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TAMIL NADU

RERA house registration Rankings

- ❖ The Anarock Property Consultants has analysed the performance of real estate regulatory authorities in the country till November and released a statement.
- ❖ **Tamil Nadu Real Estate Regulatory Authority (TNRERA)** has been ranked **8th** among the Real estate regulators in India in the Housing project registrations.
- ❖ As per the statement, **Maharashtra tops the registration** followed by Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Rules, 2018 underscores that all ongoing housing projects with a minimum of 8 units must be registered with TNRERA.

NATIONAL

Mission Raksha Gyan Shakti

- ❖ The Union Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched 'Mission Raksha Gyan Shakti' in New Delhi.
- ❖ It has been launched to boost the Intellectual Property Right (IPR) culture in indigenous defence industry.
- ❖ It was instituted by the Department of Defence Production as part of the ongoing initiatives to enhance self-reliance in defence.
- ❖ The Directorate General of Quality Assurance (DGQA) was entrusted with responsibility of coordinating and implementing the programme.

Logo and Brochure of Logix India launched

- ❖ The Union Minister Suresh Prabhu launched logo and brochure of Logix India 2019 in New Delhi.
- ❖ Logix India 2019 is scheduled to take place in New Delhi from 31st January to 2nd February 2019.
- ❖ It is being organized by the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO).

- ❖ It aims to serve as major initiative to improve logistics cost effectiveness and operational efficiencies for India's global trade.

INTERNATIONAL

India to Chair Kimberley Process Certification Scheme

- ❖ India will Chair Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS) from 1st January 2019.
- ❖ It was handed Chairmanship by the European Union during KPCS Plenary 2018, which was held in Brussels, Belgium.

Kimberley Process

- ❖ It is a joint initiative of governments, industry and civil societies to stem flow of 'conflict diamonds', rough diamonds used by rebel groups to finance wars against legitimate governments.
- ❖ The KPCS completely bans import and export of rough diamonds without certification.
- ❖ KPCS came into effect from 1 January, 2003 through UN General Assembly (UNGA) Resolution.
- ❖ India is one of the founding members of KPCS.
- ❖ In India, the scheme is administered through Department of Commerce under aegis of the Union Commerce and Industry Ministry.

Sustainable Blue Economy Conference

- ❖ The first Sustainable Blue Economy Conference was held in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya.
- ❖ It was organized by Kenya and co-hosted by Japan and Canada.
- ❖ The theme of this conference was 'The Blue Economy and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.'
- ❖ India was represented Union Minister Nitin Gadkari.
- ❖ Sustainable Blue Economy is a marine-based economy that provides social and economic benefits for current and future generation.
- ❖ It restores, protects and maintains diversity, productivity and resilience of marine ecosystems.

ENVIRONMENT

Pygmy False Catshark

- ❖ A new deep-sea shark species named Pygmy false catshark, was discovered in the northern Indian Ocean.
- ❖ This was discovered by scientists from the US and Germany in association with the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute of Kochi (CMFRI).
- ❖ This is the first such discovery in India since the Mangalore hound shark in 2011.
- ❖ The scientific name of the species is *Planonasmus indicus* – ‘planus’ meaning flat and ‘nasus’ meaning nose.

Stratospheric Barrier to Curb Warming

- ❖ Scientists at the Harvard University designed a geo- engineering technique known as **Stratospheric Aerosol Injection** (SAI) which might **half the rate of global warming**.
- ❖ This would consist of spraying sulphate particles above the earth at an altitude of 20km creating a shield against sunlight.

STATES

5-day exhibition on 'Our Vote- Our Future'

- ❖ Telangana Chief Electoral Officer Dr Rajat Kumar inaugurated a five-day exhibition on **“Our Vote- Our Future”** in Hyderabad.
- ❖ This exhibition was organized by the Regional Outreach Bureau of Information and Broadcasting Ministry.
- ❖ It aims to increase the polling percentage at least 10%.

SPORTS

Women's Pro Golf Tour

- ❖ Ridhima Dilawari from New Delhi captured her maiden professional title in the 17th leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour at the Noida Golf Course.
- ❖ The 18th and final leg of the season will be held from 11th to 14th of this month at the Royal Calcutta Golf Club.

FIH Women's Hockey Champions Trophy

- ❖ The **Netherlands** has won the **7th title** at the International Hockey Federation (FIH) Women's Hockey Champions Trophy event **by defeating Australia** in Changzhou Wujin, China.
- ❖ This is Netherland's 43rd consecutive win in the tournament's final.
- ❖ Thus, Netherlands remains the world's number one women's team in the FIH Hero World Rankings.
- ❖ They have been at the number one position since October 2011.
- ❖ Australia finished second, followed by Argentina which stood third.
- ❖ The tournament featured only six teams: Netherlands, Britain, Australia, Argentina, Asian Games champion Japan and host China.

Awards

- ❖ Eva de Goede - Best Player;
- ❖ Marijn Veen - Best Scorer (5 goals) & Rising Player.
- ❖ Best Goalkeeper award - China's Ye Jiao.

2018 Davis Cup

- ❖ Croatia defeated the defending champion France in the final of 2018 Davis Cup and secured the title second time after 13 years.
- ❖ It was organized by BNP Paribas (Banque Nationale de Paris).
- ❖ Marin Cilic of Croatia defeated France's Lucas Pouille in the final of Davis Cup and sealed the title for France.
- ❖ Croatia wins the title for the second time after 2005.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) - December 03

- ❖ Since 1992, the United Nations International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) has been annually observed on 3 December around the world.
- ❖ The theme for this year's IDPD is "Empowering persons with disabilities and ensuring inclusiveness and equality".
- ❖ This theme focuses on the empowering persons with disabilities for the inclusive, equitable and sustainable development envisaged in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



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3 DECEMBER

Indian Navy day – December 04

- ❖ Indian Navy day is observed on 4th of December every year to celebrate the achievements, and role of the naval force in protecting and guarding the country.
- ❖ Navy Day is celebrated in memory of the strength and bravery of the Indian Navy who won the Indo-Pak war in 1971, Under the 'Operation Trident'.
- ❖ Theme of Navy Day 2018 was 'Indian Navy, Mission-deployed and Combat-ready'.



World Soil Day - December 05

- ❖ The World Soil Day is celebrated every year on 5th of December by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations.
- ❖ It aims to communicate messages on the importance of soil quality for food security, healthy ecosystems and human well-being.
- ❖ Theme of the world Soil Day 2018: Be the Solution to Soil Pollution.
- ❖ In December 2013, the 68th UN General Assembly declared 5th of December as the World Soil Day which is proposed by International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS) in 2002.


