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TAMIL NADU

1) **TN ELECTORAL DRAFT 2018: Released on 1st September 2018**

Total No. Of Voters in TN	5.86 Crore
Female Voters	2.94 Crore
Male Voters	2.88 Crore
Transgender Voters	5184
Legislative Assembly having Maximum No. Of Voters	Sholinganallur, Kancheepuram District (6.07 Lakh Voters)
Legislative Assembly having Minimum No. Of Voters	Chennai Fort (1.64 Lakh Voters)

- 2) **Ban on e-cigarettes:** Tamil Nadu Government bans manufacture and sale of e-cigarettes in the state from **12th September 2018**.
- 3) **Neela Kurinji plants:** Tamil Nadu Government announced scheme for the protection of exotic **Neela Kurinji plants**. *Neela kurinji (Strobilanthus kunthianus) plants that flower only once in 12 years.*
- 4) **IIT-Madras** has collaborated with **Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency (TNeGA) to enhance data-driven governance.**
- 5) **ARTICLE 161 Of the Constitution:** After failing to get the seven convicts in the **Rajiv Gandhi assassination case** released by exercising its statutory power to remit life sentences, **the government in Tamil Nadu has taken recourse to a possible constitutional remedy. It has decided to invoke the Governor's Pardoning power under Article 161 of the Constitution on 6th September 2018**
- 6) **Nagercoil Municipality** in Tamil Nadu will be upgraded into a **13th City Corporation of Tamil Nadu**, announced by TN CM Mr Edapaddi K Palaniswami on **22nd September 2018**.
- 7) On **25th September 2018**, Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik inaugurated the **"ODISHA BHAVAN"** in Pallikkarana in Chennai.
- 8) **Train - 18:** India's indigenously manufactured semi high-speed train, named **Train 18**, The train was built by **Integral Coach Factory (ICF) of Chennai to promote Make in India**, is capable of running at a speed of 160 km per hour.

- 9) **TN Information Communication Technology Policy (ICT) 2018:** Tamil Nadu CM Edapaddi K Palaniswami released the policy at a conference on skill development and placement opportunities for engineers at the Secretariat on **10th September 2018**.

NATIONAL

- 1) **IPC Section 377:** The Supreme Court have decriminalised the **IPC Section 377 on 6th September 2018** and it was criminalised in 1861 by the British Government.
- 2) **Section 57 of Aadhaar Act: On September 26 2018**, the Supreme Court of India declared the **Aadhaar scheme** as constitutionally valid for the **filing of IT returns and allotment of Permanent Account Number (PAN)**, but struck down some of its provisions including its linking with bank accounts, mobile phones and school admissions.
- 3) **IPC Section 497:** The Supreme Court has declared IPC Section 497 on **27th September 2018** as **unconstitutional saying that the penal provision on adultery was manifestly arbitrary and dents the individuality of women**.
- 4) **Sabarimala Temple opens to women of all Ages:** Supreme Court has lifted the centuries-old practice of prohibiting women **to enter the Lord Ayyappa temple at Sabarimala in Kerala**
Supreme Court Verdict: 28th September 2018.
 - The five-judge constitution bench headed by Chief Justice Dipak Misra, in its 4:1 verdict
 - **Justice Indhu Malhotra**, the lone woman judge on the bench, passed a dissenting judgement
- 5) **Smart City Expo India - 2018:** On September 26, 2018 Vice president M. Venkaiah Naidu **inaugurated Smart City Expo India - 2018 in Jaipur, Rajasthan**.
- 6) **Banshidhar Nagar:** The Union Ministry of Home Affairs has proposed to rename **NagarUntari town and railway station as Banshidhar Nagar** in Jharkhand.
- 7) **Legislative Council: Odisha government** passes a resolution for creation of Legislative Council (MLC). **(Art 169 speaks about the Abolition or Creation of Legislative Councils in the state)**

