FEBRUARY

TAMIL NADU

1) **Cauvery water dispute verdict: 16ᵀᴴ FEB 2018**
   - ❖ KARNATAKA   -   284.75 tmcft including 4.75 tmcft for Bengaluru
   - ❖ TAMIL NADU   -   404.25 tmcft
   - ❖ KERALA   -   30 tmcft
   - ❖ PUDUCHERRY   -   7 tmcft

2) **Constitution Bench for Jallikattu:** The Supreme Court has referred a five-member bench to constitute & preserve jallikattu as a TN cultural heritage under Article 29 (1) of the Constitution on 2nd Feb 2018.

3) Metrowater chairman **Satyabrata Sahoo** is likely to replace Rajesh Lakhoni as the TN state chief electoral officer (CEO) on 23rd February 2018.

4) **M.A. Siddhique committee:** To resolve the controversies and the implementation of the 7th Pay commission in Tamil Nadu.

5) **Microsoft** is going to implement Smart Classes in Govt schools in Tamil Nadu.

6) **Amma Two Wheeler Scheme** has been launched in Tamil Nadu on 24th Feb 2018 on behalf of the Former CM J.Jayalalitha's 70th birth anniversary by PM Narendra Modi.

7) Former CM J. Jayalalitha's Photo was opened in TN Assembly (Thalamai Seiyalagam) on 12th Feb 2018 by the Speaker of the assembly Mr. Dhanabal.

8) **Pudumadam Village** in Ramanathapuram district was the Best Panchayat in Tamilnadu according to the **Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Sashaktikaran Puraskar** 2018.

9) **JITO Conference: J**ain **I**nternational **T**rade **O**rganisation conference was inaugurated by TN CM Mr. Edappadi K. Palaniswamy on 23rd Feb 2018.

10) **STAR 2.0: S**implified and **T**ransparent **A**dministration of **R**egistration **2.0** – to make the registrations in a simplified and faster manner the

website *www.tnreginet.gov.in* was launched for the access from 12th Feb 2018.

11) **Global Investors Meet:** 2nd Investors meet will going to host by Tamil Nadu on Jan 23 & 24, 2019 in Chennai. The 1st meet was held in 2015.

12) **Green Expressway Corridor** – 8 lanes will be going to set up between Chennai – Salem highway.

13) The evidence for the use of iron was found in the Rishivandhyam, Villupuram District.

14) The usage of chekku stone (oil press machine) in the 3rd Century was discovered in Thalavady, Erode.

15) The "**Neera**" is sweet toddy (nonalcoholic) extracted from both coconut palms and palymrah started to sale in Tamil Nadu was launched at Pollachi, Coimbatore on 9th Feb 2018.

16) **Chennai Science Festival** was held in Science City Chennai from Feb 21 to Feb 24, 2018. **Theme:** "Health for All".

17) Kanchipuram women silk weavers were selected for **the National award for Silk Weavers**.

18) **The names of Delhi Tamil Nadu Illam was changed: 3rd Feb 2018**
   ➢ Chanakyapuri's Kautilya Marg no.6 to **Vaigai –Tamil Nadu Illam**
   ➢ Chanakyapuri's no.9 Bir Dhigendrajith Marg to **Podhigai–Tamil Nadu Illam**

19) **Fixing the camera** in the uniforms of Police was launched in Chennai, on 2nd Feb 2018.

20) **Internet Saathi:**Google and Tata Trust tie-up to make awareness about the use of internet in the villages of Tamil Nadu.

21) **Kota and Toda** are the two SouthDravidian languages of Tamil Naduare in endangeredcondition.

22) **Health index** was released by NITI Aayog, Kerala ranked as top, and Tamil Nadu ranked as 3rd position. UP was in the last position.

23) **The 1stdefence industrial production corridors** will link Chennai and Bengaluru passes through Coimbatore and various other industrial

regions are introduced in Tamil Nadu by the union defence minister <mark>Nirmala Seetharaman</mark> in the Union budget.

24) **Tamizhaga Marakkalanjiyam App:** This mobile phone application is used to provide information about <mark>trees and silviculture.</mark>

25) For the <mark>1st time,</mark> Tamilnadu State government has decided to observe the birth anniversary of 1st CM of TN Omandur P. Ramaswamy Reddiar.

26) Tamil Nadu Government and Microsoft make collaboration to accelerate the cloud technology in school education.

27) **World Tamil Sangam library:** The library, to be constructed at the World Tamil Sangam Complex, Madurai.

28) **Kangeyam Cattle Research Centre:** Foundation stone for establishing the Kangeyam Cattle Research Centre at a cost of Rs.5 crore in **Paguthampalayam in Kothamangalam Panchayat in Bhavanisagar**, Erode District.

