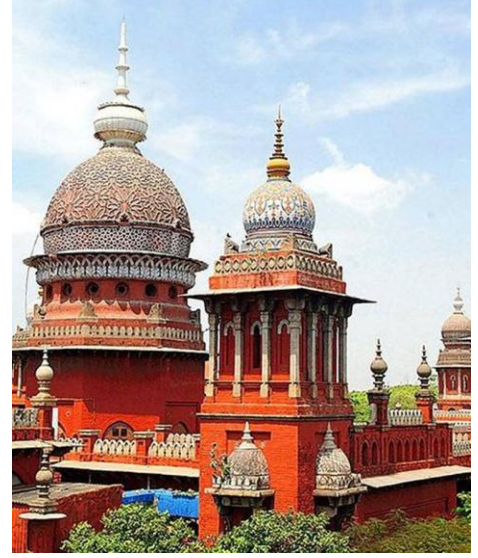


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TAMIL NADU

Father's name in Birth Certificate

- ❖ The Madras High Court has ruled that there is no legal obligation on the part of a mother to disclose the name of the father at the time of registering her child's birth.
- ❖ The judgement is aimed to benefit single mothers and those going in for intrauterine insemination.
- ❖ It is sufficient for her to file a sworn affidavit that the child was born from her womb



Fossil Museum - Ariyalur

- ❖ The fossil museum at Varanavasi near Ariyalur town is set to open.



அரியலூர் மாவட்டத்தில் வாரணவாசி கிராமத்தில் சுற்றுலா மற்றும் கலைப்பண்பாட்டுத்துறையின் வாயிலாக கட்டப்பட்ட முதல் உயிர்ப்படிவ அருங்காட்சியகத்தை மாண்புமிகு தமிழ்நாடு மற்றும் தமிழ்ப்பண்பாட்டுத்துறை அமைச்சர் திரு.க.பாண்டியராஜன் அவர்கள், மாண்புமிகு அரசு தலைமைக்கொருடா திரு.தாமரை.எஸ்.இராஜேந்திரன் அவர்கள், மாவட்ட ஆட்சித்தலைவர் திருமதி.மு.விஜயலட்சுமி, இ.ஆ.ப., அவர்கள் தேரில் ஆய்வு செய்தார்கள். உடன் சிதம்பரம் நாடாளுமன்ற உறுப்பினர் திரு.மா.சந்திரகாசி அவர்கள் உள்ளார்கள்.

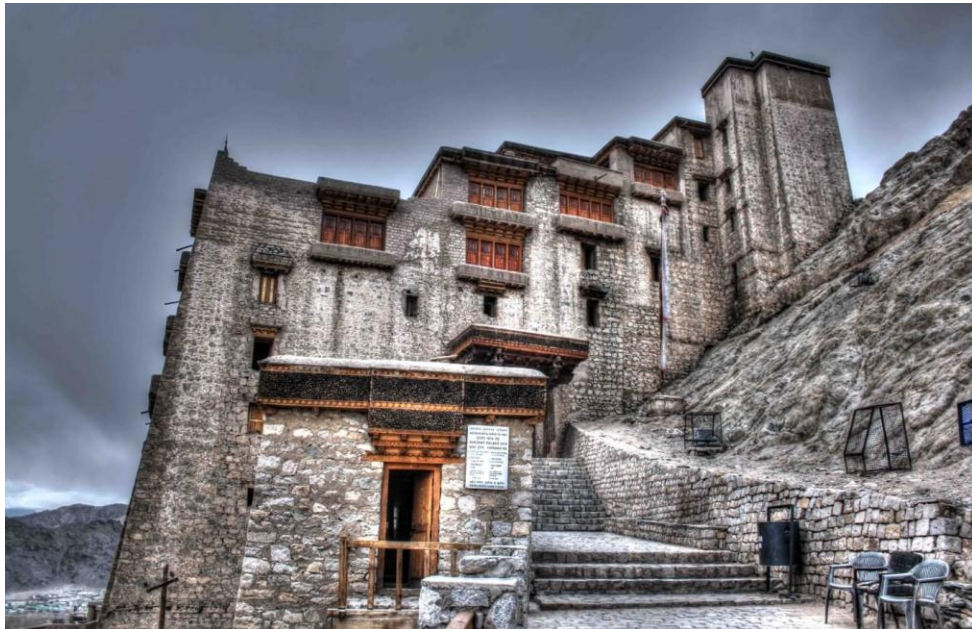
- ❖ The 100-acre museum will showcase the natural formation of rocks that provide evidence of the existence of dinosaurs and other associated reptilians in the Ariyalur region.

