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### TAMIL NADU

1) **THIRUVALLUVAR AWARDS – 2019:**

AWARDS	RECIPIENTS
Kamarajar Award	Pazha Nedumaran
Periyar Award	C Ponnaiyan
Ke. Aa. Pe Viswanatham Award	Soolur Kalaipithan
Bharathidasan Award	Poet Thiyaroo
Thiru.Vi.Ka Award	Dr K Ganesan
Bharathiyar Award	M Bharathi Sugumaran
Perarignar Anna Award	M Aikkan
Ambedkar Award	C Ramaguru
Thiruvalluvar Award	MG Anwar Batcha

- 2) **33<sup>rd</sup> district: Kallakurichi** has become Tamil Nadu's 33<sup>rd</sup> district from 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 bifurcated from Villupuram district.
- 3) **Roadeo Robot: Chennai Traffic Police** introduced a traffic robot. ROADEO can be integrated with traffic signals or it can be operated manually, through a Bluetooth app.
- 4) **Mylswamy Annadurai** has been appointed as the **Assistant Director of the Tamil Nadu State council for Science and Technology**
- 5) TN government planned to develop **Tuticorin domestic airport as the 5<sup>th</sup> International Airport in the State**. Other 4 are Chennai, Trichy, Coimbatore and Madurai.
- 6) The government of Tamil Nadu has released "**Startup and Innovation policy 2018-2023**" with a mission of providing an enabling and innovative ecosystem
- 7) **Drone Air Taxi:** Anna University MIT's Daskha Team has designed a "**India's 1<sup>st</sup> Air Taxi**" (Drone Air Taxi)
- 8) TN CM Edappadi K Palaniswami released **two commemorative coins in the denominations of Rs. 100 and Rs. 5** to mark the 102<sup>nd</sup> birth anniversary of Dr. M. G. Ramachandran.

- 9) **Butterfly Census:** “Butterfly” census has done for the first time in **Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve**
- 10) Greater Chennai Corporation to replace all street lights in Chennai to LEDs by the **end of January 2019**
- 11) TN CM Edapaadi K Palaniswami announced Chennai as the **“the SaaS capital of India”**
- 12) TN Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has won the 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the Republic day parade held in Chennai
- 13) PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the **new AIIMS** to come up at Thoppur, Madurai on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019
- 14) **2<sup>nd</sup> Tamil Nadu Global Investors Meet 2019** held in Chennai from 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019

### NATIONAL

- 1) **Indian Forest Service** to be renamed as **Indian Forest and Tribal Service**
- 2) **Puducherry** Ban single use of plastic from **1<sup>st</sup> March 2019**
- 3) **“The Accidental Prime Minister” Film** about the former Prime Minister Mr. Manmohan Singh directed by Vijay Gutte. Actor Anupam Kher acted as the Mr. Manmohan Singh in the film.
- 4) **Vande Bharat Express:** India’s fastest indigenous train, **Train 18** named as **Vande Bharat Express**.
- 5) **Samantha Express:** IRCTC will launch a new train Samantha Express on February 14 from Nagpur.
- 6) **Operation Broken Window:** **Kerala government** launched the operation to arrest the troublemakers creating law and order issues in Sabarimala protest.
- 7) **Separate High Courts:** Andhra Pradesh and Telangana likely to have the separate High Courts from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019

Telangana	Hyderabad
Andhra Pradesh	Amaravati (Justice City)

- 8) **World's largest Solar Power programme:** Union government planned to set up the **World's largest Solar Power programme in Leh-Ladakh Region.**
- 9) India's Second **Tulip Garden** to come up in **Uttarakhand.** 1<sup>st</sup> Tulip garden is located in Srinagar of Jammu & Kashmir.
- 10) **Odisha** has launched **Ujjwala sanitary napkin initiative** to improve female hygiene and health and employability of rural women.
- 11) **Atal Setu:** Chief Minister of Goa inaugurated the "**Atal Setu**" on the **Mandovi River in Goa.**
- 12) The **Southern Railway** has bagged the **number one position for cleanliness in the country.**
- 13) **World's largest Cricket stadium** will going to setup at **Ahmedabad, Gujarat**
- 14) **Ganga Expressway:** The government of **Uttar Pradesh** has approved the construction of the longest expressway in the world (Ganga Expressway).
- 15) **Byorong bridge:** India's longest **single-lane steel cable suspension bridge** inaugurated in **Arunachal Pradesh**
- 16) Under the control of Armed Forces Special Powers Acts (AFSPA), **Nagaland** has declared as the "**DISTRUBED STATE**" till June, 2019.
- 17) **gau kalyan:** Uttar Pradesh government levied a new gau kalyan (cow welfare cess) of about 0.5% additional levy on excise items
- 18) **Vanitha Mathil (Women's wall):** Human chain formed on 1 January 2019 across the Kerala to uphold gender equality and protest against gender discrimination. Distance of around 620 kilometres from Kasargod to Thiruvananthapuram. Around three to five million women participated in the event.
- 19) Bindu and Kanaka Durga became the **first Woman devotees between the age group of 10 and 50 to enter into the Sabarimala temple** at 3.45 am on January 2, 2019

