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TAMIL NADU

1) **NADANTHAI VAAZHI CAUVERY PROGRAMME:**

- ✓ **Rejuvenation of Cauvery** and its Tributaries on the lines of “Namami Ganges”
- ✓ To restore the Sacred River Cauvery and its main Tributaries

2) **GODAVARI – CAUVERY LINKAGE:** TN government has proposed for,

- ✓ Godavari – Cauvery Linkage to overcome the water deficit problem
- ✓ Also requested to rework the alignment at a high contour, so that the link which is proposed to terminate in Cauvery at Grand Anicut point can be revised as **GODAVARI – CAUVERY AT KATTALAI LINK POINT**

3) **TWO DAY 2nd INDIA – CHINA INFORMAL SUMMIT:**

- ✓ Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping held their Informal Summit in Mamallapuram, Chennai on 11th – 12th October 2019.
- ✓ Prime Minister Modi presented a specially woven shawl to President Xi Jinping, depicting the portrait of the visitor. President Xi presented a return gift.
- ✓ 1st Informal Summit held in Wuhan, China in April 2018
- ✓ President Xi invited Prime Minister Modi to visit China for the 3rd Informal Summit. Prime Minister Modi has accepted the invitation.

4) **CONTRACT FARMING:**

- ✓ Tamil Nadu becomes the 1st state in the India to enact the law on contract farming.

5) Tamil Nadu Wins **KRISHI KARMAN AWARD IN OILSEEDS PRODUCTION** for the 5th time.

6) Under **PRADHAN MANTRI KRISHI SINCHAYEE YOJANA**, TN government has proposed to modernize the **GRAND ANICUT CANAL SYSTEM**

7) **TAMIL NADU CM:**

- ✓ Launched the **EDUCATION TV CHANNEL (KALVI THOLAIKAATCHI)** for students.
- ✓ Launched the **Extended service of the service of the software "STAR 2.0"**
- ✓ Inaugurated the **Southern District Textile Processing Cluster (P) Limited** and a new Industrial Park to be set up between **THAMARAIKULAM AND POTTALKULAM VILLAGES IN KARIAPATTI TALUK** in Virudhunagar District

8) **TAMIL NADU ELECTRIC VEHICLE POLICY 2019:**

- ✓ Create a conducive atmosphere for the manufacture of electric vehicles in Tamil Nadu
- ✓ Protect the environment and preventing air pollution in the state

9) **Two awards** bagged by Tamil Nadu ranks for standing

- ✓ First in the country in the excellent implementation of the "Poshan Abiyan Scheme"
- ✓ Another award for being the runner up in the use of **Common Application Software (CAS) in Integrated Child Development Scheme works.**

10) **The Union government has approved the establishment of six new Government Medical college in Tamil Nadu:**

- ✓ Tiruppur,
- ✓ The Nilgiris,
- ✓ Ramanathapuram,
- ✓ Namakkal,
- ✓ Dindigul, and
- ✓ Virudhunagar

11) The Governor of Tamil Nadu launches the **7th ECONOMIC CENSUS**

- 12) **MADARASAPATTINAM VIRUNDHU – VAANGA RASIKALAM, RUSIKALAM Programme:**
- ✓ Food Safety wing of the Health and Family Department launched
 - ✓ Create the awareness of Traditional Foods
- 13) Tamil Nadu CM flagged off on behalf of the Agriculture Department, **5 Vehicles fitted with the units to process Tomatoes and manufacture Value – added products**

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NATIONAL

- 1) **Assam: “PLANTS FOR PLASTIC CAMPAIGN”** has been launched by the Bongaigaon District administration to gradually collect and remove the harmful plastics from the eco – system.
- 2) The **Assam state** cabinet has decided that **no government jobs will be given to persons having more than two children** after 1st January 2021, as per the small family norm.
- 3) The **Odisha government** has signed with **UNICEF** to provide safe drinking water to every household in the state.
- 4) **SIACHEN GLACIER – TOURISM:**
 - ✓ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has announced that the **Siachen Glacier (the world’s highest battlefield)** is now **open for tourism**.
 - ✓ The Siachen Glacier is on the eastern Karakoram Range in the Himalayas.
- 5) India’s 1st private train **“Tejas Express”** was flagged off from **Lucknow - Delhi - Lucknow corridor**.
- 6) **2nd Vande Bharat Express train** connecting Delhi with the **Vaishno Devi shrine** in Jammu on 4th October 2019
- 7) India’s first **e-waste clinic** to be set up in **Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh**
- 8) The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has formulated Draft Guidelines for setting up authorisation and operation of **“Authorized Vehicle Scrapping Facility” (AVSP)** to legalise the industry in India.
- 9) Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has released the **20th Livestock Census report**
- 10) National Cyber Coordination Centre received intelligence from a US-based cyber security firm that a **“threat actor” had breached and intercepted the “domain controllers” at the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project and at ISRO.**
- 11) The **Rajasthan Government** has banned the Pan Masala and flavoured Tobacco products made of magnesium, carbonate, nicotine and mineral oil.
- 12) **The Railway ministry has released the Railways Cleanliness Survey:**

