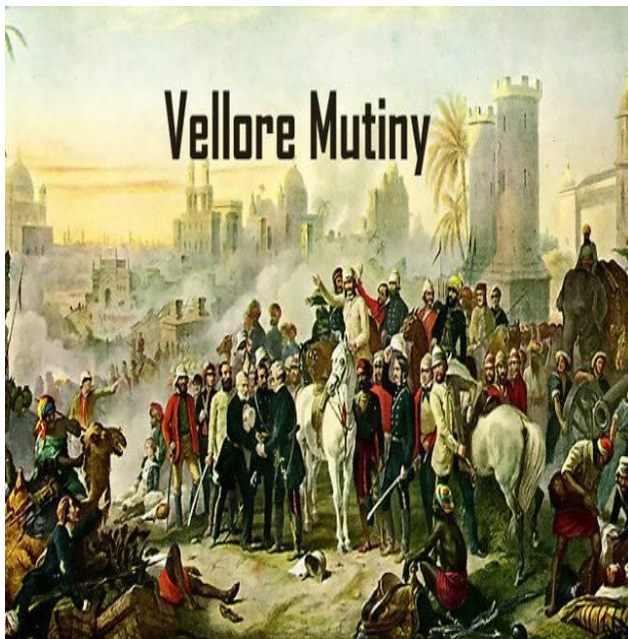
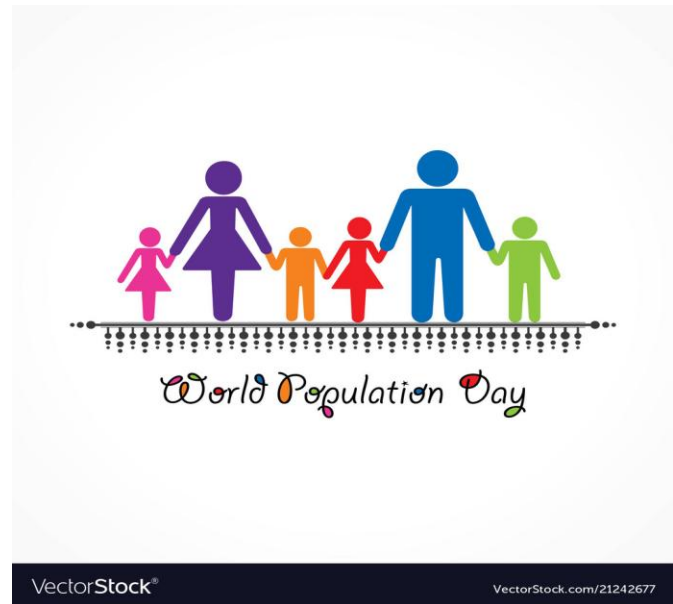


# JULY CURRENT AFFAIRS– 2018

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- ❖ A recent survey by market research organisation Ipsos MORI revealed that more than 74 percent adults in India are willing to donate their vital organs in case of sudden death. The survey that involved 28 countries. The most "willing", deceased donor donation rate in India is around 0.34 per million.  
Top 3 Countries:
  - India
  - Turkey & Spain
  - Brazil
- ❖ General elections were held in Pakistan on Wednesday 25 July 2018. Totally Pakistan parliament consists of 342 members. Pakistani citizens will vote on 272 members of the lower house of Pakistan's parliament, the National Assembly. In this 70 seats are reserved for women's and minorities. 172 seats is the majority to win the Pakistan Election.
- ❖ Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has won 112 seats, Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) won 65 seats while Pakistan People's Party.
- ❖ Myanmar has joined the India-initiated International Solar Alliance (ISA), becoming the 68th member of the grouping that is aiming at optimum utilisation of solar energy.
- ❖ Israel's parliament has passed a controversial law characterising the country as principally a Jewish state on July 19, 2018. The united Jerusalem is conferred as the Capital of Israel. Israel was formed as country in May 14<sup>th</sup>, 1948. It has a population of 85.5 lakhs people among them 74.5% was Jewish and 20.9% was Palestine.
- ❖ The Russian Imperial Navy cruiser Dmitrii Donskoi, which was sunk in a naval battle 113 years ago, was discovered. It's believed to still contain 200 tons of gold bullion worth 150 trillion won (\$130 billion). The Dmitri Donskoi, which was scuttled during the Russo-Japanese war in 1905.
- ❖ India-assisted emergency ambulance service was launched in Sri Lanka by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi through video conferencing from New Delhi on July 21, 2018.



