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TAMIL NADU

- 1) **Tamil Nadu's largest blood bank** is in Rajiv Gandhi government general hospital, Chennai

2)

7th Taluk in Karur District	Pugalur
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- 3) Indian Railways has decided to shift the manufacturing of Train-18 coaches from ICF in Chennai to **Modern Coach Factory in Uttar Pradesh**

- 4) **India's 1st manned submersible:** National Institute of Ocean Technology, Chennai planned to develop the **1st manned submersible by 2020**

- 5) **Valparai** in Coimbatore to get a botanical garden and a boat house.

- 6) **Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Mandhan pension scheme** has launched in Tamil Nadu for workers in the unorganized sector whose monthly income is less than Rs 15,000

- 7) PM Modi flags off new Tejas Express, fastest train between Chennai-Madurai on 1st March 2019

- 8) PM Modi announced that Chennai Central railway station would be named after the former CM MGR

9)

GI Tag
Erode Turmeric
Thirubuvanam Silk Sarees

- 10) **Amma Community Radio:** CM Edappadi Palaniswami launched Amma community radio to propagate government welfare schemes for members of women self-help groups

- 11) 14 Underground metro stations in Chennai awarded the **Indian Green Building Council (IGBC)** Platinum rating.

- 12) **Civil Registration Website www.crstn.org: CM Edappadi K Palaniswami** launched civil registration website to download birth & death certificates as free-of-cost from online.
- 13) **Lydian Nadhaswaram:** 13-year old Chennai boy won \$1 million in the CBS American reality show “The World's best” He was from the AR Rahman’s music school.
- 14) **RMS Queen Mary 2:** A largest *transatlantic ocean cruise liner* came to the Chennai port from Langkawi, Malaysia
- 15) **Xiaomi, China** launched its new manufacturing plant in Tamil Nadu in partnership with Flex Ltd
- 16) **IIT Madras** sets up the **India’s 1st solar-powered desalination plant** near Vivekananda Memorial at **Kanyakumari**

NATIONAL

- 1) **The Union government has introduced:**
 - ✓ *National Mineral Policy 2019*
 - ✓ *National Policy on Software Products 2019*

- 2) **Swachh Survekshan Awards 2019:**

1. Indore
2. Ambikapur, Chhattisgarh
3. Mysuru
4. Ujjain
5. New Delhi Municipal Council
39. Tiruchirappalli
40. Coimbatore
61. Chennai

- 3) **Shyam Saran Negi:** Election commission had appointed **Shyam Saran Negi** as the brand ambassador for 2019 Parliament Election. ***He is not only one of the oldest voters in the state, but was also the first voter of independent India***
- 4) **Gauri Sawant:** 1st transgender election ambassador in India
- 5) **34th GST Council Meeting** was held on **19th March 2019**
- 6) India to observe **April 2019 - March 2020** as Construction Technology year
- 7) The Union Government has introduced the **National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC)**. **Chairman:** Bhagwan Lal Sahni
- 8) PM Narendra Modi launched **“One Nation One Card”** for all modes of travel in Ahmedabad on 4th March 2019.

- 9)

S.No.	GI Tag	State
1.	Sirsi Supari	Karnataka
2.	Coorg Arabica Coffee Chikmagalur Arabica Coffee Bababudangiris Arabica Coffee Araku Valley Arabica Coffee Wayanad Robusta Coffee	Karnataka Karnataka Karnataka Andhra Pradesh Kerala
3.	Marayur Jaggery	Kerala

