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TAMIL NADU

- 1) **Tamil yeoman (Cirrochroa thais)** butterfly species endemic to Western Ghats has been declared the **“State butterfly of Tamil Nadu”**
- 2) **Avadi in Tiruvallur district** has become the **15th municipal corporation in Tamil Nadu** with the government promulgating an ordinance on 17th June 2019
- 3) Tamil Nadu government to allow the **24x7 functioning of shops and establishments** in the state
- 4) **Sivagangai and Ramanathapuram districts** were chosen under National Pulses development project for the intensive cultivation of pulses
- 5) For the 1st time in Tamil Nadu, **transgender people will have access to an exclusive clinic** at the Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital
- 6) **13th traditional paddy festival** organised by “Save Our Rice” campaign commenced near **Thiruthuraipoondi town in Tiruvarur district**
- 7) **A Centre for Excellence for Jasmine** will come up in Madurai.

NATIONAL

- 1) **Punjab government** has decided to *ban online food delivery without hygiene rating*.
- 2) **Rajasthan government** has banned the Ads & sale of e-cigarettes.
- 3) Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has announced **free of cost Delhi Metro and DTC bus rides for women**
- 4) **Telangana government** has decided to set up the India's first '**Blockchain district**' in Hyderabad to create an ecosystem for all the start-ups and institutes working in the space.
- 5) **The Punjab and Haryana High Court** has declared Animals as legal persons.
- 6) **Kaleshwaram Irrigation Project: Telangana** Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao inaugurated the Kaleshwaram irrigation project on 21st June 2019
- 7) **Madhya Pradesh** government has passed a resolution to increase reservation quota for Other Backward Classes (OBC) from existing **14% to 27%**
- 8) **Delhi metro** has become the **India's 1st project to receive power from waste-to-energy**
- 9) **Karnataka** has launched the **Pink Sarathi vehicles** for women's safety
- 10) **Maharashtra government** has decided to launch the Chief Minister's Employment Generation Programme for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)
- 11) **Banchara in Betul district of Madhya Pradesh** has become the first village in India to have zero wooden stoves and almost no use for LPG cylinders
- 12) **National People's Party** has become the 1st Political Outfit from the Northeast to get Status of National Party
- 13) **India's 1st dinosaur museum** and fossil park has inaugurated in **Gujarat**

- 14) Amasebailu village in Kundapura Taluk of Udupi district has become **Karnataka's first solar-powered Gram Panchayat.**
- 15) The Chairman of **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** K Sivan announced that India will have its own Space station by 2030.
- 16) **The Feni Bridge**, which is also known as *Maitree Setu*, is developing as a corridor for trade and commerce between India's North-East and Bangladesh
- 17) **India's first solar-powered cruise boat** going to be rolled out in **Alappuzha, Kerala**
- 18) **Madhya Pradesh** has approved to provide **10% reservation for the Economically Weaker Section (EWS)** of the general category in jobs and education.
- 19) **Rajasthan** government has decided to set up **Vedic education board and culture board in the state.**
- 20) **Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)** has declared Chaukhandi Stupa as protected area **"Monument of national importance"**
- 21) The architectural heritage of **Orchha town in Madhya Pradesh** have been included in UNESCO's tentative list of world heritage sites following a proposal sent by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to the U.N. body
- 22) India's 1st **"Hydrotherapy Treatment Center"** for Elephants opened in **Mathura, Uttar Pradesh**
- 23) The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change launched a theme song **"Hawa Aane De"** on air pollution.
- 24) **20th meeting on Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC)** was held in **New Delhi**
- 25) **35th Goods and Service Tax (GST) Council Meeting** was held in **New Delhi**. It was chaired by the **Union Finance & Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman**
- 26) **The Elephanta Festival of art and culture** commenced at the iconic Gateway of India in Mumbai, Maharashtra

- 27) **International Day of Yoga 2019 event** was held at **Prabhat Tara in Ranchi** (Jharkhand) on 21st June 2019
- 28) **Odisha** has come out with a first-of-its-kind **“Flood hazard atlas”** aided by satellite imagery

