Tamil Nadu

- **Postal Insurance Scheme** – Tamilnadu stands 1st in the country

- **Satyashree Sharmila** (Ramanathapuram) – 1st Transgender to register as a lawyer in Tamilnadu and Puducherry Bar Council

**Schemes**

- **Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan** (Prime Minister’s Safe Motherhood Campaign)
  - **Madhya Pradesh** – Awarded 1st Prize for reducing Maternal Mortality rate by 48 digits (Key info – MP has recorded 22% decline – MMR in 2014 – 221 and in 2016 – 173)
States

- **Odisha** – Signs MoU with RIMES (Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early warning system) for effective management of disasters
  (Key info - RIMES – UN’s inter-governmental body with India as its Chairman
  - Established in 2009
  - Headquarters – Pathumthani, Thailand
  - Tamilnadu is already a member of RIMES)

- **Rajasthan & Andaman and Nicobar Islands** – have launched ‘National Generic Document Registration system’ for digital Land registrations in Sub-registrar offices

- **Gujarat** – to get 100 units of Digital Farming from Israel
  (Key info – Digital Farming units have Sensor techniques for better Water and fertilizer utilization – They also provide real-time data by means of Soil, weather and Crop monitoring – It is a cloud-based technology, with multiple access at different locations)

- **Maharashtra, Mumbai** – gets the distinction of UNESCO’s World Heritage Site (2nd Indian city), after three of its iconic places,
  - Elephanta,
  - Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus &
  - Victorian & Art Deco Ensembles
  are named as part of the list of ‘World Heritage Sites’
  (Key info - 1st Indian City to get UNESCO’s World Heritage Site status – Ahmedabad)

- **Maharashtra** – launches ‘Cotton Mission’ – to empower Cotton farmers in vidarbha region
  (Key info – ‘Cotton mission’ is launched by signing a MoU with MCX, Multi commodity exchange of India.
  - MCX is currently No 1 in silver futures trading, No 2 in Natural gas and No 3 in crude oil & Gold futures trading)
International Days

- **June 29 – International day of the Tropics**
  Celebrated to highlight the challenges and issues of the Tropic zone, between Tropic of Cancer and Tropic of Capricorn, Since 2016

- **June 30 – 1st International Day of Parliamentarism**
  (Key info – celebrated by UN – to recognize the role of parliaments in the National plans and strategies)

- **June 30 – International Asteroid Day**
  (Key info - Celebrated since 2016 to mark the anniversary of Tunguska Asteroid, the largest ever Asteroid to impact Earth, which hit Siberia on 30th June 1908)

MoUs & Pacts

- **MoU – between NITI Aayog & Gujarat Narmada Valley fertilizers & Chemicals Limited** - For implementing ‘Block chain Technology’ to the fertilizer subsidy management
  (Key info – Block chain technology has inherent capability of distributed computing and separate digital ledgers for various transactions)

- **MoU – between Min of Women and child development & NASSCOM** – for updation of ICDS-CAS app (Integrated child development services – Common application software)
National

- **ICF, Chennai** – launches 1st Stainless steel Mainline EMU (Electric multiple unit) (Key info - ICF, Chennai established in the year 1952)

- **Ayurvedic Medicine** – to be introduced as a Subject for 'Sanskrit' students by Ministry of Ayush

- **National centre for Ageing** – to come up at AIIMS, New Delhi – PM laid the foundation stone (Key info - Project Goal- to provide medical facilities to elderly people and for doing research in Geriatric medicine
  - Project cost – Rs 330 crores
  - Target date – Feb 2020)

- **Indian Railways** – Has removed Unmanned level crossings (UMLC) in its 4 zones,
  - West Central Railway
  - Central Railway
  - Eastern Railway
  - South East Central Railway
  (Key info - Railways has 16 Zones – Plans to reduce UMLC in 11 zones by Sep 2018 and balance before 2020)

- **Mumbai’s Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport (Terminal 1)** – becomes 1st Airport in the country to offer Automated check-in facility by introducing Self Bag Drop (SBD) arrangement
Conferences

- **Haryana** – to host “World union of Wholesale Markets conference” – in Gurugram during Oct 2018
  (Key info – WUWM aims to promote exchange of information between wholesale and retail markets to improve their management)

Banking & Economy

- **LIC** – to invest 51% in IDBI Bank – after the approval of IRDAI

World

- **International Arbitration Centre in Tokyo** – to be set up as Asia’s 1st Arbitration centre for Intellectual Property (IP) – to be opened in Tokyo in Sep 2018

Indices

- **Global Real Estate Transparency Index** – of Realty consultant, JLL
  - **India** – Ranked 35 out of 100 countries
    (Key info – 1st Place – UK, 2nd – Australia; India ranked 36th in 2016 and 40th in 2014)

- **2018 Trafficking in Persons Report** - North korea placed in Lowest ranked ‘Tier 3’ category along with China, Russia and Iran
  (Key info – India is placed in ‘Tier 2’ category whereas UK, France, Canada, South korea are placed in Highest ranking, ‘Tier 1’ category)

- **European Transport Safety Council Report**
  - Norway – Best country in the world in Traffic safety, followed by Sweden
India’s Great Place to Work for – 2018 Report
- NTPC – Only PSU in the Top 25, Ranked at 25th place

McKinsey Global Institute’s “Smart Cities: Digital Solutions for a More Livable Future” Report for Middle East and Africa
- Abu Dhabi – 1st in the Region followed by Dubai

World Bank’s Brookings Institute report titled ‘The start of a new poverty narrative’ in the Future Development blog
- India - no longer a nation with world’s largest poor population, as Nigeria – is the new World’s No 1 nation with extremely Poor people

Awards & Recognition

‘IPledgefor9’ Achievers award – Given to the meritorious Doctors and individuals who have strived to achieve Less Maternal mortality Rate and Safe motherhood – as part of Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan

India – has won the ‘Most improved Jurisdiction - 2018’ award of Global Restructuring Review – for Improved Insolvency and Restructuring regime of IBBI, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Key info - 2017 – Singapore beat India to get the award)
Science & Technology

- ‘Direct to Slide’ – a Liquid based Cytology technique – to detect Cervical cancer during early stages – launched in Chennai

Military & Defence

- PASSEX 2018 – Passage exercise under taken by Indian & Indonesian Navies (Key info – INS Shakti and INS Kamorta – participated)

Personalities in News

- Janardhan singh Gehlot – appointed as International Kabaddi Federation’s Chief – for the next 4 years
- Seema Nanda – 1st Indian American elected as CEO of Democratic party’s National Panel
- Sonakshi Sinha – Actress, joins UNESCO – to promote Safe cyberspace for Children
- Monti Rajkhowa – 1st Assamese person to scale Mt Kanchenjunga (Key info – Mt Kanchenjunga – 3rd highest peak in the world – 8586 m)
- Dr Mahi Talat Siddiqui (Kanpur) – a Muslim women, translates Ramayana into Urdu
- Harmeet Singh – 1st Sikh to become a News anchor in Pakistan
Sports

ISSF Junior World Cup (Shooting –Phase 2) – in Suhl, Germany concluded

(Key info – India won 15 Golds, 2 Silvers and 9 Bronze = 26 Medals and finished at No 1 in the medal Rankings -
• 10m Air pistol (Female) – Manu Bhaker (Haryana) set a World Junior Record
• 10m Air pistol (Male) – Saurab Chaudhary (UP) set a World Junior Record)

Kabaddi Masters Series,Dubai 2018 – Won by India – defeated Iran

FIFA World Cup 2018: Kylian Mbappe of France becomes first teenager since Pele in 1958 to score twice in tournament game.

Remembering B C Roy, on Doctor’s Day commemorating his Birth and Death Anniversary (1st July 1882 – 1st July 1962)

Bidhan Chandra Roy was the Second Chief Minister of West Bengal.

He was considered as the Great architect of West Bengal, who founded 5 cities, Durgapur, Kalyani, Bidhannagar, Ashokenagar and Habra.

He was one of the few people in the history who was able to complete his F.R.C.S. and M.R.C.P. degrees simultaneously (within only two years and three months).
- He established Indian Medical Association in 1928 and also Medical Council of India.

- He also played a crucial role in establishing the Indian Institute of Mental Health, the Infectious Disease Hospital and also Kolkata's first-ever postgraduate medical college.

- He was awarded Bharat Ratna on 4 February 1961, India's highest civilian honour.

- He was also a member of Brahmo Samaj.

- He was Mahatma Gandhi’s close friend and doctor. Though he wanted to continue his profession, when his name was proposed to be the second Chief Minister of West Bengal, it was on Gandhi’s advice that he took up the post.

- On 1 July 1962, his 80th birthday, after treating his morning patients and discharging affairs of the State, he took a copy of the "Brahmo Geet" and sang a piece from it. 11 hours later Dr. Roy died at midday past Three o’ clock.

- He gifted his house for running a nursing home named after his mother, Aghorkamini Devi.

- The B.C. Roy National Awards was instituted in 1976 for work in the area of medicine, politics, science, philosophy, literature and arts.

- The Dr. B.C. Roy Memorial Library and Reading Room for Children in the Children's Book Trust, New Delhi, was opened in 1967.

- Doctor's Day – Dr B C Roy’s Birth and Death anniversary is celebrated in India as ‘Mahaparinirvan Diwas’.
Tamil Nadu

- Geographical Indicator [G.I] tag – Swamimalai Bronze icons of Swamimalai Icon Manufacturers Cooperative Industries Limited gets GI tag along with a unique Logo

- Tamil Nadu Fiber net corporation – started by Tamil Nadu Government – to implement ‘Bharat Net’ scheme of providing Rural internet facilities to the villages

- Emergency 108 – App of Health Department, Tamilnadu (Launch in Sep 2017) – One of the most downloaded app - for Emergency calls

States

- Hyderabad, Shamshabad – World’s 2nd Tallest Statue of a Seated figure (216 feet) – of Bhakti cult saint, Ramanujacharya to be unveiled (Key info – World’s Tallest statue – Great Buddha statue in Thailand at 302 feet; Current world’s 2nd Tallest statue – Statue of Guanyin in China at 203 feet)
Maharashtra, Surat – 1st city to implement mechanized ‘Underground’ bins for Garbage storage as part of its Smart City Mission

(Key info – Chennai Corporation passed the 1st resolution to adopt it in Nov 2013, but the plan did not take off)

National

IIT, Dhanbad (Formerly Indian School of Mines) – Chosen as ‘Consultant’ for the study of impact on biodiversity due to the proposed Chennai-Salem Greenfield Corridor project

Institute of Hospitality management – to come up at Jodhpur – inaugurated by K J Alphons, Min of State for Tourism

Pan-Aadhar Link deadline extended upto – March 2019

19,500 languages - Spoken in India as ‘Mother tongues’. – As per the analysis of the Language census released – 121 languages spoken by at least 10,000 or more people

Number of Questions that can be raised by a member in Lok sabha – Reduced to 5 from the current 10 questions.

Committee

N.Chandrasekaran (Chairman, Tata Sons) Committee – has submitted its recommendations on Air India

Committee against Harassment.

Two-member panel consisting of Madras University Vice-Chancellor P. Duraisamy and Tamil Nadu Open University Vice-Chancellor M. Bhaskaran to suggest new guidelines to safeguard the students from harassment. The committee has submitted its report to the government.

Conferences

Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction 2018 (AMCDRR 2018)- to be held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia from 03-06 July, 2018

- Indian delegation headed by Shri Kiren Rijiju, Min of State for Home Affairs to participate
- Theme - ‘Preventing Disaster Risk: Protecting Sustainable Development’ – as per Sendai Framework
Economy

Top 5 FDI countries in India -2017-18
1. Mauritius - $15.94 billion
2. Singapore - $12.18 billion
3. Netherlands - $2.8 billion
4. US - $2.1 billion and
5. Japan - $1.61 billion

2017-18-ஆ நிதி ஆ தியாவால் நிதி விளிம்பாளரி அதிக மத்தியில் நிற்பாற்றும் விளிம்பாளவால் மத்தியின் நிற்பாற்றும். ஆனாச் செய்து விளாதி (1,594 நாடு 4நாடுகள். ஆசியா சம்பிமா (1,218 நாடு 4நாடு), இந்தியா-ஜெருசலேம் (280 நாடு 4நாடு), அணியக்கா (210 நாடு 4நாடு) மறுபத்து இந்தியா (161 நாடு 4நாடு) ஆகிய நாடுகள் ஆதிக மத்தியில் விளாதிப்பாற்றும்.

