaboration*

• **Brexit law** – British Queen approves the legislation to end EU membership of UK. (1st Brexit day to be celebrated on March 29, 2019)

• **US** – Supreme court prohibits people to travel US from 5 Muslim-majority countries, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Syria and Yemen
CONFERENCES/MEETINGS/SUMMIT
• 3rd Annual meeting of AIIB – Concluded in Mumbai (Theme – ‘Mobilising Finance for infrastructure : Innovation and Collaboration)

BANKING & BUSINESS
• Washington (US) based ‘Global Environment Facility’ (GEF ) – India’s grant to GEF increased from USD 12 million to USD 15 million
• RBI – fines Rs 60 million to Tamil Nadu Mercantile Bank – for contravention of its directives
• DBS Bank – 2nd foreign bank to launch its subsidiary in India in Oct 2018 (1st – State Bank of Mauritius)
• Exim Bank – to provide USD 10 million – to Seychelles – For healthcare facilities
• HCL Technologies – acquires H&D International group, a German IT firm

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
• Jai Hind 1-S – World’s lightest satellite built by Students of Hindustan Institute of Technology and science (Chennai) – to be launched in Aug 2018 from US – weighs 33.39 grams and measuring 4 cm Cube (Earlier Kalamsat – developed by Rifath sharook – 64 grams)

• Sahyadriana – The name of new genus of 11 Crabs - discovered by Tejas Thackaray, Son of Shiv sena chief, Uddhav Thackary

• Oxytocin Ban – Ministry of Health and Family welfare banned the private manufacture and import of the drug ‘Oxytocin’ and its formulations – from July 1, 2018 (Only Karnataka Antibiotics & Pharmaceuticals Ltd – Public sector company – licensed to manufacture in the entire country)
SPORTS

- **Swadesh Mondal (Bengal)** – creates national Swimming record in 100m Breaststroke event – at 45th Glenmark junior and 35th Sub junior national aquatic championships – in Pune, Maharashtra
- **National Senior Athletics meet** – begins in Guwahati
- **ICC Women’s World T20** – to be held in West Indies – in Nov 2018

APPOINTMENTS

- **Anant Barua** – Appointed as 4th Whole-time member of SEBI (Securities and Exchange Bureau of India – HQ – Mumbai – Chairman – Ajay Tyagi – Other Whole time members – S K Mohanty, G Mahalingam, Madhabi Puri Buch)

AWARDS

- ‘Sagarmala’ Program of Min of Shipping – receives “Gold award” in ‘Infrastructure’ category – at 52nd Skoch summit – in New Delhi (Sagarmala – Launch 2015 – for Port-led connectivities)
- **Pushpa Bhave** – Social activist – conferred ‘Rajarshi Shahu’ award – in Maharashtra
MILITARY & DEFENCE

- **RIMPAC** – World’s largest Multilateral Naval exercise – 26 countries – begins in Hawaii in West Pacific ocean (INS Sahyadri of Eastern Naval command to participate) - Biennial exercise during June-July in every Even-numbered years

![RIMPAC 2018](image)

**MoU**

- MoU – *Andhra Pradesh & Singapore* – to upgrade the construction of its new capital, Amaravati

**INDICES**

- Mercer’s Cost of Living survey – Hong kong is the world’s costliest city for Expatriates, 2nd – Tokyo; Mumbai – 55th; Chennai-144th.


**IMPORTANT DAYS**

- **June 27 - UN MSME day**
  - Udyam sangam 2018
  - Solar charkha mission of MSME – to promote employment in rural areas – covers artisans in 50 identified clusters – at a budget of Rs 550 crores
  - Sampark - Portal of MSME
  - All the above Programs were inaugurated by the President
TAMILNADU

- Tamil Chair - to be set up at
  - London’s Oxford university,
  - Johannesburg university in Johannesburg,
  - University of Malay in Malaysia
  - University of Jaffna in Sri Lanka
  (Already present – Tamil chair at Harvard university)