INTERNATIONAL

- 1) Prime Minister Narendra Modi was the 1st leader to arrive at SCO Summit venue on 14th June 2019
- 2) **Puerto Williams from chile** has become the world’s southernmost city.
- 3) **Canada** has decided to ban single use plastics from 2021.
- 4) **Russia** has launched Arctic train service from St. Petersburg station to Norway.
- 5) **China** has successfully launched its first sea-based space rocket from Yellow Sea.
- 6) **Zero Chance campaign:** The Australian government launched a campaign to raise awareness among people trying to enter the country illegally by boats
- 7) **Doctors in China** have successfully directed surgeons 200km away to perform a gall bladder surgery using 5G network in a remote area
- 8) India has partnered with Portugal to set up a **National Maritime Heritage Museum at Lothal**
- 9) **India** has been elected to **executive board of 1st UN - Habitat assembly** held in Nairobi, Kenya
- 10) 1st iron ore mine was discovered at Isabpur village in Dinajpur of **Bangladesh**
- 11) To mark the **150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**, India Embassy organized the **‘Gandhi Cycle Rally for Peace’, in Saudi Arabia**

- 12) United States of America has removed **India and Switzerland** from the currency monitoring lists
- 13) The **UAE** has become the first country in the Gulf to launch a new reporting platform developed by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to curb organised crimes.
- 14) UAE Cabinet adopted a **“National Strategy for Wellbeing 2031”**
- 15) **Sri Lanka, Japan, India** sign deal to develop East Container Terminal at Colombo Port
- 16) **Japan** gifted **Imphal Peace Museum to Manipur** on behalf of 75th anniversary of Battle of Imphal

ECONOMICS

- 1) **The State Bank of India** has decided to introduce a repo rate-linked home loan product from 1st July 2019
- 2) The Reserve Bank of India to inaugurate its **“Financial Literacy Week”** programme in Kerala on 3rd July 2019
- 3) The Reserve Bank of India has released the **Financial Benchmark Administrators (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2019** for a regulatory framework for financial benchmarks, to improve the governance of the benchmark processes in markets regulated by it.
- 4) **Viral Acharya**, Reserve Bank of India’s **Youngest deputy Governor** has resigned from his role before end of his tenure
- 5) **2nd Bi-monthly monetary policy rates for 2019-20:**

Repo Rate	5.75 %
Reverse Repo Rate	5.50 %
Marginal Standing Facility Rate	6.0%
Bank Rate	6.0%

SPORTS

- 1) **Liverpool FC** football team has won the **2019 Champions League trophy**
- 2) **Gary Woodland** of the United States has clinched the **2019 US Open Golf Championship**
- 3) **Pankaj Advani** clinched the 2019 men's Asian Snooker Championship
- 4) **Zimbabwe Cricket** has been suspended with immediate effect by the Sports and Recreation Commission of the country
- 5) The city of Milan and Cortina of Italy have been selected to host the Winter Olympics 2026.
- 6) **FRENCH OPEN TENNIS / ROLAND GARROS: 2019 [26th May – 9th June], Stade Roland Garros, Paris, France**

Men's Singles	Rafael Nadal (Spain) (won) Vs. Dominic Thiem (Austria)
Women's Singles	Ashleigh Barty (Australia) (won) Vs. Markéta Vondroušová (Czech Republic)
Men's Doubles	Kevin Krawietz & Andreas Mies (Germany) (won) Vs. Jérémy Chardy & Fabrice Martin (French)
Women's Doubles	Tímea Babos (Hungary) & Kristina Mladenovic (France) (won) Vs. Duan Yingying & Zheng Saisai (China)

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

SUMMITS / CONFERENCES	PURPOSE / THEME / OUTCOME	PLACE	DATE
Global Disability Summit 2019	To deliberate on issues across the world concerning empowerment and inclusion of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and to work out a mechanism for enabling them to live an independent and dignified life	Buenos Aires	6 th June - 8 th June 2019
Maritime Information Sharing Workshop 2019		Gurugram, Haryana	12 th June 2019
72nd World Health Organisation (WHO)'s World Assembly	THEME: "Universal Health Coverage: Leaving no one behind"	Geneva, Switzerland	20 th May - 28 th May 2018
G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meet		FuKuoka, Japan	8 th June - 9 th June 2019