- 10) PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Institute of Archaeology** at Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- 11) **Cloud Seeding:** Government of Karnataka is planning for cloud seeding to influence the upcoming monsoon and get maximum rains in the state
- 12) Integral Coach Factory (ICF), the rail coach manufacturing factory at Chennai has become the single largest rail coach manufacturer in the world.
- 13) **Vastradan Campaign:** Vastradan Campaign in udaipur has set the Guinness World Record for the largest collection of clothes for donation
- 14) **Visually impaired friendly coins:** PM Narendra Modi has Released the new series of **visually impaired friendly coins** in the
Denominations of:
 - ✓ Rs. 1
 - ✓ Rs. 2
 - ✓ Rs. 5
 - ✓ Rs. 10
 - ✓ Rs. 20
- 15) **Manohar Parrikar** Chief Minister of Goa and former Union Defence Minister passed away on 17th March 2019. He was the 1st IIT-Bombay Student to serve as the Chief Minister.
- 16) **Operation Sunrise:** a joint military operation by India and Myanmar armies **to destroy an insurgent group in Myanmar**
- 17) **Nizamabad district in Telangana** to vote through **Ballot Papers** in the Lok Sabha elections 2019
- 18) PM Modi inaugurated the **ordnance factory (AK 203 rifles) in Amethi**
- 19) **India's deepest shaft cave** has been located in **Meghalaya**.

INTERNATIONAL

- 1) **Italy** became the 1st G-7 Nation to join China's "**Belt and Road Initiative**"
- 2) **Nursultan**: Kazakhstan renamed its capital Astana to **Nursultan**
- 3) **Dr. Mohammad Shtayyeh**: Dr. Mohammad Shtayyeh has been appointed as the **New Prime Minister for Palestine**
- 4) **Black Hole Coin**: United Kingdom has issued a new **50p commemorative Black hole coin** to honour Professor Stephen Hawking
- 5) Malaysia joined as the **124th country to the International Criminal Court ratifying the Rome Statute**
- 6) **Hawaii** became the **1st state in USA to ban plastic at restaurants**
- 7) **Oslo** the capital city of Norway to become the world's 1st city to install wireless charging stations for an electric taxis
- 8) **Singapore's Changi Airport** named as the **world's best aviation hub**
- 9) India launched the third IT corridor in Xuzhou city, China.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

SUMMITS / CONFERENCES	PURPOSE / THEME / OUTCOME	PLACE	DATE
Construction Technology India-2019 Expo-cum-Conference	Conference will provide avenues for stakeholders to open up new areas for collaboration and facilitate the conversion of ideas into market-ready products	New Delhi	

SCHEMES / YOJANAS

SCHEMES / YOJANAS	PURPOSE / Why in News?	MINISTRY / CABINET / STATE	DATE
Pradhan Mantri Jaiw Indhan- Vatavaran Anukool fasal awashesh Nivaran (JI-VAN) Yojana	Providing financial support to the Integrated Bioethanol Projects	Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)	28 th February 2019
Yuvashree Plan II or Yuvashree Arpan	To encourage entrepreneurship among youth	West Bengal	6 th March 2019
Jalamrutha	Water conservation scheme	Karnataka	23 rd March 2019
SHREYAS Scheme	Scheme for Higher Education Youth in Apprenticeship and Skills (SHREYAS) to provide apprenticeship opportunities to fresh graduates of 2019.	Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	28 th February 2019
Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Mandhan Yojana		Gujarat	
Mukhyamantri Parivar Samman Nidhi Scheme	Provides insurance facilities of Rs. 2 lakhs on natural death, Rs. 2 lakhs for accidental death, Rs. 2 lakhs for permanent disability and Rs. 1 lakh for partial disability	Haryana	

INDICES

INDEX	PURPOSE / RELEASED BY	INDIA's RANKING	TOP RANKING
Inclusive Internet Index 2019	Economist Intelligence Unit	47	Sweden

COMMITTEES

B P Sharma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ To study creamy layer criteria and eligibility ✓ To Revisit the Criteria Evolved by the PRASAD Committee
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WOMEN IN NEWS

Karen Uhlenbeck	1 st Woman to win Abel prize
Kane Tanaka from Japan	Oldest person living at 116 years & 66 days Old
Soumya Swaminathan	Deputy Director-General to Chief Scientist in World Health Organisation (WHO)
Padma Lakshmi	The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) - has appointed as new Goodwill Ambassador
Emma Haruka Iwao	Entered into the Guinness Book of World Records for calculating the value of Pi to the most number of digits
Priyanka Chopra	50 Most Powerful Women in Entertainment of the USA Today
Gauri Sawant	Gauri Sawant, a transgender activist was appointed as election ambassador to create awareness voters and to improve the voting percentage in the state