- 20) **B V R Mohan Reddy Committee:** B V R Mohan Reddy has suggested All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) *not to allow setting up of new Engineering colleges from 2020*
- 21) The Parliament has approved the **National Council for Teacher Education (Amendment) Bill, 2018** *to protect the interest of the students who had completed courses from unrecognized institutes.*
- 22) The Parliament has passed the **Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Bill, 2018** on January 3, 2019
- 23) The Parliament has passed the **National Council for Teacher Education (Amendment) Bill** on January 3, 2019
- 24) PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the **National Salt Satyagraha Memorial** at Dandi in Navsari district, Gujarat
- 25) **Pariksha Pe Charcha 2.0:** PM Narendra Modi interacted with several students, parents and teachers from across the country and shared his personal experiences with the young audience on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019
- 26) The word **Nari Shakti** is chosen as the **Hindi word of the Year 2018 by the Oxford dictionaries.**
- 27) **Bharat Parv:** Organised at Red Fort, Delhi *to generate a patriotic fervour and promote the rich cultural diversity of the country.*
- 28) Tripura, Manipur and Meghalaya celebrated the **47<sup>th</sup> Statehood Day on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019.** The states of Tripura, Manipur and Meghalaya became full-fledged states on January 21, 1972
- 29) **PM inaugurates Four museums in Red Fort Complex:**
  - ✓ Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Museum
  - ✓ Yaad-e-Jallian Museum
  - ✓ Museum on 1857- India's first war of Independence
  - ✓ Drishyakala-Museum on Indian Art
- 30) **National Museum of Indian Cinema:** PM Narendra Modi inaugurated in **Mumbai.** Aims to conserve the film heritage of India
- 31) **Sanrakshan Kshмата Mahotsav:** Promote and create awareness among people on the need of oil and gas conservation for the future and the methods to do it

- 32) **Sustainable Catchment Forest Management** launched in **Tripura**
- 33) **Vision 2040:** The Union Minister for Civil Aviation released the Vision 2040 document in the Global Aviation Summit 2019 in Mumbai.  
**Theme: Flying for All**
- 34) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has **drafted National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (2018-2023)**
- 35) **Sita Rama Lift Irrigation Project:** The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has given its approval for the **Sita Rama Lift Irrigation Project of Telangana.**
- 36) The government of Puducherry has decided **to ban the production, sale and use of single-use plastic products** from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019.
- 37) **National Clean Air Programme:** Union government launched the programme in New Delhi **to tackle the challenge of increasing pollution in the cities and towns**
- 38) Lok Sabha passed 124<sup>th</sup> constitutional amendment bill **to provide reservations to the economically weaker sections.**
- 39) PM Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone for the **Mandal Dam Project on the North Koel River benefit for Jharkhand and Bihar**
- 40) Transgenders can file sexual harassment case **under IPC Section 354A.**
- 41) **Centre for Classical Language:** The Union Government has approved to establish the Centre for Classical Language in **Tirur, Kerala**
- 42) The Union cabinet has recently approved a **10% reservation in educational institutions and government jobs** for economically backward sections in the general category.
- 43) Lok Sabha has passed the controversial Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2019 that seeks **to provide Indian citizenship to non-Muslims from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan.**
- 44) The Gujarat Government has recently announced the **10% quota for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS)** of general category in educational institutions and government jobs.

