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## **TAMILNADU**

### **India's first transgender lawyer**

- ❖ Sathyasri Sharmila created history by becoming India's first transgender lawyer.
- ❖ Sharmila, who hails from Tamil Nadu, enrolled her name in the Bar Council Of Tamil Nadu And Puducherry and became the first transgender lawyer in India.



- ❖ On a related note, the Rajasthan Police had appointed Ganga Kumari, its first transgender constable, last year, after the state High Court's directive.
- ❖ Meanwhile, West Bengal's Joyita Mondal was appointed the Lok Adalat judge of Islampur in North Dinajpur district, thus giving India its first transgender judge.

## **NATIONAL**

### **India's Great Place to Work List**

- ❖ State-owned power giant NTPC has been ranked 25th in the list of India's Great Place to Work for 2018.
- ❖ The NTPC is the only public sector undertaking among top 25 and has made a quantum leap from 38th position last year.
- ❖ The NTPC has also been recognized as the Laureates for consistently getting featured in the list for 10 years in a row.
- ❖ The annual Best Workplaces List of the Great Place to Work Institute is considered the gold standard certification for defining, assessing and recognizing great workplaces based on their people management practices.

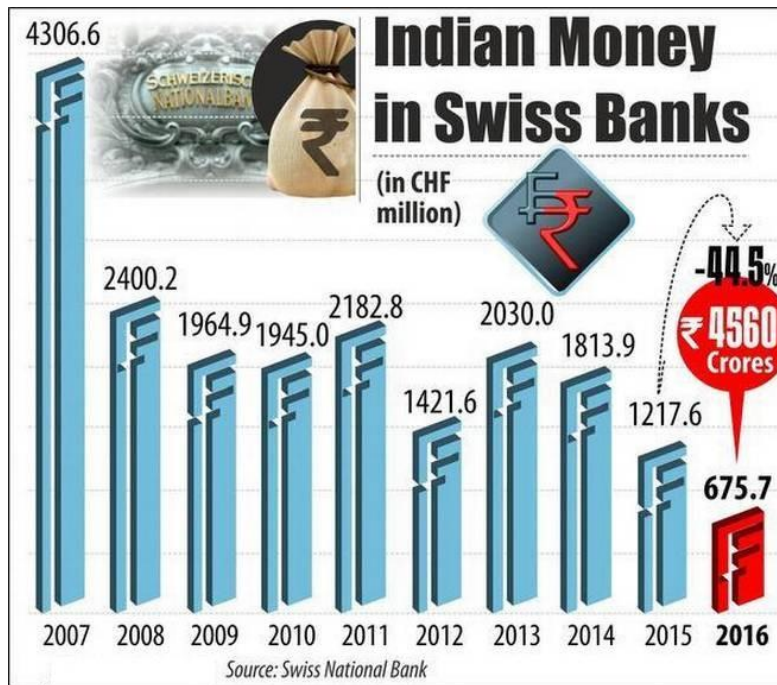
## Cotton Mission

- ❖ Maharashtra Government has signed MoU with Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) to launched Cotton Mission to empower cotton farmers in the state.
- ❖ The mission aims to create value chain with final market linkages for thousands of cotton farmers in Vidarbha region of the state.
- ❖ This will enable the farmer to participate in transparent price discovery mechanism and sell their products in the national market for better price realization.

## INTERNATIONAL

### Money in Swiss banks

- ❖ India has moved up to 73rd place in terms of money parked by its citizens and companies with Swiss banks, while the UK remains on the top.
- ❖ India had slipped to 88th place with a 44 percent plunge in such funds during 2016. The country was ranked highest at 37th place in the year 2004.



- ❖ The latest data from the Swiss National Bank (SNB) shows an increase of over 50% in 2017 to CHF 1.01 billion (about Rs 7,000 crore).
- ❖ Pakistan is now placed one place higher than India at 72nd position, down one slot, after 21 % dips in funds from that country in Swiss banks during 2017.
- ❖ The U.S. remains on the second position despite a dip of about 6 % in such funds to CHF 166 billion (11 percent share of all foreign funds).
- ❖ Others in the top-ten included West Indies, France, Hong Kong, Bahamas, Germany, Guernsey, Luxembourg and Cayman Islands.
- ❖ Among BRICS countries, India remains to rank the lowest with China at 20th place, Russia at 23rd, Brazil 61st, and South Africa 67th.

