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1. TAMIL NADU

- 1) **R.S. Puram (B2) Police Station in Coimbatore** has been selected as the **best & No.1 smart Police Station** in India and **Anna Nagar (K4) Police Station in Chennai** has been ranked as the **5th best Police Station** in India.
- 2) **Cauvery water dispute verdict: 16th FEB 2018**
 - ❖ KARNATAKA - 284.75 tmcft including 4.75 tmcft for bengaluru
 - ❖ TAMIL NADU - 404.25 tmcft
 - ❖ KERALA - 30 tmcft
 - ❖ PUDUCHERRY - 7 tmcft
- 3) **Supreme Court approves draft Cauvery Management Scheme:**

Supreme Court has approved draft Cauvery Management Scheme (on 18th may 2018) for smooth distribution of water among 3 states (Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Kerala) and a U/T (Pondicherry). **The bench consists of Justice A. M. Khanwilkar and Justice D. Y. Chandrachud.**
- 4) 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.
- 5) 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.
- 6) **Constitution Bench for Jallikattu:** The Supreme Court has referred a five-member bench to constitute & preserve jallikattu as a TN cultural heritage under Article 29 (1) of the Constitution on 2nd Feb 2018.

- 7) **Tamil Nadu Lok Ayukta Bill, 2018:** The Tamil Nadu Assembly on 9th July 2018 passed the Tamil Nadu Lok ayukta Bill, 2018 and came into effect from 10th July 2018.
- 8) **Microsoft** is going to implement Smart Classes in Govt schools in Tamil Nadu.
- 9) **Internet Saathi:** Google and Tata Trust tie-up to make awareness about the use of internet in the villages of Tamil Nadu
- 10) **Amma Free Wi-Fi zones:** TN govt has launched Amma Free Wi-Fi zones (**1st 20min's free & Next Rs.10 charged per hour**) in **five cities** on **5th April 2018** Namely,
- **Chennai** - Labour Statue at Marina
 - **Salem** - Central Bus Stand
 - **Trichy** - Central Bus Stand
 - **Coimbatore** - Gandhipuram Bus Stand
 - **Madurai** - M.G.R Bus Stand (Mattuthavani)
- 11) **Former CM J. Jayalalitha's Photo** was opened in TN Assembly (Thalamai Seiyalagam) on **12th Feb 2018** by the Speaker of the assembly Mr. Dhanabal.
- 12) **Global Investors Meet:** 2nd Investors meet will going to host by Tamil Nadu on Jan 23 & 24, 2019 in Chennai. 1st meet was held on 2015.
- 13) The evidence for the usage of iron was found in the Rishivandhyam, Villupuram District.
- 14) The usage of chekku stone (oil press machine) in 3rd Century was discovered in Thalavady, Erode.
- 15) **12th Century Inscription:** *12th Century Old Inscriptions, Nandhi statue, Romanian style Red pots, Iron knives* are found in the **"Mangudi Village" in Rajapalayam Taluk, Virudhunagar District.** (Ancient Tamil Poet **"MangudiMaruthanar"** lived in the village who was a contemporary to the Ancient Pandiyan King: **"Thalaiyalanganathu SeruVendra Pandiya Nedunchezhiyan"**)
- 16) During the **4th Stage of Kheezhadi Archaeological excavation**, Old Stone Age pots, Coins, golden ornaments are excavated. The excavation is located in **KheezhadiPallichanthaiThidal, Sivagangai District.**

- 17) **Kota and Toda** are the two South Dravidian languages of Tamil Nadu are in endangered condition.
- 18) **Old Music Rock** was discovered by archaeologists near **Anjetti, Krishnagiri district**. The rock has been used before 2500yrs by Old Stone Age people.
- 19) **AinthinaiPoonga**: “AinthinaiPoonga” 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)**
- 20) The “**Neera**” is sweet toddy (non alcoholic) extracted from both coconut palms and palymrah started to sale in Tamil Nadu was launched at Pollachi, Coimbatore on 9th Feb 2018.
- 21) **Fixing camera** in the uniforms of Police was launched in Chennai, on 2nd Feb 2018.
- 22) **The names of Delhi Tamil Nadu Illam was changed: 3rd Feb 2018**
- Chanakyapuri’s kautilya Marg no.6 to **Vaigai –Tamil Nadu Illam**
 - Chanakyapuri’s no.9 Bir DhigendrajithMarg to **Podhigai – Tamil Nadu Illam**
- 23) **Tamilnadu’s First POLICE MUSEUM**: TN CM inaugurated the police museum in **Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu** on 16th May 2018.
- 24) **1st INSECT MUSEUM**: India’s 1st insect museum was opened at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University campus in **Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu** on **28th March 2018**. **THEME: “BUGS ARE KINGS”**
- 25) **Museum of Tamil Arts & Culture** will be set up at **Madurai Tamil Sangam Building in Madurai**.
- 26) **Fossil Museum**: The fossil museum is going to set up at **Varanavasi near Ariyalur**.
- 27) **Tamil Development Culture Corporation**: For the development of Tamil language, *Tamil Development Department Minister* has announced that **Tamil Development Culture Corporation will be open in Oragadam near Tambaram, Chennai**.

- 28) **World Tamil Sangam library:** The library, to be constructed at the World Tamil Sangam Complex, Madurai.
- 29) **Tamil Nadu Digital Library:** (www.tndigitallibrary.ac.in) TNCM launched the Tamil Nadu Digital Library.
- 30) **Kangayam Cattle Research Centre:** Foundation stone for establishing the Kangayam Cattle Research Centre at a cost of Rs.5 crore in **Paguthampalayam in Kothamangalam Panchayat in Bhavanisagar**, Erode District.
- 31) **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**
- 32) **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)*
- 33) **Doordharshan** was temporarily stopped their services in 7 places in Tamil Nadu from **12th March 2018**. Places such as Arani, Seyyaru, Arcot, Vandhavasi, Thiruvannamalai, Vellore and Peranampattu.
- 34) **Animal welfare board of India's** headquarter is shifted **from Chennai to Ballabgarh**, Faridabad District in **Haryana**.
- 35) **My Green Bin:** It is an “Organic Composter” which converts the **garbages into Organic Compost** which will be given by **Arakkonam Municipality** to every home.
- 36) **Water Desalination plant:** The 1st phase **of desalination plant using electromagnetic waves** was launched at **Ilayankudi and Suranam** in Sivagangai district.
- 37) **Governor of TN, Banwarilal Purohit** inaugurated and flagged off the “**Swachh Thiruvalluvar**” awareness **van** in the Thiruvallur district. It comes under the Swachh Bharat scheme.
- 38) **St. Andrew's Church / The Kirk:** The Kirk located in Egmore, Chennai celebrated the **200th Anniversary**. One of the oldest churches in Madras built by *Scottish Community*.

- 39) **ANTYODAYA:** The 1st Antyodaya rake is to be operated as a bi-weekly daytime special train between **Tambaram and Sengottai** from **5th March 2018**.
- 40) **Train Tickets for unreserved** is again started to be printed in **"TAMIL"** from **25th April 2018**, already there are only English & Hindi languages.
- 41) **INTERNATIONAL RAIL COACH EXPO (IRCE): 1st International Rail Coach Expo** is being held in **ICF RPF Parade Grounds, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, from 17th to 19th May 2018**. It comes under the "Make in India" project.
- 42) **Beautiful Railway Station: "Madurai Railway Station ranked 2nd most beautiful Railway station in India"** and *Madhubani Railway station in Bihar is the most beautiful railway station in India.*
- 43) **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**.
- 44) **Shenoy Nagar and Koyambedu metro stations in Chennai are fully operated by Women.**
- 45) **TN CM** has launched the **New School Books (SCERT)** for **1, 6, 9 & 11** on **4th May 2018**.
- 46) On the Occasion of the "**Buddha Purnima,**" (**12th May 2018**) special Postal Cover (**marked as Buddha statue**) was released in Chennai.
- 47) **TN Govt** has ordered to fix the **GPS and a panic button** in *Autos, Buses, and Call – taxies* will come to effect from **3rd May 2018**.
- 48) **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.
- 49) **Bharathmatha Temple:** A temple for Bharathmatha (Mother of India) is set to become at **Papparapatti in Dharmapuri district**.

- 50) **8 Lane Green Expressway:** TN government have planned to set up the 8 Lane Green Expressway between **Chennai and Salem (277 Km).**
- 51) **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.**
- 52) **Ms S.Viji** becomes the 2nd transgender of India after Sathyasri Sharmila **to register as a lawyer In Tamil Nadu and Puducherry Bar Council.**
- 53) **Tamil Nadu Tourism** becomes the top tourist destination for attracting *both domestic and international tourists.*
- 54) **JAYA – Tiger Cub:** TN CM Palanaisamy named the newly born tiger in Vandaloor zoo as **“JAYA” on the remembrance of Ex - CM Jayalalitha.**
- 55) **New Tiger Reserve Forest:** National Tiger Conservation Authority has planned to cover the **Srivilliputhur – Megamalai** under the Tiger Reserve.
- 56) **Udangudi thermal power project** is set to come up in **Thoothukudi** district.
- 57) **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>SellaiyaSezhiyanallur</i>

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- 62) **Justice Vijaya Kamlesh Tahilramani** was appointed as the Chief Justice of Madras High Court (*30th Chief Justice since Independence*) on **12th August 2018 according to the Art.217 of the constitution (3rd Woman Chief Justice of Madras High Court)**
- 63) **Former Longest serving CM and DMK president Dr. M. Karunanidhi aged 94** was passed away on 7th August 2018. Pondicherry CM Thiru Narayanaswamy has announced that a **Tamil chair will be set up in the name of Former TN CM Thiru Kalaingar Karunanidhi at Pondicherry Central University.**
- 64) **Pillion Rider Helmet Rule:** TN govt has passed the order on **24th August 2018** that **helmet is mandatory for both rider & pillion two wheeler riders.**
- 65) **Plastic Pollution Free campaign:** TN CM has flagged off a campaign called **“Plastic Pollution Free Tamil Nadu”** on 23rd August 2018. And He has also launched Logo of the campaign and Website for Plastic Pollution Free Tamil Nadu. (**Brand Ambassadors of the campaign:** Actors Surya, karthi, Vivek and Actress Jyothika)
- 66) **World Yoga Day** festival was celebrated in Mamallapuram on 28th August 2018
- 67) **M D New Diamond:** World’s largest Crude Oil Ship **“M D New Diamond”** was 1st time landed in *Chennai Harbour.*
- 68) **e – Governance Award:** TN Chief Minister’s Award for Excellence in e-Governance for students **to encourage and create awareness on e-Governance among the college students, by having a competition for development of innovative e-Governance Software applications.**

2. NATIONAL

- 1) **Arunachal Pradesh was the 5th officially declared Open Defecation Free (ODF) state.** It is second State from Northeast, after Sikkim. Himachal Pradesh, Kerala and Haryana to be declared as ODF.
- 2) The **Assamese and Manipuri language** was included in the **Prime Minister's Official (PMO) website www.pmindia.gov.in.** Currently the site contains 13 languages.
- 3) **Namami Ganga project:** National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has approved five projects for river cleaning.
- 4) **Zero Budget Natural Farming: Himachal Pradesh Government** has launched this project to promote organic farming & aims to increase the natural product and farmer's income by 2022
- 5) **Year of Millets 2018:** The Union government has decided to declare 2018 as the '**National Year of Millets**'.
- 6) **Maharashtra** government announced **1% reservation for orphans in government jobs.**
- 7) **7th Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav 2018** was held in **Bengaluru, Karnataka.**
- 8) **Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C):** The Union Home Ministry is planning to set up the I4C in New Delhi.
- 9) **Flamingo Festival:** The festival was celebrated in **Pulicat Lake and Nelapattu Bird Sanctuary, Tamil Nadu – Andhra Pradesh Border.**
- 10) **Kite Festival:** The International Kite Festival was held at Sabarmati River, **Ahmedabad, Gujarat.**
- 11) **Garbage Festival: Kachra Mahotsav,** the Raipur Municipal Corporation in **Chhattisgarh** has organised the **1st garbage festival of the nation.**
- 12) **20 MLA's** from Aam Admi Party were **disqualified** under the **Office of Profit.**
- 13) **UIDAI** has introduced **two-tier security** feature for AADHAAR viz., Virtual ID and Limited KYC to address the privacy concerns.

- 14) **National Youth Festival: The 22nd edition of this festival was held in New Delhi** on the occasion of birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.
- 15) **Bihar government** has banned the manufacture and sale of electronic cigarettes (**e-cigarettes**).
- 16) **Delhi becomes the 1st city in India to launch the common mobility card for both bus and metro rides.**
- 17) The **Bhanakpur village** in **Faridabad district of Haryana** planned to begin their day by **listening the national anthem at 8am**. This village was 2nd in India to introduce the system. Jammikunta, Karim Nagar District (Telangana) was the 1st village to implement this system.
- 18) Union Government has approved the **West Bengal's new logo**. The logo contains the "**Biswa Bangla**" theme with **Ashoka Pillar**.
- 19) **Jal Marg Vikas Project:** Aim of the project is to start the commercial navigation in the NW-1 (**Haldia – Varanasi = 1,380km**) on the river Ganga. Ultimate aim is to navigate the ship with the payload of 1500 tonnes over NW-1.
- 20) **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code** (Amendment) Bill, 2017 has passed by the both the houses of the parliament.
- 21) GAIL made the contract with **Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga** for making the natural gas pipeline of about 400-km from **Dobhi (Bihar) to Durgapur (West Bengal)**.
- 22) **Raisina Dialogue:** Raisina Dialogue is an India's premier foreign policy conference. The 3rd edition this conference was held in **New Delhi on Jan 16th 2018**.
- 23) **Delhi Declaration** was taken in **25th ASEAN summit** which was held in **New Delhi on Jan 26th 2018**. The Declaration having a common approach to counter terrorism and sought a comprehensive approach to combat terrorism through close cooperation.
- 24) 26th edition of the **World Book Fair** was held in the **New Delhi**.
- 25) **Dharma – Dhamma Conference: 4th edition** of this conference was held in the **Nalanda University, Bihar** on Jan 12th 2018.

- 26) **NFHS-4:** According to the **National Family and Health Survey**, Delhi is the Richest State in India and the Jain Community is the Wealthiest Community in India.
- 27) National Medical Commission Bill, 2017 was introduced in Lok Sabha.
- 28) **Maharashtra won the Best tableau prize in Republic Day parade 2018**
- 29) **National Festival of this year:** Central government is likely to declare (*Medaram's Sammakka-Sarakka or Saralamma Jatara*) a national festival of this year which is celebrated by **koya tribe in Telangana**.
- 30) **Operation Digital Board:** The Central Advisory Board of Education passed a resolution to take steps towards Operation Digital Board. **The aim is to introduce the digitally enabled class rooms.**
- 31) *238th Anniversary of India's 1st newspaper, the Bengal Gazette was celebrated.*
- 32) 12th International festival of arts and artists was held in **Bhubaneshwar, Odisha**.
- 33) **Paytm Payments Bank** has announced its partnership with **IndusInd Bank**.
- 34) *Reliance Jio Info comm. Ltd* is planning to create its own **cyptocurrency called JioCoin**.
- 35) **BATTLE OF KOREGAON:** 200th anniversary of the Battle of Koregaon was celebrated in **Maharashtra**.
- 36) **Dhanu Yatra:** It is one of the biggest **open-air theatre festivals** in the world which was held in **Odisha**.
- 37) **North Koel Reservoir Project:** The project was initiated in **Bihar and Jharkhand**.
- 38) **ENERGY 4.0:** The 7th edition of **India Energy Congress (IEC)**, the joint event of Ministries of Power, Coal, New & Renewable Energy, Petroleum & Natural Gas, External Affairs and Department of Atomic Energy was held on February 1st & 2nd 2018 in New Delhi, Theme: **"Energy 4.0- Energy Transition towards 2030"**

- 39) **Kala Mela:** The 1st ever International Kala Mela Festival was held at New Delhi. It has been organised by the Lalit Kala Akademi in partnership with Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts.
- 40) **Kala Ghoda Arts Festival:** It is a multicultural festival held in the Kala Ghoda in Mumbai. **Theme:** Hara Ghoda focusing on sustainability and environment friendliness.
- 41) **Separate state flag for Karnataka:** 9-member committee constituted by Karnataka govt. has recommended separate state flag. It is the 2nd state after Jammu and Kashmir to have an own state flag.
- 42) **Railways to set up New Coach Factory:** The Ministry of Railways has planned to set up of a rail coach factory at Latur district, Marathwada in Maharashtra.
- 43) **Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport** is the World's busiest single-runway airport. It sets record with 980 flights in 24 hours.
- 44) **Geospatial World Excellence Award: Odisha** has won 'Geospatial World Excellence Award 2018' for successful IT application for tracking of mineral production, dispatch and value accrued on real-time basis through its **i3MS** by geospatial world forum held at Hyderabad, Telangana.
- 45) The Centre for Science and Environment (**CSE**) has been ranked the top environment policy think tanks in India and 16th at the global level.
- 46) **Youth Festival:** 7th Youth Festival was held at Central Park, New Delhi on 27th Feb 2018. **Theme: Let Love Live"**
- 47) 15th **Vodafone Odeon Theatre** Festival was held at Kolkata, West Bengal.
- 48) **Centre for Combat Antimicrobial Resistance:** The Indian Council of Medical Research and American pharmaceutical Pfizer have MoU to establish a Centre in **New Delhi**.
- 49) **Eklavya School:** Eklavya schools will be established for scheduled caste (SC) and schedule tribe (ST) students by 2022 on the lines of Navodaya schools. This scheme was launched in the union budget.

- 50) **National Bamboo Mission:** under this scheme Rs. 1,290 crores will be allocated for the development of bamboo production in the country. The Mission was implemented during the remaining period of 14th Finance Commission (2018-19 and 2019-20).
- 51) **Kisan Credit Card:** It is for Fishermen and Cattle owners. Main aim of this scheme is for getting easier loans. Also it will be helpful for people associated with milk production and in fisheries.
- 52) **Agriculture 2022:** The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare organized a National conducts the Conference “Agriculture 2022 – Doubling Farmers’ Income” at National Agriculture Science Complex, New Delhi.
- 53) The 32nd edition of **Surajkund International Crafts Mela** was held at Faridabad, Haryana. This year Uttar Pradesh is theme state and Kyrgyzstan is the partner nation.
- 54) **SecurityCheckKiya:** Google has launched **SecurityCheckKiya** campaign in India to create awareness around Internet safety.
- 55) **Secondment Programme:** The Union Cabinet has approved MoU for Secondment Programme between India and Australia.
- 56) **Humsafar Express train:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off a new express train from Mysuru railway station between mysuru and Udaipur.
- 57) **Digital Citizenship and Safety:** Google and NCERT signed a pact to bring awareness amongst the young generation of India to make Internet a Safe space.
- 58) **Rhodendron Park:** New Park was laid the foundation stone in Tawang district of Arunachal Pradesh. The park will be built in total area of 1.15 hectares.
- 59) **“Run for New India”** marathon in Surat, Gujarat was flagged off by PM Narendra Modi.
- 60) **88th Mahamastakabhisheka:** President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the event of Lord Gomateshwara by unveiling an idol of Bahubali at Shravanabelagola in Hassan district, Karnataka held every 12 years once.

- 61) **National Banana Festival** 2018 was held at Kalliyoor, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. In 2017 the event was held at Madurai.
- 62) **Janadriyah:** Sushma Swaraj inaugurates Saudi Arabia's National Heritage Festival in Janadriyah village, Riyadh. This year India is chief guest of the festival.
- 63) **Magnetic Maharashtra:** Prime Minister inaugurated the 'Magnetic Maharashtra' Summit 2018 held at Mumbai. This was the 1st Maharashtra's global investor's summit.
- 64) **Motorcycle Ambulance Service:** The Goa government has launched a motorcycle ambulance service to provide quick medical help to patients in need in the coastal area.
- 65) **Hunar Haat:** Hunar Haat is a platform made available by the government for artisans from minority communities to showcase and sell their works held at New Delhi. **Theme:** "Development with Dignity".
- 66) **Bihar** Government has banned the sale of loose cigarettes in the state.
- 67) **DASTAK campaign:** UP Government introduces DASTAK campaign to eradicate Japanese Encephalitis.
- 68) The International Conference on Unani Medicine was held in New Delhi on 11th Feb 2018 (**NATIONAL UNANI DAY**)
- 69) Aadhaar and Umang App have won awards at 6th World Government Summit 2018 in Dubai. **Umang App** won in Best m-Government Service Award and **Aadhaar won** in the Best Government Emerging Technologies Award.
- 70) **Super straw management:** Punjab government has introduced super straw management system to combine harvester machines mandatory for harvesting paddy crop to check the dangerous of stubble burning.
- 71) **LPG PANCHAYAT:** The LPG Panchayat aims to provide a platform for LPG consumers to interact with each other to promote mutual learning and share experiences.
- 72) ONGC is planning to introduce carbon dioxide (CO₂) injection technology in its **Gandhar oil field** in Gujarat. It will be the Asia's large scale CO₂-injection project.

- 73) Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 4th Container Terminal of Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- 74) The Virgin Group led by Richard Branson has signed an agreement with Maharashtra Government to build the 1st hyperloop transportation system between Mumbai and Pune.
- 75) **Theatre Olympics:** The 8th edition of Theatre Olympics was inaugurated by Vice president Venkaiah Naidu in New Delhi.
Theme: “Flag of Friendship”
- 76) **Watan Ko Jano Program:** It is the Youth Exchange Program – 200 youths from **J/K** Have visited the PM & Rajnath Singh in New Delhi about this program.
- 77) **Vaccination Card:** Kerala makes the New Health Policy for Vaccination Card Mandatory for School Admission.
- 78) **Tribal Sub-Plan:** TSP was introduced in order to ensure **direct “policy-driven” benefits** by the Public Accounts Committee.
- 79) 42 languages in India are considered to be endangered and are heading towards extinction as only few thousand people speak. This was released by UNESCO.
- 80) **Silkyara Bend-Barkot Tunnel:** In **NH-134**, 4.531 km long 2-Lane Bi-Directional Silkyara Bend-Barkot Tunnel is going to construct in **Uttarakhand** as part of **“Chardham Mahamarg Pariyojana”**
- 81) **Gangotri Swachh Iconic Place project** and **Swajal** is a 1st drinking water programme in Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand. 2nd state is the Rajasthan.
- 82) Mizoram is the 1st North-eastern state to setup the India’s first regional Centre for Agriculture with collaboration of Israel will be inaugurated in Mizoram on March 2018.
- 83) **Mahanadi Water Disputes:** Union government approves setting up the Mahanadi Water Disputes Tribunal between **Odisha and Chhattisgarh.**
- 84) **Khajuraho Dance Festival:** 44th Khajuraho Dance Festival was held at Khajuraho temple, a UNESCO world heritage site in Chhatarpur district, Madhya Pradesh.

- 85) **Bal Aadhaar:** Bal Aadhaar means Kid's Aadhaar which is in blue colour meant for kids under 5 years of age introduced from 26th Feb 2018.
- 86) **Aadi Mahotsava:** A tribal festival organized by Assam, Guwahati.
- 87) National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways and Coasts is going to set up in **IIT Chennai** under sagarmala project by Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Shipping and Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation.
- 88) The Union Cabinet approves the Trafficking of Persons (Prevention, Protection and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2018.
- 89) **Universal Peace Retreat Center:** Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu laid the foundation stone for the Universal Peace Retreat Center in Amaravati.
- 90) **KHAP PANCHAYATS:** The Supreme Court said on 21st Feb 2018 that any attack against an adult man and woman opting for an inter-caste marriage by khap panchayats or associations is "**absolutely illegal**".
- 91) The Union Government has decided to declare **2018** as the "**National Year of Millets**"
- 92) Google commemorated the **45th Anniversary** of the **chipko movement** with a doodle on 25th March 2018.
- 93) **Asia's Largest Tulip garden** was opened in **Srinagar**, Kashmir.
- 94) **India's Tallest National Flag (110m high)** was unfurled in **Belgaum** (Belagavi) in Karnataka.
- 95) Robertsganj Railway Station in **Uttar Pradesh** was renamed as the **Sonbhadra Railway Station**.
- 96) **Two-tier Panchayat Raj:** Recently, **Arunachal Pradesh** Assembly passed Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill to have a two-tier panchayat raj. **Part -IX, Art (243-243O) & 73rd Amendment** of the Constitution speaks about the panchayat raj.
- 97) **Phirangipuram Railway Station** in Guntur, **Andhra Pradesh** was said to be **All-Women Railway Station** after Mumbai's Matunga and Jaipur's Gandhi Nagar Railway Stations.

