TAMIL NADU

- Tamil Nadu – Government Announces A Helpline Number 14417 for School Going Girls to Share and Register Grievances

- Tamil Nadu – A Model School at ‘Presidency Girls Higher Secondary School’ Premises, Egmore was Opened by Mr.K.A.Sengottaiyan, Minister for School Education
Earlier, it was announced that one government school in every district to be shaped into a Model school

**Tamil Nadu Police Officers in Independence Day Awards**

- Tamil Nadu – **22 Police officers** conferred with President’s Award for Meritorious service, apart from **3 Police officers** conferred with Distinguished Service Award
- Tamil Nadu – **15 Police officers** to be Conferred with Awards for Meritorious Service

**Forest Genetic Resources Tree Park to Be Opened Near Vandalur.**

- A forest genetic resource tree park, developed on 20 acres of land near Vandalur, will be inaugurated on Thursday.
- The park has 300 species of trees from both Eastern and Western Ghats. Besides, 150 naaval, Iluppai and nuna trees have been transplanted in the park.
**States**

**Delhi** - Forms A 5 Member Panel Headed by Somnath Bharti, AAP MLA, Delhi

- Objective – to tackle the growing menace of *stray dogs and monkeys* in the state

**Assam** – To Conduct Door-To-Door Survey Under Pradhan Mantri Awaz Yojana – Grameen Scheme

- Objective - to understand the problems faced by the beneficiaries.

**Uttarakhand High Court** – Declares Itself As The ‘Legal Guardian’ Of The Cows In The State – On Aug 14, 2018
This is the 1st such ruling in the country by a High court

The High court has invoked the 'parens patriae' doctrine for the declaration, which means 'Parent of the nation', i.e. granting the court power and authority to act as guardian for those who are unable to take care of themselves.

Recently, Uttarakhand high court has declared ‘Animals’ as Legal Entity on July 4 and also banned the commercial use of Elephants on Aug 3, 2018

**Rajasthan – To Organise A ‘Human Chain’ Along the 650 km Long Pakistan Border**

This is done on the eve of Independence day celebrations

It will be conducted under the programme ‘Shahadat ko salam’

The chain will be organized by the State Government in association with the BSF and the Army
NATIONAL

◆ NITI Aayog – Launches ‘Pitch To MOVE’ – A Mobility Pitch Competition For Startups

⭐ Objective – to provide opportunity to budding entrepreneurs to pitch their business ideas to a distinguished jury

⭐ The winners - will be felicitated by the PM during the valedictory session of the Global Mobility Summit on September 8, 2018 in New Delhi.

⭐ It is being organised by NITI Aayog in collaboration with Invest India and Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers

⭐ The startups can be from the domain of public mobility, electric vehicles, shared transport, passenger transportation, battery technology, freight & logistics, mobility infrastructure and automotive electronics.

◆ Road Safety Awareness Short Film – of The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways was Released by The Union Minister, Nitin Gadkari
The video features Akshay Kumar, Actor and Brand ambassador of Road safety campaign

The video focuses the importance of road safety to reduce road accidents

There are totally 3 short films directed by R Balki

-President’s Police Medal Winners For Distinguished Service Announced – On The Eve Of 72nd Independence Day Celebrations

Total winners – 942

- President’s Police Medal for Gallantry – 2 (awarded posthumously to CRPF Head Constable Mohd Tafail and CRPF Constable Sharief Ud Din Ganaie)

- Police Medal for Gallantry – 177

- President’s Police Medal for Distinguished Service – 88

- Police Medal for Meritorious Service – 675
Gallantry Awards winners- 2018

★ Rifleman Aurangzeb and Major Aditya Kumar of Indian Army - to be conferred the Shaurya Chakra along with 18 others Armed Forces Personnel and members of Paramilitary Forces

★ Sepoy Vrahma Pal Singh - to be awarded with Kirti Chakra posthumously

★ Group Captain Abhishek Sharma,  Squadron Leader Vernon Desmond Keane and Sergeant Shashidhar P Prasad. – Vayu Sena Medal (Gallantry)

Other Awards given by President

★ Bar to Sena Medals (Gallantry) – 3

★ Sena Medals (Gallantry) – 93

★ Nao Sena Medals (Gallantry) - 11

★ Prime Minister – Announces Launch of World’s Largest Healthcare Insurance on His Independence Day Speech

★ Ayushman Bharat, now known as Jan Aarogya Abhiyan, will be started from Sep 25, 2018