NATIONAL

1) **N Gopalaswami committee:**The UGC has constituted a four-member Empowered Expert Committee which is being entrusted to conduct the appraisal of applications for shortlisting **20 Institutions of Eminence.**

2) **"One district, one product" scheme:**The Uttar Pradesh government has introduced the 'one district, one product' scheme to promote products indigenous products to every district

3) Indian Navy has launched its 3rd Scorpene class submarine **INS KARANJ** at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd, Mumbai.

4) **ENERGY 4.0:** The 7th edition of **India Energy Congress (IEC),** the joint event of Ministries of Power, Coal, New & Renewable Energy, Petroleum & Natural Gas, External Affairs and Department of Atomic Energy was held on February 1st & 2nd 2018 in New Delhi, Theme: "**Energy 4.0-Energy Transition towards 2030**"

5) **Kala Mela:** The 1st ever International Kala Mela Festival was held at New Delhi. It has been organised by the Lalit Kala Akademi in partnership with Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts.

6) **Kala Ghoda Arts Festival:** It is a multicultural festival held in the Kala Ghoda in Mumbai. **Theme**: Hara Ghoda focusing on sustainability and environment friendliness.

7) **KUSUM Scheme:K**isan **U**rja **S**uraksha evam **U**tthaan **M**ahaabhiyan (KUSUM) Scheme was launched in Union budget. To encourage the farmers for solar farming.

8) **GOBAR-DHAN SCHEME:G**alvanizing **O**rganic **Bi**o-**A**gro **R**esource Fund scheme is to manage and convert cattle dung and solid waste in farms to compost,bio-gas, and bio-CNG. The scheme was launched in Union budget.

9) **ENCORE:** The **E**astern **N**aval **C**ommand **O**perational **R**eadiness **E**xercise (ENCORE). The exercise was conducted in phases to test various facets of the war-fighting capabilities of the combat units.

10) **Separate state flag for Karnataka:** 9-member committee constituted by Karnataka Govt. has recommended separate state flag. It is the 2nd state after Jammu and Kashmir to have an own state flag.

11) **Railways to set up New Coach Factory:** The Ministry of Railways has planned to set up of a rail coach factory at Latur district, Marathwadain Maharashtra.

12) **Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport** is the World's busiest single-runway airport. It sets record with 980 flights in 24 hours.

13) **Geospatial World Excellence Award: Odisha** has won 'Geospatial World Excellence Award 2018' for successful IT application for tracking of mineral production, dispatch and value accrued on a real-time basis through its **i3MS** by geospatial world forum held at Hyderabad, Telangana.

14) The Centre for Science and Environment **(CSE)** has been ranked the top environment policy think tanks in India and 16th at the global level.

15) **Youth Festival:** 7th Youth Festival was held at Central Park, New Delhi on 27th Feb 2018. **"Theme: Let Love Live"**

16) 15th**Vodafone Odeon Theatre** Festival was held at Kolkata, West Bengal.

17) **Centre for Combat Antimicrobial Resistance:** The Indian Council of Medical Research and American pharmaceutical Pfizer have MoU to establish a Centre in **New Delhi**.

18) **Jatan and Darshak:** Centre for Development of Advanced Computing has developed software named "**Jatan**" is set to realize the museum experience and "**Darshak**" is a mobile app aimed at improving the museum visit experience among the differently-abled.

19) **Eklavya School:** Eklavya schools will be established for scheduled caste (SC) and scheduled tribe (ST) students by 2022 on the lines of Navodaya schools. This scheme was launched in the union budget.

20) **National Bamboo Mission:** under this scheme Rs. 1,290 crores will be allocated for the development of bamboo production in the country.The Mission was implemented during the remaining period of the 14th Finance Commission (2018-19 and 2019-20).

21) **Kisan Credit Card:** It is for Fishermen and Cattle owners. The main aim of this scheme is for getting easier loans. Also, it will be helpful for people associated with milk production and in fisheries.

22) **Prime Minister Fellowship Scheme:** The Aim of the scheme is to encourage young, talented, enthusiastic and result-oriented scholars to take up industry-relevant research.

23) **Ayushman Bharat Scheme:** Ayushman Bharat Scheme (National Health Protection Scheme) launched in the union budget (2018-19) will cover Rs. 5 lakh insurance to each family per year. It will be the **world's largest** government-funded healthcare programme.

24) **RISE scheme: R**evitalising **I**nfrastructure and **S**ystems in **E**ducation Scheme launched in union budget (2018-19) to lend low-cost funds to government higher educational institutions.

25) **Agriculture 2022:**The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare organized a National conducts the Conference "Agriculture 2022 – Doubling Farmers' Income" at National Agriculture Science Complex, New Delhi.

