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TAMIL NADU

- 1) **M Karthikeyan and M Maharajan a two-member committee** to inspect and report the condition of the 'Anantha Saras' tank from where Athi Varadar's idol is taken out once every 40 years

NATIONAL

- 1) **Article 370 and 35 (A) Revoked:** On **5th August 2019**, the President of India promulgated the Constitution (Application to Jammu and Kashmir) Order, 2019.
 - ✓ According to the Order, provisions of the Indian Constitution are now applicable in the State.
 - ✓ This Order comes into force "at once", and shall "supersede the Constitution (Application to Jammu and Kashmir) Order, 1954."
 - ✓ **A separate Bill: The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Bill 2019** - was introduced to bifurcate the State into two separate union territories of **Jammu and Kashmir (with legislature), and Ladakh (without legislature).**
 - ✓ **Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Second Amendment) Bill, 2019** was also introduced to extend the reservation for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in educational institutions and government jobs in Jammu and Kashmir.
- 2) **"Didi ke bolo" campaign:** West Bengal Chief minister, Mamta Banerjee launched 'Didi ke bolo' campaign **to address the public grievances and other social issues in the state**
- 3) **West Bengal** government has launched **"Save Green, Stay Clean" campaign**
- 4) Union Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Steel, Dharmendra Pradhan has recently launched **Atal Community Innovation Centre (ACIC)** in New Delhi **to encourage the spirit of innovation at the community level.**

- 5) **New Delhi** CM announced free electricity for people consuming up to 200 units under a domestic connection
- 6) **Maharashtra** has become the India's 1st state to ***adopt a digital fingerprint and iris scanning system in police investigations.***
- 7) India's 1st 3D Smart Traffic Signal "***Intelights***" has launched in Mohali, Punjab.
- 8) **Rajasthan** has launched a new higher education model "***Resource Assistance for Colleges with Excellence (RACE)***" for distribution of faculties and movable assets among the government colleges at the district level to rationalize the availability of resources.
- 9) **Delhi** has launched "***Oral History Programme***" that seeks to record oral histories of the city as told by its senior citizens.
- 10) The Manipur government has appointed a 9 – year old girl ***Valentina Elangbam*** as the **State's green ambassador** after a video of her crying over felled trees goes viral.
- 11) **Madhya Pradesh** government has announced to waive loans taken by tribals from money lenders.
- 12) **Madhya Pradesh** government has announced "***Chief Minister Madad Yojna***" for providing assistance to tribal families on child birth and death of a family member.
- 13) **Kerala** government to help the Netherlands to address the acute shortage of nurses in the European nation.
- 14) The **Union Government** approved to extend the **10% reservation for economically weaker sections (EWS)** in government jobs and educational institutions to Jammu & Kashmir.
- 15) The Union Government launched "***One Nation One Ration Card***" scheme in four states Gujarat, Maharashtra, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh from 1st August 2019

INTERNATIONAL

- 1) The United States has officially withdrawn from Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty with **Russia**.
- 2) On 8th August 2019, Pakistan suspended the Lahore – Attari Samjhauta Express train service following the revocation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir (J & K)
- 3) **Saudi Arabia** allows women to apply for a passport and travel freely without the consent of males

ECONOMICS

- 1) The State Bank of India's (SBI) Shanghai branch has become the **1st Indian bank** to link up with China's National Advance Payment System (CNAPS).

SPORTS

- 1) Former Indian Cricketer **“Kapil Dev”** has been honoured with **Bharat Gaurav Award**

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

| SUMMITS / CONFERENCES | PURPOSE / THEME / OUTCOME | PLACE | DATE |
|--|--|---------------------|---|
| 52nd ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting | | Bangkok, Thailand | |
| 22nd National Conference on e – Governance | THEME: Digital India: Success to Excellence | Shillong, Meghalaya | 8 th – 9 th August 2019 |

SCHEMES / YOJANAS

| SCHEMES / YOJANAS | PURPOSE / Why in News? | MINISTRY / CABINET / STATE |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Vhali Dikri Yojna | For the welfare of girl child | Gujarat |

INDICES

| INDEX | PURPOSE / RELEASED BY | INDIA's RANKING | TOP RANKING |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Global GDP ranking | World Bank | 7 | USA |

COMMITTEES

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| N Gopalaswami committee | The University Grants Commission (UGC) has recommended the grant of the Institute of Eminence (IoE) status to 20 institutions. |
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DEFENCE & SPACE

| DEFENCE & SPACE | PURPOSE | COUNTRY / STATE / ORGANIZATION |
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| Space Situational Awareness Control Centre - Bengaluru | The aim of the control centre is to monitor and protect high value space assets from space debris has been laid. | ISRO |
| Hope Probe | Arab's first spacecraft to Mars in July 2020 | UAE |

AWARDS

| AWARDS / PRIZES | PERSON / ORGANIZATION |
|--|-----------------------|
| Ramon Magsaysay Award 2019 | Ravish Kumar |
| Miss England 2019 | Bhasha Mukherjee |
| IBC 2019 International Honour for Excellence | Andy Serkis |
| Highest award of Republic of Guinea "National order of Merit" | Ram Nath Kovind |

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONS IN NEWS

| PERSONS | POSITION / DESIGNATION |
|-----------------------|--|
| Rakesh Asthana | director general of Narcotics Control Bureau |

WOMEN IN NEWS

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| Sushma Swaraj, former Minister of External Affairs | Passed away on 6 th August 2019 |
| P V Sindhu | only athlete from the India to be named among the world's highest paid female athletes by Forbes |

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

| BOOKS | AUTHORS |
|--|------------|
| "Tools and Weapons: The Promise and The Peril of the Digital Age" | Brad Smith |

IMPORTANT DAYS

| DAYS | EVENTS | THEMES/ SIGNIFICANCE |
|------------------|---|--|
| AUGUST 7 | National Handloom Day | To honor handloom weavers apart from highlighting the handloom industry in the country |
| AUGUST 9 | World Tribal Day / International Day of the World's Indigenous People | THEME: "Indigenous Languages" |
| AUGUST 10 | World Biofuel Day | THEME: "Production of Biodiesel from Used Cooking Oil" |

- ✓ **1st August – 7th August 2019 World Breastfeeding Week is observed every year**
- ✓ **THEME:** "Empower Parents, Enable Breastfeeding"