## INTERNATIONAL

- 1) UNESCO has declared **2019 as the International Year of the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements** to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of the periodic table of chemical elements.
- 2) Uzbekistan has announced 2019 as the **Year of Active Investment and Social Development**
- 3) The **Government of Pakistan** has declared **sugarcane juice** as the **“National drink”** of the country.
- 4) Pakistan declared **“Panj Tirath” hindu religious site** as a National heritage site.
- 5) **Jair Bolsonaro** has been sworn-in as new president of **Brazil**
- 6) **Su Tseng-chang** has appointed as the new Prime Minister of **Taiwan**
- 7) **Stefan Lofven** has as the new Prime Minister of **Sweden**
- 8) **Andry Rajoelina** has appointed as the new President of **Madagascar**
- 9) **China** has built the **world’s longest 3D-printed concrete bridge**.
- 10) **Sri Lankan government** approved a 70% India share in **Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport** for about 40 years.
- 11) The central bank of Nepal, has recently announced the **ban of Indian currency notes with denominations above Rs.100**.
- 12) **The United States and Israel** officially quit the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (**UNESCO**)
- 13) Macedonia renamed as the **Republic of Northern Macedonia**.
- 14) **GAFATax: France** has recently introduced the tax to ensure the global giants pay a fair share of taxes on their massive businesses in Europe. **GAFATax means Google, Apple, Facebook and Amazon**
- 15) **Panda Bonds:** Pakistan has decided to launch “Panda Bonds” in Chinese Yuan currency **to raise loans from Chinese capital markets**
- 16) President Arif Alvi appointed **Justice Asif Saeed Khosa** as the new **Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP)**

- 17) **Japan** has announced to *withdraw from the International Whaling Commission (IWC)*. The withdrawal would enable Japan to resume commercial whaling activities.
- 18) The United Nations observed the first official World Braille Day on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019 **to create awareness about the importance of Braille**
- 19) **World Capital of Architecture for 2020: Rio de Janeiro** has been recognised as World Capital of Architecture for 2020 by UNESCO.

### SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

SUMMITS / CONFERENCES	PURPOSE / THEME / OUTCOME	PLACE	DATE
106 <sup>th</sup> Indian Science Congress	<b>Theme:</b> 'Future India: Science and Technology'	Jalandhar, Punjab	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> January, 2019
42 <sup>nd</sup> Indian Social Science Congress	<b>Theme:</b> 'Human Future in Digital Era'	Bhubaneswar, Odisha	27 <sup>th</sup> December, 2018
4 <sup>th</sup> Raisina Dialogue	<b>Theme:</b> "A World Reorder: New Geometries; Fluid Partnerships; Uncertain Outcomes"	New Delhi	8 <sup>th</sup> January, 2019
1 <sup>st</sup> Global Aviation Summit	<b>Theme:</b> "Flying for all"	Mumbai	15 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> January, 2019
National Youth Parliament Festival 2019	<b>Theme:</b> "Be The Voice of New India" and "Find solutions and contribute to policy"		
9 <sup>th</sup> International Micro Irrigation Conference	<b>Theme:</b> "Micro Irrigation in Modern Agriculture"	Maharashtra	16 <sup>th</sup> January, 2019

### SCHEMES / YOJANAS

SCHEMES / YOJANAS	PURPOSE / Why in News?	MINISTRY / CABINET	DATE
<b>One family one job scheme</b>	To provide employment to the youth of Sikkim	Government of Sikkim	12 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
<b>Krishak Bandhu scheme</b>	To address the farm distress in the state	Government of West Bengal	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2019
<b>Atal Solar Krishi Pump Yojana</b>	Government will give two LED bulbs, a DC fan and a mobile charging socket as freebies to farmers enrolling under the scheme	Government of Maharashtra	4 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
<b>Yuva Swabhiman Yojana</b>	provide employment for the unemployed youth from the economically weaker sections of the society	Government of Madhya Pradesh	26 <sup>th</sup> January 2019



<b>Pravasi Dividend Pension Scheme</b>	Regular pension would be provided to Non-Resident Keralites on a one-time payment of Rs 5 lakh	Government of Kerala	26 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
<b>Madhu Babu Pension Yojana</b>	Pension scheme for disabled and old age persons.	Government of Odisha	21 <sup>st</sup> January 2019

### **MILITARY EXERCISES IN DECEMBER 2018**

EXERCISE NAME	HELD BETWEEN	TYPE OF EXERCISE	PLACE	DATE
<b>Sea Vigil</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Coastal Defence Exercise	Naval Exercise	Kerala and Lakshadweep	22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2019
<b>IMBEX 2018 - 19</b>	India and Myanmar	Bilateral Military Exercise	Haryana	14 <sup>th</sup> January 2019

### **DEFENCE & SPACE**

- 1) India has successfully flight tested **Long Range Surface-to-Air Missile (LRSAM)** from a warship off Odisha coast.
- 2) China's home-grown **turbine-based combined cycle (TBCC) engine** system has entered the aircraft-engine integration test. **6times faster than the sound.**
- 3) ISRO has successfully launched **a military satellite 'Microsat-R' and a student satellite 'Kalamsat-V2'** into their designated orbits from **PSLV-C44**
- 4) Naval Air Station (NAS) Shibpur has been commissioned as **INS Kohassa.**
- 5) **Samwad with Students:** ISRO launched **Samwad with Students** on **1<sup>st</sup> January 2018** aims to constantly engage youngsters across India to capture their scientific temperament. The new conversation mission will inspire students India.
- 6) ISRO planned to launch 32 missions in the year 2019
- 7) Women to get **20% jobs** in Military Police
- 8) **JAXA** has launched a rocket carrying a satellite capable of delivering **an artificial meteor shower** into the Earth's atmosphere.