Rankings

Punctuality in Airports Rankings – as per OAG, British Aviation Intelligence Firm
Airports
o Japan’s Nagoya Komaki Airport - Most Punctual airport
o Mumbai’s Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport – 5th Least punctual airport in the world
Airlines
o South Korea’s T-WayAir – Top ranked Global Airlines
o Air India - Lowest Ranked Indian airline at 64 out of 65 airlines

Swiss Bank accounts in 2017 Report – India is placed at 73rd position; (2016-88th)
(1st – Britain; 2nd – USA)

Awards & Recognition

Doctor’s Day – Best Doctor Award by Tamilnadu Government
• Best Doctor’s Award - Dr Palanivel and Dr Leena Michael, Chrompet Government Hospital
(Keyinfo – TamilNadu – 1st state to enact Public Health Act in 1939 and also Ranked 1st in Child Immunisation programmes)

Doctor’s Day – Best Doctor award by Tamil Nadu Medical Council
o Governor of Tamil Nadu presented it to 11 Doctors
• Dr. S. Nambi – Medical Teaching
• Dr. N. Hephzibah Kirubamani, Medical Teaching
• Dr. R. Vimala, Medical Teaching
• Dr. L. Venkatakrishnan, Medical teaching
• Dr. K.R. Suresh Prabhu, Specialisation
• Dr. K. Narayanasamy, Specialisation
• Dr. T. Senthamilpari, Specialisation
• Dr. P. Nanda Gopalasamy, Specialisation
• Dr. D. Balraj, Socio-medical services
• Dr. M. Amanullah, Socio-medical services and
• Dr. A. Anbalagan, Socio-medical services

➢ **Anjolie Ela Menon (West Bengal)** – conferred prestigious ‘Kalidas Samman’ - for her contribution to Visual Arts and Paintings
(Key info – Kalidas Samman is presented annually by the Government of Madhya Pradesh since 1980)

![Anjolie Ela Menon](image)

➢ **Queens Young Leaders Awards 2018** – Conferred on 3 Indians
  o Deane de Menezes, Founder of ‘Red is New Green’
  o Aditya Kulkarni, Founder of ‘CareNX’
  o Trisha Shetty, Founder of ‘SheSays India’

➢ **Rahul Dravid** - Inducted into the **ICC Hall of Fame**
(Key info – Rahul Dravid is the fifth Indian to be inducted – after Sunil Gavaskar, Bishan Singh Bedi, Kapil Dev and Anil Kumble)

➢ **14th Miss North East – 2018** – Mariam Longhiri of Arunachalpradesh
Military & Defence

INS Sahyadri (Indigenous Stealth Frigate) – adjudged Runner-up in ‘Innovation Competition’ during the Harbour phase – in World’s largest Maritime exercise, RIMPAC 2018 – for integrating Yoga into the Ship regime

Commander Abhilash Tony (Indian Navy) – to participate in the Historic GGR in the indigenously built INSV Thuriya – Golden Globe Race commencing in Western France on July 1st, 2018 – to Complete in April 2019

(Key info –
  o Abhilash Tony was the only invitee from Asia out of 18 participants, including 1 woman sailor; He was the only Indian to do solo, non-stop sailing in 2012-13 onboard INSV Mhadei.
  o GGR – Single handed, non-stop circumnavigation around the world using Boat designs and technology prior to 1968, thereby prohibiting Modern day tech’s like GPS, Navigational Aids etc.,
  o Totally 30,000 miles to be covered relying only the traditional methods like stars, physical maps etc.,
  o It is conducted by UK’s Sailing Pioneer Sir Robin Knox Johnston – to commemorate his 50 years of World’s first Solo, Non-stop circumnavigation on board Indian-built boat ‘Suhaili’ in 1968)

Personalities in News

Alka Tiwary – appointed as Secretary, Central Vigilance Commission

B Sriram – takes over as CEO and MD of IDBI Bank
Sports

- **37th Champions Trophy**, Breda, Netherlands
  - Winners – Australia (15th Time)
  - Runners – India
  (Key info - 2016 – India lost to Australia in the final – This is the Last edition of Champions Trophy, which is going to be scrapped from next year)

- **12th Malaysian Open Badminton title** - Winners
  - Mens – Lee Chong Wei (Malaysia)
  - Womens – Tai Tzu Ying (Taiwan)

- **58th National Inter-state senior Athletics championship** concluded - in Guwahati, Assam – Dutte Chand broke 100m National Record to become the Fastest woman (11.29 seconds)

- **Sumeet Kumar (Tamil Nadu)** – Won Gold in International Taekwondo Championship – at Thailand

- **Austrian Formula 1 Grand prize** – Max Verstappen (Netherlands – Red Bulls)

International Days

- **July 1, 2018 – Doctor’s Day**
  - Theme - ‘zero tolerance to violence against doctors and clinical establishment’.
  - July 1 to 8 – to be celebrated as ‘Safe Fraternity Week’
Remembering GST – on its Inauguration Day

- 1st Goods and Services Tax (GST) Day was celebrated on 1st July 2018 to commemorate the first year of the implementation of the biggest reforms of Indian taxation.

- The celebrations were presided by the Chief Guest, Shri Piyush Goyal, Union Minister for Railways, Coal and Finance and Minister of State for Finance Shiv Pratap Shukla as the Guest of Honour.

- The GST was notified through the Constitution (122nd Amendment) (GST) Bill, 2014 and was enacted through Constitution (101st Amendment) Act, 2016.

- The GST was launched on July 1, 2017 in a ceremony at Central Hall of Parliament on the midnight of June 30, 2017.

- The GST regime has provided ‘ONE NATION, ONE TAX, ONE MARKET’, replacing multi-layered, complex indirect tax structure with a simple, transparent and technology-driven tax regime.

- A special GST Network (GSTN) was created for GST implementation.

- India adopted dual GST model because of its unique federal nature.

- Under this model, tax is levied concurrently by the Centre as well as the States on a common base for the supply of goods or services or both.

- GST levied by the Centre is called Central GST (Central tax / CGST) and that to be levied by the States is called State GST (State Tax / SGST).

- In November 2017, the National Anti-profiteering Authority was formed under GST to make sure that the benefits of implementation of GST reach them without any hassle.

**GST Council**

- The GST council was constituted as per Article 279A of the Indian Constitution and notified on September 12, 2016.

- The Council includes Union Finance Minister (Chairman of the Council), the Minister of State (Revenue) and the State Finance/Taxation Ministers as
members.
The council is empowered to provide recommendations to the Union and the States on all GST related issues.

**E-way Bill System**

The GST council mandated the implementation of e-way (electronic way) bill system from April 1, 2018 for Interstate and Intrastate logistics of goods in all the states.

**GST In Stats**

- **2017-18**
  - Annual receipts- Rs 7.41 lakh crores
  - Monthly Average – Rs 89,885 crores

- **2018-19**
  - Annual projection Rs 13 lakh crores
  - Monthly average Rs 1.1 lakh crores

- Total companies registered under GST in the last 1 year – 48 lakhs
- 18% increase - in Direct Tax after the introduction of GST

**GST Info**

- 1st GST Service Centre – to come up in Delhi
Filling the coffers
A look at the GST collections in the first 11 months

We are happy to state that the GST system is functioning well with around a crore returns being filed seamlessly every month

- M. N. Nambiar, Chairman of GST Network

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Source: Ministry of Finance

News in Pictures
Agni V to be inducted in Defence

India’s Most Potent Missile System

India is in the process of inducting the first batch of its intercontinental ballistic missile system - Agni V

- Capable of carrying nuclear warhead, the missile system is expected to significantly bolster the country’s military prowess
- The missile system, with a strike range of 5,000 km, will bring targets across China within its range
- Very few countries, including the US, China, Russia, France and North Korea, have intercontinental ballistic missiles

India currently has Agni 1 with 700 km range, Agni 2 with 2,000 km range, Agni 3 and Agni 4 with 2,500 km to more than 3,500 km range

The country’s most sophisticated weapon will be handed over to Strategic Forces Command after a series of user trials

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DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JULY 03, 2018
Tamil Nadu

• தமிழ்நாட்டில் அரசுத் திட்டம் ரத்தம் தொடர்ந்தது

  • அத்துடன் தமிழ்நாட்டில் அரசுத் திட்டம் ரத்தம் தொடர்ந்தது. அத்துடன், ஒரு பத்து மணி நேராக தொடங்கப்பட்டது. தமிழ்நாட்டில், ஒரு பத்து மணி நேராக தொடங்கப்பட்டது. தனித்து அறிவிக்கப்பட்டது.

  • இதன் பின் பருகிய பாரம்பரிய வாழ்வியில் பாரம்பரிய, 500 செடிகள், இரண்டு, 20 அம்மூதிய வாழ்வோழுக்கு குறைக்கப்பட்டது.

  • குறிப்பிட்டல் பருகிய செடிகள் மேற்பரப்பில், விதியாளர் தனியம். 30 தொடர் வெளிப்புற தொடர், 50 தொடர் வெளிப்புற தொடர் வெளிப்புற தொடர்.

• குறிப்பிட்டல் அரசின் ஆற்றக்காரர்களின் குறிப்பிட்டல் ஆகும் குறிப்பிட்டல்

  • குண்டு அரசின் எண் இரண்டாம் உள்நாட்டுக்காட்சியில் அதிகாரியினருடன் போகும் புதிய நிபுணக்கள் கொண்டு, இரண்டாம் உள்நாட்டுக்காட்சியில் (TAMIL NADU ADI DRAVIDAR & TRIBAL ART AND LITERATURE SOCIETY) துறைப்புத்தொடர் 2017 - 2018 ஆண்டு அறிவிக்கையாளர் குறிப்பிட்டல் / தொடர் முறை அரசின் அதிகாரியினர் / புதிய நிபுணக்கள் பிரிவுத் தொடரில் 10 தொடர்களில் போகும் அதிகாரியினர் போன்று ஓருத் தொடர் அரசின் இணைவு நடவடிக்கையை விளக்கத்து பெரும் அம்மூதிய குறிப்பிட்டல். தியான்சா தமிழ் விளக்கம் என 40,000 வண்ண தியான்சா அம்மூதிய.

• ‘சோர்க் அம்மன்’ விழாவில் நடைபெற்ற ஆர் பத்தை

  • குறிப்பிட்டல், அரசின் உடலக வளர்ச்சிக் குழுக்கு முதல் வலயாக உள்ளது. ஐந்து, 2013ல், சோனலர் முறை விழா அம்மன் என தொடங்கியது. ஐந்து, 2014 முதல் மூன்று ஆண்டுக்கட்டு நடைபெற்றது.

  • விழா அம்மன் அம்மன்கள், 15 முறையாக இருமாபம் குறிப்பிட்டல். ஆரம்பம், புதுதீரிய விழா, 12 முறையாக, விழா அம்மன் என தொடங்கி நடைபெற்றது.
Schemes

- **Vaanijya Kar, Aapke dwaar** scheme – Launched in Uttar Pradesh during ‘GST diwas’—under which the tax officials meet the traders at their shops to resolve issues.

States

- **Assam - Legatrix** - Numaligarh Refinery Ltd in Assam became the first oil public sector undertaking (PSU) in India to adopt this cloud-based online legal compliance system.

- **Chattisgarh** – to set up its first Tribal Museum in its upcoming new capital ‘Naya Raipur’

- **Delhi** – launches ‘Happiness Curriculum’ – to focus on Meditation, Moral values and Mental exercise for school students – Dalai Lama inaugurated it along with the CM and Deputy CM of Delhi.

**Himachal Pradesh** – ranked 1st among states for its performance under the (PMSMA Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritav Abhiyan) in the country.
(Key info – PMSMA is the Fixed-day strategy, on 9th of every month, to provide range of maternal health services to pregnant women)

- **Jharkhand** – to get India’s 1st Khadi Mall

- **Madhya Pradesh** – latest state to join *Ayushman Bharat Yojana* from August 15
  (Key info – ABY – NHPM to provide a coverage of Rs 5 lakh per family for hospitalization expenses – Already 20 States/UT’s have joined it, out of 33 States/UT’s in the country)

- **Odisha** – imposes a fine of **Rs 50 for Open defecation** – as it has set a target of this year end to announce it ODF.

  *National*

- **PM’s 4 point strategy to double Farmer’s income by 2022**
  - Reducing cultivation costs,
  - Ensuring profitable prices,
  - Processing farm waste and
  - Creating non-farm sources of income

  *National*

- **International**

  - **New president for Mexico**

  - **Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador** – Elected as the New president of Mexico - He belongs to National Regeneration Movement (MORENA) – He is popularly known as ‘AMLO’
Claudia Sheinbaum – elected as Mexico’s 1st Woman mayor

Committees

Ravindra Dholakia committee – 13 member committee formed by the Government – to upgrade norms for State & district level Economic data collection

Sunil Mehta committee’s recommendations – titled ‘Sashakt’ – accepted by the Government – to tackle Non-performing Assets in the Banking sector

Awards & Recognition

Alpha English Higher Secondary School, Muthialpet, Puducherry – gets National Education Excellence Award and Quality Brands India School Award 2018

Kalidas Samman 2018 - Artist A. Ramachandran (Kerala) - conferred with the prestigious ‘Kalidas Samman 2018’
(Key info – Kalidas Samman was first awarded in the year 1980 to Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer & Mallikarjun Mansur in the field of Classical Music)
IREDA - receives the UK-India ‘Deal of the Year’ award

IREDA bags ‘Deal of the Year’ award
Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) has been bestowed with the UK-India ‘Deal of the Year’ award by India Inc in London during the 2nd UK-India Conclave. The recognition is in honour of IREDA being the first issuer of green Climate Bonds Certified and Investment Grade rated bond by a financial institution. The bond was nearly two times oversubscribed – the highest in the masala space in 2017.

