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TAMIL NADU

- 1) **Avvaiyar Award 2018:** TN Government has given the award to Mrs **Chinnapillai Perumal** from Madurai for her Service to Women Empowerment for the past 30 years.
- 2) **Femina Miss India – 2018: Anukreethy Vas** from Tamil Nadu was awarded the 2018 Miss India on 19th June 2018. Meenakshi Choudary from Haryana was the Runner in Miss India 2018.
- 3) **2018 Sahithya Academy Awards:**

**Yuva Puraskar
Award**

Sunil Krishnan

Short Story: “Ambu Padukai”

**Bala Sahithya
Award**

Kirungai Sethupathi

Poem: “Siragu Mulaitha Yanai”

- 4) **TNPSC GROUP – 1 Age Limit:** TN CM made the announced under Rule 110 on 1st June 2018 that the age limit for the TNPSC aspirants has been **increased from 35 years to 37 years for SC/ST/MBC/BC and DNC category from 30 years to 32 years**. This will be applicable for Group-1, 1-A and 1-B examinations.
- 5) **Three 100 MW solar power projects:** Neyveli Lignite Corporation India Limited (NLCIL)’s three **100 MW Solar Power Projects** are located at Tamil Nadu namely,

Virudhunagar District	<i>Thoppalaakkarai</i>
	<i>Sethupuram</i>
Tirunelveli District	<i>Sellaiya Sezhiyanallur</i>

- 6) **Yoga and Naturopathy Research Centre:** Tamil Nadu government has announced the “**Yoga and Naturopathy Research Centre**” is going to set up at **Chengalpet, Tamil Nadu**.
- 7) **Bharathmatha Temple:** A temple for Bharathmatha (Mother of India) is set to become at **Papparapatti in Dharmapuri district**.

- 8) **1st Hydro Power Production Exhibition:** India's 1st Hydro Power Production Exhibition was held at **Manjoor, Nilgiri district.**
- 9) **The Transformative Urban Mobility Innovative Award:** German-based company GIZ has awarded the Transformative Urban Mobility Innovative Award **to the Greater Chennai Corporation.**
- 10) **AIIMS:** The Union government has planned to establish the **"All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS)"** at **Thoppur Village, Madurai district** under *Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY)*
- 11) **17th World Tamil Internet Conference: International Forum for Information Technology in Tamil (INFITT) and Tamil Nadu Agriculture University (TNAU), Coimbatore** will host the 17th World Tamil Internet Conference from *July 6 – 8, 2018*. **THEME: "Arivusaar Tamil Theduporigal" (Intellectual Tamil Search Engines)**
- 12) **13th World Tamil Culture Conference:** 13th edition of the conference was held in the Bengaluru on **16th June 2018**. **Headquarters is located in Malaysia.**
- 13) **8 Lane Green Expressway:** TN government have planned to set up the 8 Lane Green Expressway between **Chennai and Salem (277 Km).**
- 14) **Double - Decker Uday Express:** The Union Minister of State for Railways Mr Rajen Gohain flagged off the train **from Coimbatore to Bengaluru** on **10th June 2018**.
- 15) **Plastic Ban:** On 5th June World Environment Day, **TN Government** has announced that plastic ban will come to effect in Tamil Nadu from **1st January 2019**.
- 16) **7 New Judges in Madras High Court:** After the appointment of 7 New Judges, **the Madras High Court consists of 63 Judges (Includes CJ of HC: Indira Banerjee) as against the required strength of 75.**
- 17) The Central Government has constituted the **Cauvery Water Management Authority (CMA) and Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) on June 1, 2018**. The CMA will comprise a chairman (S.Masood Hussain), a secretary and eight members. Out of the eight members, two will be full time, while two will be part time

members from centre's side. Rest four will be part time members from states.

- 18) Cauvery Water Management Authority and Cauvery Water Regulation Committee members **from Tamil Nadu S K Prabhakar and R Senthil Kumar** are appointed by the TN Government.