- Puratchi Thalaivar MGR Arts and Social Development Research Chair – to be set up at
  International institute of Tamil studies, Taramani, Chennai – budget of Rs 1 crore

- Eco Tourism Policy 2018- unveiled – to regulate tourists and their safety

- Welfare Board for Retired Police Officials – to be set up in Tamil Nadu

- Free Master Health Check Up for Police personnel above 30 years – to be started in Tamil Nadu

- Chennai – The HQ for Superintendent of ‘Tamil Nadu Coastal security group’ – to be shifted from Nagapattinam to Chennai

- ‘Chief Minister’s Medal for Excellence in Forensic Sciences’ – to be given to 2 experts – on the birth anniversary of Former chief minister C N Annadurai

- World Tamil Organisation Conference – to be conducted once in every 2 years – budget Rs 5 crores

- Badminton Academy – to be set up - at a budget of Rs 10 crores - at Tamil Nadu Physical education and sports university, Melkottaiyur, Chennai

- 24x7 Drinking Water Supply Scheme – planned for Coimbatore

- Tamil Word Bank – to be created – budget of Rs 1 crore (Etymology – Study of History of Words)
• **Bala Devi Chandrashekhar** – One of India’s leading Bharatanatyam exponents and research scholars, Bala Devi Chandrashekhar, made history at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris with her performance.

• **Radha Bhai** (Pondicherry- 93 years old) – received Best Entrepreneur Award 2018 at 12th Women’s Entrepreneur Conference in Trichy, along with other notable women entrepreneurs

• **Chennai Metro Rail Limited** – awarded ‘Skoch’ Order of Merit – as part of Skoch Smart governance Award

• **IIT, Madras** – to develop a ‘Predictive engine’ Software for Tamil Nadu Government – to monitor the crowd formation and movement to prevent riots in public places – at a budget of Rs 1.32 crores

• **Hyundai, Chennai** – to manufacture Electric vehicles – launch after mid-2019

**STATES**

• **Telangana - Hyderabad** – to house ‘Centre of Excellence for Blockchain technology’ – proposal under centre’s consideration

• **Odisha** – increases health cover from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 7 lakh – under Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana
NATIONAL

- **Kabir Mahotsav** – at Magar, Sant Kabir Nagar district, Uttar Pradesh – PM to inaugurate on the occasion of 500th death anniversary of Poet and saint, Kabir Das

- **Union Government – Approves 4 new medals for Security officials** – Home Minister’s Special operation medal, Asadharan Aashuchan Padak, Antarik Suraksha medal and Utkrishth and Ati-utkrishth seva medal – First two awards to be given on Independence Day and other two on Republic day

- **Ministry of Women and Child Welfare** – Rejects the recent survey of Thomson Reuters foundation on ‘The world’s most dangerous countries for women 2018’ – as it is an opinion poll conducted with lesser sample size.

- **CCEA** – approves the capital infusion of Rs 2000 crores – to Export Credit Guarantee Corporation – to enhance insurance coverage to MSME exports

- **Women Entrepreneur Platform (WEP) of NITI Aayog** – signs 5 Statement of Interest’s (SoI) with Financial institutions and social organisations (WEP – launched on Mar 8, 2018)

- **DISHA Dashboard** – App launched by Mr Narendra Singh Tomar, Rural development Minister – to integrate the real-time data from 18 schemes of 9 ministries as part of DISHA week program

- **NIMHANS Digital Academy** – inaugurated by Mr J P Nadda, Union Minister for Health and family welfare – at Bengaluru (NIMHANS – National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences)

- **1st Interstate Translocation project of Tigers** – From Bandhavgarh tiger reserve, Madhya Pradesh to Satkosia tiger reserve, Odisha

- **Commander Abhilash Tomy** – starts his 2nd Solo circumnavigation of the globe in a non-motorised Boat – plans to complete it within 311 days (1st Solo non-stop sail – 312 days by UK sailor, Sir Robin Knox-Johnston )
• **India in Stats** – Prevalence of Anaemia in Pregnant Women – 15 Indian states have more than 50% of Pregnant women with ‘Anaemia’ having Low haemoglobin content. (1st – Jharkhand – 65.2%; 2nd – Haryana – 62.7% and 9th – Tamil Nadu – 55% - India – Average – 50%) – As per National Family Health survey 2015-16 and world Bank reports.

