Tamil Nadu

Cauvery Management Authority Meeting

- Second meeting will take place on **August 9, 2018** at New Delhi
- First meeting took place on **July 2, 2018**
➢ To be presided over by Mr. Masood Hussain

➢ Tamil Nadu to place various demands at the meeting including sharing of water after the South West monsoon season.

**Second Edition of Chennai International Youth Fest (CIYF)**

➢ Inaugurated in Velachery on August 5, 2018

➢ Tamil Nadu Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. C. Vijaya Baskar, Yogida Swamynaden, Minister of Technology, Communication and Innovation in Republic of Mauritius and Dewan to Prince of Arcot Mohammed Asif Ali honoured the function.

➢ CIYF is a 15-day event where a lot of programmes on the competitive and non-competitive front will be organised in the field of technical, management, cultural events, sports, martial arts and others.

**IMPacting Research, INnovation and Technology (IMPRINT) is a national initiative of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD)** designed to address all major engineering challenges relevant to India through an inclusive and sustainable mode of translational research.

IMPRINT-2 has been approved by Government of India (GoI) with a revised strategy under which, this national initiative will be jointly funded and steered by MHRD and Department of Science and Technology (DST).
Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana

- Government of India achieved the target of **5 crore** free LPG connections
- It was achieved almost 8 months ahead of the target date

**Key Features of the Yojana:**

- Government of India launched the scheme on May 1, 2016
- It is implemented by Union Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas through its Oil Marketing Companies i.e., IOC, BPCL and HPCL through their network of distributors across the country
- **Target:** 5 crore BPL households were targeted for providing deposit free LPG connections to BPL households by **31st March, 2019**
President Gives Assent to Fugitive Economic Offenders Bill, 2018

- Under Article 111 of the Constitution, President of India Mr. Ram Nath Kovind has given assent to the Fugitive Economic Offenders Bill, 2018 passed by Parliament on August 5, 2018.
- With this assent, the Bill becomes law.
- It will deter fugitive economic offenders to evade legal process in India and flee the country.
- **Aim:** To serve as an effective expeditious and constitutional way to stop these offenders from running away.
- Bill was passed by the Rajya Sabha on July 25, 2018 and by the Lok Sabha on July 19, 2018.

Special Features of the Bill

- A fugitive economic offender is any individual against whom warrants for arrest is issued for his involvement in select economic offences involving amount of at least **Rs.100 crore** and has left India so as to avoid criminal prosecution.
- Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018, allows designated special court to declare a person as fugitive economic offender and to confiscate his property, including ‘benami’ ones.
- Enforcement Directorate will be the investigative agency under the Act.
Lok Sabha Passes National Sports University Bill, 2018

- Lok Sabha on August 3, 2018 passed the National Sports University Bill, 2018
- Aim: To establish a National Sports University in Manipur as part of a vision to enhance country’s standing in sports.
- Bill was introduced in Lok Sabha by Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports on July 23, 2018.
- Bill replaces the National Sports University Ordinance, 2018 that was promulgated on May 31, 2018.
Provisions of the Bill

➤ National Sports University will be headquartered in Manipur.

➤ It may establish outlying campuses within or outside India, colleges, or regional centres.

➤ University will undertake research on physical education, strengthen sports training programmes, and collaborate internationally in the field of physical education, among others.

➤ Centre will review and inspect the functioning of the University.

➤ Executive Council may take action based on the findings of the inspection.

➤ University will maintain a Fund which will contain contributions by the Centre, State Governments, or UGC; loans, gifts, and donations; income from fees, and amounts received from any other source.

➤ Any dispute arising out the disciplinary action taken by the University against a student may be referred to a Tribunal of Arbitration (at the request of the student).

➤ Disputes arising out of the contract between an employee and the University may also be referred to a Tribunal of Arbitration.