- ❖ Sri Lanka's loss-making Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport would be operated as a Sri Lanka-India joint venture.
- ❖ The Dubai Municipality honoured a 10-year-old Indian boy Faiz Mohammed for his help to reduce pollution and spread environmental awareness and named him as the youngster one of the municipality's 'Sustainability Ambassadors'.
- ❖ The 42nd session of the UNESCO's World Heritage Committee was held in Manama, Bahrain from 24 June to 4 July 2018. It has inscribed four cultural sites on the World Heritage List. These four cultural sites are
  - Victorian Gothic and Art Deco Ensemble of Mumbai (India)
  - Sassanid Archaeological Landscape of Fars region (Iran)
  - Hidden Christian Sites in Nagasaki Region (Japan)
  - Sansa, Buddhist Mountain Monasteries in Korea (South Korea).
- ❖ Insurance regulator IRDAI has constituted a 16-member committee to examine motor third party insurance pricing aspects and make recommendations on the premium rates for 2019-20. IRDAI appointed P.J. Joseph as the chairman for this committee.
- ❖ Three months after the Union Cabinet approved the ordinance, the Lok Sabha on Monday passed a Bill that provides for death penalty for those convicted of raping girls below the age of 12 years, taking a step closer to making this the law.
- ❖ Kerala stands as the best-governed state in the country followed by Tamil Nadu, according to the Public Affairs Index 2018 released by the think tank Public Affairs Centre (PAC). While Telangana, Karnataka and Gujarat are ranked third, fourth and fifth among the top five states delivering good governance, according to the report, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Bihar ranked the lowest on the PAI, indicating higher social and economic inequalities in the states.
- ❖ Best Governing States:  
1) Kerala    **2) Tamilnadu**    3) Telangana    4) Karnataka    5) Gujarat
- ❖ Worst Governing States:

1) Madhya Pradesh

2) Jharkhand

3) Bihar

- ❖ The West Bengal Assembly on July 26 passed a resolution to change the name of the State as 'Bangla' in three languages — Bengali, English and Hindi. In 2011 the name of state Orissa was changed to Odisha.
- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi in July 26 gifted 200 cows to villagers in Rwanda to support President Paul Kagame's ambitious initiative for poverty reduction and tackling childhood malnutrition. The Girinka Programme was initiated by Kagame in 2006 to provide one cow per poor family for its nutritional and financial security.
- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni unveiled a bust of India's first home minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel at the Indian community event they addressed in Kampala.
- ❖ National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has launched Centre for Climate Change in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. It is first of its kind centre in South East Asia.
- ❖ The Justice BN Sri Krishna committee submitted its report on the data protection law on July 27. The report was keenly awaited by all for its implications on data handling and processing practices by both Indian as well as foreign companies along with government departments.
- ❖ The GST Council in its 28th meeting held here today under the Chairmanship of Shri Piyush Goyal on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2018 in New Delhi. This meeting reduced the rates on more than 50 products and some products got free from taxes.
- ❖ The GST Council approved creation of the tribunal with a national bench. One of the regional benches will be setup in Chennai.
- ❖ On April 22, 2018 President Ram Nath Kovind has signed the executive order to pave way for providing stringent punishment, including death penalty, for those convicted of raping girls below the age of 12 years. The Union Cabinet at a Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the ordinance to amend the existing Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO) Act on July 18, 2008.

- ❖ For the first time, the Rajya Sabha for the first time in 76 years since it came into being, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with its counterpart in a foreign country, Rwanda, for promoting inter-parliamentary dialogue. Venkaiah Naidu, has, in the process, become the first Chairman of Rajya Sabha to sign such an agreement.
- ❖ Government has decided to set up a committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Anil Swarup, with suitable representations from NCC, M/o Youth Affairs and Ministry of HRD to suggest measures to strengthen National Cadet Corps (NCC) and National Service Scheme (NSS).
- ❖ Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan laid the foundation stone of India's first National Skill Training Institute (NSTI) at Odisha.
- ❖ According to the 2011 data, released recently, 24,821 people have registered Sanskrit as their mother tongue.
- ❖ IIT Madras has launched “world’s first” remotely operatable microscope called Local Electrode Atom Probe (LEAP microscope).
- ❖ A BrahMos supersonic missile was successfully test fired (July 16) from a military base at Balasore in Odisha. It is a joint venture between the Russian and Indian countries. Brahmos has a strike range of around 290 km and is described as the world’s fastest supersonic cruise missile.
- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi laying the foundation stone for 340-km Purvanchal Expressway, in Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh on July 14, 2018.
- ❖ The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi flagging off the Varanasi-Ballia MEMU train, in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh on July 14, 2018.
- ❖ The Andhra Pradesh government on July 11 launched 60 'Anna Canteens' in various parts of the state as the first phase. Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu inaugurated a canteen in Vijayawada to mark the launch of the programme. Setting up 'Anna Canteens', where breakfast, lunch and dinner would be offered at Rs 5 each.
- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi and South Korea President Moon Jae-in inaugurated a Samsung Electronics mobile phone manufacturing facility, billed as the world’s largest, in Noida.

