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- V O Chidambaranar Port in Tuticorin - has recently set two new records in handling of cargos
  - The first being the record handling in a single day on July 27 and the handling of vessel with the highest parcel size on July 25
  - On July 27, the port handled a 1,80,597 tonnes of cargo and surpassed their previous single day handling record of 1,77,639 tonnes that was set on November 16, 2017
  - On July 25, the port berthed the vessel with the highest parcel size of 85,224 tonnes

NATIONAL

- The Lok Sabha - passed the consumer protection bill on July 30 to protect consumer rights
  - It provides for setting up of district, state and central level dispute resolution authorities and makes it compulsory to register a case within 21 days
  - It also provides for stringent action against misleading advertisements and punitive actions against celebrities endorsing them
  - It intends to set up a Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) to enforce consumer rights in order to help protect interests of consumers.
  - As per the bill, there will be consumer dispute redressal forums at the district, state and national level where if a complaint is not registered within 21 days it will be automatically considered registered.
  - The bill also gives flexibility to consumers to directly argue their cases or being represented through a lawyer
  - The CCPA can make interventions on unfair trade practices and can initiate class action, including enforcing recall, refund and return of products, which is not vested with any authority till now
The bill was earlier introduced on July 8
It seeks to replace the Consumer Protection Act, 1986
The Consumer Protection Bill, 2018, was introduced in Lok Sabha in January 2018 and was passed by the House the same year in December
It was again brought in by the Government as it got lapsed due to the resolution of Lok Sabha

Rajya Sabha – passes the much-debated and politically contentious Triple Talaq bill on July 30

The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2019 was passed in the 240-member Rajya Sabha with 99 members voting in favour of the Bill, 84 opposing it while 57 members staying away
The Triple Talaq bill will now go to President Ram Nath Kovind for his approval, after which it will replace the triple talaq ordinance promulgated last February
Law minister Ravi Shankar Prasad introduced the Triple Talaq bill in Rajya Sabha, which makes the Muslim practice of instant divorce punishable
The Supreme Court, on August 2017, had declared the practice of instant triple talaq unconstitutional and pronounced that a divorce by uttering talaq three times in one sitting is void and illegal.
Passage of the bill will make pronouncement of instant oral talaq or talaq-e-biddat void and illegal and also criminalise it as a cognizable offence punishable with up to three years in prison.

As per provisions of the bill, a married Muslim woman or a person related to her by blood or marriage can register an FIR if instant talaq is pronounced.

While the offence is bailable, this can be granted only after hearing the aggrieved wife.

The bill entitles the triple talaq victim to seek subsistence allowance from her husband and also custody of minor children.

Earlier, Lok Sabha passed the bill on July 25.

Shayara Bano, hailing from Uttarakhand's Kashipur, was the first Muslim woman who filed the writ petition in SC after her husband of 15 years gave her instant triple talaq in 2016.

Shayara Bano cited her fundamental rights as the basis of her challenge to the personal law practice.

The petition of four other women were tagged along Bano's petition.

Triple Talaq has been banned in several Muslim majority countries including neighbours Bangladesh and Pakistan, apart from in Tunisia, Algeria, Malaysia, Jordan, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Brunei, the UAE, Indonesia, Libya, Sudan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Morocco and Kuwait.

**India - offered a $100 million line of credit to Benin for its development projects**

President Ram Nath Kovind has arrived at Benin on the first leg of his three-nation tour on July 28.

He is the first Indian head of state to visit the West African nation.

The President held wide ranging discussions with his Beninese counterpart Patrice Talon on issues of trade, defence and security cooperation.
The two sides signed four agreements/MoUs on Cultural Exchange, Cooperation in Export Credit and Investment Insurance, e-VBAB network project, visa exemption for Indian diplomatic/official passports

Apart from Benin and The Gambia, the President will also visit Guinea, the first visit by an Indian head of state to the three West African countries

The management of the 12th century Shree Jagannath Temple in Puri - has banned the entry of devotees and priests found chewing either tobacco or ‘paan’ (betel leaf).