NATIONAL

- 1) **PLASTIC BAN:** On 5th June World Environment Day, **India Planned to eliminate all single-use of plastic in the country by 2022.**
- 2) **Governor rule in Jammu & Kashmir:** On 20th June 2018, the Governor Rule was imposed in the Jammu Kashmir after dissolving the Mehbooba's PDP-BJP government. Former Chief Secretary B. B. Vyas and K. Vijay Kumar are appointed as the advisors for **Governor N. N. Vohra**
- 3) **JANAUSHADHI SUVIDHA:** The Union government has launched the **Oxo-biodegradable Sanitary Napkin**, under the *Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP)*. The affordable sanitary napkins will now become available at over 3600 Janaushadhi Kendras.
- 4) **Dam Safety Bill 2018:** The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal for introduction of Dam Safety Bill, 2018 in the Parliament. The **aim of the bill is to help all States and Union Territories to adopt uniform dam safety procedures and safeguarding human life, livestock and property.**
- 5) **E SREEDHARAN COMMITTEE:** PM Modi has approved setting up of the **committee to lay down standards for metro rail systems in the country.**
- 6) **Yog Aayog:** **Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar** has introduced the **"Yog Aayog" to promote yoga in the state.**
- 7) **Happiness Curriculum:** **Delhi government has launched the "Happiness Curriculum" for school students.** The Curriculum includes Meditation, Moral Values and Mental Exercises.
- 8) **Mission Tondarust:** **Punjab CM Amarinder Singh** has launched the mission **to transform Punjab into one of the healthiest states.**

- 9) **Sakhi Suraksha Advanced DNA forensic lab:** The Foundation of India's first advanced forensic lab **for crimes related to women for timely deliver justice was laid in Chandigarh.**
- 10) **Shillong** was selected as the **100th city** to receive funding under the Smart Cities Mission.
- 11) **Air India** introduced **"Maharaja" business class seats** on International flights.
- 12) **Telangana government** celebrated **4th Year of its formation** after the bifurcation from Andhra Pradesh on *2nd June 2014*.
- 13) **ODISHA BEACH:** The **Chandrabhaga beach** on the **Konark coast of Odisha** will be the **first in Asia to get the Blue Flag certification.**
- 14) **MUGHALSARAI Railway Station in Uttar Pradesh** was renamed as the **"Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Railway Station".**
- 15) **DIBRUGARH Railway Station in Assam** is the **400th railway station to get Google's free Wi-Fi service.** (*1st service was launched at Mumbai Central station in January 2016*). Indian Railways had signed an MoU with Google in December, 2015 to launch the service, which offers thirty minutes of free internet access.
- 16) **1st Freight village:** India's first freight village is being developed in **"Varanasi".** *It aims to reduce the logistics cost in the Eastern Transport Corridor and its influence zone.*
- 17) **National Digital Library of India** was launched in **New Delhi** on National Reading Day - 17th June 2018.
- 18) **Solar Charkha Mission:** President inaugurated the Mission and the ultimate aim is **to generate employment in rural areas and contribute to the green economy.**
- 19) **Taj Declaration to Beat Plastic Pollution:** *United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) Executive Director Erik Solheim and UNEP Goodwill Ambassador Diya Mirza introduced the pledge "Taj Declaration to beat plastic pollution" in order to reduce the plastic usage around Taj Mahal.*
- 20) **Andhra Pradesh** became the **1st state in India to use auto-disable syringes for all clinical purposes to prevent infection.** (Auto

Disable Syringe is a medical syringe that cannot be reused). It will be enforced from World Hepatitis Day on July 28.

- 21) **Humsafar Express:** *The Union Railway Minister, Piyush Goyal flagged off a new Humsafar Jodhpur Bandra Express. The train started its journey towards Bandra from **Bhagat Ki Kothi Railway station in Rajasthan's Jodhpur on 2nd June 2018.***
- 22) **Tripura's State Fruit:** President Ram Nath Govind has declared the "**Queen Pineapple**" as the State Fruit of Tripura.
- 23) **Goa Revolution Day** was observed on **19th June 2018** every year.
- 24) **Phase III of Swachh Iconic Places:** The Union Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation has selected **10 more iconic sites** under Phase III of Swachh Bharat Mission and *launched in Mana Village, Uttarakhand.* (Tamilnadu's Madurai Meenakshi Temple has selected as Swachh iconic site in phase 1)