- ❖ The government on Monday granted “institution of eminence” status to three public and three private educational institutions in India. Government institutions with this tag will get special funding of Rs 1,000 crore over the next five years. The Institutes are
  - The Indian Institutes of Technology of Delhi
  - The Indian Institutes of Technology of Mumbai
  - Bengaluru’s Indian Institute of Science
  - Manipal Academy of Higher Education
  - Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani
  - Reliance Foundation’s yet-to-be-set-up Jio Institute
- ❖ The book “Winning Like Sourav: Think & Succeed Like Ganguly” has been authored by Abhirup Bhattacharya.
- ❖ India’s first-ever state-of-the-art e-waste recycling unit will come up in Bengaluru, which produces an estimated one lakh tonne of electronic waste a year.
- ❖ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) entered in an agreement with Andhra Pradesh Government to set up a 'Design University' for gaming in Visakhapatnam. The agreement was signed between UNESCO and Andhra Pradesh Economic Development Board (APEDB) for establishing a 'Gaming Digital Learning Hub'.
- ❖ The Delhi government approved a proposal to start home or doorstep delivery of ration under the Targeted Public Distribution System to all beneficiaries.
- ❖ The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, launched its, in-house developed, single-umbrella e-marketing system named Khadi Institution Management and Information System (KIMIS) in New Delhi.
- ❖ Punjab chief minister Captain Amarinder Singh has ordered a mandatory dope test of all government employees, including police personnel, from the time of their recruitment through every stage of their service.
- ❖ National carrier Air India has changed the name of Taiwan to Chinese Taipei on its website, following instructions from the government.

- ❖ India has moved up to 73rd place in terms of money parked by its citizens and companies with Swiss banks.
- ❖ First 10 countries are:
  - 1) England
  - 2) America
  - 3) West Indies
  - 4) France
  - 5) Hong Kong
  - 6) Bahamas
  - 7) Germany
  - 8) Guernsey
  - 9) Luxembourg
  - 10) Cayman Islands
- ❖ The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has extended the deadline to link PAN with Aadhaar to 31 March next year.
- ❖ Swamimalai Icon Manufactures Cooperative Industries Limited has been accorded authorised user certificates and exclusive logo by the geographical indications registry of the government of India.
- ❖ The first meeting of the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) scheduled to be held on July 2 and it was chaired by the CWC Chairman, S Masood Hussain, who is also heading the Cauvery Authority. The Cauvery Water Management Authority in its first meeting directed Karnataka to release about 31 tmc ft water to Tamil Nadu in July.
- ❖ On July 4, 2018, The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved The DNA Technology (Use and Application) Regulation Bill 2018.
- ❖ The Union Cabinet decided to name the Agartala airport in Tripura after Maharaja Bir Bikram Manikya Kishore, the erstwhile ruler of the state. The maharaja, who ascended the throne of the erstwhile Tripura princely state in 1923, was an “enlightened and benevolent ruler.”
- ❖ The Election Commission of India on Tuesday launched a mobile app “cVIGIL” which citizens can use to confidentially report violation of election code of conduct.
- ❖ The Delhi government on July 4 launched a “happiness curriculum” in state-run schools. The Dalai Lama, several government officials, students and teachers were present at the event.



- ❖ The Supreme Court (SC) on July 4 unanimously ruled that the elected government has the real power in Delhi, not Lieutenant Governor. The Supreme Court made in its judgment was that the L-G is "bound by the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers of the Government of Delhi". The government in the National Capital Territory (NCT) should be allowed to make laws. "Executive powers should be exercised by the elected government, Police and Public Peace are only under the Lieutenant Governor".
- ❖ India was ranked 35th among 100 countries (countries) in recently released Global Real Estate Transparency Index (GRETI).
- ❖ The grand finale of Miss India 2018 held on June 19, at Mumbai. In this event Tamil Nadu Trichy's girl Anukreethy Vas(19) was crowned Miss India 2018.
- ❖ Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation decided to impose Rs 50 penalty for defecating in the open.
- ❖ The President on July 14 nominated four persons to the Rajya Sabha. The four members are
  - Classical dancer Sonal Mansingh
  - Columnist Rakesh Sinha
  - Sculptor Raghunath Mohapatra
  - Farmer leader Ram Shakal
- ❖ These members will have a six-year term in the upper House of the Parliament.
- ❖ Dr. T.C.A. Raghavan has appointed as the Director General, ex officio Member-Secretary of the Council, ICWA.
- ❖ Justice Thottathil B Radhakrishnan has been appointed Chief Justice of High Court of Judicature at Hyderabad for the States of Andhra Pradesh & Telangana.
- ❖ Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel assumed charge as chairperson of the National Green Tribunal (NGT). The National Green Tribunal has been established on 18.10.2010 under the National Green Tribunal Act 2010 for environmental protection and conservation of forests.
- ❖ Dipak Jain, has been appointed as the new head of a top global business school in China according to a media report.