**INDIA & WORLD**

• **India & France** – to cooperate on studies for Maritime Awareness mission – for detection of non-compliant vessels and to monitor Maritime traffic in their territorial maritime regions

• **Amul Thapar** – Indian-American Judge – One of the shortlisted judge to replace US Supreme court justice, Mr Anthony Kennedy

• **US** – postpones 2+2 dialogue with India

• **China** – to cut tariff on import of Soybean from India to Zero

**INTERNATIONAL**

• **Papua New Guinea** – Public health Emergency declared due to Polio outbreak after 18 years – to remain for the next 12 months

• **Pakistan** – classified into ‘Grey’ list countries by Financial Action Task Force (FATF) – for terror financing and money laundering (Earlier Pakistan was in ‘Grey list’ from 2012 to 2015)

• **Phillipines** – to launch modified version of ‘Aadhaar’ after the adoption of a separate legislation

• **US President, Trump and Russian President, Putin** – to meet on July 16 at Helsinki, Finland

**MoUs/PACT**

• **BHEL** – signs pact with Korean firm, NANO Co Ltd – for design and manufacture of Emission control devices for coal-based Power plants

**SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

• **NASA’s James Webb Space Telescope** – launch postponed to March 2021

• **Honda’s ASIMO Robot** – World famous Humanoid robot Launched in 2000 by Japan – to be discontinued with a new name humanoid robots (ASIMO – played football with Former US president Barack Obama in 2014 and Danced with German leader Angela Merkel – It is currently in its 7th iteration)

• **Hayabusa 2** – Japanese space probe reaches an Asteroid at 300 million kilometres away – to collect information about the birth of solar system and origin of life (June 30 – International Asteroid day)
SPORTS

- FIFA World Cup, 2018 – Current world champions Germany exits in the Group stage – 3rd time in a row the defending champions were eliminated in group stage itself
  List of World champions Eliminated in first Round
  ✓ 2014 – Spain
  ✓ 2010 – Italy
  ✓ 2002 - France
  ✓ 1966-Brazil
  ✓ 1950 - Italy

- FIFA World Cup, 2018 – Senegal – becomes the 1st country to exit on FIFA Fair play yellow-card tiebreaker system

- ISSF Junior Shooting World cup – Suhl, Germany – Saurabh Chaudhary (India-16 years old) – sets new World record in 10m air pistol event – to obtain Gold medal

- Jinson Johnson (Kerala) – breaks Sriram Singh’s four-decade-old National record in Men’s 800m – at the National Inter-state Athletics championship

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

- Dedar Singh Gill – Appointed as Judicial commissioner in Singapore’s Supreme Court
- Yousaf Saleem – First Blind judge of Pakistan

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- Book ‘Ahimsa’ – Authored by Supriya Kelkar – to be published in India in August, 2018
Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis was an Indian scientist and applied statistician.

Contributions:

- He is best remembered for the Mahalanobis distance, a statistical measure, and for being one of the members of the first Planning Commission of free India.
- He made pioneering studies in anthropometry in India.
- He founded the Indian Statistical Institute in 1931 at Delhi.
- Mahalanobis’ important contributions involved large-scale sample surveys.
- He introduced the concept of pilot surveys and advocated the utility of sampling methods.
- During the latter part of his life, Mahalanobis was a part of the Planning Commission of India which was responsible for independent India’s five-year plans, in which he emphasized on the importance of industrialization and also corrected previous census methodology errors.
- Second five year plan was also known as Nehru Mahalanobis Plan.

