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## **DECEMBER - 2018**

### **TAMIL NADU**

1) **Sahitya Akademi Award 2018:**

Winner	Novel	Date
S Ramakrishnan	<i>Sanjaaram</i>	5 <sup>th</sup> December 2018

2) **Writer Prapanjan:** *Prapanjan @ Sarangapani Vaithiyalingam conferred Sahitya Akademi Award for Vaanam Vasapadum* in 1995 was passed away on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018

**Famous Books:**

- ❖ Oru Ooril Irandu Manithargal
- ❖ Bramam
- ❖ Netru Manithargal
- ❖ Aangalum, Pengalum
- ❖ Maanudam Vellum
- ❖ Sugaboga Theevugal
- ❖ Maganadhi

3) **Tamil Nadu Food Processing Policy – 2018:**

- ❖ The State government has unveiled the policy on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018
- ❖ **AIM:** To increase the Farmers Income, Reduce the wastage of food products and Value addition of Farm Products

4) **76<sup>th</sup> Tamil Isai Festival Awards:**

<b>Isai Peraringnar</b>	Umayalpuram K Sivaraman
<b>Pann Isai Peraringnar</b>	Palani K Venkatesan

5) **Tejas Train:** Southern Railway has introduced the Premium Super-fast train between **Chennai and Madurai**. The train will cover the 495 km distance in 7 hours with an average speed of 70kmph

6) **Mrs. India Universe Globe - 2018 Award:** **Mrs. Samyuktha Prem** from Coimbatore has awarded the 2018 Mrs. India award held in Pune.

7) **Swachh Bharat Ambassador:** **Hanifa Zara**, A 7-year-old girl appointed as the **Swachh Bharat Ambassador of Ambur Municipality**

8) **TNPSC Road:** **Frazer Bridge Road** near Chennai Fort **has been renamed as the TNPSC Road.**

- 9) **1<sup>st</sup> Music Museum:** Tamil Nadu government has announced the **country's first music museum** with assistance from the Central government in **Thiruvaiyaru**.
- 10) **181 - 24\*7 Helpline Number:** TN CM Edapadi Palanisami launched the National Helpline number **"181" for Women's Safety & Protection** in Tamil Nadu
- 11) **Pink Autos:** Chennai Traffic Police and Anns Forum Rotary International has introduced the **"Pink Autos"** for Women Safety
- 12) **Free Battery Autos:** Southern Railways has introduced the "Free Battery Autos" in Tambaram Railway Station **for Elderly and Physically Challenged Peoples**.
- 13) **Green Temples:** Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department has planned **to Revamping nearly 20,000 Temples under Green Temple**
- 14) **Ayush Wellness Centre:** The State Health Minister inaugurated **the the Ayush Wellness Centre for Siddha, Ayurvedha and Yoga & Naturopathy in MGR Medical University Campus**.
- 15) **Train – Bus: From Kunoer to Ooty** the Special Legendary Train – Bus service will be inaugurated for the Tourists Purpose.
- 16) **Mind Museum:** The Mind Museum is planned for Mental Health Treatment is planned to set up at a Gallery in **Egmore Museum**.
- 17) **LKG & UKG Classes:** As part of the **Integrated Child Development Services Scheme**, the state government has announced the introduction of **Montessori education based LKG & UKG classes in all Anganwadi Centres across the state**.
  - a. **Aadhar Enrolment for Kids:** TN CM Edapadi Palanisami launched the new Scheme for Aadhar Enrolment. Under the Scheme, **the Kids below 5 years of age would be done at door step (i.e, Home itself)**
- 18) **NavIC SATPHONES:** TN CM Edapadi Palanisami launched the distribution of **NavIC (Navigation with Indian Constellation) satellite** phones to Fishermen for navigation while sailing in seas.
- 19) **DT3: Digital Disruption and Transformation Conference (also known as DT3)** the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Digital Disruption and Transformation

Summit being held by FICCI Tamil Nadu State Council (FICCI TNSC) in Chennai on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018

