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TAMIL NADU

- 1) Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami on 18th July announced the creation of two more districts with **Tenkasi and Chengalpattu**.
- 2) **Hyundai** plans to launch its electric car for India and the global market from Chennai facility will help make **Tamil Nadu the 1st state in India to manufacture electric cars**
- 3) **Tamil Yeoman** (Cirrochroa thais), a butterfly species endemic to Western Ghats has been declared the **“State butterfly of Tamil Nadu”**
- 4) **Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve** in Erode district of Tamil Nadu gets the **Best Tiger Reserve Award** from the Union ministry of environment, forest and climate change
- 5) **GI Tag:**

Hill garlic (malai poondu)	Kodaikanal
Scientific Name: <i>Allium Sativum</i>	

NATIONAL

- 1) **Lucknow** to host Asia's biggest arm Exhibition "**DefExpo**" in February 2020
- 2) **Uttar Pradesh** government has launched "**DASTAK**" **campaign** against Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) and Japanese Encephalitis (JE) disease
- 3) "**One Nation One Ration Card**" **scheme** will be available across the country from **1st July 2020**
- 1) **CM Helpline No. 1076: Uttar Pradesh** government has launched a toll-free Chief Minister Helpline No. 1076 that will enable people from across the state to register their complaints
- 2) **STRIDE:** UGC has approved a new initiative **Scheme for Trans-disciplinary Research for India's Developing Economy (STRIDE) to boost research culture in the country.**
- 3) **Jal Shakti Abhiyan:** Union Jal Shakti Minister has launched the Jal Shakti Abhiyan **for water conservation and water security**
- 4) **West Bengal** has introduced **a free crop insurance scheme** in collaboration with the Agriculture Insurance Company of India.
- 5) **South Central Railway Zone** has commissioned the longest electrified tunnel in Indian Railways.
- 6) The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has operationalized **the first Aadhaar Seva Kendra (ASK) in Delhi and Vijayawada.**
- 7) **The historic walled city of Jaipur in Rajasthan** has declared as **UNESCO World Heritage site.**
- 8) **Puducherry** smart city development plan, the Union Territory government has decided to introduce **Bicycle sharing scheme**
- 9) India's 1st design development centre "**Fashionova**" has recently launched in Textile city **Surat, Gujarat**
- 10) **Madhya Pradesh** has decided to produce its own seeds under brand name **Sah-Beej**
- 11) **India's 1st elephant rehabilitation centre** will be set up by the Kerala Government in Kottoor, Thiruvananthapuram.

- 12) **Odisha** government has recently implemented **Center's Witness Protection Scheme**
- 13) **The Plan Bee** initiative of the Northeast Frontier Railway has won the Best Innovation Award in Indian Railways for the 2018-19 fiscal.
- 14) **Meghalaya** has become the **first Indian state to have water policy**
- 15) **West Bengal** has observed the **1st Save Water Day** on 12th July 2019 across the state to spread the message of water conservation.
- 16) **Delhi** has launched "**Happiness Utsav**" in its schools to celebrate completion of a year of introduction of its **happiness curriculum**.
- 17) **Telangana** government has launched the "**Medicine from the Sky**" project to deliver emergency medical supplies such as blood, vaccines, medical samples and organs via. Drones.
- 18) **Telangana** government has introduced the Japanese "**Miyawaki**" method of forestation
- 19) **Kerala** government has decided to set up **India's first Space Park**
- 20) **West Bengal** government has decided to bring legislation for ensuring Journalists job security
- 21) **Andhra Pradesh** has become the 1st Indian State to reserve 75% private jobs for local youths.
- 22) The Western Railway has opened the **1st Printing press heritage gallery** of the Indian Railways at Mahalaxmi in Mumbai.
- 23) **Goa government** has decided to ply 'Water Taxis' in its inland waterways between Panaji and Old Goa.
- 24) India's **1st Dragon blood-oozing tree** has discovered in **Assam**
- 25) French Tycoon **Bernard Arnault** Overtakes Bill Gates to become 2nd Richest Person in the World.
- 26) "**Special Rhino Protection Force**" (SRPF) was deployed in **Kaziranga National Park, Assam** with an objective to protect the one-horned rhinoceros.
- 27) Uttarakhand to levy "**green tax**" to tourists
- 28) **Andhra Pradesh** has become the 1st state in the country to reserve jobs for locals in all private industrial units and factories.