‘Special Icon’ Award - Irrfan Khan receives at the London Indian Film Festival

Defence & Military

Tejas – India’s Indigenously built LCA has been inducted into the Indian Air Force as part of the ‘Flying Daggers’ of 45 Squadron, from Sulur Air Force station – It is the smallest and lightest multi-role supersonic fighter aircraft

Science & Technology

SES-12 – Satellite launched by India in June 2018 – onboard a SpaceX Falcon Rocket – from Cape Canaveral in Florida, US (Key info – SES 12 to replace NSS-6 as the India’s largest satellite to offer DTH services)

PSLV – to launch its 1st Nano satellite of a Foreign country - Fleet Space Technologies (Australia) to fly its 10 kg Nano satellite on a PSLV

Personalities

Arjit Basu – appointed as MD of SBI – he replaces Rajnish Kumar, who is elevated as Chairman (Key info – Recently, Anshula Kant was appointed as MD of SBI, as it can have maximum 4 Managing Directors in its Board)

Pranjal Patel (Maharashtra) – India’s 1st Visually impaired Woman IAS officer - takes charge as Deputy collector of Ernakulam, Kerala
International Days

- July 2 – World Sport Journalists Day
  (Key info – Established in 1994 by International Sports Press Association)

SPORTS

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Pictorial News

Fearing for safety in public spaces

A study in six states on safety perception among girls (11-18 years) found them feeling vulnerable in public spaces. Findings of the report: WINGS 2018: World of India’s Girls...

THE FINDINGS

Fear of open space: One in three adolescent girls scared of traversing the narrow by-lanes of the locality, as well as the road to go to school or the local market

Public transport: Adolescent girls felt scared in overcrowded buses, trains, metros, local trains etc. as they feared inappropriate touching and groping

Physical, sexual abuse: Over one in every four adolescent girls perceived the threat of being physically assaulted, including getting raped, while venturing into public spaces, while one in three expected to be inappropriately touched or even stalked

Adolescent boys: Nearly half of the boys interviewed were of the opinion that men must have the final word in all decisions

Family support: Nearly two of five girls who did not say they would confide in their parents, felt that if their parents heard of an incident of harassment, they would restrict their movement outside the house

Child marriage: One in five parents believed it is better to get their daughters married early rather than take the risk of something happening on her way to school/work/any public space

Police support: 40% of girls believe the police reaction (on lodging a complaint) would range from either blaming the complainant or showing acute reluctance in recording the complaint

WAY FORWARD

Install CCTVs across all street/by-lanes and critical locations like markets, cinema halls, malls and important roads.

All public spaces in rural and urban areas should have proper functional lighting.

Free, safe, hygienic, functional and 24 x 7 accessible public toilets for women, preferably operated by female staff, should be provided in public spaces, including highways, in cities, towns and rural areas.

Safe public transport for women should be ensured by installing CCTV cameras, GPS and SOS button.

SPACES PERCEIVED TO BE UNSAFE ACROSS URBAN AND RURAL AREAS

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Punjab – Recommends Death penalty for Drug peddlers

- Punjabi:
  • ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੇ ਇਨਸ਼ਾਲਾਤਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦਾ ਕੇਂਦਰ ਆਗੂ ਨੇ ਦੇਸ਼ ਵਿੱਚ ਵਿਸ਼ਵ ਵਿੱਚ ਅਕਸਮ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੀਂ ਦਾ ਮਰੀਚ ਬਣਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਸੂਬੇਦਾਰ ਘੋਸ਼ਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ।

- English:
  • Punjab has recommended the death penalty for drug peddlers.

High on dope

From a mere 9.2% in 2001, Punjab accounted for 42.3% of crimes across India under NDPS Act in 2013.

As per Narcotics Control Bureau report, recovery of drugs like opium, heroin and cannabis in the country increased by more than 300 per cent in the last five years with 2017 witnessing an all-time-high of over 3.6 lakh kg.

- Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act has provisions of the death penalty for repeat drug offenders.
- At least 30 deaths due to drug overdose were reported in the state in June alone.
- Punjab accounted for more than 30% of total convictions under the NDPS Act in 2015.
- People of the state are observing a Blackweek from July 1-7 against the drug epidemic.

My govt has decided to recommend the death penalty for drug peddling/smuggling. The recommendation is being forwarded to the Union government.

Amarinder Singh, Punjab Chief Minister
அல்பர்பாத்திரியற்று பாதுகாப்பு தீர்வு எனப் புரே நீட்டிய

• தொடர்பு கைவலையை மேம்படுத்துவது, அல்பர்பாத்திரியற்று பாதுகாப்பு தீர்வு என தெரிய அப்பார்க்குத் தீர்வு, ‘வெளியால் ஆல்பார்க்குத் தீர்வு’ என்பது நீட்டிய.

• மசேலோ அப்பார்க்குத் தீர்வுச் செயல்துறையில் தொடர்பு கைவலையை மேம்படுத்துவது, தொடர்பு கைவலையை மேம்படுத்துவது, அல்பர்பாத்திரியற்று பாதுகாப்பு தீர்வு என தெரிய அப்பார்க்குத் தீர்வு என்பது நீட்டிய. ஆனால் 9,000 கிமீ நோக்கிலும் தொடர்பு கைவலையை மேம்படுத்துவது, மேம்படுத்துவது 2020-கள் முதல் முதலிடை மேம்படுத்துவது.

• புநர் பாதுகாப்புமுன் முதலிடையாக 2,000 கிலோநகராடு தொடர்பு கைவலையை மேம்படுத்துவது 70 கிலோவாட்டை மேம்படுத்துவது 5 அல்பர்பாத்திரியற்று பாதுகாப்பு தீர்வு என்பது மேம்படுத்துவது. தொடர்பு கைவலையை மேம்படுத்துவது 80,000 கிலோவாட்டை பாதுகாப்பு தீர்வு என்பது மேம்படுத்துவது. அது மேம்படுத்துவது 80,000 கிலோவாட்டை மேம்படுத்துவது செயல்பாடுப் பாதுகாப்பு என்பது மேம்படுத்துவது.

• மசேலோ என்று பாதுகாப்பு தீர்வு என தொடர்பு கைவலையை மேம்படுத்துவது. தொடர்பு கைவலையை மேம்படுத்துவது 80,000 கிலோவாட்டை மேம்படுத்துவது பாதுகாப்பு என்பது மேம்படுத்துவது.
UAE firm plans to tow ice from Antartica: Would it work?

A UAE firm plans to spend $50 million to tow huge icebergs from Antarctica to the country’s coastline in an ambitious 12,000-km journey by early 2020 to provide fresh water and bring more rain to the region.

BY WHEN
The leviathan icebergs will be towed from Antarctica to the Fujairah coastline by early 2020 to be melted into pure, polar ice water for humanitarian and commercial distribution.

Huge vessels will attempt the 12,000-kilometer journey to tow huge icebergs from the Heard Island in the South Pole to the UAE coast of Fujairah.

HERE ARE THE CHALLENGES
Normally synthetic fiber ropes are used to tow ice. Care must be taken while towing to ensure that icebergs don’t flip over and sink.

Also, it is possible that icebergs may break apart and sink midway. However, the ultimate challenge is to prevent it from melting.

The firm claims it is developing “a unique technology” which would reduce project costs, ensure zero ice melting during the transportation phase.

One of the ways to do so is to cover the bottom of the iceberg with a giant synthetic skirt. This will ensure that ocean’s warm surface water wouldn’t melt the iceberg being towed.

The portion of it exposed to air would only melt at a slower pace. It’s still possible that the iceberg would lose some of its mass to melting while on transit.

500 litres of water is used per day on average by a typical person in the UAE, which is 80 percent more than the global average.

BRINGING RAIN
An average large iceberg contains more than 20 billion gallons of water, enough for 10 lakh people for over five years, claims the firm.

Also, the presence of new giant icebergs in waters off the UAE would help bring more rain to the arid landscape, the National Adviser Bureau Limited said.

They are expected to cause a unique climatic phenomenon, attracting the clouds over the Arabian Sea to the centre of the icebergs, thus creating a vortex that will cause rainfall.

$75,000 per day would be the cost of renting a large vessel that could tow huge chunks of icebergs across 12,000 km, The Guardian reports.
Analysis of election expenditure
ADR analysed expenditure and vote share of 4,087 out of 4,120 MLAs in 11 states

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**BREAKDOWN OF ELECTION EXPENDITURE**
- 26% Vehicles
- 25% Public meetings
- 17% Campaign materials
- 10% Campaign workers
- 7% Misc
- 5% Campaign in media

- MLAs from 11 states have spent more than 50% of the limit
- Maximum expenditure is for vehicles during campaign

**ELECTORAL MALPRACTICES**
- 128 legislators have declared cases relating to electoral malpractices
- 74% MLAs won with over 40% vote-share

**TOP 3 STATES WITH ‘CRIMINAL’ MLAS**
- 38 Bihar
- 20 Karnataka
- 18 Uttar Pradesh

**VOTE-SHARE ANALYSIS**
- 55% No parties formed government with more than 55% vote-share
- 50% Only 5 states have parties forming govt with more than 50% vote-share

**PERCENTAGE EXPENDITURE**

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**LOWEST VOTE-SHARE:** Jharkhand (31.2%)

**HIGHEST VOTE-SHARE:** Arunachal Pradesh (53.1%)
Interpol - issues Red notice against Nirav Modi

All about red notices

**Purpose of an Interpol Red Notice:**
A Red Notice is a request to locate and provisionally arrest an individual pending extradition. It is not an international arrest warrant.

**Self-determination:**
Interpol cannot compel any member country to arrest an individual who is the subject of a Red Notice. Each member country decides for itself what legal value to give a Red Notice within their borders.

**How is a Red Notice issued?**
- Police in one of the member countries request a Red Notice via their National Central Bureau and provide information on the case.
- The Interpol General Secretariat publishes the Notice after a compliance check is completed.
- Police all around the world are alerted.

**Why is the Red Notice Important?**
- It gives high, international visibility to cases
- Criminals and suspects are flagged to border officials, making travel difficult
- Countries can request and share critical information linked to an investigation

**Types of Interpol Notices**

- **Red Notice:** To seek the location and arrest of wanted persons with a view to extradition or similar lawful action.
- **Blue Notice:** To collect additional information about a person’s identity, location or activities in relation to a crime.
- **Green Notice:** To provide warnings and intelligence about persons who have committed criminal offences and are likely to repeat these crimes in other countries.
- **Orange Notice:** To warn of an event, a person, an object or a process representing a serious and imminent threat to public safety.
- **Yellow Notice:** To help locate missing persons, often minors, or to help identify persons who are unable to identify themselves.
- **Black Notice:** To seek information on unidentified bodies.
- **Purple Notice:** To seek or provide information on modus operandi, objects, devices and concealment methods used by criminals.

*Source: www.interpol.int*

- Interpol - International Criminal Police Organisation
- Established - 1923
- Headquarters – Lyon, France
• நூற்று வருடங்களும் பிறகு, ‘நார் காரணன் இறந்தால்’

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• அம்பாளவுக்கே.

• கீழ் இறந்தால் - ‘நார் காரணன் இறந்தால்’, எனவே காரணன் புனிதமானாக

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• இறந்தால் என்பது.

• மேல் இறந்தால் - அம்பாளவுக்கு வல்லுனர் முற்றிலும் அவ்வுடன்

• காலந்து வருகை - வருகையை முற்றிலும் விளக்கமில்லாது

• காலந்து வருகை - வேறு பல முற்றிலும் விளக்கமில்லாது

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TAMIL NADU

- CWMA – has directed Karnataka to release **31.24 tmcft** of Water to Tamilnadu in the month of July 2018, in its 1st Meeting held in Central Water commission, New Delhi – under its Chairman, S Masood Hussain

- **Schemes**
  - **Sambal** – Scheme of Madhya Pradesh – to waive Outstanding Power bills and to provide subsidized Power to BPL families at a fixed cost of Rs 200 per month
**STATES**

- **Kerala** – has sanctioned 2 seats exclusively for Transgender students in all the courses conducted by the State and its affiliated Arts and Science colleges.

- **Karnataka** – Bengaluru – to have the Country’s 1st e-Waste Recycling Unit – to be built by CIPET.

