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TAMIL NADU

1) **Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Overseas Visit:**

New York, USA	CM inaugurated the "Yaadhum Oorey" scheme to attract investments in Tamil Nadu from US – based Tamils.
New York, USA	CM persuades US industrialists for investments
USA	CM visited the Bloom Energy plant in San Francisco
USA	CM visited the Tesla Electric Car unit in San Francisco
USA	CM visited the waste – water treatment plant at Anaheim City, Los Angeles
London, UK	King's hospital provides inspiration for "Copter Ambulance" in Tamil Nadu
Suffolk, UK	CM visited the IP Switch – Smart Grid Factory in Suffolk, UK and saw the Solar and Wind energy Generation System
UAE	CM attended the investors meet held at Dubai jointly by the "Business Leaders Forum"

- 2) Tamil Nadu Music And Fine Arts University renamed as **"Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Music and Fine Arts University"**
- 3) **Locate and Access My Bus (LAMB) app:** The State government is developing a new app which will **let public live track the government buses**
- 4) The Greater Chennai Police has **bagged two SKOCH awards** for the effective implementation of CCTV surveillance **"Third Eye" project** with public partnership and introducing digital technology for cashless payment of fine against traffic violations.
- 5) **Justice Vineet Kothari** is appointed as the **acting Chief Justice of the Madras high court** after the resignation of Justice V K Tahilramani
- 6) Madurai Kamaraj University is all set to become the **1st University in the state to study Keeladi finds**
- 7) The Tamil Nadu government is planning to implement **100% online ticketing system for cinema theatres.**

- 8) Tamil Nadu has been ranked 10th in the **State Rooftop Solar Attractiveness Index (SARAL)**
- 9) The Tamil Nadu government to implement the **upgraded version of STAR 3.0 (Simplified and Transparent Administration of Registration)** project within a year in the Registration department
- 10) The district level monitoring committee for implementing the **Biomedical Waste Management Rules, 2016** has been constituted in Chennai.
- 11) Tamil Nadu recorded an economic growth rate of **8.17% during 2018-19**
- 12) The Tamil Nadu government released the **Tamil Nadu Electric Vehicle Policy, 2019 on 16th September 2019**
- 13) The Arignar Anna Zoological Park (AAZP) in Vandalur has been recognised as an institutional member in the **World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA)**.
- 14) Tamil Nadu government has set up a 16 member committee to implement the **“Nadanthai Vaazhi Cauvery project”**
- 15) **India's first-ever sky cycling park** will soon open at Gulaba area near **Manali in Himachal Pradesh**



NATIONAL

- 1) **Tatpar App:** Delhi Police has launched “Tatpar app” *to provide safety and a convenient 24x7 online mode services to its citizens*
- 2) Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the **Swachhta hi Seva 2019** at Mathura on 11th September 2019
- 3) **TB Harega Desh Jeetega Campaign:** The Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare launched the Campaign to eliminate the dreaded tuberculosis from India
- 4) The Delhi government has launched the **“champions’ campaign”** in the **National Capital to fight against dengue.**
- 5) Delhi is to become the 1st state in the country to implement the Street Vending Act, 2014, *to provide legal protection to street vendors and hawkers across the capital*
- 6) The final version of the **National Register of Citizens (NRC)** in Assam was released by the government on 31st August 2019
- 7) The **New Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act** along with stiff penalty provisions comes into effect from 1st September 2019
- 8) The Government has decided to make it mandatory for all medical colleges to have **emergency medicine department by 2022**
- 9) Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the nation’s longest electrified rail tunnel (between Venkatachalam and Obulavaripalli) on 1st September 2019.
- 10) Khadi and Village Industries Commission launched a 1st project named **“Terracotta Grinder”** at Sewapuri in Varanasi
- 11) Union Minister of State for Human Resource Development launched **Curriculum for Life Skills (Jeevan Kaushal)** designed by University Grants Commission (UGC)
- 12) **Jammu and Kashmir** has become the **1st state to distribute the highest number of golden cards** under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.
- 13) The Delhi government approved to the free-ride scheme of providing **free rides for women in city buses and metro trains.**

