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## **JULY - 2018**

### **TAMIL NADU**

1) **Sirpi Foundation Awards:**

**SIRPI LITERARY  
AWARD**

Kavingar Magudeswaran

**Po.Ma.  
SUBRAMANIAM  
AWARD**

Harikrishan

- 2) **P. Shanmugam Committee:** according to the direction of the committee, Dr Ambedkar Law College in Parrys, Chennai will go **to be replaced in Pudhupakkam, Kancheepuram District and Pattaraiperumpudhur, Thiruvallur District.**
- Pudhupakkam, Kancheepuram District - 5yrs course
  - Pattaraiperumpudhur, Thiruvallur District - 3yrs course
- 3) **Ms S.Viji** becomes the 2<sup>nd</sup> transgender of India after Sathyasri Sharmila **to register as a lawyer In Tamil Nadu and Puducherry Bar Council.**
- 4) **Shenoy Nagar and Koyambedu metro stations in Chennai are fully operated by Women.**
- 5) **Tamil Nadu Tourism** becomes the top tourist destination for attracting *both domestic and international tourists.*
- 6) **Old Music Rock** was discovered by archaeologists near **Anjetti, Krishnagiri district.** The rock has been used before 2500yrs by Old Stone Age people.
- 7) **Ainthinai Poonga:** “Ainthinai Poonga” will be going to establish at **Tamil University, Thanjavur** in order **to educate the future generation about the Sangam Period’s Ainthinai (Kurinji, Mullai, Marutham, Neithal and Paalai)**
- 8) **JAYA – Tiger Cub:** TN CM Palanaisamy named the newly born tiger in Vandaloor zoo as **“JAYA” on the remembrance of Ex - CM Jayalalitha.**
- 9) **Heritage Seed Festival:** Women in Perambakkam Village, Thiruvallur District celebrated the *Heritage Seed Festival.*

- 10) **New Tiger Reserve Forest:** National Tiger Conservation Authority has planned to cover the **Srivilliputhur – Megamalai** under the Tiger Reserve.
- 11) **Fish Nutrition and Food Technology Institute:** The Institute was inaugurated in **Madhavaram, Chennai** under *Tamil Nadu Dr J. Jayalalitha Fisheries University*.
- 12) **Tamil Nadu Lok ayukta Bill, 2018:** The Tamil Nadu Assembly on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018 passed the Tamil Nadu Lok ayukta Bill, 2018 and came into effect from 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018.
- 13) **Fossil Museum:** The fossil museum is going to set up at **Varanavasi near Ariyalur**.
- 14) In the **first ever Tamil Nadu Forest Policy 2018** was released by Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami on **24<sup>th</sup> July, 2018**, the Tamilnadu Forest department has outlined its objective of increasing the **forest cover** from the **present 21.76 per cent to 33 per cent by 2030**.

## NATIONAL

- 1) **Andhra Pradesh** Government launched **“Anna Canteens”** across the state to provide subsidised food for poor. Other state Canteens are,

<b>Amma Canteen</b>	Tamil Nadu (24-02-2013)
<b>Annapura Raso Canteen</b>	Rajasthan
<b>Deendayal Annapurna Raso Canteen</b>	Madhya Pradesh
<b>Aam Aadmi Canteen</b>	Delhi
<b>Indira Canteen</b>	Karnataka
<b>Indira Amma Canteen</b>	Uttarakhand
<b>Aahaar Yojana</b>	Odisha
<b>Antyodaya Aahaar Yojana</b>	Haryana

- 2) **BANGLA: West Bengal** government passed the resolution in the assembly for rename the state as **“BANGLA”** in all the 3 languages (Bengali, Hindi & English) on **26<sup>th</sup> July 2018**. [*Art. 3 in the constitution speaks about the changing the name of state*]
- 3) **India was in the 1<sup>st</sup> position in Organ Donation in the World.** Turkey & Spain are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> position; Brazil was in the 3<sup>rd</sup> position.
- 4) **Indian Origin – US 15yr old boy “Tanishq Abraham”** finished his Engineering at the very young age and now he joined PhD for the research.
- 5) The Union government has reduced the minimum annual deposit requirement for accounts **under Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana from Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 250**
- 6) **President nominates four members to Rajya Sabha:** *Ram Shakal, Rakesh Sinha, Raghunath Mohapatra and Sonal Mansingh* are the new Rajya Sabha members appointed by the president **according to the Art. 80 of the constitution.**
- 7) **Ravindra H Dholakia committee:** The committee for Sub-National Accounts has been constituted by the Union Government **to upgrade norms for state & district level economic data collection.**