- **Meghalaya** - "Behdienkhlam"– The 4-day annual Cultural Festival of Meghalaya concludes.

**NATIONAL**

- **NITI Aayog** – to organize India’s 1st Global Mobility Summit under the slogan ‘MOVE: Global Mobility Summit’ – on Sep 7-8, 2018 – in New Delhi - Will be inaugurated by the PM.
  - Objective – to integrate Global supply chains with the indigenous industries such as Automobile, IT, Electronics, Telecommunications etc.,
  - 3 components - The Conclave, MOVEMENTUM, The Expo and the Featured Events.

- **2021 Census** – to be stored electronically as per the Government.

**Supreme Court Verdict on Police reforms**

- **Supreme Court** – July 3, 2018 – Ordered all the States/UT’s not to appoint any Police officer as DGP’s - Instead they can refer the Senior Officers to the UPSC, which will prepare a list of 3 ‘suitable’ officers, from whom the State can appoint anyone as it wishes.
  (Key info – Other 6 Directives of SC on Police reforms –
  - Constitution of the **State Security Commission** at State level
  - Transparent procedure for the **appointment of DGP** who shall enjoy a minimum tenure of two years
  - **Other police officers** on operational duties, such as Superintendents of Police, shall also have a minimum tenure of two years.
  - Establishment of a **Police Establishment Board**, which will decide all transfers, postings, promotions and other service related matters of police officers.
  - Setting up of a **National Security Commission** at the Union level to prepare a panel for selection and placement of Chiefs of the Central Police Organisations (CPO)
  - **Separation** of the investigation; and law and order functions of the police)
INTERNATIONAL

- **Russia** – Latest country to launch a ‘Dispute complaint’ against US through WTO, for its 25% tariff on Steel and 10% on Aluminium. (Key info – Other countries already filed the complaint are - India, China, Canada, Mexico, Norway and European Union)

ECONOMY

**Govt to change base years for GDP**

New Delhi: The government will change the base year for calculation of GDP and retail inflation to 2017-18 and 2018 respectively, which is likely to come to effect by 2019-20. The last base year for GDP, IIP and consumer price index was revised to 2011-12 and 2012 (for inflation), Minister of Statistics and Programme Implementation Sadananda Gowda said on Tuesday. “The revisions facilitated more accurate assessment of the progress of the economy and the society. Steps are being initiated for the next round of revision also,” he said.

- **China** – to lend $1 billion as aid to Pakistan – after its selection in FATF’s Grey List (Key info – FATF – Financial Action Task Force with HQ at Paris)

- **NABARD** – extends a loan of Rs 735 crores – for Rural infrastructure Development Fund for West Bengal

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- **Major General V D Dogra** – 1st Indian Army officer to complete the “Ironman Triathlon” event in Austria. (Key info – It is considered as one of the most difficult one-day sporting events in the world as 3 consecutive events -3.8 km swim, 180km cycling and 42.2 km marathon - all to be completed in a day without a break, within 17 hours)
Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences (MAIDS - Delhi) – India’s 1st and Only Dental hospital accredited by NABH – ranked as ‘Best Dental College’ in India for 7th year in a row

Milan Shankar Tare - a fisherman from Maharashtra’s Palghar district - has been selected for this year’s National Maritime Search and Rescue Award.

Apps

cVigil – a new Android based Mobile App launched by Election Commission of India – to share proof of violations of Model Code of Conduct during Elections - It also facilitates sharing of geotagged photographic and video evidence without disclosing the identity of the sender.

Facetagr – New app used by Chennai & Coimbatore city Police for Image Recognition of Criminals within 150 milliseconds (Key info – This app was 1st used by T. Nagar Police in Oct 2017)
✔ Kavalan Dial 100 – New App to contact State Police Master Control Room
✔ Kavalan SOS – New App launched by Chennai city police to help Senior citizens and Women/Children

**SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

✔ Hayabusa2 (Japan) probe – successfully reached the Asteroid ‘Ryugu’

✔ KIMIS (Khadi Institution Management and Information system) – New e-Marketing system launched by Khadi & Village Industries Commission - for the sale and purchase of Khadi & Village products from anywhere in the country

✔ Centauri I – 1st Nano satellite to be launched by PSLV later this year – of Fleet Space Technologies (Australia)

✔ Epidiolex – World’s 1st Medicine made from Marijuana approved by US FDA (Food and Drug Administration)

**SPORTS**

✔ Feliciano Lopez (Spain) – has broken the record of Roger Federer for Consecutive appearances in Grand slam tournaments with his 66th Appearance in Wimbledon 2018

✔ Andres Iniesta – symbol of Spain’s Golden Generation of Tiki-Taka football – retires after the World cup loss to Russia
ICC (International Cricket Council) – to impose Minimum 6 tests or 12 ODI’s ban on ball tampering offenders – after the upgradation of Ball tampering to Level 3 offence as per its new code of conduct

**APPOINTMENTS**

- **Sundari Nanda** – Puducherry’s 1st Woman DGP assumes Charge

- **M.S. Dhoni** – appointed as ‘Brand ambassador’ of Sumadhura Group

- **Major General Jose Eladio Alcain of Uruguay** - appointed as the Head of Mission and Chief Military Observer for the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP) (Key info – UNMOGIP is based in Rawalpindi and established in the year 1949)

**INDICES**

- **India Tops in Red Corner notice**
  - With the addition of absconding diamond merchant Nirav Modi, there are now 160 Indians in the Red Notice list of Interpol.
  - India shares the top position in this country-wise list with five other nations – Albania, Argentina, Azerbaijan, El Salvador and Russia.

- **GRETI – Global Real Estate Transparency Index**
  - India – Ranked 35th among 100 countries
  - Top 5 countries – UK (1st), Aus, US, France & Canada
  - Last 5 countries – Venezuela (100th), Libya, Senegal, Mozambique and Ivory coast
**PERSONALITIES**

- **Ravinder Dahiya** – an Indian-origin Scientist gets a funding of 1.5 million Pounds from EPSRC, Engineering and Physical Science Research council – for his project *neuPRINTSKIN* (Neuromorphic printed Tactile skin) – a futuristic ‘Thinking skin’ concept

- **Nick Sloane** – the Man behind ‘Tow-an-iceberg’ Scheme

*Remembering Swami Vivekananda on his Death anniversary*
SWAMI VIVEKANANDA (1863-1902)

- Originally known as Narendra Nath Datta, he was born in Jan 12, 1863 in Calcutta. His first visit to Ramakrishna, his future guru, was in 1881, and made frequent visits to him thereafter. He established a monastery at Baranagar (1887) after the death of his guru. He made an extensive tour of India that brought him into close contact with the people and enabled him to realise the true condition of India. He also attended the World Parliament of Religions (1893) at Chicago (USA), funded by Bhaskara Sethupathy, Raja of Ramnad and Arthur Havelock, Governor of Madras and raised the prestige of India and Hinduism very high.

- From USA, he visited Europe and returned to India in 1897. Meanwhile he started publishing two papers—the monthly Prabudha Bharata in English and the fortnightly Udbodhana in Bengali. Later he made his second visit to USA in 1899. And also spoke at the Congress of the History of Religions at Paris (1900). He returned to India in 1900 and soon expired in 1902 due to ill-health.

- The Ramakrishna Mission is a social service and charitable society, formed by Swami Vivekananda in 1897 at Belur, with the objective of carrying on humanitarian relief and social work through the establishment of schools, colleges, hospitals and orphanages.

- The Ramakrishna Math is a religious order or trust, founded by Vivekananda in 1887 at Baranagar (Belur has become the headquarters of both the Mission and the Math since 1898), with the objective of bringing into existence a band of dedicated monks who would propagate the teachings of Ramakrishna Paramahamsa (the universal message of Vedanta).

- Though legally two district entities with separate funds and finances, the Mission and the Math are in practice a single body, with the members of the Math forming the principal workers of the Mission and the trustees of the Math forming the governing body of the Mission.

- He popularised his guru's religious message and tried to put it in a form that would suit the needs of the contemporary Indian society. He stressed that social action was essential without which knowledge was useless in this world. Further, he condemned the caste system and the current Hindu emphasis on rituals, ceremonies, and the like and urged the people to imbibe the spirit of liberty, equality and free-thinking.

- He proclaimed the essential oneness of all religions. Vedanta according to him was a fully rational system.

- His Birthday is celebrated all over India as ‘National Youth Day’
Inspiring Quotes of Swami Vivekananda

✓ Arise, awake and do not stop until the goal is reached.

✓ You have to grow from the inside out. None can teach you, none can make you spiritual. There is no other teacher but your own soul.

✓ We are what our thoughts have made us; so take care about what you think. Words are secondary. Thoughts live; they travel far.

✓ You cannot believe in God until you believe in yourself.

✓ All the powers in the universe are already ours. It is we who have put our hands before our eyes and cry that it is dark.

✓ The world is the great gymnasium where we come to make ourselves strong.

✓ Condemn none: if you can stretch out a helping hand, do so. If you cannot, fold your hands, bless your brothers, and let them go their own way.

✓ Truth can be stated in a thousand different ways, yet each one can be true.

✓ All differences in this world are of degree, and not of kind, because oneness is the secret of everything.

✓ Where can we go to find God if we cannot see Him in our own hearts and in every living being.

What great personalities said about Swami Ji.

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**NEWS IN PICTURES**

**App for new-age governance**

Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami has launched the unified mobile application for new age governance (UMANG), which provides services provided by the Centre to local administration departments of the State government, in a single portal. The app developed by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and National e-Governance division is aimed at enhancing mobile governance in the country. The CM formally launched the mobile application on Tuesday. In the first phase, three services – community certificate, revenue certificate and certificate for birth place/living place – have been integrated with the app.

**Project Sashakt**

The five-pronged strategy proposed by Sunil Mehta-led committee includes SME resolution approach, bank-led resolution approach; AMC/AIF led resolution approach, NCLT/IBC approach, and asset-trading platform.
Gender gap closing... but slowly

The Asia Pacific economic hub might be increasing its share of global wealth over the last decade, but the wide chasm between women and men in the world of business leadership continues to be far behind the West. Here's a look at where things stood at the end of 2016:

WOMEN'S REPRESENTATION IN BOARDROOMS

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TALENT BOTTLENECKS FOR WOMEN

- Tertiary educated graduates
- Entry-level professionals
- Senior management
- Board members

Source: The Power of Parity report, McKinsey
CEAT Tyres – to set up a new plant at Sriperumpudur – at a budget of Rs.14,000 crores

Soon, Tamil Chair in name of Kamaraj in MKU

Minister for Tamil Official Language and Culture K Pandiarajan said, speedy steps would be taken to create a Tamil Chair in the name of late leader K Kamaraj for carrying out research on primary education.

FALLING SEX RATIO

The five districts on the western belt of Tamil Nadu – Dharmapuri, Thiruvannamalai, Salem, Krishnagiri and Namakkal – are witnessing an alarming decline in number of female children. In Tiruvannamalai, sex ratio fell from 930 females per 1,000 males in 2011 to just 878 in 2015-16

‘₹10 cr spent for tribals’ welfare’

The Tamil Nadu government will spend ₹10 crore for economic improvement of tribals, including entrepreneur development, land development and self-employment for youngsters, said Minister for Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare MV Rajalakshmi during the assembly session
**SCHEMES**

- ‘Purna’ project – Launched by Gujarat – to eradicate malnutrition among children as part of the drive called as ‘Poshan Abhiyan’

**STATES**

- Kerala - Nissan – to set up World’s 1st Global digital Hub – in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

- Tripura – to rename Agartala Airport as ‘Maharaja Bir Bikram Manikya Kishore Airport’

- Gujarat – forms R K Agrawal committee to offer solutions for under-utilized Coal based Power plants

- Haryana – to host ‘World Union of Wholesale Markets 2018’ – at Gurugram in October 2018

- Odisha - Bhitarkanika National Park – has become the largest habitat of endangered Estuarine Crocodiles in the entire country
NATIONAL

❖ **Cabinet** – approves **DNA Technology (Use and Application) Regulation Bill, 2018**
  ✓ Objective – To apply DNA-based Forensic technologies to support and strengthen justice delivery system of the country, by creating special ‘DNA Profiles’ based on the collected ‘DNA samples’ in forensic-criminal investigations

❖ **Braille-enabled Voter Ids** - launched by the Election Commission – to assist persons with visual impairment

❖ **Higher Education Funding Agency (HEFA)** – to allocate Rs 1,00,000 crores for funding Education research and Academic infrastructure in Higher education institutions by 2022.