- 98) **Parivara and Talawara:** The Union government has approved the **two ST communities in Karnataka.**
- 99) **Kerala** government announced its **Official State Fruit as Jack Fruit.**
- 100) **Plastic Park: Jharkhand Government** has planned to setup the plastic park in **Deoghar district.**
- 101) **Kollam district in Kerala** brings **all the food** under the **FSSA** (Food Safety and Standards Act).
- 102) **Maharashtra Government** has banned the use of plastic.
- 103) **Arogya Karnataka:** It is the **Health care scheme** for Primary, secondary, tertiary treatment for **both BPL and APL families** in the state.
- 104) **NAIPUNYA RATHAM: "Naipunya Ratham Or World on Wheels",** aimed to taking technology and innovation to the remote corners of **Andhra Pradesh's** state.
- 105) **Shakti Sthala: World's largest Solar Park** was setup in **Tumkur District, Karnataka.** The first phase of the project with a total capacity of **2,000 megawatts** was inaugurated on **2nd March 2018.**
- 106) **Hindon Elevated Road:** Hindon Elevated Road is the **India's longest elevated road (10.3Km)** between **Ghaziabad - Delhi** was inaugurated in **Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.**
- 107) **I-Metros:** Indian **Metros**, Aim of the project is to combine all Indian Metro Rail companies for mutually sharing their ideas & experiences for improving their excellence in performance.
- 108) **Rajasthan** was the **2nd state** to pass the bill for child rape of a girl **below 12** as a **death penalty.** The Criminal Laws (Rajasthan Amendment) Bill, 2018 adds sections **376-AA and 376-DD** to the Indian Penal Code, 1860. **Madhya Pradesh** was the **1st state** to implement this on December, 2017
- 109) **Madhya Pradesh** government raised the **Retirement age** for their govt employees from **60 to 62 years.**
- 110) **Payment of Gratuity (Amendment) Bill, 2018:** Based on the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972, to provide social **security to workman**

after retirement and for female workers maternity leave from twelve weeks to twenty six weeks.

- 111) **Nabakalebar festival:** The festival is celebrated in Shree Jagannath Temple at Puri, Odisha. During this festival our Hon. President released **Rs.1000 & Rs. 10 Commemorative coins.**
- 112) **Madhavpur Mela:** The Ministry of Culture for the first time had organised **Madhavpur Mela in Madhavpur Ghed** in Porbandar District, **Gujarat.**
- 113) **Study in India Programme:** The Ministry of Human Resources Development has approved "**Study in India**" programme to attract **foreign students to pursue higher education in India.**
- 114) **Know India Programme:** Know India Programme is an initiative of Ministry of External Affairs for **Persons of Indian Origin** between the ages of **18 – 30 years.**
- 115) **Passive Euthanasia:** Supreme Court on **9th March 2018** allowed Passive Euthanasia as the **Right to die with the dignity as a part of Fundamental Right (Art.21).**
- 116) Punjab government is going to observe Bhagat Singh's martyrdom day as **Youth Empowerment Day** on every year 23rd March.
- 117) **SPICE PARK:** The Union Government has planned to set up the **Spice Park for Turmeric in Nizamabad, Telangana** because **Telangana** is a **top producer** of Turmeric in India.
- 118) **Losar Festival (Buddhist New Year):** **Buddhist community from Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh** has celebrated the **silver jubilee** of the Losar Festival on **5th March 2018.**
- 119) **Right to convert is a Fundamental Right:** From the **case of Hadiya, the Supreme Court** has recently given a judgment that the right to convert is a fundamental right on **8th March 2018.** **Right to Freedom of Religion (Art 25 - 28).**
- 120) **GST e-way Bill: From April 1, 2018,** the e-way bill will be mandatory for the **interstate transportation** of goods worth over **Rs. 50,000** through **roadways, railways, airways, and waterways.** **Intra – State** transportation bill will come to effect from **15th April 2018.** **Karnataka**

was the 1st state to operationalize the intrastate e-way bill system in Sep-2017.

- 121) The University of Hyderabad has discovered **two endangered languages Walmiki and Malhar** predominantly spoken in **Odisha**.
- 122) **Bihar government** reduced the **government exam fees for women**. (For Preliminary exams: Rs. 600/- to Rs. 160/- & for Mains Exams: Rs. 750/- to Rs. 200).
- 123) **Hyderabad in Telangana** has been ranked as the **top city** and **Chennai** has been ranked 14th in the “**Global City Momentum Index - 2018**” by JLL.
- 124) **Sikkim government** gave **Rs.1000/- as pension for organic farmers**.
- 125) **Best Panchayat of India: Ministry of Panchayati Raj** has given the best panchayat award to the **Digambarpur panchayat in West Bengal**
- 126) **Multi-Modal Logistics Park: Multi-Modal Logistics Park** was planned to set up at **Balli Station near Madgaon in Goa**.
- 127) **World’s largest solar park (5000MW)** was planned to set up at **Dholera, Gujarat**. (Shakthi Sthala of Karnataka – 2000MW)
- 128) **Cleanest Airport in India: Airports Authority of India** released the report that **Mangalore International Airport** is the Cleanest Airport in India.
- 129) **BS-VI fuel: To suppress the pollution level, Delhi government** has planned to impose the **ultra-clean Bharat Stage VI grade fuel (both petrol and diesel)** on 1st April 2018. (**BS-VI = Euro VI**) Delhi will be the **1st city in India** to impose the BS-VI fuel and *Nationwide implementation from April 2020*
- 130) **Competition Commission of India: The Union Cabinet** decided to reduce the number of members **from one chairperson and six members to one chairperson and three members**.
- 131) **Uttarakhand’s second Mega Food Park: Himalayan Mega Food Park** is located at Mahuakhera Ganj in Kashipur, Udham Singh Nagar district. 1st Park was located in Haridwar.

- 132) The Union Cabinet has approved the **Protection of Human Rights (Amendments) Bill, 2018** on 5th April 2018 in Parliament. The Bill was previously amended in **1993 and 2006**.
- 133) The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has introduced the secured digitally-signed **QR Code on e-Aadhaar**
- 134) **West Bengal** government gave the approval for the **Sunderban Reserve Forest to get Ramsar site status**.
- 135) **Project Dhoop**: *Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, NCERT and New Delhi Municipal Council jointly* introduced this project to create awareness and address **vitamin D deficiency (VDD)** among young people. The aim of the project is to encourage schools to shift their morning assembly to around noon-time, mainly **between 11 am to 1 pm**
- 136) **e-Vidhan project**: To digitize all the **State Legislatures in India** to make them **paperless**.
- 137) **Protected Area Permit Regime**: *Ministry of home affairs* allowed the **foreign tourists** to access border areas of **Nagaland, Mizoram, and Manipur for five years** from **April 1, 2018**.
- 138) Supreme Court has issued directions regarding Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (**Prevention of Atrocities Act**), 1989 to prevent the misuse of provisions of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities).
- 139) National Commission for Minority Education Institutions (**NCMEI**) has **original jurisdiction (Art 29 & Art 30)** to determine an *establishment as a minority educational institution*.
- 140) **Madhubani Painting**: **Madhubani/Mithila Painting** was used to **decorate Madhubani railway station in Bihar** which also *became one of the cleanest railway stations in India*.
- 141) **Andhra Pradesh Government notified its New State Symbols after Bifurcation in 2014**

SYMBOL	NAME	LOCAL NAME
State Bird	Rose-Ringed Parakeet	Rama Chiluka
State Animal	Black Buck	Krishna Jinka

State Tree	Neem	VepaChettu
State Flower	Jasmine	

Telangana's New State Symbols:

- The State Bird - Palapitta (Indian Roller or Blue Jay).
- The State Animal - Jinka (Spotted Deer).
- The State Tree - Jammi Chettu (Prosopis Cineraria).
- The State Flower - Tangidipuvvu

- 142) **Braille-enabled signboards to be used during Maheshtala bypoll:** *Election Commission of India* for the **1st time** will start the use of "Braille-enabled signboards for visually challenged voters" in the upcoming **Maheshtala Assembly by-election in West Bengal.**
- 143) **Dalmia group adopted the Redfort in Delhi and Gandikota Fort in Andhra Pradesh** under the "Adopt a Heritage: ApniDharohar, ApniPehchaan" scheme. This scheme was launched on 27 september 2017.
- 144) **100th Functional Airport: Pakyong Airport in Sikkim** is set to become the 100th Operational Airport in India will come to operation from **24th September 2018.** *Sikkim was the only state without an airport in the country.*
- 145) **Mission Raftaar:** *Ministry of Railways* conducted one day workshop "Mission Raftaar" aimed at **raising average speed of freight trains and coaching trains in New Delhi.**
- 146) **Kishanganga Hydroelectric Project:** Prime Minister inaugurated the **300 MW Kishanganga Hydroelectric Project** in *Bandipora District of Jammu & Kashmir.*
- 147) **PakalDul Power Project:** PM laid the foundation stone for the **1000MW PakalDul Power Project** in *Marusadar River, a tributary of Chenab River in Kishtwar district, Jammu & Kashmir.*
- 148) **Patratu Super Thermal Power Project:** Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for **the first phase (2400MW) of NTPC's Patratu Super Thermal Power Project in Jharkhand.**
- 149) **Zojila Tunnel:** PM inaugurated the **14.150km long two-lane bi-directional road Tunnel project** which connects the **Srinagar – Kargil – Leh in NH-1A.** The construction of this tunnel will provide all-weather connectivity between Srinagar, Kargil, and Leh.

- 150) **Eastern Peripheral Expressway:** Prime Minister India's **1st Smart and green highway-135 km long Kundli-Ghaziabad-Palwal (KGP) Expressway Passing through the states of Haryana and Uttarpradesh.**
- 151) **Banihal-Qazigund Road tunnel:** It is an **8.45 km long double tube tunnel** consisting of two parallel tunnels located in *PirPanjal range in Jammu and Kashmir connecting Banihal and Qazigund.*
- 152) **Green Licence Plates:** The Union Government has approved *green licence plates* for private electric vehicles. **Green licence plates have numbers in white fonts for private e-vehicles and yellow fonts for taxis.**
- 153) **Post Office Passport Seva Kendra:** *The 1st Post Office Passport Seva Kendra run by an all-woman team began its operations Phagwara, Punjab.*
- 154) **Gujarat Government** launched the **free treatment scheme for the road accident victims.**
- 155) **AYUSH Word:** Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (CSTT) **adopted a word 'AYUSH' in Hindi and English languages for scientific and technical purposes.**
- 156) **Swadeshi Samriddhi SIM cards:** *Baba Ramdev's Patanjali has tied up BSNL to launch Swadeshi Samriddhi SIM cards.*
- 157) **9th edition of Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav:** To celebrate the **idea of unity in diversity**, the Ministry of Culture is organising the 9th edition of Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav in **Tehri, Uttarakhand** under **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.**
- 158) **Most Polluted City:** According to **Global Urban Air Pollution** database released by the World Health Organisation, **14 Indian Cities are more polluted among the world's 20 most polluted city.** *The 14 cities are Delhi, Varanasi, Kanpur, Faridabad, Gaya, Patna, Agra, Muzaffarpur, Srinagar, Gurgaon, Jaipur, Patiala, and Jodhpur.*
- 159) Retirement fund body **Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)** has launched **View Pension Passbook Service for pensioners on Umang App.**

- 160) **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)** has partnered with board Survey of India, to facilitate the Ganga rejuvenation task under Namami Ganga programme **by using Geographic Information System (GIS) technology.**
- 161) The Union Cabinet has approved setting up of a **new All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)** in **Deoghar, Jharkhand** under **Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY).**
- 162) **National Water Informatics Centre:** *Ministry of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation* have set up the central body – National Water Informatics Centre **to maintain a comprehensive water resources data.**
- 163) **Border Roads Organisation (BRO)** celebrated its 58th Raising Day on 7th May 2018. *BRO is a government organisation of infrastructural development in the border areas of the country.*
- 164) **Arun-3 Hydropower Project:** **Nepal government** has granted permission **to generate the electricity in the Arun-3 Hydropower project in Nepal** to the Indian government-owned subsidiary Sutluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Ltd with a capacity of **900MW.**
- 165) **National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation:** The Union Cabinet has approved to establish the *National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation (NIMHR)* at **Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh**
- 166) **National Policy on Biofuels – 2018:** The Union Cabinet has approved National Policy on Biofuels **in order to promote biofuels in the country.**
- 167) **Gaj Yatra 2018: “GajYatra”** is a journey celebrating India’s national heritage animal **aims to secure 100 elephant corridors across India** (for safe passage of elephants).
- 168) **Bharosa:** United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is going to set up skill development centre for clients of Bharosa. **It is an initiative of Hyderabad City Police** is a state-of-the-art centre **to support women and children who are victims of violence was launched in 2016.**
- 169) **Women Entrepreneurship Platform: NITI Aayog and actor Sushant Singh Rajput** have decided to collaborate towards

promoting the Women Entrepreneurship Platform launched by the NITI Aayog.

- 170) International Children's Theatre Festival 2018 was inaugurated at **Kolkata, West Bengal.**
- 171) **PLASTIC BAN:** On 5th June World Environment Day, **India Planned to eliminate all single-use of plastic in the country by 2022.**
- 172) **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**
- 173) **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.**
- 174) **Yog Aayog: Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar** has introduced the **"Yog Aayog" to promote yoga in the state.**
- 175) **Happiness Curriculum: Delhi government has launched the "Happiness Curriculum" for school students.** The Curriculum includes Meditation, Moral Values and Mental Exercises.
- 176) **Mission Tondarust: Punjab CM Amarinder Singh** has launched the mission **to transform Punjab into one of the healthiest states.**
- 177) **Shillong** was selected as the **100th city** to receive funding under the Smart Cities Mission.
- 178) **Air India** introduced **"Maharaja" business class seats** on International flights.
- 179) **Telangana government** celebrated **4th Year of its formation** after the bifurcation from Andhra Pradesh on **2nd June 2014.**
- 180) **MUGHALSARAI Railway Station in Uttar Pradesh** was renamed as the **"Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Railway Station".**

- 181) **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.
- 182) **National Digital Library of India** was launched in **New Delhi** on National Reading Day - 17th June 2018.
- 183) **Solar Charkha Mission:** President inaugurated the Mission and the ultimate aim is **to generate employment in rural areas and contribute to the green economy**.
- 184) **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.*
- 185) **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.***
- 186) **Tripura's State Fruit:** President Ram Nath Govind has declared the "**Queen Pineapple**" as the State Fruit of Tripura.
- 187) **Goa Revolution Day** was observed on **19th June 2018** every year.
- 188) **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

- 189) **European Union Film Festival:** India hosted the 23rd European Union Film Festival at Siri Fort Auditorium in **New Delhi** from **18th to 24th June**.
- 190) **Jaisalmer Military Station:** Indian Army to develop **Jaisalmer Military Station in Rajasthan as Smart Facility** under Central governments Smart city mission.
- 191) **Vanijya Bhawan:** PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Vanijya Bhawan, **a new office complex in New Delhi for the Department of Commerce**.
- 192) **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.
- 193) **Kerala Tourism** has introduced the **‘Come Out and Play’** monsoon campaign for the promoting the tourists in the state.
- 194) **Andhra Pradesh** Government launched **“Anna Canteens”** across the state to provide subsidised food for poor. Other state Canteens are,

Amma Canteen	Tamil Nadu (24-02-2013)
Annapurna Rasoi Canteen	Rajasthan
Deendayal Annapurna Rasoi Canteen	Madhya Pradesh
Aam Aadmi Canteen	Delhi
Indira Canteen	Karnataka
Indira Amma Canteen	Uttarakhand
Aahaar Yojana	Odisha

Antyodaya Aahaar Yojana

Haryana

- 195) **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 **26th July 2018**. [**Art. 3 in the constitution speaks about the changing the name of state**]
- 196) The Union government has reduced the minimum annual deposit requirement for accounts **under Sukanya Samridhi Yojana from Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 250**
- 197) **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.**
- 198) **Agartala Airport:** The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal for renaming Agartala Airport in Tripura as **“Maharaja Bir Bikram Manikya Kishore Airport” Agartala.**
- 199) **Prabhadevi Station:** Western Railway renamed **Elphinstone Road** suburban railway station in Mumbai, Maharashtra to **“Prabhadevi Station”**
- 200) **Design University for Gaming:** UNESCO will plan to set up the “Design University for Gaming” in **Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.**
- 201) 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.**
- 202) **“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**
- 203) **Assam government** has recently decided **to set up a separate directorate for the Divyangs (differently abled people)**
- 204) Samsung inaugurates **World’s largest mobile phone factory** in Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

- 205) **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**.
- 206) **Minority Status for Jews: Gujarat** became the 3rd state after West Bengal and Maharashtra **to give minority status for Jews**.
- 207) **“The Eat Right Movement”:** FSSAI has launched national campaign “The Eat Right Movement” **to improve public health and combat lifestyle diseases**.
- 208) **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**.
- 209) **Dharohar Bhawan:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated ‘Dharohar Bhawan’ – the **New headquarters building of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)**
- 210) **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,
- 211) **Paudhagiri campaign: Haryana Government** has launched “Paudhagiri campaign” a unique program for the planting of saplings.
- 212) **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**.
- 213) **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.*
- 214) **Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 2018:** Death penalty for those convicted of raping girls below the age of 12 years.

- 215) 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.
- 216) **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).***
- 217) **“Swachhameva Jayate” Campaign:** The *Karnataka government* has launched a rural cleanliness and sanitation campaign “Swachhameva Jayate” ***to make every citizen in rural Karnataka to take a pledge of cleanliness.***
- 218) **Former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee passed away on 16th August 2018.**
- 219) **Atal Nagar:** On August 21, the Chhattisgarh government has decided to **re-name state’s new capital city of Naya Raipur as “Atal Nagar”** in memory of late Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- 220) **Somnath Chatterjee**, the former Lok Sabha Speaker & veteran leader, has passed away in Kolkata, West Bengal on 13th August 2018.
- 221) The Lok Sabha has passed ***the 123rd Constitutional Amendment Bill*** providing for a **National Commission for Backward Classes as a constitutional body.**
- 222) **‘Horn not ok’ Awareness campaign and ‘ShaurNahin’ (no noise) Mobile App:** *Himachal Pradesh CM Jai Ram Thakur* launched the campaign and ***app to spread awareness of unnecessary blowing horn as it creates unnecessary noise pollution and is harmful to health.***
- 223) **Meghalaya government** passed the resolution that ***marriage certificate will be must for official work in Meghalaya***
- 224) 76th anniversary of **Quit India movement** (*Bharat Chhodo Andolan or August Movement or August Kranti*) was observed on **8th August 2018**

225) **Digital North East Vision 2022:** Union Minister for Electronics & Information Technology Ravi Shankar Prasad has released the **Digital North East Vision 2022** aims to empower the people of the North Eastern region. Under Digital North East.

226) **Cleanest Railway Station in India:** Union Railway Minister released the Report according to the following category,

"A1" CATEGORY RANKING	"A" CATEGORY RANKING	ZONAL RANKING
Jodhpur in Rajasthan (1 st among 75)	Marwar in Rajasthan (1 st among 332)	North Western Railway – (1 st among 17 Zones)

227) **Mahadayi Water Disputes Tribunal:** Mahadayi Water Disputes Tribunal delivered its final verdict to ending 50-year-old dispute over sharing of Mahadayi or Mandovi River between **Goa, Karnataka and Maharashtra.**

228) **"International Year of Millets" – 2019:** India has proposed United Nations (UN) to declare the year **2019 as "International Year of Millets"**

229) **3 New Districts: Arunachal Pradesh** has created the three new districts, **Pakke-Kesang, Lepa Rada and Shi Yomi** in the state

230) India opens **Zokhawthar immigration** check-post in **Mizoram** along Myanmar border.

231) **PROJECT NAVLEKHA: Google** has unveiled Project Navlekha to make online content relevant for more Indian users especially in local Indian languages.

232) **Silver jubilee of Women in Mt. Everest expedition:** An all-women expedition team has begun its journey to **Mt. Manirang from Himachal Pradesh** and commemorates the Silver jubilee of Women in Mt. Everest expedition

233) **TRIPLE TALAQ BILL:** The Union Cabinet has approved a few amendments in the instant triple talaq bill. **If a Muslim man resorts to triple talaq then he will face a jail term of three years, as instant triple talaq will now be considered a non-bailable, cognisable offence.**

234) **Legal guardian of cows:** The **Uttar Pradesh High court** can now act **as the legal guardian of the cows in the state** and keep a tab on

all issues related to cows especially its directions with regard to their protection.

- 235) **The Odisha government** has approved a **proposal for setting up a legislative council (MLC) in the state.**
- 236) **Indian National trust for art and cultural heritage:** The Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) has called for **transforming heritage buildings in Rajasthan** into “economic assets” for the society.
- 237) **One District One Product (ekzila – ekutpadan) Scheme: Uttar Pradesh government** had organized “**One District One Product**” Summit **to promote traditional industries in every district of the state.**
- 238) **Central Silk Board (CSB)** has recently developed **races of silkworm seed of mulberry and Vanya silk** for increasing the productivity of cocoons and to increase the income of the farmers engaged in sericulture.
- 239) **O-SMART** : The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has given its approval for the umbrella scheme “**Ocean Services, Technology, Observations, Resources Modelling and Science (O-SMART)**”, for implementation during the period from 2017-18 to 2019-20. The scheme encompasses a total of 16 sub-projects addressing ocean development activities such as Services, Technology, Resources, Observations and Science.
- 240) **LAKHWAR MULTIPURPOSE PROJECT:** The Union government has proposed the project jointly with **Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryana and Delhi for Construction of Lakhwar Multipurpose Project on Yamuna Near Dehradun**
- 241) **International Water Colour Festival 2018** has started at Audrey House in Ranchi, which is organized by the **Jharkhand Art Culture and Tourism Department.**

3. INTERNATIONAL

- 1) **Sister State Agreement:** The Andhra Pradesh Government and the Canton of Zurich (Switzerland) signed a letter of intent, to promote mutual prosperity and development.
- 2) Recently Israel withdrawn its membership from the UNESCO.
- 3) Turkey's endangered "bird language" enters UNESCO list.
- 4) Six countries joined as the non-permanent members of the United Nations Security Council. (Namely: Equatorial Guinea, Ivory Coast, Kuwait, Peru, Poland and Netherlands).
- 5) Ecuador has granted citizenship to Wiki Leaks founder Julian Assange, who has been living in asylum at the nation's embassy in London for more than five years.
- 6) The **world's largest solar-thermal power plant** has to be set up in **Port Augusta, South Australia.**
- 7) Iran has banned the English from primary schools across the country.
- 8) **SMOG TOWER:** China has built the world's largest air purifier in Xian, China to fight the country's smog problem.
- 9) **Maitre-2:** 2nd bus service started from Agartala to Kolkata via. Dhaka was launched. The first Maitre bus service was launched in 2015.
- 10) India has excluded Pakistan from the list of SAARC member countries with which it will be connecting its National Knowledge Network (NKN).
- 11) **Ice festival:** 34th International ice and snow festival opened in Harbin, China. It is the world's largest ice festival.
- 12) China becomes the Nepal's 2nd internet service provider by ending the India's internet access.
- 13) Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visits in February are **Oman, UAE, Jordan and Palestine.**
- 14) **TAPI gas pipeline Project:** 2nd phase of **TAPI** gas pipeline project is started in Afghanistan is to propose the trans-country natural gas

pipeline from Caspian Sea, Turkmenistan to India through Afghanistan and Pakistan.

- 15) The **Golden Jubilee** for the formal diplomatic relations between **India and Bhutan** is being celebrated in the year 2018.
- 16) **Venezuela and Libya** were suspended from voting rights in United Nations General Assembly for not paying the dues.
- 17) United Kingdom and India have launched joint research projects on “Water Quality Research” and “Energy Demand Reduction in Built Environment”.
- 18) India and Iran have signed nine agreements, between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Iranian President Hassan Rouhani including connectivity related to strategic Chabahar port and on double taxation avoidance.
- 19) **Saudi Arabia** allows women to open their own businesses without the help of male.
- 20) **Singapore** to impose carbon tax from 2019 to decrease the greenhouse gas emissions.
- 21) **Sri Lanka’s 70th Independence Day** was celebrated on 4th February.
Theme: One Nation.
- 22) China will host 2018 Shanghai Cooperation Organization (**SCO**) Summit at Qingdao, eastern Shandong Province in June 2018.
- 23) India and Palestine have signed MoU for health and education. The MoUs were signed between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas at Ramallah capital of Palestine.
- 24) India and Oman have signed MoU’s in different areas including defence, health and tourism. The MoU’s were inked during Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s 1st visit to Oman.
- 25) **Ashgabat Agreement:** India has recently joined the Ashgabat agreement. The aim of the agreement is to establish **international transport and transit corridor** linking central Asia with the Persian Gulf.