### **Mexico's President**

- ❖ Andrés Manuel López Obrador, also known as "AMLO" of the Democratic Revolution Party (PRD) won Mexico's presidency in a landslide victory.



- ❖ Mexico presidents are limited to one six-year term, called a sexenio, so Peña Nieto did not run against López Obrador this year.

## ECONOMY

### Instant e-PAN card service

- ❖ The Income Tax Department has launched instant Aadhaar-based e-PAN allotment service for individuals seeking PAN (Permanent Account Number) service for the first time.
- ❖ This facility is only for resident individuals and not for Hindu Undivided Family (HUF), firms, trusts, and companies.
- ❖ This facility is free of cost and is available for a limited period on first-come, first-served basis for valid Aadhaar holders.

## ENVIRONMENT

### Largest Habitat of Endangered Estuarine Crocodiles

- ❖ The Bhitarkanika national park has become the largest habitat of the endangered estuarine crocodiles in the country with a record number of their nesting sites spotted in it.
- ❖ The nesting spots had registered 25% rise this year.



- ❖ At least 1698 crocodiles, including albino species, were counted this year along the water-bodies of Mahanadi delta region, while the figure recorded last year stood at 1682.

- ❖ A female crocodile lays 50 to 60 eggs and the hatchlings usually emerge from the nests after 70 to 80 days of incubation period
- ❖ Estuarine crocodiles are also found in West Bengal's Sundarban areas having the country's largest mangrove cover.
- ❖ Besides, the mangrove wetlands in the Andaman Islands are home to these species.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

### ICC's Hall of Fame

- ❖ Former Indian captain Rahul Dravid and Australian legend Ricky Ponting have been inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame for their stupendous achievements in international cricket.



- ❖ Along with Dravid and Ponting, retired England woman wicketkeeper-batter Claire Taylor was also named in the 'Hall of Fame' during a ceremony in Dublin.
- ❖ Dravid became only the fifth player from India to be named in the elite list.
- ❖ The other four Indians are former skippers - Bishan Singh Bedi, Sunil Gavaskar, Kapil Dev, Anil Kumble.
- ❖ Ponting is the 25th from Australia to receive the honor.
- ❖ The ICC Cricket Hall of Fame "recognizes the achievements of the legends of the game from cricket's long and illustrious history".



- ❖ It was launched by the International Cricket Council (ICC) in Dubai on 2 January 2009, in association with the Federation of International Cricketers' Associations (FICA), as part of the ICC's centenary celebrations.

## SPORTS

### 12th Malaysia Open Badminton title

- ❖ Veteran Malaysian shuttler Lee Chong Wei defeated Japan's Kento Momota to secure a historic 12th Malaysia Open title.



- ❖ With this victory, Momota's 21-match winning streak has also come to an end.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### National Doctors' Day – 01 July

- ❖ The National Doctors' Day is observed every year on 1 July across India to express gratitude and acknowledge the dedication and commitment of the doctors' towards our society.
- ❖ The observance of the day honors legendary physician and West Bengal's second Chief Minister, Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy whose birth and death anniversary coincides on the same day.

- ❖ Indian Medical Association (IMA's) theme for 2018 National Doctors' Day is 'Zero tolerance to violence against doctors and clinical establishment'.
- ❖ The National Doctor's Day was established by Central Government in 1991 to be recognized and celebrated every year on 1st of July.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **First Assamese Woman to Scale Mt. Kanchenjunga**

- ❖ Monti Rajkhowa, who is professionally an executive engineer of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) based in Mumbai, is the first lady ONGC officer among her male counterparts to have managed to scale the world's toughest peak.
  - ❖ She was born and brought up in Meghalaya.
  - ❖ Mount Kanchenjunga is the third highest mountain in the world.
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