❖ **Justice Indira Banerjee** (Chief Justice, Chennai High Court) – appointed to head Inquiry panel to probe allegations of Impropriety against sitting High court judges in other States

❖ **SAI (Sports Authority of India)** – to be renamed as ‘Sports India’
  (Key info – SAI established in the year 1984)
Marathi Film ‘Chumbak’ – Officially selected for the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne

India – to host 19th International Union of Food Science and Technology 2018 – in Navi Mumbai during October 2018

SUPREME COURT VERDICT ON STATE VS LG, DELHI

Supreme court - held that the Lieutenant Governor (LG) of Delhi is bound by the “aid and advice” of the Delhi Government and both have to work harmoniously with each other – It also concluded that the real authority to take decisions lies in the elected government and the LG has no independent decision making power except in the issues of public law and order, police and land.

RBI – has issued Licence to ‘Bank of China’ to launch operations in India

Sri Lanka – shifts its ‘Galle’ Naval base to China-run ‘Hambantota’ port

Bolivia – to build ‘Under-Water’ Museum in Lake Titicaca, World’s highest Navigable Water body
Tokyo, Japan – to launch World’s 1st Digital Art Museum

World’s First Digital Art Museum Lights up Tokyo

Science & Technology

Khan Prahari – Mobile Application for reporting any activity related to ‘illegal coal mining’ was launched by Min of Coal, Railways & Finance, Mr Piyush Goyal – He also unveiled the new ‘Coal Mine Surveillance & Management System’ (CMSMS) web application to monitor unauthorized Coal mining activities

Khan Prahari

A Tool For Reporting Illegal Coal Mining Incidents

- Transparency: Public will be provided an access to the system
- Bias-free and Independent: The system is based on satellite data
- Deterrence Effect: Surveillance system using space technology
- Quicker Response: The coal mining areas will be monitored regularly
- Effective Follow-up: Actions taken on triggers will be followed up at various levels

PDS-70b – a young Planet in the nascent stage of its formation near a dwarf star - detected by German astronomers of Max Planck Institute for Astronomy
July 27 – to witness the Century’s Longest Lunar eclipse in our country – along with the Reddish tinged moon called as ‘Blood moon’

**APPOINTMENTS**

- **Saraswati Prasad** – appointed as new Managing Director of SAIL, Steel Authority of India
- **Uttam Dhillon** – Indian-American White House Lawyer – appointed as the Head of Drug Enforcement Agency

**AWARDS & HONOURS**

- **Indian Child, Faiz Mohammad** (10 years old) – named as ‘Sustainability Ambassador’ by Dubai Municipality – for his efforts to cut down Plastic bag wastes at Groceries
SPORTS

Fastest ever to reach 2000 Runs in T20 Cricket

Virat Kohli – becomes the Fastest ever (56 innings) & 2\textsuperscript{nd} Indian player to score 2000 runs in T20I

Brendon McCullum of Newzealand – 1\textsuperscript{st} Player to cross 2000 runs

Mithali Raj of India – 1\textsuperscript{st} Indian Player to cross 2000 runs

M S Dhoni – has become the player with Most stumpings (33 stumpings) in T20I history – surpassing Pakistan’s Kamran Akmal (32 stumpings)

Bangladesh – recorded their Lowest ever Test score of 43 runs against West indies in the 1\textsuperscript{st} test of the Test Series (Newzealand – holds the record for World’s Lowest Test total of 26 runs against England in Auckland in 1955)

BOOKS & AUTHORS

‘Eleventh Hour’ – Hussain Zaidi

‘Sugandhi Enna Andal Devanayaki’ – T D Ramakrishnan (Malayalam)

‘Eternal Art’ – Auditor S Sundararajan
NEWS IN PICTURES

- Angela Ponce makes HISTORY as FIRST EVER transgender woman to contest Miss Universe

- ANGELA Ponce will become the first ever transgender women to compete in Miss Universe later this year after being crowned Miss Universe Spain, six years after the organisation finally ended a ban on transgender contestants competing.

### MSP FOR VARIOUS CROPS

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*Common variety, ** Hybrid, ***Medium staple
Tamil Nadu

Two Private Universities Approved for Tamil Nadu

- Shiv Nadar University – to be founded by Mr Shiv Nadar, Chairman of HCL – He had already established Shiv Nadar University in Uttar Pradesh

- Sai University – to be founded by Mr K V Ramani, Founder-Member of NASSCOM & Founder of Chennai-based Future Software & Co-founder of HUGHES Software in New Delhi

Number of Universities in Tamil Nadu

- State Universities - 13
- Deemed Universities - 25
- Private Universities - 2

Andhra Pradesh - UNESCO to set up ‘Design University for Gaming’ in Vishakapatnam

- Objective: To develop Edu-tech Gaming in the state and to develop an International Gaming and Digital Learning Hub
Kerala – to host ‘Malabar World Kayak Championship’ in Thusharagiri in Kozhikode – on the sidelines of 6th Malabar River festival

- Odisha – Sambalpur imposes a fine of Rs 500 for Open defecation
- Punjab – Ordered all its Government employees, including Police offers to undergo Mandatory Dope test in Stages right from their recruitment
- Uttarakhand – High court grants the status of ‘Legal Person or entity’ to Animals and Birds, the 1st of its kind verdict – to prevent cruelty to them
- Uttar Pradesh – announces its new ‘Defence Manufacturing Policy’ titled ‘UP Defence Aerospace unit and Employment Generating Policy, 2018’ with special focus on developing ‘Bundelkhand’ region as the Defence Manufacturing Hub

NATIONAL

National Security Guard –

- The 1st Central force to opt for e-ticketing instead of the Railway warrants
- (Railway warrant - a voucher issued to Central government employees to travel in trains at subsidized rates or free-of-charge and which can be exchanged for a Railway ticket)

#KitupChallenge –

- a new initiative launched by Sachin Tendulkar in Social media – to encourage people to play sports by posting a short video of them, getting ready to play in any sport.
Betting and Gambling in Sports

- Recommended as ‘Taxable Regulated activities’ by Law Commission of India in its Latest Report

National Health Profile 2018

- Report reveals that the Most Fatal infection in India is Rabies, which is Vaccine-preventable.

![Rabies Graph]

Source: National Health Profile 2018

‘Taiwan’ to be called as ‘Chinese Taipei’

- The renaming has been accepted by India as per the request of China

COMMITTEES

DISHA Week –

- 25th to 29th June to mark the completion of 2 years of ‘District Development Coordination & Monitoring committee’ named as DISHA

- (Chattisgarh, Jharkhand, Kerala, Mizoram & Uttarakhand – received ‘Certificate of Appreciation’ for regular holding of DISHA Meetings)
INTERNATIONAL

42nd World Heritage Meeting

- Concludes in Manama, Bahrain – with 19 new Sites added to the World Heritage List
- 13 cultural, 3 natural and 3 mixed sites were added to the World Heritage Sites List
- The World Heritage List now contains 1092 sites in 167 countries
- The Meeting added Lake Turkana National Park in Kenya to the List of World Heritage in Danger, while removing the Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System from the list.
- The next session of the World Heritage Committee will be held in Baku, capital of Azerbaijan in 2019

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

PAT (Pad Abort Test)

- The 1st in a series of tests to qualify a Crew Escape System – was successfully carried out by ISRO – to demonstrate the safe recovery of the Crew in case of any emergency in the launch pad
M/S Volvo - Eicher Commercial Vehicle Limited, India – develops the 1st BS-VI Certified Engine in the country – as per the Certification received from International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT), Manesar, Haryana
‘GST Verify’

- A New App developed by CBIC, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs - to verify if the person collecting GST from consumer is eligible to collect it

National Board of Wildlife – adds 4 species into Centre’s Recovery Programme for Critically Endangered Species

- Northern River Terrapin (West Bengal)
- Clouded Leopard (Meghalaya, Mizoram, Sikkim and Assam)
- Arabian Sea Humpback Whale (India’s West coast as they migrate from Oman)
- Red Panda (Sikkim, West Arunachal Pradesh, North Bengal and Parts of Meghalaya)

Study as per the Science journal “Environmental Research Letters” – infers that the Rising sea levels to cost the world $14 trillion by 2100

**APPOINTMENTS**

Justice L. Narasimha Reddy – appointed as the Chairman of CAT, Central Administrative Tribunal
AWARDS & HONOURS

Lifetime Achievement Award for Ghatam Maestro ‘Vikku’ Vinayakram

- ‘Vikku’ Vinayakram, Ghatam Maestro – to be conferred with Special Lifetime Achievement Award by Music Academy - The earlier recipients were dancer Kamala Lakshminarayanan and violinist Lalgudi G. Jayaraman

- (Vikku Vinayakram was the 1st Tamil Carnatic Musician conferred with Grammy Award in 1991 for his participation in Michey Hart’s ‘Planet Drum’)

Sangeet Natak Academy Awards 2018

- Suma Sudheendra – Veena Artist
- M S Sheela – Carnatic Classical Vocalist
- Lalith J Rao – Hindustani Classical Vocalist

(All the 3 Artists are from Bengaluru)
CONFERENCE & SUMMITS

14th India Innovation Summit 2018 – to be held in Bengaluru on 12th and 13th July, 2018

(Theme – India.AI – Driving the future for the world)

PERSONALITIES IN NEWS

Dipak Jain – Indian Professor in US - appointed as New Head of Shanghai-based ‘China-Europe International Business School’

Aditya Arya - Visual Historian – to develop India’s 1st ‘Camera Museum’ based on his Collection of Photos & Cameras
**SPORTS**

- **Bajrang Punia** - emerged champion at the Tbilisi Grand Prix in the 65kg category – defeating Iranian wrestler Mehran Nasiri in the final in Georgia.

![Bajrang Punia](image)

- **Tamil Nadu Cricketer of the Year 2016-17 (Men)** - Dinesh Karthik
- **Tamil Nadu Cricketer of the Year 2016-17 (Women)** - D Hemalatha

![Cricketer](image)

- **Inderjeet Singh** (Haryana – Shotput Player) – gets 4 year ban for Dope violation before 2016 Rio Olympics

![Inderjeet Singh](image)
Jagjivan Ram, known popularly as Babuji, was an Indian independence activist and politician from Bihar.

He was an active participant in the country's independence struggle and also founded the All-India Depressed Classes League, dedicated to attaining equality for untouchables in 1935.

In 1946, he became the youngest minister in Jawaharlal Nehru's interim government, the first cabinet of India as a Labour Minister and also a member of Constituent Assembly of India, where he ensured that social justice was enshrined in the Constitution.

'Babu Jagjivan Ram National Foundation' has been set up by Ministry of Social Justice, Govt. of India in New Delhi.

The training academy for Railway Protection Force officers is named after Jagjivan Ram.

The first indigenously built electric locomotive, a WAM-1 model, was named after him and it was recently restored by the Eastern Railway.

He was highly proficient in Sanskrit and was invited to join Banaras Hindu University by its founder, Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya.
Jagjivan Ram’s daughter, Meira Kumar, served as the Lok Sabha Speaker between 2009 and 2014.

Jagjivan Ram holds the world record of being a parliamentarian uninterrupted for a record 50 years between 1936 to 1986.

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பொறியியலில் கல்வியறிஞரும் மாணவர்களும் விளக்கத்தை முழித்து நடந்து பெரும் படிப்பின்று காண்பினால் கல்வியறிஞரும் பாதுகாக்கும். தற்போது முடிவுக்கு, பொறியியல் படைத்துச் செய்யப்பட்டு, பெரும்பாலும் படைத்தில் உள்ளது. இதன் காரணமாகத் தற்போது முடிவுக்கு படைத்து செய்யப்பட்டு, பெரும்பாலும் படைத்தில் உள்ளது.

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மற்றும் பல்வேறு வரலாற்று வாய்ந்த தலைநிலை, ஆட்சி அல்லது விளையாட்டு, நடனம், நூற்றாண்டாக விளக்கத்தில் விளக்கப்படும் திகழ்வுகளும், இருப்பதுதோடும் திகழ்ச்சி முன்னிலையில் புகழ் பெற்றுள்ளனர். முன்னிலை, காட்டுகள் (பிள்ளை நேரங்கள்) சாத்துக்குள் விளக்கப்படும் பல்வேறு பக்கங்கள், மூன்று பல்கலைகள் மற்றும் கல்விக்குரிய வரலாற்று போன்றவை. திகழ்ச்சியில் உள்ள வரலாற்று பார்வையில் மற்றும் கல்விக்குரிய முதலிலிருந்து, புனித புனிதமான நூற்றாண்டு இரண்டு கல்விக்குரிய வரலாற்று முறையே விளக்கம் படிக்கலாம்.