- 9) China's **Chang'e-4 lander** and rover spacecraft successfully entered lunar orbit. Chang'e-4 was launched by a Long March 3B

### CYCLONES

CYCLONES	AFFECTED COUNTRY	DATE
<b>Cyclone Pabuk</b>	Thailand	6 <sup>th</sup> January 2019

### ECONOMICS

- 1) **Aber:** The central banks of the **UAE and Saudi Arabia** will launch a common digital currency called Aber.
- 2) **Vijaya bank and Dena Bank** going to integrate with the **Bank of Baroda**.
- 3) According to the **Transparency International's Corruption Perception Index**. *India Ranked as 78 out of 180 positions*. Denmark ranked in 1<sup>st</sup> position and Somalia ranked in last position.
- 4) The government has decided to issue **new series of sovereign gold bonds between January 14 and January 18**
- 5) ESAF Small Finance Bank (SFB) has recently got RBI nod to operate as a scheduled bank. Headquarters: Thrissur

### AWARDS

AWARDS / PRIZES	PERSON / ORGANIZATION
<b>ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year 2018</b>	Smriti Mandhana
<b>National Nritya Shiromani award</b>	Anindita Neogy Anaam
<b>Carnot Prize 2018</b>	Piyush Goyal
<b>Bharat Ratna 2019</b>	Pranab Mukherjee
	Nanaji Deshmukh - Posthumously
	Singer Bhupen Hazarika - Posthumously
<b>Awards under Swasth Bharat Yatra</b>	<b>Best State Overall:</b> Tamil Nadu
	<b>Best States with a population above 3 crore:</b> Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra
	<b>Best States having a population less than 3 crore:</b> Punjab, Goa and Delhi
	<b>Special awards:</b> Meghalaya, Jammu and Kashmir and Uttarakhand were given special awards for their participation despite their hilly and difficult terrain

<b>Ashoka Chakra</b>	Lance Naik Nazir Wani posthumously
<b>Padma Shri Awards 2019 – Tamil Nadu</b>	Bangaru Adigalar – Founder of Melmaruvathur Temple
	Sharath Kamal – Table Tennis Player
	Narthaki Nataraj – Transgender Bharathanatyyam dancer
	Madurai Chinnappillai – Social Worker
	R V Ramani – Founder of Sankara Eye foundation
	Anandan Sivamani - Musician
	Ramaswami Venkataswami – Medicine (doctor)
<b>Padma Shri Awards 2019 – Karnataka</b>	Prabhu Deva
<b>Padma Shri Awards 2019 – Sports</b>	Bachendri Pal - Padma Bhushan Awards
	Sunil Chhetri
	Harika Dronavalli
	Gautam Gambhir
	Sharath Kamal
	Bombayla Devi Laishram
	Bajrang Punia
	Prashanti Singh
<b>Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards - 2019</b>	Ajay Thakur
<b>ICC Awards 2018</b>	<b>Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for ICC Cricketer of the Year:</b> Virat Kohli
	<b>ICC Men’s Test Player of the Year:</b> Virat Kohli
	<b>ICC ODI Player of the Year:</b> Virat Kohli
	<b>ICC Emerging Player of the Year:</b> Rishabh Pant
	<b>ICC Associate Player of the Year:</b> Calum MacLeod
	<b>T20 Performance of the Year:</b> Aaron Finch
	<b>ICC Spirit of Cricket award:</b> Williamson
	<b>Umpire of the Year:</b> Kumar Dharmasena
	<b>Fans’ Moment of the Year:</b> India’s victory in the Under-19 World Cup
<b>Woman’s Voice Award</b>	Ranjani Murali
<b>International Gandhi Peace Prize</b>	2015 - Vivekananda Kendra in Kanyakumari
	2016 - AkshayaPatra Foundation and Sulabh International
	2017 - EkalAbhiyan Trust
	2018 - Yohei Sasakawa
<b>Philip Kotler Presidential Award</b>	PM Narendra Modi