- ❖ Payments Council of India (PCI), an apex body representing companies in payments and settlement system, has a new Chairman in Vishwas Patel.
- ❖ Uttam Dhillon, an Indian-American, has been appointed as the new Acting Administrator of the crucial Drug Enforcement Agency.
- ❖ United India Insurance Company announced the appointment of K B Vijay Srinivas as its Director and General Manager. Srinivas is also an associate member of Insurance Institute of India.
- ❖ Duraimurugan was recently elected the Chairman of Public Accounts Committee (PAC) of the state.
- ❖ Thirty-six-year-old Sathyasri Sharmila from Paramakudi in Ramanathapuram district has become the first transgender lawyer in India to enroll herself with the Bar Council of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry (BCTNP).
- ❖ The 2018 BRICS summit is the tenth annual BRICS summit was held at Johannesburg, South Africa from 25-27 July 2018. The 2017 BRICS summit was the ninth annual BRICS summit - Xiamen, China - 3-5 September 2017. The 2016 BRICS summit was the eighth annual BRICS summit – Goa, India – 15 –16 October 2016.
- ❖ The ‘8th BRICS Health Ministers’ Meeting was held at Durban, South Africa on 20 July 2018.
- ❖ The 10th edition of Delhi Dialogue (DD X) was held in New Delhi on the theme of “Strengthening India-ASEAN Maritime Cooperation”.
- ❖ As the fourth BIMSTEC summit 2018 is scheduled to held at Nepal, Kathmandu for two days, August 30 and 31, 2018. BIMSTEC: The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation(June 6, 1997- Dhaka, Bangladesh).
- ❖ The 17th World Sanskrit Conference was held at Vancouver, Canada from 9th July to 13th July, 2018. It was inaugurated by Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar.
- ❖ The sixth edition of biennial World Cities Summit was held in Singapore from July 8 to 12, 2018. Its theme was “Liveable & Sustainable Cities: Embracing the Future through Innovation and Collaboration”.

- ❖ The first India Tourism Mart (IMT) was held in New Delhi from 16 to 18 September 2018. It will be organized by Ministry of Tourism.
- ❖ INFITT (International Forum for Information Technology in Tamil)'s Tamil Internet Conference 2018 (17th in the series) will be held at the Tamilnadu Agricultural University Campus, Coimbatore, during 6-8 July 2018.
- ❖ NITI Aayog is going to organise 'MOVE: Global Mobility Summit' on September 7-8, 2018 collaboration with various ministries and industry partners. The summit will be held in New Delhi.
- ❖ The 9th Heads of Mission Conference was held in New Delhi from June 30-July 2, 2018.
- ❖ Noted poet Ramakanta Rath will get the prestigious 'Atibadi Jagannath Das Samman' for the year 2018 for his contribution to Odia literature.
- ❖ 2018 Ramon Magsaysay Award:
- ❖ Two Indians Bharat Vatwani and Sonam Wangchuk are among six who have been declared winners of 2018 Ramon Magsaysay Award, often referred to as Asian version of the Nobel Prize. Others are Youk Chhang (Cambodia), Maria de Lourdes Martins Cruz (East Timor), Howard Dee (Philippines) and Vo Thi Hoang Yen (Vietnam). Ramon Magsaysay Award is Asia's highest honour and is often regarded as the region's equivalent of the Nobel Prize.
  - Bharat Vatwani, India (Restoring health and dignity to troubled lives)
  - Sonam Wangchuk, India (Harnessing nature, culture and education for community progress)
  - Youk Chhang, Cambodia (Preserving historical memory for healing and justice)
  - Maria de Lourdes Martins Cruz, East Timor (Building a caring society brick by brick)
  - Howard Dee, Philippines (Championing the human face of peace, justice and economic growth)
  - Vo Thi Hoang Yen, Vietnam (Claiming opportunities for the differently abled)