Raghavendra Swamy Temple	Andhra Pradesh
Hazarduari Palace	West Bengal
Brahma Sarovar Temple	Haryana
VidurKuti	Uttar Pradesh
Mana village	Uttarakhand
Kanvashram	Uttarakhand
Pangong Lake	Jammu & Kashmir
Nagvasuki Temple	Uttar Pradesh
Ima Keithal market	Manipur
Sabarimala Temple	Kerala

- 25) **European Union Film Festival:** India hosted the 23rd European Union Film Festival at Siri Fort Auditorium in **New Delhi** from **18th to 24th June.**
- 26) **Jaisalmer Military Station:** Indian Army to develop **Jaisalmer Military Station in Rajasthan as Smart Facility** under Central governments Smart city mission.

- 27) **World's 1st Humanitarian Forensics Centre:** The Union government has planned to set up the World's 1st Humanitarian Forensics Centre at Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat.
- 28) **Vanijya Bhawan:** PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Vanijya Bhawan, *a new office complex in New Delhi for the Department of Commerce.*
- 29) **37th UNESCO World Heritage Site:** *“Victorian and Art Deco Ensembles of Mumbai”* has been included in UNESCO's World Heritage list. **Currently, there are 5 sites in Maharashtra** & holds the maximum number of sites in India.
- 30) **Kerala Tourism** has introduced the *‘Come Out and Play’* monsoon campaign for the promoting the tourists in the state.

INTERNATIONAL

1) **President Ramnath Govind's Foreign Visit in June:**

GREECE	Capital: Athens President: Prokopis Pavlo poulos
SURINAME	Capital: Paramaribo (South America) President: Desire Delano Bouterse
CUBA	Capital: Havana President: Miguel Diaz-Canel

- 2) **The United States President Donald Trump administration has announced its withdrawal from United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) on 20th June 2018.**
- 3) **Macedonia** was renamed as **“Republic of Macedonia”**. **Capital: Skopje.**
- 4) **Saudi Arabia** has lifted the ban on women for driving the cars.
- 5) **SINGAPORE SUMMIT: US President Donald Trump and North Korea leader Kim Jong Un** created history by coming together at the **US-North Korea summit** held at Sentosa Island in **“Singapore”** on **12th June 2018.**
- 6) **Cheapest LNG:** India imported cheapest Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) from **Russian supplier Gazprom** on 4th June 2018.

- 7) **Tiananmen massacre, 1989:** China observed the 29th anniversary of Tiananmen Square protests / massacre of China on 4th June 2018.
- 8) **Non – Permanent Members of UN Security Council:** United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) elected **South Africa, Indonesia, Dominican Republic, Germany and Belgium** as non-permanent members of UN Security Council (UNSC). They will have the two-year term beginning from January 1, 2019
- 9) **India & Vietnam first ever Joint issue of commemorative Postage Stamps:** Cabinet approves MoU between India and Vietnam on Joint issue of the postal stamp with the Theme of “Ancient Architecture”. **Joint Issue depicts Sanchi Stupa of India and Pho Minh Pagoda of Vietnam.**
- 10) **U.K. women** celebrate **100 years of voting rights on 10th June 2018.**
- 11) **HURRICANE BUD:** **Hurricane Bud** is expected **to hit the Pacific coast of “Mexico”.**
- 12) **Canada has become the second nation in the world to legalize marijuana.** Uruguay was the first country to legalize marijuana’s production, sale and consumption in December 2013.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

SUMMITS / CONFERENCES	PURPOSE	PLACE	DATE
44th G7 Summit 2018 ➤ 45th Summit 2019 will be held in Biarritz, France. ➤ 43rd Summit, 2017- Sicily, Italy.	Canada has put forward the following 5 themes for this year’s summit: ➤ Investing in growth that works for everyone. ➤ Preparing for jobs of the future. ➤ Working together on climate change, oceans and clean energy. ➤ Building a more peaceful and secure world. ➤ Advancing gender equality and impacting women’s empowerment.	Quebec, Canada	8 th – 9 th June 2018