- 8) **Agartala Airport:** The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal for renaming Agartala Airport in Tripura as **“Maharaja Bir Bikram Manikya Kishore Airport” Agartala.**
- 9) **Prabhadevi Station:** Western Railway renamed **Elphinstone Road** suburban railway station in Mumbai, Maharashtra to **“Prabhadevi Station”**
- 10) **Design University for Gaming:** UNESCO will plan to set up the “Design University for Gaming” in **Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.**
- 11) Airports Authority of India (AAI) is going to set up a state-of-the-art **Civil Aviation Research Organization (CARO)** at **Hyderabad’s Begumpet airport.**
- 12) **“I am not afraid of English” initiative:** **Haryana** has launched “I am not afraid of English” initiative **to make primary school students fluent in English**
- 13) **Bengaluru** was India’s first-ever **state-of-the-art e-waste recycling unit.**
- 14) **Assam government** has recently decided **to set up a separate directorate for the Divyangs (differently abled people)**
- 15) Samsung inaugurates **World’s largest mobile phone factory** in Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- 16) **Behdienkhlam 2018:** The famous cultural festival “Behdienkhlam 2018” was celebrated at the small peripheral town of Jowai, the District headquarters of Jaintia Hills District in **Meghalaya.**
- 17) The world’s first all-digital art museum has opened at the MORI Building Digital Art Museum in **Tokyo, Japan.**
- 18) **Minority Status for Jews:** **Gujarat** became the **3<sup>rd</sup> state** after West Bengal and Maharashtra **to give minority status for Jews.**
- 19) **“The Eat Right Movement”:** FSSAI has launched national campaign **“The Eat Right Movement” to improve public health and combat lifestyle diseases.**

- 20) **Jal Bachao, Video Banao, Puruskar Pao:** It is the video contest launched by the Union Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation ***aims to engage with people of the country on the important issues of water conservation and water management.***
- 21) **Dharohar Bhawan:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 'Dharohar Bhawan' – the ***New headquarters building of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)***
- 22) **Bansagar canal project:** PM Modi inaugurated ***171 km long Bansagar canal project in Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh.*** It is a joint venture of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar,
- 23) **Paudhagiri campaign:** ***Haryana Government*** has launched "***Paudhagiri campaign***" a unique program for the planting of saplings.
- 24) **SAFAR:** Ministry of Earth Sciences has unveiled state-of-the-art Air Quality and Weather Forecast System has launched ***SAFAR (System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting by IIM Pune)*** at Chandni Chowk in Delhi.
- 25) **Tribal Atlas:** ***Odisha Government*** has unveiled first-ever "***Tribal Atlas of Odisha***", a compilation of demographic and cultural information of the tribal population in the state.
- 26) **Khadi Mall:** India's first dedicated 'Khadi Mall' will be set up by the ***Jharkhand government to boost the market for khadi and khadi made products.***
- 27) **The museum for all former Prime Ministers of India** will be constructed in the ***Teen Murti Bhavan complex*** that houses the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library in ***New Delhi.***
- 28) **No Toilet, No Bride: Godikan panchayat in Haryana** has become the first panchayat in the country to marry off girls only to families who have a toilet in their house.
- 29) **Trafficking of Persons (Prevention, Protection and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2018.** The Bill provides for the prevention, rescue, and rehabilitation of trafficked persons. *The offenders were*

