TAMIL NADU

- Tamil Nadu – 6 Government Hospitals From 4 Districts, Trichy, Perambalur, Ariyalur And Karur – To Offer ‘Varma’ Therapy For Patients At The AYUSH Blocks – From October 2018 Onwards

STATES

- Telangana’s 127-Year-Old Sadarmatt Anicut And The Iconic Pedda Cheruvu Tank – Gets “Heritage Irrigation Structure” Status
The status is accorded by the ‘International Executive Council’ the highest decision making body of International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage.

Both these sites will now be inscribed in the ICID Register of Heritage Irrigation Structures, as per the decision taken at the 69th meeting of the International Executive Council held from August 12th to 17th, 2018 at Sanskatoon in Canada.

Sadarmattanicut
Built across Godavari in Khanapur of Nirmal district by the then Hyderabad ruler Nawab Ikbal-ud-Dowla in 1891-92.

Designed by JJ Ottley, a French engineer and constructed during the regime of the Taluqdar (governor), CE Wilkinson.

PeddaCheruvu tank
Built during the rule of Mir Mahaboob Ali Khan, the sixth Nizam of Hyderabad State at the outskirts of Kamareddy district in 1897.

This tank was taken up under the 2nd round of Mission Kakatiya to be developed as a mini tank bund with an estimated outlay of Rs 6.6 crore.

Delhi – Has Launched The Country’s 1st ‘Doorstep Delivery Scheme’ Of 40 Essential Government Services On Sep 10, 2018
– At An Extra Fee Of Rs 50 Per Service

The services include caste and marriage certificates, driving license, ration card, domicile, duplicate RC and change of address in RC and new water connections in the first phase.
Uttar Pradesh – Lucknow’s Biggest City Intersection
‘Hazratganj Chauraha’ – To Be Renamed As ‘Atal Chowk’ After The Former PM, Atal Bihari Vajpayee

- It is also known as ‘the heart of the city’
- Along with this, a memorial named as “Atal Smriti Upvan” would also be constructed, which will have his statue along with his 51 poems, speeches and other memorabilia.

Karnataka – Ayushman Bharat Call Centre – Inaugurated In Bengaluru By Dr Indu Bhushan, CEO Of Ayushman Bharat

- The centre was operational since August 25
- The call centre has a ‘Medi-assistant’ for providing information about Ayushman Bharat
- Another call centre is also functioning in Hyderabad, providing 24x7 information

NATIONAL

Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport- Becomes The 1st Airport In Asia To Use ‘Face Recognition’ As ‘Boarding Pass’ From 2019
The technology for ‘Face recognition’ is provided by a Portuguese software firm, Vision Box.

It will be completed in the first quarter of 2019 in Jet Airways, Air Asia and Spice Jet Airlines.

This technology of Vision Box was unveiled for 1st time for Lufthansa passengers at kiosks of Los Angeles airport in US in March 2018.

**Government – Has Announced That Henceforth, ‘Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana’ Will Also Cover The Treatment Of Childhood Cancer**

- Under the Ayushman Bharat scheme, 1.5 lakh health and wellness centres will be opened across India by 2022.
- The centres will provide comprehensive health care for diseases like diabetes, cancer, hypertension and cardiovascular diseases.
- The Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana or Ayushman Bharat scheme will be launched by PM, Narendra Modi on the birth anniversary of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay on September 25, 2018.
- It is the world’s largest government-funded programme, which aims to cover over 10 crore poor families providing coverage up to Rs 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalisation.
- The beneficiaries will be decided on the basis of the Socio-Economic and Caste Census 2011 database.
The programmes would be implemented in 8 major cities, Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad and Lucknow from 2018-19 to 2020-21

Women Safe City Project – consists of Transit dormitories for women and children, smart LED streetlights, Public panic buttons, all-women police patrol teams, one-stop crisis centres, forensic and cybercrime cells

INTERNATIONAL

Switzerland – Is Planning To Install A Statue Of Actress ‘Sridevi’ In Berne

It has to be recalled that Sridevi’s superhit movie ‘Chandni’ was shot in Switzerland

Earlier, the statue of renowned Indian film maker ‘Yash chopra’ was unveiled in Interlaken in 2016
The government of Interlaken had also awarded the honorary title of ‘Ambassador of Interlaken’ to Yash Chopra in 2011 and a train is named after him.