India, Brazil and South Africa (IBSA) Ministerial Meet	To increase trade / exchange of information opportunities between the three countries and their efforts in international poverty alleviation and social development. Outcome of the Meet: "IBSA Declaration on South-South Cooperation".	Pretoria, South Africa	5 th June 2018
11th Geo-Intelligence Asia Meet 2018	The aim of the Meet was to provide a platform to showcase innovative applications of Geospatial technologies. THEME: "GeoSpatial: A Force Multiplier for Defense and Internal Security"	New Delhi, India	4 th – 5 th June 2018
18th Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit (QINGDAO DECLARATION*)	The aim of the declaration is for implementing a three-year plan to combat terrorism, separatism and extremism.	Qingdao, China	9 th – 10 th June 2018
International Conference on Information and Communication Technology (ICT)	It aims to bring government and private sector together for developing a plan of action using sustainable ICT applications. THEME: "Sustainable Development Goals for Smart Society"	Kathmandu, Nepal	17 th – 18 th June 2018
10th Meeting of Global Alliance to Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis (GAELF)	Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare J P Nadda inaugurated the meeting. Aim of the meeting to Eliminate lymphatic filariasis	New Delhi, India	13 th June 2018
106th Indian Science Congress	The 106 th Indian Science Congress will be held at Lovely Professional University in Jalandhar, Punjab. THEME: "Future India: Science & Technology"	Jalandhar, Punjab	3 rd – 7 th January 2019 (Upcoming*)

4th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog	The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Prime Minister. 23 Chief Ministers and Lieutenant Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands have participated in the meeting.	Rashtrapathi Bhavan, New Delhi	17 th June 2018
2+2 India – US Dialogue	The dialogue will focus on strengthening strategic, security, and defence cooperation as both countries jointly confront global challenges.	Washington D.C, USA	6 th July 2018 (Upcoming*)
3rd Annual Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) Meet (4th Annual meeting will be held in Luxembourg in July 2019)	Aim of the meeting is to boost prosperity and security in Asia. THEME: “Mobilising Finance for Infrastructure: Innovation and Collaboration”	Mumbai, Maharashtra	26 th June 2018
World Union of Wholesale Markets Conference	The conference will be organized by Haryana State Agricultural Marketing Board.	Gurugram, Haryana	10 th – 13 th October 2018 (Upcoming*)

SCHEMES/YOJANAS

SCHEMES / YOJANAS	PURPOSE / Why in News?	MINISTRY / CABINET	DATE
KANYA VAN SAMRUDDHI YOJANA	In Farmers families where girl children are born, will be given saplings for plantation	Launched by Government of Maharashtra	27 th June 2018
GOPABANDHU SAMBADIKA SWASTHYA BIMA YOJANA	Odisha government launched the New Health Insurance Scheme for the Journalists in the State.	Launched by Government of Odisha	1 st June 2018

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SEVA BHOJ YOJANA	The scheme is to provide financial assistance on a purchase of specific food items by Charitable Religious Institutions (CRIs) for free distribution among people.	Launched by the Ministry of Culture	11 th June 2018
SURYASHAKTI KISAN YOJANA	It is a Solar power scheme for farmers enabling them to generate electricity.	Launched by Gujarat government	24 th June 2018
PARIWARTAN SCHEME	The 'Pariwartan' scheme is being considered to protect value of stressed power projects and prevent their distress sale under the insolvency and bankruptcy code	Launched by The Union government	21 st June 2018
KRISHI KALYAN ABHIYAN	It was launched with an aim to aid, assist and advice farmers to improve their farming techniques and raise their income.	Launched by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare.	1 st June 2018 – 31 st July 2018