- 8) **Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) in Bengaluru** is set to become the first airport in Asia **to introduce face recognition based passage system technology from 2019.**
- 9) **India's 1st scheme for doorstep delivery of essential government services: Delhi Government** has launched a scheme for doorstep delivery of **40 essential government services like caste and marriage certificates, driving license and new water connections.**
- 10) **Firewomen: Kerala government** has decided to create the post of "firewomen" in the **Kerala State Fire and Rescue Services in a bid to break gender stereotypes.**
- 11) **Ethanol Plant: Haryana government** signed an agreement with Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) to set up ethanol plant at village Bohali village in Panipat district.
- 12) **1st Corn Festival: Madhya Pradesh** has celebrated India's 1st Corn Festival on 29th September 2018 **to bring researchers, industrialists, farmers and other stakeholders together from across the country**
- 13) **India's first tribal circuit project:** Union Ministry of Tourism has inaugurated **India's first tribal circuit project connecting 13 tourism sites in Chhattisgarh under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.**
- 14) **Two coastal tourism circuit projects:** Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated two coastal tourism circuit projects in **Andhra Pradesh.**
- 15) **Hyderabad International Airport (Rajiv Gandhi International Airport):** The Airport was awarded Airports Council "**International Airport Service Quality World no.1 airport award**" in the 5-15 Million Passengers Per Annum (MPPA) categories.
- 16) **Lion safari: Rajasthan's** first lion safari was inaugurated at **Nahargarh Biological Park.**
- 17) **Maharashtra Government** is setting up **new Cyber University dedicated to mitigating cyber threats.**

- 18) **“Rashtra Mata — mother of the nation” for cow: Uttarakhand** Assembly adopts resolution to declare cow Rashtra Mata *to conserve the bovine species across the country and ensure welfare of cow progeny.*
- 19) **A powerhouse of Odisha:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated new airport in Jharsuguda, Odisha. *Jharsuguda Airport is also known as the powerhouse of Odisha.*
- 20) **Village Rockstars:** Assamese movie “Village Rockstars” was selected as **India’s official entry to the Oscars 2019** (91st Academy Awards) under the Foreign Language Film category.
- 21) **Indian Culinary Institute (ICI):** Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the Institute in **Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh**. The main objective of ICI is to preserve, promote and disseminate Indian Cuisine.
- 22) **Ease of Living Index: Andhra Pradesh** has topped Ease of Living Index rankings under AMRUT (Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation). It was followed by Odisha and Madhya Pradesh.
- 23) **#LooReview Campaign:** The Union Government and Google launch campaign to review public toilets and ease of locating public toilets across India.
- 24) **Rajasthan** government has decided **to organise employment camps for martyrs’ families.**
- 25) **Rajasthan government** has decided to provide free mobile phones **to women of Below Poverty Line (BPL) families under the Bhamashah Yojana.**
- 26) **Gold:** Indian movie “Gold” has created history by becoming the **first Bollywood film ever to release in Saudi Arabia.**
- 27) **Bogibeel Bridge:** India’s longest **rail-cum-road bridge** “Bogibeel” bridge is situated over the **Brahmaputra River in Assam.**
- 28) **(2G) Ethanol Bio-Refinery:** India’s first second generation (2G) Ethanol Bio-Refinery will set up in **Bargarh district of Odisha by 2020**, where ethanol will be produced from rice straw.

- 29) **Kavach:** *The Haryana government* has decided to set up an **Anti-Terrorist Force (ATF) “Kavach”** to strengthen the security arrangements in the state.
- 30) **The Meghalaya government** will launch a new scheme **“Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries”** on 26th October 2018.
- 31) The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) launched a **Roll on-Roll off (Ro-Ro) service in Assam from Neamati to Manjuli Island.**
- 32) **Nuakhai festival:** The agricultural festival of Nuakhai has started in **Odisha** on 13th September 2018. **The word ‘nua’ means new and ‘khai’ means food.**
- 33) **Dog Park:** India’s first exclusive and certified “Dog Park” has come up in **Hyderabad, Telangana.**
- 34) **Star-Rating:** *Odisha government* has launched a **“Star-Rating” system for industries to check air pollution.**
- 35) **Hyderabad Metro** has become the **2nd largest Metro Rail (MR) network in India after the Delhi Metro.**
- 36) **Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha:** The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the **centenary celebrations** of the Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha on September 22, 2018. *The Sabha was established by Annie Besant in 1918 with support from Mahatma Gandhi.*
- 37) **Jharkhand government** has introduced **electric cars for official use**

