TAMIL NADU

- TN-SMART – the new web-based GIS system and its Mobile App – were launched by the Hon’ble CM, Edappadi K Palaniswami

- The system and App will strengthen the response and recovery management during Disasters such as Floods, cyclone etc.,
- SMART – Multi hazard potential impact assessment and Emergency response tracking
- It was developed by the Government in association with RIMES of Thailand (RIMES – Regional integrated multi-hazard early warning system for Africa and Asia)
- The App would alert users with forecasts and analysis during emergencies
**NATIONAL**

- Indian Railways - to build World’s highest Railway line linking New Delhi and Ladakh running along the Indo-China border

  ✓ The proposed Bilaspur-Manali-Leh Line would become the world’s highest railway line upon completion
  ✓ The 465km railway line would be constructed at a cost of Rs 83,360 crore
  ✓ The proposed railway line will be the world’s highest at 5,360 metres above mean sea level
  ✓ Keylong station along the route will be constructed inside a tunnel at the height of 3000 metres which is a first in India

**INTERNATIONAL**

- United States – to impose complete sanctions against Iran from November 5, 2018

  ✓ The sanctions were announced following the signing of the new Law, Hezbollah International Financing Prevention Amendments Act of 2018 by the US President, Donald Trump
ISRO – has successfully tested ‘Vikram’, the lander on Chandrayaan-2

- The Lander actuator performance test (LAPT) was performed on the scaled down version of Vikram for a soft and safe lunar landing
- The tests were carried out in the ISRO propulsion complex in Mahendragiri, Tamil nadu

APPOINTMENTS

- Mahinda Rajapaksha – sworn in as the new Prime Minister of Sri Lanka

- He replaces Ranil Wickremesinghe, who was sacked by the President, Maithripala Sirisena
- Rajapaksha was the 18th Prime Minister of Sri Lanka from April 6, 2004 to November 19, 2005
- He had also served as the President of the country from November 19, 2005 to January 9, 2015
AWARDS

- The winners of United Nations Human Rights Award -2018 were announced at the 73rd session of UN General Assembly.
  - The awardees
    - Asma Jahangir – Pakistan’s late human rights activist
    - Rebeca Gyumi – A Tanzanian human rights activist
    - Joenia Wapichana – Brazil’s first indigenous lawyer
    - Front Line Defenders – A human rights organisation of Ireland
  - These awards were instituted in 1966 and first conferred in 1968
  - They were given once in every 5 years
  - So far, only one Indian personality, Baba Amte, has been awarded United Nations Human Rights Prize in the year 1988
  - The award ceremony will take place on December 10 on World Human Rights Day in New York.
  - Asma Jahangir

Asma was the 4th Pakistani winner of the prestigious award after Begum Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan (1978), Benazir Bhutto (2008) and Malala Yousufzai (2013)
- She passed away on February 11, 2018
- She was awarded the Legion of Honour by France, the highest French order of merit for military and civil merits, in 2014
- She was the first woman to serve as the president of Pakistan's Supreme Court Bar Association
- In 1987, Jahangir co-founded the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan and became its Secretary-General
- In between 1988 and 2018, she has served in several positions in various United Nation commissions
- **Global Agriculture Leadership Awards 2018**
  - These awards are established in 2008 to recognize the leaders impacting the rural society
  - They were announced during the 2018 Global Agriculture Leadership Summit held in New Delhi in October 2018
  - **The Winners** --

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First world Agriculture prize – awarded to Prof M S Swaminathan

- The annual prize was instituted by the Indian council of Food and agriculture
- The award was presented by Vice President, Venkaiah Naidu
- Prof. Swaminathan is known as Father of Green Revolution in India
- The United Nations Environment Programme has celebrated him as ‘The Father of Economic Ecology’

SPORTS


- The former national and Asian billiards champion lost the crown on 2 occasions in the last 2 years
INTERNATIONAL DAY

➢ Vigilance Awareness Week – 29th October to 3rd November 2018

✔ The week is observed by the Central Vigilance Commission every year during the week in which the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (31st October) falls
✔ Theme 2018 - Eradicate Corruption-Build a New India
✔ One of the highlights of the week will be the establishment of Integrity Clubs in the schools and colleges to cultivate ethical values to the students