CYCLONES

CYCLONES	AFFECTED COUNTRY	DATE
Cyclone Idai	Mozambique	21 st March 2019

MILITARY EXERCISES IN MARCH 2019

EXERCISE NAME	HELD BETWEEN	TYPE OF EXERCISE	PLACE	DATE
Mainamati Maitree Exercise 2019	Border Security Force (BSF) and Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB)	Military	Tripura	3 rd March 2019
AFINDEX-19	India and Africa	Joint Field Training Exercise	Pune	18 th – 27 th March 2019
Al Nagah III	India and Oman	Bilateral joint Military exercise	Oman	12 th – 25 th March 2019
Mitra Shakti VI	India and Sri Lanka	Annual joint Military exercise	Sri Lanka	26 th March – 8 th April 2019

AUSINDEX 2019	India and Australia	Joint Naval exercise	Vishakhapatnam	2 nd April – 16 th April 2019
Sampriti 2019	India and Bangladesh	Joint Military exercise	Tangail, Bangladesh	2 nd March – 15 th March
SCO Sary-Arka-Antiterror 2019	1 st joint military exercise of Shanghai Cooperation Organization was announced at the during the 34 th meeting of the RATS council held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan			

ROCKETS LAUNCHED IN MARCH 2019

SATELLITES	COUNTRY	LAUNCH VEHICLE	PURPOSE	LAUNCH DATE
Crew Dragon Demo – 1 (Private Manned Mission)	USA - SpaceX	Falcon - 9		2 nd March 2019
Long March-3B Rocket	China		China's 300 th Long March Rocket Series	10 th March 2019

DEFENCE & SPACE

- 1) Russian spacecraft **Soyuz** successfully reached the **International Space Station (ISS)**
- 2) DRDO successfully test fired the **Guided PINAKA from Pokhran ranges** on 11th March 2019
- 3) **MPATGM:** DRDO has successfully test-fired indigenously designed and developed Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile in Pokhran, Rajasthan
- 4) **DRDO** has developed a range of combat drugs that can extend the golden hour for victim till the trooper is shifted to hospital
- 5) **INS Vijit** became the 1st Indian coast guard ship to visit the Indonesian port of Sabang
- 6) DRDO successfully test fired indigenously **developed Quick Reach Surface-to-Air Missiles (QRSAMs)** from ITR Chandipur off the Odisha Coast

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- 1) **AstroSat:** Indian multi wavelength space observatory observes a new population of ultraviolet stars in the **globular cluster NGC 2808**
- 2) **Mikros:** Underwater Remotely operated vehicle (ROV) for Oil & Gas industries developed by IIT Madras
- 3) **Yuva Vigyani Karyakram:** ISRO has launched the “Young Scientist Programme” (Yuva Vigyani Karyakram)
- 4) **China’s Shanghai** has become the world’s 1st district to **start using both 5G coverage and broadband gigabit network.**
- 5) **India’s** 1st Smart Fencing in Dubri, Assam (**India – Bangladesh Border – 61 Km**)
- 6) **Uttar Pradesh** is the 1st time state to take **a census of Otters.**
- 7) **Project Sangam:** Microsoft India partnered with Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) to deploy Microsoft’s Project **Sangam (cloud-hosted, mobile-first community learning platform)** to train functionaries and officers across India on Swachh Bharat e-Learning Portal.
- 8) **Mission Shakti:** Joint programme of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- 9) Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) and IIT Kharagpur has made an MOU for fixing the **India’s 1st 1.3 Peta Flop High-Performance Computing facility**

ECONOMICS

- 1) India’s world largest consumer of gold has become the **11th largest gold reserve in the world**
- 2) RBI named the State Bank of India, ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank as **Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs)**

APPS

APPS	Launched By	USES
Observer App	Election Commission	Help poll observers to submit reports timely
Bolo App	Google	for primary school children to learn read in English and Hindi
eDharti App	Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister	Payment system in Land and Development Office, L&DO has also been completely digitized