INTERNATIONAL

- 1) **President Ramnath Govind’s Foreign Visit in September:**

Cyprus	Capital: Nicosia President: Nicos Anastasiades
Bulgaria	Capital: Sofia President: Rumen Radev
Czech Republic	Capital: Prague President: Miloš Zeman

2) **Vice - President Venkaiah Naidu's Foreign Visit in September:**

- He was the first senior Indian leader to visit the Mediterranean nation in the **last 28 years**

Serbia	Capital: Belgrade President: Aleksandar Vučić
Malta	Capital: Valletta President: Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca
Romania	Capital: Bucharest President: Klaus Iohannis

- 3) **Nelson Mandela Decade of Peace:** The United Nations (UN) has recently declared the period from **2019 to 2028 as the Nelson Mandela Decade of Peace** at the Nelson Mandela Peace Summit in New York on 24th September 2018.
- 4) **Gandhi March:** India will organise “Gandhi March” from the iconic Peace Palace at The Hague in the **Netherlands** to Grote Kerk on 25th September 2018. The day is to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
- 5) **1st cross-sea bridge of Maldives:** China-Maldives Friendship Bridge was recently opened for traffic. **It is first cross-sea Bridge to be built in the Maldives.**
- 6) **Smart Fence:** India's first “smart fence” pilot project was inaugurated **with a stretch of 5-km of India-Pakistan International Border Jammu and Kashmir.**
- 7) **World's first hydrogen-powered train: Germany** has rolled out the world's first hydrogen-powered passenger train named “**iLint**” **trains emit zero emissions.**
- 8) **India and Bangladesh Jointly Inaugurate 3 Projects:**
- Rehabilitation of Kulaura - Shahbazpur section of Bangladesh Railways.
 - 500 MW power supply from India to Bangladesh.
 - Akhaura – Agartala Rail Link.
- 9) **Nepal** becomes the first country in the world **to double its tiger population.**

- 10) **Turkey** is hosting the **87th Izmir International tradeshow 2018** in Izmir from September 7th to 11th 2018.
- 11) **Friendship and Cooperation Agreement: Delhi** government has signed a “*Friendship and Cooperation Agreement*” with the **Seoul Metropolitan Government** under which the two cities would exchange expertise for betterment in 12 fields including environment, transport, tourism, solid waste management and public health.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

SUMMITS / CONFERENCES	PURPOSE / THEME / OUTCOME	PLACE	DATE
4th INTERNATIONAL AYURVEDA CONGRESS	The congress focused on promotion and propagation of Ayurveda in the Netherlands and its neighboring countries of Europe	Leiden, Netherlands	1 st – 2 nd September 2018
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS SUMMIT 2018	THEME: “Equality begins with Economic Empowerment”	Kathmandu, Nepal	3 rd – 5 th September 2018
WORLD HINDU CONGRESS	THEME: “Sumantrite Suvikrante” — think collectively, achieve valiantly	Chicago, USA	9 th September 2018
THE 1ST 2 + 2 DIALOGUE	The meeting was held between the India and the US <i>Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA) Signed at the Dialogue</i>	New Delhi	6 th September 2018
15TH INDIA-ASEAN ECONOMIC MINISTERS MEETING (AEM)	The aim of the meeting is to Strengthen the trade relationship between Indian and ASEAN countries	Singapore	4 th September 2018
WORLD SUMMIT ON ACCREDITATION (WOSA-2018)	THEME: “Challenges and Opportunities in Outcome-Based Accreditation”	New Delhi	9 th September 2018
6TH EAST ASIA SUMMIT-ECONOMIC MINISTERS MEETING	The meeting recognized the importance of ongoing work to maximize opportunities of challenges presented by the digital economy	Singapore	4 th September 2018
3rd ASEM (ASIA-EUROPE MEETING) CONFERENCE ON GLOBAL AGEING AND HUMAN RIGHTS OF OLDER PERSONS	The Conference reaffirmed universal value of human rights of older persons, shared information on discrimination against elderly and exemplary cases	Seoul, South Korea	6 th September 2018

REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON GOOD GOVERNANCE	This conference aims to create a common platform to share experiences through e-Governance, transparent, accountable and citizen-friendly effective administration	Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	10 th September 2018
7th UNWTO GLOBAL SUMMIT ON URBAN TOURISM	THEME: "A 2030 Vision for Urban Tourism"	Seoul, South Korea	September 2018

SCHEMES / YOJANAS

SCHEMES / YOJANAS	PURPOSE / Why in News?	MINISTRY / CABINET	DATE
SWAYANGSIDDHA	To combat human trafficking	Launched by Government of West Bengal	September 2018
KRISHNA KUTIR	Krishna Kutir is special home for 1000 widows set under Swadhar Greh scheme	Launched by The Union Ministry of Women and Child Development at Mathura, Uttar Pradesh	31 st July 2018
PRADHAN MANTRI ANNADATA AAY SANRAKSHAN ABHIYAN	The Scheme is aimed at ensuring remunerative prices to e farmers for their produce as announced in Union Budget for 2018	Launched by the Union Government	16 th September 2018
PRADHAN MANTRI JAN AROGYA YOJANA (PMJAY)	PMJAY is government-sponsored health insurance scheme , that will provide free coverage of up to Rs 5 lakh per family per year in any government or private hospitals all over the country	Launched by the Union Government	23 rd September 2018

MILITARY EXERCISES IN SEPTEMBER 2018

EXERCISE NAME	HELD BETWEEN	TYPE OF EXERCISE	PLACE	DATE
YUDH ABHYAS 2018	India and US	Annual Combat Exercise	Chaubatia, Uttarakhand	16 th – 29 th September 2018
SLINEX-2018	India and Sri Lanka	Joint Naval Exercise	Trincomalee, Sri Lanka	7 th – 13 th September 2018
KAZIND 2018	India and Kazakhstan	Joint Military Exercise	Otar Region, Kazakhstan	10 th – 23 rd September 2018

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NOMADIC ELEPHANT 2018	India and Mongolia	Annual Bilateral Military Exercise	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia	10 th – 21 st September 2018
MILEX 2018	All BIMSTEC Countries (except Thailand & Nepal)	1 st field training Military Exercise	Pune, Maharashtra	10 th September 2018
AVIAINDRA 18	India and Russia	Joint Air Exercise	Lipetsk, Russia	17 th – 28 th September 2018
RAPID TRIDENT	Ukraine, US, NATO member Countries	Annual joint Military Exercise	Starychi, Ukraine	2 nd – 15 th September 2018
SAGARMATHA FRIENDSHIP – 2018 (Mt Everest Friendship Exercise-2018)	Nepal and China	Joint Military Exercise	Sichuan, China	Starts from 16 th September 2018
IOWave18 (Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO)	India along with 23 other nations	Multi National Indian ocean-wide tsunami mock exercise		4 th – 5 th September 2018

ROCKETS LAUNCHED IN SEPTEMBER 2018

SATELLITES	COUNTRY	LAUNCH VEHICLE	PURPOSE	LAUNCH DATE
NovaSAR and S1-4	United Kingdom	PSLV – C42 (44 th PSLV Rocket)	Forestry mapping, land use and ice cover monitoring, flood and disaster monitoring and maritime missions	16 th September 2018

DEFENCE & SPACE

- 1) **GAGANYAAN Mission:** *India and France* have signed an agreement to collaborate for **ISRO's first human space mission Gaganyaan to be launched in 2022.**
- 2) **PRAHAAR:** DRDO has successfully flight tested indigenously developed **surface-to-surface short-range tactical ballistic missile "Prahaar"** from Odisha coast.