*imprisonment over 7 years extends over 10 years also fined over 1 lakh rupees.*

- 30) **Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 2018:** Death penalty for those convicted of raping girls below the age of 12 years.
- 31) Uttarakhand high court has declared ***the entire animal kingdom, including birds and aquatic animals, as a legal entity*** having rights of a “living person”. The move aims to ensure “greater welfare” of animals.
- 32) **Mahatma Gandhi International sanitation convention:** It will be launched at the **150<sup>th</sup> - anniversary celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi**. *It will be a first-of-its-kind International Sanitation Convention.*
- 33) **MISSION SATYANISHTHA:** Indian Railways has launched “Mission Satyanishtha” ***To train every employee to understand the need and value of ethics in Personal and Public life*** from the “***Ethics in Public Governance***” programme were organized by Indian Railways. *It was first of its kind event organized by any government organization in the country.*
- 34) **HOSTESS:** The Kerala tourism development corporation is all set to launch ***India’s first public sector hotel run entirely by women*** for women in the state’s capital city, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 35) **Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve:** *Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve* was included in the UNESCO’s World Network of Biosphere Reserve (WNBR) under the Man and Biosphere Programme (MAB). it was 11<sup>th</sup> Biosphere Reserve from India to achieve this recognition.
- 36) **STATUE OF RAMANUJACHARYA:** A 216-foot tall statue of Vaishnavite saint Sri Ramanujacharya is set to be unveiled in Hyderabad. ***It will become the world’s second tallest statue in a seated position and will be called as Statue of Equality, after the statue of the Great Buddha of Thailand (302 feet).***

## INTERNATIONAL

### 1) PM Modi's Foreign Visit in July:

<b>RWANDA</b>	<b>Capital:</b> Kigali <b>President:</b> Paul Kagame
<b>UGANDA</b>	<b>Capital:</b> Kampala <b>President:</b> Yoweri Museveni
<b>SOUTH AFRICA</b>	<b>Capital:</b> Cape Town, Pretoria and Bloemfontein <b>President:</b> Cyril Ramaphosa

- 2) The Union Government has invited **United States President Donald Trump** to be the **chief guest at 2019 Republic Day celebrations**.
- 3) **GIRINKA programme:** PM Modi gifted **200 cows to villagers from Rweru villages as part of Rwandan Government's under Girinka Programme during his Rwanda visit**.
- 4) **Operation Enduring Freedom** is being operated in Afghanistan.
- 5) **Chiribiquete National Park** in Colombia has recently declared as the **UNESCO world heritage site**.
- 6) **Typhoon Ampil:** On 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018, Typhoon Ampil hits **China**
- 7) Nelson Mandela International Day 2018 marks **100 years** since the birth of Nelson Mandela (**18 July 1918**).
- 8) **MATTALA AIRPORT ("WORLD'S EMPTIEST AIRPORT"):** India has agreed to form a joint venture with Sri Lanka to operate the country's loss-making Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport in Hambantota, Sri Lanka.
- 9) India-assisted **Ambulance service** was launched in Sri Lanka.
- 10) **World best Airlines 2018: SINGAPORE AIRLINES** bagged the title **"World Best Airlines 2018"**



## SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

SUMMITS / CONFERENCES	PURPOSE / THEME / OUTCOME	PLACE	DATE
<b>10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BRICS SUMMIT</b>			
➤ <b>9<sup>th</sup> BRICS Summit held at Xiamen, China on 2017 September</b>	<b>THEME:</b> “BRICS in Africa: Collaboration for Inclusive Growth and Shared Prosperity in the 4 <sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution”	Johannesburg, South Africa	25 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2018
➤ <b>11<sup>th</sup> BRICS Summit will be held in Brazil on 2019</b>	<b>Outcome</b> of the Summit: “ <b>Johannesburg Declaration</b> ”		
➤ <b>12<sup>th</sup> BRICS Summit will be held in Russia on 2020</b>			
<b>42<sup>nd</sup> Session of World Heritage Committee of UNESCO</b>	<p>The four cultural sites are insisted in the meet. They are,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Victorian Gothic and Art Deco Ensemble of Mumbai (India),</li> <li>➤ Sassanid Archaeological Landscape of Fars region (Iran),</li> <li>➤ Hidden Christian Sites in Nagasaki Region (Japan)</li> <li>➤ Sansa, Buddhist Mountain Monasteries in Korea (South Korea)</li> </ul>	Manama, Bahrain	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2018
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Meet</b>	RCEP is a proposed comprehensive regional economic integration agreement between the 10-ASEAN countries	Tokyo, Japan	2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2018
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Biennial World Cities Summit</b>	<b>THEME:</b> “Liveable & Sustainable Cities: Embracing the Future through Innovation and Collaboration”	Singapore	8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2018