Functions of the University

➤ Prescribing courses of study and conducting training programmes

➤ Granting degrees, diplomas, and certificates

➤ Providing facilities through a distance education system

➤ Conferring autonomous status on a college or an institution
TELANGANA – Signs MoU with Tech Mahindra for India’s First Blockchain District

- MoU signed between Department of Information Technology, Electronics and Communication, Telangana and Tech Mahindra
- MoU was signed at International Blockchain Congress 2018 held in Hyderabad

- It will be a centre of excellence, an incubator and process development for the emerging technology with innovative infrastructure and facilities to foster growth of Indian blockchain start-ups and companies
Mukhyamantri Kanya Utthan Yojana was launched in Bihar

- Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar launched ‘Mukhyamantri Kanya Utthan Yojana’, a scheme for the girl child. The scheme will provide Rs.54,100 for a girl child from her birth until she graduates.
- This is to express the State government’s resolve for the empowerment of women.
- The ‘scheme will be run by three departments namely education, health and social welfare.
- The Chief Minister also said that the amount under the ‘Bicycle Yojna’ will be increased from Rs.2500 to Rs.3000.

NATIONAL

India - Elected as President of Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development
- India was elected for a period of 2 years
- India was elected at the 44th Annual meeting of AIBD held in Colombo
About Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development

- It’s a regional inter-governmental organisation serving countries of United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP) in field of electronic media development
- AIBD was established in 1977 under UNESCO
- Secretariat – located in Kuala Lampur
- Has 26 full member countries

Bhoomi Rashi and PFMS linkage

- Government has proposed to integrate Bhoomi Rashi with Public Financial Management System (PFMS).
- Integration of Public Financial Management System (PFMS) with Bhoomi Rashi is one of the key functionalities to facilitate payment related to compensation for land acquisition to all the beneficiaries directly through the Bhoomi Rashi system.
- Bhoomi Rashi, the portal developed by MoRTH and NIC, comprises the entire revenue data of the country, right down to 6.4 lakh villages.
- The entire process flow, from submission of draft notification by the State Government to its approval by the Hon. Minister of State for RT&H and publication in e-Gazette, is online.
- The Public Financial Management System (PFMS) is an end-to-end solution for processing payments, tracking, monitoring, accounting, reconciliation and reporting.
- It is administered by the Department of Expenditure.
- It is implemented by the Controller General of Accounts.
United Kingdom - Announces New Organ Donation Plan

- Government of UK on **August 5, 2018** announced new plans to change the law for organ and tissue donation.

- **Aim:** To address the urgent need for organs within Indian-origin communities in the country.

- Proposed new system is expected to come into effect in the UK in 2020, as part of a drive to assist the black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) people awaiting life-saving transplant.

- Under the new system of consent for organ and tissue donation, those who do not want to donate their organs will be able to record their decision on the state-funded National Health Service (NHS) Organ Donor Register (ODR).
Defence Minister Launched Defence India Startup Challenge

- Defence India Startup Challenge is part of iDEX (Innovation for Defence Excellence) scheme announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in April meant to build an eco-system of innovation and entrepreneurship in India for the defence sector to make India self-reliant.

- It is an initiative to tap startups for finding safe and futuristic Indian solutions to critical needs of the three Armed Forces.

- A list of 11 technologies that the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force need, have been chosen. They included remote air vehicles, laser weapons, secure and safe communication systems and bandwidth, precision targeting systems, sensors, and protected and informed movement of soldiers in battle tanks.

- Those that come up with prototypes of usable products would be supported with 1.5 crore each and friendly procurement procedures from the Ministry under SPARK or Support for Prototype & Research Kickstart in Defence.

India's Advanced Air Defense Interceptor Shoots down Ballistic Missile Target in Test

- The Defense Research Development Organization (DRDO), the Indian Ministry of Defense's (MoD) research and development wing, conducted a successful test of its indigenously designed and built Advanced Air Defense (AAD)/ Ashvin Advanced Defense interceptor missile from Abdul Kalam Island, home to the Indian military's principle missile test facility, the Integrated Test Range, off the coast of Odisha in the Bay of Bengal.
Facebook Launches Digital Literacy Library

➢ **Aim:** To help young people build skills they need to safely enjoy online technology

➢ Library is resource for educators looking to address digital literacy

➢ It help the young people to build the skills they need to safely enjoy digital technology

➢ There are **18** interactive lessons and videos

➢ It has been developed in partnership with Youth and Media team at **Berkman Klein Center** for Internet and Society at Harvard University for educators of youth aged **11 to 18**.
China - Researchers Create World’s First Single-Chromosome Yeast

- Researchers developed the yeast while not affecting the majority of its functions.