- 3) **ASTRA:** Indian Air Force has successfully tested fired an indigenously developed ***Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVRAAM) Astra*** from Su-30 fighter aircraft.
- 4) **APSARA:** Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Trombay has recommissioned ***India's oldest nuclear research reactor named "Apsara"***. Apsara was the first nuclear research reactor in Asia began its operation in 1956.
- 5) **VIJAYA:** Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has ***commissioned indigenously built patrol vessel ICGS Vijaya in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.***
- 6) **HOPE:** The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has recently announced to launch ***Mars Mission "HOPE"***, which is expected to be launched by **2020**.
- 7) **Space Elevator:** Japanese researchers from Shizuoka University will conduct the world's first experiment ***to test small prototype of a space elevator in space by using two mini-satellites onboard from H-2B.***
- 8) **S-Band Polarimetry Doppler Weather Radar:** ISRO has inaugurated S-Band Polarimetry Doppler Weather Radar (DWR) at Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota spaceport, Andhra Pradesh.
- 9) **First-ever mid-air Refuelling:** The Indian Air Force has successfully carried out the first-ever mid-air refuelling of the indigenously build fighter aircraft ***Tejas MK 1 with an IL-7.***
- 10) The Indian Air Force (IAF) has proposed to the Andhra Pradesh government its plans ***to establish a drone manufacturing facility in Anantapur district.***
- 11) **Robotic Rovers:** The Japanese space agency JAXA has made history by ***successfully landing two robotic rovers on the surface of an asteroid Ryugu.***
- 12) **NASA's BALLOON MISSION:** The mission recently captured the images of ***noctilucent clouds or polar mesospheric clouds (PMCs).*** *These images may help scientists better understand turbulence in the atmosphere, as well as in oceans, lakes and other planetary atmospheres.*

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

NEW DISCOVERIES	TYPE / PURPOSE	PLACE
STAPHYLOCOCCUS EPIDERMIDIS	Superbug resistant	Australia

- 1) **EyeROV TUNA: India's first underwater robotic drone named EyeROV TUNA**
- 2) **Cyber Crime Prevention against children and women Portal:** www.cybercrime.gov.in online portal was launched by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs.
- 3) **Cyclone-30: India's biggest cyclotron facility named Cyclone-30** became operational at Kolkata-based Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre (VECC), which comes under Department of Atomic Energy (DAE).
- 4) **Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor:** India's first indigenously developed **500-megawatt (mw) Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR)** at Kalpakkam in Tamil Nadu is expected to operate from 2019.
- 5) **WAYU: WAYU (Wind Augmentation Purifying Unit)** is an air pollution control device inaugurated in **New Delhi**.

CYCLONES / TYPHOONS / HURRICANES

CYCLONES / TYPHOONS / HURRICANES	AFFECTED COUNTRY	DATE	NAMED BY
JEBI TYPHOON	Japan	4 th September 2018	South Korea
MANGKHUT TYPHOON	Philippines	15 th September 2018	Thailand
FLORENCE HURRICANE	USA	14 th September 2018	

ECONOMICS

- 1) According to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data, **Mauritius was the top source of foreign direct investment (FDI) into India in 2017-18 followed by Singapore**

- 2) **National Mission on GeM:** The mission aims to promote inclusiveness, transparency and efficiency in public procurement and achieve cashless, contactless and paperless transaction.

AWARDS

AWARDS / PRIZES	PERSON / ORGANIZATION
UN's Champions of Earth Award 2018	Indian PM - Narendra Modi
	French President – Emmanuel Macron
UN Environmental Award for Entrepreneurial Vision 2018	Cochin International Airport
National Tourism Awards for 2016-17	Ahmedabad & Mandu
Dr B.C. Roy National Award	Dr B.K. Mishra was National Award for year 2018 as Eminent Medical Person of the Year
39 th "Sarala Puraskar" Award 2018	Satrughna Pandav
Mexican Order of the Aztec Eagle	Raghupati Singhanian

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONS IN NEWS

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

COUNTRY	PRESIDENT / PRIME MINISTER
PAKISTAN	➤ Dr Arif ur Rehman Alvi - 13th President of Pakistan
	➤ Imran Khan - 22nd Prime Minister of Pakistan
SUDAN	Moutaz Mousa Abdallah [Prime Minister]
MALDIVES	Ibrahim Mohamed Solih [President]

- 2) **Justice Tahira Safdar** has been appointed as the **first female high court Chief Justice in Pakistan**
- 3) **Bimal Jalan Committee:** The Government of India has constituted a committee, headed by former Reserve Bank of India governor Bimal Jalan, **to select the next Chief Economic Advisor.**

