

TAMIL NADU

- **Tamil Nadu - Hon'ble CM announced that 'Nagercoil' municipality in Kanyakumari district will be upgraded into 13th New corporation in the State – after the completion of delimitation of wards across the state**



- ✓ The Chief Minister also announced the formation of Killiyoor and Thiruvattar taluks
- ✓ At present, Tamil Nadu has 12 corporations, with Dindigul being the last to be announced as Corporation in 2014
- **The Yamaha Musical Instrument Factory – The 1st of its kind in India – will start operation next year at OneHub SEZ in Chennai near Mahabalipuram**
- ✓ It is being set up at an investment of Rs 3800 crore on a 20 acre land space

- ✓ It would be set up in 2 phases and will produce 4 lakh acoustic guitars and 3 lakh portable key boards in a year
- **Tamil Nadu – in a first of its kind in the entire country - starts a new health programme ‘Prevention of Hemoglobinopathies’ in the Hilly areas of Nilgiris, Kolli Hills in Namakkal, Yercaud in Salem, Valparai in Coimbatore and Krishnagiri**
 - ✓ Hemoglobinopathies – is a kind of genetic defect resulting in abnormal structure of one of the globin chains of hemoglobin molecule
 - ✓ This disease is mostly prevalent among the tribals in the hilly areas
 - ✓ The programme will screen 11,200 students of Class X and XII of Government and Government aided schools for the disease
- **NABARD – offers a loan of Rs 669 crore for Road and Agriculture fair related activities in Tamil Nadu**
 - ✓ NABARD - National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development - is an apex development financial institution in India with its headquarters in Mumbai
 - ✓ Founded – 12 July 1982
- **A Purushothaman, Head constable, Adyar Traffic enforcement wing – won ‘Mr Tamil Nadu’ title after winning the Gold medal in 80kg category of the overall State Bodybuilding championship**



- ✓ He had earlier won Mr Chennai in May 2018
- ✓ He had won Mr Tamil Nadu title for 7 years so far

STATES

- **Arunachal Pradesh – becomes the 1st North eastern state to introduce ‘Smart e-Public Distribution System’ (e-PDS)**
 - ✓ The system was developed by Madras Security printers, a company specialized in e-governance projects
 - ✓ It provides centralized online real-time electronic PDS to improve efficiency
- **Odisha – PM inaugurates new Airport at Jharsuguda, which was developed under centre’s UDAN scheme**



- ✓ It was developed by Airports Authority of India in association with the Odisha government at an estimated cost of Rs 210 crore
- ✓ UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik) is a Regional Airport development and connectivity scheme
- ✓ Launch – 27 April 2017
- **Sikkim – to get Country’s 2nd Sensor-based ‘Landslide warning system’**
 - ✓ It was developed by the experts of the Amrita vishwa vidyapeetham, Coimbatore and co-funded by Ministry of Earth sciences

MOST LANDSLIDE-PRONE AREAS IN ARUNACHAL

1 LANDSLIDE-PRONE AREA IN THE COUNTRY

4.28 lakh sq km

Area with settlements and roads

2.82 lakh sq km (out of 4.28L sq km)

Highly inaccessible and high-altitude area

1.45 lakh sq km (out of 4.28L sq km)

2 LANDSLIDE-PRONE AREAS ARE SPREAD OVER

18 states

Western\Eastern Ghats & Konkan Hills (6 states)

Maharashtra, Karnataka, Goa, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh

North-West Himalayas (3 states) |

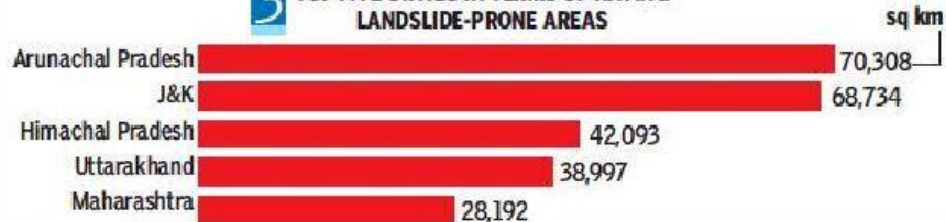
Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal and Uttarakhand

