Tamil Nadu

- The heritage Electric Theatre on the Anna Road Head Post office campus – to turn in a Museum exclusively for Philately, Stamp collection

- The first-of-its-kind Museum in the state will be run by India Posts, which runs similar museums at New Delhi and Agra
- It will have replicas of some of the oldest stamps and special covers in the country
- It will also focus on the development of the postal department in Chennai
- It will be modeled on the National Philatelic Museum in New Delhi
- The Electric Theatre, established in 1913, was the first theatre to screen silent films in Mount Road
- It was purchased by the Post and telegraphs department in 1951 for constructing the Mount Road Head post office
- Currently, the theatre hosts a permanent philatelic exhibition with different themes every month

- Tamilnadu government – to introduce Biometric system to monitor the attendance of teachers in 7, 728 Government schools – by the end of this academic year
- The system will be introduced in 3,688 Government High schools for 41,805 teachers and 4,040 Government higher secondary schools for 1,21,774 teachers
- The cost of the system is around Rs 15.30 crores
**STATES**

- **Andhra Pradesh Government** – launches ‘Bhuseva’ and ‘Bhudaar’ web portal
  - People can record their land record online through these portals using Aadhaar card.
  - Bhudaar – is a 11 digit unique identification code for every agricultural land holding and urban/rural property.
  - It provides a single source of information related to all transactions of a particular land or property.
  - It will also provide history of transactions initially for the past 12 years.
  - Unique ID for permanent Bhudaar will start with 28 and if it is government land, 28 is followed by 00.
  - Bhudaar card can be generated by the property owner from Bhuseva web portal.
  - Two types of Bhudaar cards are available namely e-Bhudaar and M-Bhudaar.

- **Maharashtra Government** – passes Bill to amend the anti-adulteration law
  - It seeks to provide stringent punishments like life imprisonment and heavy penalty to curb food and milk adulteration.
  - Also, it is categorizing the adulteration offence as cognizable and non-bailable.

- **Uttar Pradesh’s Bhadohi district, famously known as ‘Carpet city’** – gets ‘Excellence tag in exports’ for the product category ‘Carpets and other floor Coverings’
  - The acknowledgement was granted by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) under the commerce ministry.
  - Bhadohi will be the 37th town in the country to get the status of ‘Town of Export excellence’ tag.
  - The carpet makers of the city will now get financial assistance from the central government to procure modern machines and improve their export infrastructure.
  - The towns which produces goods worth Rs 750 crore or more gets this tag based on their potential growth.
  - Similarly, for the towns producing items in hand-loom, handicraft, agriculture and fisheries sector, the tag is provided for a goods worth of Rs 150 crore or more.
NATIONAL

- **Indian Railways** – launches a new mobile App ‘GRP Help App’ for Railway passengers to seek help from the Government Railway Police (GRP) in Coimbatore
  - The railway commuters can share the image of any suspicious object through the App
  - They can also lodge complaints on harassment of women, children or theft through the App
  - The complaints will be immediately attended by GRP or RPF

- **Facebook** – to impart Digital training to 50 lakh Indian people in the next 3 years by 2021
  - The training will help small businesses in India to gain digital marketing skills and reach the global economy
  - This was announced by Facebook during the inauguration of two day Facebook Community Boost programme in New Delhi
  - It has already trained one million people with ten ongoing programmes across 150 cities and 48000 villages with the support of 50 partners
  - The training modules for these businesses in digital marketing and online safety, developed by Facebook are available in 14 local languages

- **All India Radio** – to air 50th Golden jubilee episode of the Prime Minister’s ‘Mann ki Baat’ on November 25, 2018

  The 'Mann Ki Baat' series started on October 3, 2014 and aired subsequently on every last Sunday of the month
  The Prime minister appealed to the people to buy atleast one Khadi product, in the inaugural episode, which has boosted the sale of khadi products by 120% in the country
  The programme will also be streamed on the YouTube channels of the Prime Minister’s Office, Information and Broadcasting Ministry, AIR and DD News
Airports Authority of India – cancels the UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) licence of Air Odisha – in 7 airports due to poor performance