- 26) Recently the President of the Maldives has declared a state of emergency for 15 days.
- 27) **Tanzania** withdrawn the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework from UN
- 28) Recently US withdrawn its partnership from **Trans Pacific Partnership** TPP was a free trade agreement between USA and 11 other Pacific Rim nations i.e. Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, Vietnam, Japan, Canada, Mexico, Peru and Chile
- 29) **Logistics park in Assam:** The road ministry announced a project to develop a multimodal logistics park in Jogighopa (Assam), given by the Asian Development Bank.
- 30) **Soft power matrix:** India's developing tool to campaign soft power in diplomacy.
- 31) **Sri Lanka** declared the State of Emergency for 10 days to curb heightening violence targeting the country's Muslim minority.
- 32) **Sri Lankan government** has decided to **postpone the International Workers Day** event from **May 1 to May 7.**
- 33) **India and Israel** signed an MOU to enhance cooperation on **"National Campaign for Water Conservation in India"**
- 34) **Crime Free Zone: Indo-Bangladesh** Border about **8.3km** stretch was declared as the crime free zone. The stretch covers **Gunarmath and Kalyani Border out Posts in India** and **Puthkhali and Daulatpur in Bangladesh across border.**
- 35) **International Yoga Festival** was held in **Rishikesh, Uttarkhand.** **CM Trivendra Singh Rawat** inaugurated the festival.
- 36) **Philippines** withdraws from International Criminal Court
- 37) **Roopur Nuclear Power plant: India, Bangladesh and Russia** has signed a MoU for construction of Roopur nuclear power plant in **Dhaka, Bangladesh.**
- 38) **World Hindi Secretariat:** President of India has been inaugurated the World Hindi Secretariat in **Port Louis, Mauritius.**

- 39) **Brazzaville declaration:** Brazzaville declaration signed to **protect world's largest tropical peat lands** in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo. It was signed jointly done by Democratic Republic of Congo, Republic of Congo and Indonesia
- 40) **Newton-Bhabha Fund:** The **Research partnership of India & UK** is called the Newton-Bhabha Fund, which brings together UK and Indian scientific research and innovation sectors to find joint solutions to global challenges.
- 41) India has started importing **Liquid Natural Gas (LNG)** from **US**.
- 42) **Bangladesh** observed March 25 as the **“Genocide Day”**
- 43) **Bangladesh government** removes the **Quota System from the Government Services**.
- 44) **Sin tax or Sugar tax: UK government** has imposed a tax on Soft Drinks **to reduce the obesity and sugar related disease**.
- 45) **CLOUD ACT:** U.S. President has declared the **Clarifying Lawful Overseas Use of Data Act (CLOUD Act)**. *The Act establishes **processes and procedures for law enforcement requests for data in other countries**.*
- 46) **ASIAN PREMIUM:** India, China and other Asian countries combined together to raise voice against the **“Asian premium”** being charged by the **Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)**. *(Asian Premium is the **extra charge being collected by OPEC countries from Asian countries when selling oil**).*
- 47) **Pollution-forecast system: India, US, and Finland** jointly developed a new pollution-forecast system.
- 48) **Permanent Indus Commission:** *114th Commission meeting* of the Permanent Indus Commission between India and Pakistan was held in **New Delhi**. It was established under the Indus Water Treaty 1960.
- 49) **Moscow Conference on International Security 2018:** *7th Edition* of the Conference was held in **Moscow, Russia**. The Union Defence Minister Mrs. Nirmala Seetharam participated.

- 50) **PANMUNJOM DECLARATION: North Korea President Kim Jong-Un and South Korea president Moon Jae-in** signed Panmunjom Declaration on 27th April 2018. (Panmunjom is located in South Korea) About Nuclear weapons, Peace Deal, Inter-Korean Communication.
- 51) **African Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO)** conducts a workshop in **Kochi, Kerala** that mainly focused on food security, agriculture, and fisheries.
- 52) **China planned to build a canal to reshape the Indian Ocean.** A **100-km canal** built across Thailand which divides it into two parts.
- 53) **Global Energy Transformation: International Renewable Energy Agency** has launched its long-term renewable energy outlook “**Global Energy Transformation: A Roadmap to 2050**”.
- 54) **The 8th amendment to the Irish constitution:** The 8th amendment is regarding “**Abortion**”. “Abortion is illegal in Ireland”. It recognizes an equal right to life for both mother and unborn child, effectively prohibiting abortion in all cases.
- 55) **Lassa fever: Nigeria** has announced that it is **free from Lassa fever outbreak**.
- 56) **Bangladesh Bhawan:** Indian PM Modi & Bangladesh PM Sheik Hasina inaugurated the Bangladesh Bhawan **at Vishwa Bharathi University in Santiniketan, West Bengal**.
- 57) **India & Nepal direct Bus Service:** Both the Indian & Nepal PM’s flagged off bus service between **Janakpur (Nepal) and Ayodhya (India)** under Ramayan Circuit. India’s Ramayan Circuit comes under Swadesh Darshan Scheme to promote religious tourism in Nepal and India.
- 58) **GILGIT-BALTISTAN ORDER:** India recently **opposed Pakistan’s order** to integrate the region of Gilgit - Baltistan into the federal structure of the country.
- 59) **Clean Air India Initiative: India and Netherlands** launched Clean Air India Initiative in **New Delhi**.

- 60) **The 3rd Largest solar market in the world 2017:** Mercom Communications, India released the report that **India is the 3rd Largest Solar Market in the World**. China and U.S are in the top 2 positions.
- 61) **ASEAN India Film Festival:** Ministry of External Affairs organised the **ASEAN India Film Festival in New Delhi** from May 25-30, 2018. **“THEME:** Friendship through Films”
- 62) **“REPLACE” Campaign:** Review, Promote, Legislate, Assess, Create awareness and Enforce (REPLACE), World Health Organization (WHO) **launched the campaign to eliminate the Trans-Food by 2023.**
- 63) US President Donald Trump withdraws **the US from Iran nuclear deal (Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action) made on 14th July 2015 at Vienna.**
- 64) **The wealthiest country in the world:** According to AfrAsia Bank Global Wealth Migration Report, **India is the 6th wealthiest country** in the world and US is the richest country in the world.
- 65) **World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA): India ranked 6th on the list of doping violations by WADA** and Italy ranked in the 1st position.
- 66) **The United States President Donald Trump administration has announced its withdrawal from United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) on 20th June 2018.**
- 67) **Macedonia** was renamed as **“Republic of Macedonia”**. **Capital: Skopje.**
- 68) **Saudi Arabia** has lifted the ban on women for driving the cars.
- 69) **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.**
- 70) **Cheapest LNG:** India imported cheapest Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) from **Russian supplier Gazprom** on 4th June 2018.
- 71) **Tiananmen massacre, 1989:** China observed the **29th anniversary of Tiananmen Square protests / massacre of China** on 4th June 2018.

- 72) **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
- 73) **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.**
- 74) **U.K. women** celebrate **100 years of voting rights on 10th June 2018.**
- 75) **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.
- 76) The Union Government has invited **United States President Donald Trump** to be the **chief guest at 2019 Republic Day celebrations.**
- 77) **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.**
- 78) **Operation Enduring Freedom** is being operated in Afghanistan.
- 79) **Chiribiquete National Park** in Colombia has recently declared as the **UNESCO world heritage site.**
- 80) Nelson Mandela International Day 2018 marks **100 years** since the birth of Nelson Mandela (**18 July 1918**).
- 81) **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.
- 82) India-assisted **Ambulance service** was launched in Sri Lanka.
- 83) **World best Airlines 2018: SINGAPORE AIRLINES** bagged the title **“World Best Airlines 2018”**

- 84) Former United Nations General Secretary and Nobel Peace Prize laureate **Kofi Annan** passed away in Bern, Switzerland on 18th August 2018. **He had served as seventh Secretary-General of UN for two terms reigning from 1997 till 2006.** He was born on 8th April 1938 in Kumasi, Ghana
- 85) **POSTAL HIGHWAY:** Postal Highway also called Hulaki Rajmarg runs across the Terai region of Nepal, from Bhadrapur in the east to Dodhara in the west, cutting across the entire width of the country. **The Indian government has funded Rs. 33 crore to the Nepal Government for construction of a Postal Highway.**
- 86) **“8888” UPRISING:** “8888” was a people’s movement that challenged the ruling Burma Socialist Programme Party’s grip on political, Burma (Myanmar) economic and social affairs which led the country into extreme poverty on 8th August 1988 (8-8-88).
- 87) **CASPIAN SEA AGREEMENT:** Leaders from *Russia, Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan* have signed a **legal convention on ways to manage Caspian Sea and its surrounding areas.**
- 88) **VENEZUELA CRISIS:** **Hyperinflation is the biggest problem faced by Venezuela.** The inflation rate there is expected to reach a stunning one million per cent this year, putting it on par with the crises of *Zimbabwe in the 2000s and Germany in the 1920s, according to the International Monetary Fund.*
- 89) **US SPACE FORCE:** U.S. President Donald Trump is planning to create a **“space force” or a sixth branch of the American armed forces.**
- 90) **UDAN SCHEME FOR INTERNATIONAL ROUTES:** The Union government has unveiled the draft International Air Connectivity (IAC) scheme. **The scheme envisages increasing the international ticketing to 20 crore by 2027.**
- 91) **JOINT POSTAGE STAMPS:** The Union Cabinet was recently apprised of joint issue of Postage Stamps on **“India-South Africa”** on the **theme, “20 Years of Strategic Partnership between India and South Africa”**

4. ECONOMY

- 1) **iCREATE:** international Centre for Entrepreneurship And Technology (iCreate) is an independent centre to promote 'Start-up India' and it was started at Ahmadabad.
- 2) Paytm Payments Bank has announced its partnership with IndusInd Bank.
- 3) Many State governments follow the **Price deficiency payment (PDP)** schemes to cover farmers' losses.
- 4) CAG released a performance audit report of FSSAI.
- 5) FSSAI issued the rules and regulations for an organic food in the country.
- 6) **GST e-Way Bill:** By an e-Way Bill, we can track the movements of goods under GST, It is mainly mandatory for an interstate trade.
- 7) **Economic Survey (2017-2018):** According to the Economic Survey, current fiscal is 6.5% and the last year fiscal was 7.1% released by The Department of Economic Affairs, Finance Ministry of India.
- 8) NTPC Ltd, planned to supply 300 megawatts (MW) of electricity to **Bangladesh** for 15 years. .
- 9) Financial Action Task Force is likely to put **Pakistan** on its terrorist financing watch list or the "grey list" from June.
- 10) Mauritius becomes the largest source of foreign investment (FDI) in India.
- 11) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (**AIIB**) approved USD 1.5 billion loan to India for infrastructure-related projects.
- 12) Recently, Indian government signed a Loan Agreement for financing for Rajasthan Water Sector Restructuring Project for the Desert Areas, with New Development Bank.
- 13) **Operation Green:** Aim of the operation is to double the income of farmers by the end of 2022. It is mainly for to ensure that farmers are giving the right price for their product (Price fixation Scheme) introduced in the union budget (2018-19).

- 14) **National Women Entrepreneurship Council:** The Union Ministry of Women and Child Development are considering establishing National Women Entrepreneurship Council for women entrepreneurship in current business chambers.
- 15) **India Health Fund:** India Health Fund launched by Tata Trusts in collaboration with Global Fund has come forward to financially support innovations and technologies designed to combat TB and malaria.
- 16) **Competition Commission of India** has fined Rs.136 crore on Google for unfair business in Indian market for online search. The penalty was imposed on Google for infringing anti-trust conduct.
- 17) **Development Impact Bond:** Britain's Prince Charles has launched a new 10-million-dollar Development Impact Bond) to help improve education for over 200,000 children in India.
- 18) **Iraq** became the **India's biggest Oil Supplier** by overtaking Saudi Arabia of supplying **38.9 Million Tonnes of Crude Oil**. Previously Saudi Arabia supplied only 30.9 Million Tonnes of crude oil.
- 19) **The government is set to revise the base years of Gross Domestic Product (GDP),** Index of Industrial Production (IIP) and Consumer Price Index (CPI) in order to "accommodate and factor" the economic changes in the country. **Currently using 2011-2012 as the base year.**
- 20) **Fiscal Deficit:** The budget target of the fiscal deficit for the current fiscal year was reached **113.7%**
- 21) **India back as world's fastest growing Economy** by achieving **GDP=7.2% & GVA=6.7%** was achieved in the December quarter of 2017-18.
- 22) **According to the Economic Survey,** the economy is likely to grow at **7-7.5%** in 2018-2019.
- 23) The Union government has **banned the import of hormone oxytocin** to stop its misuse in livestock industry from 7th April 2018.
- 24) **India becomes a 2nd largest producer** of mobile phones in 2017 and replaced Vietnam. Currently, China is in the no. 1 position.

25) **Repo Rate: First Bi - monthly**

Repo Rate	6%
Reverse Repo Rate	5.75%
Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)	4%
Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)	19.5%
Bank Rate	6.25%
Marginal Standing Facility Rate (MSF)	6.25%

31) **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%

- 32) The Reserve Bank of India switched back to **gross domestic product (GDP) model from the gross value added (GVA)** to estimate the economic activity in the country.
- 33) Finance Ministry has imposed a **10% import duty** for Smartphone components such as printed circuit boards (PCBs), camera modules and connectors.
- 34) **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has relaxed its rules for investments by **Foreign Portfolio Investors** in Indian bonds.
- 35) **ALGORITHM TRADING: SEBI has relaxed restrictions on algorithm trading at commodity derivatives exchanges.** It is an advanced mathematical model that involves automated execution of the trade.
- 36) The Union Government has recently **amended the Prevention of Money-laundering Act, 2002 through Finance Act, 2018.**
- 37) **Advisory Council: The 15th Finance Commission chairman NK Singh** has constituted Advisory Council to advise and assist Commission on issue or subject related to Terms of Reference. **15th Finance Commission will come into effect from 2020.**

- 38) **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"
- 39) **Neonatal mortality rate:** According to a UNICEF report, India's neonatal mortality rate at 25.4 deaths per 1,000 live births.
- 40) **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)
- 41) India was formally joined as **69th shareholder of European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)**
- 42) US gives **Strategic Trade Authorisation-1 status (STA - 1)** to India. STA allows for license exception with regards to exports from the US.
- 43) **Special Watch List:** US recently have placed Pakistan on a 'Special Watch List' and also withholding USD 1.15 billion military aid.
- 44) **FALLING RUPEE:** The rupee has registered a loss of about **10%** and a **record low of 71** of its value against the dollar since the beginning of the year making it the **worst-performing currency in Asia.**
- 45) **BIS to set standards for the services sector:** The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has constituted **the process to set new standards to measure quality of services offered to consumers across different sectors, including telecom, aviation, e-commerce and healthcare.**
- 46) **NITI AAYOG LAUNCHES "PITCH TO MOVE":** NITI Aayog has launched **"Pitch to MOVE"** aims to provide budding entrepreneurs of India a unique opportunity to pitch their business ideas to a distinguished jury.
- 47) **NITI Forum:** Niti Forum for North-East has been set up to identify constraints and recommend suitable required interventions for speedy and sustainable growth in northeast region.

- 48) **Single Revenue Act: Odisha government** has proposed to come up with a single revenue act by merging various revenue laws enacted at different point in times.
- 49) Nilambur Teak from Kerala got the GI Tag.
- 50) GI tag has been given to Telangana's **Adilabad dokra and Warangal Dhurries**.
- 51) **Kadaknath chicken** (meat with black flesh) from **Jhabua district of Madhya Pradesh** has received Geographical Indication (GI) tag and "**Nagercoil Temple Jewels**" from Tamil Nadu got GI Tag.

5. SCHEMES / YOJANAS

5.1 TAMILNADU

SCHEMES / YOJANAS	OBJECTIVE / PURPOSE / Why in News?	Launched by / on
Amma Two Wheeler Scheme	Government gave 50% subsidy for women about 18-40 yrs old to buy a new two wheeler.	Tamil Nadu 24 th February 2018
"e-governance policy – 2017"	Under the TN Government's Vision 2023 plan	Tamil Nadu 2 nd January 2018
UDAN SCHEME (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik)	After the gap of 7 years 1 st flight service was flagged off from Chennai to salem	25 th March 2018
1st Ever Tamil Nadu Forest Policy 2018	Increasing the forest cover from the present 21.76 per cent to 33 per cent by 2030.	TN Forest Department 24 th July, 2018
Tamil Nadu Disaster Management Perspective Plan — 2018 - 2030		TN Revenue and Disaster Management Department 28 th August 2018

5.2 SCHEMES / YOJANAS - OTHER STATES

SCHEMES / YOJANAS	OBJECTIVE / PURPOSE / Why in News?	Which State?
Muhafiz scheme	Providing socio-economic security for workers in the unorganised sector of the state.	Jammu & Kashmir

Zero Budget Natural Farming	To promote organic farming & aims to increase the natural product and farmer's income by 2022	Himachal Pradesh
Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana	New AIIMS was established	In Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh
Mukhyamantri Kalakar Sahayata Yojana	To provide financial assistance for the literature and cultural artists of state	Odisha
"One district, one product" scheme	To promote indigenous products to every district	Uttar Pradesh
National Health Protection Scheme	West Bengal was the 1 st state to opt out from this Scheme	
Parivartan Scheme	For Cleanliness and Pollution free.	Haryana
100 Days Work Scheme	For garbage disposal by the Panchayats	West Bengal
Ama Gaon, Ama Vikas (Our Village, our development)	Self involvement programme for rural areas in developmental activities	Odisha
Swachh Shakti 2018	To recognize the women in their outstanding contribution towards making Swachh Bharat in rural India	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
Videsh Aaya Pradesh ke Dwaar	An engagement programme with regional media	Hyderabad, Telangana
Rupashree scheme	Before the marriage of a poor girl an amount of Rs. 25,000 will be credited to that girl's account	West Bengal
MUKHYAMANTRI YUVA NESTAM	Provide Rs 1000 per month for unemployed youth in the state	Andhra Pradesh
KANYASHREE PRAKALPA SCHEME (conditional cash transfer scheme)	To improve the status and well-being of girl child by incentivising schooling of teenage girls and delaying their marriages until the age of 18	West Bengal
BIJU SWASTHYA KALYAN YOJANA	Provide Rs. 5 lakh per family per annum for all Secondary and Tertiary Cashless Health Care Assistance	Odisha
KANYA VAN SAMRUDDHI YOJANA	In Farmers families where girl children are born, will be given saplings for plantation	Maharashtra
Ganga Hariteema Yojana / Ganga Greenery scheme	In the Banks of River Ganga by planting more trees to Control the soil erosion. (THEME: One Person One Tree)	Uttar Pradesh
GREEN MAHANADI MISSION (Plantation mission)	2 crore saplings will be planted along the Mahanadi river and its tributaries	Odisha

RYTHU BANDHU (FRIEND OF FARMERS)	Investment scheme to support livelihood of farmers.	Telangana
GOPABANDHU SAMBADIKA SWASTHYA BIMA YOJANA	New Health Insurance Scheme for the Journalists in the State.	Odisha
SURYASHAKTI KISAN YOJANA (Solar power scheme)	Farmers enabling them to generate electricity	Gujarat
'Antyodaya Aahaar Yojana'	Subsidised canteen	Haryana
SANCHAR KRANTI YOJANA	50 lakh smartphones will be distributed free of cost to rural households, urban poor and college students across the state	Chhattisgarh
ONE FARMER ONE TRANSFORMER	Provide electrical connection for high voltage distribution line to about two lakh farmers of the state	Maharashtra
KANTI VELUGU EYE CARE SCHEME	The Scheme is for each and every citizen of the State	Telangana
Asmita Yojana	School girls will get sanitary napkin at Rs 5 and the rural women can get the napkin at Rs.24 and Rs.29	Maharashtra
KUSHI	To provide a Sanitary napkin at free of cost to girl students for all the schools in the State	Odisha

5.3 SCHEMES / YOJANAS - NATIONAL

SCHEMES / YOJANAS	PURPOSE / Why in News?	Launched by / Approved by / on
SUVIDHA (100% Oxo-biodegradable Sanitary Napkin)	Affordable sanitary napkin will be available for Rs. 2.50 per pad at over 3200 Janaushadhi Kendras across India	Union Government
"#Yes I Bleed" campaign	Initiated in Facebook, YouTube etc., for creating the awareness of menstruation issues	Union Government
StreeSwabhiman	To improve awareness on menstrual health and hygiene of women	Union Government
Ayushman Bharat Scheme - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (It will be world's largest government-funded healthcare programme)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Health and Wellness Centres - Aim is to have 1.5 lakh centres in India on 2022 (Launched at Bijapur, Chhattisgarh on 14 April 2018) ➤ National Health Protection Scheme - Will cover over 10 crore poor and vulnerable families and Rs. 5 lakh insurance to each family per year on 2022 (Launched at Ranchi, Jharkhand on 23 September 	Government of India

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

	2018) ➤ Announced in Union budget (2018-19)	
GOBARdhan Scheme (Galvanising Organic Bio-Agro Resources)	Launched in Union budget 2018 -19 to manage and convert cattle dung and solid waste in farms to compost, bio-gas and bio-CNG launched in Karnal district of Haryana	Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation 30 th April 2018
KUSUM Scheme (Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahaabhiyan)	Launched in Union budget 2018 -19 to encourage the farmers for solar farming.	Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
RISE scheme (Revitalising Infrastructure and Systems in Education)	Launched in union budget (2018-19) to lend low-cost funds to government higher educational institutions	➤ Ministry of Human Resource Development ➤ Mobilize funds from Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA)
Saksham 2018 (Sanrakshan Kshamta Mahotsav)	To create awareness among the people, on the need for conservation and effective utilisation of petroleum products	Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas
Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (1 st launched on 2015 in Haryana)	Expanded from 161 districts to all the 640 districts throughout the country	➤ Ministry of Women and Child Development ➤ Ministry of Health & Family Welfare ➤ Ministry of Human Resource Development
Street Lighting National Programme (Rajasthan was the 1 st state to adopt the Programme)	➤ World's Largest Street Light Replacement Programme. ➤ Replace 1.34 crore conventional street lights with energy efficient LED lights by March, 2019	Union Government
Van Dhan Scheme	PM inaugurated the Scheme for Tribal's economic development in Bijapur, Chattisgarh	Ministry of Tribal Affairs 14 th April 2018
➤ TARES ➤ Overseas Visiting Doctoral Fellowship ➤ (DIA ➤ AWSAR	4 schemes to promote young scientists namely ➤ Teacher Associate ship for Research Excellence ➤ Overseas Visiting Doctoral Fellowship ➤ Distinguished Investigator Award ➤ Augmenting Writing Skills for Articulating Research	Ministry of Science & Technology
Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan	To ensure free check-ups to pregnant women on 9th of every month at government health centres and hospitals in both rural and urban areas for ensuring safe pregnancy	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

AMRIT SCHEME (Affordable Medicine and Reliable Implants for Treatment)	For poor people on treatment of cancer and heart diseases	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
7.75% savings (Taxable) bonds scheme	To help the citizens to invest in a taxable bond	Ministry of Finance
Prime Minister Fellowship Scheme	To encouraging young, talented, enthusiastic and result-oriented scholars to take up industry-relevant research	Ministry of Human Resource Development
Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Scheme for Providing Free LPG connections to Women from BPL Households ➤ Target to enhance up to 8 crore beneficiaries from 5 crore will be achieved by 2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas ➤ First Launched on May 1st, 2016 in Ballia, Uttar Pradesh
Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana	Provides houses to all poor in urban areas by 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation ➤ Launched in June 2015
Anti-Narcotics Scheme	Government extends anti-narcotics scheme for 3 years to combat illicit trafficking in drugs and psychotropic substances	Ministry of Home Affairs 1 st Launched in 2004
Atal Bhujal Yojana	To tackle ever-deepening crisis of depleting ground water level with World Bank assistance	Ministry of Water Resources
IMPRINT II	It will motivate technical institutions to conduct research in areas where the country is heavily dependent on a foreign technology	Joint initiative of IIT's and IISc.
National Nutrition Mission (POSHAN Abhiyaan)	To achieve an improvement in nutritional status of Children from 0-6 years, Adolescent Girls, Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers in a time bound manner during the next three years beginning from 2017-18	Ministry of Women and Child Development at Jhunjhunu in Rajasthan on 8 th march 2018
LaQshya program	to improve the quality of maternity care in labour room and maternity Operation Theatre	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Women Entrepreneurship Platform	To build an ecosystem for women across India to realize their entrepreneurial aspirations in business. Theme Song: "Naari Shakti"	Niti Aayog
Satyagraha Se Swachhagraha Campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To commemorate the 100th Year of the Champaran Satyagraha (19th April 1917) ➤ Launched in New Delhi 	Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation
Gram Swaraj Abhiyan	For reaching out to poor households, spreading awareness about government welfare schemes and other people centric initiatives From 14th April to 5th May, 2018	Government Of India

Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ PM inaugurated the scheme to strengthen the country's Panchayati Raj system ➤ At Ramnagar, Madhya Pradesh 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ministry of Panchayati Raj ➤ On the occasion of the National Panchayat Raj day (24th April 2018)
Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan	To motivate and engage children of the age group of 6-18 years in Science, Mathematics, and Technology through observation, experimentation, inference drawing, model building, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ministry of Human Resource Development ➤ On April 2018
Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana	To support and promote organic farming and improving soil health	Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer welfare has revised this scheme
Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)	The Union government allowed States to set up its own insurance companies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare ➤ On April 2016
Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana.	India has achieved the village electrification targets after the full electrification of the last village, Leisang Village, Senapathi District, Manipur	on 28 th April 2018
Unnat Bharat Abhiyan 2.0	To Build Institutes of higher education in research & training relevant to the needs of rural people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ministry of Human Resource Development ➤ on 25th April 2018 ➤ (UBA 1.0 launched on 11th Novembter, 2014)
PRADHAN MANTRI JAN VIKAS KARYAKRAM (PMJVK)	"Renaming and restructuring" of Multi-sectoral Development Programme as "Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs ➤ 3rd May 2018
PRADHAN MANTRI VAYA VANDANA YOJANA (PMVVY) (Launched on May 2017)	To doubling the investment limit for senior citizens from (Rs. 7.5 lakhs to Rs. 15 lakhs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Union Cabinet ➤ 2nd May 2018
PRADHAN MANTRI SWASTHYA SURAKSHA YOJANA (PMSSY) (Announced in 2003)	To set up 20 All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) across the country and upgrade 73 medical colleges. And it is extended beyond 12th Five Year Plan to 2019-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Union Cabinet ➤ 2nd May 2018
PRADHAN MANTRI KRISHI SINCHAYEE YOJANA (PMKSY) (Launched on 2015)	To set up of Micro Irrigation Fund (MIF) in NABARD Bank under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY)	Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs

PILOT SCHEME FOR PROCUREMENT OF AGGREGATE POWER OF 2500 MW	For three years	Ministry of Power
SAMAGRA SHIKSHA SCHEME	To improve the quality of school education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ministry of Human Resource Development ➤ 24th May 2018
GREEN REVOLUTION – KRISHONNATI YOJANA	Continuation of Umbrella Scheme “Green Revolution - Krishonnati Yojana” in Agriculture Sector. The Umbrella scheme comprises of 11 Schemes and Missions	Cabinet committee on economic affairs
VAN DHAN VIKAS KENDRAS	To Expand the Van Dhan Vikas Kendras in tribal districts across the country.	Ministry of Tribal Affairs
PERMANENT RESIDENCY STATUS SCHEME	Providing foreigners who invest at least Rs.10 crore under the Foreign Direct Investment.	Union Cabinet
DIGITAL INDIA INTERNSHIP SCHEME PORTAL	It is the Website for Students to apply for the Internship	Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
SEVA BHOJ YOJANA	To provide financial assistance on a purchase of specific food items by Charitable Religious Institutions (CRIs) for free distribution among people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ministry of Culture ➤ On 11th June 2018
PARIWARTAN SCHEME (Power Asset Revival through Warehousing and Rehabilitation)	to protect value of stressed power projects and prevent their distress sale under the insolvency and bankruptcy code	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Union government ➤ 21st June 2018
KRISHI KALYAN ABHIYAN	To aid, assist and advice farmers to improve their farming techniques and raise their income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare ➤ 1st June 2018 –31st July 2018

6. INDICES

6.1 INTERNATIONAL

INDEX	PURPOSE / RELEASED BY	INDIA'S RANKING	TOP RANKING
Inclusive Development Index	World Economic Forum's Inclusive Development Index	62 / 74	Norway
Environmental Performance Index	World Economic Forum	177 / 180	Switzerland

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Global Manufacturing Index	World Economic Forum	30 / 100	Japan
Global Talent Competitiveness Index	INSEAD combined with Adecco group and Tata communications.	81	Switzerland
Military Balance 2018	Military Budget	5	USA
Inclusive Internet Index 2018	The Report was commissioned by Facebook and conducted by The Economist Intelligence Unit	47 / 86	Sweden
RULE OF LAW INDEX	World Justice Project	62 / 113	Denmark
Corruption Perception Index 2017	NGO Transparency International.	81 / 180	New Zealand
Wealthiest country	New World Wealth	6	USA
Intellectual Property Index 2018	Released by US Chamber of Commerce	44 / 50	USA
Global Democracy Index 2017	Economist Intelligence Unit	42 / 165	Norway
World Happiness Index 2018	UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network	133 / 156	Finland
Energy Transition Index 2018	World Economic Forum	78 / 114	Sweden
Global Firepower Index 2017	Strongest Armies in the world	4	USA
Internet Security Threat Report	Symantec	3	USA
Index of Economic Freedom 2018	US-based Think Tank, the Heritage Foundation	130 / 186	Hong Kong
World Press Freedom Index 2018	Reporters Without Borders (RSF)	138 / 180	Norway
Commonwealth Innovation Index 2018	United Nations World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) and the Global Innovation Index (GII)	10 / 53	UK
FDI Confidence Index 2018	Global consultancy firm A T Kearney	11 / 25	USA

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Asia Power Index	Australian think tank Lowy Institute	4 / 25	
Global Peace Index 2018	Sydney - based think tank Institute for Economics and Peace	136 / 163	Iceland
Global Real Estate Transparency Index 2018	Realty consultant JLL	35 / 100	UK
End of Childhood Index 2018	Childhood is threatened as a result of poor health, malnutrition, exclusion from education, child labour, and child marriage.	113 / 175	Singapore and Slovenia are top sharing
Global Innovation Index 2018	World Intellectual Property Organisation	57 / 130	Switzerland

6.2 NATIONAL

- 1) **Health Index** was released by NITI Aayog, Kerala ranked as top, and Tamil Nadu ranked as 3rd position. UP was in last position.
- 2) **Annual Survey of India's City-Systems (ASICS) 2017 report:** For Urban Governance, **Pune** was **ranked 1st among 23 cities** across India, Chennai was ranked as the 19th position & Bengaluru was in last position released by **Bengaluru-based non-profit organisation, Janaagraha**
- 3) **Hyderabad in Telangana** has been ranked as the **top city** and *Chennai has been ranked 14th* in the **"Global City Momentum Index - 2018"** by JLL.
- 4) **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.**
- 5) **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 (1st Place)
 - Telangana (2nd Place)

- Haryana (3rd Place)
 - Tamil Nadu (15th Place)
- 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 22nd July 2018; **Kerala tops the list as a best-governed state in the country followed by Tamil Nadu.**
- 7) **Ease of Living Index:** Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs released the report that **Pune from Maharashtra ranked as 1st position and Chennai ranked in 14th position.**

REPORTS

(i) NATIONAL

- 1) According to the report released by the **Steel Users Federation of India (SUFI)**. India becomes a **2nd largest** manufacturer of **crude steel** and China is the largest producer of crude steel in the world.
- 2) **Internet Security Threat Report: India is the 3rd most vulnerable country** (India moved 1 position above from previous year) to cyber threats after **USA and China**. The report is released by **Symantec**.

(ii) INTERNATIONAL

- 1) **Global Energy Transformation: International Renewable Energy Agency** has launched its *long-term renewable energy outlook* "**Global Energy Transformation: A Roadmap to 2050**".
- 2) **The wealthiest country in the world:** According to *AfrAsia Bank Global Wealth Migration Report*, **India is the 6th wealthiest country** in the world and US is the richest country in the world.

(iii) ECONOMY

- 1) International Labor Organization has released the **World Employment and Social outlook, 2018**.
- 2) **LEADS:** Logistics Ease across Different States (LEADS), Gujarat has topped the 1st in the logistics index chart.
- 3) India becomes the world's 3rd largest steel producer According to the report published by World Steel Association.
- 4) The Annual Status of Education Report, 2017 was released by the NGO **Pratham**.

- 5) **Wealthiest country:** Report released by New World Wealth, India has been ranked as the 6th position. US were ranked as 1st position.
- 6) India's financial capital Mumbai, with a total wealth of USD 950 billion ranked **12th among the top 15** wealthiest cities globally, while New York topped the list published by New World Wealth.
- 7) **Asian Development Outlook: Asian Development Bank released the outlook** that **India's economy to grow 7.3% in 2018-19 and 7.6% in 2019-20.**
- 8) **India is the world's 6th largest economy:** According to International Monetary Fund's **World Economic Outlook** on April 2018, India is now the world's sixth largest economy.
- 9) **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 1st position.

(iv) DEFENCE AND SPACE

- 1) *Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) has released the report that **India has emerged as 5th largest military spender in 2017. Top 5 Countries are USA, China, Saudi Arabia, Russia and India.***

7. COMMITTEE

7.1 TAMIL NADU

- 1) **M.A. Siddhique committee:** To resolve the controversies and the implementation of the 7th Pay commission in Tamil Nadu.
- 2) **ATULYA MISHRA COMMITTEE:** The State government has appointed Atulya Misra, as an inquiry officer on 14th March 2018 to probe the **KORANGANI forest fire tragedy** in Theni district.
- 3) **ARUNA JEGADEESAN COMMITTEE:** The Tamil Nadu government appointed a **one-member Committee** of Inquiry headed by a retired judge of the Madras High Court "Mrs. Aruna Jegadeesan" on **23rd May 2018 to probe the violence at Thoothukudi in which thirteen people were killed.**

- 4) **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

7.2 NATIONAL

- 1) **Umesh Sinha Committee:** The Election Commission has constituted 14 member committee to suggest the changes in Section 126 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 in view of social media expansion.
- 2) **Afzal Amanullah Committee:** Based on the Recommendation of this Committee, Government has decided to end the Haj Subsidy from this year.
- 3) **Malimath Committee** is for the reforms in the criminal justice system (CJS).
- 4) **N Gopalaswami committee:** The UGC has constituted a four-member Empowered Expert Committee which is being entrusted to conduct the appraisal of applications for shortlisting **20 Institutions of Eminence.**
- 5) **YH Malegam committee:** RBI appoints **YH Malegam committee** to monitor bad loans, rising cases of frauds & audits.
- 6) **Vinay Sheel Oberoi Committee:** Ministry of Defence Capital Projects
- 7) **NagaMohan Das Committee:** To grant a separate “**Religion Status and Minority Status for Lingayat Community**” in Karnataka. CM Siddaramiah accepted the suggestions and declared.
- 8) **One nation one election: Justice B.S. Chauhan Committee** released the white paper draft about the *simultaneous elections to Lok Sabha and state assemblies.*
- 9) **Agnihotri COMMITTEE:** A two-member committee has been appointed to make **recommendations for revising the rules of the Upper House (Rajya Sabha).**

- 10) **E SREEDHARAN COMMITTEE:** PM Modi has approved setting up of the **committee to lay down standards for metro rail systems in the country.**
- 11) **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.**
- 12) **PRADEEP KUMAR SINHA COMMITTEE:** The Union Government has constituted a high level empowered committee **to address the issues of stressed thermal power projects.**

7.3 ECONOMICS

- 1) **Ashok Dalwai committee:** Aim of the committee is to doubling the Farmer's Income (DFI).
- 2) **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.
- 3) **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.**
- 4) **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.**
- 5) **B SESIKERAN COMMITTEE:** FSSAI has constituted three-member committee to look into draft food labelling and display regulations- **Food Safety and Standards (Labelling and Display) Regulations 2018.**
- 6) **5G steering committee: AJ Paulraj committee-** 5G Steering committee has proposed promulgation of **key norms on regulatory matters in order to facilitate early deployment of 5G technology**

7.4 INTERNATIONAL

- 1) **Justice Rajesh Bindal committee:** The committee recommended the Indian government to establish *Inter-Country Parental Child Removal Disputes Resolution Authority* in India.

8. SUMMITS, CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS

NAME	HOSTED BY/ HELD IN/AT	OBJECTIVE/THEME
Pravasi Bharatiya Divas	Singapore 9th Jan 2018	Ancient Route, New Journey: Diaspora in the Dynamic Asean-India Partnership
18th All India Whips Conference	Udaipur, Rajasthan 8th - 9th Jan, 2018	
1st International Dam Safety Conference	Kovalam, Kerala January 23-24	Dam Health And Rehabilitation Monitoring Application (DHARMA) app was launched
7th Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav 2018	Bengaluru, Karnataka 14th to 20th January	To celebrate the idea of unity in diversity
7th edition of India Energy Congress (IEC)	New Delhi February 1 st – 2 nd	Energy 4.0- Energy Transition towards 2030
5th edition of South Asia Region Public Procurement Conference	New Delhi 05-February-2018	Public Procurement and Service Delivery
1st International Solar Alliance Summit	New Delhi, India 11 March 2018	Host Country Agreement was signed. ISA was launched at the 2015 Paris Conference
World Information Technology Congress	Hyderabad, Telangana Feb 19, 2018	Future Enterprises
International conference on Sustainable Bio fuels 2018	New Delhi, India 26 th Feb 2018	
21st National Conference on e-Governance	Hyderabad, Telangana 27th Feb 2018.	Technology for accelerating Development
2018 Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit	Qingdao, China 9 th – 10 th June 2018	Members: 8 Countries including India, Pakistan, China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan. Eurasian political, economic, and security alliance
6th World Government Summit	Dubai, (UAE) February 11 to 13, 2018	India was the guest country
World Sustainable Development Summit 2018	TERI, New Delhi. February 2018	“Partnerships for a Resilient Planet”.

4th Global Business Summit	By Times Group. New Delhi, India	New Economy, New Rules.
World Tamil Traditional Conference	Kumarapalayam, Erode March 1 -2 2018	
5th World Saiva Siddanta Conference	Chennai 8th March 2018	
Global Digital Summit	Kochi, Kerala	Towards a Digital Future
8th edition of Theatre Olympics	New Delhi	Flag of Friendship
Delhi End-TB Summit	New Delhi, India 24 th March 2018	To End TB India's Target: 2025 & World's Target: 2030.
1st International Print Biennale(Print Biennale India 2018)	New Delhi, India	An International Exhibition of Graphic Prints
7th Edition of Conference on International Security 2018	Moscow, Russia	
Global Logistics Summit 2018	New Delhi, India April 5 - 6, 2018	
11th Edition of World Hindi Conference 2018	Port Louis, Mauritius August 2018	Vaishvik Hindi Aur Bharatiya Sanskriti
International Buddhist Conference	Lumbini, Nepal 29 - 30 April 2018	The birthplace of Lord Buddha and the fountain of Buddhism and the world
India-Wiesbaden Conference 2018	New Delhi April 16-17, 2018	
16th Edition of International Energy Forum	<i>New Delhi, India</i> April 10-12, 2018	The Future of Global Energy Security: Transition, Technology, Trade, and Investment
2nd edition of the India Mobile Congress	New Delhi October 2018	NEW DIGITAL HORIZONS Connect, Create, innovate
Malaria Summit	London, UK	<i>Malaria No More</i>
25th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting 2018 (CHOGM 2018)	London, UK on 20 th April 2018	Towards a Common Future
29th edition of Arab League Summit 2018	Dhahran, Saudi Arabia April 2018	
1st India-Nordic Summit	Stockholm, Capital of Sweden April 2018	
8th Regional 3R Forum in Asia and Pacific	Indore, Madhya Pradesh	<i>Achieving Clean Water, Clean Land, and Clean Air through 3R and Resource Efficiency- A 21st Century</i>

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		<i>Vision for Asia-Pacific Communities.</i>
First Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Tourism Ministers conference	Wuhan, China 10 th May 2018	
1st ever Shanghai Cooperation Organisation-Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (SCO-RATS) Meeting	Islamabad, Pakistan 23 rd May 2018	The meeting was to discuss issues related to terrorist threats in the region and how to overcome them.
4th South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network (SAWEN) Meeting.	Kolkata, West Bengal May 8-10, 2018	
9th India-Japan Energy Dialogue	New Delhi 1 st May 2018	
6th US - India Aviation Summit (Biennial Summit)	Mumbai, Maharashtra May 9-11, 2018	
India-US Maritime Security Dialogue	Goa April 30 to May 1, 2018	
15th Asia Media Summit (AMS 2018)	New Delhi May 10-12, 2018	“Telling our Stories- Asia and More”
1st Apex Conference for CEOs of Smart Cities	Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh 15 th May 2018	The objective is to promote sustainability, innovation and participatory approaches in the Smart Cities.
3rd United Nations Peacekeeping Course for African Partners	New Delhi May 7 to 25, 2018	To build and enhance the capacity of the African Troop Contributing Countries to the UN.
1st Bi-annual Naval Commanders Conference	New Delhi May 8-11 2018	
44th G7 Summit 2018	Quebec, Canada 8 th – 9 th June 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 45th Summit 2019 will be held in Biarritz, France. ➤ 43rd Summit, 2017- Sicily, Italy
India, Brazil and South Africa (IBSA) Ministerial Meet	Pretoria, South Africa 5 th June 2018	
11th Geo-Intelligence Asia Meet 2018	New Delhi, India 4 th – 5 th June 2018	“GeoSpatial: A Force Multiplier for Defense and Internal Security”
18th Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit (QINGDAO DECLARATION*)	Qingdao, China 9 th – 10 th June 2018	

International Conference on Information and Communication Technology (ICT)	Kathmandu, Nepal 17 th – 18 th June 2018	<i>“Sustainable Development Goals for Smart Society”</i>
10th Meeting of Global Alliance to Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis (GAELF)	New Delhi, India 13 th June 2018	Aim of the meeting to Eliminate lymphatic filariasis
106th Indian Science Congress	Jalandhar, Punjab 3 rd – 7 th January 2019 (Upcoming*)	<i>“Future India: Science & Technology”</i>
4th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog	Rashtrapathi Bhavan, New Delhi 17 th June 2018	
3rd Annual Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) Meet	Mumbai, Maharashtra 26 th June 2018	<i>“Mobilising Finance for Infrastructure: Innovation and Collaboration”</i>
10TH ANNUAL BRICS SUMMIT (JOHANNESBURG DECLARATION)	Johannesburg, South Africa 25 th – 27 th July 2018	<p>“BRICS in Africa: Collaboration for Inclusive Growth and Shared Prosperity in the 4th Industrial Revolution”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 11th BRICS Summit will be held in Brazil on 2019 ➤ 12th BRICS Summit will be held in Russia on 2020
42nd Session of World Heritage Committee of UNESCO	Manama, Bahrain 1 st July 2018	
5th Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Meet	Tokyo, Japan 2 nd July 2018	
6th Biennial World Cities Summit	Singapore 8 th – 12 th July 2018	<i>“Liveable & Sustainable Cities: Embracing the Future through Innovation and Collaboration”</i>
17th WORLD SANSKRIT CONFERENCE	Vancouver, Canada 9 th – 13 th July 2018	
The 10th edition of Delhi Dialogue (DD X)	New Delhi 19 th July 2018	<i>“Strengthening India-ASEAN Maritime Cooperation”</i>
Google’s Cloud Next 2018	San Francisco, USA 26 th July 2018	

2nd Young Superintendent of Police Conference	New Delhi 26 th July 2018	“Predictive Policing and Contemporary Challenges for Indian Police Forces”
Global Disability Summit 2018	Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in London 24 th July 2018	
24th WORLD CONGRESS OF PHILOSOPHY	Beijing, China 13 th – 17 th August 2018	“Learning To Be Human”
11th WORLD HINDI CONFERENCE	Port Louis, Mauritius 18 th – 20 th August 2018	“Vaishvik Hindi Aur Bharatiy Sanskriti”
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RECENT ADVANCES IN FOOD PROCESSING TECHNOLOGY (iCRAFPT)	Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu 17 th August 2018	“Doubling farmers income through food processing”
INDIA BANKING CONCLAVE (IBC) 2018	New Delhi 23 rd – 24 th August 2018	
Biennial INTERNATIONAL BUDDHIST CONCLAVE (IBC), 2018	New Delhi 22 nd August 2018	“Buddha Path – The Living Heritage”
G20 DIGITAL ECONOMY MINISTERIAL MEETING	Salta, Argentina 23 rd – 24 th August 2018	“Building consensus for fair and sustainable development”
3rd INDIAN OCEAN CONFERENCE	Hanoi, Vietnam 27 th -28 th August 2018	“Building Regional Architectures”
4TH ASIAN ELECTORAL STAKEHOLDERS FORUM (AESF-IV)	Colombo, Sri Lanka 7 th August 2018	“Advancing Election Transparency and Integrity: Promoting and Defending Democracy Together”
1st SAARCAGRI COOPERATIVE BUSINESS FORUM	Kathmandu, Nepal 29 th August 2018	“Organizing and Strengthening Family Farmers’ Cooperatives to attain the Sustainable-Development-Goals-1 and 2 in South Asia”
6TH REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP (RCEP) TRADE MINISTERS MEETING	Singapore 30-31 st August 2018	
4th BIMSTEC SUMMIT	Kathmandu, Nepal 30-31 st August 2018	

9. MILITARY EXERCISES

EXERCISE NAME	HELD BETWEEN	TYPE OF AN EXERCISE	PLACE/Date
Vajra Prahar	Indo-US Special Forces	Joint military exercise	Seattle, United States
VINBAX-2018	India and Vietnam	Bilateral Army Exercise	Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh
SAREX-18	Indian Coast Guard and Japan Coast Guard	Joint search and Rescue exercise	Chennai coast
ENCORE	Test war-fighting capabilities of the combat units	Eastern Naval Command Operational Readiness Exercise	
MILAN	16 countries including India	Biennial Multilateral Naval Exercise	Port Blair in Andaman and Nicobar (A&N) islands (From March 6 to 13, 2018)
Lamitye 2018	Indian Army and Seychelles peoples Defence force	Bilateral military exercise	Indian Ocean (on 28 th Feb 2018)
Garuda Shakti	Indian Army and Indonesian Army	6 th Garuda Shakti exercise	Bandung, Indonesia
Paschim Lehar	Between Indian Navy, Indian Army, Indian Air Force and Coast Guard	Tri-service maritime exercise	Arabian Sea
MILES-18	10 th edition of the MILAN Exercise 11 naval ships of 8 countries and 9 Indian ships had participated	1 st ever multi-nation naval exercise THEME: "Friendship across the Seas"	Andaman Sea organised by Andaman & Nicobar Naval Command.
SAGAR KAVACH	Two-day coastal security	exercise Sagar Kavach	Kerala coast conducted by Indian Coast Guard (ICG).
CHAKRAVAT EXERCISE	Indian Navy and Kerala Government	Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise	Kochi Coast
GAGANSHAKTI 2018	Indian, Pakistan, and China are going to conduct	Joint Air Combat Exercise	April 10 to 23, 2018
SAHYOG-HYEOBLYEOG 2018	India and South Korea coast guards	Anti-piracy, search and rescue exercise	Chennai Coast
KHANJAR V	India and Kyrgyzstan	Joint military exercise	Mizoram

RIMPAC 2018	26 Countries including India (1 st time Participation Countries- Israel, Vietnam, Sri Lanka and Brazil)	World's largest international Maritime warfare exercise THEME: "Capable, Adaptive, Partners"	Hawaiian Islands 27 th June – 2 nd August 2018
HARIMAU SHAKTI 2018	India and Malaysia	1 st ever bilateral Joint military exercise	SengaiPerdik, Hulu Langat, Malaysia. (30 th April – 13 th May 2018)
First Phase of Varuna-18	India & France	Annual Bi-lateral Naval Exercise	Goa Coast, Arabian Sea. (March 20-24, 2018)
Second Phase of Varuna-18	India & France	Annual Bi-lateral Naval Exercise	Chennai Coast (April 2018)
Final and 3rd PHASE OF VARUNA 2018	India and France	Annual Bi-lateral Naval Exercise	Reunion Island (1 st May – 7 th May 2018)
SURYA KIRAN XIII	India and Nepal	A Joint Bilateral annual Military exercise	Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand (30 th May -12 th June 2018)
VIJAY PRAHAR	South Western Command of Indian Army	Military Exercise	Suratgarh, Rajasthan
GANDIV VIJAY	Chetak corps of South Western Command of Indian Army	Military Exercise	Mahajan field firing ranges of Rajasthan
MALABAR 2018	India, US & Japan	22 nd Trilateral Naval Exercise	Guam, Philippine Sea 6 th June – 15 th June 2018
Pitch Black – 18 (1st time Indian Air Force participating)	12 Countries including INDIA	Multilateral Air force Exercise	Australia (27 th July – 17 th August 2018)
Samvedna 2018 'Samvedna' means 'Empathy'	Air Forces of Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, UAE and Myanmar have joined in the exercise	IAF's 1 st Multilateral Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Air exercise in the South Asian region	Kerala coast
IRON FIST	US and Japan	Joint military exercise	
Juniper Cobra 2018	Israel – US	Joint military exercise	Israel

Cobra Gold	Between (Asia & Pacific ocean) seven countries namely Thailand, United States of America, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Republic of Korea and Singapore	Military exercise	Thailand
Gulf Shield 1 military exercise	Between 23 countries including Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member countries	Military exercise	Eastern Region of Saudi Arabia.
FOAL EAGLE	U.S and South Korea	Joint military exercise	
DESERT TIGER 5	United Arab Emirates and Malaysia	Joint military exercise	Dubai, UAE
BALIKATAN	U.S and Philippines	Joint annual Military exercise	Philippines
MAITREE 2018	India and Thailand	Joint military exercise	Thailand
SCO PEACE MISSION 2018	Between all SCO members	Counter Terror Military exercise	Chebarkul, Russia

10. DEFENCE

- 1) **Operation NISTAR:** Indian Navy has successfully rescued 38 Indians with the help of “**INS SUNAYANA**” from cyclone-hit **Socotra Island in Yemen.**
- 2) **Operation Madad & Operation Sahyog:** *Indian Navy has launched Operation Madad, major rescue and relief operation in flood-hit Kerala. Indian Army also has launched Operation Sahyog to rescue people in flood-hit Kerala*
- 3) **DefExpo India- 2018:** PM inaugurated the **4 Days DEFENCE-EXPO, 10th edition** of the expo was held on **(11th Apr – 14th Apr 2018)** in **Thiruvidadanthai, Thiruporur Taluk, Kancheepuram District. THEME: “India: The Emerging Defence Manufacturing Hub”**
- 4) **Tamil Nadu Defence Quad:** The Finance Minister announced in the Budget (2018-19) setting of **Defence Production Corridors in Tamil Nadu.** The corridor will extend from **Chennai, Hosur, Coimbatore, Salem, and Tiruchirappalli.**
- 5) **Mt. Bhagirathi II: Indian Army Women Officers Mountaineering Expedition to Mt. Bhagirathi-II (6512 metres -located in the**

Garhwal Himalayas in Gangotri National Park) consisting of nine women officers, was recently flagged off.

