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TAMIL NADU

- 1) **Treatment for Cancer:** Madras University Professor extracts 2 bio active anti – cancer compounds (LT1 and LT2) from ***Lentinus tuberregium mushrooms.***
- 2) Tamil writer **Thoppil Mohamed Meeran** passed away on 10th May 2019.

NOVELS
Saaivu Naarkali – Sahitya Akademi (1997)
Anbukku Mudhumai Illai
Oru Kadalora Grammaththin Kathai
Thangarasu
Thuraimugam
Ananthasayanam Colony
Anju Vannam Theru

- 3) **Tamil Nadu** government unveiled the 1st draft for ***Urban Housing and Habitat Policy***
- 4) The Cauvery Water Management Authority ordered Karnataka on 28th May 2019 to release **9.19tmcft** water to Tamil Nadu.
- 5) **India's 1st Tree Ambulance:** Vice President of India, Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated in **Chennai** on International Day for Biological Diversity
- 6) **Inter Slum Olympics:** The Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board will be organizing an “*Inter Slum Olympics*” where children of all resettled families can participate.
- 7) Australian warship **HMAS Toowoomba** visited Chennai Port on **10th May 2019.**
- 8) **Zero - Waste policy: Greater Chennai Corporation** launched a zero-waste policy after the model code of conduct for the LS election.
- 9) 2nd World Conference on Palmyrah Economy 2019 to take place in Coimbatore from 5th May to May 7th 2019

NATIONAL

- 1) The **16th Lok Sabha** was dissolved on **24th May 2019** by the resignation of the PM Modi.
- 2) **17th Lok Sabha:** Narendra Modi took oath as the Prime Minister for his second term on **30th May 2019**.

The ceremony was attended by,

- Leaders of the BIMSTEC Member Countries
- The President of Kyrgyzstan
- The Prime Minister Mauritius

Article 74: Status of the council of ministers to aid and advice the President who shall exercise his functions as per the advices tendered to him.

Article 75: Appointment, tenure, qualification, responsibilities, oath salaries and allowances of the ministers

S.No.	24 Cabinet Ministers	Portfolio
1.	Narendra Modi	Prime Minister, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Department of Atomic Energy; Department of Space
2.	Rajnath Singh	Minister of Defence
3.	Amit Shah	Minister of Home Affairs
4.	Nitin Gadkari	Minister of Road Transport and Highways; and Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
5.	DV Sadanand Gowda	Minister of Chemical and Fertilizers
6.	Nirmala Sitharaman - TN	Minister of Finance; and Minister of Corporate Affairs
7.	Ram Vilas Paswan	Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
8.	Narendra Singh Tomar	Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; Minister of Rural Development; and Minister of Panchayati Raj
9.	Ravi Shankar Prasad	Minister of Law and Justice; Minister of Communications; and Minister of Electronics and Information Technology
10.	Harsimrat Kaur Badal	Minister of Food Processing Industries
11.	Thawar Chand Gehlot	Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment
12.	Dr. S Jaishankar -TN	Minister of External Affairs
13.	Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank	Minister of Human Resource Development
14.	Arjun Munda	Minister of Tribal Affairs

15.	Smriti Irani	Minister of Women and Child Development; Minister of Textiles
16.	Dr. Harshvardhan	Minister of Health and Family Welfare; Minister of Science and Technology; and Minister of Earth Sciences
17.	Prakash Javadekar	Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change; and Minister of Information and Broadcasting
18.	Piyush Goyal	Minister of Railways; and Minister of Commerce and Industry
19.	Dharmendra Pradhan	Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas; and Minister of Steel
20.	Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi	Minister of Minority Affairs
21.	Prahalad Joshi	Minister of Parliamentary Affairs; Minister of Coal; and Minister of Mines
22.	Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey	Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
23.	Arvind Sawant	Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprise
24.	Giriraj Singh	Minister of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries
25.	Gajendra Singh Shekhawat	Minister of Jal Shakti

- 3) The world's highest polling station in Tashigang village of Himachal Pradesh's **Lahaul and Spiti district**.
- 4) **Bharatiya Janata Party** to send highest ever share of **40 Women MP's to Lok Sabha**.
- 5) **The 17th Lok Sabha** will have a record of **78 Women MP's** elected to the Parliament.
- 6) **vijayibharat.narendramodi.in**: A website launched by BJP to congratulate the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi for his victory in Election.
- 7) Indian archaeologists have unearthed a **life-sized stucco sculpture from a Buddhist site** at Phanigiri in Suryapet, Telangana.
- 8) **Yuvika-2019**: ISRO launched a residential programme termed "India Young Scientist Programme" (Yuvika - 2019) from 3th May 2019 to 26th May 2019
- 9) **Telangana government** released a draft blockchain policy to set up India's 1st "Blockchain District" in Hyderabad

