TAMIL NADU

- Tamil Nadu Music And Fine Arts University – renamed as ‘Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Music and Fine Arts University’

- The Government has issued the orders towards the same recently
- The University has been established on November 14, 2013
- Earlier, the State-run fisheries university had also been renamed after the former Chief Minister.
 STATES

● Jammu and Kashmir - has become the first state to distribute the highest number of golden cards under Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY).
  ✓ In J&K, more than 11 lakhs of golden cards have been issued under AB-PMJAY within 90 days of the launch of the scheme.
  ✓ As per the government estimate, 60% families in the state have at least one golden card, which is highest in the country.
  ✓ In Jammu and Kashmir, a total of 155 hospitals have been empanelled under the scheme, which provides cashless and free health benefits to the entitled beneficiaries.
  ✓ The scheme provides a health cover of Rs. 5 lakh per family per year to poor and vulnerable families.

 NATIONAL

● Prime Minister Narendra Modi – addressed the nations at the United Nations Climate Action Summit in New York on September 23
  ✓ Speaking in Hindi, the PM reiterated India’s commitment to the creation of 175 GW renewable energy capacity by 2022 under the Paris Climate Agreement.
  ✓ He also announced that the country’s renewable energy target will be increased to 450 GW.
  ✓ The Prime Minister announced two international initiatives during the address
    ✓ First, governments and the private sector will work together to develop low carbon economy from industries.
    ✓ This new platform for industry Transition included India, Sweden, Netherlands, South Korea, UK and a group of companies.
    ✓ Second, a Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, which was approved by the Union Cabinet last month and ₹480 crore has been allocated for technical assistance and projects.
The U.K., Australia and island nations such as Fiji and the Maldives will be part of this coalition.

He also said that India would be spending approximately $50 billion “in the next few years” on the Jal Jeevan Mission to conserve water, harvest rainwater and develop water resources.

Modi began his engagements at the 74th Session of the UN General Assembly by addressing the Climate Action Summit hosted by Secretary General Antonio Guterres in the General Assembly Hall.

This was followed by his speech at the Universal Health Coverage meeting, in which he outlined the four main pillars of healthcare that India focused on:

- The first pillar is preventive healthcare with special emphasis on yoga, Ayurveda and fitness.
- The second pillar for India is affordable healthcare through the world’s largest health insurance scheme — Ayushman Bharat, benefitting 500 million poor people.
- The third pillar is improvements on the supply side through quality medical education and medical infrastructure development.
- The fourth pillar of “mission mode intervention” emphasis that if mothers and children are healthy, it will lay the foundation for a healthy society.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah - proposed the idea of a single multipurpose identity card for citizens.

- The proposed card will have various utilities such as Aadhaar, driving license, passport and bank accounts merged into one.
- Home Minister Amit Shah also announced that the 2021 census will be a “digital census” and the data will be collected through a mobile app.
- The National Population Register will also be prepared for the first time in the 2021 census.
- India’s last census was carried out in 2011 when the total population of the country was estimated to be 121 crore.
- The 2021 census, which is the 16th census and 8th since Indian independence, will be the world’s largest data collection exercise.
- India would be spending roughly Rs 12,000 crore on its first digital census.
- The data collection will be done in 16 languages by using almost 33 lakh enumerators.
- The Union Government had announced on March 2019 that 2021 census will be conducted in two phases with March 1, 2021 as the reference date.
- For the hilly areas including Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand and Jammu & Kashmir, the reference date will be October 1, 2020.
Global standards body 3GPP has approved India’s regional navigation system NaVIC, developed by Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro)

- The move will boost commercial use of NaVIC (Navigation with Indian Constellation) by international and domestic mobile device makers.
- 3rd Generation Partnership Project (3GPP) develops protocols and standards for mobile telephony.
- NaVIC has been included under Rel-16 LTE and Rel-17 5G NR specifications.
- Telecommunications Standards Development Society, India (TSDSI), will soon adopt these specifications as a national standard, and cellular internet-of-things (IoT) devices will begin to use the NavIC system instead of the American GPS system.
- For the purpose of NaVIC, currently, eight satellites are already in orbit.
Seven satellites are being used for navigation purpose and one satellite only for messaging purpose.
The 3rd Generation Partnership Project (3GPP) comprises seven telecommunications standard development organisations (ARIB, ATIS, CCSA, ETSI, TSDSI, TTA, TTC) from across the world.
3GPP currently has global navigation satellite system support from BDS (Chinese), Galileo (European), GLONASS (Russian) & GPS (US) for cellular positioning systems.
The Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) or NaVIC is capable of providing accurate position information service to users extending up to 1,500 km around the country.

SPORTS

Football legend Lionel Messi and Megan Rapinoe (United States) – won the FIFA best player award in Men’s and women’s category for 2019

It was Messi’s sixth-time FIFA best player award
Messi has received this award in the years 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2015.
On the other hand, Ronaldo has won this award 5 times
Rapinoe has received this award for winning the World Cup for America
She received the Golden Boot Award after being the top scorer of the World cup with 6 goals
In 2018, Luka Modric was awarded this title that broke 10 years’ predominance of Ronaldo and Messi.

THOMAS COOK BANKRUPTCY

British travel firm Thomas Cook collapsed into bankruptcy on September 23
The 178-year-old debt-ridden group failed to secure 200 million pounds (USD 250 million, 227 million euros) from private investors and collapsed leaving some 600,000 tourists stranded.
Thomas Cook India Group is not related to Thomas Cook UK since August 2012, when it was acquired by Fairfax Financial Holdings (Fairfax), a Canada-based multinational company.
British tour operator and airline Thomas Cook collapses after last-minute negotiations aimed at saving the 178-year-old holiday firm failed.

- **600,000** Holidaymakers stuck abroad
- **140,000** Germans hit
- **150,000** Britons stranded; triggers biggest-ever peacetime repatriation
- **22,000** Jobs at risk worldwide, 3,000 in UK alone

### Operation Matterhorn
- **16,000** Britons booked to come back on Monday. Authorities hope to get at least 14,000 of them home on chartered flights.

### Repatriations Flights to UK

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Size of the fleet will make it temporarily UK's fifth-largest airline.

Source: BBC, Agencies