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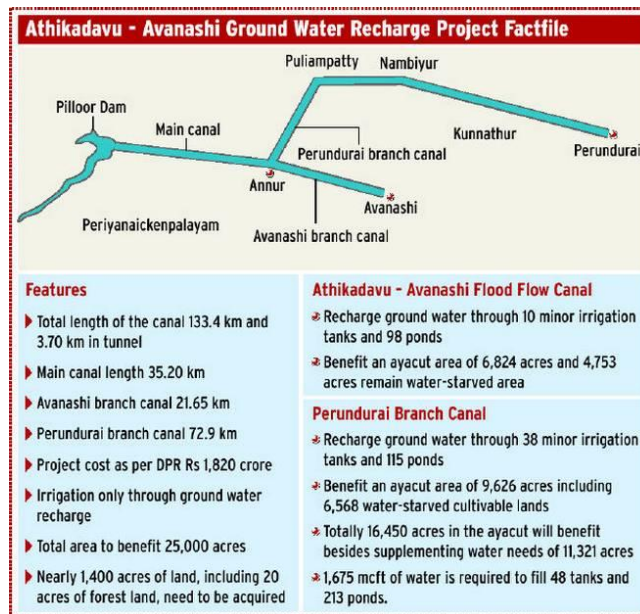
- ❖ Chennai emits 22.1 million tonnes of carbon dioxide and is ranked third biggest emitter of CO₂, Delhi top the list with over 38.38 million tonnes followed by Mumbai.
- ❖ Delhi High Court upheld the Election Commission of India's order, allotting AIADMK's 'two leaves' symbol to the faction led by Edappadi K.Palaniswamy and O.Panneerselvam.
- ❖ Indian Railways launched a new feature on the IRCTC website to book seats even after the reservation chart is prepared.
 - As per the new feature, travellers can book tickets after the second reservation chart is out just 30 minutes before the departure of trains.
- ❖ Supreme Court ruled that the Centre should formulate a scheme to ensure that compensation in hit and run cases reaches genuine claimants of the victims.
- ❖ The former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh was presented with the first 'P V Narasimha Rao National leadership and lifetime achievement award' by former President Pranab Mukherjee.
- ❖ Afghanistan began exports to India through the Chabahar port in Iran. This is the first time Afghanistan has exported goods to India bypassing the Pakistan route on February 24, 2019.
- ❖ U.S. President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un are met on second time less than a year in the Vietnamese Hanoi.
- ❖ International Cricket Council (ICC) banned UAE-based coach Irfan Ansari for 10 years after he was found guilty of making a "corrupt approach" to Pakistan captain Sarfaraz Ahmed in 2017.
- ❖ Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu, inaugurated National Institutes of Design (NID) at Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh and Jorhat in Assam.
 - Both institutes are autonomous institutions under Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).
- ❖ Union Cabinet approved construction of Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Corridor of Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) covering a distance of 82.15 kms.
- ❖ ISRO would be launching an electronic intelligence satellite 'Emisat' for Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in March 2019.

- ❖ In Chess, Indian Grandmaster Abhijeet Gupta lifted the Cannes International Open trophy held at Cannes of France. It is his first solo International tournament victory. He beat Pier Luigi Basso of Italy.
- ❖ Myanmar set up a committee to discuss reforming the country's military-drafted constitution.

TAMIL NADU

Athikadavu-Avinashi project

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister laid the foundation stone for the Athikadavu-Avinashi drinking water supply-cum-irrigation scheme at Nathampalayam in Tiruppur on 28 February.



- ❖ This project was first proposed around 62 years before.
- ❖ The project aims to divert the surplus water of Bhavani river to the lakes, ponds and other water bodies in the drought-prone regions of Coimbatore, Tiruppur and Erode districts as a boost to their ground water tables.
- ❖ Around 1.5 tmc of surplus water will be pumped from the Kalingarayan anicut near Bhavani and the project cost will be 1800 crores.

