

**09 FEBRUARY 2019**

### 1. Divisional status to Ladakh

Jammu and Kashmir Governor granted Ladakh a divisional status, thus creating **three administrative units of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh in the State.**

During the winter months, the entire Ladakh region remains cut-off from the rest of the country for almost six months. The remoteness and inaccessibility of the area makes it eligible for establishing a separate division.

Ladakh will now get its own Divisional Commissioner and Inspector General of Police.



### 2. Startups to be listed for angel tax exemption

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) agreed to compile a list of startups eligible for angel tax exemption.

The government also decided to raise the maximum time limit below which a firm would be deemed eligible for angel tax exemption to 10 years from the earlier 7 years.

The paid-up share capital threshold below which startups would be eligible for an exemption has been set at Rs. 25 crore. If the investment exceeds Rs. 25 crore, the firms would be eligible for exemption if the angel investors can prove a net worth of Rs. 2 crore or more in the previous financial year.

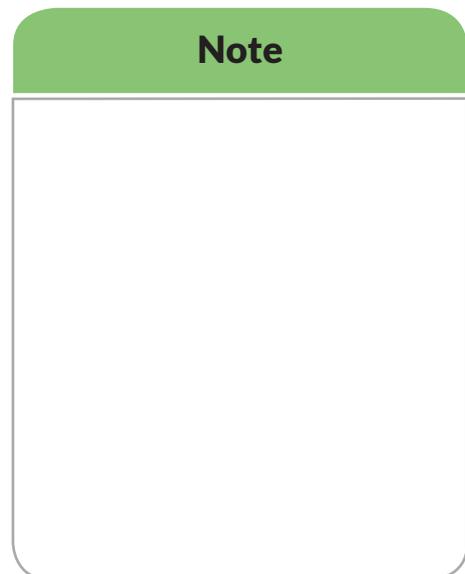


### 3. Mahamastakabhisheka celebrations from today

The temple town of Dharmasthalais celebrating 10-day mahamastakabhisheka celebrations from Saturday. The ritual is held once in every 12 years.

It has a 39-ft high monolithic statue of Bahubali (in Kayotsaga yogic posture), a Jain sage, the son of Rishabhanatha, the first tirthankara of Jainism.

Built in 981 AD by the minister and commander of Ganga dynasty -Chavundaraya, it is located near Shravanabelagola in Karnataka



#### 4. SC declines stay on 10% quota

The Supreme Court on Friday declined to stay operation of the Constitution (103rd Amendment) Act, 2019, which provides 10% reservation in government jobs and educational institutions for the economically backward in the unreserved category.

The Bench has already issued notice on an earlier petition filed by Youth For Equality.

The Act amends **Articles 15 and 16** of the Constitution.



#### 5. 3 North Eastern States on alert after Myanmar raids

Manipur, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh is on high alert because of possible entry of extremists flushed out of Myanmar during an extensive raid on their bases in that country.

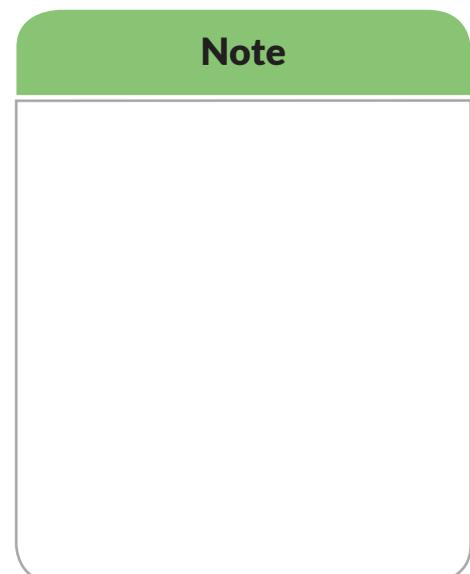
India shares 1,643 km border with Myanmar and it is where the National Socialist Council of Nagaland-Khaplang (NSCN-K) is based.



#### 6. Dial 1950 to check your voter details

The Election Commission has launched a Voter Verification and Information Programme (VVIP) for citizens to cross-check their names, new registrations, changes in the voter details and corrections in the voter identity cards for the coming Lok Sabha election.

**cVIGIL** app - provides time-stamped proof of the model code of conduct or expenditure violations, with live photo/video and auto location data. Any citizen can lodge a complaint through the application.



### 7. Government introduces Bill on North-East

The government introduced a Constitution Amendment Bill in Rajya Sabha to increase the financial and executive powers of the 10 Autonomous Councils in the Sixth Schedule areas of the North-Eastern region.

The amendment will impact one crore tribal people in Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram.



### 8. Thai Princess to run for PM election

Thai princess Ubolratana will run for Prime Minister in March elections as the candidate of Thai Raksha Chart party. She is supported by the self-exiled billionaire-Thaksin Shinawatra.

King Maha Vajiralongkorn described this move as highly inappropriate and against royal traditions.

This move is a heavy blow for Prayut Chan-O-Cha, the military junta head who spent nearly 5 years to recast political system to limit powers of elected government and to get elected as a civilian leader.



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