26) The 32nd edition of **Surajkund International Crafts Mela** was held at Faridabad, Haryana. This year Uttar Pradesh is theme state and Kyrgyzstan is the partner nation.

27) The book **"Exam Warriors"** written by Prime Minister Narendra Modi released by External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj in New Delhi.

28) **SecurityCheckKiya:** Google has launched **SecurityCheckKiya** campaign in India to create awareness around Internet safety.

29) Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana Target to enhance up to **8 crore beneficiaries**

30) The 5th edition of South Asia Region Public Procurement Conference was held in New Delhi. **THEME:** "Public Procurement and Service Delivery".

31) **Secondment Programme:** The Union Cabinet has approved MoU for Secondment Programme between India and Australia.

32) **Humsafar Express train:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off a new express train from Mysuru railway station between Mysuru and Udaipur.

33) **Agni-1**: Indigenously developed short-range ballistic missile was successfully tested from a mobile launcher at Dr. Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha.

34) **Digital Citizenship and Safety:** Google and NCERT signed a pact to bring awareness amongst the young generation of India to make the Internet a Safe space.

35) **T**IMES **H**igher **E**ducation (THE) World University Rankings released the ranking:Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru as 29th rank and Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay as 44th rank.

36) **Rhododendron Park:** New Park was laid the foundation stone in Tawang district of Arunachal Pradesh. The park will be built in the total area of 1.15 hectares.

37) **"Run for New India"** marathon in Surat, Gujarat was flagged off by PM Narendra Modi.

38) **88th Mahamastakabhisheka:** President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the event of Lord Gomateshwara by unveiling an idol of Bahubali at Shravanabelagola in Hassan district, Karnataka held every 12 years once.

39) The **National Banana Festival** 2018 was held at Kalliyoor, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. In 2017 the event was held at Madurai.

40) **Janadriyah:** Sushma Swaraj inaugurates Saudi Arabia's National Heritage Festival in Janadriyah village, Riyadh. This year India is the chief guest of the festival.

41) **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana** provides houses to all poor in urban areas by 2022. Its objective is to construct two crore houses across the nation.

42) **Magnetic Maharashtra:** Prime Minister inaugurated the 'Magnetic Maharashtra' Summit 2018 held at Mumbai. This was the 1st Maharashtra's global investor's summit.

43) **Motorcycle Ambulance Service:** The Goa government has launched a motorcycle ambulance service to provide quick medical help to patients in need in the coastal area.

44) **ASH TRACK App:** Ministry of Power has launched a Web-based monitoring System and Fly Ash mobile application named ASH TRACK launched in New Delhi.

45) **Hunar Haat:** Hunar Haat is a platform made available by the government for artisans from minority communities to showcase and sell their works held at New Delhi. **Theme:** "Development with Dignity".

46) The Indian Navy has unveiled the Integrated Automatic Aviation Meteorological System **(IAAMS)** at INS Garuda, naval air station, Kochi, Kerala. It is 4th air station installed with this integrated system.

47) **Bihar** Government has banned the sale of loose cigarettes in the state.

48) **DASTAK campaign:** UP Government introduces DASTAK campaign to eradicate Japanese Encephalitis.

49) The International Conference on Unani Medicine was held in New Delhi on 11th Feb 2018 (**NATIONAL UNANI DAY**).

50) **Indo-HCM:** The Union Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has released India's first ever **H**ighway **C**apacity **M**anual to guide road engineers about road expansion.

51) Aadhaar and Umang App have won awards at 6th World Government Summit 2018 in Dubai. **Umang App** won in Best m-Government Service Award and **Aadhaar won** in the Best Government Emerging Technologies Award.

52) **Super straw management:** Punjab government has introduced a super straw management system to combine harvester machines mandatory for harvesting paddy crop to check the dangerous of stubble burning**.**

53) **LPG PANCHAYAT:** The LPG Panchayat aims to provide a platform for LPG consumers to interact with each other to promote mutual learning and share experiences.

54) **National Health Protection Scheme:** West Bengal becomes the first state to opt out of this Scheme.

55) **Anti-Narcotics Scheme:** Government extends anti-narcotics scheme for 3 years to combat illicit trafficking in drugs and psychotropic substances.

56) ONGC is planning to introduce carbon dioxide (CO_2) injection technology in its **Gandhar oil field** in Gujarat. It will be Asia's large-scale CO_2-injection project.

57) **Paschim Lehar:** Tri-service maritime exercise held between Indian Navy, Indian Army, Indian Air Force and Coast Guard in western coast.

58) **International Solar Alliance summit:** India is going to host the 1st International Solar Alliance summit in March 2018 in New Delhi.