- The cancelled airports are Jharsuguda, Raipur, Raigarh, Bilaspur, Ambikapur, Jagdalpur and Visakhapatnam
- The airlines could not operate minimum 70% of the scheduled flights from these airports within a period of 3 months, leading to the cancellation of license
- Air Odisha had started operating flight services from Jharsuguda to Raipur on September 2018
- It was the sole operator in the recently inaugurated Jharsuguda Airport in Odisha

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS


- Organisers – Union Ministry of Tourism, in association with Department of Tourism, Government of Tripura and North Eastern States
- Theme - “Adventure Tourism”
- The exhibition provides platform for meetings between tourism business entrepreneurs from eight North Eastern States - Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Sikkim
- It is organized annually in different North Eastern States on rotation basis
- The earlier editions of this mart have been held in Guwahati, Tawang, Shillong, Gangtok and Imphal
APPOINTMENTS

- Uber Eats – has appointed ‘Alia Bhatt’, actress - as its first brand ambassador in India

- In India, Uber Eats was first launched in Mumbai in May 2017
- India will be the first country where the global company appointed an ambassador
- It is operating out of 37 cities in the country at present

SPORTS

- 10th AIBA Women’s World Boxing Championship
- Mary Kom – wins her 6th Women’s World Boxing Championship title in New Delhi

- The 35-year old Manipuri boxer defeated Ukraine’s Hanna Okhota in an unanimous 5-0 verdict in the 48 kg light flyweight category final bout
- In the process, Mary became the first woman boxer in the world to win six world titles
- She beat the record of Irish boxer, Katie Taylor who had earlier won five world titles
- The mother of three children, Mary had won the previous titles in 2002, 2005, 2006, 2008 and 2010
- Mary Kom had already won bronze in 2012 London Olympics, 5 gold medals in Asian championships apart from the 6 world titles until now
Sonia Chahal – lost to Germany's Ornella Wahner in a 4-1 verdict in the 57 kg feather-weight category final bout to win Silver medal

The 21-year old Haryana boxer won the silver medal in her maiden world championships

Indian Gymnast, Dipa Karmakar – settles for bronze medal at the vault event – in the artistic Gymnastics World cup in Cottbus, Germany

Dipa had earlier won a gold in the vault event of artistic Gymnastics world challenge cup in Turkey in July for her first medal in the last two years

Chennai’s fencing girl, Bhavani Devi – won Gold in the sabre event of Commonwealth fencing championships in Canberra, Australia

The 25-year old defeated England’s Emily Ruaux in the final

Bhavani had earlier won silver this year at the Tournoi satellite championships in Iceland
Monaco - to host the next year's Laureus World Sports Award 2019 on February 2019
✓ The awards, hailed as ‘Oscars of sports’, will be conferred across 8 individual and team categories
✓ Former Indian cricket captains, Kapil Dev, Rahul Dravid and Sachin Tendulkar are the renowned members of the Laureus Academy

INTERNATIONAL DAY

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women – November 25

✓ Theme 2018 - Orange the World: #HearMeToo
✓ The day marks the launch of 16 days of various activities, that will conclude on 10 December 2018, International Human Rights Day
✓ The 25th of every month has been designated as Orange Day by the UN Women campaign Say No, UNiTE, which was launched in 2009 to end violence against women
✓ The day is observed by the Women’s rights activists since 1981
✓ The date was selected to honour the Mirabal sisters, three political activists from the Dominican Republic who were brutally murdered in 1960 by the order of the country’s ruler, Rafael Trujillo (1930-1961)
✓ The UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women through a resolution on December 20, 1993
✓ The UN General Assembly adopted a resolution on February 7, 2000, officially designating November 25 as the ‘International day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women’