- 29) **Chhattisgarh** have launched a unique garbage cafe scheme in Ambikapur of Surguja district which has become **India's first Garbage Cafe for Ragpickers**

INTERNATIONAL

- 1) From 1st July 2019, **Japan** officially **resumed commercial whaling** after more than 30 years of limiting whale hunts to scientific purposes.
- 2) The **worlds' largest "Sheikh Hasina National Burn and Plastic Surgery Institute"** has started functioning in Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- 3) International Labour Organization (ILO) has released its report **"Working on a Warmer Planet"** The Impact of Heat Stress on Labour Productivity and Decent Work".
- 4) The ancient **Mesopotamian city of Babylon** has been declared a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.
- 5) **France** has decided to impose a green tax on plane tickets from **2020**
- 6) The French parliament approved **Gafa Tax** an acronym for Google, Apple, Facebook and Amazon the legislation will impose a 3% levy on sales generated in the count.
- 7) Italy's **Prosecco hills of Conegliano and Valdobbiadene** has been named as the UNESCO World Heritage at the 43rd Session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee in Baku, Azerbaijan.
- 8) **The Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO)** is a space agency of the Government of **Pakistan**.
- 9) The Mangdechhu hydroelectric project is a 720MW run-of-river power plant built on the **Mangdechhu River in Trongsa Dzongkhag District of central Bhutan**.
- 10) **New Zealand** has banned **single-use plastic shopping bags** with effect from **1st July 2019**

ECONOMICS

1) **The Union Budget 2019-20: 5th July 2019**

Presented by: The Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Mrs. Nirmala Sitharaman

KEY FEATURES OF BUDGET 2019-20:

Vision to become \$5 trillion economy driven by 'virtuous cycle' of investment	India becomes sixth largest economy
Pradhan Mantri Karam Yogi Maandhan	Pension benefits to retail traders and small shopkeepers
Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)	Establish robust fisheries management framework
Enhanced interest deduction for affordable housing loan	Tax benefits for corporate tax payers
Scheme of faceless electronic tax assessment	Aadhaar and PAN to be interchangeable
Reform, Perform, Transform agenda: GST, IBC, RERA etc.	Changing common man's life: MUDRA, UJJWALA, SAUBHAGYA etc.

- 2) **The 36th GST Council meeting** chaired by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman was held on **27th July 2019**
- 3) **Utkarsh 2022: Reserve Bank of India** has finalized a three-year road map for medium-term objective named **"Utkarsh 2022"** for strengthening regulation, supervision of the central bank in a meeting in New Delhi.

SPORTS

- 1) **6 Gold Medals** are Won by **“HIMA DAS”** from Various Events in July

Events	Category
International Athletics Competition (13th July)	400 m
International Athletics Competition (20th July)	200 m
Kutro International Athletics Competition	200 m
Ground Prix Athletics Competition	200 m
Poznan Athletics Grand Prix	200 m
Dabour International Athletics Competition	200 m

- 2) **21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship 2019:** Cuttack, Odisha [17th July – 22nd July]

Men's Team	India
Women's Team	India
Men's Singles	Harmeet Desai
Women's Singles	Ayhika Mukherjee
Men's Doubles	Manav Thakkar & Anthony Amalraj
Women's Doubles	Pooja Sahasrabudhe & Krittwika Sinha Roy
Mixed Doubles	Sathiyar Gnanasekaran & Archana Kamath