59) The Haryana government has opened 4 subsidised canteens under the **'Antyodaya Aahaar Yojana'** to provide healthy, nutritious and hygienic food at affordable prices to all poor and needy persons.

60) **Parivartan Scheme:** This scheme is introduced in Haryana for Cleanliness and Pollution free.

61) Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 4thContainer Terminal of Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

62) **Radio Umang:** India's 1st online radio station "Radio Umang" was launched on World Radio Day 13th Feb 2018 **Theme:** around peace, humanity, and hope.

63) The Virgin Group led by Richard Branson has signed an agreement with Maharashtra Government to build the 1st hyperloop transportation system between Mumbai and Pune.

64) **Atal Bhujal Yojana:**The Union Government has introduced the water conservation scheme on 18th Feb 2018, **Atal Bhujal Yojana** to tackle the ever-deepening crisis of depleting groundwater level.

65) **Theatre Olympics:**The 8th edition of Theatre Olympics was inaugurated by Vice-president Venkaiah Naidu in New Delhi. **Theme:** "Flag of Friendship"

66) **Watan Ko Jano Program:** It is the Youth Exchange Program – 200 youths from **J/K** Have visited the PM & Rajnath Singh in New Delhi about this program.

67) **Vaccination Card:** Kerala makes the New Health Policy for Vaccination Card Mandatory for School Admission.

68) **World Information Technology Congress:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated World Information Technology Congress in Hyderabad, Telangana. **Theme:** "Future Enterprises"

69) **Tribal Sub-Plan:** TSP was introduced in order to ensure **direct "policy-driven" benefits** by the Public Accounts Committee.

70) 42 languages in India are considered to be endangered and are heading towards extinction as only a few thousand people speak. This was released by UNESCO.

71) **Asmita Yojana:** Maharashtra government will plan to launch the Asmita Yojana on the International Women's Day (March 8, 2018) under the scheme, schoolgirls will get sanitary napkin at Rs 5 and the rural women can get the napkin at Rs.24 and Rs.29.

72) The government of West Bengal has used the **100 Days Work Scheme** for garbage disposal by the Panchayats.

73) **Silkyara Bend-Barkot Tunnel:** In **NH-134**, 4.531 km long 2-Lane Bi-Directional Silkyara Bend-Barkot Tunnel is going to construct in **Uttarakhand** as part of **"Chardham Mahamarg Pariyojana".**

74) **AGNI – II**: It is a Surface-to-surface ballistic missile was successfully tested in the Abdul Kalam Island on 20th Feb 2018.

75) **Prithvi-II:** It is asurface-to-surface short-range ballistic missile was successfully tested in the Abdul Kalam Island on 22nd Feb 2018.

76) **Dhanush:**It is a short-range ballistic missile tested from a naval ship off Odisha coast in the Bay of Bengal on 23rd Feb 2018. Dhanush is also known as Prithvi-III.

77) **Gangotri SwachhIconic Place project** and **Swajal** is a 1st drinking water programme in Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand. The 2nd state is the Rajasthan.

78) Mizoram is the 1st North-eastern state to set up India's first regional Centre for Agriculture with the collaboration of Israel will be inaugurated in Mizoram on March 2018.

79) **Mahanadi Water Disputes:** Union government approves setting up the Mahanadi Water Disputes Tribunal between **Odisha and Chhattisgarh.**

80) **YH Malegam committee:** RBI appoints **YH Malegam committee** to monitor bad loans, rising cases of frauds & audits.

81) **Vinay Sheel Oberoi Committee:** Ministry of Defence Capital Projects

82) **1st fully women non-suburban station:** Gandhi Nagar railway station in Jaipur, Rajasthan became the country's 1st fully women operated **non – suburban station**.The 1st suburban station is Matunga.

83) **SARAS PT1N:** India's 1st indigenously developed light transport aircraft SARAS PT1N has successfully completed the**2nd test-flight.**

84) **BMP-2:** Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman gave the approval to buy the BMP-2 infantry combat vehicles for Indian Army and survey training vessel for Indian Navy at cost of Rs. 1, 850 crores.

85) **Khajuraho Dance Festival:** 44th Khajuraho Dance Festival was held at Khajuraho temple, a UNESCO world heritage site in Chhatarpur district, Madhya Pradesh.

86) **Bal Aadhaar:** Bal Aadhaar means Kid's Aadhaar which is in blue colour meant for kids under 5 years of age introduced from 26th Feb 2018.

87) **100% LED:** South Central Railway becomes 1st Railway zone with 100% LED lighting in all railway stations.

88) **MILAN**: The Indian Navy is going to conduct 16 countries **MILAN exercise** at Port Blair in Andaman and Nicobar (A&N) islands from March 6 to 13, 2018.