<b>17<sup>th</sup> WORLD SANSKRIT CONFERENCE</b>	The Purpose of the conference is to promote, preserve and practice Sanskrit language all over world by the people.	Vancouver, Canada	9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2018
<b>The 10th edition of Delhi Dialogue (DD X)</b>	<b>THEME:</b> “Strengthening India-ASEAN Maritime Cooperation”	New Delhi	19 <sup>th</sup> July 2018
<b>Google’s Cloud Next 2018</b>	2 new Artificial Intelligence chips are introduced. They are Edge TPU and Cloud IoT Edge aimed at helping customers develop and deploy intelligent connected devices at scale.	San Francisco, USA	26 <sup>th</sup> July 2018
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Young Superintendent of Police Conference</b>	<b>THEME:</b> “Predictive Policing and Contemporary Challenges for Indian Police Forces”	New Delhi	26 <sup>th</sup> July 2018
<b>INDIA TOURISM MART</b>	1st ever “India Tourism Mart” will be hosted in New Delhi from 16th to 18th September by the Ministry of Tourism in partnership with the Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism and Hospitality (FAITH).	New Delhi	16 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 (Upcoming*)
<b>Global Disability Summit 2018</b>	It was co-hosted by the UK government with the International Disability Alliance (IDA) and the Government of Kenya to galvanize global efforts to address disability inclusion around the world.	Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in London	24 <sup>th</sup> July 2018

## SCHEMES / YOJANAS

SCHEMES / YOJANAS	PURPOSE / Why in News?	MINISTRY / CABINET	DATE
<b>SANCHAR KRANTI YOJANA</b>	Under the scheme, <b>50 lakh smartphones will be distributed free of cost to rural households, urban poor and college students across the state.</b>	Launched by Government of Chhattisgarh	27 <sup>th</sup> July 2018
<b>ONE FARMER ONE TRANSFORMER</b>	Under this scheme, the State Government will provide electrical connection for high voltage distribution line to about <b>two lakh farmers of the state.</b>	Launched by Government of Maharashtra	Come to effect from 15 <sup>th</sup> August
<b>SWACHH SURVEKSHAN GRAMEEN 2018</b>	It is a rural cleanliness survey to rank all states and districts on basis of qualitative and quantitative evaluation	Launched by The Union Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation	13 <sup>th</sup> July 2018
<b>GREEN MAHANADI MISSION</b>	It is a plantation mission under which <b>2 crore saplings will be planted along the Mahanadi river and its tributaries</b>	Launched by Government of Odisha	24 <sup>th</sup> July 2018
<b>PADHE BHARAT-BADHE BHARAT</b>	Padhe Bharat- Badhe Bharat' is an initiative <b>to promote the reading culture among students</b> under ' <b>Samagra Shiksha</b> ' is an overarching programme for school education extending from Primary till class 12.	Launched by The Ministry of Human Resource Development	17 <sup>th</sup> July 2018

## **MILITARY EXERCISES IN JULY 2018**

<b>EXERCISE NAME</b>	<b>HELD BETWEEN</b>	<b>TYPE OF EXERCISE</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>Pitch Black – 18</b> <i>(1<sup>st</sup> time Indian Air Force participating)</i>	12 Countries including INDIA	Multilateral Air force Exercise	Australia	27 <sup>th</sup> July – 17 <sup>th</sup> August 2018

## **ROCKETS LAUNCHED IN JULY 2018**

<b>SATELLITES</b>	<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>LAUNCH VEHICLE</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>LAUNCH DATE</b>
<b>PRSS – 1 &amp; PakTes – 1A</b>	PAKISTAN	Long March – 2C (Launched by China)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>PRSS-1:</b> It is China's first optical remote sensing satellite sold to Pakistan</li> <li>➤ <b>PakTES-1A:</b> It is Pakistan's indigenously developed scientific experiment satellite</li> </ul>	9 <sup>th</sup> July 2018