- 3) **WIMBLEDON TENNIS: 2018 [1st July – 14th July], London, UK**

Men's Singles	Novak Djokovic (won) (Serbia) Vs. Roger Federer (Switzerland)
Women's Singles	Simona Halep (won) (Romania) Vs. Serena Williams (USA)
Men's Doubles	Juan Sebastián Cabal and Robert Farah (Colombia) (won) Vs. Nicolas Mahut and Édouard Roger-Vasselin (France)
Women's Doubles	Hsieh Su-wei (Taiwan) and Barbora Strýcová (Czech) (won) Vs. Gabriela Dabrowski (Canada) and Xu Yifan (China)

- 4) **International Cricket Council (ICC)'s Hall of Fame:**

Sachin Tendulkar	India - 6th Person from India
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Allan Donald	South Africa
Cathryn Fitzpatrick	Australian woman cricketer

- 5) **FIFA Women’s World Cup 2019:** France, 7th June – 7th July, 2019
 - ✓ **USA** won the FIFA Women’s World Cup 2019 by defeating Netherlands.
- 6) **England** wins **ICC Cricket World cup** at Lords for the 1st time against New Zealand
- 7) **3rd Khelo India Youth Games** is scheduled to be held in **Guwahati, Assam** from 18th January 2020
- 8) **Girish Koushik** of Karnataka became **India’s 63rd Grandmaster**
- 9) **Prithu Gupta** of Delhi became **India’s 64th Grandmaster**
- 10) The annual general meeting of Sports Journalists Federation of India (SJFI) 2019 was held in **Ahmedabad, Gujarat.**

Awards	Winners
SJFI Medal (SJFI’s Highest Honour)	Prakash Padukone (Badminton)
Sportsperson of the Year 2019	Pankaj Advani (Billiards and Snooker) and Bajrang Punia (Wrestling)
Emerging Talent of the Year 2019	Saurabh Choudhary (shooting)
Team of the Year 2019	Vidarbha cricket team

- 11) Kerala long jumper, **M.Sreeshankar** has won the long jump gold with 7.97m at the **XXII Tatyana Kolpakova international athletics meet 2019 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan** from 13th July to 14th July 2019.
- 12) India’s bodybuilder **Ravinder Kumar Malik** has bagged the “**Mr. South Asia**” award
- 13) **Italy** to host the **2026 Winter Olympics**
- 14) **India** to host International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup from **March 15 to 26, 2020 in New Delhi**
- 15) **All India Football Federation’s (AIFF) Awards 2019:**

Men' Footballer of the year 2019	Sunil Chhetri
Women's Footballer of the year 2019	Ashalata Devi
Emerging Men's Footballer of the Year	Sahal Abdul Samad
Emerging Women's Footballer of the Year	Dangmei Grace
Award for the Best Referee	R Venkatesh
Award for the Best Assistant Referee	Joseph Tony
Best grassroots development programme	Jammu and Kashmir Football Association

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

SUMMITS / CONFERENCES	PURPOSE / THEME / OUTCOME	PLACE	DATE
5th International Police Expo 2019	THEME: "Challenges to strengthen peace and security"	New Delhi	19 th July – 20 th July 2019
5th International Dharma – Dhamma conference	The Dharma – Dhamma conference will act as a platform for the Hindu and Buddhist thinkers to express their views.	Rajgir, Bihar	27 th July – 28 th July 2019
22nd National Conference on e-Governance 2019	THEME: "Digital India: Success to Excellence"	Meghalaya	8 th August – 9 th August 2019
43rd session of the World Heritage Committee meeting 2019	UNESCO: Headquarters: Paris, France Director General: Audrey Azoulay	Baku, Azerbaijan	
9th South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Film Festival		Colombo, Sri Lanka	2 nd July – 7 th July 2019
3rd International Sunflower Seed and Oil Conference (ISSOC) 2019		Maharashtra, Mumbai	19 th July – 20 th July 2019

