Tamil Nadu Health Dept. inks MoU with UK’s King’s College Hospital

- It will impart training to doctors on advanced treatment protocols for neurological disorders such as Parkinson’s disease, Health Secretary Beela Rajesh said.
- Shortly after releasing a video to create awareness on Parkinson’s disease on, she said the Kings College Hospital, in the first phase, was focusing on neurological disorders.
- The MoU was signed during the visit of Chief Minister and Health Minister to the UK.
- “The first focus is on bringing in treatment protocols for neurological disorders.”
‘Gandhi Villages’ to be established in Rajasthan

The Congress government in Rajasthan has decided to constitute a new Department of Peace and Non-Violence, along with “Gandhi villages” in each district, to apprise the people of the contributions of the Mahatma.

The Department will act as a nodal agency for the implementation of Gandhian thought.

Centre plans National Register of Citizens (NRC) exercise all over the country

NRC will be carried out across the country. All Indian citizens will be included irrespective of their religion

AMIT SHAH, Union Home Minister

There are a few people who are trying to create disturbances in the name of NRC... We will never allow NRC in Bengal...

MAMATA BANERJEE
West Bengal CM

The Assam government has not accepted NRC. The government and the BJP have requested the Home Minister to reject it...

HIMANTA BISWA SARMA
Assam Finance Minister
The National Register of Citizens (NRC) was first prepared in Assam in 1951 after the Census 1951 had been conducted.

The main objective behind this endeavour was to check the illegal inflow of people.

The NRC exercise was taken up in Assam alone and the updated final version of the NRC was published in August 2019.

The Home Ministry is now working on modalities to implement NRC across the country in an exercise to identify illegal immigrants for deportation.

An amendment in the Foreigners (Tribunals) Order, 1964, issued by the central government paves the way for expanding the scope of NRC.

The amended order empowers state governments and even district magistrates of all states and union territories to set up tribunals to identify a “foreigner” who is living in India illegally.

The Union Home Ministry has cancelled the Indian citizenship of Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) MLA Ramesh Chennamaneni for concealing facts about his foreign tours.
The MLA took citizenship of Germany in the year 1993.

In 2008, Ramesh Chennamaneni returned to India and applied for the citizenship but it is alleged that he used fake papers for this.

In 2009, he contested elections for the first time on a Telugu Desam Party ticket. Chennamaneni was accused of contesting elections using fake documents.

In 2013, the High Court declared the election of Ramesh Chennamaneni illegal due to dual citizenship.

TRS MLA Ramesh Chennamaneni went to the Supreme Court against this decision of the High Court. But the Supreme Court terminated Ramesh Chennamaneni's assembly membership.

Subsequently, in 2017, the Ministry of Home Affairs decided to cancel his citizenship.

Centre has approved the Nod for Industrial Relations Code Bill

The draft code on Industrial Relations has been prepared after amalgamating, simplifying and rationalizing the relevant provisions of three Central Labour Acts —

* Trade Unions Act, 1926,
* Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, 1946,
* Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.

The bill aims to bring together and simplify provisions of three laws covering trade unions, industrial employment and disputes.
✓ The government wants to codify 44 central labour laws into four broad codes.
✓ While the Code on Wages has already been approved by Parliament, the Labour ministry will push the Code on Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Bill in the Budget session.
✓ The Code on Social Security is in the pre-legislative stage.
✓ Finance Minister said that the most important feature of the Bill was that fixed term employment, as opposed to contract that prevails widely today, has been given permission.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

◆ NuGen Mobility Summit 2019 to be held in Manesar, Haryana
✓ The three-day NuGen Mobility Summit 2019 will be held in Manesar, Haryana from November 27 to 29, 2019.
✓ It will be organized by International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT), Manesar based on the theme “Smart & Green Mobility” to find alternative mobility solutions to problems like pollution emanating from vehicular emissions.
✓ To provide a platform for sharing new ideas, learnings, global experiences, innovations and future technology trends for faster adoption, assimilation and development of advanced automotive technologies for a smarter and greener future.
DEFENCE

Prithvi-2 missile successfully test fired

- India successfully test-fired two rounds of its indigenously developed nuclear-capable Prithvi-II missile at night as part of a user trial by Indian Army.
- These test were conducted from a mobile launcher from Launch Complex-3 of Chandipur Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Balasore district of Odisha.
- It is surface-to-surface tactical missile with a strike range of 350 km.
- It is India’s first missile indigenously developed by DRDO under prestigious Integrated Guided Missile Development Program (IGMDP).
- It is capable of carrying 500 to 1,000 kg of warheads, both conventional as well as nuclear.
- The state-of-the-art missile is powered by liquid propulsion twin engines.
- It uses an advanced inertial guidance system with maneuvering orbit to hit its target.
- It was inducted into armour of the defence forces in 2003.