Top Clean Railway Stations	Top Dirty Railway Stations
Jaipur – Rajasthan	Perungalathur - Tamil Nadu
Jodhpur - Rajasthan	Guindy - Tamil Nadu
Durgapura- Rajasthan	Delhi Sadar Bazar

- 13) The Boeing 787 aircraft will be displaying an sikh religious symbol '**Ek Onkar**' or '**God is One**' to mark the 550th birth anniversary celebrations of Guru Nanak
- 14) **Parliamentary Standing Committee** has got the **DNA Technology Regulation Bill for examination**. The bill seeks to control the use of DNA technology for establishing the identity of a person.
- 15) The Union Health Ministry has launched the **World Health Organisation India Country Cooperation Strategy (CCS) 2019–2023: A Time of Transition**.
- 16) **Tamanna**: The Central Board of Secondary Education and National Council for Educational Research and Training have launched an online aptitude test called 'Tamanna'. **Tamanna stands for "Try And Measure Aptitude And Natural Abilities"**

INTERNATIONAL

- 1) Prime Minister Narendra Modi Visited Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Attended **Future Investment Initiative (FII)** held in Riyadh from 29th October to 31st October 2019
- 2) Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena inaugurated the country's 3rd International airport at **Jaffna**.
- 3) Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu attended the **18th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) summit** at Baku in Azerbaijan
- 4) World bank released the World Development Report titled **"Trading for Development in the Age of Global Value Chains"**
- 5) **Scotland** becomes the first country in the UK to ban **the smacking of children**.

ECONOMICS

- 1) RBI released the study of state level budget **"State Finances: A Study of Budgets"** which analyses the fiscal position of state governments.
- 2) RBI imposed restrictions on withdrawals from the Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank, one of the largest urban cooperative lenders.
- 3) **State Bank of India** becomes first Indian bank to have a branch in Victoria, Australia

SPORTS

- 1) **Karnataka** won the Vijay Hazare Trophy 2019-20 defeating Tamil Nadu in the final in Bengaluru.
- 2) International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced that the **13th ICC U19 Cricket World Cup 2020** will be hosted by South Africa from 17th January to 9th February 2020.
- 3) **Yashasvi Jaiswal** (17 years- 192 days) from India has become the **youngest cricketer in the world to score a double century** in One Day Cricket.
- 4) **Harmanpreet Kaur** has become India's first cricketer to play 100 T-20 Internationals.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

SUMMITS / CONFERENCES	PURPOSE / THEME / OUTCOME	PLACE / By
64th Commonwealth Parliamentarians Conference	THEME: “Adaption, Engagement and Evolution of Parliaments in a Rapidly Changing Commonwealth.”	Kampala, Uganda
C40 World Mayors Summit	✓ Cities to collaborate effectively, share knowledge and drive meaningful, measurable and sustainable action on climate change ✓ Six Indian cities are currently members of C40: Bengaluru; Chennai; Delhi NCT; Jaipur; Kolkata and Mumbai	Copenhagen, Denmark
1st India Sports Summit		New Delhi
5th World Coffee Conference	THEME: “Sustainability Through Consumption”	Bengaluru
Global Bio-India 2019 Summit	To attract investments and showcase our indigenous strengths and aspirations of the indigenous talent pool.	New Delhi

SCHEMES / YOJANAS

SCHEMES / YOJANAS	PURPOSE / Why in News?	MINISTRY / CABINET / STATE
YSR Rytu Bharosa - PM KISAN	Farmers will get financial assistance of Rs 13,500 per annum in three instalments. The State Government contributing Rs 7,500 and the Centre Rs 6,000.	Andhra Pradesh
Kanya Sumangala Yojana	Parents will have to take proper care of the girl child with respect to her health and education and other aspects, in order to get the benefit	Uttar Pradesh

INDICES

INDEX	PURPOSE / RELEASED BY	INDIA's RANKING	TOP RANKING
Ease of Doing Business Rankings 2020	World Bank	63	New Zealand
Global Hunger Index 2019	International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)	102	17 countries are in 1 st position with same point
Global Competitiveness Index 2019	World Economic Forum	68	Singapore