- 4) **Justice Amitava Roy Committee:** The Supreme Court of India (SCI) has recently constituted a Committee *to examine the various problems plaguing prisons in the country.*
- 5) **Punjab National Bank** (PNB's) managing director and chief executive, **Sunil Mehta** was *elected as new chairman of Indian Banks Association.*
- 6) **L K Advani** was renominated as *the Chairman of Ethics Committee of Lok Sabha.*
- 7) **Justice Ranjan Gogoi:**
 - President of India Ram Nath Kovind has appointed Justice Ranjan Gogoi as next Chief Justice of India as per **Article 124 of the Constitution.**
 - He will become **46th Chief Justice of India.**
 - He was from the **Assam** state of India.
 - He will assume the office of Chief Justice on **3rd October 2018** after the retirement of incumbent Chief Justice, Justice Dipak Misra.
- 8) **Kamlesh Nilkanth Vyas** was appointed as the *chairman of Atomic Energy Commission and secretary of Department of Atomic Energy (DAE).*
- 9) **Anil Kumar Chaudhary** was appointed as the new *Chairman of Steel Authority of India (SAIL).*
- 10) **Rajni Kant Misra** was appointed as the *Director General of Border Security Force (BSF)*
- 11) Olympic bronze medallist **Mary Kom** has been appointed the *new Brand Ambassador of BSNL* for two years.
- 12) **Akshay Kumar** has been nominated for the *first Honorary Ambassador of the Lal Bahadur Shastri Memorial Foundation.*
- 13) **Miss Trans Queen: Veena Sendre** from Chhattisgarh has been chosen as *India's first "Miss Trans Queen".*
- 14) Indian Mountaineers **Satyarup Siddhanta and Mousumi Khatua** created history by climbing *Asia's highest volcanic peak Mount Damavand in Iran.*

- 15) Bollywood stars **Varun Dhawan and Anushka Sharma** have been signed as ambassadors of Skill India Campaign **to promote and endorse the Skill India Mission**
- 16) The former Union Minister **Kalraj Mishra** has been appointed **new Chairman of the standing committee on Defence.**
- 17) **Anindo Majumdar** has been appointed as the **new Secretary of Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)**
- 18) Indian actress **Jaya Prada** was appointed as the **Goodwill Ambassador for Nepal tourism and culture for four years.**

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- 1) **Book:** “*Moving On, Moving Forward: A year in Office*” written by Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu and released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- 2) **Book:** “*The Rule Breakers*” written by Preeti Shenoy.
- 3) **Book:** “*The Twice-Born – Life and Death on the Ganges*” written by Aatish Taseer
- 4) **Book:** “*Bastar Dispatches: A Passage Through the Wilds*” written by Narendra
- 5) **Book:** “*Kashi: Secret of the Black Temple*” written by Vineet Bajpai

SPORTS

- 1) **Duleep Trophy 2017-18: India Blue** has won 2017-18 Duleep Trophy by defeating defending champion India Red by an innings and 187 runs in the final match.
- 2) **Hima Das** was appointed as **Sports Ambassador of Assam** to inspire budding players of north-eastern state.

Hima Das's Achievements:

- On 12 July 2018, Hima Das won the 400 m final at the IAAF World U-20 Championships 2018 held at Tampere, Finland, clocking 51.46 seconds and becoming **the first Indian sprinter to win a gold medal at an international track event.**
- At the 2018 Asian Games, Hima Das qualified for the 400 m final, after clocking 51.00 in heat 1 and setting a new Indian national record.

- 3) **US OPEN: 2018 [27th August – 9th September], New York, US**

Men's Singles	Novak Djokovic (won) (Serbia) Vs. Juan Martín del Potro (Argentina)
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Women's Singles	Naomi Osaka (<i>won</i>) (Japan) Vs. Serena Williams (USA)
Men's Doubles	Mike Bryan and Jack Sock (USA) (<i>won</i>) Vs. Łukasz Kubot (Poland) and Marcelo Melo (Brazil)
Women's Doubles	Ashleigh Barty (Australia) and CoCo Vandeweghe (USA) (<i>won</i>) Vs. Timea Babos (Hungary) and Kristina Mladenovic (France)

4) **NATIONAL SPORTS AWARD 2018: 25th September 2018**

- **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna 2018:** It is India's highest sporting award given for the spectacular and most outstanding performance in the field of sports by a sportsperson over a period of four years.