Awards & Honours:

- He was the honorary statistical advisor to the Indian Government from 1949 to 1972.
- He was also a member of the United Nations Sub-Commission on Sampling since it was formed in 1949 and served as its Chairman from 1947 to 1951.
- He was made Honorary President of the International Statistical Institute in 1957, and was elected a Fellow of the American Statistical Association in 1961.
- He was also the president of the Indian Science Congress in 1949-50.
- He received an Order of the British Empire in 1942 and a Padma Vibhushan in 1968.
- He also received the Srinivasa Ramanujan Gold Medal in the same year.
- Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, in 2006, named June 29 as “National Statistics Day” in honour of Mahalanobis.
Maharashtra Government Launched ‘Kanya Van Samruddhi Yojana’ Scheme

- The Maharashtra government has announced a new scheme called ‘Kanya Van Samruddhi Yojana’, wherein farmers families where girl children are born, will be given saplings for plantation.
- The scheme is aimed at empowering women and promoting tree plantation. The scheme was approved in the weekly cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis. The scheme will be applicable for maximum two girls.
- A farmer family blessed with a girl child can fill the application form to get plant saplings. After which they will get 10 saplings free of cost from the forest department.

Mobile app to track missing children launched
A mobile application for tracking missing and abandoned children was launched by Union Commerce Minister Suresh Prabhu and Nobel laureate Kailash Satyarthi here today.

The app, christened as ‘ReUnite’, is collaboration between Bachpan Bachao Andolan led by Satyarthi and IT major Capgemini.

Prabhu lauded Bachpan Bachao Andolan and Satyarthi for working for the children and hoped the app would help in reuniting missing children and their parents.

**NATIONAL**

**Hindi: The Most Spoken Language in India**

- The number of people with Hindi as their mother tongue has increased and their percentage is up from **41.03 to 43.63 in 2001**, according to data on language released as part of Census 2011.

- **Bengali has taken the second spot** with 8.3 percent people listing Bengali as their mother tongue from **8.11 percent in the 2011 census. Third on the list is Marathi**, which replaced Telugu.

- While 96.71 percent of the country’s population returned one of the 22 scheduled languages as their mother tongue in the 2011 census, 3.29 percent returned other languages as their mother tongue.

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NITI Aayog releases first Delta ranking

- NITI Aayog today launched the first Delta ranking, incremental progress, for the Aspirational Districts in the country.

- The ranking is based on self-reported data of districts between March 31 to May 31, 2018, across five developmental areas of Health and Nutrition, Education, Agriculture and Water Resources, Financial Inclusion and Skill Development and Basic Infrastructure.

- According to ranking, Dahod district of Gujarat improved 19.8 points to rank first. West Sikkim district in Sikkim stood second with 18.9 points, a huge improvement from being in the 30th position in Baseline ranking. Bijapur district in Chhattisgarh also made significant strides by improving 14.7 points and ranked 6th position in Delta ranking.

- Asifabad district of Telangana, which was ranked 100 in Baseline ranking released in March this year, has made significant improvements in past two months and stood at 15 in Delta ranking.

First Ever Inter-State Translocation Project Of Tigers In MP

- As part of the country’s first inter-state translocation of tiger’s project, a female cub was shifted from Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve (BTR) in Madhya Pradesh to Satkosia Tiger Reserve (STR) in Odisha.
In all six tigers — three pairs — will be shifted from MP to Satkosia under an ambitious project conceived by the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests, National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) and Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun.

A week ago, three-year-old male tiger MB-2, has been transferred from Madhya Pradesh’s Kanha Tiger Reserve to Satkosia Tiger Reserve in the State.

**APPOINMENTS**

ICICI Bank appoints G C Chaturvedi as non-executive chairman:

Portugal’s Antonio Vitorino elected as new UN’s International Organization for Migration (IOM) Director General

**STATE**

Bengaluru world’s 2nd best location to launch tech startups
Bengaluru has claimed the second spot in the list of best locations for launching tech startups, according to research firm SmallBusinessPrices.co.uk. The first place was secured by Boulder city in the US while the third best location was Johannesburg in South Africa. The research measured the average internet speed, the average business valuation, and cost of living, among other metrics.