Kalaimamani awards

- ❖ TN government announced the Kalaimamani awards after a gap of eight years since 2011.
- ❖ Kalaimani Awards are given to the actors, dancers, writers, musician and singers for their contribution towards the Tamil culture.

RECOGNISED FROM THE PAST

2011 Comedian P Pandu, actor B Rajeev, Kuttu Padmini and 'villupaatu' artiste Rajakili from Kanniyakumari

2012 Musician Udaiyalur K Kalyanaraman, actresses T Rajasri, PR Varalakshmi, Gana singer S Ulaganathan, and director Chitra Lakshmanan

2013 Actors Prasanna, Nalini, Sharada, TP Gajendran, R Pandiarajan, and folk musician Paravai Muniamma

2014 Actors Karthik, Saravanan, and Ponvannan, director Suresh Krissna and playback singer Malathi

2015 Actor-dancer Prabhu Deva, music director Vijay Antony, lyricist Yugabharathi, cinematographer R Rathnavelu

2016 Actors Sasikumar, MS Bhaskar, Thambi Ramaiah, M Soori and journalist Nellai Sundararajan

2017 Actors Vijay Sethupathi, Priya Mani, and Singamuthu, director Hari and music composer Yuvan Shankar Raja

2018 Nirmala Periyasamy, actors Srikanth and Santhanam, producer AM Rathnam, cinematographer Ravi Varman and singer Unni Menon

- ❖ This time 201 artistes will be honoured with this award including Vijay Sethupathi, Karthi and Prabhu dheva.
- ❖ It was also announced the 'Bharathi' awards in the field of literature, 'MS Subbulakshmi award' in music and 'Bala Saraswathi award' in dance.
- ❖ For the MS Subbulakshmi award, singers S.Janaki, the Bombay sisters C.Saroja and C.Lalitha and TV Gopalakrishnan have been selected.
- ❖ Lyricist Pulamaipithan, veteran Villupattu artiste and lyricist Subbu Arumugam and writer-activist Sivasankari have been selected for the Bharathi award.
- ❖ Vyjayanthimala, VP Dhananjayan and CV Chandrasekhar have been selected for the Bala Saraswathi award.

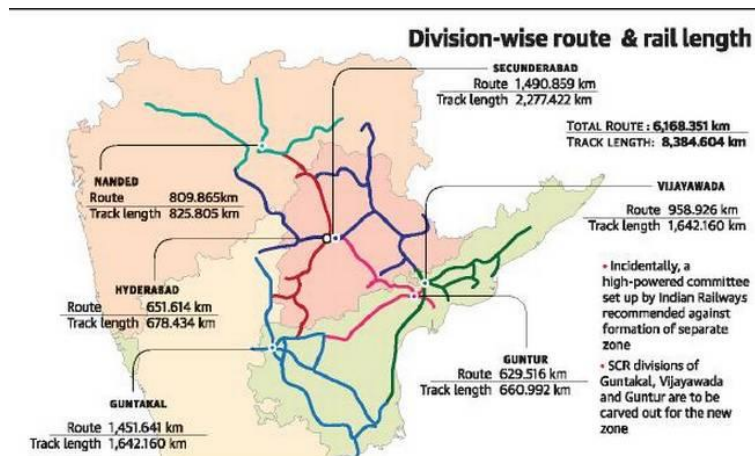
NATIONAL

Mobile Applications for Lok Sabha election

- ❖ The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Tamilnadu Satya Prasad Sahu informed four Android-based Apps specifically designed for the 2019 general election. These are cVIGIL, Voter Helpline, Suvidha, and PwD.
- ❖ cVIGIL stands for “citizens’ vigil”. It provides time-stamped evidentiary proof of model code of conduct/expenditure violation and has live photo/video facilities with auto location data.
- ❖ Voter Helpline App helps a person would be able to check the status of his/her position in the electoral roll.
- ❖ Suvidha App helps a political party’s representative, candidate and election agent to apply for various permissions for election purpose.
- ❖ PwD App is meant for people with disabilities. ECI is working towards easing the voter identification and registration process for the PwDs by offering them customized services during election time.