- 6) **Navika Sagar Parikrama:** Indian Navy's 6 member all-women Navy crew onboard of **INSV Tarini reached Panaji, Goa after circumnavigating around the globe in 254 days** on 21st May 2018 (expedition started on 10 september 2017 in Goa). Under Navika Sagar Parikrama expedition.
- 7) **Bhabha Kavach:** The Bhabha Atomic Reseach Centre has developed **Bhabha Kavach, a next-generation bulletproof jacket, which is of low cost and lightweight.**
- 8) **India's 1st Biofuel-powered plane:** SpiceJet's aircraft **Bombardier Q400 (VT-SUI) on biofuel** from **Dehradun to Delhi.**
- 9) **Chandrayaan - 2 Postponed:** Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has postponed Chandrayaan-2, **India's second mission to moon to January 2019.** Chandrayaan-1 mission was launched in 2008. This will be second time mission has been postponed. The ambitious mission was earlier planned to be launched in April 2018 and was later fixed for October 2018. **ISRO also aims to launch 19 missions up to March 2019. These missions include launch of four satellites to accomplish the Digital India programme by providing higher bandwidth for connectivity.**
- 10) IAF's **C-17 Globemaster heaviest aircraft** for the first time landed in the **Arunachal Pradesh** (Indo-China Border).
- 11) **AGNI - II:** It is a Surface-to-surface ballistic missile was successfully test in the Abdul Kalam Island on 20th Feb 2018.
- 12) **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.
- 13) **Rustom-2:** DRDO has tested the 1st successful unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) Rustom-2. The flight was tested at its Aeronautical Test Range at Chitradurga in Karnataka.
- 14) **Prithvi-II:** It is a surface-to-surface short-range ballistic missile was successfully tested in the Abdul Kalam Island on 22nd Feb 2018.

- 15) **Dhanush:** It is a short range ballistic missile tested from a naval ship off Odisha coast in the Bay of Bengal on 23rd Feb 2018. Dhanush is also known as Prithvi-III.
- 16) **ATGM Nag: Indigenously developed** Anti-Tank Guided Missiles **Nag** was successfully test-fired in **desert conditions** against **two tank targets at different ranges.**
- 17) **M777:** US and Indian joint together for testing **M777 ultra-light howitzers** (ULH) at Pokhran firing range in Rajasthan.
- 18) **Kh-47M2:** It is also known as **“Kinzhal” a hypersonic aero ballistic missile** tested by the Russian Aerospace Forces from the **MiG-31BM.**
- 19) **RS-28 Sarmat: Russia** has successfully test fired its **Nuclear Inter Continental Ballistic Missile RS-28 Sarmat.**
- 20) **Upgraded Pinaka Rocket:** DRDO has successfully test-fired the upgraded guided version of Pinaka Rocket from **Proof & Experiment Establishment (PXE) at Chandipur, Odisha.**
- 21) **BrahMos supersonic cruise missile:** BrahMos supersonic cruise missile was **successfully test-fired from a mobile launcher** at Balasore district, Odisha.
- 22) **Rustom-II:** Indigenously developed Rustom-II Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) developed by DRDO **will be delivered to armed forces by 2020.**
- 23) **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.**
- 24) **VIKAS ENGINE:** ISRO has successfully conducted a ground test of its **high thrust version of Vikas Engine.**
- 25) For the first time in India’s only aircraft carrier **INS Vikramaditya will be fitted with marine hydraulic systems “GS-1MF and GS-3”** to boost the air operations of the ship.
- 26) **INS Sumitra:** The Indian naval ship INS Sumitra became the **first-ever warship to enter the port of Sabang in Indonesia.**

- 27) **INS Nirbhik and INS Nirghat** was decommissioned at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai both serving in the Navy for 30yrs (Nirbhik) & 28yrs (Nirghat).
- 28) Indian Navy has launched its 3rd Scorpene class submarine **INS KARANJ** at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd, Mumbai.
- 29) **Agni-1**: Indigenously developed short-range ballistic missile was successfully test from mobile launcher at Dr. Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha.
- 30) **INS Ganga**: INS Ganga was decommissioned **on 22nd March 2018** at Mumbai, was a Godavari-class **guided-missile frigate** of the Indian Navy. It was commissioned on 30th December 1985.
- 31) **Rani Rashmoni**: Indian Coast Guard has commissioned **fast patrol vessel (FPV)** ICGS Rani Rashmoni, in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- 32) **Tejas**: The indigenous developed Tejas fighter aircraft **formally commenced its operation from sulur Air force station, Tamil Nadu.**
- 33) **ICG C-162**: Bharati Defence and Infrastructure Ltd built & delivered **high - speed interceptor boat** ICG C-162 to Indian Coast Guard in Mangaluru, Karnataka.
- 34) **SARAS PT1N** is a **14-seater passenger aircraft** designed and developed by CSIR-NAL, a frontline aerospace research laboratory, Bangalore.
- 35) **Rizhao**: **China's new missile frigate**
- 36) **Barak 8**: **India and Israel** navy jointly proposed to develop the multipurpose **"BARAK 8"** missile in defence.
- 37) **China** planned to build its **2nd Naval base in Pakistan.**
- 38) **Charlie-435**: The patrol coast guard vessel 'Charlie-435' is coastal security between **Chennai and Kanyakumari** in the Eastern Coastal region.
- 39) China has established an **underwater surveillance network** between the Indian **Ocean and the South China Sea.**

- 40) **Port of Duqm:** India has secured access the Port of Duqm in Oman in Arabian Sea for military use and logistical support.
- 41) The Indian Navy has unveiled the Integrated Automatic Aviation Meteorological System (**IAAMS**) at INS Garuda, naval air station, Kochi, Kerala. It is 4th air station installed with this integrated system.
- 42) China's Liberation Army Air Force has commissioned its new generation **J-20** 4th generation stealth fighter into combat service.
- 43) **Liaoning:** China is going to build its **1st nuclear-powered aircraft carrier** by the China Shipbuilding Industry Corporation.
- 44) **Xingkong-2:** China has successfully tested its first cutting-edge hypersonic "waverider" flight vehicle (aircraft) Xingkong-2 (Starry Sky-2).
- 45) **Type 001A:** *China's* 1st indigenously developed aircraft carrier known as "Type 001A" started its 1st sea trials from **Dalian port in Liaoning province, China.**
- 46) **National Academy of Coastal Policing:** India's 1st National coastal policing academy will going to set up in **Gujarat's Fisheries Research Centre** located in Devbhumi Dwarka district of **Gujarat.**
- 47) **F/A-18 Super Hornet Fighter Aircraft:** *Boeing, Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd, and Mahindra Defence Systems* make an agreement to manufacture the **fighter aircraft F/A-18 Super Hornet in India.**
- 48) **Fateh Mobin:** *Iran* unveils next generation **short-range ballistic missile.**
- 49) **KOWSAR:** *It is a new domestically-produced fighter jet unveiled recently by Iran.*
- 50) **SAAW:** DRDO has successfully tested indigenously developed **light weight glide bomb Smart Anti Airfield Weapon (SAAW)** dropped from an Indian Air Force aircraft in Pokhran, Rajasthan
- 51) **HELINA: Indigenously developed Helicopter launched Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM) "HELINA"** was successfully flight tested from Indian Army Helicopter at Pokhran, Rajasthan

- 52) **OSIRIS-Rex spacecraft:** The OSIRIS-REx spacecraft has begun its final approach towards the big near-Earth asteroid Bennu. **The milestone also marks the official start of OSIRIS-REx's "asteroid operations" in mission phase**

11. SPACE

SATELLITES / MISSION (LAUNCH VEHICLE)	COUNTRY	PURPOSE / LAUNCHED ON
Cartosat-2 (PSLV C40)	India	100th satellite of India by ISRO (12 th Jan 2018)
Parker Solar Probe	USA	To explore the sun's outer atmosphere
Zuma Mission	USA	Secret Mission launched by the Space X.
World's 1st fully-private Satellite	USA	Launched three small satellites into orbit – By Rocker Lab
GOLD mission	USA	To explore the ionosphere by Global-scale Observations of the Limb and Disk (GOLD) mission & Ionospheric CONnection Explorer (ICON)
Falcon Heavy Rocket	USA	Most powerful rocket in the world after NASA's Saturn V
NASA's K2 Mission	USA	Scientists from NASA have discovered nearly 100 new exoplanets outside of our solar system
MS-08	Russia	Unmanned cargo spacecraft for the International Space Station (ISS)
Chandrayaan-1 and NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter	INDIA & USA	The Moon's water may be widely distributed across its surface.
GSAT 6A	INDIA	12 th GSLV - GSAT 6A 2nd S-band communication satellite on board of GSLV-F08 rocket (29 th March 2018)
GOES-S	USA	World's most advanced weather Satellite launched through Atlas V Rocket
TESS	USA	To launch Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite to search for exoplanets using the transit method
Twin Beidou-3 (Long March-3B)	China	China has successfully sent pair of twin Beidou-30 and Beidou-31
K2-229b		Earth sized planet was found using " Doppler spectroscopy technique or wobble method "
IRNSS-1I (PSLV-C41)	India	It is the 8th navigation satellite by India.
RH-300 MKII	India	The RH-300 MKII sounding rocket developed by Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre was successfully launched from Thumba Rocket Launching Station in

Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala		
Anitha SAT	India	500gm lightweight Conical Shaped satellite was made by 17yr old 12 th STD student Villet Oviya from Trichy to measure the effects of air pollution and global warming of the earth.
NASA Mars Helicopter	USA	The Mars Helicopter, a small, autonomous rotorcraft, will travel with the agency's Mars 2020 rover mission. "Aim of the mission is to demonstrate the viability and potential of heavier-than-air vehicles on the Red Planet"
Hydroxyl Ammonium Nitrate (HAN)	INDIA	Scientists at ISRO's Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre are developing environment friendly propellant Hydroxyl Ammonium Nitrate (HAN) to power satellites and spacecraft's
RemoveDEBRIS Mission	USA	1 st Satellite to demonstrate technology to clean up space junk deployed . It was launched by the SpaceX CRS-14
(EPIC 211945201b or K2-236b) & (EPIC 211945201 or K2-236)	India	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 .
Bangabandhu-1 (Space X- Falcon 9)	Bangladesh	1 st ever communication satellite for Bangladesh (11 th May 2018)
InSight (Interior Exploration using Seismic Investigations, Geodesy and Heat Transport) (Atlas V)	USA	Mission to Mars to study deep interior of Mars 5 th May 2018
APSTAR-6C Long March-3B)	China	Communication satellite (3 rd May 2018)
Queqiao (Long March - 4C)	China's Relay Satellite	To establish communication link between earth and it's planned Chang'e-4 lunar probe (rover) that will explore the dark side of moon (20 th May 2018)
GRACE-FO (Space X - Falcon 9)	USA	SpaceX launches NASA satellites to track Earth's water Cycle. (22 nd May 2018)
GLONASS - M (Soyuz - 2.1b)	Russia	Russian Global Navigation System (17 th June 2018)
GAOFEN - 6 Long March - 2D (Also launched the Luojia-1 science experiment satellite)	China	Earth Observing Satellite (Mainly for Agriculture Research & Disaster Monitoring) (2 nd June 2018)

FENGYUN – 2H Long March – 3A (Chang Zheng 3A)	China	Geostationary Meteorological Satellite (5 th June 2018)
PRSS – 1 & PakTes – 1A Long March – 2C (Launched by China)	PAKISTAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ PRSS-1: It is China's first optical remote sensing satellite sold to Pakistan ➤ PakTES-1A: It is Pakistan's indigenously developed scientific experiment satellite (9th July 2018)
GAOFEN-11 (Long March 4B)	China	Optical Remote Sensing Satellite (31 st July 2018)
AEOLUS (Vega Rocket)	European Space Agency	World's first wind-sensing satellite (25 th August 2018)
GAGANYAAN	India	1 st Manned space mission "GAGANYAAN" 2022 (Upcoming*)
ICESAT-2 (Ice, Cloud and Land Elevation Satellite-2 (ICESat-2) mission)	NASA	Topographic Laser Altimeter System (ATLAS) September 2018 (Upcoming*)

12. CYCLONES / TYPHOONS / HURRICANES

CYCLONES / TYPHOONS / HURRICANES	AFFECTED COUNTRY	DATE
Cyclone Ava	Madagascar	January, 2018
Cyclone Gita	New Zealand, Fiji, Samoa, Vanuatu, Tonga, Queensland, American Samoa	February, 2018
Cyclone Mekunu	Yemen, Oman, Saudi Arabia	May, 2018
Cyclone Josie	Fiji	April, 2018
	Keni	
Cyclone Fakir	Madagascar	April, 2018
Cyclone Sagar (named by India)	Yemen, Somalia	May, 2018
HURRICANE BUD	Mexico, USA, Canada	June, 2018
Typhoon Ampil	China	July, 2018

13. SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT

- 1) **MIHIR:** It is a supercomputer which has 6.8 PetaFlops launched by National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF) at

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

noida, **which can able to predict extreme weather events, Tsunami forecasts, cyclones, earthquakes etc.,**

- 2) **Pratyush:** It is a fourth fastest supercomputer which has 6.8 Peta Flops in world to dedicate for weather and climate research designed by Pune-based Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM).
- 3) **Bandicoot Robot:** It was developed by a group of young engineers from **Kerala for an end of the abominable and legally banned practice of manual scavenging.**
- 4) **ROTAVAC** Vaccine gets World Health Organization (WHO) pre-qualification. **ROTAVAC is an India's diarrhoea vaccine.**
- 5) **Pink BollWorm Attack on Cotton:** Majorly affected cotton cultivated areas are Gujarat, Maharashtra, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.
- 6) **India** has missed the deadline December 2017 of eliminating Kala Azar (Black fever or Dum Dum fever).
- 7) **Super Blood Blue Moon** was appeared on 31st January in parts of western North America, Asia, the Middle East, Russia and Australia.
- 8) **SPT0615-JD:** NASA scientists have discovered SPT0615-JD the farthest known galaxy in the Universe.
- 9) World's 5th largest **910 carat diamond** was found in Lesotho mine, **South Africa.**
- 10) **Ramthal Marola project:** It is the Asia's largest drip irrigation project setup with the help of Israel technology has been implemented in Bhagalkot District, Karnataka.
- 11) ONGC is planning to introduce carbon dioxide (CO₂) injection technology in its **Gandhar oil field** in Gujarat. It will be the Asia's large scale CO₂-injection project.
- 12) The Virgin Group led by Richard Branson has signed an agreement with Maharashtra Government to build the **1st hyperloop transportation system between Mumbai and Pune.**
- 13) India will going to Host the **"World Environment Day 2018"** which is observed on 5th June every year. **Theme:** "Beat Plastic Pollution".

- 14) **Norovirus:** During the 23rd Olympic Winter Games at the Pyeongchang, South Korea has been hit by an extraordinary outbreak of disease caused by Norovirus.
- 15) Recently a biggest **flooded cave** was found in the Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico, by scuba divers.
- 16) The **Svalbard Global Seed Vault** in Norway completed 10years of its official opening.
- 17) **South African** Government has declared the ever worst ongoing drought as a “National disaster”
- 18) **Drypetes kalamii:** New plant species **Drypetes kalamii**, it has been named after former President of India, Dr APJ Kalam from Buxa and Jaldapara National Parks in West Bengal.
- 19) **Super critical carbon dioxide (S-CO₂) Brayton Test Loop facility:** It was 1st and the indigenously developed by the Scientists from Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru.
- 20) **Malacidins:** Scientists from the Rockefeller University in New York have discovered **a new class of antibiotics from soil.**
- 21) Chilika Lake in Odisha is the largest habitat of **Irrawaddy dolphins** in the world.
- 22) **New Science City:** Raghbir Singh Khandpur was awarded for his contribution to science and efforts to make the Science City in Kapurthala, Punjab.
- 23) **New Wildlife Sanctuary:** New wildlife sanctuary is going to set up in Ghodazari, Chandrapur district, Maharashtra. The sanctuary is located in North East of Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve.
- 24) **The World’s Last Northern White Rhino from Sudan was died.**
- 25) **Interstitialium:** Scientists have discovered a new organ in human body named as **“interstitium”** It is the **80th** and might be the **largest organ** in the human body. **79th Organ is Mesentry.**
- 26) **Calcium Silicate Perovskite:** This Mineral was discovered **inside the diamond** at Cullinan Mine, South Africa.

- 27) **TAFERO-EM:** Hetero Healthcare Launches **HIV treatment drug** named TAFERO-EM in India.
- 28) **Earth Hour 2018:** Earth Hour was observed across the world on **24th March 2018** to take a **global call on climate change**. To mark this day, cities from all over the world **turned off** their lights for one hour from **8:30 pm to 9:30 pm** local time. Every year last Thursday of March Earth Hour is observing. It is the worldwide movement organized by WWF.
- 29) **Fluorimeter:** The Raja Ramanna Centre for Advanced Technology and a Department of Atomic Energy has developed an instrument called **Fluorimeter** used **to measure the traces of uranium in water**.
- 30) **Saposhi:** It is a new malware used for **Distributed Denial of Service Attacks**. Saposhi Malware is capable of taking over electronic devices and turning them into bot.
- 31) **AYUSH QOL-2C:** Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences and the Ministry of AYUSH has developed the drug **AYUSH QOL-2C** for **improving the quality of life in cancer patients**.
- 32) **Artificial heart: Chinese scientists** have developed artificial heart using **rocket technology**. The artificial heart uses **magnetic and fluid levitation** from rocket system.
- 33) **Krem Puri (24583 metres):** World's **longest sandstone cave** with 3 times that of the Mt. Everest (8848 metres) discovered near **Laitsohum village, Mawsynram area in East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya**.
- 34) **Herbicide-Tolerant (HT) Cotton (BG-III Cotton):** *Dept of Biotech in Min of Sci & Tech* appointed Field Inspection and Scientific Evaluation Committee were constituted to **investigate the illegal cultivation of HT Cotton** in four states.
- 35) **3rd Elephant species** named **African-Savannah** was identified and confirmed by the scientists after Asian & African elephants in African forest.
- 36) **National Biopharma Mission:** The Ministry of Science & Technology launched this Mission on **27th April 2018**. The aim of the mission is

to accelerate the research towards early development of *biopharmaceuticals under National Biopharma Mission.*

- 37) **Earth Bio-Genome Project:** The Earth Bio-Genome Project was announced through a paper titled- **“Earth Bio-Genome Project: Sequencing life for the future of life”** by an international consortium of scientists.
- 38) **Odilorhabdins:** Scientists have discovered a new class of **antibiotics** called odilorhabdins that **fight drug resistance.**
- 39) **Global nitrogen:** New source of **global nitrogen** discovered on **Earth’s bedrock.**
- 40) **Virtual Reality 360°:** **Ministry of Tourism and Google** has launched **a 360° Virtual Reality (VR) video on Incredible India.**
- 41) **ASPIRE:** NASA has successfully tested the **Advanced Supersonic Parachute Inflation Research Experiment (ASPIRE)**, a supersonic parachute to land on Mars.
- 42) **09-3X- Dynamic Tamping Express:** The Indian Railways has introduced the three **09-3x Dynamic Tamping Express machines** for advanced mechanised Track Maintenance.
- 43) **Cybersecurity Tech Accord:** Top 34 global technology and securities firms, led by **Microsoft and Facebook**, have signed a **“Cybersecurity Tech Accord” to defend people from malicious attacks by cybercriminals**
- 44) **Nipah Virus (NiV) Infection:** The Virus was attacked in the **Kozhikode, Kerala** by the **“Fruit Bats”** on 20th May 2018. It was confirmed by the *National Institute of Virology, Pune.* **“It was first identified in 1998 at Kampung Sungai Nipah village, Malaysia. The virus is named after this village”**
- 45) **Mount Merapi:** It is an **active stratovolcano** located on the border between *Central Java and Yogyakarta provinces, Indonesia*
- 46) **Vaccine for Leptospirosis:** Scientists from Gujarat Biotechnology Research Centre has discovered **key peptide** to develop a vaccine for *leptospirosis.*

- 47) **Laparoscope-Assisted Insemination Technique:** *Scientists at Central Sheep and Wool Research Institute Avikanagar, Rajasthan* have found a new laparoscope - assisted insemination technique for **Sheep breeding**.
- 48) **National Digital Communications Policy 2018:** *The Department of Telecommunications has released a draft of new Telecom policy. The aim of the draft is to give direction not only to the telecom market but also to enhance the digital communications.*
- 49) **Giant Aldabra tortoise:** *Seychelles President “Dany Faure”* has gifted pair of **Giant Aldabra tortoise to India** during his visit to India as a goodwill gesture. **The tortoise was handed over to the Nehru Zoological Park, New Delhi.**
- 50) **(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.**
- 51) **ROBINSECTS:** Scientist has developed robots for **pollination** called as **“Robinsects or Nova-Crafters”**, **based on the concept of ‘Biomimetics’.**
- 52) **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.
- 53) **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 11th Biosphere Reserve from India to achieve this recognition.
- 54) **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).
- 55) **Blood Moon 2018:** Century’s longest lunar eclipse of 1 hour 43 minutes seen on **27th July 2018.**

- 56) **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.
- 57) **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.
- 58) **"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.**
- 59) **NEELKURINJI FLOWERS:** The Neelakurinji will bloom in the **Anamalai hills near Munnar**, a phenomenon that occurs **once in 12 years.**
- 60) **MARS Planet** came closest to the earth on July 30th & 31st 2018
- 61) **Cyclone Warning Centre & C-band Doppler weather radar:** The Union Ministry of Earth Sciences has announced **to set up Cyclone Warning Centre in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala and C-band Doppler weather radar at Mangalore, Karnataka.**
- 62) **Cheetah Reintroduction Project:Madhya Pradesh forest department** reintroduce the Cheetah Reintroduction Project in Nauradehi sanctuary in Sagar district, Madhya Pradesh
- 63) **National REDD+ Strategy:** India has prepared its National REDD+ Strategy **to Action Plan on Climate Change, Green India Mission** and India's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to UNFCCC.
- 64) **NEW and 30thELEPHANT RESERVE:** **Nagaland government** declared the **"Singphan Wildlife Sanctuary"** as an Elephant Reserve, with the approval of central government.
- 65) **Bhitarkanika National Park:** The **Odisha government** is setting up a world-class interpretation centre at Dangamal near Bhitarkanika National Park **to showcase its efforts in protecting crocodiles and preserving its rich mangrove diversity.**
- 66) **HORIZON 2020:** **European Union and India** will collaborate in research and innovation for developing **a next generation influenza vaccine to protect people worldwide.**

- 67) The world's largest 3-D printed reef has been submerged at **Summer Island Maldives**.
- 68) **INDIAN HUMANOID ROBOT:** Indian version of humanoid robot Sophia was made and is named as "**Rashmi**". Rashmi can speak Hindi, Bhojpuri and Marathi along with English.
- 69) **HIGGS BOSON:** Six years after its discovery, the Higgs boson has at last been observed decaying into **fundamental particles known as "bottom quarks"**.
- 70) **SPITZER TELESCOPE:** NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope, **the youngest member of the "Great Observatory" programme, has completed 15 years in space**. Launched into orbit on 25th August 2003.