MILITARY EXERCISES IN JUNE 2018

EXERCISE NAME	HELD BETWEEN	TYPE OF EXERCISE	PLACE	DATE
MALABAR 2018	India, US & Japan	22 nd Trilateral Naval Exercise	Guam, Philippine Sea	6 th June – 15 th June 2018
SURYA KIRAN XIII	India and Nepal	A Joint Bilateral annual Military exercise	Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand	Concluded on 12 th June 2018
RIMPAC 2018 THEME: "Capable, Adaptive, Partners"	26 Countries including India (1 st time Participation Countries- Israel, Vietnam, Sri Lanka and Brazil)	world's largest international Maritime warfare exercise	Hawaiian Islands	27 th June – 2 nd August 2018

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1st BIMSTEC Military Exercise	7 Asian Countries including India	1 st ever Military Exercise	Pune, Maharastra	In September 2018 (*Upcoming)
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ROCKETS LAUNCHED IN JUNE 2018

SATELLITES	COUNTRY	LAUNCH VEHICLE	PURPOSE	LAUNCH DATE
GLONASS - M	Russia	Soyuz – 2.1b	Russian Global Navigation System	17 th June 2018
GAOFEN - 6	China	Long March - 2D (Also launched the Luoja-1 science experiment satellite)	Earth Observing Satellite (Mainly for Agriculture Research & Disaster Monitoring)	2 nd June 2018
FENGYUN – 2H	China	Long March – 3A (Chang Zheng 3A)	Geostationary Meteorological Satellite	5 th June 2018

DEFENCE & SPACE

- 1) **Operation NISTAR:** Indian Navy has successfully rescued 38 Indians with the help of “**INS SUNAYANA**” from cyclone-hit **Socotra Island in Yemen**.
- 2) **Indian Army** is observing year 2018 as “**Year of Disabled Soldiers in Line of Duty**” to honour soldiers who have been disabled in line of duty.
- 3) **Meghana Shanbough:** She is the **1st woman Indian Air Force (IAF) fighter pilot from South India**.
- 4) **Agni – 5:** India successfully test - fired the indigenously developed Agni- 5 missile on **3rd June 2018**. The missile was launched with help of the mobile launcher from Dr Abdul Kalam Island from Odisha coast.
- 5) **Dhanush Howitzer (Dhanush Artillery Gun):** The indigenously developed artillery gun Dhanush has **successfully completed final user trials and is ready for induction into the Army**.

- 6) **Rani Rashmoni:** Indian Coast Guard has commissioned **fast patrol vessel (FPV)** ICGS Rani Rashmoni, in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- 7) **RemoveDEBRIS Mission:** 1st Satellite to demonstrate technology **to clean up space junk deployed.** It was launched by the SpaceX CRS-14.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

NEW DISCOVERIES	TYPE / PURPOSE	PLACE
Michigan Micro Mote	World's smallest computer – a device that measures just 0.3 millimetres and could help find new ways to monitor and treat cancer.	University of Michigan, U.S
ChrysillaVolupes	Spider (Salticidae) (Rediscovered after 150 years)	Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary, Kerala
Artificial Leaf	The Leaf is made up of Semiconductor Nano Crystal used to absorb the Carbon in the atmosphere	Iisc, Bangalore

- 1) **Giant Aldabra tortoise: Seychelles President “Dany Faure”** has gifted pair of **Giant Aldabra tortoiseto India** during his visit to India as a goodwill gesture. **The tortoise was handed over to the Nehru Zoological Park, New Delhi.**
- 2) **(EPIC 211945201b or K2-236b) & (EPIC 211945201 or K2-236):** In a first, Scientists from Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad have discovered the new planet that revolving around Sun-like star. **K2-236b is a planet and K2-236 is a star.**
- 3) **India’s 1st Robotic Telescope:** India’s first robotic telescope (70cm) – **Global Relay of Observatories Watching Transients Happen (GROWTH)** began its operation at the Indian Astronomical Observatory (IAO) in **Hanule in Ladakh.**
- 4) **India’s 1st indigenous Lithium Ion Battery project:** CSIR’s Central Electro Chemical Research Institute (CECRI), Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu has signed the agreement with RAASI Solar Power Pvt Ltd for the project and the **manufacturing plant will be going to set up at Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu.**