89) **International conference on Sustainable Biofuels:**International conference on Sustainable Biofuels was held in New Delhi on 27th Feb 2018.

90) **Aadi Mahotsava:** A tribal festival organized by Assam, Guwahati.

91) **National Conference on e-Governance:** 21st National Conference on e-Governance was held in Hyderabad, Telangana on 27th Feb 2018. **Theme:** Technology for accelerating Development.

92) **SRIJAN (Station Rejuvenation through Joint Action):** For the development of 635 railway stations in India. It was launched on MyGov portal by Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Limited.

93) **Nivesh Mitra:** Uttar Pradesh has become the 1st state in India where business and investment projects can fully in digitally, without any human interface.

94) National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways, and Coasts is going to set up in **IIT Chennai** under Sagarmala project by Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Shipping and Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation.

95) **Lamitye 2018:** Bilateral military exercise between **Indian** Army and **Seychelles** peoples Defence force held in the Indian Ocean on 28th Feb 2018.

96) **Garuda Shakti:**Indian Army and Indonesian Army began its 6thGaruda Shakti exercise at Bandung in Indonesia.

97) **Cobra Gold:** Exercise Cobra Gold has done between (Asia & Pacific ocean) seven countries namely Thailand, United States of America, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Republic of Korea and Singapore in Thailand.

98) India's 1st**Aviation Multi Skill DevelopmentCentre** was launched at Chandigarh Airport.

99) The Union Cabinet approves the Trafficking of Persons (Prevention, Protection, and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2018.

100) **VAJRA**: The Indian Coast Guard ship 'Vajra', which is in service for over 30 years was decommissioned at Paradip, Odisha. Vajra was commissioned on December 22, 1988

101) **Universal Peace Retreat Center:** Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu laid the foundation stone for the Universal Peace Retreat Center in Amaravati.

102) **KHAP PANCHAYATS**: The Supreme Court said on 21st Feb 2018 that any attack against an adult man and woman opting for an inter-caste marriage by khap panchayats or associations is "**absolutely illegal**".

INTERNATIONAL

1) Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visits in February are **Oman, UAE, Jordon and Palestine.**

2) **TAPI gas pipeline Project: 2nd**phaseof **TAPI** gas pipeline project is started in Afghanistan is to propose the trans-country natural gas pipeline from the Caspian Sea, Turkmenistan to India through Afghanistan and Pakistan.

3) **Petro Cryptocurrency:** Venezuela becomes the 1st country to launch its own cryptocurrency called Petro.

4) The **Golden Jubilee**for the formal diplomatic relations between **India and Bhutan** is being celebrated in the year 2018.

5) **Bermuda** becomes the 1st country in the world to repeal the same-sex marriage.

6) **Venezuela and Libya** were suspended from voting rights in United Nations General Assembly for not paying the dues.

7) <mark>The United Kingdom</mark> and India have launched joint research projects on "Water Quality Research" and "Energy Demand Reduction in Built Environment".

8) India and Iran have signed nine agreements, between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Iranian President Hassan Rouhani including connectivity related to strategic Chabahar port and on double taxation avoidance.

9) **Saudi Arabia** allows women to open their own businesses without the <mark>help of a male.</mark>

10) **Singapore** to impose carbon tax from 2019 to decrease the greenhouse gas emissions.

11) **Sri Lanka's 70th Independence Day** wascelebrated on 4th February. **Theme**: One Nation.

12) KP Sharma Oli was selected as Nepal's prime minister for the 2nd time. He is the 41st prime minister of Nepal. President of Nepal: Bidya Devi Bhandari.

13) China will <mark>host the 2018 Shanghai</mark> Cooperation Organization **(SCO)** Summit at Qingdao, eastern Shandong Province in June 2018.

14) **Jacob Zuma** resigns as South Africa's President on 15th Feb 2018. He <mark>was South Africa's President</mark> for the last 9 years since 2009 <mark>from the African National Congress (ANC) party.</mark>

15) **Cyril Ramaphosa** was selected as the new President of South Africa. He was the <mark>head of the ruling</mark> African National Congress (ANC) party.

16) NTPC <mark>Ltd</mark> planned to supply 300 megawatts (MW) of electricity to **Bangladesh** for <mark>15 years.</mark>

17) **Rwanda** became the 1st low-income country to provide universal eye care to its Citizens.

18) Saudi Arabia is set to host its 1stever **Arab Fashion Week** in March overturning decades of draconian policies on arts and entertainment.

19) **1st Hindu temple in Abu Dhabi:** PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone-laying ceremony for construction of 1st traditional Hindu temple in Al Wathba, Abu Dhabi, UAE.