- 10) **Purple frog** could be soon designated as **Kerala state's amphibian**
- 11) Karnataka planned to increase the **legal age for tobacco consumption from 18 to 21 in the state**
- 12) **Aroma Mission:** Boost medicinal and aromatic plants cultivation
Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma launched a new mission "Aroma Mission"
- 13) **e-Vidhan:** The Kerala Legislative Assembly announced an initiative to digitize all its records and proceedings e-Vidhan.
- 14) The Kerala Legislative Assembly planned to go **fully paperless and digitally**

INTERNATIONAL

- 1) **Climate Emergency: Ireland** became the 2nd country in the world after Britain to declare a climate emergency on 9th May 2019
- 2) **eHighway: Germany** has opened its 1st ever "eHighway" which allows hybrid cargo trucks to charge their batteries while they are on the move.
- 3) **Taiwan** becomes the 1st country in Asia to **legalise same-sex marriage**
- 4) **Iraq** remains India's top crude oil supplier for 2nd year in a row
- 5) **Indonesia** planned to move its capital away from Jakarta
- 6) WHO has declared *Algeria and Argentina* as **"Malaria - Free" countries**
- 7) **Golden Card:** The UAE has launched a permanent residency scheme for expatriates dubbed the **"Golden Card"**
- 8) US President Donald Trump unveiled new **"point-based Green card system"** drastically reducing the 'family-based' system
- 9) WHO has joined hands with International Food and Beverage Alliance (IFBA) **to achieve its target to eliminate Trans fats from the global food supply by 2023**

- 10) **Operation Swift Retort:** Pakistan will observe the Pakistan Air Force's retaliatory action on 27th February 2019 against India as "Operation Swift Retort"
- 11) Japan and India jointly developing and Operating the Eastern Container Terminal at Colombo port
- 12) **IQAMA scheme: The Saudi government** has approved for the 1st time 'Privileged IQAMA' scheme
- 13) Indian Oil Corporation has become the first Indian refiner to buy **US equity oil**
- 14) **China** has blocked Wikipedia across all language versions.
- 15) India to participate at the **world's oldest Biennale Art** event to be held in Venice, Italy

ECONOMICS

- 1) **Kerala** becomes the 1st state in the country to impose **cess on GST** from 1st June 2019

SPORTS

- 1) Ajinkya Rahane has become the **1st overseas player from India to join Hampshire Cricket Club, England.**
- 2) **Criczone:** World's first women's cricket magazine "criczone" launched. Publisher: Yash Lahoti
- 3) **Apurvi Chandela** achieves world no. 1 ISSF rankings in 10m air
- 4) **Virgil Van Dijk** from Liverpool has won the Professional Footballers Association (PFA) Player of the Year Award for 2018-19
- 5) **Asian Squash Championship 2019:** Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 1st May to 5th 2019
 - ✓ **Men's Title:** Saurav Ghosal
 - ✓ **Women's Title:** Joshna Chinappa
- 6) **2019 ISSF Rifle/ Pistol World Cup: China, 21st to 29th April.**

S.NO.	EVENT	PLAYERS	MEDALS
1)	10m Air Rifle	Divyansh Singh Panwar	Silver
2)	10m Air Pistol	Abhishek Verma	Gold

3)	10m Air Rifle Mixed	✓ Anjum Moudgil ✓ Divyansh Singh Panwar	Gold
4)	10m Air Pistol Mixed	✓ Manu Bhaker ✓ SaurabhChaudhary	Gold

- 7) **Amul** will sponsor **Afghanistan team** in upcoming World Cup 2019 which will be held in England and Wales from 30th May 2019
- 8) **Mumbai Indians** beats defending champions Chennai Super Kings won the **12th IPL** title at Hyderabad on 12th May 2019
- 9) **Supernovas** wins against Velocities of the **Women's T20 challenge** in Jaipur

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

SUMMITS / CONFERENCES	PURPOSE / THEME / OUTCOME	PLACE	DATE
The 6th Session of the biennial Global Platform for (DDR) Disaster Risk Reduction (GP2019)	THEME: "Resilience Dividend: Towards Sustainable and Inclusive Societies"	Geneva, Switzerland	13 th – 17 th May 2019
11th Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting	The Arctic States were joined by delegates from the Arctic Council's Permanent Participant organizations, the heads of the 6 Working Groups, and Observers	Finland	
5th smart cities India 2019 expo	The event was organized by India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO) and Exhibitions India Group.	New Delhi	22 nd – 24 th May 2019
Taiwan Expo 2019		New Delhi	
G7 environment Ministers 2019		France	
Global Influence of Asian Civilizations Forum		Beijing, China	
Urban 20 Mayors summit	THEME: "Climate Action, Circular Economy, Social Inclusion and Integration, Sustainable Economic Growth and Gender Equality"	Tokyo, Japan	20 th – 22 nd May 2019
Ministerial meeting under the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)		Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic	21 st – 22 nd May 2019