- 5) **ROBINSECTS:** Scientist has developed robots for **pollination** called as “**Robinsects or Nova-Crafters**”, **based on the concept of ‘Biomimetics’**.
- 6) **RAIL MADAD App:** The Union Ministry of Railways has launched Rail MADAD (**M**obile **A**pplication for **D**esired **A**ssistance **D**uring travel) **App to expedite and streamline passenger grievance redressal.**
- 7) **COP CONNECT App:** **Telangana government** has launched the App for the internal Communication in the police department.
- 8) **NEIGHBOURLY App:** **Google India** has launched the app **to solve local queries in Mumbai.**

ECONOMICS

- 1) **Y.M. DEOSTHALEE COMMITTEE:** As per the recommendation of the committee, **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced to set up a Public Credit Registry (PCR)** as a repository of information regarding loan information of individuals and corporate borrowers.
- 2) **SURESH MATHUR COMMITTEE:** The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA) have set up the committee to review the Insurance Marketing Firms with an aim **to increase insurance penetration in the country.**
- 3) **Financial Literacy Week:** Reserve Bank of India is conducting **Financial Literacy Week from June 4 to 8 for consumer protection and educated upon the safe digital banking practices.**
THEME: “Customer Protection”
- 4) **Hike in Repo Rate:** **As per the Second Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement on 6th June 2018,** Monetary Policy Committee of RBI has decided to hike the Repo Rate to **6.25% from 6.00%.**

Repo Rate	6.25%
Reverse Repo Rate	6.00%
Marginal Standing Facility Rate (MSF)	6.50%

- 5) **Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR):** Maternal Mortality is death of a woman while pregnant or within 42 days of termination of pregnancy. **The Registrar General of India has released the report for 2014-**

2016. According to the report, the **Ratio of the MMR is 130 per 10000 live births in 2016.** (22% decline Since 2013)

- 6) **12th edition of Global Peace Index 2018:** Sydney-based think tank Institute for Economics and Peace released the index. According to the index, **India ranked 136 out of 163 countries (In 2017-137th rank).** Iceland was in the 1st position and Syria ranked in the last position.
- 7) **Global Real Estate Transparency Index 2018:** According to the index, **India ranked 35 out of 100,** UK was in the 1st position and Venezuela ranked in the last position.
- 8) **Composite Water Management Index:** NITI Aayog has released Composite Water Management Index. **Gujarat was the best in India and Jharkhand was the worst state in India.**
- 9) **End of Childhood Index 2018: India ranked 113 among 175 countries.** Singapore and Slovenia are top sharing the 1st place. Niger in West Africa ranked in the last position.

AWARDS

AWARDS / PRIZES	PERSON / ORGANIZATION
Friendship Medal	China awarded its 1st highest state honour Friendship Medal to Russian President Vladimir Putin.
Rajarshi Shahu Puraskar Award	Eminent Scholar and Social Activist "Pushpa Bhawe" has been selected for the Rajarshi Shahu Puraskar award given by Maharashtra government.
World Food Prize 2018	"Dr.Lawrence Haddad and Dr David Nabarro" awarded the world food prize
Prime Minister's award for outstanding contribution for promotion and development of Yoga	Vishwas Mandalik from Nasik and the Yoga Institute in Mumbai won the award
Global Energy Prize 2018	Sergey Alexeenko (Russia) and Martin Green (1 st Australian to win)
India Smart Cities Award - 2018	Surat City from Gujarat was selected for the "India Smart City Award"

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Polly Umrigar Award Best International Cricketer for 2017-18: **Virat Kohli**

PEN Pinter prize 2018 Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONS IN NEWS

1) **Country's New Presidents / Prime Ministers:**

COUNTRY	PRESIDENT / PRIME MINISTER
COLOMBIA	Ivan Duque Marquez (<i>PRESIDENT</i>)
ITALY	Giuseppe Conte (<i>PRIME MINISTER</i>)
TURKEY	Recep Tayyip Erdogan (<i>PRESIDENT</i>)
SPAIN	Pedro Sanchez (<i>PRIME MINISTER</i>)