Habitual tobacco and paan chewers will have to pay a fine of ₹500 if found chewing the substance on the temple premises, from August 1

All persons, irrespective of whether they are devotees, temple staff or priests, will be fined if found consuming tobacco or paan.

The move intends to check the nuisance of tobacco spitting at public places, causing challenge to cleanliness

SUPREME COURT VERDICT

In an unprecedented decision, Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi - gave permission to the CBI to register a case (FIR) against sitting Allahabad high court judge Justice S N Shukla

He will be booked under the Prevention of Corruption Act for alleged favours to a private medical college for MBBS admissions by extending deadline for admission of students in violation of an SC order

This is the first time since 1991 that the CJI granted permission to an investigating agency to lodge an FIR against a sitting judge.

Nearly 30 years ago, on July 25, 1991, the Supreme Court in the K Veeraswamy case had prevented any investigating agency from lodging an FIR against a
sitting SC or HC judge without first showing the evidence to the CJI for permission to investigate the judge.

✓ On a September 2017 complaint alleging malpractices against Justice Shukla, the then CJI Misra had set up a panel to inquire into alleged favours shown by Justice Shukla
✓ After receiving the panel’s report, then CJI Misra had asked Justice Shukla to either resign or seek voluntary retirement.
✓ But Justice Shukla declined to do either, following which the CJI Misra asked the then Allahabad CJ D B Bhosale to immediately withdraw judicial work from Justice Shukla

ECONOMY

♦ The Indian Air Force (IAF) - has signed a deal with Russia for buying R-27 air-to-air missiles worth over Rs 1500 crore
✓ The missiles will be fitted on the Su-30MKI fighter planes, strengthening the air-to-air combat capability of the air force
✓ The R-27 missile is designed to destroy air targets in adverse weather conditions at any time of day.
✓ Weighing 253 kg, the missile has a length of 4m, a body diameter of 0.23m and wingspan of 0.77m.
✓ It can be launched from an altitude of 25km, up to a range of 60km
✓ The missiles have been acquired under 10-I projects which mandate the three services to maintain critical weapon systems and spares for a specified minimum period, which is known as War Wastage Reserve (WWR)
✓ In the last 50 days, the IAF has signed deals worth over Rs 7,600 crore for acquiring equipment such as the Spice-2000, Strum Ataka ATGMs under emergency requirements approved by the Defence Ministry.
✓ After the Pulwama attack, the Central government had given emergency powers to the three services to buy whatever equipment is required by them for safeguarding the borders with Pakistan
✓ Under the powers given, the security forces can buy the equipment of their choice within three months at the cost of up to Rs 300 crore per case.

**APPOINTMENTS**

✓ Rajiv Kumar, the financial services secretary – has been appointed as the new Finance Secretary

✓ He replaces S C Garg, who was transferred to power ministry
✓ The 1984-batch IAS officer from the Jharkhand cadre is the senior-most officer in the finance ministry
His appointment was cleared by the Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC) headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on July 30

NEW DISTRICTS IN TAMIL NADU – A REPORT
தமிழ் மாணவேறுப்பான கல்வி அரசை!

வேலைகளுக்கு தேவையான கல்வி பெற்று வந்தவர்களுக்கு அரசை முன்னர் நடத்தும் கல்வி மற்றும் வளாகத் துறையினருக்கு பிரதானமாக அமைருவது தமிழ் மாணவேறுப்பான கல்வி அரசை ஆகும்.

எனினும், இந்த கல்வி அரசை பொறியியல், இலக்கியம், இளைஞர் கல்வி பெற்று வந்தவர்களுக்கு மட்டுமே பாதுகாப்பு செய்திகளை வழங்குவது என்று புரட்சித் திறன்று தொகுதியாகவும் விளக்கம் செய்துள்ளது.

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1985-இல் உட்பட்ட கல்வி அரசையை, 1986-இல் நூற்றாண்டுக்கும் முன்னால் கல்வி அரசையை, 1986-ம் ஆண்டுவரையில் கல்வி அரசையை அமைந்துள்ளது.

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2010-ம் ஆண்டுவரையில் கல்வி அரசையை அமைந்துள்ளது.

மேலும் நாட்டின் மீது கல்வி அரசையை அமைந்துள்ளது.