- 20) **WEAVES, South India's Premier Textile Fair:** 4 day International Textile fair held from 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 in Texvalley, Erode, Tamil Nadu. **THEME: Global Connect for Weavers**
- 21) **New Edition of Thirukkural:** International Institute of Tamil Studies (IITS) has developed the new edition of the Thirukkural in **Brahmi Thamizhi script**
- 22) **Mera Aspataal:** Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research (**JIPMER**) in Puducherry **won the best Central Government hospitals (Mera Aspataal) in India**
- 23) **Tamil Nadu International Balloon Festival:** The International Balloon festival will be held from 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in **Pollachi**
- 24) Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments Department has planned **to process "PAPER" from Elephant Dung**
- 25) **HAND-TEX 2018:** The National Handloom Expo "HAND – TEX 2018" Will going to be held at Chennai from December 15<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> 2018
- 26) **TAMIL TELEGRAM: Mr. A Shivalingam,** a man who conceived *Tamil Telegram* was passed away on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018
- 27) Chennai government schools will install **electrical sanitary napkin incinerators** to improve sanitation and better hygiene among girl students.



## NATIONAL

- 1) **India @75 Vision Document: NITI AAYOG** released the document, 9% GDP growth by 2022-23 is essential to generate enough jobs.

### MISSION 2022-23:

- ❖ Target is to raise the investment rate from 29% of GDP in 2017-18 to 36% of GDP by 2022-23
  - ❖ Tax GDP ratio to be raised from 17% to 22%
  - ❖ All Villages to be digitally connected
  - ❖ **FARM:** Agripreneurs by expanding e-NAM
  - ❖ **ROADS & RAILWAYS:** Road safety rules must be constituted and Railways must rationalise the fare
  - ❖ **CIVIL & JUDICIAL SERVICES:** Upper Age for entering Civil Services must be brought down from 30yrs to 27yrs
- 2) **SURROGACY BILL:** The Lok Sabha passed the surrogacy bill, 2016 which aims at banning commercial surrogacy to protect women from exploitation and ***proposed to allow "Altruistic Surrogacy (fertile from close Relative only)"***
- 3) The Lok Sabha has passed the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2016 ***to empower the transgender community in the country by providing them a separate identity***
- 4) **Amendments to POCSO Act:** The Union Cabinet has approved amendments to the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012.
- ❖ The amendments provide for stringent punishment, including the death penalty, for committing aggravated penetrative sexual assault crime on a child, both boys and girls, below the age of 18
  - ❖ The amendments extend the punishment for aggravated penetrative sexual assault from a minimum of 10 years to a minimum of 20 years, up to a maximum of life imprisonment and even the death penalty
  - ❖ The amendments are proposed to protect children from sexual offences in times of natural calamities and disasters
  - ❖ The amendment also proposes to alter the definition of sexual assault to include administering hormones to children expedite

their sexual maturity for the purpose of commercial sexual exploitation

- 5) **National Commission for Homeopathy bill, 2018:** The Union Cabinet has approved the National Commission for Homeopathy bill, 2018 *to replace the existing regulator, Central Council of Homoeopathy.*

- 6) **National Commission for Indian Systems of Medicine (NCIM) Bill, 2018:** The Union Cabinet has approved the National Commission for Indian Systems of Medicine (NCIM) Bill, 2018 *to replace the existing regulator, the Central Council for Indian Medicine (CCIM).*

- 7) **Centre Renames 3 Island in Andaman & Nicobar:**

Old Names	New Names
Ross Island	Netaji Subash Chandra Bose Island
Neil Island	Shaheed Dweep Island
Havelock Island	Swaraj Dweep Island

- 8) **PRESIDENT RULE:** According to Article 356 of the constitution, the *president rule was imposed in Jammu Kashmir from 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018*

- 9) **Agriculture Export Policy, 2018:** Union Government has approved the Agriculture Export Policy, 2018 *for double the farmer's income by 2022*

- 10) **Chief Guest of Republic Day 2019:** *President of South Africa Mr. Cyril Ramaphosa* will be a Chief Guest of 70<sup>th</sup> Republic Day Function on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019