## **DEFENCE & SPACE**

- 1) **Tejas:** The indigenous developed Tejas fighter aircraft *formally commenced its operation from sulur Air force station, Tamil Nadu.*
- 2) **INS Sumitra:** The Indian naval ship INS Sumitra became the *first-ever warship to enter the port of Sabang in Indonesia.*
- 3) **VIKAS ENGINE:** ISRO has successfully conducted a ground test of its *high thrust version of Vikas Engine.*

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

NEW DISCOVERIES	TYPE / PURPOSE	PLACE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Archid Tit</li> <li>➤ Nilgiri Tit</li> <li>➤ Orange Alert</li> </ul>	Butterfly	Kumbakkarai, Theni District.
<b>World's first-ever 3-D, colour X-ray</b>	Scientists from New Zealand have performed the <b>world's first-ever 3-D, colour X-ray on human</b> . It has the potential to improve the field of medical diagnostic	New Zealand
<b>World's fastest rotor</b>	The rotor can spin at more than <b>60 billion revolutions per minute</b> , making it world's fastest man-made object. It is more than 100,000 times than a high-speed dental drill	USA
<b>BOMBALI</b>	Scientists have discovered a <b>new strain of Ebola virus in bats</b> in northern Bombali region of Sierra Leone	Sierra Leone, West Africa
<b>SCUTOID shape of Epithelial Cells</b>	The Scutoid shape has five sides on one end and six on the other and a triangular surface on one of its longer edges	
<b>Higgs Boson</b>	"God Particle"	
<b>Epidiolex</b>	For the first time, the US Food and Drug Administration has approved the world's first-ever cannabis-based medicine "Epidiolex" made from marijuana.	

- 1) **cVIGIL mobile App: Election Commission of India** has launched the mobile app is made for citizens **to report any violation of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) during elections**.
- 2) **WINGS App: BSNL** launches **India's 1<sup>st</sup> internet telephony service** through this app, **BSNL customers will be able to make calls to any phone number, domestic or international**
- 3) **The standing committee of National Board for Wildlife (NBWL)** has recently added four species- Northern River Terrapin, **Clouded**

**Leopard, Arabian Sea Humpback Whale and Red Panda** into Centre's Recovery Programme for Critically Endangered Species. They were added on the recommendation by Wildlife Division of Ministry of Environment and Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC).

- 4) **Blood Moon 2018:** Century's longest lunar eclipse of 1 hour 43 minutes seen on **27<sup>th</sup> July 2018**.
- 5) **World's oldest colour:** Scientists have discovered the oldest colour in the geological record- the **bright pink** pigment aged 1.1 billion years old in rocks deep beneath Sahara desert.
- 6) **The New sources of Neutrinos are discovered:** The IceCube observatory at the South Pole has discovered that a **"blazar"**, a galaxy with a supermassive black hole at its centre, also produces neutrinos.
- 7) **"P NULL" PHENOTYPE:** A team of doctors from Mangaluru's Kasturba Medical College (KMC) has identified a rare blood group called **"pp" or "P null" phenotype for the first time in India**.
- 8) **NEELKURINJI FLOWERS:** The Neelakurinji will bloom in the **Anamalai hills near Munnar**, a phenomenon that occurs **once in 12 years**.
- 9) **MARS Planet** came closest to the earth on July 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> 2018

## **ECONOMICS**

- 1) **Ease of doing business' rankings among States:** (Prepared by the World Bank and the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of commerce and Industry)
  - Andhra Pradesh (1<sup>st</sup> Place)
  - Telangana (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)
  - Haryana (3<sup>rd</sup> Place)
  - Tamil Nadu (15<sup>th</sup> Place)
- 2) **P.J. JOSEPH COMMITTEE:** The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) have constituted a 16-member committee **to examine motor third party insurance pricing aspects and make recommendations on the premium rates for 2019-20**.

