Tamil Nadu

• Tamil Nadu - Thanjavur Tamil University signs MoU with Bhasha Sangam, Allahabad – for the development of the Tamil Language
• V Raju – took charge as the new Chief GM of BSNL Tamil Nadu circle
  ✓ He succeeds R Marshal Antony Leo

Schemes

• Mukhyamantri Yuva Nestam - an unemployment allowance scheme launched by Andhra Pradesh
✓ **Objective** – to provide Rs 1000 per month unemployed youth in state

✓ The scheme will benefit 12 lakh youth in the 22-35 years age group from state

✓ The allowance will be directly credited in bank accounts through biometric authentication

🌟 **SAATHI** – A new initiative launched jointly by Ministry of Textiles and Ministry of Power

![Ministry of Textiles and EESL logos]

✓ **Objective** – to accelerate the adoption of energy efficient textile technologies in the powerloom sector and obtain cost savings

✓ **Primary Entity** - Energy Efficiency Services Limited

✓ **Initial Scope** – to replace old inefficient electric motors with energy efficient IE3 motors which will result in energy and cost saving up to 10-15%

✓ **Pilot study** – to be done at Power loom clusters in Ichalkaranji, Bhiwandi, Erode, Surat, Bhilwara and Panipat

✓ **SAATHI** – Sustainable and Accelerated Adoption of efficient Textile technologies to Help small Industries
**STATES**

**Telangana** – The state police to use ‘Facial Recognition system’ along with their mobile App, ‘TSCOP’

- Objective – to identify criminals/suspects at lightning speed by comparing a suspect's face with lakhs of digital photographs of people including offenders, wanted and those missing stored in the central database of Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems

**Rajasthan** – approves the setting up of 55 POCSO Courts

- Under the new set up, each district would have at least one such court to deal with cases of crime against children

**Delhi** – celebrates 1st ever Dragonfly Festival from Aug 3 to Sep 1, 2018

- It is the 1st ever festival for Insects, including Damselfly and Dragonfly

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Image: Dragonfly Festival

**What Dragonflies are Important?**

- Help control population of harmful insects, mosquitoes
- Survive in pure and clean water, ensuring that the waterbody/lake is clean
- Dragonfly larvae are equally important as they feed on mosquito eggs and larvae

**Do-It-Yourself Dragonfly Pond**

- Use a small, wide bucket
- Keep a shallow planter of Illy and cover it with pebbles to hold mud in place
- Use plants like submerged hydrialla
- India has about 500 recorded species
- 3,012 species of dragonflies known in 2010; classified into 348 genera in 11 families

**Why Dragonflies are Important**

- Rhyothemis variegata (Common picture wing)
- Ceracron cormandelii (Coromandel marsh dart)

**Notes:**

Dragonflies are important for controlling harmful insects, and their larvae are beneficial in cleaning water bodies. In Delhi, a 1st ever Dragonfly Festival was celebrated from Aug 3 to Sep 1, 2018, highlighting the importance of these insects.
Organised by - WWF (World Wide Fund) India and the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS)

Dragonfly census – to be taken on Aug 19, 2018

Karnataka – makes Yoga mandatory for all colleges and universities in the State

It is informed that all government, aided and private degree colleges in the state must conduct yoga for 20-minutes

NATIONAL

Lok Sabha – Passes Constitution (123rd Amendment) Bill

Objective - to provide constitutional status to the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC).

Now, the bill will be tabled in the Parliament’s upper house, Rajya Sabha.

A constitutional amendment under Article 368 needs to be passed by both the houses separately with a special majority

The bill as passed by the Lok sabha inserts Article 338 B in the constitution, which provides for a Commission for the Socially and Educationally backward Classes with a Chairperson, vice chairperson and 3 other members, all of whom shall be appointed by the President of India
Key Points of the Bill

- It provides for granting of constitutional status to the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) on par with the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes.
- As per the bill’s provisions, all benefits given to the SCs and STs like scholarship will also be extended to the backward classes.
- The bill will provide the NCBC with the powers of a civil court while probing any complaint.
- Earlier, a committee has been set up under Justice G Rohini to examine sub-categorisation of Other Backward Classes.
- The Union government has also agreed to appoint one woman member in the NCBC, as per the suggestions.

Move Hack – a new global Mobility Hackathon launched by NITI Aayog.