- Researchers used CRISPR-Cas9 genome-editing to create a single-chromosome yeast strain.

- Using the CRISPR-Cas9, the research team removed the DNA at the telomeres, the ends of chromosomes that protect them from degrading.

- They also snipped out the centromeres, sequences in the middle that are important to DNA replication.

- **Significance:** Breakthrough could help in furthering research related to aging and diseases in humans.

- It may also pave the way for new man-made species in the future.
AWARDS & HONOURS

Bhartruhari Mahtab Receives Best Parliamentarian Award for 2017:-

➢ BJD's MP from Cuttack, Bhartruhari Mahtab, received the Best Parliamentarian award for the year 2017 from President Ram Nath Kovind today.
➢ The Lok Sabha member was awarded by the President at an event attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu and Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan.

APPOINTMENTS

Ajay Data - First Indian to get elected as ICANN ccNSO council member

➢ He has been selected for two-year term
➢ He will be representing India at global level and will be also custodian of Asia, Australia and Pacific Islands as member of ccNSO.
➢ He is founder & CEO of Data XGen Plus
➢ ICANN ccNSO - Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) Country Code Supporting Organisation.
PV Sindhu Won Silver in Badminton World Championships 2018

PV Sindhu settled for silver in the Badminton World Championships 2018 by losing against Carolina Marin of Spain.

- Marin beat Sindhu 21-19, 21-10 in the finals held at Nanjing, China.
- Carolina Marin became the first woman shuttler to win the world championships thrice.

Karman becomes 6th Indian woman to enter top 200 Tennis rankings in Singles.
Karman Kaur Thandi, 20-year-old Delhi girl, jumped 32 places and now ranked 200th in the WTA (Women's Tennis Association) list.

In April, India's top singles player Ankita had broken into the top-200 and is now ranked 195 (-4).

Earlier, Sania Mirza, Nirupama Vaidyanathan, Shikha Uberoi and Sunitha Rao had made it to the top-200.

In the men's singles, Yuki Bhambri was unchanged at 86 while Ramkumar Ramanathan climbed four places to a career-best 111.

Gaganjeet Bhullar won European Tour Title

Gaganjeet Bhullar golf player won around 9 Asian Tour titles. He became the most successful Indian player on Asian Tour. He defeated Anthony Quayle of Australia.

Indian wrestlers won medals in wrestling Championship 2018
Indian wrestlers won titles, in overall, in the U-15 Asian schoolboys’ freestyle & Greco-Roman style wrestling Championship 2018.

They bagged one gold, six silvers and eight bronze medals for a total of 169 points.

**Indian winners:**

**Freestyle:**
- **Gold:** Aman (52kg)
- **Silver:** Mahesh (57kg), Parvinder (62kg), Karan (68kg)
- **Bronze:** Anil (38kg), Chirag (44kg), Vital (75kg), Vikas (85kg)

**Greco-Roman:**
- **Silver:** Rupin (48kg), Omkar (57kg), Arshdeep Singh (85kg)
- **Bronze:** Yashvir Malik (38kg), Laungamba (52kg), Ravi (62kg), Deepak (75kg)

**Netherlands crowned as world champions for the eighth time at Women's Hockey Tournament**

- **Kitty van Male**, top scorer at the Women's Hockey Tournament.
- **Spain** won the third-place match by beating Australia 3-1 to claim their first ever World Cup medal.
- **India** finished the tournament at the 8th spot.