★ The ambitious programme, popularly known as ‘Modicare’, aims to cover 50 crore people from 10 crore families with a health cover worth Rs 5 lakh every year

★ This National Health protection scheme intends to provide quality and affordable health care to the Poor people in the country
**Indian Army – Undertakes Mountaineering Expedition to Mt Kamet**

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- Mt Kamet is 7756m in height and situated in Uttarakhand
- It is the 3rd highest peak of India after Kanchanjanga (8586 m) & Nandadevi (7816 m) and is the only highest peak available to climb within the country.
- This expedition is a precursor to the expedition of Mt Makalu (8485 m) in Nepal, which is the world’s 5th highest mountain peak

**2nd Nepal-India Literature Festival 2018 – Held in Birgunj, Nepal**

- It was organised by Nepal India Co-operation Forum
- This was a literary exchange programme which aims to strengthen the old religious, cultural and social relations between the two countries
- Total participants – Around 250 writers from both the countries
**Pune Based ‘Cosmos Bank’s Server Hacked**

- The Hackers transferred Rs 94 crores in 2 days via Visa and Rupay payment gateways
- The transactions were carried out via cloning of thousands of the bank’s debit cards and 25 ATMs located in Canada, Hong Kong and a few in India

**PM’s Book ‘Exam Warriors’ – Released in Odia Language at Bhubaneswar, Odisha**

- Released by – Dharmendra pradhan, Minister for Oil and Natural Gas
- It was released by Odisha Book Emporium
- The book helps children to handle examination stress
- It was earlier released in English and Hindi in February 2018

**Prasar Bharti – Ties Up With Google And Youtube – to Telecast ‘Live’ Online - Independence Day Celebrations In New Delhi**

- In a 1st, Doordarshan anchors will introduce the programmes ‘Live’ from Red Fort, instead of the studios
- The coverage will open with a song composed by Shankar Mahadevan
The amount has been released for the ongoing construction of 14 road packages under Postal Highway Project.

Cheque given by - Manjeev Singh Puri, Indian Ambassador to Nepal

Total amount committed by India – 8 billion Nepali Rupees

Amount given so far – 2.35 billion Nepali Rupees
INTERNATIONAL

Malaysia – Plans ‘Internet Ban’ Between 12 Am To 6 Am – for Teens Under 17 Years of Age

- This is to reduce the video game and social media addiction
- The gaming providers will be instructed to prevent users from playing for these specified hours, if the ban is implemented

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

ISRO – To Launch GSAT -32 In October 2019 – To Replace GSAT-6A

- GSAT-6A was launched on Mar 29 and it has stopped communicating with ISRO
- It was meant to complement the GSAT-6 launched in 2015
- It was sent to provide technology for point-to-point communications for military.

APPOINTMENTS

N Raghuram – Elected As Chair Of International Nitrogen Initiative (INI), A Global Policy Making Initiative
Raghuram is a renowned Indian Scientist-academician
He is a Professor at CGS Indraprastha University, New Delhi
Raghuram is the first Indian and Asian to be elected to the Chair
He succeeds Mark Sutton of the UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, Edinburgh

RANKINGS

Richest Women In India - Kotak Wealth Management And Hurun Report (India)

1st Place - Smitha V Crishna (Godrej Group) with wealth worth ₹37,570 crore
2nd Place - Roshni Nadar (HCL) with a wealth of ₹30,200 crore
3rd Place - Indu Jain (Bennett Coleman) with a wealth of ₹26,240 crore
4th Place - Kiran Majumdar-Shaw (Biocon) with a wealth of ₹24,790 crore
**Most Patriotic Brand in India – Survey Conducted By UK-Based Online Market Research and Data Analytics Firm Yougov**

🌟 1<sup>st</sup> Place – SBI
🌟 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Tata Motors
🌟 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Patanjali
🌟 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Reliance Jio
🌟 5<sup>th</sup> Place – BSNL

**Sectors**

🌟 1<sup>st</sup> – Financial sector (SBI and LIC)
🌟 2<sup>nd</sup> – Auto sector
🌟 3<sup>rd</sup> – Consumer goods
🌟 4<sup>th</sup> – Food sector
🌟 5<sup>th</sup> – Telecom sector
**SPORTS**

**Ramesh Powar – Appointed As Head Coach Of Indian Women’s Cricket Team**

⭐ The appointment is announced till the ICC World T20 to be held in Nov 2018 at West Indies

**Toronto Masters Tennis Tournament**

⭐ **Rafael Nadal** (Spain) defeats Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece) – to win the 80th title of his career and lifts the ‘Rogers cup’

⭐ Nadal is 17 time Grand slam champion

⭐ This is his 4th Canadian Masters 1000 title
R Vaishali (17 Years) - Becomes India’s Latest Woman Grandmaster On Aug 12, 2018

🌟 She is the elder sister of R. Praggnanandhaa, who became the second youngest Grand Master in the world in June 2018

🌟 She achieved the GM norm in the Riga Technical University Open chess tournament in Riga, Latvia.

