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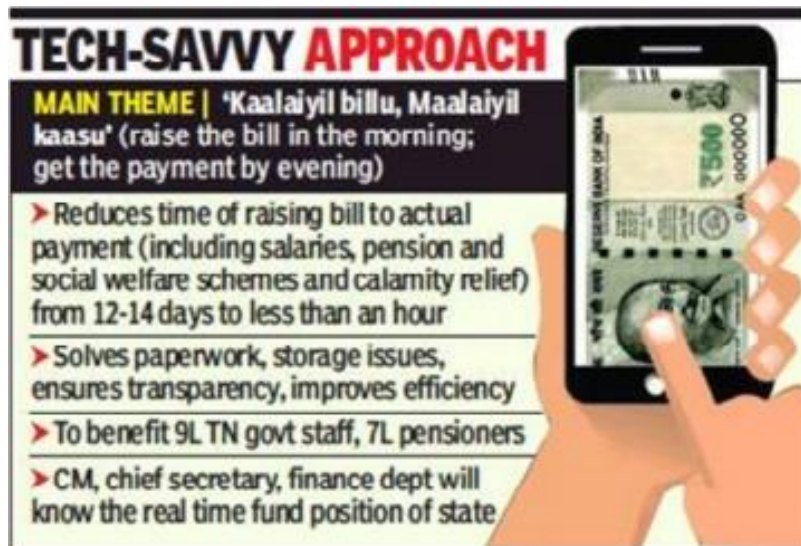
## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Vaishali Narendra Salavkar, a Blind chess player, has become the 1st Indian Blind chess female player to be a part of 'International Braille Chess Association team' at the World Chess Olympiad, Georgia.

## TAMIL NADU

### Integrated Financial and Human Resource Management System

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has decided to handle its treasury operations totally online from November 1.



- ❖ The state will implement an Integrated Financial and Human Resource Management System (IFHRMS) to steer for paperless transactions.
- ❖ IFHRMS is being executed with
  - Wipro as the system integrator,
  - Accenture Services as project consulting agency and
  - PriceWaterhouse Coopers as the third-party audit agency.

### **New health programme - 'Prevention of Haemoglobinopathies'**

- ❖ Tamil Nadu, in a first of its kind initiative in the nation, has started a new health programme 'Prevention of Haemoglobinopathies' in the Hilly areas.
- ❖ The initiative has been taken up 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 haemoglobin molecule.
- ❖ This disease is mostly prevalent among the tribals in the hilly areas.

### **Adyar Head Constable - 'Mr.Tamil Nadu' Title**

- ❖ Purushothaman, Head constable of the Adyar Traffic enforcement wing has won the 'Mr Tamil Nadu' title after winning the Gold medal in 80kg category of the overall State Bodybuilding championship.
- ❖ He had won Mr Tamil Nadu title for 7 years till 2008. Now he had won the title after a gap of 10 years.
- ❖ He had earlier won Mr Chennai in May 2018.

## **NATIONAL**

### **MahaBiz 2018**

- ❖ The 3rd edition of 'MahaBiz 2018' International Business Conference will be held in Dubai on 12th and 13th October 2018.
- ❖ MahaBiz acts as a bridge for business opportunities between Maharashtra and Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region.
- ❖ GCC is a political and economic alliance of six middle eastern countries. It includes Saudi Arabia, UAE, Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain and Qatar.

### **Committee to Look into Jail Reforms**

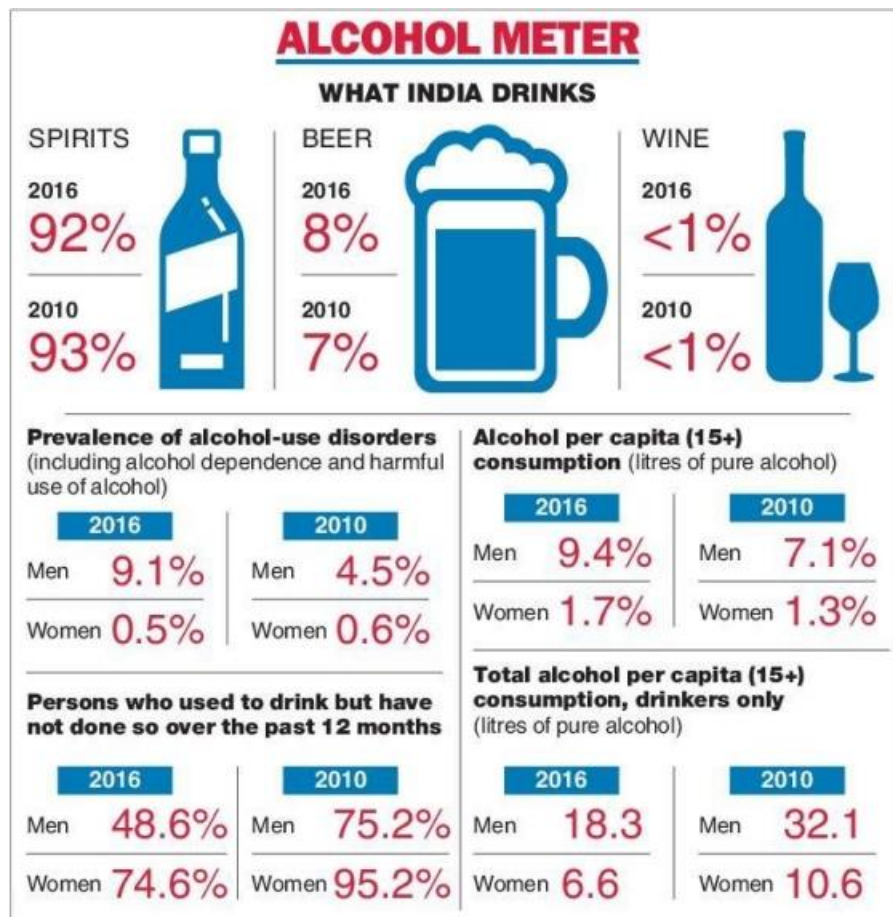
- ❖ The Supreme Court has constituted a 3-member committee headed by its former judge Justice Amitava Roy to look into the aspect of jail reforms across the country.