- ❖ The headquarters and the maintenance depot of Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) was awarded gold rating under Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED).
- ❖ ICC Hall of Fame 2018 List:
  - 1) Rahul Dravid – India
  - 2) Ricky Ponting – Australia
  - 3) Claire Taylor – EnglandRahul Dravid becomes the fifth Indian to be inducted into ICC's Hall of Fame.
- ❖ Maharashtra Palghar's resident Milan Shankar Tare who has been nominated to receive the prestigious 2018 National Maritime Search and Rescue award.
- ❖ India is now the 69th shareholder of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), paving the way for more joint investment with Indian companies across the bank's regions of operation.
- ❖ According to updated World Bank figures on GDP of countries for 2017, India has become world's sixth-biggest economy surpassing France to seventh place.
  - 1) America
  - 2) China
  - 3) Japan
  - 4) Germany
  - 5) England
  - 6) India
  - 7) France
- ❖ 'U.Ve.Swaminatha Iyer Kaditha Karuvoolam' a book which is a collection of 700 letters, was edited by A.R.Venkatachalapathy and released by Governor Banwarilal Purohit on July 12.
- ❖ The book "Aluminium: The Future Metal" has been authored by Tapan Kumar Chand, the CMD of NALCO.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has appointed its first non-Brahmin priest Marichamy to Ayyappan temple in Tallakulam, Madurai. He is a non-Brahmin priest trained under the Tamil Nadu government's archakas (priest) training centres between 2007 and 2008, wherein 206 people across castes were trained.
- ❖ According to the Travel and Tourism Report for the year 2017, Tamilnadu was the leading state for domestic & foreign tourist visits. This report was released by Ministry of Tourism.

- ❖ Tamil language and culture minister K Pandiarajan said the state government will set up three onsite museums at Keeladi, Korkai & Adhichanallur to display ancient artefacts excavated from the places of archaeological significance.
- ❖ NTCA decided to announce the Megamalai wildlife and Srivilliputhur Grizzled Giant Squirrel sanctuaries forming the major chunk of the new proposed tiger reserve. In 2006 tamilnadu has the population of 76 tigers but in 2014 it was increased as 229 tigers.
- ❖ For the first time, since the Disaster Management Act was passed in 2005, the state government gave approval to the Tamil Nadu Disaster Management Perspective Plan, 2018-30, prepared by the Tamil Nadu State Disaster Management Authority.
- ❖ Chief minister Edappadi K Palaniswami on Tuesday named a six-month-old female lion cub Jaya in Vandalur zoo. The cub has been named after late CM J Jayalalithaa.
- ❖ The first ever Tamil Nadu Forest Policy 2018 released by Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami on July 24. The book was received by state forest minister Dindigul C. Srinivasan. Tamil Nadu will formulate innovative strategies, for increasing its forest and tree cover from the present 21.76 per cent to 33 per cent, by 2030.
- ❖ State-run telecom firm BSNL through its mobile app 'Wings' launched India's first internet telephony service. Through this app, BSNL customers will be able to make calls to any phone number, domestic or international.
- ❖ The Madras High Court has constituted an expert committee, headed by Justice K Chandru, a retired judge, to eliminate the menace of multiple claims for compensation for one and same accident.
- ❖ Madurai Junction station with the help of local artists has yielded results as it has been adjudged the **second most beautiful** station in India by the ministry of railways.
- ❖ The Union Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change on Thursday issued a draft notification declaring 438 sq. km. of area around the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve in the Nilgiris, as an eco-sensitive zone (ESZ).

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu assembly on 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 passed the Tamil Nadu Lokayukta Bill 2018 that was introduced by The minister for Personnel and administrative reforms D Jayakumar.
- ❖ Its jurisdiction would cover all MLAs, former MLAs, Ministers, former Ministers and all public servants.
- ❖ The Lokayukta shall not inquire into any complaint, if the complaint is not made within four years from the date on which the offence mentioned in such a complaint is alleged to have been committed.
- ❖ The chairperson and the members will be appointed by the Governor on the recommendation of a selection committee.
- ❖ The selection committee comprises the Chief Minister as its head, Assembly speaker and Leader of Opposition.
- ❖ Thanjavur Tamil University has come up with a decision to propagate the grandeur of Tamil language and literature to the masses and give them firsthand knowledge about the greatness through an Ainthinai Poonga —park. The ancient Tamils have classified five-fold geographical divisions of Tamil Nadu as Ainthinai.
- ❖ The coastal security force in the coast of the Kumari coastal areas in the name of 'Saukach Operation' on July 5 to prevent the penetration of terrorists through the sea has been undertaking intensive surveillance in the sophisticated boats.
- ❖ Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami flagged off 515 new buses, purchased at a cost of Rs. 134 crore, for the seven State Transport Corporations (STCs) on July 3. The Transport Department has, for the first time, launched air-conditioned sleeper buses along with Ultra Deluxe buses having several passenger amenities, including toilet facility.
- ❖ Dr Ambedkar government Law College in Chennai has been shifted to two premises - Kancheepuram district and Tiruvallur district. An official release here said the shifting of premises has taken place in accordance with the recommendation of the inquiry commission headed by Justice P Shanmugam and to execute the orders of the Madras High Court.