NEW ELEMENTS	SIGNIFICANCE
Calcium Silicate Perovskite	This Mineral was discovered inside the diamond at Cullinan Mine, South Africa
AgCuTe	Researchers developed the Silver Copper Telluride (AgCuTe) compound that exhibits poor thermal conductivity but good electrical conductivity.
Moganite	Scientists from Japan have found a mineral called Moganite in a lunar meteorite. Moganite is a crystal of silicon dioxide (SiO ₂).
Ruthenium (Ru)	Ruthenium is the 4 th element after Iron (Fe), Cobalt (Co) & Nickel (Ni) to have the magnetic property in the room temperature
Magmatic zircon	"Magmatic zircon" is a world's 2 nd oldest (4.2 billion years old) rock found from the Kendujhar district, Odisha. [Oldest Rock-Jack Hill (4.4 billion years old) , Western Australia]

NEW DISCOVERIES	TYPE / PURPOSE	PLACE
Nyctibatrachus mewasinghi	Frog	Kozhikode's Malabar Wildlife Sanctuary
Schisturalarketensis	Blind fish	East Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya
Elcysmaziensis	Moth	Talle wildlife sanctuary, Arunachal Pradesh
Four new species of balsam	Impatiens haridasanii, Impatiens pseudocitrina, Impatiens nilalohitae and Impatiens roingensis.	Arunachal Pradesh

New species of eel	Gymnothorax pseudotile, Gymnothorax visakhaensis and Enchelycore propinqua	Bay of Bengal coast
Ptilomera nagalanda	water strider	Nagaland
Fimbristylis agasthyamalaensis	Grass like plant species	Ponmudi hills, Agasthyamalai Biosphere Reserve, Western Ghats
4 New Kingfisher Species	Pied Kingfisher, White-throated Kingfisher, Black-capped Kingfisher, and Common Kingfisher	Krishna Wildlife Sanctuary, Andhra Pradesh
Fejervarya goemchi	Frog	Western Ghats, Goa
World's Largest Mosquito	11.15 centimetres	Sichuan, China
World's Smallest Land fern	Just 1cm long	Ahwa forests of the Western Ghats in Gujarat's Dang district
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
Microhylakodial (Mangaluru Narrow - Mouthed Frog)	Frog	Coastal Karnataka
Uropeltisbhupathyi	Shield tail Snake	Western ghats (Anaikatty Hills, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu)
Dhara Mustard Hybrid (DMH -11)	Mustard (genetically modified mustard)	
➤ Archid Tit ➤ Nilgiri Tit ➤ Orange Alert	Butterfly	Kumbakkarai, Theni District.
World's first-ever 3-D, colour X-ray	To Improve the field of medical diagnostic	New Zealand
World's fastest rotor	The rotor can spin at more than 60 billion revolutions per minute , making it world's fastest man-made object. It is more than 100,000 times than a high-speed dental drill	USA

BOMBALI	Scientists have discovered a new strain of Ebola virus in bats in northern Bombali region of Sierra Leone	Sierra Leone, West Africa
SCUTOID shape of Epithelial Cells	The Scutoid shape has five sides on one end and six on the other and a triangular surface on one of its longer edges	
Higgs Boson	“God Particle”	
Epidiolex	For the first time, the US Food and Drug Administration has approved the world’s first-ever cannabis-based medicine “Epidiolex” made from marijuana.	
WORLD’S FIRST SINGLE-CHROMOSOME YEAST		China
RISECREEK	IIT-Madras develop first indigenous microprocessors under Project Shakti	IIT Madras
AEROGEL	Scientists have developed Aerogel, a transparent heat-resistant super-insulating gel using beer waste.	
UAKITITE	It is a new mineral has been discovered in a meteorite in Eastern Russia	Siberia
WOLBACHIA BACTERIA	Wolbachia is a tiny bacterium that is present in up to 60% of all species of insects, including several mosquito species.	Australia

14. APPS & PORTALS

APPS / PORTALS / SOFTWARES / HELPLINES / WEBSITES	LAUNCHED BY	PURPOSE / SIGNIFICANCE
GeM 3.0 (e-Market place 3.0)	Government of India	It is an Online Market platform to facilitate procurement of goods and services
NARI – Online Portal (National Repository of Information for Women)	Ministry of Women and Child Development	To provide women citizens with easy access to information on government schemes and initiatives for women
Sukhad Yatra app and 1033 Toll Free	National Highway Authority of India	To report an emergency condition and highway-related feedback

Tamizhaga Marakkalanjiyam App	Tamil Nadu	To provide information about tress and silviculture
Amma mobile app	Tamil Nadu	To access and manage the e-service of land records
Uzhavan App	Tamil Nadu	The farmers can get the details of Crop Insurance, Farm Subsidies, and Weather forecast report.
Safe Zone App	Tamil Nadu	To check the use of tobacco in prohibited areas
Cops Eye App	Madurai Police	To detect the people who are with criminal backgrounds by taking photographs by the help of face recognition feature
cVIGIL mobile App	Election Commission of India	To report any violation of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) during elections
AayakarSetu App	Income Tax Department	It is an on-line chat service for help taxpayers to solve their queries
Roadkill App	Wildlife Conservation Trust (WCT) - wildlife NGO	For citizens to report wildlife deaths by uploading geo-tagged photographs to a public forum
SBI PAY App	Chennai Metro Rail & State Bank of India	For metro travellers
ASH TRACK App	Ministry of Power	Web based monitoring System
UTTAM App	Ministry of Coal	For coal quality monitoring and bring coal governance closer to people
Niryat Mitra App	Ministry of Commerce and Industry	For exporters and importers of the countr
COP CONNECT App	Government of Telangana	Internal Communication in the police department
WINGS App	BSNL	BSNL customers will be able to make calls to any phone number, domestic or international
e-Hospital (e-Hospital Management Information System [OeHMIS])	Government of Odisha	To provide an efficient and hassle-free health services to the public
eSamvad	Ministry of Women and Child Development	To provide a platform to interact with NGOs, civil society and concerned citizens
Gudiya helpline	Government of Himachal	24*7 helpline for reporting crimes against women

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	Pradesh	
1926 Helpline number	Government of Maharashtra	24*7 forest helpline
14417 Helpline	Tamil Nadu	24*7 helpline for Educational guidance for the school students
High-Risk Pregnancy (HRP) portal	Government of Haryana	1 st state in the country to launch the portal
www.easybusiness.tn.gov.in	Tamil Nadu	For Small, Medium Industrial Enterprises
www.aazp.in	Vandaloor Zoological Park	To explore the animals & birds virtually
www.udyamsakhi.org	Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	Portal contains learning tools, training programs and technical assistance

15. FIRST IN NEWS

15.1 TAMIL NADU

- 1) For the 1st time Tamil Nadu State government has decided to observe the birth anniversary of 1st CM of TN Omandur P. Ramaswamy Reddiar.
- 2) **S128:** India's 1st largest wind turbine generator **S128** was manufactured by **suzlon groups India** with a rotor diameter of **128 meters** were installed in **Sanganeri** site in **Tamil Nadu** on **13th March 2018**.
- 3) **1st Hydro Power Production Exhibition:** India's 1st Hydro Power Production Exhibition was held at **Manjoor, Nilgiri district**.
- 4) **Dr. Sheila Stephen** was the **1st woman** to be appointed as the **Vice-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University**.

15.2 NATIONAL

- 1) The 1st International Dam Safety Conference was held in Kovalam, Kerala. **Dam Health And Rehabilitation Monitoring Application (DHARMA)** app were launched during this conference.

- 2) India's 1st **National Park for differently abled people** was set up **Hyderabad, Telangana.**
- 3) **Kolkata** was the **1st metro city in India to have the floating market.** The floating market is located on the lake at Patuli, Kolkata.
- 4) **Delhi** becomes the 1st city in India to launch the **common mobility card for both bus and metro rides.**
- 5) Maharashtra is the 1st Indian State to introduce the **Public Cloud Policy.**
- 6) **GAIL** is going to set up India's first **coal to gas conversion plant in Odisha.**
- 7) **Matunga Railway station** in Mumbai was the **1st All Women Railway Station in India.**
- 8) Traditional **Sangrai dance** of Tripura was presented in Republic Day parade for the first time.
- 9) **Magnetic Maharashtra:** Prime Minister inaugurated the 'Magnetic Maharashtra' Summit 2018 held at Mumbai. This was the 1st Maharashtra's global investor's summit.
- 10) **Indo-HCM:** The Union Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has released India's first ever **Highway Capacity Manual** to guide road engineers about road expansion.
- 11) **International Solar Alliance summit:** India is going to host the 1st International Solar Alliance summit in March 2018 in New Delhi.
- 12) **Radio Umang:** India's 1st online radio station "Radio Umang" was launched on World Radio Day 13th Feb 2018 **Theme:** around peace, humanity and hope.
- 13) **Mizoram** is the 1st North-eastern state to setup the **India's first regional Centre for Agriculture with collaboration of Israel** will be inaugurated in Mizoram on March 2018.
- 14) **1st fully women non-suburban station:** Gandhi Nagar railway station in Jaipur, Rajasthan became the country's 1st fully women operated **non – suburban station.** 1st suburban station is Matunga.

- 15) **100% LED:** South Central Railway becomes 1st Railway zone with 100% LED lighting in all railway stations.
- 16) **1st Heli Taxi:** India's 1st HeliTaxi service was started in **Bengaluru, Karnataka.** The **Bell 407** helicopter to be used as a heli taxi.
- 17) **Diu** becomes **1st Union Territory** to fully run **100%** on solar power.
- 18) **Surat district in Gujarat** becomes the first in country to have **100% solar powered Primary Health Centers.**
- 19) **First Cyber Police Station** was established in **Gurugram** district, **Haryana.**
- 20) **Satara Mega Food Park:** It was the **Maharashtra's 1st Mega food park** at Degaon Village in Satara district.
- 21) **Greentech Mega Food Park:** It was the **Rajasthan's 1st Mega food park** at Roopangarh Village in Ajmer district.
- 22) **Chandigarh** is the 1st City in the India to Install **Digital Automatic Speed Gun Camera's** in the digital boards.
- 23) **Intelligent Traffic Management Solution: Bengaluru city** tested the prototype of the Intelligent Traffic Management Solution for the *1st time.*
- 24) **5G lab: India's 1st 5G is a Massive MIMO Radio lab** inaugurated in **IIT New Delhi** on **13th April 2018.** The lab has been set up in Bharathi School of Telecom Technology and Management.
- 25) **ArchaeoBroma:** India's 1st **nationwide food archaeology** conference was held in **Mumbai.**
- 26) The first meeting of the newly constituted '**NITI Forum for North East**' took place in **Agartala, Tripura.**
- 27) **Braille-enabled signboards to be used during Maheshtala bypoll:** *Election Commission of India* for the **1st time** will start the use of "Braille-enabled signboards for visually challenged voters" in the upcoming **Maheshtala Assembly by-election** in **West Bengal.**
- 28) **Eastern Peripheral Expressway:** Prime Minister India's **1st Smart and green highway-135 km long Kundli - Ghaziabad-Palwal**

(KGP) Expressway passing through the states of Haryana and Uttar Pradesh.

- 29) **Post Office Passport Seva Kendra:** *The 1st Post Office Passport Seva Kendra run by an **all-woman team** began its operations **Phagwara, Punjab.***
- 30) **World's 1st Fully Solar energy-powered airport: Kochi International Airport, Kerala** is running as the fully in solar power & it is marked as the world's 1st Fully Solar energy powered airport. It is recognised by UNEP.
- 31) **Indus Dolphins (Bhulan) Census:** Punjab government and World Wildlife Fund, India are conducting a **1st organised census of Indus Dolphins.** *Indus Dolphins are one of the world's rarest mammals found only in India and Pakistan.*
- 32) **First Integrated Control and Command Centre: Madhya Pradesh** has launched *India's first Integrated Control and Command Centre for its all smart cities in Bhopal.*
- 33) **UDAN scheme:** 1st commercial flight of Arunachal Pradesh was landed at **Pasighat.**
- 34) **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.**
- 35) **ODISHA BEACH:** The **Chandrabhaga beach** on the **Konark coast of Odisha** will be the **first in Asia to get the Blue Flag certification.**
- 36) **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.*
- 37) **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.
- 38) **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.

- 39) **India was in the 1st position in Organ Donation in the World.** Turkey & Spain are in the 2nd position; Brazil was in the 3rd position.
- 40) **Bengaluru** was India's first-ever **state-of-the-art e-waste recycling unit.**
- 41) The world's first all-digital art museum has opened at the MORI Building Digital Art Museum in **Tokyo, Japan.**
- 42) **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.
- 43) **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.**
- 44) **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.
- 45) **Mahatma Gandhi International sanitation convention:** It will be launched at the **150th - anniversary celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi.** *It will be a first-of-its-kind International Sanitation Convention.*
- 46) **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.*
- 47) **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.
- 48) **India's 1st Cow Sanctuary:** The first cow sanctuary in **Rajasthan** will be situated in **Napasar, Bikaner district.**
- 49) **India's 1st all-woman Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team: Delhi Police** has inducted India's first all-woman Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team for anti-terrorist operations.

- 50) **Biofuel Policy: Rajasthan** became 1st state in the country to implement National Policy on Biofuels.
- 51) **Thermal Battery plant:** The world's first-ever thermal battery plant owned by Bharat Energy Storage Technology Private Limited was inaugurated in **Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh.**
- 52) **Axis Bank** became 1st bank in the country to introduce **Iris Scan Authentication feature for Aadhaar-based transactions**
- 53) **1st Inter-state Transmission System: 126 MW** wind power capacity, part of India's first inter-state transmission system (ISTS) was commissioned in **Bhuj, Gujarat.**
- 54) **Blockchain district:** Tech Mahindra and the Telangana government have signed an agreement to establish a Blockchain district in Hyderabad, a first-of-its-kind Centre of Excellence for Blockchain in India.
- 55) **Government of Telangana** has launched for the first time **Disaster Response Force (DRF) vehicles in the Hyderabad city.**
- 56) **Santhali** has become the **first Indian tribal language** to get a Wikipedia edition in its native script.

15.3 INTERNATIONAL

- 1) **Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE)** has introduced the Value Added Tax (VAT) for the 1st time. **5% VAT is set for major goods.**
- 2) **Iceland** has become the 1st country **to legalise the equal pay for both gender at their work places.**
- 3) **China** has released the 1st official Arctic policy white paper, outlining its ambition for a Polar Silk Road.
- 4) 1st bilateral security dialogue between **India and Indonesia** was held in **New Delhi for combat terrorism.**
- 5) **Petro Cryptocurrency: Venezuela** becomes the 1st country to launch its own cryptocurrency called Petro.

- 6) **Crypto currency Sovereign: Marshall Islands** become 1st country in the world to recognize its crypto currency **“SOVEREIGN” (SOV)** as the legal tender.
- 7) **Bermuda** becomes the 1st country in the world **to repeal the same-sex marriage**.
- 8) **Rwanda** became the 1st low-income country to **provide universal eye care to its Citizens**.
- 9) **Saudi Arabia** is set to host its 1st ever **Arab Fashion Week** in March overturning decades of draconian policies on arts and entertainment.
- 10) **1st Hindu temple in Abu Dhabi:** PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone-laying ceremony for construction of 1st traditional Hindu temple in Al Wathba, Abu Dhabi, UAE.
- 11) **Eliminate trachoma: Nepal** becomes **the first country in south-east Asia to eliminate Trachoma (Bacterial eye Infection)** according to World Health Organization (WHO) report. In December 2017, India itself was declared free from infective Trachoma.
- 12) **COLOMBIA TO JOIN NATO: Colombia** will be the next country to *formally join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)*. It makes it first Latin American to join NATO.
- 13) **Akademik Lomonosov:** Russia built the **world’s 1st floating nuclear power station** at the port city of Murmansk, Russia.

15.4 ECONOMY

- 7) **Electoral Bonds: India** is the 1st Country to having a unique bond for an electoral funding.
- 8) **GREEN BOND: India INX** (India’s International Stock Exchange) has listed Indian Railways Finance Corporation's (IRFC) 1st green bond on its global securities market (GSM).
- 9) **LEADS:** Logistics Ease across Different States (LEADS), Gujarat has topped the 1st in the logistics index chart.
- 10) **Electoral bonds:** State Bank of India in Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata and New Delhi were going to sale the 1st electoral bonds will go to start from 1st March 2018 for a time period of 10 days.

- 11) **Union Budget 2018:** It was the 1st annual Budget after the Goods and Services Tax (GST) was introduced.

15.5 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- 1) **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.**
- 2) **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.**
- 3) **India's 1st Genetic resource bank:** *National Wildlife Genetic Resource Bank* was inaugurated at Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology's Laboratory of Conservation of Endangered Species facility in **Hyderabad, Telangana**
- 4) **Happy Nari Pad Vending Machine:** Bhopal railway station has become the 1st railway station in the country to install the sanitary napkin vending machine.
- 5) **Speed breeding Technique:** Australian scientists have developed the world's 1st speed breeding technique that can enhance the production of the crop by up to three times.
- 6) **World's 1st fully-private satellite:** Rocker Lab, a U.S. space start-up, successfully launched three small satellites into orbit from its own private launch pad in New Zealand.
- 7) **Cloned Monkeys:** Zhong Zhong and Hua Hua are the two identical long tailed monkeys are successfully cloned by the Chinese scientists for first time.
- 8) **Mitochondrial Donation Therapy:** Britain doctors have allowed creating country's 1st **three-parent babies.** 1st procedure was done in Mexico.

- 9) Scientists from Britain and United States for 1st time have succeeded in **growing human eggs** in laboratory from earliest stages in ovarian tissue all way to full maturity.
- 10) **Balng 5G01:** Huawei has launched the Balng 5G01, world's 1st 5G chipset at Mobile World Congress 2018 held in Barcelona, Spain
- 11) India's **1st artificial intelligence** centre is going to set up in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- 12) Uttar Pradesh's 1st ever **Butterfly Park** was inaugurated in Kanpur.
- 13) **Bandicoot Robot: Kerala** was the **1st state** to introduce the robot for the **manual scavenging – free.**
- 14) **Sach-Gaurav:** India's **1st cloned Assamese buffalo male calf** named Sach-Gaurav was born in **Hisar, Haryana.** It was born to Murrah buffalo.
- 15) **World's 1st Contact Lens:** The US Food and Drug Administration have approved the use of **Acuvue Oasys Contact Lenses with Transitions Light Intelligent Technology**, world's first contact lens that *automatically darkens when exposed to bright light.*
- 16) **High-speed electric locomotive:** India's 1st high-speed electric locomotive with **12000 horsepower (HP) engine** has been launched from **Madhepura Electric Locomotive Factory, Bihar**
- 17) **1st offshore Wind Energy project of India:** The 1st offshore wind energy developers for developing **1000 MW (1 GW)** offshore wind energy project **in Gulf of Khambat, Gujarat.**
- 18) **GravityRAT:** GravityRAT was first detected by Indian Computer Emergency Response (CERT-In), on various computers in 2017. **GravityRAT, a malware allegedly designed by Pakistani hackers which now becomes stronger.**
- 19) **World's 1st 3D printed Human Corneas:** Scientists from Newcastle University, UK have created the **World's 1st 3D printed Human Corneas** (3D printed thin protective film over eye) *in order to solve the shortage of available eye donors and help millions of blind people gain their sight again.*

- 20) **Freedom Baby:** India's 1st captive-born **Humboldt Penguin** named Freedom Baby died.

15.6 DEFENCE AND SPACE

- 1) **Meghana Shanbough:** She is the **1st woman Indian Air Force (IAF) fighter pilot from South India.**
- 2) **INS Sumitra:** The Indian naval ship INS Sumitra became the **first-ever warship to enter the port of Sabang in Indonesia.**
- 3) **India's 1st Biofuel-powered plane:** SpiceJet's aircraft **Bombardier Q400 (VT-SUI) on biofuel** from **Dehradun to Delhi.**
- 4) For the first time in India's only aircraft carrier **INS Vikramaditya will be fitted with marine hydraulic systems "GS-1MF and GS-3"** to boost the air operations of the ship.
- 5) **Xingkong-2:** China has successfully tested its first cutting-edge hypersonic "waverider" flight vehicle (aircraft) Xingkong-2 (Starry Sky-2).

15.7 APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONALITIES

- 1) **India's 1st Blind IAS officer: "PRANJAL PATIL"** from Maharashtra was the 1st Blind IAS officer and currently, she will serve as the Deputy Collector in Eranakulam district, Kerala.
- 2) **Tahira Safdar:** She is the **first-ever female high court chief justice of Pakistan.**
- 3) **1st Woman Fighter Pilot:** Avani Chaturvedi, age 24 becomes the 1st Indian woman fighter pilot of Indian Air Force to single handedly flied in a MiG-21 Bison fighter flight on 22nd Feb 2018.
- 4) **Prakriti** was the 1st woman to be appointed as the Combat Officer in the **Indo-Tibetan Border Police.**
- 5) **Krishna Kumari Kolhi** from Sindh province in **Pakistan** became the **1st Hindu woman** to get elected **as Senator**, member of Upper house.
- 6) **World's 1st Microfactory:** Indian origin **Veena Sahajwalla** from Australia has launched **world's first microfactory** that can *transform*

components from electronic waste items into valuable materials for re-use.