North-East

Himalayas- (9 states)

Sikkim; West Bengal; Arunachal Pradesh; Assam; Meghalaya; Manipur; Nagaland; Mizoram; Tripura

3 TOP FIVE STATES IN TERMS OF HAVING LANDSLIDE-PRONE AREAS



- ✓ It consists of over 200 sensors in around 150 acres of land to measure various parameters in predicting 'landslides' 24 hours advance
- ✓ The first such system was deployed by the University in Western Ghats in Kerala's Munnar district in 2009, which was a huge success
- ✓ It has to be noted that Sikkim along with Darjeeling belt in North east Himalayas is among the World's most prominent landslide hotspots

NATIONAL

- Naropa Festival – concluded in Ladakh – with a Guinness World Record in Ladakhi Dance



- ✓ The festival also known as 'Kumbh Mela of the Himalayas' is celebrated on every 12th year of the Tibetan calendar

- ✓ To mark its end this year, a total of 299 Ladakhi women dressed in traditional attire danced together 'Shondol', a traditional dance to enter into the Guinness World Record
 - ✓ At the end of the festival, 'Tsering Ladol' was honoured with 'Himalayan Hero' Award
 - ✓ Tsering ladol was the first Ladakhi girl to scale Mt Everest in 2005
 - ✓ The festival celebrates the teachings and preachings of Buddhist scholar-saint, Naropa
- **'Village Rockstars' Assamese Movie – selected to represent India in the 'Best Foreign Language' category at the 91st Academy Awards 2019 (Oscars)**



- ✓ It becomes the 1st movie from Assam and North East to be nominated for the coveted Oscar Awards, which will be held on 24th February 2019
 - ✓ The movie was directed by Rima das with a hand-held camera in rural Assam
 - ✓ The movie had its world premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival and India premiere at the 19th Mumbai Film Festival in October 2017
 - ✓ The movie had earlier won the 'Golden Lotus' for the Best Feature Film at the 65th National Film Awards along with the awards for Best Child Artist (Bhanita Das), Best Location, Best Sound Recording (Mallika Das) and Best Editing (Rima Das)
 - ✓ It had participated in 70 international and national film festivals and won 44 awards so far
 - ✓ Its theatrical release in India is scheduled for 28 September 2018
- **PM – laid the foundation stone of World class 'India International Convention and Expo Centre' (IICC) in Dwarka, New Delhi**



- ✓ It will provide space for international and national events, meetings, conferences, exhibitions and trade shows
- ✓ It will rank among the top 10 in the world and the biggest indoor exhibition space in India
- ✓ The project is planned over an area of 221.37 acres in Sector 25, Dwarka, at an estimated cost of Rs 25,703 crore
- ✓ The construction will be on the lines of Green building Standards and Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) Platinum rating standards
- ✓ The centre can accommodate 11,000 people, 5 exhibition halls, 1-kilometre long foyer, and a multi-purpose arena with retractable roof
- ✓ It will be developed in two phases. Phase-I will be completed by December 2019 and Phase-II by December 2024
- ✓ IICC complex will have a dedicated underground metro station, to be constructed by Delhi Metro rail corporation
- ✓ The project is being implemented by India International Convention and Exhibition Centre Ltd, set up by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion

INTERNATIONAL

- **World Doping Agency (WADA) – lifted the ban on Russia’s anti-doping agency, RUSADA on Sep 20th, 2018**
- ✓ With this lifting, the Russian athletes can compete in all the future competitions across all sports
- ✓ The decision was made on the condition that RUSADA must provide a clear timeline by which WADA must be given access to the former Moscow laboratory data and samples
- ✓ Russia was earlier suspended by WADA in November 2015

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **3rd Edition of 'MahaBiz 2018' International Business conference – to be held in Dubai on 12th and 13th October, 2018**
- ✓ The conference acts as a bridge between Maharashtra Government and Gulf cooperation council (GCC) region
- ✓ Over 400 delegates from India, Gulf countries and Africa will participate in the conference involving more than 10 different industry sectors