SCHEMES / YOJANAS

SCHEMES / YOJANAS	PURPOSE / Why in News?	MINISTRY / CABINET / STATE
Bangla Shashya Bima	For the 2019 kharif season, the West Bengal government has rolled out a free crop insurance scheme in collaboration with the Agriculture Insurance Company of India (AIC)	West Bengal
Swadhar Greh Scheme	Rehabilitation of women in difficult circumstances so that they could lead their life with dignity	The Ministry of Women and Child Development

INDICES

INDEX	PURPOSE / RELEASED BY	INDIA'S RANKING	TOP RANKING
Indian passport	Henley Passport Index 2019	86	Japan & Singapore
Global Innovation Index		52	Switzerland

COMMITTEES

High-powered committee of Chief Ministers HEAD: Devendra Fadnavis	For the transformation of agriculture and raising farmers' income
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MILITARY EXERCISES

EXERCISE NAME	HELD BETWEEN	TYPE OF EXERCISE
"ISALEX19"	ISA countries: UAE, Bahrain, Morocco, France, Italy, Spain, Senegal, Singapore, and the Slovak Republic.	1 st ever ISA's joint security exercise
Garuda-VI	Indian and France	Air Exercise
Hand - in - Hand	India and China	Military exercise

DEFENCE & SPACE

DEFENCE & SPACE	PURPOSE	COUNTRY / STATE / ORGANIZATION
Strum Ataka anti-tank missile	India has inked Rs 200 crore defence deal with India for 'Strum Ataka' anti-tank missile	India
Dragonfly Mission	To explore Saturn's largest moon - Titan	NASA
MOSAIC Mission [Multidisciplinary drifting Observatory for the Study of Arctic Climate]	Mission is to anchor the ship to a large piece of Arctic sea ice to study climate change	17 Nations
PUNCH mission [Polarimeter to Unify the Corona and Heliosphere]	Mission is to observe the transition of particles from the Sun's outer corona to the solar wind that fills interplanetary space	NASA
Ramanujan Machine		Israel
"IndSpaceEx"	India's first space war drill - Aim of the exercise is to assess imminent threats to the nation beyond earth.	New Delhi
Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES)	Discovered 28 new variable stars in the Milky Way galaxy using 3.6 metre Devasthal Optical Telescope	India
Securitypedia	Launched a customised video interface CISFTube on the lines of YouTube and an online encyclopedia "Securitypedia" on the lines of Wikipedia to update its personnel about security related issues, best practices in forces and latest technologies available across the world.	Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
INS Sagardhwani	The Marine Acoustic Research Ship (MARS), INS Sagardhwan started its two month long 2 nd mission Sagar Maitri	
Bhabha Kavach	India's 1 st Lightest, Indigenous Bullet Proof Jacket	

OPERATIONS

OPERATION	PURPOSE
Operation Khumaar	J&K has launched the "Operation Khumaar" in Rajouri district to make 312 panchayats tobacco free
Operation Thirst	The Railway Protection Force (RPF) has recently launched 'Operation Thirst' to crackdown the selling of unauthorized Packaged Drinking Water
Operation Sudarshan	Border Security Force to fortify Anti-Infiltration Grid along the Pakistan border in Punjab and Jammu
Operation Milap	The Delhi Police Crime Branch has rescued 333 children, who had reported missing since January 2019 from various parts of the country

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

SPECIES / NEW DISCOVERIES	TYPE / PURPOSE	PLACE / BY
Chandrayaan - 2 [launched on 22 nd July 2019]	Explore & perform studies on South Pole of Moon Rocket: GSLV - MKIII Lander: Vikram Rover: Pragyan	ISRO
Spektr-RG Telescope Space	The Spektr-RG is a space observatory intended to replace the Spektr-R (Known as the "Russian Hubble")	Russia & Germany
Sonali	Method to convert Jute fibre into low cost bio-degradable cellulose sheets named 'Sonali' which can be used as wrapping material and carrying bag	Bangladesh
Agricopter	Eliminate manual spraying of pesticides in agricultural farms	IIT Madras
	NASA's Curiosity rover detects high amounts of methane on Mars	

