Tamil Nadu

- Chennai corporation launches a new App ‘Verify your Tax’ to explain revised property tax.

- Southern Railway submits a proposal to develop ‘Salt cotaurs’ yard as the city’s 4th Train terminal:
  - The other existing terminals are at Chennai Central, Egmore and Tambaram.
  - The project intends to develop the new terminal at a cost of Rs 78 crore with 9 lines and 5 platforms.

- State Government to rename towns, localities and 220 streets in Tamil - by December:
  - The new names were finalized after suggestions from Tamil scholars from all the 32 districts.
They were submitted to a high level committee headed by Ma Foi K Pandiarajan, Minister for Tamil official language and Tamil culture

- **N Kumar** - appointed as the 13th Vice chancellor of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University

- He is the current dean of the faculty of horticulture at the university
- He will be in office for 3 years
- He succeeds K Ramasamy

- **Hyundai** – to invest Rs 7000 crore in Tamil Nadu
✓ The South Korean manufacturer will expand its facility at Sriperumbudur, Chennai
✓ The proposed investment will also go towards the manufacture of new models and electric vehicles
✓ Hyundai is to sign an MoU with the Global Investors Meet, scheduled for January
✓ Hyundai Motor India Limited CEO and MD, Y.K. Koo called on CM, Edappadi K. Palaniswami in Chennai and discussed about increase in production to another 1,00,000 units in its facility

STATES

➢ Tripura – drops the ‘May Day’ from the list of Government holidays for the year 2019

✓ The CM, Biplab kumar Deb said that the government employees do not need a holiday on International Labour Rights Day
✓ Still, May 1 is announced as holiday only to workers in industrial sector as the day is meant for workers and labourers

NATIONAL

➢ Prime Minister Narendra Modi – inaugurates country’s 1st Multi modal terminal on Inland waterways in Varanasi
The PM also received the country’s first container cargo transported on inland waterways from Kolkata.

- It was carrying 16 containers with food and beverages and returning with fertilizer consignments from Phulphur.
- Vessel – MV Rabindranath Tagore
- Duration of the journey – 13 days
- Route – Haldia to Prayagraj
- It was the first of the four multi-modal terminals being constructed on the National Waterway-1 (river Ganga) as part of the World Bank-aided Jal Marg Vikas project of the Inland Waterways Authority of India.

- The total estimated cost of the project is Rs 5,369.18 crore, which will be equally shared between the Government of India and the World Bank.

Medical council of India – to introduce a course in Medical ethics in undergraduate medical education

- The new course will start from the first year of the MBBS programme and will run until the final year.

INTERNATIONAL

- Amnesty International - withdraws its highest human rights honor from Aung San Suu Kyi, the civilian leader of Myanmar
The decision follows the military’s deadly crackdown against Rohingya Muslims and growing restrictions on free speech in the country.

The international human rights group ‘Amnesty International’ named Ms Suu Kyi as its 2009 Ambassador of Conscience Award recipient.

**CONFERENCES & SUMMITS**

- **3rd Quadrilateral meeting** – to be held in Singapore on November 14
  - Officials from 4 countries (Quad) - Australia, India, Japan and the United States will participate in the meeting.
  - The meeting will be held on the sidelines of the East Asia Summit.
  - Prime Minister, Narendra Modi will attend this meeting.

**PERSONALITIES**

- Satyarup Siddhanta, Mountaineer – becomes the first Indian to scale ‘Mt Giluwe’ in Papua New Guinea.
He summited an elevation of 4,367 metres which will be followed by Mt Wilhelm – the highest mountain of Papua New Guinea.

Satya scaled 5 of the 7 volcanic summits, so far.

He aimed to complete his 6th Volcano in Mexico Mt Pico de Orizaba and then to Antarctica to climb Mt Sidley in December 2018.

APPOTNTMENTS

- Kalyan Krishnamurthy – named as the new CEO of Flipkart.

The incumbent CEO, Binny Bansal resigned following a ‘misconduct allegation’.

The flipkart group includes Myntra and Jabong.

Ananth Narayanan will continue as the CEO of Myntra and Jabong and will report to Krishnamurthy.

SPORTS

- Mushfiqur Rahim (Bangladesh) – becomes the 1st wicketkeeper batsman in the history to score 2 double hundreds in Tests.
✓ So far, 7 wicketkeepers have registered a double century
✓ Rahim scored an unbeaten 219 against Zimbabwe in Dhaka, which became the highest individual score by a Bangladeshi batsman in tests
✓ He bettered 217 scored by Shakib Al Hasan against New Zealand