- 14) The Government announced ban on making, production, manufacturing, import, export, stocking, transport, **sale and advertisements of e-cigarettes**
- 15) The Assam government has launched a housing loan subsidy scheme **“Aponar Apon Ghar”**
- 16) India’s 1st National Anti-microbial Resistance Hub to be set up in **Kolkata**
- 17) India’s tallest Air Traffic Control tower was inaugurated at the **Indira Gandhi International Airport**
- 18) The Ministry of Home Affairs has decided to setup a **World 0043lass National Police University in Greater Noida, U.P**
- 19) Meghalaya Chief Minister has **launched Walk to Work on Wednesdays (WWW) campaign** in the state.
- 20) Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated the India’s 1st Information portal **Jan Soochna Portal - 2019** on 13th September 2019
- 21) Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched **National Animal Disease Control programme and Artificial Insemination Programme** in Mathura
- 22) The Uttarakhand government has decided to form **a Special Tiger Force (STF)** for Corbett Tiger Reserve.
- 23) The mascot **“Tikki Mausi”** has been launched by the **Odisha government** in collaboration with UNICEF to spread awareness about child and woman’s nutrition.
- 24) The **Andhra Pradesh government** has decided **to ban private practice of government doctors**
- 25) The **Telangana government** has decided to **declare 2020 as Year of Artificial Intelligence (AI)** by organizing various activities related to the emerging technology.
- 26) The **Himachal Pradesh government** has launched **Mukhyamantri Seva Sankalp Helpline 1100** for speedy and timebound redressal of public grievances.
- 27) India’s **2nd Riverine Multi-Modal terminal (MMT)** has been inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Sahibganj in Jharkhand on 12th September 2019.



- 28) The **Gurugram traffic police** have tied up with Google maps for dissemination of traffic related information such as planned road closures, diversions, traffic alerts regarding road crash etc. in real time for public use.
- 29) The **Kerala government** has decided to set up India's 1st international women's trade centre (iWTC) in Kozhikode to accelerate women entrepreneurship and secure gender parity.
- 30) **India** has been declared free from Avian Influenza (H5N1) by the OIE World Organisation for Animal Health.

INTERNATIONAL

- 1) **Gandhi Solar Park:** PM Modi inaugurated a 50 kW capacity, \$1 million "Gandhi Solar Park" at the Headquarters of the UN in New York on 24th September 2019
- 2) **New York** became the 2nd USA state after Michigan **to ban flavoured e-cigarettes**
- 3) **Lotus Tower:** Sri Lanka inaugurates **South Asia's tallest tower** named "Lotus tower"
- 4) **Vietnam** has inaugurated Southeast Asia's largest solar power farm which has the capacity **to produce 688 million kWh of electricity annually.**
- 5) **Thailand** has become 1st Country in Asia to roll out plain cigarette packaging.

ECONOMICS

- 1) **Thomas Cook** one of the world's **best and oldest travel companies** has gone bankrupt

SPORTS

- 1) The Delhi and District Cricket Association (DDCA) decided to rename **Feroz Shah Kotla Stadium as Arun Jaitley Stadium** in the memory of its former president of DDCA. Jaitley was the president of DDCA from 1999 to 2013
- 2) **Pankaj Advani** won the **IBSF World Billiards Championship** in Mandalay
- 3) **Vinesh Phogat** won the Bronze medal at the Wrestling World Championships in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan on 18th September 2019
- 4) **Vinesh Phogat** has become 1st Indian wrestler *to qualify for the 2020 Olympics*
- 5) **Sourabh Verma** won the **Vietnam Open title 2019**
- 6) **Spain** defeated Argentina to win the **FIBA Basketball World Cup**
- 7) **India Cricket team** won the U-19 Asia Cup over Bangladesh in Colombo
- 8) **Iran** has lifted the 2019 **Asian Men's Volleyball Championship** title by defeating Australia in Tehran.
- 9) **Lasith Malinga** becomes the first bowler to take **100 wickets in Twenty20 International cricket.**
- 10) **Rashid Khan** has become the youngest-ever captain in Test cricket history.



SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

SUMMITS / CONFERENCES	PURPOSE / THEME / OUTCOME	PLACE / By
2019 Indo Pacific Chiefs of Defence Conference	THEME: "Collaboration in a free and Open Indo – Pacific"	Bangkok, Thailand
17th Green Building Congress		Hyderabad
United Nations Climate Action Summit		New York
5th India International Science Festival	THEME: "RISEN India – Research, Innovation, and Science Empowering the Nation"	Kolkata
1st Helicopter Summit	Helidrome in Dehradun, Uttarakhand on theme of expanding connectivity through helicopters	Union Ministry of Civil Aviation
1st National conference on Cybercrime Investigation	To create the platform and bring together investigators, lawyers, forensic experts and academia to discuss challenges related to cybercrime and ways to find solutions.	New Delhi

SCHEMES / YOJANAS

SCHEMES / YOJANAS	PURPOSE / Why in News?	MINISTRY / CABINET / STATE
Pradhan Mantri Laghu Vyapari Maan-dhan Yojana	Pension scheme for Retailers, Traders	Ministry of Labour & Employment
Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana	Pension scheme for farmers, shopkeepers and self-employed persons	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Mukhyamantri Dal Poshit Yojana	To provide low priced pulses for poor in the State	Uttarakhand
Mukhyamantri Vyapari Samuhik Niji Durghatna Beema Yojana & Mukhyamantri Vyapari Kshatipurti Beema Yojana	Insurance schemes for registered small and medium traders	Haryana

INDICES

INDEX	PURPOSE / RELEASED BY	INDIA's RANKING	TOP RANKING
Global Liveability Index 2019	Economist Intelligence Unit	Delhi = 118 Mumbai = 119	Vienna, Syria = 140
World Travel Tourism Competitiveness Index		34	
World Digital Competitiveness		44	

COMMITTEES

The UGC has set up a five-member committee to look into the allegations of sale of fake degrees by certain universities

The Union Government has constituted a 5 - member Group of Ministers (GoM) to look into issues concerning the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

MILITARY EXERCISES

EXERCISE NAME	HELD BETWEEN	TYPE OF EXERCISE
9th SLINEX 2019	India & Sri Lanka	Maritime Naval Exercise
MAITREE - 2019	India & Thailand	Joint Military Exercise
28th Indo-Thai CORPAT	India & Thailand	Maritime Naval Exercise
Exercise Tiger Triumph	India & USA	Trilateral – Service Military exercise
SITMEX - 19	India, Singapore & Thailand	Maritime Naval Exercise
KAZIND – 2019	India & Kazakhstan	Joint terrorism operations in mountainous terrain.



FESTIVALS

S.No.	Festival	State
1.	“Varnapakitt – 2019”	Kerala

DEFENCE & SPACE

DEFENCE & SPACE	PURPOSE	COUNTRY / STATE / ORGANIZATION
INS Khanderi	Defence minister Rajnath Singh commissioned the second Scorpene submarine INS Khanderi	Ballard Pier, India
RamanSat 2 miniature satellite	Designed by Indian student Aabhaas Sikka. It is carrying equipment to measure the radiation from Sun and space.	NASA

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

SPECIES / NEW DISCOVERIES	TYPE / PURPOSE	PLACE / BY
Panditjasraj	International Astronomical Union (IAU) has named 2006 VP32 (number-300128) Planet as ‘ Panditjasraj ’ as a tribute to the veteran Vocal artist	
Pusa Yashasvi (HD-3226)	Released a new potential blockbuster wheat variety - Pusa Yashasvi (HD-3226) - for planting in the upcoming Rabi crop season	Indian Agricultural Research Institute
Zingiber - Ginger	The Botanical Survey of India (BSI) have discovered two new species of Zingiber (commonly referred to as ginger)	Nagaland
“Jan Soochna Portal”		Rajasthan

GEOGRAPHICAL (GI) TAG

S.No.	GI Tag	State
1.	Kashmir’s famed saffron	Kashmir
2.	Srivilliputhur Palkova	Tamil Nadu