- 3) **Global Innovation Index 2018:** World Intellectual Property Organisation released the report that **India was ranked 57 among 130 countries** (In 2017-60<sup>th</sup> position) and Switzerland was in the 1<sup>st</sup> position.
- 4) **World's sixth-biggest economy:** According to the World Bank report, **India has become the world's sixth-biggest economy** surpassing France to seventh place. The US was in the 1<sup>st</sup> position.
- 5) India was formally joined as **69<sup>th</sup> shareholder of European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)**
- 6) **Public Affairs Index (PAI) 2018:** According to the Public Affairs Index (PAI) 2018 released by Bangalore based think tank Public Affairs Centre(PAC) on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018; **Kerala tops the list as a best-governed state in the country followed by Tamil Nadu.**

## AWARDS

AWARDS / PRIZES	PERSON / ORGANIZATION
<b>RAMON MAGSAYSAY AWARD 2018</b>  <b>(Two among six winners from India)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Bharat Vatwani (India)</li> <li>➤ Sonam Wangchuk (India)</li> <li>➤ Youk Chhang (Cambodia)</li> <li>➤ Maria de Lourdes Martins Cruz (East Timor)</li> <li>➤ Howard Dee (Philippines) and</li> <li>➤ Vo Thi Hoang Yen (Vietnam)</li> </ul>
<b>2018 Miss Asia Deaf</b>	Deshna Jain from Tikamgarh in Madhya Pradesh
<b>KALIDAS SAMMAN AWARD</b>	<b>Anjolie Ela Menon</b> [Prestigious award of Madhya Pradesh given to Artists, Dance, Music]
<b>SANGITA KALANIDHI AWARD 2018</b>	Carnatic vocalist <b>"Aruna Sairam"</b> has been selected for 2018 Sangita Kalanidhi award of Madras Music Academy for her contribution to Carnatic music.
<b>2018 GOLDEN MAN BOOKER PRIZE</b>  <b>(The prize was instituted to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Man Booker prize)</b>	<b>Novel: "The English Patient"</b> written by <b>Michael Ondaatje</b>

## APPOINTMENTS & PERSONS IN NEWS

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

COUNTRY	PRESIDENT / PRIME MINISTER
Mexico	Enrique Peña Nieto

- 2) **Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel** was appointed as the new **Chairperson of National Green Tribunal (NGT)**
- 3) **India's 1<sup>st</sup> Blind IAS officer: "PRANJAL PATIL"** from Maharashtra was the 1<sup>st</sup> Blind IAS officer and currently, she will serve as the Deputy Collector in Eranakulam district, Kerala.
- 4) **Tahira Safdar:** She is the **first-ever female high court chief justice of Pakistan.**
- 5) **Satyarup Siddhanta:** He has become the 2<sup>nd</sup> Indian mountaineer after Malli Mastan Babu to climb **Mt Ojos del Salado (6893 m), the highest volcano in the world on Argentina-Chile border.**
- 6) **Portugal's Antonio Vitorino** was appointed as the **new Director General (DG) of International Organization for Migration.**
- 7) **S Ramesh** was appointed as the new chairman of the **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)**
- 8) **TCA Raghavan** was appointed as the **new director general of Indian Council of World Affairs.**

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

- 1) **Book:** "Gandhi: The Years That Changed The World (1914-1948)" written by Ramachandra Guha
- 2) **Book:** "Eleventh Hour" written by Hussain Zaidi.
- 3) **Book:** "Winning Like Sourav: Think & Succeed Like Ganguly" written by Abhirup Bhattacharya.
- 4) **Book:** "Aluminium: The Future Metal" written by Tapan Kumar Chand.



- 5) **Book:** “*The House of Islam: A Global History*” written by Ed Husain.
- 6) **Book:** “*The Dhoni Touch: Unravelling the Enigma That Is Mahendra Singh Dhoni*” written by Bharat Sundareshan.
- 7) **Book:** “*When Coal Turned Gold: The Making of a Maharatna Company*” written by PB Bhattacharyya.