**Kento Momota first Japanese man to win Badminton World Championships**

- Kento Momota became the first Japanese man to win the Badminton World Championships.
- The explosive 23-year-old convincingly defeated China's highly promising Shi Yuqi 21-11, 21-13 in Nanjing.
IMPORTANT DAYS

August 6 – Hiroshima Day

➤ 73rd anniversary of atomic bombing in World War II

➤ On August 6, 1945, the US bomber Enola Gay dropped the first atomic bomb nicknamed ‘Little Boy’ ever used in military combat on Hiroshima.

➤ One of its B-29s dropped a Little Boy uranium gun-type bomb on Hiroshima.

➤ Acute effects of the atomic bombings killed 90,000–146,000 people in Hiroshima.

August 6 – Birth Remembrance of Alexander Fleming

➤ Discoverer of Penicillin

➤ He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Medicine for his discovery in 1945.
NEWS IN PICTURES

Tamil Nadu
Ranked

in the Country for Providing Good Governance and
Marching Towards Numero Uno Position -
Realizing the Vision of
Hon’ble Puratchi Thalaivi AMMA

1st Rank

👍 Social Capital
👍 Reduction of Violent Crimes
👍 Prevention of Atrocities
👍 Effective Policing
👍 Institutional Structure and Governance for the Welfare of Children
2nd Rank

- Educational Facilities
- Delivery of Justice
- Forest Cover
- Renewable Energy
- Waste Management
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Water Resource Management
- Health and Medical Facilities
- Welfare and Protection of Women & Children
- Control of Pollution & Environmental Violations

Good Governance Leading to Sustained Growth

Source: Public Affairs Index 2018 Released by Public Affairs Center, Bengaluru
NGO Wants Constitution Bench to Hear Plea against Article 35A

IS KASHMIR SPECIAL? SC TO HEAR TODAY

A PETITION FILED BY AN NGO, ‘WE THE CITIZENS’ – WHICH IS LINKED TO RSS – CHALLENGING THE ARTICLE 35A IS UP FOR HEARING IN THE APEX COURT TODAY

Photo: Bilal Bahadur

What is Article 35A

- Empowers J&K legislature to define state’s ‘permanent residents’ and their special rights and privileges. Added to Constitution in 1954 through order by President Rajendra Prasad on the advice of the Nehru cabinet.
- Order was issued under Article 370 (1) (d), which empowers President to make certain “exceptions and modifications” to the Constitution for the benefit of “State subjects”

Why it matters

- J&K constitution says a permanent resident is a person who is a state subject on May 14, 1954 and has “lawfully acquired immovable property in the state”, or those before May 14, 1954 was a State Subject of Class I or of Class and have migrated after March 1, 1947 to the territory now included in Pakistan, and returns to the State under a permit for resettlement.
- Thus, it blocks citizens of India outside of J&K from settling in the state or getting a govt job. If it is removed, J&K would not be able to define who is a permanent resident.

What is the contention

- Petitioner contends order on Art 35A bypassed parliamentary route of lawmaking. Art 368 (1) empowers only the Parliament to amend the Constitution.
M-STRIPES MOBILE APPLICATION WAS INTRODUCED BY THE NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (NTCA) IN COLLABORATION WITH THE WILDLIFE INSTITUTE OF INDIA (WII)

Monitoring System for Tigers - Intensive Protection and Ecological Status

There are two variants of the app

Used for daily patrolling, monitoring, law enforcement, recording wildlife crimes, wildlife deaths and anthropogenic pressures. Can also record information such as spotting of pugmarks

Released in 2018 and specially designed for census purposes

Advantages of the app

> Human errors can be avoided while entering the information in data sheets
> Can enter precise location of the spotting using GPS
> Information can be collated and processed quicker

> The head office of the beat would have the desktop version of the app where all the data is entered by the field-level workers
> The animal density would be displayed as a map using GPS
> Other data would be given as spreadsheets

The final data will be sent to NTCA and WII

Fields to enter information

> Location of spotting (automatically done using GPS)
> Number of animals spotted
> Number of young ones
> Gender of the animals
> Distance of the animal from the worker
> Angle at which the animal stands with respect to the worker
> Behaviour of the animal (description)