Objective - to crowd source the solutions aimed at future of mobility in India

- It is first platform in the world that has integrated public transport, private transport, road safety, multimodal connectivity and new age transport technologies such as zero emission vehicles and intra city aerial transport.
- Partnership – Singapore Government and Powered by Hacker Earth
- Strategic partner – NASSCOM
- Knowledge partner – PwC
✓ Launched by – Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog

✓ It has 3 legs – Online Leg, Singapore Leg and the Finals

✓ It has 2 approaches – Just code it & Just solve it

✓ Themes - 10

✓ The winners will be announced during Move Summit 2018 organized by NITI Aayog on 7 and 8 September 2018 in New Delhi

✓ It is open to individuals from all nationalities

🌟 GI Tag – given to Kadknath chicken meat from Jhabua district of Madhya Pradesh

🌟 Category - “Meat Product, Poultry & Poultry Meat”

✓ GI tag denotes that product comes from particular geographical region

✓ Kadknath or Kali Masi is a unique breed of chicken that is complete black colour, including its bones and organs

✓ The black color is due to the presence of ‘Melanin’ pigment

✓ It is present mainly in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh

✓ Its meat is said to have medicinal values

✓ GI Granting Authority – Chennai based, Geographical Indication Registry and Intellectual Property India
**i2i – Integrate to Innovate Program** – launched by ‘Invest India’ under Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion in partnership with the Energy companies

- **Objective** – to provide opportunity for the startups to have collaboration with the larger corporations in Energy sector and implement their new ideas in the Energy field

- **Scope** – across various stages of Energy cycle like Generation, transmission and distribution, storage and consumption

- **Time period** – 3 months

- **Invest India**
  - It is authorized to facilitate investments in India
  - It is the first stop for potential global investors in the country

**4th India International Footwear Fair 2018** – starts at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi.
**SUPREME COURT VERDICT**

🌟 Revamp of Judicial Infrastructure – Supreme Court Ruling

- Appointment of Court Managers with MBA degree – to assist in court Administration
- Provision of basic infrastructure facilities in all courts
- The court complex to have administrative offices, a mediation centre, canteens, air-conditioning, and drinking water.
- Sufficient and proper parking space in the court complex
- Courts to have a proper atmosphere for children and vulnerable witnesses
- Court complex should have CCTV cameras, a dispensary, crèche, a help desk, solar power installations and adequate restrooms.
- The entry and exit points should have the maps and floor plans
Maldives – Unveils World’s 1st Intertidal Art Gallery

- It is named as ‘Coralarium’
- It has 30 structures, which act as habitat for coral and other marine species
- It also features Semi-submerged exhibits, which appears and disappears as the tide goes in and out
- It is at a depth of 3m in the lagoon

Maldives
- Capital – Male
- Currency – Rufiyaa
- President – Abdulla Yameen
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

⭐ Rashmi – World’s 1st Hindi speaking Humanoid Robot is being developed by Ranchi-based software developer Ranjit Srivastava

✅ It can also speak Bhojpuri, Marathi, and English with facial expressions and recognition systems.

⭐ Google - plans a new Censored version of Search engine in China - that will block websites and certain search terms

✅ The project is code named “Dragonfly” and has been underway since the 2017

✅ It has to be recalled that Google’s main search platform is blocked in China along with its video platform YouTube

⭐ Ask Motabhai – a new Chatbot launched by Bombay Stock exchange
✓ It is built on Microsoft’s AI platform
✓ It provides on-demand information to investors from BSE’s info-base

🌟 GoWhats That – India’s 1st in-phone **Tourist Guide and Mobile application** launched

✓ Launch by – Dharmendra Pradhan, Min for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Skill development & Entrepreneurship
✓ Venue – Rock Garden, Chandigarh
✓ **Key Features**
  ✓ GoWhatsThat has a QR Code which is enabled within the phone guide
  ✓ Tourists can scan the QR code to get detailed information about the history of a particular spot.
  ✓ There are 1,100 tags which have been placed at different tourist spots
  ✓ Information can be accessed in 50 languages through various modes like Audio, video, text, pictures etc.,

**DEFENCE**

🌟 DRDO – successfully tests ‘Interceptor Missile’ – as part of the under development “Ballistic Missile Interceptor” Advanced Air Defence (AAD) system – from the Abdul Kalam Island off Odisha (Earlier Wheeler Island)

🌟 LCA, Tejas – successfully landed on the Shore based Test facility in Goa

✓ After the series of trials, Naval LCA is expected to begin Touch & Go Landings on the Navy’s Sole carrier ‘INS Vikramaditya’ by the end of the Year.