- 7) **Rosemary DiCarlo** from the US to become the **First woman to head UN political affairs.**
- 8) **India's first Tribal Queen:** *Pallavi Durua from Odisha.*

15.8 SPORTS

- 1) **Aanchal Thakur** became the 1st Indian to win an **international medal in Skiing by winning a bronze medal.**
- 2) India's 1st Gymnastics Bronze Medal in World Cup 2018 at Melbourne, Australia won by **Aruna Reddy.**
- 3) Tamil Nadu won the 1st senior women's national football championship vs Manipur in final
- 4) 1st Khelo India School Games held at **New Delhi.** Haryana ranked as the top with the total of 108 Medals and TN ranked 9th position with the total of 28 medals.
- 5) **Jhulan Goswami** from India becomes 1st woman cricketer to take **200 wickets in ODI format.**
- 6) **Sharmila Nicollet** is the 1st Indian golfer to qualify for the China Ladies PGA Tour.
- 7) **Chandigarh** will be going to host Play write 2018, India's first of its Kind **"Sports Literature Festival".**
- 8) **1st Sports University:** The Union Cabinet has approved an ordinance to set up the **country's first national sports university in Imphal, Manipur.**
- 9) **Mithali Raj** is the 1st Indian women cricketer to **score 2,000 runs in T20 International Cricket.**

16. PERSONS IN NEWS

PERSON	DESIGNATION / ORGANISATION / SIGNIFICANCE
Indu Malhotra	First woman lawyer to be directly appointed as a Supreme Court Judge

Sudha Balakrishnan	1 st Chief Financial Officer of RBI
Kunwar Bai	Mascot of “Swachh Bharat Abhiyan”, Chattisgarh – Passed away
Rekha Sharma	Chairperson of National Commission for Women
Actress Kajol	Advocacy ambassador for Swachh Aadat Swachh Bharat initiative
Akshay Kumar	Brand ambassador for Government of India (GoI)’s special road safety awareness campaign
K. Srinivasan	New Secretary for Tamil Nadu Assembly
Arun Jaitley	Re-appointed as the Leader of Rajya Sabha – April Month
Harivansh Narayan Singh	New deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha
Suresh Prabhu	Commerce & Industries Minister Suresh Prabhu has given additional charge of the Civil Aviation Ministry – March 2018
Aravind Saxena	Acting Chairman of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)
K. Sivan (Kailasavadivoo Sivan) (Tarakkanvilai village of Kanyakumari)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 9th Chairman of ISRO – (ROCKET MAN of INDIA) ➤ Appointed on January 2018 ➤ Former Chairman: A.S. Kiran Kumar
S. Somanath	New Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Trivandrum
Dr.V.Narayanan	New director of ISRO's Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre
Dr. G Satheesh Reddy	Secretary of Department of Defence R&D (DDR&D) and Chairman of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
Om Prakash Rawat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 22nd Chief Election Commissioner - 23rd January 2018 ➤ 21st CEC – Achal Kumar Jyoti
Ashok Lavasa	New Election Commissioner
Chandra Bhushan Kumar	Deputy Election Commissioner of India
Sharad Kumar	Vigilance Commissioner in Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)
Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel	New Chairperson of National Green Tribunal (NGT)
S Ramesh	New chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)
Vijay Keshav Gokhale	New Foreign secretary of India
Rajinder Khanna	New Deputy National security advisor
Sudeep Lakhtakia	New Director-General of National Security Guard
Sitanshu Ranjan Kar	Director General of the Press information Bureau (PIB)
Rajesh Ranjan	Director General of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)

Bhanu Pratap Sharma	Chairman of the Banks Board Bureau (BBB)
Justice Ajay Manikrao Khanwilkar	Chairman of Mahanadi Water Disputes Tribunal
Ashish Kumar Bhutani	Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)
Uttam Pacharne	President of Lalit Kala Academy
Justice R K Agrawal	President of National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission
Yudhvir Singh Malik	Chairman of National Highway Authority of India (NHAI)
TCA Raghavan	New director general of Indian Council of World Affairs
Shashank Manohar	Re-elected as the new independent chairman of the International Cricket Council
A. R. Rahman	Brand Ambassador of the Sikkim government
G. Viswanathan	President of Indian Economic Association
Harjinder Singh	Chef De Mission of Indian Contingent participating in the 23 rd Winter Olympic Games (Pyeongchang, South Korea)
Kidambi Srikanth (Badminton Player)	Took Charge as Deputy Collector of Guntur, Andhra Pradesh
Ban Ki-moon	Chairman of Boao Forum for Asia (BFA)
Antonio Vitorino (Portugal)	New Director General (DG) of International Organization for Migration
Mr. Stephen Hawking	The British Physicist and the Black Hole Theorist Mr. Stephen Hawking was passed away on 14 th March 2018.
J.S. Rajput	India's representative to Executive Board of UNESCO
Michelle Bachelet	New UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
Nandula Raghuram	Chairman of the International Nitrogen Initiative
Preet Kaur Gill	Britain's 1 st first woman Sikh Member of Parliament
Mehul Garg	Youngest person to achieve highest score in Mensa IQ test (Indian-origin boy in UK)
Tanishq Abraham	Indian Origin – US 15yr old boy “Tanishq Abraham” finished his Engineering at the very young age and now he joined PhD for the research
Lionel Messi	Ambassador of the UN World Tourism Organization (WTO)
Jeff Bezos	Richest person in the world (CEO of Amazon)
Jerome H Powell	16 th Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank, USA
Satya S Tripathi	Assistant secretary general of the United Nations and will head the New York office of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
Rosario Manalo	To investigate alleged human rights abuses against the ethnic Rohingya minority in Myanmar

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RECENTLY APPOINTED NEW GOVERNORS

STATE	GOVERNOR
Madhya Pradesh	Anandiben Patel – Januray 2018
Odisha	Satya Pal Malik (Took additional charge as Governor of Odisha and currently he is serving as the Governor of Bihar) – March 2018
Odisha	Prof. Ganeshi Lal – May 2018
Mizoram	Kummanam Rajasekharan - May 2018
Manipur	Jagdish Mukhi (Acting Governor) - May 2018
JAMMU & KASHMIR	Sathyapal Malik – August 2018
BIHAR	Lalji Tandon – August 2018
HARYANA	Sathyadev Narayanan Arya – August 2018
TRIPURA	Kaptan Singh Solanki – August 2018
UTTARAKHAND	Baby Rani Maurya – August 2018
MEGHALAYA	Tathagata Roy – August 2018
SIKKIM	Ganga Prasad – August 2018
CHHATTISGARH	Anandiben Patel (currently serving in Madhya Pradesh & took additional charge in Chhattisgarh) – August 2018

RECENTLY ELECTED CHIEF MINISTER'S IN INDIA

STATE	CANDIDATE
Tripura	Biplab Kumar Deb (BJP) - March
Meghalaya	Conrad Sangma (National People's Party) - March
Nagaland	Neiphiu Rio (Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party) - March

COUNTRY'S NEW PRESIDENTS / PRIME MINISTERS

COUNTRY	PRESIDENT / PRIME MINISTER
Nepal	KP Sharma Oli (41 st Pime Minister) – 2 nd time
Nepal	Bidya Devi Bhandari - 1 st woman President of Nepal (Re-elected for the 2 nd time)
South Africa	➤ Cyril Ramaphosa (President) ➤ Former President: Jacob Zuma
China	➤ Xi-Jinping (2 nd Time) / ➤ Wang Qishan (Vice President) ➤ Li keqiang (Prime Minister)

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Peru	Martin Vizcarra
Egypt	Abdel Fattah al-Sisi
Myanmar	Win Myint
Armenia	Armen Sarkisian
Paraguay	Mario Abdo Benitez
Sierra Leone	Julius Maada Bio
Russia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dmitry Medvedev (Prime Minister- His second term began in 7 May 2018) ➤ Vladimir Putin (President- His fourth term began in 7 May 2018)
Malaysia	Mahathir Mohammed (Prime Minister) [world's oldest (93 years) sitting head of government]
Venezuela	Nicolas Maduro (President)
Paraguay	Alicia Pucheta (1st Interim Woman President)
Barbados	Mia Amor Mottley (1st Female Prime Minister)
Costa Rica	Carlos Alvarado (President)
7th Caretaker PM of Pakistan	Nasirul Mulk
Colombia	Ivan Duque Marquez (PRESIDENT)
Italy	Giuseppe Conte (PRIME MINISTER)
Turkey	Recep Tayyip Erdogan (PRESIDENT)
Spain	Pedro Sanchez (PRIME MINISTER)
Mexico	Enrique Peña Nieto
Zimbabwe	Emmerson Mnangagwa

17. AWARDS

17.1 TAMIL NADU AWARDS

NAME OF THE AWARD	GIVEN TO
Avvaiyar Award 2018	Chinnapillai Perumal
Thiruvalluvar Award (2018)	Ko. Periyannan
Thanthai Periyar Award (2017)	P.Valarmathi
Ambedkar Award (2017)	Dr.K J. George
Kamarajar Award (2017)	T.R. Dinakaran

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Anna Award (2017)	A. Subramanian
Bharathiyar Award(2017)	Su. Balasubramanian @ Barathibalan
Bharathidasan Award (2017)	K. Jeeva Bharathi
Thiru. Vi. Ka Award (2017)	Vai. Balakumaran
Ki.Aa. Pe. Viswanathan Award (2017)	P. MaruthaNayagam
UNESCO Award of Merit	Sri Rangam Ranganatha Swamy temple in Tiruchirapalli
Tamil Nadu Tourism Award	Chennai International Airport
Kannadhasan Award 2018	S.P. Balasubramiyan (Singer) & Malan Writer)
Mu. Va. Award	M. Narayanan
Sirpi Literary award	Kavingar Magudeswaran
Po.Ma. Subramaniam award	Harikrishan

National Best Teacher Award 2017: Mrs R. Sathy, headmistress of the Madukkarai Panchayat Union Primary School in Malumichampatti Village, Coimbatore has won the **“National Best Teacher Award 2017”**

TN Awards for Tamil Literature, Grammar, Archaeology and Epigraphy: 2017

AWARDS	SCHOLARS
Thamizhthai Award	Bengaluru Tamil Sangam
Kabilar Award	K.V.Balasubramanian
U. Ve. Sa. Award	S.Krishnamurthy
Kambar Award	Sugi. Sivam
Elangovadigal Award	V. Nallathambi
Sollin Selvar Award	Former AIADMK Minister Vaigaiselvan
G.U. Pope Award	K. Rajeswari Kothandam
Umarupullavar Award	Haji. M. Muhamad Yusuf
Amma Ilakiya (Literary) Award	Tmt. M.S. Srilakshmi (Singapore)
CM's Tamil Computing Award (Kanini Tamil Award) - 2016	R. Doraipandi (Ultimate Software Solutions - Dindugal)

TN Govt awards were presented on 72nd Independence Day (15-08-2018)

DR. A.P.J ABDUL KALAM AWARD	Actor Ajith Kumar's Daksha Team, Space Research Centre of Anna University
KALPANA CHAWLA AWARD	Muthukumari of PeriyaKallar who saved her daughter from Cheetah.

CM'S GOOD GOVERNANCE AWARD	Project Star 2.0 of Registration department of TN for their speedy work to the common people/public.
BEST CORPORATION AWARD	Thirupur
BEST MUNICIPALITY AWARD	Kovilpatti, Thoothukodi district
BEST PANCHAYAT AWARD	Jalagandapuram, Salem district

World Tamil Sangam Award 2016

AWARDS	SCHOLARS
Literary Award	Andiappan (Singapore)
Grammar Award	Benjamin Lobo (France)
Linguistic Award	Subhashini (Germany)

World Tamil Sangam Award 2017

AWARDS	SCHOLARS
Literary Award	Chandrika Subramaniyan (Australia)
Grammar Award	Ulrike Nicholas (Germany)
Linguistic Award	Mahadeva Iyer Jayarama Sarma (Australia)

Sahithya Academy Awards 2018

Yuva Puraskar Award	Sunil Krishnan	Short Story: "Ambu Padukai"
Bala Sahithya Award	Kirungai Sethupathi	Poem: "Siragu Mulaitha Yanai"

17.2 NATIONAL AWARDS

NAME OF THE AWARD	GIVEN TO / GIVEN FOR
National Youth Award	Masha Nazeem from Nagercoil
Padma Vibhushan	Ilaiyaraja - Art & Music
Padma Bhushan	Ramachandran Nagasamy - Archaeology
Padma Shri	V Nanammal - Yoga
Padma Shri	Vijayalakshmi Navaneethakrishnan - Folk song exponent
Padma Shri	Rajagopalan Vasudevan - Science & Technology

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Padma Shri	Romulus Whitaker - Wildlife Conservation
KALIDAS SAMMAN AWARD	Anjolie Ela Menon [Prestigious award of Madhya Pradesh given to Artists, Dance, Music]
SANGITA KALANIDHI AWARD 2018	Carnatic vocalist " Aruna Sairam " has been selected for 2018 Sangita Kalanidhi award of Madras Music Academy for her contribution to Carnatic music.
Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards 2016	Geetha Chandran - Bharatanatyam
Sangeet Natak Akademi Yuva Puraskar 2016	Jyotsna Jagannathan - Bharatanatyam
Ashok Chakra	Jyoti Prakash Nirala
Yash Chopra Memorial Award 2018	Asha Bhosle (Singer)
Bharatiya Bhasha Parishad Award 2018	Maalan Narayanan (Tamil Writer)
Kalam Innovation in Governance Award-2018 (KIGA)	Andhara Pradesh Government - IT minister Nara Lokesh
1st Mufti Mohammed Sayeed Award for probity in public life	Bihar CM, Nitish Kumar
Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Sashaktikaran Puraskar 2018	Pudumadam Village in Ramanathapuram (The Best Panchayat in Tamilnadu)
National award for Silk weavers	Kanchipuram women silk weavers
Krishi Karman Award (2015-16)	Tamil Nadu government TN govt won three times (2011-12, 2013-14, 2014-15)
Nari Shakti Puraskar 2017	Indian Navy's project "Navika Sagar Parikrama" INSV Tarini team won this award
National Water Digest Award	Chhattisgarh Government
Saraswati Samman 2017	Gujarathi Poet, Sitanshu Yashaschandra
J.C. Daniel Award	Sreekumaran Thampi - Kerala government's highest honour for lifetime contribution to Malayalam cinema.
2017 DRDO's Lifetime Achievement	V K Saraswat
Excellent Woman of Excellence award	Nisha Bhalla
Swara Mauli award 2018	Lata Mangeshkar - Singer
India Biodiversity Award 2018	Arunachal Pradesh-based NGO Singchung Bugun Community Reserve
Rajarshi Shahu Puraskar Award	Pushpa Bhave - Award given by Maharashtra government for Eminent Scholar and Social Activist
Prime Minister's award for outstanding contribution for promotion and development of Yoga	Vishwas Mandalik

India Smart Cities Award - 2018	Surat City from Gujarat
2018 Miss Asia Deaf	Deshna Jain from Tikamgarh in Madhya Pradesh
RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL SADBHAVANA AWARD	Former West Bengal Governor Gopal krishna Gandhi
FIELDS MEDAL	"Akshay Venkatesh" from India won the Fields Medal for Mathematics

17.3 OUTSTANDING PARLIAMENTARIAN AWARD

YEAR	PERSONS
2013	Dr. Najma Heptulla
2014	Hukmdev Narayan Yadav
2015	Gulam Nabi Azad
2016	Dinesh Trivedi
2017	Bhatruhari Mahatab

17.4 INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

NAME OF THE AWARD	GIVEN TO / GIVEN FOR
Femina Miss India – 2018	Anukreethy Vas (Tamil Nadu)
RAMON MAGSAYSAY AWARD 2018 (Two among six winners from India) (Asia's Nobel Prize)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bharat Vatwani (India) ➤ Sonam Wangchuk (India) ➤ Youk Chhang (Cambodia) ➤ Maria de Lourdes Martins Cruz (East Timor) ➤ Howard Dee (Philippines) ➤ Vo Thi Hoang Yen (Vietnam)
Legion d'Honneur (France's highest civilian award)	Soumitra Chatterjee (Bengali actor)
Damehood Award - for services to chemical sciences and technology (Britain)	Prathibha Laxman Gai
UNWTO Award for Innovation in Tourism	Mangalajodi Ecotourism Trust, Odisha
WHO's IhsanDogramaci Family Health Foundation Prize 2018	Vinod Paul (First Indian to receive this award)
Ibrahim Prize (Excellence in African Leadership)	Ellen Johnson Sirleaf (Former President of Liberia)
Abel Prize 2018 - Equivalent to Nobel Prize given for Maths	Robert P. Langlands
45th Pritzker Prize - Equivalent to Nobel Prize given for Architecture	Balkrishna Doshi (the 1st Indian to receive)

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Kochon Prize 2017 (Contribution for Combating Diseases)	Indian Council of Medical Research (For their excellence in Tuberculosis (TB) research and development)
Condecoracion Award	President Ramnath Govind (It is the highest award given for a non – citizen of Equatorial Guinea)
UNESCO World Press Freedom Prize 2018	Mahmoud Abu Zeid (alias) Shawkan
Man Booker International Prize 2018	Olga Tokarczuk from Poland Book: “FLIGHTS” - Translated by Jennifer Croft
2018 GOLDEN MAN BOOKER PRIZE (The prize was instituted to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Man Booker prize)	Novel: “The English Patient” written by Michael Ondaatje
Nikkei Asia Prize 2018 (Contribution of Asian Development)	Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak
Linnean Medal (For Botanist & Zoologist)	Dr. Kamaljit S. Bawa (first Indian to win this award)
13th edition of World Press Cartoon awards 2018	Thomas Antony
Friendship Medal	Russian President Vladimir Putin (China awarded its 1 st highest state honour Friendship Medal to Russian President Vladimir Putin)
World Food Prize 2018	Dr. Lawrence Haddad and Dr David Nabarro
Global Energy Prize 2018	Sergey Alexeenko and Martin Green
PEN Pinter prize 2018	Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
LEGION OF MERIT (DEGREE OF COMMANDER)	Former Army General “Dalbir Singh Suhag” awarded Legion of Merit by US Government (2 nd Indian to honour this award; 1 st Indian was Rajendra Singhji Jadeja in 1946)
INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHY BEE AWARD	Avi Goel
WHO WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY 2017 AWARD	S K Arora
3rd BRICS FILM FESTIVAL AWARD in Durban, South Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Best Actress: Bhanita Das, Village Rockstars ➤ Best Film: Newton by Amit Masurkar ➤ Special Jury Award: Village Rockstars by Rima Das

17.5 SPORTS AWARDS

NAME OF THE AWARD	GIVEN TO
Laureus World Sports Awards: TENNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sportsman of the Year: Roger Federer ➤ Sportswomen of the Year: Serena Williams ➤ Best Comeback of the Year: Roger Federer
European Golden Shoe 2018	Lionel Messi
Cricketer of the Year at the CEAT Cricket Ratings	Virat Kohli
Polly Umrigar Award	Virat Kohli
India's Sportsperson of the Year	Kidambi Srikanth (Badminton)
WBC Asia Boxer of the Year Award 2018	Neeraj Goyal

17.6 FILM AWARD

90th Oscar Awards

CATEGORY	NAME OF THE AWARD						
Best Movie	The Shape of Water						
Best Actor	Gary Oldman (Darkest Hour as Winston Churchill)						
Best Actress	Frances McDormand (Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri as Mildred Hayes)						
Best Director	Guillermo del Toro (The Shape of Water)						
Best Animated Feature Film	Coco (Director: Lee Unkrich)						
Best Animated Short Film	Dear Basketball						
Best Foreign Language Film	A Fantastic Woman (Spanish)						
From India	India's NEWTON movie has nominated for the 90 th Oscar Awards.						
Multiple Nominations	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>The Shape of water</td> <td>13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dunkirk</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri</td> <td>7</td> </tr> </table>	The Shape of water	13	Dunkirk	8	Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri	7
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65th National Film Awards 2017 announced on *13th April 2018*

Dada Saheb Phalke Award	Late. Vinod Khanna
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Dada Saheb Phalke Excellence Award	Anushka Sharma
Best Film	Village Rockstars (Assamese) – Director & Producer (Rima Das)
Best Tamil Film	To Let (Director: Chezhiyan)
Best Actor	Riddhi Sen (For Nagar Kirtan) - Bengali
Best Actress	Sri Devi (For MOM) - Hindi
Best Director	Jayaraj – Malayalam (For Bhayanakam)
Best Music Director	A R Rahman (For Katru Veliyidai)
Most Film Friendly State award 2017	Madhya Pradesh

18. BOOKS AND AUTHORS

BOOKS	AUTHORS
Imperfect	Sanjay Manjrekar
The Heartfulness Way	Kamlesh Patel
Majuli: Resources and Challenges	Sanjib Kumar Borkakoti
A Brief History of Time	Stephen Hawking
The King of the Dark Chamber	Rabindranath Tagore
A Tribute to Jagu	Sri Lanka Cricket
Indira Gandhi – A Life in Nature	Jairam Ramesh
Across the Bench – Insight into the Indian Military Judicial System	Gyan Bhushan
Straight Talk	Abhishek Manu Singhvi
The Presidential Years	Pranab Mukherjee
President is Missing	Bill Clinton and James Patterson
Notes of a Dream: The Authorized Biography of A.R. Rahman	Krishna Trilok
Emergency: Indian Democracy's Darkest Hour	A. Suriya Prakash
Gandhi: The Years That Changed The World (1914-1948)	Ramachandra Guha
Eleventh Hour	Hussain Zaidi
Winning Like Sourav: Think & Succeed Like Ganguly	Abhirup Bhattacharya

Aluminium: The Future Metal	Tapan Kumar Chand
The House of Islam: A Global History	Ed Husain
The Dhoni Touch: Unravelling the Enigma That Is Mahendra Singh Dhoni	Bharat Sundaresan
When Coal Turned Gold: The Making of a Maharatna Company	PB Bhattacharyya
281 and Beyond	Autobiography of veteran cricketer VVS Laxman
No Spin	Autobiography of Veteran Australian bowler Shane Warne.

19. SPORTS

1) **XXIII OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES: 9th Feb – 25th Feb 2018**

Host City	Pyeongchang, South Korea
Next Winter Olympics - 2022	Beijing, China
2014 - Winter Olympics	Sochi, Russia
2010 - Winter Olympics	Vancouver, Canada
Motto	Passion. Connected.
Total no. Of Nations Participated	92
Total no. Of Athletes Participated	Total: 2922
	Men: 1680
	Women: 1242
Total no. Of Events	102 in 7 Sports (15 disciplines)
Total no. Of Medals	259
Debutant Countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ecuador ➤ Eritrea ➤ Kosovo ➤ Malaysia ➤ Nigeria ➤ Singapore
Newly added Games	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Big air snowboarding, ➤ Mass start speed skating, ➤ Mixed doubles curling, ➤ Mixed team alpine skiing

Mascot	Soohorang , the mascot of the PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Winter Games took its motif from the white tiger.				
Total no. Of Indians Participated (2)	Jagdish Singh - Cross-country skiing				
	Shiva Keshavan - Luge				
Medal Tally	COUNTRY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
	Norway	14	14	11	39
	Germany	14	10	7	31
	Canada	11	8	10	29
	USA	9	8	6	23
	Netherlands	8	6	6	20

2) **XXII 2018 WINTER PARALYMPICS: 9th Mar – 18th Mar 2018** – India won't participated in the Paralympics

Host City	Pyeongchang, South Korea				
Next Winter Paralympics - 2022	Beijing, China				
2014 - Winter Paralympics	Sochi, Russia				
2010 - Winter Paralympics	Vancouver, Canada				
Motto	Passion. Connected.				
Total no. Of Nations Participated	49				
Total no. Of Athletes Participated	569				
Total no. Of Events	80 in 6 Sports				
Debutant Countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Georgia ➤ North Korea ➤ Tajikistan 				
Mascot	An Asiatic black bear named "Bandabi" is the official Mascot of Paralympic games				
Medal Tally ** (Russian athletes suspended from the Paralympic movement since 2016, due to the state-sponsored doping programme scandal. They are known as Neutral Paralympic Athletes)	COUNTRY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
	USA	13	15	8	36
	Neutral Paralympic Athletes	8	10	6	24
	Canada	8	4	16	28
	France	7	8	5	20
	Germany	7	8	4	19

3) 18th Asian Games 2018: 18th Aug 2018 – 2nd Sep 2018

Host City	Jakarta and Palembang, Indonesia				
Next Asian Games - 2022	Hangzhou, China				
Asian Games - 2026	Nagoya, Aichi Prefecture, Japan				
2014 – Asian Games	Incheon, South Korea				
2010 - Asian Games	Guangzhou, Guangdong, China				
Motto	"Energy of Asia"				
Mascot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bhin Bhin is a bird of paradise (Paradisaea Apoda) that represent strategy ➤ Atung is a Bawean deer (Hyelaphus Kuhlii) that represents speed ➤ Kaka is a single-horned rhinoceros (Rhinoceros Sondaicus) that represents strength 				
Official Song	Energy of Asia: Official Album of Asian Games 2018				
Total no. Of Nations Participated	45				
Total no. Of Athletes Participated	11,720				
Total no. Of Events	465 in 40 sports				
Most valuable player of 2018 Asian Games	Rikako Ikee - Japanese swimmer				
Flag Bearer from India	Opening Ceremony: Neeraj Chopra				
	Closing Ceremony: Rani Rampal				
Medal Tally	COUNTRY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
	India – 8 th	15	24	30	69
	China – 1 st (Tenth Consecutive time)	132	92	65	289
	Japan – 2 nd	75	56	74	205
	South Korea – 3 rd	49	58	70	177
	Indonesia – 4 th	31	24	43	98

INDIAN MEDALISTS

MEDAL	NAME	SPORT
GOLD	Bajrang Punia- won India's first gold medal at the 18th edition of the Asian Games held in Jakarta, Indonesia.	Wrestling

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GOLD	Saurabh Chaudhary – Mens 10m Air Pistol	Shooting
GOLD	Rahi Sarnobat - <i>First Indian woman to win gold medal at Jakarta-Palembang 2018 Asian Games in 25m pistol event</i>	Shooting
GOLD	Vinesh Phogat - <i>First Indian woman wrestler to win gold in the Asian Games.</i>	Wrestling
GOLD	Swapna Barman	Women's heptathlon
GOLD	Neeraj Chopra - <i>He threw a distance of 88.06 m to win gold and set a new Indian national record, bettering his own previous record.</i>	Men's javelin throw
GOLD	Tajinderpal Singh Toor	Men's shot put
GOLD	Arpinder Singh	Men's triple jump
GOLD	Manjit Singh	Men's 800 metres
GOLD	Jinson Johnson	Men's 1500 metres
GOLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sawarn Singh ➤ Dattu Baban Bhokanal ➤ Om Prakash ➤ Sukhmeet Singh 	Men's quadruple sculls
GOLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ M. R. Poovamma ➤ Saritaben Gaikwad ➤ Hima Das ➤ Vismaya 	Women's 4 x 400 m relay
SILVER	Hima Das	Women's 400 metres
SILVER	P. V. Sindhu	Badminton
SILVER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rajiv Arokia ➤ Muhammed Anas ➤ Hima Das ➤ M. R. Poovamma 	Mixed 4 x 400 metres relay
SILVER	India women's national field hockey team	Field hockey
SILVER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dipika Pallikal ➤ Joshna Chinappa ➤ Tanvi Khanna ➤ Sunayna Kuruvilla 	Squash
BRONZE	India men's national sepak takraw team	Men's team regu
BRONZE	Saina Nehwal	Badminton
BRONZE	India men's national field hockey team	Field hockey
BRONZE	India men's national kabaddi team	kabaddi

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SPORT	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
Athletics	7	10	2	19
Shooting	2	4	3	9
Wrestling	2	0	1	3

TAMIL NADU PLAYERS IN 2018 ASIAN GAMES

PLAYERS	SPORT	MEDAL
Tharun Ayyasamy	Athletics	SILVER
Dheepika Kathick	Squash	SILVER
Jhosua Chinnappa	Squash	SILVER
Varsha Gowtham	Rowing	SILVER
Harinder Pal Sandhu	Squash	BRONZE
Sarath Kamal	Tennis	BRONZE
Varun Thakkar	Rowing	BRONZE
Ganapathi	Rowing	BRONZE
Sathyan	Table Tennis	BRONZE
Amalraj	Table Tennis	BRONZE
Roopinder Paul Singh	Hockey	BRONZE
Srijesh	Hockey	BRONZE