- 11) **e – Scooter Licence:** The Union Transport Ministry changed the Motor Vehicles Rules allowing those who are in the **16 to 18 age group** *to obtain a license and drive the electric scooters with a maximum speed of 70kmph in a 50cc Vehicle.*

- 12) **TRAIN – 18: India's 1<sup>st</sup> Engine – less train** successfully test run with a speed of **180kmph** and became the **India's Fastest Train** and will replace **Shatabdi Express.**

- 13) **RBI GOVERNOR RESIGNATION:**

❖ **Former RBI Governor Urjit Patel** resigned his designation on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018

❖ RBI Governor was appointed by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) on the recommendation of the Union Finance Minister

❖ **Urjit Patel was the 5<sup>th</sup> RBI Governor** in free India to resign

S.No.	Resigned RBI Governors	Term
1	Benegal Rama Rau	1949-1957
2	K R Puri	1975-1977
3	R N Malhotra	1985-1988
4	Bimal Jalan	1997-2003
5	Urjit Patel	2016-2018
<b>Before Independence</b>	Sir Osborn Smith	1937

14) **Kaiga Nuclear Power Plant:** The Kaiga Nuclear Power Plant in Karnataka has created the **World Record for the Longest Uninterrupted operation of 941 days** by breaking the earlier record of 940 days by the Heysham Plant in United Kingdom.

15) **Kannur International Airport:** Kannur International Airport in **Kerala becomes the 4<sup>th</sup> International airport in state**, Only State in India will having the 4 International Airports.

16) **Skin Bank:** Kerala's Thiruvananthapuram Government Medical College Hospital will setup the Skin Bank for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in India

17) **State Assembly Elections:**

STATE	DATE	NO. OF CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY
Rajasthan	7th December 2018	200
Telangana	7th December 2018	119

18) **Divine Park:** Andhra Pradesh government has planned to Set up the **"Divine Park"** in Tirupathi

19) **5G Technology:** Mr. S K Gupta, TRAI secretary has announced **that "5G Technology" will going to be launch in India from 2020**

20) **GI Tag: Odisha's Kandhamal Haldi (turmeric)** will get Geographical Indications (GI) tag

- 21) **Operation Oliva:** Indian Coast Guard launched **“Operation Oliva” to safeguard Turtles in Odisha**
- 22) **Operation Minimum Wage:** Delhi government launched **“Operation Minimum Wage”** for skilled labours.
- 23) **Railway University:** *India’s 1<sup>st</sup> and world’s 3<sup>rd</sup> largest Railway University was opened in Vadodara, Gujarat*
- 24) **Childcare Leave for MALE:** **“Maharashtra government”** are now gave the childcare leave incase their spouses are bedridden or incapacitated due to mental health problems and are unable to take care of the children.
- 25) **New Districts of Arunachal Pradesh:**
  - ❖ **Shi Yomi** – 23<sup>rd</sup> district
  - ❖ **Lepa Rada** - 24<sup>th</sup> district
- 26) **Underwater Museum:** India’s 1<sup>st</sup> underwater museum to be opened in **Puducherry Coast in INS Cuddalore.**
- 27) **Shahpurkandi Dam Project:** Union government has planned to implement the **Shahpurkandi Dam Project on river Ravi in Punjab**
- 28) **@CyberDost:** Union Ministry of Home Affairs has launched Twitter account @CyberDost **to spread awareness about cybercrimes and normal precautions to be taken**
- 29) **Bogibeel Bridge:** India’s 1<sup>st</sup> and Asia’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Longest Rail – cum - Road Bridge **(4.94km) – Double - Decker “Bogibeel Bridge”** was inaugurated by Prime Minister in Assam across the Brahmaputra River.
- 30) **India Post launched:**
  - ❖ **E-Commerce Portal:** [ecom.indiapost.gov.in](http://ecom.indiapost.gov.in)
  - ❖ Internet Banking for POSB Customers
- 31) **UAV Complex:** Adani groups opened the **Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)** complex in **Hyderabad.** The 1<sup>st</sup> Aero-structure will be rolled out in March 2019
- 32) **Punjab government** passed the resolution to seek **33% reservation for women in Parliament.**