**ECONOMY**

🌟 **State Bank of Mauritius** – becomes the 1st bank approved by RBI to operate in the country through a wholly-owned subsidiary route under the name SBM Bank(India)
✓ Currently it has 4 operational branches in Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad and Ramachandrapuram and intends to open another 6 by 2019

✓ SBM was established in 1994 in India

✓ Singapore’s DBS bank - is another bank which is waiting for RBI’s approval to operate by converting its 12 branches as a wholly owned subsidiary.

⭐ SBI – signs MoU with Reliance Jio – for Digital banking services

✓ It has to be noted that Jio and SBI are joint partners in the Jio Payments Bank

⭐ North East Venture Fund – set up for the North Eastern states

✓ Fund – Rs 100 crores

✓ Ministry - Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER)

⭐ State Bank of India – to provide Rs 25000 crores long term loan – to NHAI, National Highways Authority of India

⭐ Morgan Stanley GDP Predictions

✓ 7.5% - for the year 2018-19 as against 6.7 % in 2017-18
TRAJ – announces auction of 5G spectrum for the 1st time in India – at a Pan-India reserve price of Rs 492 crore per MHz

✓ TRAI – Telecom Regulatory authority of India

NABARD - has sanctioned Rs 772 crores for 8 water projects in Haryana

**APPOINTMENTS**

**Bharat Anand**, an Indian-Origin professor at Harvard Business School, has been named Harvard University’s new Vice Provost for Advances in Learning (VPAL), a role that focuses on teaching and learning innovation.

✓ He has twice received the HBS Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence

✓ Mr Anand received his BA in economics from Harvard College and his PhD in economics from Princeton University.

✓ He is a recipient of the Greenhill Award for outstanding contributions to Harvard Business School.

✓ **Office of the Vice Provost for Advances in Learning**

✓ **Established - 2013**

✓ **Objectives**

✓ To oversee initiatives such as HarvardX, the University’s online learning platform

✓ To oversee the Harvard Initiative for Learning and Teaching (HILT), whose aim is to catalyze innovation and excellence in learning and teaching,
Oscar Kerketta - appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Rwanda

✓ Rwanda

✓ Capital – Kigali
✓ President – Paul Kagame
✓ Prime Minister – Édouard Ngirente
✓ Currency – Rwandan franc

AWARDS

✓ Sashi Cheliah – 39 year old Indian origin Australian – wins the MasterChef Australia 2018, a popular Culinary reality show

✓ Cheliah has served in the Singapore police force for over a decade and then relocated to Australia, where he is working as a prison guard in a women’s prison.
★ Javed Akhtar, Noted Hindi Lyricist and Poet - has been awarded with "Shalaka Samman" of Hindi Academy Delhi - for his contribution to films and poetry

![Javed Akhtar](image)

**SPORTS**

★ Joe Root, Captain of England Cricket Team - became the world's third youngest and the fastest batsman to complete 6,000 Test runs – during the 1st day of the 1st test between England and India at Edgbaston, Birmingham

![Joe Root](image)

✓ **Fastest Batsman**

✓ Root took 2058 days to reach the milestone beating Alastair Cook's record of 2168 days.

✓ **3rd Youngest Batsman**

✓ Root reached the milestone at 27 years and 323 days of age. The fastest was Sachin Tendulkar at 26 years and 313 days and second on the list is Alastair Cook (27 years 43 days)

✓ Earlier, during this ongoing test match, England became the first team to play 1000 Test matches in their history. Australia are 2nd on the list of most Test matches played with 812, while West Indies have played 535 and India 523 tests.
Karman Kaur Thandi (Delhi) – becomes 6th Indian Woman Tennis player to crack into Top-200 world Singles rankings

- She is currently at exact No 200 in the WTA list
- Earlier in April 2018, Ankita Raina broke into Top-200 and is currently at 195.
- Other Woman Tennis Players who were in Top-200
  - Sania Mirza
  - Nirupama Vaidyanathan
  - Shikha Uberoi
  - Sunitha Rao

23rd Asian Athletics Championships – to be held in Doha, Qatar from April 19 to April 24, 2019

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‘State Energy Efficiency Preparedness Index’ – by NITI Aayog and Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)

Objective - to create awareness and to develop an action plan for energy conservation initiatives
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**OBITUARY**

⭐ **Dr Bhishma Narain Singh, Senior Congress leader**
✓ Born – Udaigarh, Palamau district, Jharkhand

✓ First elected to the Bihar assembly in 1967

✓ Appointed as chief whip of the Congress party in parliament in 1978

✓ Served as Cabinet Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Works and Housing & Labour and Communication

✓ Later, he was appointed as Governor of Assam and Meghalaya in 1984 and Chairman of North Eastern Council.