There is also a lake which is known as ‘Yash Chopra lake’ in Lauenensee in which he shot many of his scenes.

Yash Chopra shot his iconic 1995 blockbuster “Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge' in Switzerland.

Raj Kapoor’s 1964 film "Sangam" was the first Indian film shot in Switzerland, which was followed by "An Evening in Paris" in 1967.

**Paraguay – Announced That It Will Move Its Embassy Back From Jerusalem To Tel Aviv**

In response, Israel ordered closure of its embassy in Paraguay.

Earlier, Paraguay became the 3rd country to shift its embassy to Jerusalem, after United States and Guatemala.

Israel has intensified efforts to achieve recognition of Jerusalem as its capital.

**Thailand – Bars Women From Enrolling In Royal Police Academy**

The Cadet Academy, which dates back to 1901, has only been admitting female students for the last 10 years.

Of 8,000 investigators in the national police office, only 400 are female.

**Qatar – Becomes The 1st Gulf Nation To Grant Permanent Residency To Expatriates**

The country will provide a maximum of 100 foreigners the permanent residency every year.

Children of Qatari mothers, and skilled expatriates who have lived in the country for more than 20 years will be given priority.
CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

4th World Summit On Accreditation, New Delhi

- Inauguration – Prakash Javdekar, Min for HRD
- Organised by - National Board of Accreditation (NBA) once in every 2 years
- Theme - “Challenges and Opportunities in Outcome Based Accreditation”
- Past summits
  - 1st World Summit - 2012 (Theme: Achieving Excellence through Accreditation)
  - 2nd World Summit - 2014 (Theme - International Recognition of Education Qualifications)
  - 3rd World Summit - 2016 (Theme - Quality Assurance through Outcome Based Accreditation)

2nd World Hindu Congress 2018, Chicago

- Theme - “Sumantrite Suvikrante” — think collectively, achieve valiantly”
Inaugural World Hindu Congress – Nov 2014 in New Delhi with the theme “Sangachchhadhwam Samvadadhwam’ which means ‘Step together, Express together’

The congress is being held once in every 4 years

**SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT**

Ocean Cleanup Foundation – Launches The World's 1st Ocean Cleanup Exercise Of ‘Great Pacific Garbage Patch’ From San Francisco At An Estimated Budget Of USD 32 Million

Ocean cleanup Foundation – is an organization founded by a Dutch innovator, Boyan Slat (24 years old)

The cleanup system ‘System 001’, also called as ‘Wilson’ is a 2000 foot long plastic cleaning array, which is propelled by wind and waves so as to passively catch plastic debris in front of it.

It will be able to collect 50 tons of plastic in the 1st year

The Great pacific garbage patch is a collection of marine debris in the North pacific ocean
It has 79000 tons of plastic debris in the form of 1.8 trillion tiny pieces

**APPOINTMENTS**

**Hima Das – Appointed As ‘Sports Ambassador’ Of Assam**

- She was the first Indian athlete to win gold medal in track event at IAAF World U20 Championships held in Tampere, Finland
- She had won silver medal in 400 m final to win a silver medal in 2018 Asian Games (Jakarta)
- She is nicknamed ‘Dhing Express’ after the name of the village in which she was born in Assam
AWARDS

Satrughnapandav, Noted Odia Poet – To Be Conferred With The Prestigious 'Sarala Puraskar' For His Poetry Collection 'Misra Dhrupad' On Oct 26th 2018