- 33) **Asiatic Lion Conservation Project: The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)** has launched. The main objective is to conservation of the world's last ranging free Asiatic Lion population and the ecosystem associated with it.
- 34) **Floating Solar Panel in Lake:** India's 1<sup>st</sup> Floating Solar Panel was fixed in the Lake for producing electricity near **Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**
- 35) **Ujjwala Sanitary Napkin Initiative:** The oil marketing companies have launched Ujjwala Sanitary Napkin Initiative, as part of their corporate social responsibility (CSR) in Odisha
- 36) **Adhyatmik Vibhag:** The Government of Madhya Pradesh has announced to set up of a new Adhyatmik Vibhag (spiritual department)
- 37) **One District, One Product scheme:** The government of Uttar Pradesh has initiated One District, One Product scheme *to encourage indigenous and specialized products and crafts of the state.*
- 38) **Dwijing Festival:** An annual river festival, Dwijing Festival has begun on 27<sup>th</sup> December on the bank of River Aie at Chirang district.
- 39) India's largest cancer hospital, the National Cancer Institute will be inaugurated **in Haryana's Jhajjar district.**

### **INTERNATIONAL**

- 1) **G20 – Buenos Aires:**
  - India presents the 9-point Agenda on Fugitive Economic Offenders during the meeting.
  - India will represent the G 20 meet in 2022 on behalf of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence Day
- 2) **Gitega** named as the new capital of Burundi
- 3) **International Rice Research Institute South Asia Regional Centre:** PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the International Rice Research Institute South Asia Regional Centre (IRRI SARC) in Varanasi.
- 4) Indian Born **Aadithyan Rajesh**, a 13 Year Old boy has owns a Software development Company in Dubai

- 5) Qatar has announced to withdrawal from **Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) from January 2019**
- 6) **AQUARIUM ON WHEELS:** In Russia, Soviet made Zaporozhets car which has been converted into aquarium in St. Petersburg
- 7) **YELLOW VEST Protests:** In France, the people are protest against the Government for high living costs and due to the increment of petrol price.
- 8) **Japan** selected the **“Disaster”** as the symbol for **2018**
- 9) **Luxembourg** to become the 1<sup>st</sup> country to make **“Public Transport Free”**
- 10) **Year of Tolerance: UAE** President declares 2019 as **“YEAR of TOLERANCE”**
- 11) **Australian Government** formally Recognised **West Jerusalem as Israel’s Capital**
- 12) **JUSTICE: Merriam-Webster** has declared **“Justice”** as the 2018 Word of the Year.
- 13) **Child of Krakatoa:** A Volcano known as **“Child of Krakatoa”** erupted and triggered Tsunami in Indonesia on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018.
- 14) **The winter solstice 2018:** The winter solstice 2018 took place on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018. Winter Solstice happens twice yearly, once in each hemisphere.

### SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

SUMMITS / CONFERENCES	PURPOSE / THEME / OUTCOME	PLACE	DATE
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Conference of Parties (COP-24) UN Climate Change Conference 2018</b>	“One World One Sun One Grid”	Katowice, Poland	3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2018
<b>India Water Impact Summit-2018</b>	India Water Impact Summit is annual event where stakeholders get together to discuss, debate and develop model solutions for some of biggest water related problems in the country	New Delhi	6 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Partners Forum 2018</b>	To talk about the improvement in the health and well being of women, children and adolescents	New Delhi	12 <sup>th</sup> December 2018

<b>Global Blockchain Congress 'Consensus 2018'</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Global Blockchain Congress in Eastern India	West Bengal	18 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
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### **SCHEMES / YOJANAS**

<b>SCHEMES / YOJANAS</b>	<b>PURPOSE / Why in News?</b>	<b>MINISTRY / CABINET</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) Scheme</b>	Enhance tourist attractiveness in sustainable manner by developing world class infrastructure in the Religious destinations included Gangotri and Yamunotri in Uttrarakhand, Amarkantak in Madhya Pradesh and Parasnath in Jharkhand	Union Government	4 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
<b>Mukhyamantri Tirth Yatra Yojana</b>	For Senior Citizens	Delhi Government	6 <sup>th</sup> December 2018