AWARDS

AWARDS / PRIZES	PERSON / ORGANIZATION
Sangita Kalanidhi Award 2019	Carnatic vocalist S. Sowmya

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONS IN NEWS

PERSONS	POSITION / DESIGNATION
Arvind Kumar	New director of Intelligence Bureau
Sarada Kumar Hota	New Managing Director of National Housing Bank
Manoj Kumar Nambiar	New chairman of Microfinance Institutions Network
Narinder Batra	President of Indian Olympic Association has been elected as a member of International Olympic Committee
Vikas Swarup	Secretary of Overseas Indian Affairs
David Sassoli	New President of the European Parliament
Anshula Kant	MD and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the World Bank
Kishen Narsi	Chairman of Asian Boxing Confederation's competitions commission
Vivek Kohli	Chairman of the Commonwealth Table Tennis Federation
Manoj Mukund Naravane	Vice Chief of Indian Army
Priti Patel	Britain's first Indian origin home secretary
Badri Narain Sharma	Chairperson of National Anti – profiteering Authority
Paramjit Singh	New Director General of Military Operations of the Indian Army
Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury	Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee
VK Johri	New Director General (DG) of Border Security Force
Rajiv Kumar	New Finance Secretary of India

COUNTRY	NEW PRESIDENT / PRIME MINISTER
Greece	Kyriakos Mitsotakis
New British Prime Minister	Boris Johnson

STATE	NEW GOVERNOR
Anusuiya Uikey	Chhattisgarh
Biswa Bhusan Harichandan	Andhra Pradesh
Lal Ji Tandon	Madhya Pradesh
Anandi Ben Patel	Uttar Pradesh
Kalraj Mishra	Himachal Pradesh

Phagu Chauhan	Bihar
Jagdeep Dhankhar	West Bengal
Ramesh Bais	Tripura
RN Ravi	Nagaland

WOMEN IN NEWS

Rachna Khaira	Journalist of the Year 2019
Ursula von der Leyen	1 st Female President of the European Commission

FESTIVALS

Kharchi Puja Festival	Tripura
Sindhu Darshan Festival	Jammu and Kashmir

GEOGRAPHICAL (GI) TAG

S.No.	GI Tag	State
1.	Rasagola	Odisha

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

BOOKS	AUTHORS
The New Delhi Conspiracy	Meenakshi Lekhi
A Prime Minister to Remember – Memories of a Military Chief	Former Navy Chief Sushil Kumar
Whispers of Time	Krishna Saksena
War over Words: Censorship in India, 1930 – 1960	Devika Sethi
Orchids of India: A Pictorial Guide	Botanical Survey of

	India
Kargil: Untold stories from the War	Rachna Bisht Rawat
Indo-Pak Relations: Beyond Pulwama and Balakot	U V Singh
Fire and Fury Corps – Saga of Valour, Fortitude and Sacrifice	Ranbir Singh
Chandra Shekhar - The Last Icon of Ideological Politics	Harivansh
Vivekadeepini, a summary of Prashnottara Ratnamalika	Adi Shankaracharya
Kargil: Untold stories from the War	Rachna Bisht Rawat
Who Stole My Job enters second print Run	Sunil Mishra

IMPORTANT DAYS

DAYS	EVENTS	THEMES/ SIGNIFICANCE
JULY 1	National Doctor's Day	THEME: "Zero tolerance to violence against doctors and clinical establishment"
JULY 6	International Co-operative Day	THEME: "Coops 4 Decent Work"
JULY 11	World Population Day	Aims to draw attention towards maternal health
JULY 12	International Malala Day	
JULY 14	International Shark Awareness Day	THEME: "The sharks in crisis: a call to action for the Mediterranean"
JULY 15	World Youth Skills Day	THEME: "Learning to learn for life and work"
JULY 17	World Day for International Justice	
JULY 23	National Broadcasting day	
JULY 28	World Hepatitis Day	THEME: "Invest in eliminating hepatitis"