☆ Other Awardees
☆ Pandeet Umesh Chandra Kar -to be awarded ‘Ila Panda Sangeet Samman’ in the field of music and art
☆ Sri Binod Moharana - will receive ‘Ila Panda Chitrakala Samman’ in the field of music and art
☆ 'Sarala Puraskar’ award
☆ It recognizes the best in Odia literature
☆ It carries a cash award of Rs. 5,00,000/- along with a citation
☆ Instituted by - Eminent Odia industrialist, Late Dr Bansidhar Panda & Late Ila Panda in 1979
☆ Awarded by - The Indian Metals Public Charitable Trust
Aishwarya Rai Bachchan – Conferred With ‘Meryl Streep Award For Excellence’ At The 1st ‘Women In Film And Television’ India Award

Yamaha Fascino Miss Diva Miss Universe 2018 Awards

- Miss Diva Universe – Nehal Chudasama (22 years - Mumbai)
- Miss Diva Supranational – Aditi Hundia (Indore)
- Miss Diva Runner-up – Roshni Sheoran (Lucknow)
- Nehal Chudasama will become the representative of India at Miss Universe 2018 that will be held at Bangkok in December
- Miss Diva-Miss Universe India 2017 - Shraddha Shashidhar
- Miss Universe World 2017 - Demi Leigh Nel Peters

Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar

- 3 Government schools from Haryana chosen for the Awards –
Aarohi Model Senior Secondary School (AMSSS), Bhiwani Rohilla, Hisar
AMSSS, Ramgarh Pandwa, Kaithal
Government Primary School, Kirmara, Hisar
These awards were instituted in 2016-17 to achieve excellence in water,
sanitation and hygiene practices in government elementary and secondary
schools
Hisar - is among the nine top performing districts in the country with highest
number of schools qualified for the SVP 2017-18

SPORTS

**Us Open 2018**

**Novak Djokovic (Serbia)** – wins Men’s Singles title by defeating Argentina’s Juan
Martín del Potro
**It was Djokovic’s 3rd US Open title and overall 14th Grand Slam title, equaling
Pete Sampras**

![Novak Djokovic](image)

**Only his great rivals, Roger Federer (20) and Rafael Nadal (17) have won more.**

**Naomi Osaka (Japan)** – 20 years old – wins Women’s Singles title by defeating
Serena Williams of United States
**This is the 1st Grand slam ever won by a Japanese player**

**Earlier Grand Slam Winners of 2018**

**Australian Open**
**Roger Federer (Switzerland) – Men’s singles**
**Caroline Wozniacki (Denmark) – Women’s singles**
French Open
Rafael Nadal (Spain) – Men’s singles
Simona Halep (Romania) – Women’s singles
Wimbledon
Novak Djokovic (Serbia) – Men’s singles
Angelique Kerber (Germany) – Women’s singles

**iaaf Continental Cup, Ostrava, Czech Republic**

Arpinder Singh, Triple Jumper – becomes the 1st Indian to win a medal in the event – after clinching ‘Bronze’ medal

**INTERNATIONAL DAY**

**World Suicide Prevention Day – September 10**

Observed since – 2003
Hosted by – ‘The International Association for Suicide Prevention’ collaborates with the ‘World Health Organization’ (WHO) and the ‘World Federation for Mental Health’
Theme - “Working Together to Prevent Suicide”
Objective - To provide worldwide commitment and action to prevent suicides
Suicide Rate
In 2015, the reported global age-standardized suicide rate is 10.7 per 100,000
As per 2015 data, Sri Lanka has the highest suicide rate of 35.3 per 100,000 followed by Lithuania and Republic of Korea at 32.7 and 32.0 respectively

REPORT

‘Most Expensive Metro Rails In The World’ Report – Released By Centre For Science And Environment, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Delhi – ranks 2nd in the Most unaffordable metro ride in the world
In Delhi, the maximum fares escalated from Rs 30 to Rs 50 and then to Rs 60 last year.
The affordability is defined as the percentage of commuters’ total income spent on travel.