- 2) **Aravind Saxena** was appointed as the **acting Chairman of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)**.
- 3) **Sharad Kumar** was appointed as the **Vigilance Commissioner in Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)**.
- 4) **Music composer A. R. Rahman** has been appointed as the **"Brand Ambassador of the Sikkim government"**
- 5) **India's first Tribal Queen: Pallavi Durua from Odisha.**

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- 1) **Book:** "The Presidential Years" written by Former Indian President Pranab Mukherjee
- 2) **Book:** "President is Missing" written by Ex - US President Bill Clinton and James Patterson.
- 3) **Book:** "Notes of a Dream: The Authorized Biography of A.R. Rahman" written by Krishna Trilok.
- 4) **Book:** "Emergency: Indian Democracy's Darkest Hour" written by A. Suriya Prakash.

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SPORTS

- 1) **Sunil Chhetri equals Lionel Messi: India's Sunil Chhetri (Foot Ball) equalled the record of Lionel Messi for the number of internal goals as 64 goals.** Both are in 2nd position and Cristiano Ronaldo in top position with 81 goals.
- 2) **India's Sportsperson of the Year: Kidambi Srikanth (Badminton)**
- 3) **R. Praggnanandhaa** (12yrs old) has become **India's Youngest & world's 2nd Youngest Grand Master in the Chess** in Gredine Open in Italy
- 4) US golfer **Brooks Koepka** wins **US Open title** at the Shinnecock Hills Golf Course in New York.
- 5) **Indian football team (Captain: Sunil Chhetri)** has won **Intercontinental Cup football title 2018**
- 6) **Deepika Kumari** won a gold medal in **women's recurve event** at the World Cup in Salt Lake City, USA.
- 7) **FRENCH OPEN TENNIS: 2018 [27th May – 10th June], Roland Garros, Paris**

Men's Singles

Rafael Nadal (won) (Spain) Vs. Dominic Thiem (Austria)
(11th French Open & 17th overall grand slam title for Nadal*)

Women's Singles

Simona Halep (won) (Romania) Vs. Sloane Stephens (USA)
(1st grand slam title for Simona Halep)

Men's Doubles

Pierre-Hugues Herbert (France) Nicolas Mahut (France) (won) Vs. Oliver Marach (Austria) Mate Pavić (Croatia)

Women's Doubles

Barbora Krejčíková and Kateřina Siniaková (Czech) (won) Vs. Eri Hozumi and Makoto Ninomiya (Japan)

- 8) **21st FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) Football World Cup 2018: RUSSIA (14th June – 15th July 2018)** – every 4 yrs once

Total Number of Venues & Cities

12 Venues in 11 host cities

Opening & Final Matches held at

Luzhniki Stadium, Moscow

Total Number of Participated Team

32 Teams

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Total Number of Matches Played	64 Matches
Total Number of Goals Scored	169 Goals
Debut Teams	Iceland & Panama
Opening Match	Russia Vs. Saudi Arabia (Russia Won)
Winner (4 - 2 goal)	France (2 nd time & 1 st time in 1998) [Captain: Hugo Lloris]
Runner	Croatia [Captain: Luka Modric]
3rd Place	Belgium [Captain: Eden Hazard]
4th Place	England [Captain: Harry Kane]
2500th Goal in World Cup History	Fakhreddine Ben Youssef (Tunisia) hit the 2500th goal Vs. Panama
Adidas Golden Ball Award (For Best Player)	Luka Modric (Croatia)
Adidas Golden Boot Award	Harry Kane (England) (Top scorer – 6 goals)
Adidas Golden Glove Award (For Best Goal Keeper)	Thibaut Courtois (Belgium)
FIFA Young Player Award	Kylian Mbappe (France)
FIFA Fair play Trophy	Spain
Man of the Match in the Final	Antoine Griezmann (France)
Branding	The tournament logo was unveiled on 28 October 2014 by cosmonauts at the International Space Station
The Typeface (Font) used for branding in the world Cup	DUSHA
The Mascot for the Tournament	Wolf Zabivaka

Official Song	"Live It Up" , with vocals from Will Smith, Nicky Jam and Era Istrefi
Ball used in the Tournament	Adidas Telstar 18
Previous (20th) World cup 2014	Brazil (Winner: Germany – 4th Title Vs. Argentina)
Next (22nd) World cup 2022	Qatar
23rd World Cup 2026	US, Mexico & Canada are jointly conducting the Tournament
Significance of 2018 FIFA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It was the first World Cup to be held in Eastern Europe, and the 11th time that it had been held in Europe. ➤ France – 4th consecutive title won by a European team ➤ It was also the first World Cup to use the video assistant referee (VAR) system.