20) **World Government Summit:** 6th World Government Summit was held at Dubai, (UAE) from February 11 to 13, 2018. India was guest country at this event and Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave the inaugural speech.

21) **Port of Duqm:** India has secured access the Port of Duqm in Oman in the Arabian Sea for military use and logistical support.

22) India and Palestine have signed MoU for health and education. The MoUs were signed between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas at Ramallah capital of Palestine.

23) India and Oman have signed MoU's in different areas including defence, health, and tourism. The MoU's were inked during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 1st visit to Oman.

24) China's Liberation Army Air Force has commissioned its new generation **J-20** 4th generation stealth fighter into combat service.

25) **Ashgabat Agreement:** India has recently joined the Ashgabat agreement. The aim of the agreement is to establish **international transport and transit corridor** linking central Asia with the Persian Gulf.

26) Recently the President of the Maldives has declared a state of emergency for 15 days.

27) **Tanzania** withdrew the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework from UN

28) Financial Action Task Force is likely to put **Pakistan** on its terrorist financing watch list or the "grey list" from June.

29) **Jerome H Powell** is selected as the 16th Chairman of the **Federal Reserve Bank, USA.**

30) Recently US withdrawn its partnership from **Trans-Pacific Partnership** TPP was a free trade agreement between USA and 11 other

Pacific Rim nations i.e. Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, Vietnam, Japan, Canada, Mexico, Peru, and Chile

31) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank **(AIIB)** approved a USD 1.5 billion in loans to India for infrastructure-related projects.

32) Recently, Indian government signed a Loan Agreement for financing for Rajasthan Water Sector Restructuring Project for the Desert Areas, with New Development Bank.

33) **Logistics park in Assam:** The road ministry announced a project to develop a multimodal logistics park in Jogighopa (Assam), given by the Asian Development Bank.

34) **Soft power matrix:** India's developing tool to campaign soft power in diplomacy.

ECONOMICS

1) **Operation Green:** Aim of the operation is to double the income of farmers by the end of 2022.It is mainly to ensure that farmers are giving the right price for their product (Price fixation Scheme) introduced in the union budget (2018-19).

2) The government is set to revise the base years of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Index of Industrial Production (IIP) and Consumer Price Index (CPI) in order to "accommodate and factor" the economic changes in the country.Currently using 2011-2012 as the base year.

3) **National Women Entrepreneurship Council:** The Union Ministry of Women and Child Development are considering establishing National Women Entrepreneurship Council for women entrepreneurship in current business chambers.

4) **World Sustainable Development Summit 2018:**World Sustainable Development Summit by TERI was held in New Delhi. **Theme:** "Partnerships for a Resilient Planet".

5) **Military Balance 2018:** According to a Military Balance 2018 report, India's defence budget is ranked the world's 5th largest defence budget the US ranked as the top.

6) **Global Business Summit 2018:** Global Business Summit is a flagship initiative of the Times Group. 4th edition was held in the New Delhi. **THEME:** New Economy, New Rules.

7) **Inclusive Internet Index 2018:** TheReport was commissioned by Facebook and conducted by The Economist Intelligence Unit. India was ranked 47out of 86 countries. Sweden ranked as the 1st position & the Congo ranked as the last position.

8) **RULE OF LAW INDEX:**India is ranked 62nd in the Rule of Law Index 2017-18 brought out by the World Justice Project.

9) **Corruption Perception Index 2017:** It was released by NGO Transparency International. India was ranked 81st among 180 countries. New Zealand is in the 1st position and Somalia ranked as the last position.

10) **Electoral bonds:** State Bank of India in Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, and New Delhi were going to sale the 1st electoral bonds will go to start from 1st March 2018 for a time period of 10 days.

11) **Neonatal mortality rate:**According to a UNICEF report, India's neonatal mortality rate at 25.4 deaths per 1,000 live births.

12) **Wealthiest country:** Report released by New World Wealth, India has been ranked as the 6th position. The US was ranked as 1st position.

13) **Union Budget 2018:** It was the 1stannual Budget after the Goods and Services Tax (GST) was introduced.

14) **India Health Fund:** India Health Fund launched by Tata Trusts in collaboration with Global Fund has come forward to financially support innovations and technologies designed to combat TB and malaria.

15) **Competition Commission of India** has fined Rs.136 crore on Google for unfair business in the Indian market for online search. The penalty was imposed on Google for infringing anti-trust conduct.

16) **Intellectual Property Index 2018:** IP was released by US Chamber of Commerce, India was ranked 44th out of 50 countries. The US ranked as the 1st position.

17) **Development Impact Bond:** Britain's Prince Charles has launched a new 10-million-dollar Development Impact Bond) to help improve education for over 200,000 children in India.