✓ He was given additional charge as Governor of Sikkim in 1985 and Arunachal Pradesh in 1987

✓ In 1991, Singh was entrusted with the job of Governor of Tamil Nadu along with additional charge of Pondicherry and Andman Nicobar Island.

⭐ Malayalam Ghazal Singer and Composer Umbayee

✓ Original Name – P A Ibrahim

⭐ Age – 68

✓ He was known for his reinvention of several old Malayalam film songs in his own natural style

✓ He was an expert in playing table and Harmonium
INTERNATIONAL DAY

★ 3rd August – National Watermelon Day

✔ Watermelon Day is an annual holiday which celebrates everyone's favorite summer fruit, Water Melon

✔ It has almost 92% water with full of Vitamins A, C, and antioxidants, carotenoid and lycopene, which can reduce the risks of some types of cancer

✔ Watermelon is an ancient food that is believed to have originated in tropical Africa, 4000 years ago

✔ Watermelon is the official vegetable of the state of Oklahoma in the United States

NEWS IN PICTURES

★ Apple – becomes the 1st US company to hit a market value of $1 trillion
The consumer-technology giant briefly touched the milestone in New York based on the share count data

Earlier in 2007, Petro China Co, briefly crossed this valuation but it slumped quickly following the financial collapse

**HOW APPLE ROSE TO $1 TRILLION**

- 61% of Apple is iPhone, in terms of revenue
- $260bn is the cash with Apple
- Apple’s value is $50 billion more than the combined value of all 30 Sensex companies – India’s most valuable

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**Apple**

- Founded – 1976
- Founder – Steve Jobs
- CEO – Tim Cook
- Flagship Products - iMac desktop computer, the iPod, iPhone, and iPad
கிருஷ்ண கிருஷ்ணமான கேரளத்திலுள்ள நகராட்சி மற்றும் பிரதமராக பால்பானுக்கு அதிகரிப்பான ஜனமசாகு போட்டிகளிலான மாநில வரலாற்று, நூறுப்புக், சிற்றார்வாள், பாணிகை, குளையினர், பால்பானுழை கொண்டாக உள்ளார். சங்கத்திலே பால்பானுக்கு முன்னாகி பால்பானுக்கு கொண்டாக உள்ளார். அதனால் பால்பானுக்கு நூறுப்புக் குறிப்பிட்டு செய்துள்ளது வேலூர் இலங்கையை பால்பானுக்கு எழுதியுள்ளார்.

பிறப்பு:-
கிருஷ்ண கிருஷ்ணமான அரசுக்காக, குருப்பத்தில் செய்துள்ளார் ஒரு காற்றியம் அதிகரிப்பான போட்டிகளிலான காற்றியம் அதிகரிப்பான போட்டிகளிலான காற்றியம் மற்றும் போட்டிகளிலான காற்றியம் மற்றும் போட்டிகளிலான காற்றியம் மற்றும் போட்டிகளிலான காற்றியம். 17, 1756 ஆம் ஆண்டுக்கு பிறக்கின்றார். போட்டிகளிலான போட்டிகளிலான காற்றியம். போட்டிகளிலான போட்டிகளிலான காற்றியம்.
சிங்கு கிள்ளாணதப் பெரும் குரூபம்:-

சிங்குத்தித் பிரிமீப்பட்ட விளங்குத் தோற் தந்து மண்டம் தமிழுறை உள்ளிட்டு மண்டலக்குடியான வருடானதுப் போக்கு செய்யும் மக்களுக்கு விள்ளையானது வேகாக வரும் விளக்கத்தில் நாணயத்துக்கு விளங்குத் தோற் தந்து குரூபம் குயினராக விளங்குத் தோற் தந்து, விளங்குத் தோற் தந்து விளங்குத் தோற் தந்து, விளங்குத் தோற் தந்து, விளங்குத் தோற்