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

<b>EXERCISE NAME</b>	<b>HELD BETWEEN</b>	<b>TYPE OF EXERCISE</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>Ex Cope India - 2018</b>	India and US	Bilateral Joint Air Exercise	West Bengal	3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2018
<b>10<sup>th</sup> INDRA NAVY</b>	India and Russia	Maritime Exercise	Vishakapattanam, Andhra Pradesh	9 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
<b>Clean Sea – 2018</b>	Indian Coast Guard	National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan (NOS-DCP)	Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar (A&B) Islands	6 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
<b>AVIAINDRA</b>	India and Russia	Biennial Air Exercise	Jodhpur, Rajasthan	9 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Hand-in-Hand</b>	India and China	Joint Military Exercise	Chengdu, China	10 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
<b>Shinyuu Maitri 2018</b>	India and Japan	Bilateral Air Exercise	Agra, Uttar Pradesh	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
<b>Konkan 18</b>	India and UK	Bilateral Naval Exercise	Goa	28 <sup>th</sup> November – 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2018

## ROCKETS LAUNCHED IN DECEMBER 2018

SATELLITES	COUNTRY	LAUNCH VEHICLE	PURPOSE	LAUNCH DATE
<b>GSAT – 11</b> ( <i>India's Heaviest Satellite with Payload of 5854 kg</i> )	India	Ariane- 5 (French Guiana)	It is the Communication Satellite which will help to increase the internet speed	5 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
<b>GSAT – 7A</b> ( <i>Angry Bird</i> )	India	GSLV – F11	39 <sup>th</sup> Communication satellite. GSAT-7A is a military communications satellite meant for the Indian Air Force.	19 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
<b>Soyuz Mission</b>	Russia	Soyuz Spacecraft	<i>Manned Mission to International Space Station</i> <b>Cosmonauts to Space:</b> <b>Russia:</b> Oleg Kononenko <b>USA:</b> Anne McClain <b>Canada:</b> David Saint Jacques	3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2018
<b>Chang'e – 4 Lunar Probe Mission</b>	China	Long March – 3B	The Purpose of the Mission is to Survey the Moon's far side	8 <sup>th</sup> December 2018

## DEFENCE & SPACE

- 1) **Agni – V:** India successfully tested the Agni – V Ballistic Missile on **11<sup>th</sup> December 2018 in Dr Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha**
- 2) **Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV):** India gets the Submarine Rescue System being launched in Mumbai. *The DSRV is used to rescue Crew Members from submarines stranded under water in the high seas.*

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

NEW DISCOVERIES	TYPE / PURPOSE	PLACE
<b>Uterus Transplant</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Live birth from Dead donor's Transplanted Womb	Brazil
<b>Bennu Asteroid</b>	It is a Carbon Rich Asteroid in the Solar System. Its Orbit's close to Earth's Path around the Sun	Near Earth's Orbit
<b>Chemputer</b>	Scientists have developed a new method to produce drug molecules, which use downloadable blueprints to reliably synthesise Organic Chemicals via programmable Chemputer	London
<b>Mitri - Robot</b>	Smartworks company introduced the Robot "Mitri" which has Artificial Intelligence	Bengaluru



<b>Boris - Robot</b>	Russian Scientists introduced the most advanced Robot named "Boris" just a man in suit	Russia
<b>Lovot - Robot</b>	LOVOT – Amalgam of love and robot but cannot help with housework but interact with surroundings with love	Japan
<b>eDrishti App</b>	Railways launched the app to track the Punctuality of Trains	
<b>Shikhsa Setu App</b>	Aims to help the students of the state	Haryana Government

### **CYCLONES / TYPHOONS / HURRICANES**

<b>CYCLONES / TYPHOONS / HURRICANES</b>	<b>AFFECTED COUNTRY / STATE</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAMED BY</b>
<b>PHETHAI</b> – 7 <sup>th</sup> Cyclone happened this Year	Andhra Pradesh	17 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Thailand