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TAMIL NADU

17TH WORLD TAMIL INTERNET CONFERENCE – took place in Coimbatore – organized by International Forum for Information and Technology in Tamil (INFITT) along with Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, TNAU (Mr Appasamy Murugaiyan – Chair of INFITT)
GST – Tamil Nadu got a Revenue of Rs 26,227 crores from July 2017 to Mar 2018

Tamil Nadu Minerals Limited (TAMIN) – Penalised by Union Environment Ministry – for the Graphite mining in Siva Ganga district in violation of environment norms

Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TANGEDCO) – Ranked at 28th in the Overall Rankings of the Electricity Boards in India
**STATES**

- **Delhi** – to start India’s 1st **Taxi-ambulance services** offered by Gurugram-based startup ‘Wagon Cab’ – Flagged off by Mr Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister

- **Delhi** – launches its 1st **Cyber- Forensic Van** – to help people in cyber crimes

- **Haryana** – launches a campaign ‘**Chai Pe Charcha**’ (Conversation over Tea) – to interact with party workers and people at different places in the State

- **Karnataka** – NASSCOM (National Association of Software & Services Companies) to set up ‘**Centre of Excellence**’ for Data Science and Artificial Intelligence – in **Bengaluru**

- **Kerala** – constitutes a panel under Rani George – to select ‘**Kerala Ganam**’, the official song of Kerala

- **Maharashtra** – to provide Women Government employees **180 days of Paid Leave** – to look after their Children – over the entire course of their service.

  (Male Government employees are eligible for this Leave if their wife has passed away and if they have children who are under 18)

- **Rajasthan** – to have the ‘**Technology Innovation Support centre**’ of WIPO, World Intellectual Property Organisation in **Jaipur** – to train people on accessing the Patent database

- **Telangana** - Airports Authority of India (AAI) to set up ‘**Civil Aviation Research Organization**’ - at Hyderabad’s ‘**Begumpet Airport**’
Telangana – allocates **300 acres of Land to Women Entrepreneurs** for new Start-ups

Uttar Pradesh – bans use of plastic from **July 15**

West Bengal – announces **‘1 Person- 1 Car’ Policy** – to cut the costs incurred over the travel expense of Ministers and Bureaucrats

**NATIONAL**

Sambalpur Railway division of East Coast Railway Zone – becomes 1st Railway division in the entire country to eliminate all unmanned level crossings – after the erection of the highest ever, 6 Limited Height Subways between 2 stations in one day.

**BHEL** - to partner with **Ukraine’s Zorya Mashproekt** - for overhaul of warship turbines

**Railways** - approves digital Aadhaar and Driving Licence from Digital Locker as proof of identity

(It also clarified that the Uploaded Documents from the User’s personal Accounts will not be considered as a valid identity Proof)
‘Arth - Art for Earth’ exhibition – starts in New Delhi – consisting of ‘Excavations in Hymns of Clay’ – a suite of environmental art installations by Manav Gupta

P-UTS - Railways launch a Portable Unreserved ticketing system (P-UTS) – to eliminate printed card tickets and issue unreserved tickets

INTERNATIONAL

Malaysia – to cancel all the Economic agreements signed with China by the Former Prime Minister Najib Razak – as per the current Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad

Japan - MORI Building Digital Art Museum in Tokyo – becomes World’s 1st All-Digital Psychedelic Art Museum

INDIA & NEIGHBOURHOOD

Sri Lanka – Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport, the world’s emptiest airport at Hambantota- to operate through India-Sri Lanka joint venture
Pakistan - Panama Paper Scandal – Former Prime Minister Mr Nawaz Sharif sentenced to 10 years imprisonment by an Accountability Court

- Former Pakistani PM Nawaz Sharif sentenced to 10 years in jail Corruption charges related to purchase of London flats, with verdict likely to affect election The court also sentenced Sharif’s daughter and presumed political heir, Maryam Nawaz Sharif, to seven years’ imprisonment.

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Sharif gets 10-yr RI for luxury UK pads

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1st Hindu Indian Woman to contest Elections in Pakistan

Hindu woman to contest assembly elections in Pak

Sunita Parmar, a Hindu woman in Pakistan’s Sindh province, has created history by becoming the first from the minority community to contest the provincial assembly elections to be held on July 25. Parmar, 31, who is from the Meghwar community will contest as an independent candidate for the Sindh Assembly constituency PS-56 from Tharparkar district.

India & Bhutan – celebrates 50th year of diplomatic relations with the arrival of their PM, Tshering Tobgay to New Delhi

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

Eta Carinae – The Cosmic rays from this Massive Stellar system may reach Earth – as per the Astronauts – It was located at a distance of 7,500 light years

NASA’s Parker Solar Probe – scheduled to be launched on August 4th to ‘Touch-the-Sun’ and explore its Outer atmosphere - as it has a special ‘Thermal Protection System’ Heat shield technology
Study of Columbia University, USA and Indian School of business on Indian Crop production – reveal that **33% of demand for irrigation water can be saved** if the farmers switch to alternate cereals like Maize, Sorghum and Millet instead of Rice & Wheat.

**MindSphere** – a Cloud based IoT OS developed by Infosys along with the partnership of Siemens PLM Software

**FerriTag** – a new device with a new method used to view proteins in Human cells – by the scientists of the University of Warwick

**ECONOMY**

**HDFC Bank** - has gone past Russia's Sberbank to become the most valuable bank in the emerging market outside China.

**Reliance Industries Limited** - becomes India’s largest tax payer in private sector
APPOINTMENTS

Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel – appointed as Chairperson of National Green Tribunal (NGT)

✓ NGT – Est - 2010
✓ Headquarters - New Delhi
✓ Zonal sitting benches - Chennai, Kolkata, Pune and Bhopal

INDICES

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INTERNATIONAL DAYS

6th July – World Zoonosis Day

- It commemorates 6th July 1885, the day on which Louis Pasteur successfully administered the first vaccine against Rabies, a zoonotic disease, to Joseph Meister after he was attacked by a rabid dog.

7th July – International Day of Cooperatives

- 2018 theme: Sustainable societies through cooperation
- It has been observed on the first Saturday in July, since 1923 by the International Co-operative Alliance.

SPORTS

- Anju Khosla (52 years) – becomes the Oldest Indian Woman To Complete Ironman Triathlon at Carinthia, Austria
M S Dhoni plays 500th International Match

New high for Dhoni

The Indian team’s senior most player Mahendra Singh Dhoni on Friday reached the coveted milestone of playing 500 international matches during the second T20I days ahead of his 37th birthday. In doing so, Dhoni became the third Indian after Sachin Tendulkar (664) and Rahul Dravid (509) to breach the 500 match barrier in international cricket.

FIFA World Cup 2018

- Brazil eliminated from the World Cup – 1st time since 2006 that a South American team not entering into the Semi Finals
- Shibi Mathew – created a record by driving 3000 kms in a bike at Standing Position

REMEmBERING RETTAMALAI SRINIVASAN ON HIS BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

Rettamalai Srinivasan (1860-1945)

Birth

- Rettamalai Srinivasan was born on 7th March 1860. He passed away on 1859.
ஆ஭ம்பகாயப் பணிகள்

காலத்தில் பலப்புரிய பிள்ளை. தந்தைகள் பூர்விகமாக வரும் நிலையில் விளைந்ததைக் கேள்வியாகற்றனர். புது குழுநிலை ஆண்டு போராட்டக்குறிப்பிட்டனர். 1890 ஆம் ஆண்டுகள் முதல் வரை 1893 முடிய பவுலைகள் காம்பித்து செய்தவர்கள். 1900 ஆம் ஆண்டுக்கா்றே அவர்கள் சுற்றுநிலையில் குடியிருப்பதற்கு முக்கியமானதும் போராட்டப்பட்டனர். 1921 ஆம் ஆண்டின் குறிப்பிட்டிருந்தனர்.

சம்பந்த தற்போதுகொள்கைகள் அடையும் பாத்திரம்

பலாறை விளைந்ததைக் குறிப்பிட்டனர். 1923 ஆம் ஆண்டு கல்ஸ்டபிள்ளை உருவாக்கக் குறிப்பிட்டனர். உருவாக்கம் போன்ற ஆண்டுகள். 1924 ஆம் ஆண்டில், முதல் தொகுதிகள் செய்துகுறித்து வந்து கிடைத்தன. 1928 ஆம் ஆண்டில் வந்துகின்றது. முதல் தொகுதிகள் செய்து கிளைட்டு வந்துகின்றது. அவ்வாறு விளைந்தது வந்து கிளைட்டு வந்துகின்றது. அவ்வாறு விளைந்தது வந்து கிளைட்டு வந்துகின்றது. அவ்வாறு விளைந்தது வந்து கிளைட்டு வந்துகின்றது. இதைக் குறிப்பிட்டிருந்தனர்.

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REMEMBERING SYAMA PRASAD MUKHERJEE ON HIS BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

**Syama Prasad Mookerjee** (06 July 1901 – 23 June 1953) was an Indian politician, barrister and academician, who served as Minister for Industry and Supply in Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's cabinet.

He was also the president of Akhil Bharatiya Hindu Mahasabha from 1943 to 1946.

At the age of 33, he became the world's youngest Vice-Chancellor of the Calcutta University and held the office till 1938.
He became the opposition leader when Krishak Praja Party - Muslim League coalition was in power 1937-41 and joined the Progressive Coalition Ministry headed by Fazlul Haq as a Finance Minister and within less than an year resigned.

He emerged as a spokesman for Hindus and shortly joined Hindu Mahasabha and in 1944, he became the President.

After the assassination of Gandhiji, he wanted the Hindu Mahasabha not to be restricted to Hindus alone or work as apolitical body for the service of masses and broke away from it on this issue on November 23, 1948.

Pandit Nehru inducted him in the Interim Central Government as a Minister for Industry and supply. On issue of Delhi pact with Likayat Ali Khan, Mookerjee resigned from the Cabinet on 6th April 1950. After consultation with Shri Golwalkar Guruji of RSS Shri Mookerjee, he founded Bharatiya Jana Sangh on 21st Oct. 1951 at Delhi and became the first President of it. He also founded a English weekly The People. The BJP is the successor party of the BJS, which merged itself into the Janata Party in 1977. The BJP was formed as a separate party in 1980.

In 1952 elections, Bharatiya Jana Sangh won 3 seats in Parliament one of them being that of Shri Mookerjee. He had formed National Democratic Party within the Parliament which consisted 32 members of MPs and 10 of Members of Rajya Sabha which however was not recognised by the speaker as an opposition party.

To voice his opposition he turned outside Parliament and on Kashmir he termed the arrangement under Article 370 as Balkanisation of India and three nation theory of Shaikh Abdullah. Bharatiya Jana Sangh along with Hindu Mahasabha and Ram Rajya Parishad launched a massive Satyagraha to get removed the pernicious provisions. Mookerjee went to visit Kashmir in 1953 and was arrested on 11th May while crossing border. He died as detenu on June 23, 1953.

Shyama Prasad Mukherjee's greatest achievement was creation of West Bengal

His works

Leaves from a diary
Awake Hindustan
Pledge for an Integrated India
Tamilnadu - Area around Mudumalai to be declared as ‘Eco-sensitive’ zone

The Union Ministry of Environment has issued a draft notification declaring 438 sq. km. of area around the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve in the Nilgiris as an eco-sensitive zone. The reserve is home to:

- **60-65** tigers
- **600-800** Asian elephants

- Flora species such as Axlewood, Burmese Silk Orchid, Indian Olibanum, Oppai, Indian Laburnum, Satin Wood and Indian Rose Wood
- Bird species such as White-rumped Vulture, Long-billed Vulture, Indian Peafowl, Crested Serpent Eagle and White-throated Kingfisher
- Butterflies such as Blue Mormon, Common Emigrant, Common Grass Yellow and Common Bushbrown
- Fish species such as Indian Long-fin Eel, Common Carp, Tiger Barb and Hill Trout. The reserve has an endemic fish species called Puntius mudumalaiensis
- Three primate species
TAMIL NADU

- Chennai’s CMRL (Head quarters & Maintenance Depot) – awarded ‘Gold rating’ by LEED, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design – under ‘New Construction’ category
  - (LEED (US) – Forerunner in Green building certification worldwide – It is a globally recognized symbol of Sustainability achievement – It is awarded to Cost-saving & Efficient Green buildings)

NATIONAL

- SC - New five-judge bench constituted – to hear 4 crucial cases
  - Headed by Chief Justice Dipak Misra along with Justices R F Nariman, A M Khanwilkar, D Y Chandrachud and Indu Malhotra
  - Cases to be heard
    - Constitutional validity of Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code that criminalises homosexuality
    - Validity of the ban on entry of women between the age of 15 and 50 in the sanctum sanctorum of Sabrimala Temple
    - Validity of the Adultery Law under Section 497 of the Indian Penal Code, which seeks to punish only men for adultery and treats women involved in the crime as victims.
    - Whether a legislator can be disqualified on account of a charge sheet filed against him/her or should it be done only upon conviction?
- **JEE Main & NEET** – to be conducted twice a year from 2019

**CAN CHOOSE DATES, EXAM CENTRES**

- JEE (main) to be held in Jan & April; NEET-UG in Feb & May
- The computer-based exams will be conducted by NTA
- Tests to be held on multiple days, will let candidates choose dates & centres of choice
- The best of equated scores

will be used during admissions

- NTA to start new process with UGC-NET exam in Dec 2018
- It will also conduct Graduate Pharmacy Aptitude Test & Common Management Admission Test from next year

**INTERNATIONAL DAYS**

- July 7 – World chocolate Day
➢ July 7 – Global Forgiveness Day – Created in the year 1994

APPOINTMENTS

➢ Justice Radhakrishnan is the new Chief Justice Of Hyderabad HC

Justice Thottathil Bhaskaran Nair Radhakrishnan was sworn in as new Chief Justice of the Hyderabad High Court for the states of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh here today. Governor of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh ESL Narasimhan administered the oath.