Virat Kohli – Becomes The Highest Run Scorer In International Cricket This Year

🌟 He overtakes Jonny Bairstow (England)

🌟 Kohli has scored 1404 runs in 25 innings this year, 15 more than the English Wicket keeper batsman
Tamil Nadu Premier League 2018

**Winners – Madurai Panthers**

**Runners – Dindugul Dragons**

**Player of the tournament – Arun Karthick (Madurai) – 472 runs in 10 innings**

It has to be noted that Madurai had failed to win a single match in the last two seasons of the TNPL.

AWARDS & HONOURS

**குறிப்பிட்டு முடியும் விளக்கங்கள்**

- **Arun Karthick** (Madurai) – 472 runs in 10 innings
- Madurai had failed to win a single match in the last two seasons of the TNPL.
 நிறுவனம் பாகிய அறநிலைகளின் போது 3 ஆண்டு பாகிய காந்தப்படுத்தும் நோக்கு பெறப்பட்டது.

பகுதியான காட்சி:
 தமிழ் ஆகஸ்ட்விளங்கிய நகர வலிமைக் குழு கம்பொருள் பொறுத்த முறுக்குதல்.
vier கல்வி காலண்டர் கியூடேட்டன் கதி அண்ணா விளையாடலே தொடரும் பிரபஞ்சத்தில் குழந்தை கல்வி

மாணவையும் அதை பரிமாறலை கியூடேட்டன் எச்சேரா மறுக்கை நிகழ புரோட்டகம்.

கிைவத்தொடர்பு:

* பயிற்சி அறிக்கை கியூடேட்டன் பரிமாறலை வேலை தொடர்ந்துப் பணியிலாவினால்
* கல்வி புத்தாண்டு பெயர், 2-முதல் போதியல், தேவஸ்வி பாண்டிரா 3-முதல்
  போதியல் பதிலினானா.

கிைவத்திறக்கு:

* கியூடேட்டன் கியூடேட்டன் வகைப்படுத்த, குழந்தை, கியூடேட்டன் படையில்
  முதல் 3 முதல் வரை பிற்புத்தகம்.

அணுவம் கையேற்றம் விளைவு:

* பல்கலை அருணா பொறியியல் துணை வரலாற்று அயோ
  கியூடேட்டன் துணை கையேற்றம் அணுவம் கையேற்றம் விளைவு.
He was an active social worker and an excellent sportperson in Volleyball, swimming, kabaddi and other sports.

Recently, in June 2018, he decided not to accept the raise in salary after the Centre had issued fresh guidelines on hike in allowances of Governors.

He was born on November 1, 1927

He started his political career as a Corporator of Amritsar Municipal Corporation in 1953

Tandon was one of the founder members of the Jan Sangh in 1951, which later became the Bharatiya Janata Party

He was a 6 time MLA, elected from Amritsar (5 times) and Rajpura.

He served as Deputy Chief Minister of Punjab in the Justice Gurnam Singh-led Cabinet in 1969-70.

He was imprisoned in 1975 during the Emergency for 19 months

In 2014, he became the Governor of Chhattisgarh.
The ten most liveable cities

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The ten least liveable cities 2018

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2. Dhaka, Bangladesh
3. Lagos, Nigeria
4. Karachi, Pakistan
5. Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea
6. Harare, Zimbabwe
7. Tripoli, Libya
8. Douala, Cameroon
9. Algiers, Algeria
10. Dakar, Senegal
TOP 10 BEST & WORST CITIES ON EASE OF LIVING

WORST CITIES
1. Silvassa
2. Saharanpur
3. Kavaratti

BEST CITIES
1. Pune
2. Navi Mumbai
3. Greater Mumbai

TOP 3 CITIES ON 15 PARAMETERS THAT CONSTITUTED THE EASE OF LIVING INDEX

1. Erode
2. Pune
3. Greater Mumbai

At National Level Trichy Stands
1st in Health, 2nd in Power Supply, 3rd in Identity & Culture, Reduced Pollution
### Asia Tops the Index with More cities in Top 40

#### Global Liveability Index top 10

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