10th edition of Regional Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment (GRIHA) summit	THEME: “Transformation Strategies for Built Environment”	Nagpur, Maharashtra	15 th June 2019
3rd Indo-French cyber dialogue 2019	To combat terror in cyber space, the two sides have decided to develop effective mechanism and coordinate their efforts in cyber space.	Paris, France	
9th Global Entrepreneurship Summit	The key focus areas of the summit include the five global challenges surrounding water, agriculture, healthcare, connectivity, and energy	Hague, Netherlands	4 th June - 6 th June 2019
32nd Congress of the International Seed Testing Association		Hyderabad	

SCHEMES / YOJANAS

SCHEMES / YOJANAS	PURPOSE / Why in News?	MINISTRY / CABINET / STATE
Aapki Beti Scheme	Increased the financial assistance given to school girls under the ‘Aapki Beti’ scheme	Rajasthan
Sarbat Sehat Bima Yojana	The scheme will provide an annual health cover of Rs 5 lakh per family	Punjab
Pradhan Mantri Kisan Pension Yojana	It is voluntary and contributory pension scheme for all Small and Marginal Farmers (SMF) across the country.	The Union Government
Jal Hi Jeevan Hai Scheme	To encourage farmers to adopt crop diversification	Haryana

INDICES

INDEX	PURPOSE / RELEASED BY	INDIA’S RANKING	TOP RANKING
1st ever SDG Gender Index	Equal Measures 2030	95	Denmark
Global Peace Index 2019	Institute for Economics and Peace	141	Iceland
World Competitiveness Rankings	IMD Business School	43	Singapore

COMMITTEES

K Kasturirangan	Submitted the Draft National Education Policy to the Union HRD Minister
Nandan Nilekani	Regarding steps to be taken to boost digital payments in the country
VG Kannan	Constituted by the RBI to review the ATM Interchange Fee Structure

MILITARY EXERCISES IN JUNE 2019

EXERCISE NAME	HELD BETWEEN	TYPE OF EXERCISE
Kharga Prahar - 2019	Indian Army and Indian Air Force	
'IndSpaceEx'		1 st simulated space warfare exercise

DEFENCE & SPACE

DEFENCE & SPACE	PURPOSE	COUNTRY / STATE
NGTS-4b	NGTS-4b, nick-named 'The Forbidden Planet' is smaller than Neptune but three times the size of Earth.	UK
Operation Sunrise II	The armies of India and Myanmar conducted the operation	
Operation Sankalp	Indian Navy has launched Operation Sankalp in the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman to reassure Indian flagged vessels	
Operation Bandar (Monkey)	Balakot Strike by Indian Air Force	

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

SPECIES / NEW DISCOVERIES	TYPE / PURPOSE	PLACE / BY
Paddy frog	The frog belongs to the microhylid genus Micryletta.	Assam
Binny	India's Only Orangutan Dies In Odisha Zoo	

Bumble Robot	1 st Astrobee robot to fly under its own power in space	NASA
Libra – Digital Currency	Accessible to anyone with an entry-level Smartphone and data connectivity	Facebook
lukoskin	Herbal drug 'lukoskin' for treatment of Leucoderma	DRDO

AWARDS

AWARDS / PRIZES	PERSON / ORGANIZATION
Maldives’s “Nishan Izzuddin” award	Narendra Modi
2019 WHO award for tobacco control	Rajasthan
2019 J C Daniel Award	Sheela
USIBC Global Leadership Awards 2019	Sundar Pichai
Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs	Rajnath Singh
2019 Women’s Prize for Fiction	Tayari Jones
“Manas Order of the First Degree”	Xi Jinping
7th Joan Miro Prize 2019	Nalini Malani
Facebook Hall of Fame 2019	Zonel Sougajjam

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONS IN NEWS

PERSONS	POSITION / DESIGNATION
Om Birla	Speaker of 17 th Lok Sabha.
Virendra Kumar	<i>pro-tem speaker of the 17th Lok Sabha</i>
Admiral Karambir Singh	24 th chief of the Naval staff
Thawar Chand Gehlot	The Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment has been appointed as the Leader of the House for the Rajya Sabha.
Ajit Doval	National Security Advisor
Rajiv Mehrishi	External Auditor of WHO