➢ Paswan To Attend UNCTAD Meet In Geeneva
Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Ram Vilas Paswan will attend the UNCTAD meeting of the third inter-governmental group of experts on consumer protection on July 9-10 in Geneva.
BOOKS & AUTHORS

➢ GOD SAVE THE HONOURABLE SUPREME COURT - FALI S.NARIMAN

➢ THE PRESIDENT IS MISSING - BILL CLINTON & JAMES PATTERSON

AWARDS AND HONOURS

➢ COMMONWEALTH SHORT STORY PRIZE

India’s Sagnik Datta Is Commonwealth Short Story Prize Regional Winner for Asia

➢ Datta’s story, titled 'The Divine Pregnancy in a Twelve Year Old Woman', deals with a mother’s decision to not bear a child.
ABDULLA REMEMBRANCE TRANSLATION AWARD

Shri Jayakumar wins the prestigious V. Abdulla Remembrance Translation Award for the year 2018 for his translation of Selected Poems of O. N. V. Kurup

SPORTS


Rakesh Kumar, Shyam Sundar Swami and Tarif, Indian Para Archers – created History by winning 1st ever Gold medal at the European Para Archery cup stage II in Czech Republic
Dipika Pallikal – Appointed as ‘Asia’s Representative’ in the Prestigious ‘Athletes Advisory Commission’ of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF)

MR. WORLD TITLE
Chitharesh Natesan of Kerala, won the MR WORLD TITLE at the International Bodybuilding and Fitness Federation (IBFF) competition held in Slovenia.
NEWS IN PICTURES
New Museum of Aquatic Fauna to come up

The forest department has developed the Coastal and Marine Biodiversity Centre as a part of the proposed flamingo sanctuary and the mangroves conservation centre at Airoli in Navi Mumbai. The centre will have yet another attraction by the time it is thrown open to the public by this year end, that is the first ever museum of aquatic fauna. Recently a Blue Whale corpse had flown ashore at Uran last month. Officials decided to preserve the skeleton of the giant fish. Most of such corpses in last few years were buried at the shore itself. Now skeletons will be recovered from all such places and will be preserved at the centre.

New Invention of Kerala’s Amrita Students

AMRITA STUDENTS DEVELOP INDIA’S FIRST AUTONOMOUS WHEELCHAIR

The Self-E wheelchair addresses a critical need. In a hospital or airport, people with mobility issues depend on a manual wheelchair along with wheelchair pushers, which hinders their freedom of movement. Self-E, in contrast, maps the surrounding environment, including dynamic and static obstacles such as people, walls, pillars, tables, chairs, etc. using a laser sensor called LiDAR. The map is automatically loaded onto an Android smartphone or tablet through a specially developed app. Developed by three final-year B.Tech students (Chinta Ravi Teja, Sarath Sreekanth and Akhil Raj) of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Self-E’s autonomous operation allows users to relax and sip a cup of coffee, read a newspaper or chat with friends as the wheelchair takes them to the desired destination point on its own. The Self-E wheelchair can also be used at homes, retirement communities, assisted living communities, restaurants and washrooms, etc.
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AWARD

Innovation School Award – Government Higher Secondary School, Chozhankudikaadu, Ariyalur District

STATES

Uttar Pradesh – to conduct Mandatory ‘Screening test’ for Government employees above 50 years – to identify ‘Non performing’ employees who will be asked to ‘Retire’ compulsorily.

- உத்தரப் பிரதேசத் மாநிலம் விளம்பராத வருடம் 50 வயதுக்கு மேல் ஐந்தாம் ஐந்தாம் காலாண்டில் உட்கூறிய ஐந்தாம் வருடம் கூடாமல் கூடாமல் மேல் ஆம்பராதை ஐந்தாம் வருடம் கூடாமல் கூடாமல்
Himachal Pradesh – bans the use of Thermocol Cutlery
• Himachal Pradesh was the 1st state in the country to ban Plastic bags in the year 2009
• It has started a campaign ‘Plastic Hato, Himachal Bachao’ a month before
• On June 5, World Environment Day, it has banned the use of Plastic bottles in Government offices and Official functions

West Bengal - West Bengal & British Council – signs MoU – to promote cultural, educational and skill development exchanges

Meghalaya – organizes 1st state level ‘Jackfruit Fruit Festival 2018’ with the theme “The Humble Jack”
• Conrad K Sangma, CM, releases the draft policy on ‘Jackfruit Mission’, which is going to be launched before the Independence Day of 2018
Delhi - International Mango Festival – to be held on 9th and 10th of July in Janakpuri, Delhi

Telangana - Genome Valley 2.0
- Signed Parties - Telangana & Surbana Jurong (Singapore-based Engineering & Consulting firm)
- Objective – to be an upgraded version of India’s 1st organized Pharma-biotech R&D cluster, called as, ‘Genome Valley’
- Place – Shamirpet, Hyderabad
- Established - 1999
- Companies in Genome Valley – Top Pharma multinationals such as Novartis, GlaxoSmithKline, DuPont, Mylan, US Pharmacopeia

Uttar Pradesh - Gorakhpur administration - launches an android based smart phone application named ‘Stop JE/AES’ to fight encephalitis.
- Objective - to provide timely medical assistance to the affected people in remote areas.
- A software called Rashtriya Bal Suraksha Karyakaram (RBSK) that will display details of children referred to the CHCs/PHCs and hospitals on CMS portal was also launched

Odisha - Swachh Bharat Mission Rath Yatra
- To conduct Rath Yatra to create Awareness – as it has been ranked at the Last place in the SBM Rankings 2017.
NATIONAL

- Samsung opens World’s largest mobile factory at Noida

  - Inauguration by – Indian PM and South Korean PM, Mr Moon Jae-in
  - Head of Samsung, Global – Lee Jae-Yong
  - Head of Samsung, India – H C Hong
  - Samsung’s Noida plant – set up in 1996 – Initially it was manufacturing Televisions and mobiles were produced from 2005
  - Samsung Galaxy S3 - The Mobile launched by Noida plant in 2012
  - Samsung has its another Production unit at Sriperumpudur, Tamil Nadu

- Parbhani Shakti – India’s 1st Bio-fortified Sorghum (Jowar) with High contents of Iron and Zinc – was formally Launched
  - Developed by - International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid-Tropics (ICRISAT), Hyderabad, Telangana

- Infosys Foundation – to provide Rs 200 crores for Bengaluru Metro Rail corporation – to construct Konappana Agrahara Metro Station and metro railway track

- ‘Thetford City’ of United Kingdom – to be converted into a Twin city of Amritsar – in the memory of last king of Sikh empire, Maharaja Duleep singh
‘Global Housing Construction Technology Challenge’ – to be launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs – Under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U)

- **Objective** – to invite ideas for innovative technologies for mass housing projects to build houses faster, cheaper with better quality using sustainable Green materials
- **4 basic Parameters in the Challenge** – Time, Cost, Quality and Sustainability
- **PMAY - Launch** – June 2015
- **PMAY - Target** – ‘Housing for all’ by 2022
- **Rural-Gramin** – 2.95 crore houses
- **Urban** – 1.2 crore houses

3 New Programs launched by Min of Housing & Urban Affairs

- **India Smart Cities Fellowship (ISCF) Program**
- **India Smart Cities Internship (ISCI) Program**
- **The Smart Cities Digital Payments Awards 2018**

- **Objective** - to provide the youth with an opportunity to experience the aspects of Urban planning and governance

**CONFERENCES**

- **17th World Sanskrit conference** – begins in Vancouver, Canada – from 9th to 13th July, 2018
  - **Inauguration by** – Mr Prakash Javdekar, Min of HRD
  - **Hosted by** - The Department of Asian Studies at the University of British Columbia.
  - **Frequency** – Once in every 3 years
- **1st World Sanskrit conference** – at New Delhi in the Year 1972 (Dr Ranganathan, Chairman)
- **18th World Sanskrit Conference** – to take place in Canberra, Australia in 2021
- **16th World Sanskrit conference** – took place at Bangkok, Thailand in 2015
- **India** – conducted 3 times so far (In 1972, 1997 and 2012)

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8th International Convention of ‘Saurashtra Patel’ Cultural Samaj – held in California, United States
- Addressed by – Hon’ble PM through Video conference

Key Points of the PM’s address
- PM appealed the NRI’s to motivate atleast 5 foreign families to visit India every year for Bharat Darshan – to boost tourism development under ‘Ek Bharat Shresht Bharat Abhiyan’ scheme
  (Ek Bharat Shresht Bharat Abhiyan – announced by PM on 31st Oct, 2015 – on the eve of 140th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel)
- PM announced that India will celebrate 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, beginning from 2nd of October.
- PM also announced that the World’s tallest statue ‘Statue of Unity’ in the name of Sardar Vallabhai Patel, Iron Man of India on the banks of river Narmada near Sardar Sarovar Dam - will be unveiled by 31st Oct 2018

6th Edition of Biennial World Cities Summit – held in Singapore

**SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT**

- Train-18 (Train 2018) – India’s 1st indigenous Semi high-speed train – built by ICF, Chennai – rolled out in Sep 2018
- Cheetah 3 – 4-legged ‘Blind’ robot – built by researchers at MIT, United States – which can run, jump and climb without any Visual Sensors
- Wings – the new Internet Telephony Service – to be launched by BSNL from Aug 1, 2018
- Noise Standards across Airports – as per the Union Environment Ministry
• Busy airports – with more than 50,000 aircraft movements/year - should not exceed noise levels beyond 75 dB(A) during the daytime (6am to 10pm) and 65 dBA during the night (10pm to 6am)
• All other airports — with more than 15,000 but less than 50,000 movements/year — should not exceed levels beyond 65 dBA during the day and 60 dBA during the night.

ECONOMY

➢ RBI – cancels Licence of ‘Alwar Urban co-operative bank’ in Alwar, Rajasthan – as it does not have adequate capital to pay its depositors

INTERNATIONAL

➢ UKRI Science, Research and Academia scheme – launched by UK to provide Visas – for Overseas Research scientists to enhance its Research Sector

India’s latest warship docks in Sri Lankan port

India’s latest frontline warship INS Trikand has reached Sri Lanka in a goodwill visit, authorities here said Sunday. The Sri Lanka Navy ceremonially welcomed the state-of-the-art warship in accordance with naval traditions on Saturday. The ship’s crew will play a friendly football match with the Sri Lanka Navy. Senior Indian officers held discussions with SL counterparts.
Dr. Tapan Kumar Chand, CMD, NALCO, - Received ‘Knowledge Excellence’ Award from ‘Ministry of Mines’ for ‘Outstanding Contribution’ in Aluminium Knowledge domain - at the 22nd International Conference on Non-Ferrous Minerals and Metals 2018 at Ranchi, Jharkhand.

‘The English Patient’ – Written by Michael Ondaatje (Srilankan born Canadian Poet) - voted best-ever Man Booker Prize winner in 50 years
- The English Patient – won Booker Prize in the year 1992 and made as a movie in 1996

Scripps National Spelling Bee (SNSB) contest 2018, United States
- Winner – Karthik Nemmani, Indo-American
National Human Rights Commission Silver Jubilee Logo/Tagline Award Winners
- Bansi Lal Ketki (Mumbai, Maharashtra) – Logo Design winner
- Tabrej Qureshi (Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh) – Slogan/Tagline winner

BOOKS & AUTHORS

![Dare I Question?](image)

M. Hamid Ansari

![Hinduism and Nature](image)

Nanditha Krishna
APPOINTMENTS

- Manoj Kumar Pingua – appointed as Managing Director of NFDC, National Film Development corporation
  - He Replaces Nina Lath Gupta

PERSONALITIES IN NEWS

Second Indian to climb the highest Volcano of the world

- Satyarup Siddhanta - has become the second Indian mountaineer after Malli Mastan Babu - to climb Mt Ojos del Salado, the highest volcano in the world.
  - Satyarup Siddhanta – is a West Bengal born and Bangalore-residing Mountaineer – He has climbed Mt Everest in 2016 and also became 5th Indian civilian to complete 7 Summits in 2017.