4) **3rd Para Asian Games 2018: 6th Oct 2018 – 13th Oct 2018**

Host City	Jakarta, Indonesia
Next Para Asian Games - 2022	Hangzhou, China
Para Asian Games - 2026	Nagoya, Aichi Prefecture, Japan
2014 – Para Asian Games	Incheon, South Korea
2010 – Para Asian Games	Guangzhou, China
Motto	The Inspiring Spirit and Energy of Asia
Mascot	Bondol eagle named “Momo” whose name is short for motivation and mobility.
Official Song	Six songs were composed for the games, including the official theme song “Song of Victory”
Total no. Of Nations Participated	43

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Total no. Of Athletes Participated	2,762				
Total no. Of Events	512 in 18 sports (506 medals and 6 non-medals)				
Flag Bearer from India	Mariyappan Thangavelu				
Medal Tally	COUNTRY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
	India – 9 th	15	24	33	72
	China – 1 st	172	88	59	319
	South Korea– 2 nd	53	45	46	144
	Iran – 3 rd	51	42	43	136
	Japan – 4 th	45	70	83	198

5) **3rd Summer Youth Olympic Games 2018 (Buenos Aires 2018): 6th Oct 2018 – 18th Oct 2018**

Host City	Buenos Aires, Argentina				
Next Summer Youth Olympic Games - 2022	Dakar, Senegal				
2014 – Summer Youth Olympic Games	Nanjing, China				
2010 – Summer Youth Olympic Games	Singapore				
Motto	Feel the future				
Mascot	“ Pandi ” (Jaguar) is the official mascot of Buenos Aires 2018.				
Total no. Of Nations Participated	206				
Total no. Of Athletes Participated	3,997				
Total no. Of Events	239 in 32 Sports				
Flag Bearer from India	Opening: Manu Bhaker				
	Closing: Jeremy Lalrinnunga				
Medal Tally (Teams made up of athletes representing different National Olympic Committees (NOCs), called mixed-NOCs teams)	COUNTRY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
	India – 18 th	3	9	1	13
	Russia	29	18	12	59
	China	18	9	9	36
	Japan	15	12	12	39
	Mixed NOC’s	13	13	13	39

INDIAN MEDALISTS

MEDAL	NAME	SPORT
GOLD	Jeremy Lalrinnunga - won India's first ever Youth Olympics Gold medal	Weight Lifting
GOLD	Manu Bhaker – Girls 10m Air Pistol (<i>She became the first Indian girl to win a Youth Olympics Gold medal in Shooting</i>)	Shooting
GOLD	Saurabh Chaudhary – Boys 10m Air Pistol	Shooting
GOLD	Lakshya Sen	Mixed Badminton
SILVER	Tushar Mane – Boys 10m Air Pistol	Shooting
SILVER	Tababi Devi – Girls 44Kg	Judo
SILVER	Mehuli Ghosh – Girls 10m Air Pistol	Shooting
SILVER	Tababi Devi	Mixed Judo
SILVER	Manu Bhaker - 10m Air Pistol	Mixed Shooting
SILVER	Lakshya Sen	Badminton
SILVER	Simran – Girl's Freestyle 43Kg	Wrestling
SILVER	India men's national field hockey team	Field Hockey
SILVER	India women's national field hockey team	Field hockey
SILVER	Suraj Panwar - Boys' 5 km walk	Athletics
SILVER	Akash Malik	Archery
BRONZE	Praveen Chithravel – Boy's Triple Jump (TAMIL NADU)	Athletics

6) **21st Commonwealth Games 2018: Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia**
Apr 4 - 15, 2018

- **THEME:** "A Peace-building Commonwealth"
- **Mascot:** Borobi
- **Motto:** "Share the Dream"
- **Emblem:** "silhouette of the skyline and landscape of Gold Coast"
- **Official song:** "Welcome to Earth" (recorded by the Australian Singer Delta Goodrem)
- **71 Commonwealth Nations & Territories participated in the CWG 2018.**
- **Total No. Of Sports: 18 & 7 Parasports.**
- **Only 39 Common Wealth Nations & Territories are in the Final Medal Tally.**

- **Beach Volleyball, Para Triathlon, and Women's Rugby Sevens** will make their Commonwealth Games debuts and for the **first time** at a Commonwealth Games, **an equal number of men's and women's medal events will be contested.**
 - Australia won 198 Medals (80 Gold – 59 Silver – 59 Bronze) – **1st place.**
 - England won 136 Medals (45 Gold – 45 Silver – 46 Bronze) – **2nd Place.**
 - India won 66 Medals (26 Gold – 20 Silver – 20 Bronze) – **3rd place.**

Flag Bearers: Opening: P.V. Sindhu

Closing: Mary Kom

(Next Commonwealth Games 2022 will be held in Birmingham, England)

MULTIMEDALISTS:

From India:

- **Manika Batra (Table Tennis) – 4 Medals [2G – 1S- 1B]**
- **Saina Nehwal (Badminton) – 2 Gold**

Overall:

- **Mitch Larkin – Swimming – 5 Gold**
- **Nile Wilson – Artistic Gymnastics – 6 Medals [4G – 2S]**
- **Diamanto Evripidou (Woman) – Rhythmic Gymnastics – 6 Medals [4G – 1S – 1B]**

INDIA - Maximum Medal obtained by Sport

SPORT	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
Shooting	7	4	5	16
Wrestling	5	3	4	12
Weightlifting	5	2	2	9

GOLD: Taylah Robertson (19 yr old Australian Boxer) wins the **first gold** in 51kg Category of the Commonwealth Games.

Weightlifting	Mirabhai chanu – 48kg (1st gold medal winner for India on an opening day)
	Sathish Kumar Sivalingam – 77kg (From Tamil Nadu)
	Punam Yadav- 69kg Women
	Sanjita Sanu – 53kg Women
	Venkat Rahul Ragala – 85kg Men
Boxing	Mary Kom – 45 – 48kg (Won Gold in her Debut Commonwealth games)
	Gaurav Solanki – 52kg
	Vikas Krishnan – 75kg

Table Tennis	Manika Batra – (1st Indian Women to win the gold in Commonwealth for Table Tennis)
	Indian Table Tennis Team Women’s Team won the 1st Commonwealth gold by beating Singapore.
	Indian Table Tennis Team Men’s Team won the gold by defeating Nigeria.
Freestyle Wrestling	Vinesh Phogat – 50kg Women
	Bhajrang Punia – 65kg
	Sumit Malik – 125kg Men
	Rahul Aware – 57 Kg
Javelin Throw	Neeraj Chopra (1st Indian to Win the gold in Javelin Throw)
Shooting	Anish Bhanwala (15yrs – 25m rapid fire)
	Tejaswini Sawant – 50m
	Shreyasi Singh – Double trap Women Shooting
Badminton	Saina Nehwal – Women’s Single
	Satwik Rankireddy & Ashwini Ponaappa (Mixed Doubles) – (1st-time Mixed doubles team win the gold)
Air Pistol	Manu Bhaker – 10m Women
	Jitu Rai – 10m Men
	Heena Sidhu – 25m

Silver:

P. Gururaja – 56kg Men Wrestler (1st Silver medal winner for India)

Badminton	P.V.Sindhu (against Saina Nehwal)
	Kidami Srinath
Squash	Dipika Pallikal & Joshna Chinappa (Women’s Doubles Squash)
	Dipika Pallikal & Sourav Ghosal (Mixed Doubles Squash)
Boxing	Manish Kaushik – 60kg Men
	Amit Phangal – 46-49kg Men
Table Tennis	Manika Batra & Mouma Das (Women’s Doubles)
Wrestling	P. Gururaja – 56kg Men (1st Silver medal winner for India)
	Mausam Khatri – 97kg Men
	Pooja Dhanda – 57 kg Women
	Pradeep Singh – 105kg Men
	Babitha Kumari – 53kg Women
Discus Throw	Seema Punia (60.41m)
	Mehuli Ghosh - 10m

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Shooting	Heena Sidhu – 10m
	Tejaswini Sawant – 50m

Bronze:

Para Powerlifting	Sachin Chaudry (men's heavyweight category in para powerlifting)
Table Tennis	Manika Batra & G. Sathiyam (Mixed Doubles)
	Sharath Kamal
	Harmeet Desai and Sanil Shankar Shetty (Men's Doubles)
Badminton	Ashwini Ponnappa & Sikki Reddy (Women's Doubles)
Wrestling	Somveer (86kg)
	Divya Kakran (68kg)
	Kiran (76kg)
Discus Throw	Navjeet Dhillon (57.43m)
Shooting	Ankur Mittal (Double – Trap Shooting)
	Ravi Kumar (10m)
Air Pistol	Om Mitharval (Won both in 50m & 10m)
	Apurvi Chandela (10m)
Weightlifting	Deepak Lather (From Haryana – Youngest Indian to win the medal in Commonwealth games) -69kg
	Vikas Thakur (94kg)

7) **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
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)
2500th Goal in World Cup History	Fakhreddine Ben Youssef (Tunisia) hit the 2500th goal Vs. Panama
Branding	The tournament logo was unveiled on 28 October 2014 by cosmonauts at the International Space Station
The Typeface (Font) used for	DUSHA

branding in the world Cup	
The Mascot for the Tournament	Wolf Zabivaka
Official Song	" <i>Live It Up</i> ", 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

FIFA WINNER 2018

Winner (4 - 2 goal)	France (2nd time & 1st time in 1998) [Captain: Hugo Lloris]
Runner	Croatia [Captain: Luka Modric]
3rd Place	Belgium [Captain: Eden Hazard]
4th Place	England [Captain: Harry Kane]

FIFA AWARDS 2018

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)

TENNIS

8) **AUSTRALIAN OPEN TENNIS: 2018** [15th January – 28th January],
Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Men's Singles	Roger Federer (won) (Switzerland) Vs. Marin Cilic (Croatia) <i>(20th Grand Slam & 6th Australia Open for Roger Federer)</i>
Women's Singles	Caroline Wozniacki (Denmark) (won) Vs. Simona Halep (Romania)
Men's Doubles	Oliver Marach (Austria) and Mate Pavić (Croatia) (won) Vs. Juan Sebastián Cabal and Robert Farah (Colombia)
Women's Doubles	Tímea Babos (Hungary) and Kristina Mladenovic (France) (won) Vs. Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina (Russia)

9) **FRENCH OPEN TENNIS: 2018** [27th May – 10th June], Roland Garros, Paris

Men's Singles	Rafael Nadal (won) (Spain) Vs. Dominic Thiem (Austria) <i>(11th French Open & 17th overall grand slam title for Nadal*)</i>
Women's Singles	Simona Halep (won) (Romania) Vs. Sloane Stephens (USA) <i>(1st grand slam title for Simona Halep)</i>
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)

10) **WIMBLEDON TENNIS: 2018** [2nd July – 15th July], London, UK

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

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

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

12) **ITALIAN OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT 2018:**

Men's Singles	Rafael Nadal (Spain) won Vs. Alexander Zverev (Germany)
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Women's Singles **Elina Svitolina (Ukraine) won** Vs. Simona Halep (Romania)

13) **Asian Wrestling Championships 2018:** Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Highest no. of Medals:

- China 14 (7 Gold, 1 Silver, 6 Bronze)
- India 8 (1Gold, 1Silver, 6Bronze)

MEDAL	PLAYERS from India
Gold	Navjot Kaur - 65Kg (The 1 st Indian Women to win the gold medal)
Silver	Vinesh Phogat - 50Kg
Bronze	Sakshi Malik - 62Kg
Bronze	Rajendar Kumar - 55Kg
Bronze	Harpreet Singh - 82Kg
Bronze	Sangeeta Phogat - 59Kg
Bronze	Bajrang Punia - 65Kg
Bronze	Om Prakash Vinod - 70Kg

14) **2018 ISSF world Cup in Guadalajara, Mexico: Air pistol Shooting**

MEDAL	PLAYERS
Gold	Manu bhaker – 10m
Gold	Shahzar Ravi – 10m
Gold	Manu bhaker and Om Prakash Mitharval – 10m (Mixed)
Gold	Akhil Sheoran - (50 metre – 3 Position)
silver	Anjum Moudgil - (50 metre – 3 Position)

15) **2018 ISSF Junior world Cup in Sydney, Australia: Air pistol Shooting**

MEDAL	PLAYERS
Gold	Manu bhaker - 10m
Gold	Manu bhaker and Anmol – 10m (Mixed)
Gold	Anish Bhanwala
Gold	Muskan Bhanwala – 25m

SUMMARY

VENUES

GAMES	VENUES
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Commonwealth Games	2014: Glasgow, Scotland
	2018: Goldcoast, Australia
	2022: Birmingham, England
Asian Games & Para Asian Games	2010: Guangzhou, Guangdong, China
	2014: Incheon, South Korea
	2018: Jakarta and Palembang, Indonesia
Winter Olympics & Winter Paralympics	2010: Vancouver, Canada
	2014: Sochi, Russia
	2018: Pyeongchang, South Korea
Summer Youth Olympics	2010: Singapore
	2014: Nanjing, China
	2018: Buenos Aires, Argentina
FIFA World Cup	2014: Brazil
	2018: Russia
	2022: Qatar
Olympics	2016: Rio de Janeiro
	2020: Tokyo
	2024: Paris
	2028: Los Angeles

FLAG BEARERS

CEREMONIES	COMMONWEALTH GAMES	ASIAN GAMES	PARA ASIAN GAMES	YOUTH OLYMPICS
OPENING	P V Sindhu	Neeraj Chopra	Mariyappan Thangavelu	Manu Bhaker
CLOSING	Mary Kom	Rani Rampal		Jeremy Lalrinnunga

MASCOTS

GAMES	MASCOTS
Commonwealth Games	Borobi
Asian Games	➤ Bhin
	➤ Atung

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	➤ Kaka
Para Asian Games	Momo
Winter Olympics	Soohorang
Winter Paralympics	Bandabi
Summer Youth Olympics	Pandi
FIFA World Cup	Wolf Zabivaka

20. IMPORTANT DAYS

JANUARY 2018

DAYS	EVENTS	THEMES/ SIGNIFICANCE
January 1	125 th Birth Anniversary of the Satyendra Nath Bose	Invention of BOSON particle
January 5	1) Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti	1) On the honour of 10 th Sikh guru.
	2) National Bird day	2) National Bird Day was related to promote avian awareness.
January 9	Pravasibharatiya divas/NRI Day	“Role of Indian Diaspora in building a New India”
January 10	World Hindi Day	“To spread the greatness of the language through its missions abroad”
January 11	Death anniversary of Lal Bahadur Shasthi	2 nd Prime Minister of India
January 12	National Youth Day/YuvaDiwas	155 th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda was observed.
January 15	National Army Day	Army day is dedicated to the soldiers who fought to safeguard the country's Honour
January 23	Birth Anniversary of Nethaji Subash Chandra Bose	Indian National Army
January 24	National Girl Child Day	“A girl is flower, not a thorn”
January 25	National voter's Day	“Accessible Elections”/ 8 th Anniversary was observed
January 26	1) Indian Republic Day	1) 10 ASEAN leaders was Participated as a Chief Guest.
	2) International Customs Day	2) “A Secure business environment for economic development”.
January 28	Birth Anniversary of Lala Lajpat Rai	Lion of Punjab

January 29	238 th anniversary of India's first newspaper - Bengal Gazette	Hicky's Bengal Gazette was an English language weekly newspaper published in Kolkata
January 30	1) Martyrs' Day	1) Assassination of Gandhi in 1948, by Nathuram Godse.
	2) National Cleanliness Day	2) The day calls to maintain high standards of cleanliness in & out of homes, work place, roads and public places.
	3) World Leprosy Eradication Day	3) Observance of the day focuses on target of zero cases of leprosy-related disabilities in children.

FEBRUARY 2018

DAYS	EVENTS	THEMES/ SIGNIFICANCE
February 1	Coast Guard Day	Motto: "Vayam Rakshamah" meaning "we protect"
February 2	World Wetland Day	"Wetlands for a sustainable urban future"
February 4	World Cancer Day	"We can, I can"
February 6	International Day against Female Genital Mutilation	UN's efforts to eradicate female genital mutilation
	Safer Internet Day	"Create Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you"
February 10	National Deworming Day	For treating intestinal worm infections in all children aged 1- 19 years
February 11	National Unani Day	The birthday of Unani researcher Hakim Ajmal Khan
February 12	National Productivity Day	"Industry 4.0 Leapfrog Opportunity for India"
February 13	World Radio Day	"Radio & Sports"
February 18	182 nd birth anniversary of Ramakrishna Pramahansa	Ramakrishna's religious and spiritual philosophy was centred on Shakto, Advaita Vedanta, and universal tolerance.
February 20	World Day of Social Justice	"Workers on the Move: The Quest for Social Justice"
February 21	International Mother Language Day	"Linguistic diversity and multilingualism count for sustainable development"
February 24	Central Excise Day	Central Excise Day is used to collect the Tax from the people
February 28	National Science Day	"Science and Technology for a sustainable future"

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MARCH 2018

DAYS	EVENTS	THEMES/ SIGNIFICANCE
March 1	Zero Discrimination Day	To promote equality before the law
March 3	World Wildlife Day	“Big Cats – Predators Under Threat”
March 4	National Security day	To enhance the safety awareness among the people
March 8	International Women’s Day	“Time is Now: Rural and urban activists transforming women’s lives”
March 10	Raising Day of CISF	CISF was established on this day
March 11	33 rd Inception Day of National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)	NCRB is the Nodal Agency for authentic source of Data on crime, accidents, suicides, and prisons for policy matters and research.
March 14	Pi Day 2018	Pi Day is an annual opportunity for math enthusiasts to recite the infinite digits of Pi.
March 15	World Consumer Rights Day	“Making Digital Market Places Fairer”
March 16	World Sleep Day	“Join the Sleep World, Preserve Your Rhythms to Enjoy Life”
March 20	World Sparrow Day	“I Love Sparrows”
	International day of happiness	“Share Happiness”
March 21	International day of forests	“Forests and Sustainable Cities.”
	World Poetry Day	The day is to appreciate and support poets and poetry around the world
March 22	World Water Day	“Nature for Water”
March 23	World Meteorological Day	“Weather - ready, Climate - Smart”
	Martyrs Day / Shaheed Diwas	The day is to Remember the Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev Thappar and Shivaram Rajguru
March 24	World Tuberculosis Day	“Wanted: Leaders for a TB – Free world”
	International Day for Achievers	The day is to pay the tribute to Achievers in any fields for their outstanding achievements

APRIL 2018

DAYS	EVENTS	THEMES/ SIGNIFICANCE
April 1	Odisha Day / Utkal Diwas	To commemorate the formation of the state
April 2	World Autism Awareness Day	“Empowering women and girls with autism”
April 5	National Maritime Day	“Indian Shipping – An Ocean of opportunity”
April 6	International Day of Sport for Development and Peace	This date marks the opening of the first modern Olympic Games in Athens in 1896.
April 7	70 th Anniversary of “World Health Day”	Theme: Universal Health Coverage: everyone, everywhere.

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		Slogan: Health for all
April 10	World Homoeopathy Day	The Theme of two day Convention is "Innovate Evolve, Progress: Exploring Science for 40 years".
April 11	National Safe Motherhood Day	"Respectful Maternity Care"
April 12	World Aviation and Cosmonautics Day	To commemorate the first-ever flight of a human in space.
April 17	World Hemophilia Day	"sharing knowledge makes us stronger"
April 18	World Heritage Day	"Heritage for Generations"
April 19	World Liver Day	"Riding new waves in liver diagnosis, staging, and treatment."
April 21	World Civil Service Day	"New India Shaping the Future"
	World Creativity & Innovation Day	To encourage creative multidisciplinary thinking to help us achieve the sustainable future we want.
April 22	World Earth Day	"End Plastic Pollution"
April 23	World Book and Copyright Day	To increase the reading habit among the world public and to promote publishing and copyright of books
April 24	National Panchayati Raj Day	Decentralization of political power to the grassroots level
April 25	World Malaria Day	"Ready to beat malaria"
April 26	World Intellectual Property Day	"Powering change: Women in innovation and creativity."
April 29	International Dance Day	International Dance Day is a global celebration of dance

MAY 2018

DAYS	EVENTS	THEMES/ SIGNIFICANCE
May 1	International Labour Day	"Uniting Workers for Social and Economic Advancement"
	World Asthma Day	"Allergy and Asthma"
May 3	World Press Freedom day	"Keeping Power in Check: Media, Justice and The Rule of Law "
May 4	International Fire Fighters Day	It was instituted after the death of five firefighters in tragic circumstances in a wildfire in Australia.
May 5	World Cartoonist Day	To honor all those creative ink-stained artists, past and present
May 6 (In 2018)	World Laughter Day	World Laughter Day takes place on the 1 st Sunday of May every year

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May 8	World Red Cross Day	“Memorable smiles from around the world”.
	World Thalassaemia Day	“Thalassaemia past, present and future: Documenting progress and patients’ needs worldwide”.
May 11	National Technology Day	“Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future”
May 12	International Nurse Day	“A voice to lead: Health is a human right.
May 15	International Day of Families	“Families and inclusive societies”.
May 16	National Dengue Day	The day is to create an awareness about the Dengue.
May 17	World Telecommunication and Information Society Day	“Enabling the positive use of Artificial Intelligence for All”
May 18	International Museum Day	‘Museums and Hyper Communication – New Approaches and New Public’.
	World AIDS Vaccine Day	To raise the awareness of the continued need for a vaccine for HIV.
May 21	National Anti – Terrorism Day	To make the people aware of the anti-social act of terrorism and its impact on human suffering and lives.
May 22	International Bio-diversity	“Celebrating 25 Years of Action for Biodiversity”
May 23	World Turtle Day	To educate people about the things that they can do to protect the habitats of turtle and tortoises.
May 25	World Thyroid Awareness Day	“Lifestyle and diet change for better thyroid management”
May 22 to 28	International Thyroid Awareness Week	“It’s not you. It’s your thyroid”
May 28	World Menstrual Hygiene Day	The hashtag for the campaign is #nomorelimits
May 29	International Day of UN Peacekeepers	“UN Peacekeepers: 70 Years of Service and Sacrifice”

JUNE 2018

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

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		transportation.
June 5	World Environment Day	“Beat Plastic Pollution”
June 8	World Brain Tumour Day	Aims to raise awareness about a brain tumor
	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	“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
June 17	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	“Land has true value – invest in it”

JULY 2018

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 st anniversary of the new indirect tax regime.
July 6	World Zoonoses Day	To create awareness on Zoonotic diseases,
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
July 15	World Youth Skills Day	“Improving the image of TVET (Technical & Vocational Education and Training)”
	Educational Development Day	116 th birth anniversary of K.Kamaraj, former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu was celebrated on July 15 2018

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	Maraimalai Adigal Birthday	Thanithamizh Iyakkathin Thanthai
July 17	International Justice Day	The day is to unite everyone who wants to support justice as well as promote victims' rights.
July 23	Subramanya Siva Death day	He was the freedom fighter and author of the journal Gnanabhanu and books Ramanuja Vijayam and Madhva Vijayam.
July 24	National Income Tax Day	The main motive behind the celebration of this day is to propagate the importance of paying tax.
July 26	19 th Kargil Vijay Diwas	To commemorate the success of Operation Vijay and remember the brave sacrifice of Indian soldiers during 1999 India-Pakistan Kargil War
July 28	World Hepatitis Day	"Test. Treat. Hepatitis"
July 29	International Tiger Day (Global Tiger Day)	"Their survival is in our hands"
July 30	World Day against Trafficking in Persons	"Responding to the trafficking of children and young people"

AUGUST 2018

DAYS	EVENTS	THEMES/ SIGNIFICANCE
August 1	Earth Overshoot Day	It is date when humanity annual demand on nature exceeds what Earth can regenerate over the entire year.
August 2	141 st Birthday of Pingali Venkayya	He was the freedom fighter and designer of an Indian National Flag
August 7	National Handloom Day	The first National Handloom Day was inaugurated on 7 August 2015 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Chennai, Tamil Nadu
August 9	International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples	"Indigenous people Migration and Movement"
August 10	World Biofuel Day	The day is to create awareness about the importance of non-fossil fuels
August 12	World Elephant Day	The day is to create awareness of urgent plight of African and Asian elephants
	International Youth Day	"Safe Spaces for Youth"
August 13	World Organ Donation Day	The day is to encourage people to donate their precious organs.

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August 19	World Humanitarian Day	"#NotATarget"
	World Photography Day	The day is to encourage photographers across the world.
August 20	World Mosquito Day	To create an awareness to prevent and also to fundraise for research into the cure of malaria
August 21	World Senior Citizen Day	To create an awareness of the condition of elder people and support them through the process of senescence
August 23	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition	The day designated UNESCO to memorialize the transatlantic slave trade
August 29	National Sports Day	The day was observed to for the legendary hockey player Major Dhyan Chand

(World Breastfeeding Week 1st August – 7th August*)

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