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TAMIL NADU

Kallakurichi district – Tamil nadu

- Kallakurichi district has officially come into existence as the 34th district of Tamilnadu on 26.11.19.
- It comprises Thirukovilur, Shankarapuram, Ulundurpet, Chinnasalem and Kalrayan Hills taluks with two revenue divisions -- Kallakurichi and Thirukovilur.



NATIONAL





India Exclusion Report 2018-19

- ✤ According to India Exclusion Report 2018-19 members of SC, ST and OBC are among the most excluded groups when it comes to employment.
- Analysis of NSSO data showed Muslims were the lowest represented in salariedclass employment and women were the largest declining labour force in the country.
- ✤ The annual report is released by Centre for Equity Studies (CES).
- It highlights exclusion of certain section of population from public goods and experiences of marginalization.
- CES is an autonomous institution engaged in research and advocacy on issues of social justice.

5 Important Reports by MoSPI

- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has released five sets of survey reports on key socio-economic trends.
- They are
 - Household Social Consumption in India: Health (July 2017 to June 2018)
 - Household Social Consumption in India: Education (July 2017 to Jun 2018)
 - Persons with Disabilities (July 2018 to December 2018)
 - Drinking Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Housing Conditions in India (July 2018 to December 2018)
 - Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) (January to March 2019)
- ✤ The first two reports are part of 76th round of National Sample Survey (NSS) conducted by the National Statistical Office (NSO).
- These third and fourth reports are part of the 75th round of National Sample Survey (NSS).
- ♦ NSO was earlier known as the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO).
- ✤ All the reports have been signed by NSO Director General Vijay Kumar.

Withheld Report

In view of "data quality issues" MoSPI has decided 'not to' release the results of the all-India Household Consumer Expenditure Survey (2017-18).





The National Institute of Design (Amendment) Bill, 2019

- The National Institute of Design (Amendment) Bill, 2019 was introduced in Rajya Sabha by Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce and Industry on July 30, 2019.
- It was passed by Rajya Sabha on August 06, 2019 and Lok Sabha on November 26, 2019.
- The Bill seeks to amend the National Institute of Design Act, 2014, which declares the National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad as an institution of national importance.
- The Bill seeks to declare four National Institutes of Design in Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Assam, and Haryana as institutions of national importance.
- Currently, these institutes are registered as Societies under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 and do not have the power to grant degrees or diplomas.
- On being declared institutions of national importance, the four institutes will be granted the power to grant degrees and diplomas.

The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2019

- The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2019 was introduced in Lok Sabha on July 19, 2019 by the Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment -Thaawarchand Gehlot.
- It was passed by Lok Sabha on August 05, 2019 and Rajya Sabha on November 26, 2019.

Key Features of the Bill

- The Bill defines a transgender person as one whose gender does not match the gender assigned at birth.
- ✤ It includes trans-men and trans-women, persons with intersex variations, gender-queers, and persons with socio-cultural identities (Ex: hijra).
- They have a right to reside and be included in his household.
- No government or private entity can discriminate against a transgender person in employment matters, including recruitment, and promotion.
- ✤ A transgender person may make an application to the District Magistrate for a certificate of identity, indicating the gender as 'transgender'.

National Transgender Council

- ✤ A National Council for Transgender persons (NCT) under chairmanship of Union Social Justice Minister will be formed.
- Vice Chair Minister of State for Social Justice
- ✤ Members:





- o Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice
- \circ $\,$ One representative from Health, Home and HRD Ministries
- Members from NITI Aayog and Human Rights Commission.
- $\circ~~5$ members from Transgender Community and 5 experts from NGOs.

MILAN 2020

- The Mid Planning Conference (MPC) for MILAN exercise concluded at HQENC Visakhapatnam.
- ✤ MILAN 2020 is scheduled to be conducted at Visakhapatnam in March 2020.
- ✤ 41 navies are expected to participate in the mega exercise.
- ◆ It is a series of biennial multilateral naval exercise which commenced in 1995.
- ✤ It aims to enhance professional interaction between friendly foreign navies.
- ♦ It was conducted at Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) until last year.
- It will be conducted for the first time on the mainland at Eastern Naval Command.

STATES

Etawah Lion Safari – Uttar Pradesh

- The Etawah Lion Safari, formally known as Etawah Safari Park was thrown open for public in Uttar Pradesh.
- Permission from Central Zoo Authority (CZA) is waited for allowing people for Lion Safari.
- Thus drive-through park is one of the biggest safari parks in Asia (860 acres).
- ✤ It has been developed as an educative tourist destination for children and youth.

Short tenured CM – Maharashtra

- On his resignation, Devendra Fadnavis became the chief minister with the shortest tenure in Maharashtra's history (80 hours).
- ✤ His terms is also the third shortest by a Chief Minister since 1947.
- Jagadambika Pal still holds the distinction of the shortest tenure as the chief minister (44 hours).







IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women – November 25

- The international day for the elimination of violence against women is observed annually on November 25.
- The day aims to raise awareness of the fact that women around the world are subject to rape, domestic violence and other forms of violence and that such issues are hidden.
- The theme of observance for 2019 is "Orange the World: Generation Equality Stands Against Rape".





- The first such day observed by Latin American and Caribbean feminists on November 25, 1981.
- ✤ The UN formally recognised the day in 1999.



National Constitution Day or Law Day - November 26

- The Constitution Day of India is observed every year on November 26.
- It is also known as Samvidhan Divas or National Law Day or National Constitution Day.
- The day marks the occasion of formal adoption of Constitution of India on November 26, 1949.
- The draft of the constitution was prepared under the Chairmanship of Dr.BR Ambedkar.
- The day is celebrated as a tribute to Dr. Ambedkar and to make citizens aware of the importance of constitution and constitutional values.
- Since 2015, it is being recognised as such due to the 125th Birth Anniversary of B.R. Ambedkar.







National Milk Day – November 26

- National Milk Day' was celebrated on November 26 to mark the birth anniversary of Varghese Kurien, the father of India's White Revolution.
- In 2014, all the dairy majors of the country and Indian Dairy Association, resolved to observe Dr. Verghese Kurien's birthday (November 26) as National Milk Day.
- He was a social entrepreneur who led Operation Flood the world's largest agricultural dairy development programme.
- He served in the Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) from 1973 to 2006.
- ✤ Its brand is AMUL (Anand Milk union Limited).
- ✤ India is the world's largest producer of milk (22% of the world's total milk production or 187.7 million tonnes per year).
- India's milk output surpasses that of all the European Union countries combined, which is followed by the US, China.





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