ECONOMICS

Cabinet has approved the strategic disinvestment of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs)

- Finance Minister announced that the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by the Prime Minister had given its in-
principle approval to the sale of government stake in five central public-sector enterprises (CPSEs):

1. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPCL)
2. Shipping Corporation of India
3. Container Corporation of India
4. THDCIL
5. NEEPCO

The sale of stake will include the transfer of management control to the strategic buyers in each of the five CPSEs.

It was also announced that the Cabinet has approved cutting government’s stake in select PSUs below 51 per cent while retaining management control.

Chit Funds (Amendment) Bill, 2019

The Chit Funds (Amendment) Bill, 2019 was introduced in Lok Sabha on August 5, 2019.

The Bill seeks to amend the Chit Funds Act, 1982.

The 1982 Act regulates chit funds, and prohibits a fund from being created without the prior sanction of the state government.
Under a chit fund, people agree to pay a certain amount from time to time into a fund. Periodically, one of the subscribers is chosen by drawing a chit to receive the prize amount from the fund.

Names for a chit fund:

The Act specifies various names which may be used to refer to a chit fund. These include chit, chit fund, and kuri.

The Bill additionally inserts ‘fraternity fund’ and ‘rotating savings and credit institution’ to this list.

Swachh Survekshan Grameen Awards 2019

Recently, the Swachh Survekshan Grameen Awards 2019 were conferred upon top-ranked states, Union Territories (UTs), and districts in the various categories by the Ministry of Jal Shakti in New Delhi.

It marked the occasion of World Toilet Day, which is observed every year on November 19.

The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS) under the Ministry of Jal Shakti had

✓ It aimed to develop rankings of all districts of India on the basis of quantitative and qualitative sanitation (Swachhta) parameters.

Rankings

✓ Top 3 States— 1) Tamil Nadu, 2) Haryana, 3) Gujarat
✓ Top 3 Districts— 1) Peddapalli (Telangana), 2) Faridabad (Haryana), 3) Rewari (Haryana)
✓ State with Maximum Citizen Participation— Uttar Pradesh

Sports

◆ World Cup Final: Manu Bhaker bags gold, breaks junior world record in 10m Air Pistol

Manu Bhaker has created history by winning India’s first gold medal in the women’s 10m Air Pistol event at the 2019 ISS World Cup at Putian, China.
✓ Manu Bhaker also broke the junior world record with her total score of 244.7.
✓ She also became the only second Indian to win gold in the 10m Air Pistol at the ISS World Cup, after Heena Sidhu.
✓ Another Indian Yashaswini Deswal, who was also competing in the finals of women’s 10m Air Pistol event, finished sixth in the final round.

**IMPORTANT DAYS**

**November 21 - World Television Day**

✓ World Television Day is celebrated on 21 November every year.
✓ According to the UN, this day highlights the major role that television plays in daily life by presenting different issues that affects people.
✓ UN General Assembly on 17 December, 1996 proclaimed 21 November as World Television Day.
World Fisheries Day is celebrated every year on November 21 to highlight the importance of healthy oceans ecosystems and to ensure sustainable stocks of fisheries in the world.

Fisher folks also demonstrate the importance of maintaining the fisheries of the world along with highlighting the problems like overfishing and mechanization.

India has over 8,000 km of coastline, and an Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of over 2 million sq km, and extensive freshwater resources.

Thus, fisheries play a vital role in the economy of the country with the practice contributing about 1.07 per cent to the GDP (Gross Domestic Product).

Fisheries in India make up to 5.3 per cent to agriculture and allied activities.
November 21 - World Philosophy Day

✓ World Philosophy Day is celebrated across the world on every third Thursday of November.
✓ It was first celebrated in 2002 by the United Nations on November 21.
✓ Next year, World Philosophy Day will be celebrated on November 19.
✓ It is a day to remind us about the value of philosophy for the development of human thought.
✓ The main objectives of World Philosophy Day are to renew the national, sub-regional, regional and international commitment to philosophy, to foster philosophical analysis, research and studies; to raise public awareness of the importance of philosophy; to appraise the state of philosophy teaching throughout the world and to underline the importance of the universalisation of philosophy teaching for future generations.
The 2019 edition aims to highlight the importance of philosophy in different regional contexts.

Quotes on life and philosophy

⇒ "Be the change that you wish to see in the world."
   — Mahatma Gandhi

⇒ "A day without laughter is a day wasted."
   — Nicolas Chamfort

⇒ I slept and dreamt that life was joy.
   I awoke and saw that life was service.
   I acted and behold, service was joy.
   - Rabindra Nath Tagore

⇒ "Wise men speak because they have something to say; fools because they have to say something."
   — Plato

⇒ Truth can be stated in a thousand different ways, yet each one can be true.
   - Swami Vivekananda

⇒ "It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it."
   - Aristotle