COMMITTEES

J. SATYANARAYANA COMMITTEE (National Digital Health Blueprint)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ To create a National Digital Health Eco-system that supports Universal Health Coverage in an efficient, accessible, inclusive, affordable, timely and safe manner. ✓ Ensuring the security, interoperability, confidentiality and privacy of health-related personal information.
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MILITARY EXERCISES

EXERCISE NAME	HELD BETWEEN	TYPE OF EXERCISE	Held at
Malabar 2019	India, USA and Japan	Trilateral Maritime Exercise	Sasebo, Japan
KAZIND 2019	India and Kazakhstan	Joint Military Exercise	Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand
Exercise Nomadic Elephant - XIV	India and Mongolia	Joint Military Exercise	Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh
Exercise Ekuverin	India and Maldives	Joint Military Exercise	Pune, Maharashtra
Vajra Prahar 2019	India and USA	Joint Military Exercise	Seattle, USA
Indian Navy (IN) - Bangladesh Navy (BN) Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) 2019	India and Bangladesh	Joint Maritime Exercise	Northern Bay of Bengal

Dharma Guardian 2019	India and Japan	Joint Military Exercise	Vairengte, Mizoram
Shinyuu Maitri	India and Japan	Joint Air Force Exercise	Panagarh, West Bengal
Defence of Andaman & Nicobar Island 2019 (Danx - 19)	Indian Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard	Joint Exercise	Andaman and Nicobar Islands
IMNEX -19	India and Myanmar	Joint Maritime Exercise	Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
Exercise Shakti 2019	India and France	Joint Military Exercise	Rajasthan, India
Sindhu Sudarshan	Indian Army	Integrated air-land battle Exercise	Rajasthan, India
EX-EASTERN BRIDGE-V	India and Oman	Joint Air Force Exercise	Oman

FESTIVALS

S.No.	Festival	Place
1.	Bada Dashain	Nepal
2.	Bathukamma	Telangana
3.	Shirui Lily Festival	Manipur

CYCLONES

S.No.	Cyclones	Name given by
1.	Maha – Arabian Sea	Oman
2.	Kyarr – Arabian Sea	Myanmar

DEFENCE & SPACE

DEFENCE & SPACE	PURPOSE	COUNTRY / STATE / ORGANIZATION
CLASS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Chandrayaan-2 had detected charged particles (like electrons, protons, alpha particles etc) in Moon's soil during the orbiter's passage through the "geotail" ✓ CLASS, is an instrument on Chandrayaan-2, designed to detect signatures of elements in the Moon's soil. 	ISRO - India
Pukguksong-3	Tested a Submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM)	North Korea

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

SPECIES / NEW DISCOVERIES	TYPE / PURPOSE	PLACE / BY
PRAKASH (Power Rail Koyla Availability through Supply Harmony) Portal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Bringing better coordination for coal supplies among all stakeholders. ✓ Ensuring adequate availability and optimum utilization of coal at thermal power plants. ✓ Mapping and monitoring entire coal supply chain for power plants. 	The Union Government
Jan Soochna Portal	Has information about 23 government schemes and services from 13 departments on a single platform	Rajasthan
Sahyadri App	Facilitate the passengers to register their complaints in online	Indian Railways
Gagan Enabled Mariner's Instrument for Navigation and Information (GEMINI) device	To provide satellite-based communication which will be highly used to deal with cyclones, high waves, and tsunamis	Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) along with the Airports Authority of India (AAI)
Power Rail Koyla Availability through Supply Harmony (PRAKASH)	For transparency and better coordination among stakeholders.	Union Ministers R K Singh and Pralhad Joshi

AWARDS

AWARDS / PRIZES	PERSON / ORGANIZATION
Saraswati Samman 2018	Dr. K Siva Reddy
M P Birla Memorial Award 2019	Thanu Padmanabhan
Most Effective Swachhata Ambassador Award	Sachin Tendulkar
7th Wisden India Almanack Cricketer of the Year award 2019	Jasprit Bumrah and Smriti Mandhana
National Panchayat Awards 2019	Narendra Singh Tomar
28th Vyas Samman of the Year	Leeladhar Jagoori
Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Sashaktikaran Puraskar	Kerala's Nedumangad block panchayats
Highest Civilian Honour of Comoros "The Order of the Green Crescent"	M Venkaiah Naidu

NOBEL PRIZE - 2019:

