TAMIL NADU

- Tamil Nadu – gets the approval of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) - for launching its State Shelter Fund for attracting investments in the affordable housing segment
  - The name of the fund is ‘Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Fund’
  - It was organized by the United Economic Forum (UEF) Chamber of Commerce and the World Islamic Economic Forum Foundation (WIEF)
  - This was announced at an event called ‘Innovative and Alternative Finance for Business and Infrastructure Development in India’

STATES

- Kerala – to adopt the Miyawaki (Japanese) method of afforestation
The method involves growing a dense forest in a small space (less than five cents) in urban areas.

The method is named after Japanese botanist, Akira Miyawaki.

It is aimed at creating indigenous forests by planting saplings adjacently and nurturing them into a thick vegetation.

Delhi government - announced “Jashn-e-Virasat-e-Urdu”, a festival to celebrate Urdu culture and its heritage.

The 6-day festival aims to promote the growth of Urdu as a language.

It will end on November 15, 2018.

Various artistes performed traditional forms like Chaar Bait, which is a rare traditional style of singing in Urdu.

NATIONAL

Asian Development Bank (ADB) - to provide US $13 million loan to Energy Efficiency Services (EESL) to promote efficient energy usage in India.

It will be provided by Global Environment Facility (GEF).

It will be used for installing energy-efficient technologies such as light-emitting diode (LED) street-lights in municipalities.

ADB was established in December 1966 with its headquarters in Manila, Philippines.
**CONFERENCES & SUMMITS**

- **33rd ASEAN Summit** – begins in Singapore

  ![33rd ASEAN Summit](image)

  - Prime Minister of Singapore, Lee Hsien Loong is the Chairman of the Summit
  - It will continue till 15th November along with other related summits like East Asia Summit (EAS), Regional Comprehensive Economic Summit, (RCEP) and ASEAN plus summits
  - Fintech Conference which is a part of Fintech festival will also take place alongside.

**SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT**

- **ISRO** – to launch a communication satellite on November 14 – exclusively for Jammu and Kashmir and north eastern regions
  - The Gsat-29 will be launched off GSLV-Mk III rocket from Sriharikota
  - It is an advanced high-throughput communication satellite which will have two Ku and Ka operational payloads
  - The satellite will be launched under the ‘Digital India’ initiative of the Government

**ECONOMY**

- **Fortune Magazine** – sold to a Thai businessman, Chatchaval Jiaravanon (an owner of the Charoen Pokphand Group conglomerate) for $150 million (₹1,090 crore)
The magazine was owned by US publisher Meredith Corporation
In September, Meredith sold Time magazine to billionaire Marc Benioff and his wife, Lynne, for $190 million.

OBITUARY

T N Srinivasan, Economist (85 years)

Srinivasan was a Professor of Economics and International Area Studies Emeritus at Yale University
He had been a mentor of macroeconomics to current RBI governor, Urjit Patel
Srinivasan also taught in various US institutions such as MIT, Stanford University, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy
He also had been a visiting faculty for the Madras School of Economics and Department of Humanities at IIT-Madras.
He had been a special adviser to the Development Research center of the World Bank from 1977 to 1980
He also founded the Journal of Development Economics, a field journal with macroeconomist Lance Jerome Taylor in 1972
His famous books include India’s Economic Reforms with renowned economist Jagdish Bhagwati and Reintegrating India with World Economy with economist Suresh Tendulkar
He was one of the key advocates of 1991 economic reforms
He was a Padma Bhushan awardee in 2007

**SPORTS**

- Harmanpreet Kaur – becomes the 1st ever Indian women cricketer to smash a T20I hundred

She achieved the feat against Newzealand in the Women’s T20 world cup
Further, Harmanpreet is only the third cricketer to smash a century in Women’s World T20

**INTERNATIONAL DAY**

- National education Day – November 11
The day was declared to be observed in 2008 by the Central government.
This day commemorates the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, freedom fighter, educationist and the first Education Minister of independent India from 1947 to 1958.