- ❖ A bench headed by Justice M B Lokur said the panel will look into the issues including over-crowding in prisons.

## INTERNATIONAL

### Global status report on alcohol and health 2018

- ❖ World Health Organisation has released a report called Global status report on alcohol and health 2018, which presents a comprehensive picture of alcohol consumption.



- ❖ The harmful use of alcohol resulted in some 3 million deaths in 2016 (5.3% of all deaths) worldwide, with an estimated 2.3 million men and 0.7 million women.
- ❖ The report says that per capita liquor consumption in India increased from 2.4 litres in 2005 to 5.7 litres in 2016.



- ❖ The total alcohol per capita consumption (15+ years) is expected to increase in 50% of WHO regions, by 2025.
- ❖ The highest increase is expected in the South East Asia Region with an increase of 2.2 litres alone in India.
- ❖ 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.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### Sikkim gets Sensor-based 'Landslide warning system'

- ❖ Sikkim has got the Country's 2nd Sensor-based 'Landslide warning system'
- ❖ The new system can issue landslide warning in 24 hours advance.
- ❖ It was developed by scientists of the Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham (Amrita University) which is headquartered in Coimbatore.
- ❖ This Initiative of the Sikkim Disaster Management Authority was Co-funded by the Union ministry of earth sciences.
- ❖ The first such system was deployed by the University in Western Ghats in Kerala's Munnar district in 2009 which was a huge success.

## STATES

### Smart e-Public Distribution System

- ❖ Arunachal Pradesh has become 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.

### Naropa Festival

- ❖ The 5-day 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.



- ❖ The festival celebrates the teachings and preachings of Buddhist scholar-saint, Naropa.
- ❖ To mark its end this year, 299 Ladakhi women 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.

### **First ever Mizoram International Short Film Festival (MISFF)**

- ❖ The first-ever Mizoram International Short Film Festival (MISFF) was inaugurated by Mizoram Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla at the Aijal Club in Aizawl, Mizoram.
- ❖ It is organised by
  - Government of Mizoram and
  - Innovations India.
- ❖ It is supported by the Mizo Film Forum.

### **Jharsuguda airport to be renamed after freedom fighter**

- ❖ The Odisha Assembly has passed a resolution unanimously to name the newly-constructed Jharsuguda airport after noted freedom fighter Veer Surendra Sai.
- ❖ It will be the second airport in Odisha to be renamed after Biju Patnaik international airport in Bhubaneswar.

## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS**

### **V.R.Lalithambika to Head India's Gaganyaan project**

- ❖ ISRO has entrusted V R Lalithambika, Director, Directorate of Human space programme, 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**

### **China Open**

- ❖ In Badminton, Indonesia's Anthony Sinisuka Ginting beat Japan's Kento Momota to take the Men's singles China Open title in Changzhou.



- ❖ Spain's Carolina Marin beat China's Chen Yufei to take the women's singles title.
- ❖ The 3rd seed, Momota who took the Japan Open title on home ground last week, was beaten by world number 13th Ginting.

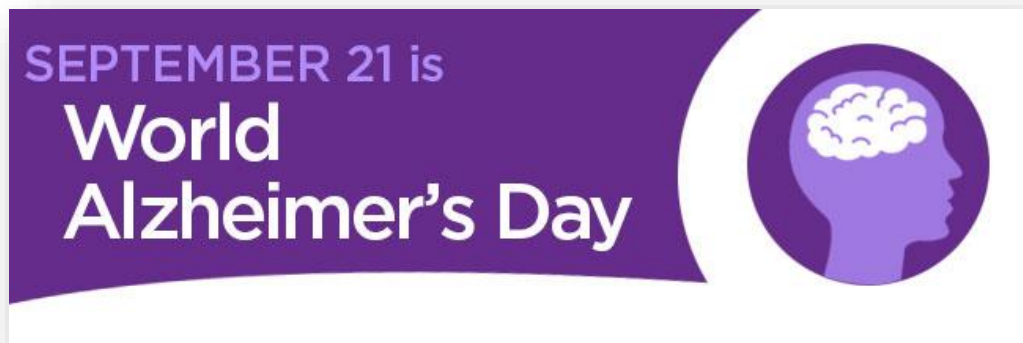
### **72nd Senior National Aquatic championship**

- ❖ Virbhawal Khade (Maharashtra) broke his own record set in 2009 in 50m butterfly event and won Gold medal.
- ❖ Saloni Dalal (Karnataka) set a new national record in women's 100m breaststroke beating the earlier record of Chahat Arora set in 2017.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **World Alzheimer's Day – 21 September**

- ❖ World Alzheimer's Day is observed every year on 21st September all over the world.
- ❖ This day is observed to create awareness about the Alzheimer's disease.



- ❖ It has been observed since 2012. The month of September is observed as World Alzheimer's Month.
- ❖ Alzheimer's disease is a group of disorders that affects memory and other mental functions.

## **World Rhino Day - 22 September**

- ❖ World Rhino Day is celebrated on September 22 every year and it celebrates all 5 species of rhino: Black, white, greater one-horned, Sumatran and Javan rhinos.
- ❖ The day was observed to make people aware about the importance of Rhinos
- ❖ World Rhino Day was first announced by WWF-South Africa in 2010.
- ❖ There are approximately 2600 rhinos found in Assam alone in India.

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