‘Thiel Fellowship 2018’

- Aparna Krishnan awarded of $1,00,000 fund for her pioneering work on Blockchain technology
- Aparna Krishnan, Chennai (21 years) – CEO and co-founder of Mechanism Labs, world’s 1st Open source research Lab – She’s an alumnus of Indian School, Al Ghubra, Muscat, Oman
- Thiel Fellowship - encourages talented young people to pursue big ideas and start companies instead of attending college – Awarded to 20 budding entrepreneurs for the year 2018, including Aparna Krishnan

SPORTS

- 1st Indian gymnast to win Gold at Gymnastics World cup

Dipa Karmakar – becomes the 1st Indian to win Gold in the Vault event at FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Challenge Cup at Mersin, Turkey.
- Dipa’s Achievements
  - Won Bronze medal at 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow
  - Ranked 4th in the 2016 Rio Olympics, missing the Bronze medal narrowly
  - Won Bronze medal at Asian gymnastics championship
  - Won Khel Ratna in Aug 2016
  - Won Padma Shri in 2017
MS Dhoni, First wicketkeeper to take Five catches in a T20I

- MS Dhoni reached the milestone when he took the catch of Liam Plunket off Siddarth Kaul in the last over of England’s innings.
  - He also became the first wicketkeeper to take 50 catches in T20 Internationals. With 87 dismissals (54 catches and 33 stumpings) in 93 matches, Dhoni leads the charts.
  - Recently, Dhoni also became the third Indian player to complete 500 international appearances.
- Team India clinched the three-match T20I series against England (2:1)

- Rohit Sharma scored an unbeaten 100 as India clinched the three-match T20I series with a seven-wicket win.
- This was the right-hander's third century in the game's shortest format, making him just the second player to make three tons equalling Collin Munro of Newzealand.
• **Man of The Match & Man Of The Series - ROHIT SHARMA (HIT MAN)**

• This was India's *sixth successive T20 series win*

  - British Grand Prix F1 title – won by Sebastian Vettel (Germany) of Ferrari

**OBITUARY**

- Kabutari Devi – Noted Kumaoni folk singer
NEWS IN PICTURES

ONE NATION, ONE POLL

A two-day consultation by Law Commission on simultaneous polls saw four parties favouring it, one offering conditional support and 10 opposing it. BJP is in very much in favour, though it did not present its official stand during the consultations. Congress too stayed away from the meeting, says it’s yet to make up its mind; will consult allies first.

AYES

SP, Shiromani Akali Dal, JD(U), TRS

CONDITIONAL SUPPORT

AIADMK: Idea is “desirable” but “practical and serious” issues should be settled first; simultaneous elections should not be held before 2024; TN Assembly should be allowed to complete its term; Loksabha elections should be held as per schedule.

NAYS

DMK, Trinamool Congress, CPI, CPI(M), All India Forward Bloc, JD(S), TDP, AAP, AIUDF, Goa Forward Party

WHY OPPOSE

DMK, JD(S): The idea is against federalism.
TDP: Simultaneous polls are incompatible with the Constitution and impracticable.
Trinamool, CPI, AIUDF, Goa Forward Party: National parties with money power will steal a march over smaller players.
CPI(M): Anti-democratic, against Constitution.

WHY SUPPORT

TRS: Months spent preparing for poll; this process will save time and money.
JD(U): It will reduce expenditure on elections, curb black money.
SAD: Will reduce expenditure of parties and shorten the period of the model code of conduct, which hampers development work.
Tamil Nadu introduces Lokayukta Bill

- Introduced by – Mr D Jayakumar, Minister for Personnel & Administrative Reforms

The Composition
- Selection Committee - 3
  - The Chief Minister
  - The Speaker of the Assembly
  - The Leader of the Opposition
  - The Selection committee will select the Chairperson and the members
  - Appointing authority - Governor
- Chairperson - 1
  - A person who is/has been a High court judge with over 25 years of experience
- Judicial Members – 2
  - Persons who are/have been judges in the High court or have put in 25 years of experience in the State Judiciary with an impeccable record
- Non Judicial Members – 2
  - Persons who have had 25 years of experience in anti-corruption policy, public administration, vigilance, finance and law
- Term of chairperson & members – Five years or 70 years of age, whichever is earlier - No second term for Chairperson and members
- **Salary/Allowance** – Will be on par with chief justice of High court for the Chairman & will be equal to that of the salary drawn by the Judges of the High court for the Members

- **Jurisdiction** – MLA’s/Former MLA’s/Ministers/Former Ministers and all Public servants defined in the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988
  - It has all the powers of civil court under Code of Civil Procedure, 1908

- **For False complaints** – 1 year imprisonment and a fine of Rs 1 lakh

- **Tamilnadu** – agrees to receive Sand imported from ‘Malaysia’ by a Private concern, Ramaiah Enterprises

## STATES

- **Gujarat** – becomes 3rd state in the country to grant ‘Religious Minority’ status to Jews
  - 1st State – Maharashtra
  - 2nd State – West Bengal

- **New Delhi** – Supreme court ruled that All Private hospitals operating in concessional government lands in Delhi should provide **Free treatment to the Poor** – at the rate of 25% of poor in Out-patients category & 10% of poor as In-patients

- **Mumbai** – to become the “Hub” of **Cruise tourism** in the country – as per the new ‘Action plan’ for boosting cruise tourism, prepared by the Government

- **Haryana** – becomes the 1st state to upload the Photos and details of ‘VAT’ defaulters in its official Website

- **Haryana** – to enroll ‘Nomadic tribes’ for Aadhaar
  - Nomadic tribes – doesn’t have a fixed habitation and keeps on wandering from one place to another

- **New Delhi** – to host 1st ever ‘India Tourism Mart’ – from 16th to 18th Sep 2018

- **Mumbai** – to host ‘19th World congress of Food Science & Technology 2018’ – from 23rd to 27th Oct 2018 – to be organized by International Union of Food Science & Technology, IUFoST
- **Focal theme** – 25 Billion meals a day by 2025 with Healthy, Nutritious, Safe and Diverse FOODS

![IUFOST 2018 India](image)

**NATIONAL**

- **India & South Korea** – signs 5 MoU’s – in the field of Science & Technology – and agrees to set up a Joint ‘**Indo-Korean Center for Research and Innovation**’ (IKCRI) in India

![Image of kýkcri signing]

- **Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (IFFCO)** – signs partnership with 2 Korean firms – for collaboration in Agri-machinery and Farm credit sectors
  
  **The 2 Korean Firms are**
  
  ✓ **LS Mtron Ltd** - South Korean agriculture equipment manufacturer
  
  ✓ **NH Capital Company Ltd** - South Korea’s leading financial services provider
Saathi – New Mobile Help centre launched by CRPF – to help Amarnath Yatra Pilgrims

Institution of Eminence Status – Granted to 3 Private and 3 Public sector institutions

- 3 Public sector Institutions - IIT Delhi, IIT Bombay & IISc, Bengaluru
- 3 Private Sector Institutions – BITS, Pilani, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal & Jio Institute, Pune (Under Green field category)

Institution of Eminence

- The selected Institutions to receive a grant of Rs 1000 crores from the Government for a period of 5 years
- They can have flexibility in course structures, greater autonomy to admit foreign students & to offer online courses.

Indian Railways – Introduces First ‘Double Stack Dwarf Container’ Service – from Rajkot (Gujarat - Western Railway) to Rewari (Haryana) – Flagged off by Mr Piyush Goyal, Min of Railways, Finance, Corporate affairs & Coal
**SCHEMES**

- **Rajasthan** launches ‘Annapoorna Milk Scheme’ from July 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 2018

  ![Annapoorna Milk Scheme](image)

  As per this,
  - Students in class I to V - to get 150 ml of milk everyday
  - Students in class VI to VIII – to get 200 ml of milk everyday

- **Pradhan Mantri Awaz Yojana (Urban)** – Min of Housing & Urban affairs announced that **51 lakh houses** have been approved under the scheme – in 3 years after its implementation

**CONFERENCES**

- **1\textsuperscript{st} International Round table conference on ‘Data for New India’** – concludes in New Delhi

  ![Round Table Conference](image)

- **1\textsuperscript{st} Meeting of E-commerce Task force** – concludes in New Delhi – chaired by Commerce secretary, Rita Teaotia
 ✓ **Objective** - to frame the National Policy on e-commerce under the chairmanship of Mr Suresh Prabhu, Min of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation

![Image]

**COMMITTEES**

- **Sushil Kumar Modi Panel** – Constituted by GST Council – concludes that there shall be no additional tax incentives for digital transactions for at least a year, citing revenue considerations.

**SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT**

- **PRSS-1 and PakTes-1A**, Remote Sensing Satellites of Pakistan
  - Launched by – China
  - Rocket – Long March-2C
  - Space centre - Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre

- **National Health Stack (NHS)** – a shared Digital Health infrastructure – was unveiled by NITI Aayog
  - **Objective** - to assist the collection of comprehensive healthcare data across the country – for the implementation of centre’s flagship scheme ‘Ayushman Bharat’ and other such programs.

- **World’s Oldest Colours** (1.1 billion years old – Bright pink pigments) – discovered from the Rocks beneath Sahara desert in Africa – by the scientists of Australian National University

![Image]
**ECONOMY**

- **Asian development Bank** (ADB) approves to provide $352 million to Lining Project of **Son Canal in Bihar**
  - Project Cost - $503 million
  - Benefit – to Agriculture sectors of Shahabad-Bhojpur region

- **Asian Development Bank**
  - Estd – 1966
  - HQ – Manila, Phillipines
  - Largest shareholder – Japan (15.7%)
  - Member countries – 67

**INTERNATIONAL**

- **Israel** – Passes new Bill against **Polluting Companies** – in which the Regular citizens and NGO’s can sue the polluting companies in civil courts

**AWARDS & HONOURS**

- **Award for Pinarayi Vijayan**

  ✓ **Pinarayi Vijayan**, CM of Kerala - gets an award from ‘Institute of Human Virology’ in Baltimore for the successful handling of Nipah Virus outbreak– from its Co-founder and renowned researcher, Dr Robert Gallo, who was part of the team that identified HIV virus.
Golden Peacock Award

Sembcorp Energy bags Golden Peacock Award

Sembcorp Energy India Limited (SEIL) has been awarded the prestigious 'Golden Peacock Award for Environment Management' for 2018. The award was conferred on SEIL for initiatives undertaken in the field of environment management at its supercritical power generation plant in Nellore.

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APPOINTMENTS

Prof Sandeep Sancheti (Vice chancellor, SRM Institute of Science & Technology) – appointed as President of ‘Association of Indian Universities’, New Delhi
Jeremy Hunt – appointed as New Foreign Secretary of United Kingdom (Replaces Boris Johnson, who resigned in protest against Britain’s Brexit plan)

REMEMBERING VELLORE MUTINY

The VELLORE MUTINY, the first mutiny by Indian sepoys against the English East India Company, took place on July 10, 1806

A new dress code prohibited Hindus from wearing religious marks on their foreheads & Muslims from keeping beards

Mutineers seized the Vellore Fort and killed/wounded 200 British troops

THE SEPOY FIGHTS BACK

Took place in the city of Vellore and lasted only a day; predated the Revolt of 1857 by half a century

The sepoys had attempted to restore power to the sons of Tipu Sultan

100 mutineers were executed and several court-martialled during the suppression of the outbreak
Course of events

- 10th July 1806, the sepoys killed 14 British officers and 115 Englishmen.
- Mutiny started during midnight and by dawn the fort had been captured by them.
- British troops arrived led by Sir Rollo Gillespie. He was able to quell the rebellion.
- 350 Indian soldiers were killed and 350 wounded

NEWS IN PICTURES

NITI Aayog holds meet on zero-budget farming

The NITI Aayog on Monday discussed adoption of zero-budget farming across the country while exploring ways to double farmers’ income by 2022. Zero-budget farming involves eliminating input costs by raising crops naturally without the use of pesticides. Farmers use their own seeds, and cow dung/urine as fertilisers. The practice is followed in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Himachal Pradesh. NITI Aayog vice-chairman Rajiv Kumar said about five lakh farmers were using zero-budget farming techniques, which would lead to a paradigm shift in agriculture in the country.
Break the silence
With no laws, female genital mutilation among Bohra community in India is scarring women for life

INDIA'S DARK SECRET
■ India is not included on United Nations' lists of countries affected by female genital mutilation
■ Centre has told the Supreme Court there is no data to show female genital mutilation exists in the country
■ FGM is secretly carried out by the Dawoodi Bohra community, a Shi'ite Muslim sect from western India
■ The ritual, known as khatna or khafid, is typically performed on seven- or eight-year-old girls
■ According to a study by SAHIYO, 75 per cent of women among India's Dawoodi Bohra sect have been cut
■ The year-long study includes 94 interviews with supporters and opponents

88% respondents identified 1,248 others in their family circles who had undergone FGM
64% women in the upper income group had subjected their daughter to FGM, revealed the study

STUDY REVEALS
37% of the respondents support FGM
43% are against FGM
16% have changed their mind