If there is no network connection in the field, the app can be used in offline mode and later the data can be downloaded

In addition to tiger reserves, the app would hereafter be used in all forest beats
**SINDHU’S PERFORMANCE IN FINAL**

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"Sometimes it is not your day, ups and downs will always be there."
— PV SINDHU
AFTER ODIs, KOHLI ALSO WORLD NO.1 IN TESTS

➤ Virat Kohli replaces Steve Smith as world’s top-ranked Test batsman, the first Indian batsman since Sachin Tendulkar in June 2011 to head the list. He already held the No.1 rank in one-day internationals

➤ Kohli has 934 rating points, 14th highest on the all-time list for batsmen and highest ever for any Indian

➤ Sunil Gavaskar, Dilip Vengsarkar, Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, Virender Sehwag & Gautam Gambhir are the other Indian batsmen who got the top rank in Tests

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REMEMBERING RUKMINI LAKSHMIPATHI ON HER DEATH ANNIVERSARY
(DECEMBER 6, 1892 - AUGUST 6, 1951)

Rukmini Lakshmipathi is remembered as one of the iconic freedom fighters of India. She was a prominent Congress politician who went on to become the First Woman Minister of the erstwhile Madras Presidency. She was known for her participation in Salt Satyagraha of 1930, for which she was jailed for a year.

EARLY LIFE

➢ She was born on December 6, 1892 in a family of farmers.

➢ Her grandfather was a landlord.

➢ After pursuing her graduation from the Women’s Christian College in Madras (now Chennai), Rukmini married Dr. Achanta Lakshmipathi.

➢ At the age of 31, Lakshmipathi joined the Indian National Congress that was actively involved in the freedom struggle against the British Empire.

➢ She is said to have donated all her jewellery to the Harijan Welfare Fund.

➢ She was heavily influenced by leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Rajagopalachari and Sarojini Naidu.
TRYST WITH POLITICS

➤ Rukmini entered politics in 1920s.
➤ She got involved in the Swadeshi movement and took to spinning khadi and persuading young women to wear khadi.
➤ She joined the Indian National Congress in **1923** and played an active role in organising the **Youth League** of the Congress.
➤ In 1926, she attended the International Women's Suffrage Alliance Congress at Paris as the Indian representative.

ROLE IN FREEDOM STRUGGLE

➤ Rukmini entered the women’s movement in 1911.
➤ She became the Secretary of the **Bharat Stree Mahamandal**.
➤ She also joined the Women’s India Association (WIA) in 1917.
➤ In 1930, she joined the Civil Disobedience Movement and was sentenced to imprisonment for a year.
➤ She worked for the upliftment of women, their education, condemnation of child marriage, and other social reforms.

SALT SATYAGRAHA

➤ In 1930, Lakshmipathi participated in the Salt Satyagraha that was organised to protest against the salt tax imposed by the British in India.
➤ March was led by Rajaji and witnessed support from 150 volunteers, mostly from the Congress.
➤ It began on **April 13, 1930**, from Trichinopoly (now Tiruchirapalli) and ended at Vedaranyam with the arrest of the protesters.
➤ Lakshmipathi became the **first woman prisoner** in this movement in 1931.
LEGISLATIVE STINT

- In 1934, Lakshmipathi was elected to the Madras Legislative Council after winning a by-election.
- After winning the 1937 elections, she became the first woman to become a member of the Madras Presidency Legislative Assembly.
- On July 15, 1937, she was elected as the Deputy Speaker of the Assembly and she held the position of the Deputy Speaker till 1945.
- When T. Prakasam became the Chief Minister of Madras Presidency in 1946, Rukmini Lakshmipathi served as a Minister of Public Health in his cabinet, the first woman Minister in the State from May 1946 – March 1947.
- She passed away on August 6, 1951 at the age of 58.

IN HER MEMORY

- In 1997, the Government of India issued a postage stamp in her honour.
- Marshall's road in Egmore has been renamed after her.