Rajiv Kumar	Vice chairman of NITI Aayog
Mrutyunjay Mahapatra - Cyclone Man	Director General of the India Meteorological Department
Inger Andersen	New Executive Director of the UNEP
Faiz Hameed	New chief of the Inter-Services Intelligence
Rabi Mishra	New Executive Director of Reserve Bank of India
Krishnaswamy Natarajan	New Director General of the Indian Coast Guard
Samant Kumar Goel	Chief of external intelligence agency RAW
Narinder Batra	Member of the International Olympic Committee

COUNTRY	NEW PRESIDENT / PRIME MINISTER
Australia	Scott Morrison
El Salvador	Nayib Bukele
Thailand	Prayuth Chan-ocha
Kazakhstan	Kassym-Jomart Tokayev
Slovakia	Zuzana Caputova – 1 st female president

WOMEN IN NEWS

Pratibha Patil	Mexico's Order of the Aztec Eagle - Award
Mohana Singh	First woman fighter pilot to fly Hawk jet
Chandrani Murmu	Youngest Parliamentarian in the history of Indian Parliament
Anita Bhatia	UN-Women Deputy Executive Director
Greta Thunberg	16-year-old - International's Ambassador of Conscience Award
Suman Rao - Rajasthan	Crowned Femina Miss India World 2019
Muthayya Vanitha & Ritu Karidhal	1 st Woman Project Directors in an ISRO Mission of Chandrayaan – II
Rihanna	World's Richest female musician according to the Forbes magazine
Priyanka Chopra	Danny Kaye Humanitarian Award by UNICEF

FESTIVALS

Snana Yatra	Odisha
Singhey Khababs Sindhu Festival	Jammu & Kashmir

GEOGRAPHICAL (GI) TAG

S.No.	GI Tag	State
1.	Namma Kolhapuri chappal	Maharashtra & Karnataka

CYCLONES

CYCLONES	AFFECTED AREA	DATE	Named by
Cyclone Vayu	Gujarat	10 th June 2019 – 19 th June 2019	India

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

BOOKS	AUTHORS
Cricket World Cup: The Indian Challenge	Ashis Ray
“My Life, My Mission” - Autobiography	Baba Ramdev
Function of Data Sovereignty – The Pursuit of Supremacy	Vinit Goenka
Adventures of the GST Man	Srinivas Kotni
Lessons Life Taught Me, Unknowingly - Autobiography	Anupam Kher

IMPORTANT DAYS

DAYS	EVENTS	THEMES/ SIGNIFICANCE
JUNE 1	World Milk Day	THEME: “Drink Milk: Today & Everyday”
JUNE 3	World Bicycle Day	
JUNE 4	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression	
JUNE 5	World Environment Day	THEME: “Beat Air Pollution”

JUNE 7	1 st World Food Safety Day	THEME: “Food Safety, everyone’s business”
JUNE 8	World Ocean Day	THEME: “Gender and Oceans”
JUNE 12	World Day against Child Labour	THEME: “Children shouldn’t Work in Fields, But on Dreams”
JUNE 13	International Albinism Awareness Day	THEME: “Still Standing Strong”
JUNE 14	World Blood Donor Day	THEME: “Safe blood for all”
JUNE 15	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	THEME: "Lifting Up Voices"
JUNE 17	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	THEME: “Let’s Grow the Future Together”
JUNE 19	World Sickle Cell Day	To raise public awareness about the sickle cell disease and its treatment methods.
JUNE 21	International Yoga Day	THEME: “Yoga for Climate Action” – UN THEME: “Yoga for Heart” - India
	World Hydrography Day	THEME: “Hydrographic information driving marine knowledge”
	World Music Day	THEME: “Music at the intersections”
JUNE 23	United Nations Public Service Day	THEME: “Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals through effective Delivery of Services, Innovative Transformation, and Accountable Institutions”
JUNE 26	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	THEME: “Health for Justice, Justice for Health”
JUNE 29	National Statistics Day	To create public awareness among people about the importance of statistics in daily life and in the process of planning and development