18) **CriSidEx:** CriSidEx is a composite index based on a diffusion of 8 parameters and measures MSE business sentiment on a scale of 0 to 200.(CRISIL Credit Rating Information Services of India Limited & SIDBI- Small Industries Development Bank of India).

19) **NITI Forum:** Niti Forum for North-East has been set up to identify constraints and recommend suitable required interventions for speedy and sustainable growth in the northeast region.

20) **Global Democracy Index 2017: GDI** was released by Economist Intelligence Unit. India ranked as 42nd among 165 countries. Norway was in 1st position. North Korea was in the last position. In 2016, India's rank was 32.

21) India's financial capital Mumbai, with a total wealth of USD 950 billion ranked **12th among the top 15** wealthiest cities globally, while New York topped the list published by New World Wealth.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

1) India will be going to Host the **"World Environment Day 2018"** which is observed on 5th June every year.**Theme:** "Beat Plastic Pollution".

2) **Norovirus:** During the 23rd Olympic Winter Games at the Pyeongchang, South Korea has been hit by an extraordinary outbreak of disease caused by Norovirus.

3) **Heavy Rocket**: Falcon Heavy is the most powerful rocket in the world after NASA's Saturn V.**Falcon heavy rocket** lifts off from Cape Canaveral.

4) **Web Application Attack:** India has been ranked as the 7th in the list of targeted countries for Web Application Attacks reported by Akamai State of the Internet Security.

5) **Sci-Tech Oscar:** Indian engineer Vikas Sathaye was awarded Scientific and Engineering Academy Award at Oscars Scientific and Technical Awards 2018.
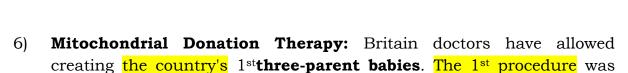
6) **Mitochondrial Donation Therapy:** Britain doctors have allowed creating the country's 1st**three-parent babies**. The 1st procedure was done in Mexico.

7) Scientists from Britain and United States for 1st time have succeeded in **growing human eggs** in the laboratory from earliest stages in ovarian tissue all way to full maturity.

8) Zoological Survey of India has discovered three new **species of** *eel* namely **Gymnothorax pseudotile, Gymnothorax visakhaensis and Enchelycore propinqua** in Bay of Bengal coast.

9) **Cyclone Gita: Tonga,** South Pacific Island was recently hit by a Cyclone Gita. India has given $1 million aid for this cyclone hit.

10) **NASA's K2 mission:** Scientists from NASA have discovered nearly 100 new exoplanets outside of our solar system using K2 Mission.

11) Recently a biggest **flooded cave** was found in the Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico, by scuba divers.

12) The **Svalbard Global Seed Vault** in Norway completed 10years of its official opening.

13) **South African** Government has declared the ever worst ongoing drought as a "National Disaster".

14) **Balong 5G01:** Huawei has launched the Balong 5G01, world's 1st 5G chipset at Mobile World Congress 2018 held in Barcelona, Spain

15) **Rustom-2:** DRDO has tested the 1st successful unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) Rustom-2. The flight was tested at its Aeronautical Test Range at Chitradurga in Karnataka.

16) **Drypetes kalamii:** New plant species **Drypetes kalamii**, it has been named after former President of India, Dr. APJ Kalam from Buxa and Jaldapara National Parks in West Bengal.

17) **Rhino Day:** Assam government will go to observe September 22 (World Rhino Day) as **Rhino Day** to generate public awareness on the protection of one-horned rhinoceros.

18) **5G network:Airtel** and **Huawei** equipment have successfully conducted India's first 5G network trial.

19) **Supercritical carbon dioxide (S-CO2) Brayton Test Loop facility:** It was 1st and the indigenously developed by the Scientists from Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru.

20) India's **1st artificial intelligence** centre is going to set up in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

21) **Malacidins:** Scientists from the Rockefeller University in New York have discovered **a new class of antibiotics from the soil.**

22) Chilika Lake in Odisha is the largest habitat of **Irrawaddy dolphins** in the world.

23) **New Science City:**Raghbir Singh Khandpur was awarded for his contribution to science and efforts to make the Science City in Kapurthala, Punjab.

24) **MS-08:** Russian space agency Roskosmos has successfully launched MS-08, an unmanned cargo spacecraft for the International Space Station (ISS). It was launched by Soyuz-2.

25) The **Pelican Bird Festival 2018** was held fin Atapaka Bird Sanctuary at Kolleru Lake, Andhra Pradesh.

26) Uttar Pradesh's 1st ever **Butterfly Park** was inaugurated in Kanpur.

27) **New Wildlife Sanctuary:** New wildlife sanctuary is going to set up in Ghodazari, Chandrapur district, Maharashtra. The sanctuary is located in North East of Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve.