#### **Cyclones Hits in 2018:**

<b>ARABIAN SEA</b>	Sagar
	Mekunu
	Luban
<b>Bay of Bengal</b>	Daye
	Titli
	Gaja
	Phethai

### **ECONOMICS**

- 1) **Fastest Growing Cities:** According to the global Economic Research Report, 17 of the World's 20 fastest growing cities are in India, **Three Cities are in Tamil Nadu among the Top 10**

<b>RANK</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>GROWTH</b>
1	Surat	9.2
2	Agra	8.6
3	Bengaluru	8.5
4	Hyderabad	8.2
6	<b>Tirupur</b>	<b>8.3</b>
8	<b>Trichy</b>	<b>8.3</b>
9	<b>Chennai</b>	<b>8.2</b>

- 2) RBI is going to introduce the **“Ombudsman Scheme”** for digital Transactions.
- 3) **eATM:** eATM is an Instant Fund Credit Feature to get cash launched by **ICICI**
- 4) **e-Payment:** Pune District & Sessions Court is the 1<sup>st</sup> Court in India to get facility of e-Payment.
- 5) **Gender Gap Report 2018:** According to World Economic Forum 2018 report, **India ranked as 108 out of 149 Countries** in gender gap report 2018
- 6) **Sustainable Development Goals index:** NITI Aayog releases Sustainable Development Goals Index. **Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu have been ranked on top 3 positions**

### AWARDS

AWARDS / PRIZES	PERSON / ORGANIZATION
Football Awards	Croatia's Luka Modric – Ballon d'Or Award
	<b>Norway's Ada Hegerberg – 1<sup>st</sup> Woman Ballon d'Or Award</b>
	Kylian Mbappe – Best Young Player Award
Golden Shoe Award - Football	Lionel Messi - 5 <sup>th</sup> Golden Shoe
ITTF Breakthrough Star Award 2018 - Table Tennis	Manika Batra
West Bengal CM Mamta Banerjee	Skoch Chief Minister of the Year Award for the year 2017
68 <sup>th</sup> MISS WORLD 2018	<b>Vanessa Ponce from Mexico</b> 67 <sup>th</sup> – Manushi Chhillar from India
MISS UNIVERSE 2018	<b>Catriona Gray - Philippines</b>
MISS INDIA WORLDWIDE 2018	<b>Shree Saini</b>
54 <sup>th</sup> Jnanpith Award	Amitav Ghosh – 1 <sup>st</sup> English Fiction Writer
Krishi Karman Award	Jharkhand – For Rice Category
Meghdoot Award – for Best Postman	K. Ganapathi & Sri Vidhya S Iyer
Sanctuary Wildlife Service Award 2018	Imran Siddique
DSCI Excellence Award 2018 – For cyber security Education	IIT Kharagpur
Mahakavi Bharathi Award	K Viswanath
Gleitsman Award 2018	Malala Yousafzai

<b>Best Woman Parliamentarian (Rajya Sabha) Award</b>	MP Kanimozhi
<b>Turner Prize 2018</b>	Charlotte Prodger
<b>eINDIA Digital Transformation Award</b>	BHEL

## APPOINTMENTS & PERSONS IN NEWS

PERSONS	POSITION / DESIGNATION
<b>Shaktikanta Das</b>	New RBI Governor – <b>25<sup>th</sup> Governor of RBI</b>
<b>Krishnamurthy Subramanian</b>	Chief Economic Advisor (CEA)
<b>Arundhati Bhattacharya</b>	Chairman of SWIFT ( <i>Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication</i> )
<b>CAG - Rajiv Mehrishi</b>	Vice-Chairman of United Nations (UN) Panel of Auditors
<b>Brijendra Pal Singh</b>	Chairman of Film Television Institute of India (FTII)
<b>Shri Ramphal Pawar</b>	Director of National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)
<b>Madhavi Goradia Divan</b>	Additional Solicitor General (ASG)
<b>W V Raman</b>	New Indian women's cricket team coach