PERSONALITIES

- **V R Lalithambika, Director, Directorate of Human space programme – has been entrusted by ISRO to oversee the 'Gaganyaan' project of sending 3 humans into space by 2022**



- ✓ She is the veteran of more than 100 space missions and a vital member of the team behind the launch of a record 104 satellites in one go on Feb 15, 2017

SPORTS

- **Asian Team snooker Championships, Doha**
- ✓ **India won Silver medal** – after losing to Pakistan 2-3 in the final



- ✓ Pankaj Advani and Malkeet Singh represented India while Babar Masih and Mohammad Asif were from the Pakistani side
- **5th Track Asia Cup Cycling Championship – starts in New Delhi on Sep 21th 2018**
- ✓ Day 1
- ✓ The tournament is being organised by the Cycling Federation of India with the participation of 12 countries
- ✓ India won 3 Gold, 3 Silver and a Bronze on the opening day
- ✓ Mayuri Lute - won the country's first Gold in the Women's Junior 500 metres race
- ✓ Indian Mens junior team - won the Gold in Team sprint event
- ✓ In the Men Elite Team Pursuit event, Indian team won the gold medal
- ✓ Day 2
- ✓ India secured 1 Gold and 2 Silver on Day 2
- ✓ E Chaoba Devi – won Gold in Women Elite 3 km individual pursuit event
- **Vaishali Narendra Salavkar, a Blind chess player – becomes the 1st Indian Blind chess female player to be a part of 'International Braille Chess Association team' at the World Chess Olympiad, Georgia starting on Sep 23, 2018**



- **72nd Senior National Aquatic championship, Thiruvananthapuram**
- ✓ **Virdhawal Khade (Maharashtra) – eclipses his own national record set in 2009 in 50m butterfly event and won Gold medal**



- ✓ He had earlier won a Gold in 50m Freestyle event
- ✓ **Saloni Dalal (Karnataka) – set a new national record in womens 100m breaststroke beating the earlier record of Chahat Arora set in 2017**
- ✓ She had earlier won a Gold in women’s 200m breaststroke event
- **Shikhar Dhawan, Cricketer, India – became the 7th Indian fielder to take 4 catches in one innings – in the Asia Cup 2018 match against Bangladesh in Dubai**
- ✓ The other cricketers to achieve the feat are Sunil Gavaskar, Mohammed Azharuddin, Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, Mohammad Kaif and VVS Laxman

- ✓ South African legend, Jonty Rhodes took 5 catches in an ODI innings against the West Indies in Mumbai in 1993 and holds the record for highest number of catches by a fielder in ODIs
- **India – to host Women’s Boxing World Championship in New Delhi from November 15 to 24, 2018**
- ✓ The championship was last held in India in 2006 and in that event, India had topped the medal tally with 4 gold, 3 silver and a bronze medal

INTERNATIONAL DAY

- **World Rhino Day - September 22**



- ✓ It was first announced by WWF-South Africa in 2010
- ✓ The day was observed to make people aware about the importance of Rhinos
- ✓ There are approximately 2600 rhinos found in Assam alone in India

REPORT

- **Consumption of Alcohol Report – Released by World Health Organization (WHO)**
- ✓ The report says that per capita liquor consumption in India increased from 2.4 litres in 2005 to 5.7 litres in 2016, with 4.2 litres being consumed by men and 1.5 litre by women
- ✓ The total alcohol per capita consumption (15+ years) is expected to increase in 50% of WHO regions, by 2025 and the highest increase is expected in the South-East Asia Region with an increase of 2.2 litres in India alone

- ✓ Globally, Total per capita consumption rose from 5.5 litres in 2005 to 6.4 litres in 2010 and was still at the level of 6.4 litres in 2016
- ✓ In 2016, the harmful use of alcohol resulted in some 3 million deaths (5.3% of all deaths) worldwide, with an estimated 2.3 million men and 0.7 million women