INDICES

INDEX	PURPOSE / RELEASED BY	INDIA'S RANKING	TOP RANKING
Kids Right Index	Kids Right Foundation with Erasmus University, Rotterdam	117	Iceland

WOMEN IN NEWS

M Jayshree Vyas	1 st Independent Woman Director to BSE board
Bhawana Kanth	1 st Woman IAF Pilot to qualify for Combat missions on a fighter jets
Saray Khumalo	1 st South African woman to scale Mount Everest
GS Lakshmi	1 st Woman female ICC match referee
Claire Polosak	1 st Woman umpire to stand in a men's ODI
Aarohi Pandit	1 st Woman in the world to cross the Atlantic Ocean solo in a Light Sports Aircraft (LSA)

CYCLONES

CYCLONES	AFFECTED AREA	DATE
Cyclone Fani	Odisha & West Bengal	Crossed on 3 rd May 2019

MILITARY EXERCISES IN MAY 2019

EXERCISE NAME	HELD BETWEEN	TYPE OF EXERCISE	PLACE	DATE
SIMBEX	India and Singapore	Naval Exercise	Singapore	16 th May – 22 nd May 2019
VARUNA	India and France	Naval Exercise	Goa	1 st May 2019

ROCKETS LAUNCHED IN MAY 2019

SATELLITES	COUNTRY	LAUNCH VEHICLE	PURPOSE	LAUNCH DATE
RISAT-2B	India	PSLV C-46	Radar imaging earth observation satellite	22 nd May 2019

ISRO announced 7 Mega Missions in next 10 years:

2020	XPoSAT
2021	Aditya L1
2022	Mangalyaan 2
2023	Venus Mission
2024	Chandarayaan 3
2028	Exoworlds

DEFENCE & SPACE

DEFENCE & SPACE	PURPOSE	COUNTRY / STATE
Marsquake	NASA's Mars InSight Lander has recorded first "marsquake" on the mars due to volcanic eruptions or land Tides.	USA
Artemis	NASA planned to have the 1 st woman land on the Moon by 2024	USA
1st Artificial Crater	By Using Hayabusa2 probe, JAXA created the 1 st artificial crater on the Ryugu asteroid	Japan
BrahMos missile	IAF successfully fired aerial version of supersonic BrahMos cruise missile from a Su-30 MKI fighter aircraft.	India
Anti Naxal women commandos	for the 1 st time in the country Chhattisgarh Police have introduced	
Rani Abbakka Force	Mangaluru City Police launched an all-women police patrol unit	Karnataka
INS Ranjit	Decommissioned	India
Vigraha	Decommissioned	India
Shaheen - II	surface-to-surface ballistic missile successfully tested	Pakistan
T-90 "Bhishma"	Army Tanks	India
World's 1st "zero waste" Flight	Qantas – Australian flight carrier has operated world's first zero waste commercial flight	Australia
59th Raising Day	59 th Raising Day of Border Roads Organization was celebrated on 7 th May 2019	India
Momo-3	A Japanese aerospace start-up Interstellar Technology Inc. has successfully launched a first privately developed rocket 'Momo-3' into space	Japan
Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART)	NASA will hit an asteroid named Didymoon or Didymos B with a spacecraft called Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) in 2022	USA
NSIL (New Space India Limited)	ISRO's new commercial arm called New Space India Limited (NSIL) was inaugurated in Bengaluru	India

Blue Moon vehicle	Blue Moon would be used to transport equipment, and possibly human beings, to the south pole of the moon by 2024	
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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

NEW DISCOVERIES	TYPE / PURPOSE	PLACE / BY
Lecanorchis Taiwaniana	India's Smallest Orchids - a Parasitic Bloom	Assam
Smithophis Atemporalis	New "Rain loving snake"	Mizoram
Trimeresurus arunachalensis	Reddish Brown Venomous pit viper	Arunachal Pradesh
Ourasphaira Giraldae	Earth's oldest fungi fossil	Canada
Akademik Lomonosov	World's 1 st floating nuclear power plant	Russia
Yeti Footprints	Abominable Snowman or Asian Bigfoot Ape (32×15)	Eastern Himalayas
Monkeypox Virus	Singapore reported the first ever case of the Monkeypox Virus, a rare virus similar to the human smallpox.	Singapore
URAL	Nuclear-powered icebreaker	Russia
Magnetic Levitation (maglev) Train	a prototype magnetic levitation (maglev) train designed with a maximum speed of 600 kilometers per hour	China
GlobalCoin	Own Cryptocurrency	Facebook
DARA	India's first chatbot for creative professionals	
Dengvaxia	The US Food and Drug Administration has approved the 1 st vaccine for dengue	

APPS

APPS	Launched By	USES
Rail Census App	IRCTC	Help Railways carry out physical headcount of passengers in unreserved coaches of passenger, mail and express trains and the compilation of the census data.