New railway Zone

- ❖ Railway Minister Piyush Goyal announced a new railway zone for Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ Southern Coast Railway, new railway zone will be headquartered in Visakhapatnam and it will be the 18th zone in the country.



- ❖ This new zone will comprise the existing Guntakal, Guntur and Vijayawada divisions that currently fall under the South-Central Railway.

- ❖ South Central Railway will then consist of the Hyderabad, Secunderabad and Nanded divisions.

Aviation Conclave 2019

- ❖ Union Minister of Civil Aviation Suresh Prabhu inaugurated the Aviation Conclave 2019 with an overarching theme of “Flying for All” at Delhi.
- ❖ This Conclave is about the future of Indian aviation bringing together industry leaders, government and regulators for setting the tone and propelling us to realize our Vision-2040.
- ❖ More than 30 industry leaders will discuss and deliberate across following five-key sessions issues
 - Drone-ecosystem policy roadmap,
 - Roadmap for manufacturing aircraft and associated equipment,
 - Project Rupee Raftaar-aircraft financing and leasing from India,
 - National Air Cargo Policy,
 - Mission to transform Indian Airports into Next-Gen Aviation Hubs.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

Saubhagya Award

- ❖ Saubhagya Awards were presented by the Union Minister of State for Energy RK Singh on February 26, 2019.
- ❖ Jammu and Kashmir bagged ‘Saubhagya Excellence Award’ for being the first State in the country to achieve 100% household electrification under ‘Saubhagya’ scheme.
- ❖ In Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal’s Central Zone Power Distribution Company and Indore’s West Zone Power Distribution Company have been awarded the Saubhagya award under Pradhanmantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana.

Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana

- ❖ Union Ministry of Power launched Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana – “Saubhagya” in September 2017.
- ❖ It is aimed to achieve universal household electrification in all parts of country by providing last mile electricity connectivity to all rural and urban households.

Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prizes

- ❖ Prime Minister conferred the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prizes for 2016, 2017 and 2018 to the awardees.
- ❖ This Prize is given each year to recognize outstanding Indian work in various disciplines of Science and Technology.
- ❖ 11 scientists were given the Prize for 2016. The awardees include Dr Rishikesh Narayan of Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru and Dr Amalendu Krishna of Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai.
- ❖ 10 scientists were given prize for 2017, which includes Dr Deepak Gaur of JNU, Delhi and Dr S. Suresh Babu of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre.
- ❖ 13 scientists were given prize for 2018 which includes Dr Amit Kumar of IIT, Delhi and Dr Nitin Saxena, IIT, Kanpur.

Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Science and Technology (SSB)

- ❖ It is a science award in India given annually by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).
- ❖ The award is named after the founder Director of the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research, Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar.
- ❖ It was first awarded in 1958.
- ❖ Any citizen of India engaged in research in any field of science and technology up to the age of 45 years is eligible for the prize.

SPORTS

Makran Cup boxing

- ❖ Indian boxers bagged 8 medals, including one gold, five silver and two bronze at the Makran Cup boxing tournament in Chabahar, Iran.
- ❖ Three times Youth Nationals winner, Haryana's Deepak won the only gold for India.
- ❖ P Lalitha Prasad (52 kg), Manish Kaushik (60 kg), Duryodhan Singh Negi (69 kg), Sanjeet (91 kg) and Satish Kumar (+91 kg) won the silver medal.
- ❖ Rohit Tokas and Manjeet Singh Pangal won bronze medals in 64 kg and 75 kg respectively.



1 GOLD ,5 SILVER & 2 BRONZE MEDALS AT MAKRAN CUP