<b>Sushila Devi Literature Award</b>	Namita Gokhale
<b>National Nritya Shiromani Award 2019</b>	Anindita Neogy Anaam
<b>ISRS National Geospatial Award for Excellence-2017</b>	Jayanta Kumar Ghosh
<b>Sahitya Akademy's 'Premchand fellowship' for the year 2017</b>	Ayathurai Santhan

### APPOINTMENTS & PERSONS IN NEWS

PERSONS	POSITION / DESIGNATION
<b>Sudhir Bhargava</b>	Chief Information Commissioner
<b>Justice AK Sikr</b>	Executive Chairman of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)
<b>Punit Goenka</b>	Chairman of BARC India
<b>Sanjay Jain and K M Nataraj</b>	Additional Solicitor Generals of India
<b>Pranav R Mehta</b>	President of the Global Solar Council
<b>Vinod Kumar Yadav</b>	Chairman of Railway board
<b>Saurabh Kumar</b>	Chairman of Ordnance Factory Board

### SPORTS

- 1) **Mashrafe Mortaza** – Popularly known as “*Narail Express*” becomes the second cricketer after Naimur Rahman Durjoy in the country to win the Election and became MP.
- 2) **Magnus Carlsen** – Retains the Worlds Blitz World Chess Title.
- 3) **Indonesian Masters Badminton Tournament 2019:**
  - ✓ **Women's Singles:** Saina Nehwal (India).
  - ✓ **Men's Singles:** Anders Antonsen (Denmark).
  - ✓ **Women's Doubles:** Misaki Matsutomo and Ayaka Takahashi (Japan).
  - ✓ **Men's Doubles:** Marcus Fernaldi Gideon and Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo (Indonesia).
  - ✓ **Mixed Doubles:** Zheng Siwei and Huang Yaqiong (China).
- 4) **AUSTRALIAN OPEN TENNIS (nicknamed as “HAPPY SLAM”): 2019**  
[7<sup>th</sup> January – 28<sup>th</sup> January], Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

<b>Men's Singles</b>	<b>Novak Djokovic Serbia (won)</b> Vs. Rafael Nadal (Spain)
<b>Women's Singles</b>	<b>Naomi Osaka (won)</b> Vs. Petra Kvitová (Czech Republic)

<b>Men's Doubles</b>	<b>Pierre-Hugues Herbert and Nicolas Mahut (France) (won)</b> Vs. Henri Kontinen (Finland) and John Peers (Australia)
<b>Women's Doubles</b>	<b>Samantha Stosur (Australia) and Zhang Shuai (China) (won)</b> Vs. Timea Babos (Hungary) and Kristina Mladenovic (France)

- 5) **Satyarup Siddhanta**, 35-year-old Kolkata mountaineer has set the world record of youngest to climb 7 highest volcanoes, 7 highest mountains in 7 continents in 7 years

### **FESTIVALS**

- 1) **Adivasi Mela-2019:** The Chief Minister of **Odisha** announced the Jiban Sampark project of Odisha for the welfare of the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups at the annual Adivasi Mela-2019.
- 2) **Sanskriti Kumbh:** **Uttar Pradesh** Governor Shri Ram Naik inaugurated the Sanskriti Kumbh at Prayagraj
- 3) **2<sup>nd</sup> World Orange Festival:** **Maharashtra** has celebrated the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Orange Festival from 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019.
- 4) **Pakke Paga Hornbill Festival:** **Arunachal Pradesh** government has declared the Pakke Paga Hornbill Festival as the State Festival.

### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

<b>DAYS</b>	<b>EVENTS</b>	<b>THEMES/ SIGNIFICANCE</b>
<b>January 1</b>	Global Family day	One day in peace
<b>January 4</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> World Braille day	To create awareness about the importance of Braille
<b>January 5</b>	National Bird day	
<b>January 9</b>	Pravasi Bhartiya Divas	Role of Indian Diaspora in building a New India
<b>January 10</b>	World Hindi day	To create awareness about the language of Hindi across the World and to present Hindi as an international language
<b>January 12</b>	National Youth day	To commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda
<b>January 15</b>	Army day	Army Day is celebrated to salute the valiant soldiers who sacrificed their lives to protect the country and its citizens
<b>January 24</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> International Day of Education	To celebrate the role of education in development
	National Girl Child day	To raise awareness about Child Sex Ratio levels and promote the empowerment of girls

<b>January 25</b>	National Voters day	To encourage, facilitate and maximize the enrolment, especially for the new voters
	National Tourism day	
<b>January 26</b>	International Customs day	
<b>January 30</b>	Martyrs day	To honour the brave martyrs of India who have sacrificed their lives for the country
	World Leprosy Eradication day	

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