Virat Kohli	Cricket
S. Mirabai Chanu	Weightlifting

- **Dronacharya Awards 2018:** It bestowed upon coaches for producing medal winners at prestigious international sports events.

Subedar Chenanda Achaiah Kuttappa	Boxing
Vijay Sharma	Weightlifting
A. Srinivasa Rao	Table Tennis
Sukhdev Singh Pannu	Athletics
Clarence Lobo	Hockey
Tarak Sinha	Cricket
Jiwan Kumar Sharma	Judo
V.R. Beedu	Athletics

- **Arjuna Award 2018:** It is India's second highest sporting award bestowed upon sportsperson for consistently outstanding performance for four years.

Athletics	Neeraj Chopra
	Jinson Johnson
	Hima Das
Table Tennis	Manika Batra
	G. Sathyan
Badminton	Nelakurthi Sikki Reddy
Cricket	Smriti Mandhana
Golf	Shubhankar Sharma
Hockey	Manpreet Singh
	Savita

Polo	Ravi Rathore
Shooting	Rahi Sarnobat
	Ankur Mittal
	Shreyasi Singh
Tennis	Rohan Bopanna
Wrestling	Sumit
Wushu	Poojan Kadian
Para-Athletics	Ankur Dhama
Para-Badminton	Manoj Sarkar

- **Dhyan Chand Award 2018:** It is bestowed upon sportspersons for life time contribution to sports development

Satyadev Prasad	Archery
Bharat Kumar Chetri	Hockey
Bobby Aloysius	Athletics
Chougale Dadu Dattatray	Wrestling

- 5) Japanese swimmer **Rikako Ikee** (18) has become the first female athlete to be named ***the Most Valuable Player at 2018 Asian Games.***
- 6) **FIBA 3×3 World Tour Masters 2018:** India will host its first-ever official FIBA 3×3 World Tour Masters 2018 in ***Hyderabad.***
- 7) Indian pacer **Jhulan Goswami** has become the ***first bowler in women's cricket to pick 300 international wickets.***
- 8) **Kerala** is hosting the **8th Asian Yoga Sports Championship 2018** at the Jimmy George indoor stadium in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala from September 27 to 30, 2018.

IMPORTANT DAYS

DAYS	EVENTS	THEMES/ SIGNIFICANCE
September 2	International Coconut Day	"Coconut for Good Health, Wealth & Wellness"
September 5	National Teachers Day	The day is to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan
September 8	International Literacy Day	"Literacy and skills development"
September	World Suicide Prevention Day	"Working Together to Prevent Suicide"

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September 14	National Hindi Day	The day is a celebration of the Hindi language and its cultural heritage and values among the people of the country and abroad
September 15	International Day of Democracy	"Democracy under Strain: Solutions for a Changing World"
	National Engineers Day	The day is to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr Visweshwaraya
September 16	World Ozone Day	"Keep Cool and Carry On: The Montreal Protocol"
September 21	International Day of Peace	"The Right to Peace - The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70"
September 23	International Day of Sign Languages	"With Sign Language, Everyone is Included!"
September 26	International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons	"The only sure way to eliminate the threat posed by nuclear weapons is to eliminate the weapons themselves."
September 27	World Tourism Day	"Tourism and the Digital Transformation"
September 28	International Day for the Universal Access to Information	UNESCO has started to commemorate the day from 2016
	World Rabies Day	"Share the message. Save a life!"
September 30	World Deaf Day	Every Year September month last Sunday is celebrated as the world deaf day
	International Translation Day	"Translation: promoting cultural heritage"

- **POSHAN MAAH:** The Union Ministry of Women and Child Development have announced to observe "**September 2018 as the National Nutrition Month to mark the country's fight against malnutrition**"
- **September 1st Week National Nutrition Week.**
- **Every Year September month last Sunday is celebrated as the world deaf day**