AWARDS

AWARDS / PRIZES	PERSON / ORGANIZATION
Knight of the Legion of Honour	A S Kiran Kumar – Former ISRO Chairman
Man Booker International Prize	Jokha al-Harhi from Oman BOOK: Celestial Bodies Translator: Marilyn Booth
World Press Freedom Hero award in 2019	Cyril Almeida
Deenanath Mangeshkar Award 2019	Madhur Bhandarkar
P.C. Chandra Puraskaar	Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty
Sasakawa Award 2019	Dr. Pramod Kumar Mishra
McCain Institute Award 2019	Chhaya Sharma
Captain Mbaye Diagne Medal for Exceptional Courage	Chancy Chitete
The Presidential Medal of Freedom	Tiger Woods
Prestigious ACJ Award for Investigative Journalism	Nileena M.S

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONS IN NEWS

PERSONS	POSITION / DESIGNATION
Dr.Krishnamurthy Subramanian - <i>Chief Economic Adviser</i>	Included as the member of the Advisory Council to the 15 th Finance Commission headed by N.K. Singh

STATE	CHIEF MINISTER
Odisha	Naveen Patnaik – 5 th Consecutive time
Andhra Pradesh	Jagan Mohan Reddy – sworn as CM on 30 th May 2019 Party: YSR Congress Party

FESTIVALS

Brahmakalashothsava festival	Karnataka
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BOOKS AND AUTHORS

BOOKS	AUTHORS
Game Changer	Autobiography of Shahid Afridi
Politics of Jugaad: The Coalition Handbook	Saba Naqvi
Chequered Brilliance: The Many Lives of V K Krishna Menon	Jairam Ramesh – Former Union Minister

IMPORTANT DAYS

DAYS	EVENTS	THEMES/ SIGNIFICANCE
MAY 1	International Labour Day	THEME: “Sustainable Pension for all: The Role of Social Partners”
MAY 2	World Tuna Day	To promote more sustainable fishing practices which will help in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
MAY 3	World Press Freedom Day	THEME: “Media for Democracy: Journalism and Elections in Times of Disinformation”
MAY 4	International Firefighters Day	To recognize and honor the sacrifices that firefighters make to ensure that their communities and environment are as safe as possible.
MAY 5	International Day of the Midwife	THEME: “Midwives: Defenders of Women’s Rights”
MAY 7	World Athletics Day	
	World Asthma Day	THEME: “STOP for Asthma”
MAY 8	World Red Cross Day	THEME: “#Love”
	World Thalassaemia Day	THEME: “Universal Access to Quality Thalassaemia Healthcare Services: Building Bridges with and for Patients”
MAY 11	World Migratory Bird Day	THEME: “Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution!”
MAY 12	International Nurses Day	THEME: “Nurses – A Voice to Lead –Health for All’
MAY 15	International Day of Families	THEME: “Families and Climate Action: Focus on SDG 13”
MAY 16	National Dengue Day	
MAY 17	World Telecommunication and Information Society Day	THEME: “Bridging the Standardization Gap”
	World Hypertension Day	THEME: “Know Your Numbers”

MAY 18	International Museum Day	THEME: “Museums as Cultural Hubs: The future of tradition”
MAY 20	World Metrology Day	THEME: “The International System of Units – Fundamentally better”
	World Bee Day	THEME: “Save the Bees”
MAY 22	International Day for Biological Diversity	THEME: “Our Biodiversity, Our Food, Our Health”
MAY 23	World Turtle Day	THEME: “Adopt, Don’t Shop”
MAY 24	International Commonwealth Day	THEME: “A Connected Commonwealth”
	World Schizophrenia Awareness Day	
MAY 25	World Thyroid Day	
MAY 29	International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers	THEME: “Protecting Civilians, Protecting Peace”
MAY 31	World No Tobacco Day	THEME: “Tobacco and Lung health”

- ✓ **Indian Army is commemorating 2019 as the “Year of Next of Kin”**
- ✓ **5th Global road safety week from 6th May to 12th May 2019**
THEME: “Leadership for road safety”

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