AWARDS

AWARDS / PRIZES	PERSON / ORGANIZATION
Abel Prize 2019	Prof. Karen Uhlenbeck
Grand Order of the King of Tomislav	Ramnath Govind
Vyas Samman 2018	Leeladhar Jagudi
Yashwantrao Chavan National Award 2018	Raghuram Rajan
Pritzker Prize 2019	Arata Isozaki
Bhagwan Mahavir Ahimsa Puraskar	Abhinandan Varthaman
SKOCH Award 2018	Odisha State Disaster Management Authority
Chameli Devi Jain Award	Priyanka Dubey

APPOINTMENTS & PERSONS IN NEWS

PERSONS	POSITION / DESIGNATION
Pramod Sawant	New Chief Minister of Goa
Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose	India's first Lokpal ombudsman
Ajit Kumar Mohanty	Director of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)
M R Kumar	Chairman of Life Insurance Corporation
Pankaj Kumar	CEO of Sterlite Copper
Ramesh Chandra	Head of Food and Agricultural Organisation
P V Ramesh	Director-general of the National Archives of India

SPORTS

- 1) **Virat Kohli** has become the **6th batsman in the world** to score 9000+ runs in International cricket as Captain.
- 2) **Indian Wrestler Bajrang Punia** won a gold medal in 65 kilogram freestyle at the International wrestling tournament
- 3) **Special Olympics World Games 2019:** Special Olympics World Games 2019 held at Abu Dhabi, UAE on 14th March 2019
- 4) **World Chess Championship:** Indian Grandmasters Adhiban and Surya Shekhar Ganguly won Gold medals at the World Chess Championships at Astana, Kazakhstan
- 5) Roger Federer claims **100th ATP title** of his career
- 6) **Centre for Disability Sports** has been inaugurated in **Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh**

FESTIVALS

- 1) **Hampi Utsav 2019, Hampi Festival 2019:** Karnataka had celebrated the Hampi Festival on 2nd March 20 19

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

BOOKS	AUTHORS
Indian Fiscal Federalism	Y.V. Reddy
Every Vote Counts - The Story of India's Elections	Navin Chawla
Mann Ki Baat - A Social Revolution on Radio	BlueKraft Digital Foundation
"Searching for an Enemy" (Op Zoek Naar De Vijand)	Bette Dam
Designing Destiny: The Heartfulness Way	Kamlesh Patel
"Tiger Woman"	Sirsho Bandopadhyay
The Great Disappointment: How Narendra Modi Squandered a Unique Opportunity to Transform the Indian Economy"	Salman Anees Soz

IMPORTANT DAYS

DAYS	EVENTS	THEMES/ SIGNIFICANCE
March 1	Zero Discrimination day	The objective of the day to promote equality before the law and in practice throughout all the member countries of the UN
March 3	World Wildlife Day	THEME: “Life Below Water: For people and planet”
March 4	National Safety Day 2019	
March 10	Golden Jubilee Day for CISF	50 th Raising Day of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
March 12	30 years of the World Wide Web (WWW)	
March 14	World Kidney Day	THEME: “Kidney Health for Everyone Everywhere”
	World Pi Day	
March 15	World Consumer Rights Day	THEME: “Trusted Smart Products”
	World Sleep Day	THEME: “Healthy Sleep, Healthy Aging”
March 18	Global Recycling Day	THEME: “Recycling into the Future”
March 20	World Sparrow Day	THEME: “I love sparrows”
	International Day of Happiness	
March 21	International day of Forests	THEME: “Forests and Education”
	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	THEME: “Mitigating and countering rising nationalist populism and extreme supremacist ideologies”
	World Down Syndrome Day	
March 22	World Water Day	THEME: “Leaving no one behind”
March 23	World Meteorological Day	THEME: “The Sun, the Earth and the Weather”
March 24	World Tuberculosis Day	THEME: “It’s time”
March 25	International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members	
March 27	World Theatre Day	