9) **Women's cricket:**

- **Smriti Mandhana** is the 1st Indian player to appear in **England's Kia Super T20 League**.
- **Mithali Raj** is the 1st Indian women cricketer to **score 2,000 runs in T20 International Cricket**.
- **Amelia Kerr (New Zealand)** created New batting record in **ODIs with 232* Vs. Ireland in Dublin**.
- **Bangladesh women cricket team** has won the **7th Asia Cup Twenty-20 tournament 2018** held at Malaysia. (*Player of the Series: Harmanpreet Kaur with a most runs of 215*)

IMPORTANT DAYS

DAYS	EVENTS	THEMES/ SIGNIFICANCE
June 1	World Milk Day	“Drive Move to be Strong”
	Global Day of Parents	The UN General Assembly proclaimed the day in 2012 with resolution and honors parents throughout the world.
June 3	World Bicycle Day	1 st time the day was observing to encourage a simple, affordable, reliable, clean and environmentally fit sustainable means of transportation.
June 5	World Environment Day	“Beat Plastic Pollution”
June 8	World Brain Tumour Day	This day first observed by German Brain Tumour Association. Aims to raise awareness about a brain tumor to the public by educating them on the condition, including its signs and symptoms, management, and treatment.
	World Oceans Day	“Preventing plastic pollution and encouraging solutions for a healthy ocean”.
June 12	World Day against Child Labour	“Generation Safe & Healthy”
June 13	International Albinism Awareness Day	“Shining our light to the world”
June 14	World Blood Donor day	Slogan: “Be there for someone else. Give blood. Share life”
June 15	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	The day aims to focus global attention on the problem of physical, emotional, and financial abuse of elders. Theme: “Moving from Awareness to Action through a Human Rights based approach”
June 16	International Day of Family Remittances	It is aimed at recognizing significant financial contribution migrant workers make to the well-being of their families back home and to the sustainable development of their countries of origin.
June 17	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	“Land has true value – invest in it”

Free State Level TNPSC Group II (OT) MOCK TEST on 4th November 2018 (Sunday)

Test Centres: 1. Anna Nagar, 2. Adyar, 3. Salem, 4. Madurai, 5. Trichy, 6. Tirunelveli, 7. Cuddalore, 8. Vellore, 9. Thanjavur, 10. Kancheepuram, 11. Krishnagiri, 12. Erode, 13. Palani, 14. Coimbatore, 15. Namakkal

June 18	World Sustainable Gastronomy Day	The day acknowledges gastronomy as cultural expression related to the natural and cultural diversity of the world.
June 20	World Refugee Day	"Now More Than Ever, We Need to Stand with Refugees."
June 21	4 th International Yoga Day	"Yoga for Peace"
	World Hydrography Day	"Bathymetry - the foundation for sustainable seas, oceans and waterways".
June 23	United Nations Public Service Day	The day seeks to mark the invaluable contributions of public servants and administrators to build a better world for all.
	International Olympic Day	The International Olympic Day was initiated in 1948 for commemorating the commencement of modern Olympic Games on 23 June 1894 at Sorbonne in Paris.
June 25	Day of the Seafarer	"Seafarers wellbeing". It highlights issues of seafarers' wellbeing, particularly mental health.
June 26	International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	The International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is observed every year on June 26 across the world to raise awareness of a major problem that illicit drugs.
June 27	2 nd United National Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (UN - MSME) Day	The purpose of the day is to encourage dialogue and partnership among various stakeholders of the MSME ecosystem and for promoting innovation and knowledge sharing on MSME related issues.
June 29	12 th National Statistics Day	"Quality Assurance in Official Statistics"