- ❖ A 40-acre section of the site museum will exhibit small and big mounds, signifying layers of land-formation over millions of years.
- ❖ Specimens from the Precambrian, Jurassic and Cretaceous periods will be showcased.

NATIONAL

Ban on Photography - ASI

- ❖ The Archaeological Survey of India on Thursday issued an order allowing photography within the premises of protected monuments and sites, except the Ajanta caves in Maharashtra, Leh Palace in Jammu and Kashmir, and Taj Mahal in Agra.



- ❖ Earlier in 2016, the ASI made it mandatory for photographers to be licensed to operate commercially in protected monuments.
- ❖ The Archaeological Survey of India administers and manages 3,686 ancient monuments and archaeological sites.

India-China Maritime Affairs Dialogue

- ❖ The Second India-China Maritime Affairs Dialogue was held in Beijing, China on 13 July 2018.
- ❖ The two sides held their second maritime security dialogue during which the Indian side elaborated on its vision for the Indo-Pacific region as articulated in Prime Minister Modi's keynote address at this year's Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore.



- ❖ The two sides exchanged views on various topics of mutual interest, including perspectives on maritime security and cooperation, blue economy, and further strengthening of practical cooperation.
- ❖ The two countries had held the inaugural maritime security dialogue in 2016 in New Delhi amid tensions over the South China Sea.
- ❖ It was not held last year (2017).

ECONOMY

Global sugar output – Record High

- ❖ In its latest report, the UN body has forecast world sugar output to hit a record high at 187.6 million tonnes in 2017-18 and surpass consumption.
- ❖ The anticipated surplus is likely to be the largest in history.

- ❖ According to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), it is caused due to increase in output in India, the EU, Thailand and China
- ❖ Decreases in sugar output in Brazil and Australia are predicted to be offset by expansions in India, the EU, Thailand, and China
- ❖ Sugar consumption growth will be particularly marked in Africa, Asia and South America
- ❖ Exports are anticipated to fall in Brazil, the world's largest sugar producer and exporter; but to rise in Thailand, the second largest sugar exporter, prompted by abundant sugar stocks

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

64-dish MeerKAT

- ❖ South Africa unveiled new 64-dish MeerKAT radio telescope that could help unlock the mysteries of the Universe.
- ❖ MeerKAT will be incorporated into complex Square Kilometre Array (SKA) instrument.



- ❖ SKA will be fully operational in the late 2020s, to be most powerful in the world.
- ❖ MeerKAT is a followup to the KAT 7 (Karoo Array Telescope), built in the vast semi-desert Karoo region north of Cape Town to demonstrate South Africa's ability to host the SKA.

- ❖ MeerKAT, originally the Karoo Array Telescope, is a radio telescope consisting of 64 mirrors now being tested and verified in the Northern Cape of South Africa.
- ❖ The telescope will be used for research into cosmic magnetism, galactic evolution, the large-scale structure of the cosmos, dark matter and the nature of transient radio sources.

SPORTS

Assam's sports brand ambassador - Hima Das

- ❖ Assam government has decided to make Hima Das state's brand ambassador for sports and also to organise a state level felicitation ceremony for her.



- ❖ Das won Gold in 400 metre final at the World U20 Championships in Tampere, Finland.

Wimbledon Women's Singles

- ❖ Angelique Kerber beats Serena Williams to win Wimbledon Women's Singles title.
- ❖ Wimbledon queen Serena Williams was sensationally denied her eighth grass court crown in an incredible capitulation against German Angelique Kerber in the Ladies' Final.
- ❖ This win marks Kerber's third grand slam and first Wimbledon title.



IMPORTANT DAYS

Goa IT Day

- ❖ Goa chief minister Manohar Parrikar inaugurated Goa IT Day celebrations in Panaji.



- ❖ The Goa Cabinet under Parrikar approved Information Technology policy 2018 which focuses on reverse migration and creation of around 10,000 jobs in the next five years.

- ❖ The celebration saw key stakeholders from the IT/ITeS, Corporates, Media and Government come together and celebrate the spirit of IT, Innovations and Skilling.