AWARDS AND HONOURS

மகிய கலாச்சார விளக்கம் மற்றும் அரச விளக்கம்

AWARDS FOR REDUCTION IN GROUPING PMSMA

29 June 2018, Regency, Bangalore

மகிய கலாச்சார கலைஞர், பொறியியல் விளக்கம், மகிய கலாச்சார விளக்கம், விளக்கம், விளக்கம்.
GreenCo Award for Golden Rock Workshop

- The 90-year-old Golden Rock Railway Workshop at Tiruchi has bagged the GreenCo Award presented by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for implementing best environment-friendly practices.

- The workshop also received the Gold rating certification from CII for achieving the standards under the GreenCo. The GreenCo award was received by P.N.Jha, Chief Workshop Manager of the Golden Rock Workshop.

- It was given at the seventh edition of Greenco Summit 2018 organised by CII in Chennai.

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Tunisia goal sets milestone as 2500th scored in World Cup history

- Tunisia's Fakhreddine Ben Youssef made history as he scored the 2500th goal in World Cup finals history with his goal against Panama.
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Flying Brain' Heads To International Space Station aboard SpaceX Ship

- The robot named, CIMON (Crew Interactive Mobile Companion) is the first robot of its kind to interact with people in space and is powered by Artificial Intelligence.

INTERNATIONAL

Israeli Military Gets First Female Tank Commanders

Remembering Dadabhai Naoroji on his 101 Death Anniversary
Dadabhai Naoroji known as the Grand Old Man of India was a Parsi intellectual, educator, cotton trader, and an early Indian political and social leader.

He was a Liberal Party Member of Parliament (MP) in the United Kingdom House of Commons between 1892 and 1895, and the first Indian to be a British MP, notwithstanding the Anglo-Indian MP David Ochterlony Dyce Sombre, who was disenfranchised for corruption.

Naoroji is also credited with the founding of the Indian National Congress, along with A.O. Hume and Dinshaw Edulji Wacha.

**HIS CONTRIBUTIONS**

- **1851** - Naoroji founded the Rahnumae Mazdayasne Sabha - to restore the Zoroastrian religion to its original purity and simplicity.

- **1854** - founded a Gujarati fortnightly publication, the Rast Goftar (or The Truth Teller), to clarify Zoroastrian concepts and promote Parsi social reforms.

- **1855** - Appointed Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy at the Elphinstone College in Bombay becoming the first Indian to hold such an academic position.

- **1859** - Established his own cotton trading company, Dadabhai Naoroji & Co.

**London Indian Society (1865)**

Indian students needed to go to England to qualify for the bar or the Covenanted Civil Service.

Four such students

1. Pherozeshah Mehta
2. Badruddin Tyabji
3. W. C. Banerjee
4. Manmohan Ghose

Had established the London Indian Society in 1865.

- The inspiration to form this society had come from Dadabhai Naoroji.
East India Association (1866)

- On October 1, 1866, the London Indian Society was superseded by East India Association.
- Its stated objective was to advocate for and promote public interests and welfare of Indians.
- It worked towards presenting the correct information about India to the British Public and voice.
- 1874 - He became Prime Minister of Baroda
- 1892 - Elected for the Liberal Party in Finsbury Central general election and he was the first British Indian MP in Britain. In his political campaign and duties as an MP, he was assisted by Muhammed Ali Jinnah.

ROLE IN INC

He Named Indian National Union as Indian National Congress

- He was acted as the President of INC thrice (1866, 1893 & 1906)
- 1906 – Passed resolution of Swaraj for the first time in INC Session
- Naoroji was a mentor to Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Gopal Krishna Gokhale and Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi.

HIS WORKS

POVERTY AND UN BRITISH RULE IN INDIA (1901)

- Poverty of India
- The manners and customs of the Parsees
- The European and Asiatic races
- Admission of educated natives into the Indian Civil Service
- The wants and means of India
- Condition of India

TITLE: Grand Old Man of India was given by Gandhi