FIELD	LAUREATES
Physics (3)	James Peebles - for theoretical discoveries in physical cosmology
	Michel Mayor & Didier Queloz - for the discovery of an exo - planet orbiting a solar - type star
Chemistry (3)	John B. Goodenough, M. Stanley Whittingham & Akira Yoshino - for the development of lithium-ion batteries
Physiology (or) Medicine (3)	William G. Kaelin Jr, Sir Peter J. Ratcliffe & Gregg L. Semenza - for their discoveries of how cells sense and adapt to oxygen availability
Literature (1)	Peter Handke - for an influential work that with linguistic ingenuity has explored the periphery and the specificity of human experience
Nobel Peace Prize (1)	Abiy Ahmed Ali - for his efforts to achieve peace and international cooperation, and in particular for his decisive initiative to resolve the border conflict with neighbouring Eritrea
Economic Sciences (3)	Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo & Michael Kremer - for their experimental approach to alleviating global poverty



APPOINTMENTS & PERSONS IN NEWS

PERSONS	POSITION / DESIGNATION
Suresh Chitturi	Chairman of International Egg Commission
Abhishek Singh	CEO of MyGov India
Pankaj Kumar	CEO of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)
Braj Raj Sharma	Chairman of Staff Selection Commission (SSC)

STATE	GOVERNOR
Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh	R. K. Mathur
Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir	Girish Chandra Murmu
Mizoram	P.S. Sreedharan Pillai

STATE	CHIEF MINISTER
Haryana	Manohar Lal Khattar

COUNTRY	PRESIDENT / PRIME MINISTER
Canada	Justin Trudeau – 2 nd Term
Tunisia	Kais Saied

WOMEN IN NEWS

Sophie Wilmes	1 st Women Prime Minister of Belgium
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BOOKS AND AUTHORS

BOOKS	AUTHORS
The RSS: Roadmaps for the 21st Century	Sunil Ambekar
Bridgital Nation: Solving Technology's People Problem	N Chandrasekaran & Roopa Purushothaman
Good Economics for Hard Times – Better Answers to our Biggest Problems	Abhijit Banerjee & Esther Duflo
Mind Master: Winning Lessons from a Champion's Life	Viswanathan Anand

IMPORTANT DAYS

DAYS	EVENTS	THEMES/ SIGNIFICANCE
October 2	International Day of Non-Violence	The day is to disseminate the message of non-violence, including through education and public awareness
October 5	World Teachers Day	THEME: "Young Teachers: The future of the profession"
October 7	World Habitat Day	THEME: "Frontier Technologies as an innovative tool to transform waste to wealth"
	World Cotton Day	WTO will host the first World Cotton Day celebrations in Geneva.
October 10	World Mental Health Day	THEME: "Suicide Prevention"
	World Sight Day	THEME: "Vision First"
October 11	World Obesity Day	The day is to promote solutions to obesity crisis, to raise awareness, to improve policies on obesity treatment and its prevention
	International Day of girl child	THEME: "GirlForce: Unscripted and Unstoppable"
October 12	World Arthritis Day	THEME: "Time2Work"
	World Migration Bird Day	THEME: "Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution!"

October 13	International Day for Disaster Reduction	THEME: "Reduce disaster damage to critical infrastructure and disruption of basic services"
October 14	World standards Day	THEME: "Video standards create a global stage"
October 15	International Day of Rural Women	THEME: "Rural Women and Girls Building Climate Resilience"
	Global Hand washing Day	THEME: "Clean Hands for All."
October 16	World Food Day	THEME: "Our Actions Are Our Future. Healthy Diets for A #ZeroHunger World".
October 17	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	THEME: "Acting Together to Empower Children, their Families and Communities to End Poverty"
October 20	World Statistics Day	THEME: "Better Data, Better Lives"
	World Osteoporosis Day	To raising global awareness of the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis
October 21	World Iodine Deficiency Day / Global Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD) Prevention Day	The aim of this day is to generate awareness of the adequate use of iodine and to highlight the consequences of iodine deficiency.
October 24	World Polio Day	THEME: "Stories of Progress: Past and Present for World Polio Day"
October 25	National Ayurveda Day	To Create a sense of awareness in today's generation and promote Ayurvedic principles of healing in society
October 31	National Unity Day	"Bring the Nation Together, United in Times of Strife and Rising Extremism"

✓ **OCTOBER 2 – OCTOBER 8 = Wildlife Week**

THEME: "Life Below Water: For People And Planet"

✓ **OCTOBER 4 – OCTOBER 10 = World Space Week**

THEME: "The Moon: Gateway to the Stars"

✓ **OCTOBER 28 – November 02, 2019 = Vigilance Awareness Week**

THEME: "Integrity - A way of Life"

✓ **The month of October is observed as the Breast Cancer Awareness Month every year. World Health Organization aims to promote breast cancer control programmes.**

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