TAMIL NADU

- The Arignar Anna Zoological Park (AAZP) in Vandalur - has been recognised as an institutional member in the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA).

- AAZP had earlier applied to become a member of WAZA, following the approval of its governing board, the Zoo Authority of Tamil Nadu.
- The membership will provide a special platform to AAZP to attract talent and expertise in wildlife from across the world.
- The zoo will now have links and contacts with the International Union for Conservation of Nature, Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora and others.

STATES

- After Assam, Haryana chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar - announced that the National Register of Citizens will be implemented in the state.
The Haryana government is working at a fast pace on its family identity card scheme and the data from that would be used in the NRC

PERSONALITIES

- Wing Commander Anjali Singh - has become India’s first female military diplomat to be posted in any of the Indian missions abroad

- Anjali has been posted with the Indian embassy in Moscow, Russia, as the Deputy Air Attache on September 10
- She is an Aeronautical Engineer (Electronics) officer with 17 years of service and has been trained on the MiG-29 combat aircraft
- The position of defence attaches in the Army, Air Force or Navy, have only been given to male officers till now
- In August, IAF’s Wing Commander S Dhami became the first female officer in the country to become the Flight Commander of a flying unit
- Flying Officers Bhawana Kanth, Avani Chaturvedi and Mohana Singh were the first women pilots in IAF’s history to get the honour of flying fighter jets like the MiGs, Sukhoi Su-30MKIs and Tejas
- Flight Lieutenant Bhawana Kanth is the first women fighter pilot to be qualified to undertake missions by day on a fighter aircraft.
- In 2018, Flying Officer Avani Chaturvedi made history by becoming the first Indian woman to fly a fighter aircraft solo — Russian made MiG-21 Bison.
- The strength of women officers serving in the Indian Air Force (IAF) as on July 1, 2019, is 1,905

SPORTS

- Sourabh Verma - won the Vietnam Open title on September 15
Seeded second, the Pullela Gopichand Academy trainee, Sourabh defeated Sun Fei Xiang of China in the $75000 BWF Super 100 tournament in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

The reigning National champion had also won last month’s Hyderabad Open and Slovenian International titles this year.

Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen - won the Belgian International on September 15

Eighteen year old Lakshya Sen, ranked No. 81 in the world, upsetted the second seed Victor Svendsen of Denmark in Leuven, Belgium.

Lakshya, who trains at the Prakash Padukone Badminton Academy in Bengaluru, had earlier won the Tata Open International in 2018, India International Series and Bulgarian Open in 2017.
Kaushal Dharmamer - won the Myanmar International title on September 15

Kaushal defeated Indonesia’s Karono Karono in a thriller to win the Myanmar International Series in Yangon.

The 23-year-old Mumbai shuttler had won the Hatzor International in October last year.

Pankaj Advani – won his 22nd World title on September 15 by winning a fourth straight final in the 150-up format at the IBSF World Billiards Championship in Mandalay.
The 34-year-old has brought home a world trophy every year ever since returning from a professional stint in the UK in 2014.

In the short format of billiards, this is Advani’s fifth title in the last six years.


Advani is currently the only player in the world to win world titles in both short and long formats of snooker (6-red and 15-red standard) and both formats of English billiards (time and point).

He is also the first Indian to become a world champion in 6-red snooker.

Advani is conferred with several awards ranging from Arjuna Award in 2004, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna in 2006, Padma Shri in 2009 and Padma Bhushan in 2018.

Spain - defeated Argentina to win the FIBA Basketball World Cup for the first time since 2006

The Spanish team won the World Cup with a score of 95-75 against 2004 Olympic champions Argentina.

Spain led throughout against Argentina in Beijing to win international basketball’s biggest prize for the second time.

Surprise finalists Argentina had not triumphed since it hosted the inaugural World Cup in 1950.

The World cup saw the participation of 32 teams around the world

Three-time All-Star Marc Gasol (Spain) became only the second man to win an NBA crown and the World Cup in the same year

**IMPORTANT DAYS**

Engineer’s Day - September 15
The day marks the birth anniversary of India’s greatest engineer, Bharat Ratna Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya.

Visvesvaraya, a scholar, statesman, educationist and the most celebrated engineer in India, was born in 1861 on this day in the village of Muddenahalli in the Kingdom of Mysore (now in Karnataka).

The day was first observed in 1968, recognising the contribution of engineers’ in the development of the nation.

He was known as the father of Modern Mysore for his outstanding contribution to the city.

In 1955, the government of India honoured him with the highest civilian honour — Bharat Ratna for his numerous industrial, economic and social projects.

He was also awarded the British Knighthood by Kind George V.

From 1912 to 1918, M. Visvesvaraya was appointed as the Diwan of Mysore.

- **World Ozone Day 2019 – September 16**
The day commemorates the signing of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer in 1987

The day aims to increase awareness of climate change and ozone depletion

World Ozone Day 2019 Theme: 32 Years and Healing

The ozone layer is a fragile shield of gas that protects the Earth and its ecosystem from the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun

The objective of the Montreal Protocol is to protect the ozone layer by taking appropriate measures to bring down global production and consumption of substances that harm the ozone layer