- ❖ Carnatic vocalist M.L.Vasanthakumari's musical journey was recalled at a function to mark her 90th birth anniversary at The Music Academy. Union Ministers Manoj Sinha releasing the commemorative stamp on M.L.Vasanthakumari.
- ❖ Obtaining community certificate, income certificate and nativity certificate from the Revenue Department has been made easy as applications for these can be submitted through the mobile app UMANG (Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance).
- ❖ The 2018 FIFA World Cup was the 21st FIFA World Cup, an international football tournament. It took place in Russia from 14 June to 15 July 2018. The finals involved 32 teams.
- ❖ The final took place on 15 July at the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow, between France and Croatia. France won the match 4–2 to claim their second World Cup title, marking the fourth consecutive title won by a European team.
- ❖ France won two world cups – 1998 & 2018.
- ❖ France got 261 crores as prize amount, and Croatia got 191 crores as prize money.
  - 1) France
  - 2) Croatia
  - 3) Belgium
  - 4) England
- ❖ The 2022 FIFA World Cup is scheduled to be the 22nd edition of the FIFA World Cup. It is scheduled to take place in Qatar in 2022.
- ❖ The 2026 FIFA World Cup will be the 23rd FIFA World Cup. The tournament will be jointly hosted by 16 cities in three North American countries they are United States, Canada and Mexico.
- ❖ The 2018 Women's Hockey World Cup was the 14th edition of the Women's Hockey World Cup, a field hockey tournament. It was held from 21 July to 5 August 2018 in London, England. Totally 16 teams are participated.
- ❖ The 2018 Men's Hockey Champions Trophy was the 37th and the last edition of the Hockey Champions Trophy for men.[1] It was held from 23 June to 1 July 2018 in Breda, Netherlands. Australia defeated India 3-1 on penalty shootout.

- Australian Team – Gold
  - Indian Team – Silver
  - Netherlands - Bronze
- ❖ ATP Men’s singles Ranking list released on July 23.
- Rafael Nadal (Spain)
  - Roger Federer (Swiss)
  - Alexander Zverev (Germany)
  - Juan Martin del Potro (Argentina)
  - Kevin Anderson (South Africa)
- ❖ 2018 Wimbledon Championships – Men's Singles. In the finals Serbia’s Novak Djokovic won his first title by defeating South Africa’s Kevin Anderson. The semifinal match between Anderson and John Isner, lasting 6 hours 36 minutes, was the second longest men's singles match at Wimbledon and the third longest men's singles match in tennis history.
- ❖ Top-seeded American John Isner won his fifth BB&T Atlanta Open title by beating compatriot Ryan Harrison in the final for the second consecutive year.
- ❖ Indian volleyball is on a new high after their women's and men's teams (U-21) won silver and bronze medals respectively in the second edition of the BRICS Games at Johannesburg, South Africa.
- ❖ India's premier gymnast Dipa Karmakar clinched the gold medal in the vault event of FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Challenge Cup at Mersin, Turkey. She's the first Indian gymnast to clinch a gold at a global event.
- ❖ The 2018 Asian Games, officially known as the 18th Asian Games and also known as Jakarta–Palembang 2018, was a pan-Asian multi-sport event held from 18 August to 2 September 2018. The torch relay began in New Delhi, it was taken by Indian boxer Mary Kom.
- ❖ World Junior Squash Championships 2018 was held in Chennai, India. Egypt national junior squash team defeated England in the final and emerged as the 2018 World Junior Squash Champions.
- ❖ The 15<sup>th</sup> National Youth Athletics Championships which have kicked-off at Vadodara, Gujarat.