28) Based on collected data from India's Chandrayaan-1 and NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter observed that the Moon's water may be widely distributed across its surface.
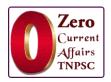
APPOINTMENTS, PERSONALITIES & AWARDS

1) **Sahitya Akademi Bhasha Samman award:** WriterShesh Anand Madhukar was honoured for Magahi language, also known as Magadhi language is spoken in Bihar-Jharkhand region of eastern India.

2) Actress Sridevi death Veteran actress Sridevi passed away in Dubai. She made her debut as a child artist in Tamil film "Thunaivan" in 1969

3) **Sudeep Lakhtakia** took charge as the new Director General of National Security Guard (NSG). Succeeded by S P Singh.

4) The **Ibrahim Prize** for Achievement in African Leadership was awarded to Ellen Johnson Sirleaf (Former President of Liberia).

5) **Impeachment of Allahabad HC judge:** CJI Dipak Misra has recommended the impeachment of judge of the Allahabad High Court Justice, Shri Narayan Shukla.

6) The mascot of "**Swachh Bharat Abhiyan**", Kunwar Bai, a 106-year-old woman from Chhattisgarh was passed away.

7) **1st woman fighter pilot:** Avani Chaturvedi, age 24 becomes the 1st Indian woman fighter pilot of Indian Air Force to single-handedly flown in a MiG-21 Bison fighter flight on 22nd Feb 2018.

8) 71st British Academy Film Awards: Best Movie was won by**Three Billboards outside Ebbing, Missouri**.

9) Kannada litterateur Chandrashekhar Kambar was elected as President of the **Sahitya Akademi** and Hindi poet Madhav Kaushik was elected as vice president of the Sahitya Akademi.

10) Vijayendra Saraswathi became the 70thSankaracharya of the Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam on 28th Feb 2018.

11) **Grand Collar of the State of Palestine**was awarded to the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi

12) 1st Indian to receive WHO's **Ihsan Dogramaci Family Health Foundation Prize**is Vinod Paul

SPORTS

1) India's 1st Gymnastics Bronze Medal in World Cup 2018 at Melbourne, Australia won by Aruna Reddy.

2) Tamil Nadu won the 1st senior women's national football championship vs Manipur in final

3) Karnataka's Kishan Gangolli won the National 'A' class Chess Championship for the Visually Challenged 2018

4) 1st Khelo India School Games held at New Delhi. Haryana ranked as the top with the total of 108 Medals and TN ranked 9th position with the total of 28 medals.

5) Austrian Open Badminton title won by Parupalli Kashyap

6) *India won the 4th Under-19 ICC World Cup 2018 held at New Zealand vs. Australia*

7) **Jhulan Goswami** from India becomes *1st woman cricketer to take 200 wickets in ODI format.*

8) **World Golf ranking:** Shubhankar Sharma 21 years of age from India ranks 72nd in the World Golf ranking

9) Sharmila Nicollet is the 1st Indian golfer to qualify for the China Ladies PGA Tour.

10) **Laureus World Sports Awards: TENNIS**
    ➢ Sportsman of the Year: Roger Federer,
    ➢ Sportswomen of the Year: Serena Williams
    ➢ Best Comeback of the Year: Roger Federer

11) **Cricket: Vijay Hazare Trophy 2018** - Winner: Karnataka vs. Saurashtra

IMPORTANT DAYS

DAYS	EVENTS	THEMES/ SIGNIFICANCE
February1	Coast Guard Day	Motto: "Vayam Rakshamah" meaning "we protect"
February2	World Wetland Day	"Wetlands for a sustainable urban future"
February 4	World Cancer Day	"We can, I can"
February6	International Day against Female Genital Mutilation	UN's efforts to eradicate female genital mutilation
	Safer Internet Day	"Create Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you"
February 10	National Deworming Day	For treating intestinal worm infections in allchildren aged 1- 19 years.
February 11	National Unani Day	The birthday of Unani researcher Hakim Ajmal Khan
February 12	National Productivity Day	"Industry 4.0 Leapfrog Opportunity for India"
February 13	World Radio Day	"Radio & Sports"
February 18	182nd birth anniversary of Ramakrishna Paramahamsa	Ramakrishna's religious and spiritual philosophy was centred on Shakto, Advaita Vedanta, and universal tolerance.
February 20	World Day of Social Justice	"Workers on the Move: The Quest for Social Justice".
February 21	International Mother Language Day	"Linguistic diversity and multilingualism count for sustainable development"
February 24	Central Excise Day	Central Excise Day is used to collect the Tax from the people by applying the Tax on the Goods and Services.
February 28	National Science Day	"Science and Technology for a sustainable future"