### Newly Elected Chief Ministers:

STATE	CHIEF MINISTER
<b>Telangana</b>	K Chandrasekara Rao
<b>Mizoram</b>	Pu Zoramthanga
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	Kamal Nath
<b>Rajasthan</b>	Ashok Gehlot
<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	Bhupesh Baghel

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

BOOKS	AUTHORS
<b>Changing India</b>	Former PM Manmohan Singh
<b>Around The World in 80 Trees</b>	Jonathan Drori
<b>Titan: Inside India's Most Successful Consumer Brand</b>	Vinay Kamath
<b>How to Invest Right And Prosper</b>	A K Narayan
<b>A Game Changer's Memoir: Ex- SEBI Chief Recounts Defining Moments of His Tenure</b>	G N Bajpai
<b>Service to the Nation</b>	P Sabanayagam
<b>Choose Life: The biblical Call to Revolt</b>	Eric Gutkind
<b>Ramakadhayam Ramayanamum</b>	A A Manavalan
<b>The 99 Day Diversity Challenge</b>	Dr. Saundarya Rajesh

<b>Emergency Chronicles: Indira Gandhi and Democracy's Turning Point</b>	Gyan Prakash
<b>A People's Constitution: The Everyday Life of Law in the Indian Republic</b>	Rohit De
<b>Polio: The Odyssey of Eradication</b>	Thomas Abraham

## SPORTS

- 1) **BWF World Tour Championship: P V Sindhu** won the BWF World Tour Championship by defeating the Nozomi Okuhara of Japan in Guangzhou, China
- 2) **Meethoileima:** Manipur government honoured **"Mary Kom"** with the title **"Meethoileima"**
- 3) **Fastest Test Wickets: Yasir Shah** from Pakistan becomes the fastest bowler **to take 200 test wickets in 33 Test Matches.**
- 4) **Hockey Men's World Cup 2018: Belgium** defeated Netherlands and lifts the World Cup held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- 5) **Joshna Chinappa** won the National Squash Women's Singles title.
- 6) **Aravindh Chithambaram** won the Senior National Chess Title.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

DAYS	EVENTS	THEMES/ SIGNIFICANCE
<b>December 1</b>	World Aids Day	"Know Your Status"
<b>December 2</b>	National Pollution Control Day	This day is observed in the memory of people who lost their lives in Bhopal gas calamity.
	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	"Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Prostitution of Others"
<b>December 3</b>	World Disability Day	"Empowering persons with disabilities and ensuring inclusiveness and equality".
<b>December 4</b>	National Navy Day	
<b>December 5</b>	World Soil Day	"Be the Solution to Soil Pollution!"
	International Volunteer Day	"Volunteers Build Resilient Communities"
<b>December 6</b>	Death Anniversary of Dr. B R Ambedkar	Dr. Ambedkar is known as the "Father of Indian Constitution" as he chaired the drafting committee of the Constituent Assembly



<b>December 7</b>	Armed Forces Flag Day	The day is to remind the nation of its obligation to look after veterans, disabled soldiers, war widows and dependents of those who have sacrificed their lives for the safety, honour and Integrity of the motherland.
<b>December 8</b>	Submarine Day	
<b>December 9</b>	International day against corruption	“ United Against Corruption”
<b>December 10</b>	International Human Rights Day	“Stand Up For Human Rights”
<b>December 11</b>	World Mountain Day	“Mountains Matter”
	UNICEF Day	
<b>December 12</b>	International Health Coverage Day	“Unite For Universal Health Coverage: Now is The Time for Collective Action”
	International Day of Neutrality	
<b>December 14</b>	National Energy Conservation Day	
<b>December 15</b>	International Tea Day	
<b>December 16</b>	47 <sup>th</sup> Vijay Diwas	On the anniversary of Vijay Divas, respect and tributes are paid to the martyrs who laid down their lives for their country
<b>December 18</b>	International Migration Day	“Migration with Dignity”
<b>December 22</b>	National Mathematics Day	
<b>December 23</b>	National Farmers Day	
<b>December 24</b>	National Consumer Day	