- ❖ Neeraj Chopra won a javelin throw Gold at a Meeting 2018 International de Sotteville-les-Rouen Athletics Games. Neeraj threw a distance of 85.17 metres to win the top prize.
- ❖ Top Indian quartermiler Hima Das will lead a 31-member athletics team at the IAAF U-20 World Junior Championships to be held at Tampere, Finland from July 10 to 15. In this event an Indian athlete Hima Das won gold medal in 400m running. Her winning time was 51.46 seconds.
- ❖ The 2020 Summer Olympics, officially known as the Games of the XXXII Olympiad and commonly known as Tokyo 2020, is a forthcoming international multi-sport event that is scheduled to take place from 24 July to 9 August 2020. Tokyo 2020 Olympics and Paralympics mascots Miraitowa and Someity.
- ❖ India's Lakshya Sen continued his giant-killing form at the Asia Junior Badminton Championships in Jakarta to win a historic men's singles gold defeating top-seed Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand 21-19, 21-18 in the final.
- ❖ Olympic silver medallist PV Sindhu's title drought this year continued as she suffered a straight-game defeat against Japan's Nozomi Okuhara in the summit clash of the Thailand Open World Tour Super 500 badminton tournament.
- ❖ The 2018 BWF World Championships was a badminton tournament which was held from 30 July to 5 August at Nanjing, China.
- ❖ England's first Test against India that starts on August 1 at Edgbaston in Birmingham will be also be their 1000th match in the longest format of the game. England become first country to play 1,000 Test matches.
- ❖ India's domestic season for 2018-19 is set to be its biggest ever, with 37 teams including nine new ones, will take part in this season's Ranji Trophy. The nine new teams are Bihar, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Pondicherry, Sikkim and Uttarakhand.
- ❖ ICC released the rankings of ODI teams and Batsman's on July 18.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>RATING</u>
1	England	127
2	India	122
3	New Zealand	112

4	South Africa	110
5	Pakistan	101
6	Australia	100
7	Bangladesh	92

❖ ICC PLAYER RANKINGS FOR ODI BATSMEN

1	V. Kohli	IND
2	J.E. Root	ENG
3	Babar Azam	PAK
4	R.G. Sharma	IND
5	D.A. Warner	AUS
6	L.R.P.L. Taylor	NZ
7	Q. de Kock	SA
8	F. du Plessis	SA
9	K.S. Williamson	NZ
10	S Dhawan	IND

❖ ICC PLAYER RANKINGS FOR ODI BOWLER

1	J.J. Bumrah	IND
2	Rashid Khan	AFG
3	Hasan Ali	PAK
4	T.A. Boult	NZ
5	J.R. Hazlewood	AUS
6	Kuldeep Yadav	IND
7	Imran Tahir	SA
8	A.U. Rashid	ENG
9	K. Rabada	SA
10	Y.S. Chahal	IND

- ❖ Indian wicket-keeper and former captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni joined an elite list of players after he played his 500<sup>th</sup> international game. Dhoni has played 90 Test matches, 318 ODIs and 92 T20Is. After Sachin and Dravid he is the third Indian to achieve this record.

- ❖ Pakistani opener Fakhar Zaman carved a remarkable piece of history during the fourth ODI against Zimbabwe. He scored an unbeaten 210 runs. Apart from Fakhar Zaman, India's Rohit Sharma(Thrice), Virender Sehwag, New Zealand's Martin Guptill, West Indies' Chris Gayle and India batting legend Sachin Tendulkar have reached the landmark score.
- ❖ The 2018 Archery World Cup - Stage 4 was held at Berlin, Germany.
  - Jyoti Surekha Vennam won silver in team event (compound) with Trisha Deb and Muskan Kirar
  - Abhishek Verma and Jyoti Surekha Vennam saw them clinch the bronze medal at the fourth stage of the 2018 Archery World Cup in Berlin.
- ❖ Yasar Dogu International wrestling championships held in Istanbul, Turkey. Indians who have won medals are in the below list:
 

1. Bajrang Punia	Men's 70kg category	Gold
2. Pinki	Women's 55kg category	Gold
3. Seema	Women's 53kg	Silver
4. Pooja Dhanda	Women's 57kg	Silver
5. Sangeeta Phogat	Women's 59kg	Bronze
6. Geeta	Women's 65kg	Bronze
- ❖ 2018 Junior Asian Wrestling Championship which was held at Delhi.
 