AWARDS

AWARDS / PRIZES	PERSON / ORGANIZATION
Sardar Patel National Unity Award	Government of India has instituted “Sardar Patel National Unity Award” - Highest Civilian Award for contribution to Unity and Integrity of India
Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2018	Amitabh Bachchan
Global Goal Award	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Andhra Pradesh has bagged 3 National Tourism awards in different categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Best State for comprehensive development of tourism ✓ Excellence in publishing in English and the ✓ Best tourist-friendly Railway Station (Visakhapatnam).
Goa and Madhya Pradesh	Joint winners in the Adventure Tourism category
Uttarakhand	Best Film Promotion-Friendly State
Telangana	Best State for the innovative use of IT
28th Saraswati Samman Award	Dr. K. Siva Reddy
India's Most Powerful Women in Media Award	Kallie Puri
FIFA best player award	Lionel Messi - Men
	Megan Rapinoe - Women
International Hrant Dink Award	Agnes Kharshiing
Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar 2019	Gagan Narang and Pawan Singh
Rights Livelihood Awards 2019	Greta Thunberg
SASTRA Ramanujan Prize 2019	Adam Harper
Gauri Lankesh National Award for Journalism	Ravish Kumar
UAE's 1st Class Order of Zayed II award	Navdeep Singh Suri



APPOINTMENTS & PERSONS IN NEWS

PERSONS	POSITION / DESIGNATION
Sunil Gaur	Chairperson of the PMLA Appellate Tribunal
Lt. Gen Manoj Mukund Naravane	Assumed charge as Vice Chief of the Army
Rajendra Menon	Chairperson of the Armed Forces Tribunal
Shashi Tharoor	Member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External affairs
Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria	New Chief of the Indian Air Force (IAF)
Sebastian Coe	Re-elected as president of the International Association of Athletics Federations
Madhukar Kamath	Chairman of the Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC) for 2019 - 20
P. Lakshman Reddy	1 st Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh

STATE	GOVERNOR
Telangana	Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan – Sworn on 8 th September 2019
Rajasthan	Kalraj Mishra
Maharashtra	Bhagat Singh Koshiyari
Himachal Pradesh	Bandaru Dattatreya
Kerala	Arif Mohammed Khan

WOMEN IN NEWS

Shalija Dhami	IAF Becomes First Female Flight Commander
Kristalina Georgieva	New chief and Managing Director of International Monetary Fund (IMF)
PT Usha	Awarded the prestigious International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF) Veteran Pin Award
Rupa Gurunath	New president of the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association

Actor Madhuri Dixit	Goodwill ambassador by the Chief Electoral Office (CEO) in Maharashtra
Wing Commander Anjali Singh	India's first female military diplomat
Chhaya Sharma	Asia Society Game Changer Award 2019

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

BOOKS	AUTHORS
Listening, Learning & Leading.....	M. Venkaiah Naidu
"Girl Power: Indian Women Who Broke the Rules"	Neha J Hiranandani
"Being Gandhi"	Paro Anand
"From Leeches to Slug Glue: 25 Explosive Ideas that Made (and Are Making) Modern Medicine"	Roopa Pai
"The Cousins Thackeray: Uddhav, Raj & the Shadow of their Senas"	Dhaval Kulkarni
"Turbulence & Triumph: The Modi Years"	Rahul Agarwal
"Fortune Turners: The Quartet That Spun India to Glory"	Aditya Bhushan
"Savarkar: Echoes from a forgotten past"	Vikram Sampath

IMPORTANT DAYS

DAYS	EVENTS	THEMES/ SIGNIFICANCE
September 2	World Coconut Day	THEME: "Coconut for Family Wellness"
September 5	International Day of Charity	To Commemorate the death anniversary of Mother Teresa
September 10	World Suicide Prevention Day	To Raise an awareness and prevent from committing suicide
September 14	Hindi Diwas Day	

September 15	International Day of Democracy	THEME: "Participation"
September 16	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer	THEME: "32 Years and Healing"
September 17	1 st World Patient Safety Day	THEME: "Patient Safety: a global health priority" and the slogan is "Speak up for Patient Safety!"
September 18	World Bamboo Day	To generate awareness about conserving and promoting the bamboo industry
September 21	International Day of Peace / World Peace Day	THEME: "Climate Action for Peace"
	World Alzheimer's Day	THEME: "Raising awareness and challenging the stigma around the disease"
September 22	World Rhino Day	
September 23	World Cancer Free Day	
	International Day of Sign Languages	THEME: "Sign Language Rights for All"
September 27	World Tourism Day	THEME: "Tourism and Jobs: a better future for all"

✓ **September (1 to 7)** - National Nutrition Week