கி.நவராத்ரி மக்கள் போட்டு:-

கி.நவராத்ரி கலந்தனி:-

கி.நவராத்ரி முறையே புகழ்பூர் 7, 1782 ஆம் ஆண்டு மாதத்திசையில் பிள்ளை அவரால் பதன் சின்ன கட்டையும் கீழே பொருத்தப்படுகின்றன. சின்ன கட்டையும் அவர் வெளியிலும் கிளங்கு கிளங்கு வரும் அத்துறையே வெளியிலும் போக்குக் கூடாம், முடிவு திருச்சம்  கிளங்கு வரும் வரும் கிளங்கு வரும் கிளங்கு வரும். கிளங்கு வரும் தோறும் போட்டு:-

முள்ளா கொடு போட்டு வெளிப்படுத்தும் தன்னிலை வெளிப்படுத்தும் அத்துறையே வெளியிலும், பம்பி போட்டு பிக்கலாவது கிளங்கு கிளங்கு.

சிவப்பு காலந்தணி பிரிமீப்பட்ட வாய்ந்தது தன்னிலை வெளிப்படுத்தும் அத்துறையே வெளியிலும், மேலிலும் பிக்கலாவது பகுதிகளும், தொட்டும் போட்டும் சிவப்பு காலந்தணி முதல் 1799ம் போட்டுக்குள்ளுத்தோறும் வெளிப்படுத்தும்.
நில்லாமத்தூரில் பிள விழுக்காடை:-

சிங்கிளியாவின் மாசுதுர்கும்பாசு பேராசிரியர் வச்சைப்பால் முன்னெடுத்த கிராமம் நூற்றாண்டிலேன் சமாதி சில்லமடல் கி.பி. 1799ல் இடம்பெற்ற போர்களில் பேராசிரியர் வச்சைப்பால், சிங்கிளியா பல்யூரிக்கு கிராமம் பல்யூரிக்கு தவறுத்துவம் வேறுபட்டது. அண்மயின் பல்யூரிக்கு கிராமம் பல்யூரிக்கு வீசுத்துத்துவம், துணைய அழகு பரணம்பகுதிகள் அயிரிடுவது. அங்கு நுரல் நூற்றாண்டு மக்கள் பரணம்பகுதிகள் அவர்காலத்தில் காலம் கிராமம் விளையாடுதல் காலம் கொண்டு குளிர். கிராமம் கிளியாவின் குடியிருப்பிலை குறும் குளிர் 3, 1800ல். கிளியாவின் குடியிருப்பிலை குறும் குளிர் கிளியாவிலை. குவிவால் குளிர் பெருமான்கள் தியானிக் குளிர் காலமுற்றிய குளிர் காலமுற்றிய குளிர் காலமுற்றியக் குளிர் காலமுற்றிய.

★ 1801ல், பிள்வூரிக்கு நூற்றாண்டு காலம் பேராசிரியர் அரங்கத்தூரில் போர்களில் பயிரி-காற்றிருக்குளோரில் நன்மக்கு கிலாணமடல் விழுக்காடையில்.

★ 1802ல் பட்டாள்பூரிக்கு நூற்றாண்டு பேராசிரியர் அரங்கத்தூரில் போர்களில் கிலாணமடல் விழுக்காடையில்.

★ 1803ல் அரங்கத்தூரில் பேராசிரியர் அரங்கத்தூரில் போர்களில் கிலாணமடல் விழுக்காடையில்.

குறுக்காலம்:-

அரங்கத்தூரில் கிலாணமடலில் சமாதி தூரிக்கு காலம் காலம் பதிலிபில்கை சாவ்வான் கேரளாக்குதல் காலம் போர்களில் குறுக்காலம் கிலாணமடலில் முதல் 31, 1805 இல் குறுக்காலம். குறுக்காலம், பாறை நூற்றாண்ட் சில்லமடல் விழுக்காடையில்.
கிளங்குகிளங்கு:-

★ கிளங்கு கிளங்கமக்களுடன் கிளங்க கிளங்க கிளங்க அரசா நிறுவன கிளங்க கிளங்க அரசாகபாப்பனா.

★ கிளங்குகிளங்கு கிளங்கமக்கள் கிளங்க நிறுவன முன்னேற்றமைப்பர் கிளங்க.

★ கிளங்குகிளங்கு கிளங்கமக்கள் கிளங்க நிறுவன முன்னேற்றார் கிளங்க நிறுவன முன்னேற்றமைப்பார் கிளங்க.

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