1. Sachin Rathi	74kg category	Gold
2. Deepak Punia	86kg category	Gold
- ❖ Lewis Hamilton won a spectacular victory in the 11<sup>th</sup> German Grand Prix 2018.
- ❖ At 52, Anju Khosla became the oldest Indian woman to complete an Ironman Triathlon – one of the toughest one-day sporting events.
- ❖ The Best FIFA Football Awards reveals 2018 nominees:
- ❖ The Best FIFA Men's Player:
 

1) Antoine Griezmann (France)	2) Kylian Mbappé (France)
3) Raphaël Varane (France)	4) Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal)
5) Kevin De Bruyne (Belgium)	6) Eden Hazard (Belgium)
7) Harry Kane (England)	8) Lionel Messi (Argentina)
9) Luka Modrić (Croatia)	10) Mohamed Salah (Egypt)

## IMPORTANT DAYS

❖ National Doctors' Day - 1 July

The observance of the day honours legendary physician Bharat Ratna Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy whose birth and death anniversary. He was born on 1 July 1882 and died on 1 July 1962. He was the second Chief Minister of West Bengal and remained in his post for 14 years.

Theme : 'Zero tolerance to violence against doctors and clinical establishment'.

❖ International Comedy Day – July 1

❖ Swami Vivekananda Remembrance (Death) Day – July 4

❖ Marie Curie Remembrance (Death) Day – July 4

Marie Curie was born on 7 November 1867 at Poland. She was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, the first person and only woman to win twice, the only person to win a Nobel Prize in two different sciences. She shared the 1903 Nobel Prize in Physics with her husband Pierre Curie and with physicist Henri Becquerel. She won the 1911 Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

❖ American Independence Day – July 4

July 4, 1776, was the day that represents the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation.

❖ World Zoonoses Day - 6 July

World Zoonoses Day, which takes place on July 6 every year, is a day to help raise awareness of the growing risk of zoonotic diseases, which are diseases that can be spread from animals to humans. It commemorates July 6, 1885, when Louis Pasteur successfully administered the first vaccine against, a zoonotic disease, to Joseph Meister after he had been mauled by a rabid dog.

❖ International Day of Cooperatives (IDC) - July 7

Theme: 'Sustainable societies through co-operation'

❖ Vellore mutiny – July 10

On July 10, 1806, the Vellore Mutiny broke out against the British but South Indian Soldiers at Vellore. This was the first large scale mutiny by Indian Soldiers.

❖ World Population Day – July 11

World Population Day, which seeks to focus attention on the urgency and importance of population issues, was established by the then-Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in 1989, an outgrowth of the interest generated by the Day of Five Billion, which was observed on 11 July 1987.

Theme: “Family Planning is a Human Right”

❖ International Malala Day – July 12

Malala was shot at by the Taliban for campaigning for girls' education in Pakistan to support her and her fight for education. On July 12, 2013, Malala Yousafzai, a 16year old Pakistani girl engaged in the promotion of women’s education, delivered an impassioned speech at the United Nations (UN) headquarters on the need for gender equality in education. The address saw several rounds of standing ovations for the teenager and the day, July 12, which is also her birthday, was soon declared by the UN as Malala Day in honour of the young activist.

❖ Kamarajar’s Birth Day – July 15

On 2006, the Tamilnadu State Government enacted a law to declare Kamaraj birth anniversary (July 15) as ‘Educational Development Day’.

❖ Maraimalai Adigal Birthday – July 15

He was known as the Father of Pure Tamil Movement.

❖ Madras state (Alteration of Name Act), 1968' resolution bill – July 18

Former Chief Minister C.N. Annadurai moved a resolution in the Madras Legislative Assembly seeking to declare the State government’s “firm opinion” that the name of Madras State (as mentioned in the Constitution of India) should be changed to ‘Tamil Nadu’ on July 18, 1967. In January 14, 1969, the State was officially renamed ‘Tamil Nadu.’

❖ Nelson Mandela International Day – July 18

Nelson Mandela was a South African anti-apartheid revolutionary, political leader. The day was officially declared by the United Nations in November 2009, with the first UN Mandela Day held on 18 July 2010. However, other

groups began celebrating Mandela Day on 18 July 2009. Nelson Mandela International Day 2018 marks 100 years since the birth of Nelson Mandela (18 July 1918). Mandela served 27 years in prison, he was released on February 11, 1990. In 1990, India awarded him the Bharat Ratna, and in 1993 he received Nobel Peace Prize.

- ❖ Income Tax Day – July 24
- ❖ World Hepatitis Day – July 28  
Theme: “Test, Treat, Hepatitis”
- ❖ World Tiger Day - July 29
- ❖ International Day of Friendship - July 30
- ❖ World Day against Trafficking in persons - July 30  
Theme: ‘Responding to the trafficking of children and young People’.