## SPORTS

- 1) **1000<sup>th</sup> Test Match:** “*England Cricket Team*” was the 1<sup>st</sup> team in the world to reach the 1000<sup>th</sup> test match in the cricket history. **1000<sup>th</sup> test match was against India. England’s 1<sup>st</sup> test match was held in 1877 against Australia.**
- 2) **DIPA KARMAKAR:** 1<sup>st</sup> Indian woman to win gold in **Gymnastics World Challenge Cup** held in Mersin, Turkey.
- 3) **ICC Cricket Hall of Fame:** **Former India captain Rahul Dravid and former Australian captain Ricky Ponting** has been inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame for their stupendous achievements in international cricket.
- 4) **WIMBLEDON TENNIS: 2018 [2<sup>nd</sup> July – 15<sup>th</sup> July], London, UK**

<b>Men’s Singles</b>	Novak Djokovic (won) (Serbia) Vs. Kevin Anderson (South Africa)
<b>Women’s Singles</b>	Angelique Kerber (won) (Germany) Vs. Serena Williams (USA)
<b>Men’s Doubles</b>	Mike Bryan and Jack Sock (USA) Vs. Raven Klaasen (South Africa) and Michael Venus (NZ)
<b>Women’s Doubles</b>	Barbora Krejckikova and Katerina Siniakova (Czech) Vs. Nicole Melichar (USA) and Kveta Peschke (Czech)

- 5) **2018 Men’s Hockey Champions:** **Australian hockey team has won the 2018 Men’s Hockey Champions Trophy by defeating India** in the held in the Netherlands.
- 6) **12<sup>th</sup> Malaysian Open Badminton 2018:** **Lee Chong Wei** has won the Malaysian Open Badminton men’s singles title.
- 7) **Fakhar Zaman** from Pakistan has become **the fastest player to score 1000 runs in One-Day International (ODI) cricket.**

- 8) **Punjab shot-putter Dhanvir Singh** has been declared as the **best male athlete in the 15th National Youth Athletics Championships 2018 held at Vadodara, Gujarat.**
- 9) **Sourabh Verma**, Indian shuttler has lifted the 2018 men's singles Russian Open Badminton trophy held at Vladivostok.
- 10) *After 53 years, Lakshya Sen* from India has clinched men's singles gold at **the Asia Badminton Junior Championship 2018** in Jakarta on July 22, 2018. (Gautam Thakkar was the last Indian to win the Asian Junior men's singles gold in 1965)
- 11) **Viresh Kundu** has won bronze in the 97kg **Greco-Roman wrestling category at the 2018 Asian Junior Championships** in New Delhi on July 18, 2018

### IMPORTANT DAYS

DAYS	EVENTS	THEMES/ SIGNIFICANCE
July 1	National Doctor's Day	"Zero tolerance to violence against doctors and clinical establishment"
	Goods and Services Tax (GST) Day	"GST Day" to mark the 1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary of the new indirect tax regime.
July 6	World Zoonoses Day	To create awareness on Zoonotic diseases, how to prevent them and what actions to take when exposed.
July 7	International Day of Co-operatives	"Sustainable societies through cooperation"
	World Chocolate Day	World Chocolate Day is said to be commercially celebrated since 2009.
July 11	World Population Day	"Family planning is a human right"
July 12	International Malala Day	The day is to Commemorate Malala Yousafzai Pakistani activist for female education and the youngest Nobel Prize laureate

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<b>July 15</b>	World Youth Skills Day	“Improving the image of TVET (Technical & Vocational Education and Training)”
	Educational Development Day	116th birth anniversary of K.Kamaraj, former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu was celebrated on July 15 2018.(first celebrated on 15th July, 2006)
	Maraimalai Adigal Birthday	Thanithamizh Iyakkathin Thanthai
<b>July 17</b>	International Justice Day	The aim of this day is to unite everyone who wants to support justice as well as promote victims’ rights.
<b>July 23</b>	Subramanya Siva Death day	He was the freedom fighter and author of the journal Gnanabhanu and books Ramanuja Vijayam and Madhva Vijayam.
<b>July 24</b>	National Income Tax Day	The main motive behind the celebration of this day is <b>to propagate the importance of paying tax.</b>
<b>July 26</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> Kargil Vijay Diwas	To commemorate the success of Operation Vijay and remember the brave sacrifice of Indian soldiers during 1999 India-Pakistan Kargil War
<b>July 28</b>	World Hepatitis Day	“Test. Treat. Hepatitis”
<b>July 29</b>	International Tiger Day (Global Tiger Day)	“Their survival is in our hands”
<b>July 30</b>	World Day against Trafficking in Persons	“Responding to the trafficking of children and young people”