TAMIL NADU

- **Government Maternity Hospital, Egmore** inaugurates 175th year of service celebrations

  ✓ On the occasion, C Vijayabaskar, Health Minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the RFIT service (Radio frequency identification tag) to prevent the new borns from stolen or lost within the hospital campus

  ✓ The hospital was built in 1844 and was relocated to the present Egmore in 1882

  ✓ The first Indian doctor to join the hospital was Sir Arcot Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar in 1942

  ✓ The hospital performs more than 14,000 deliveries on an average in a year
**Schemes**

- **Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana** – All villages adopted by MP’s under the scheme – to be provided Free Wi-Fi services across India by the Government – under ‘Bharat Net Project’, which aims to provide 2.5 lakh gram Panchayats the high speed internet services by March 2019.

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- **Launched :** 11 October 2014 (On the birth anniversary of Jayaprakash Narayan)

- Launched by - Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi

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✓ Sachin Tendulkar - adopted Puttamraju vari Kandriga(P.R.Kandriga), a village near Gudur in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh & Donja village in Osmanabad district of Marathwada, Maharastra.

**STATES**

- **Kerala** – to launch Country’s 1<sup>st</sup> **State-run All woman hotel** in Thiruvananthapuram
  ✓ **Hostess** – Name of the Hotel

- **Delhi** – launches a new scheme ‘**Mukhyamantri Kissan Aaye Badhotri Solar Yojna**’ – to increase the farmer’s income by 3 to 5 times
  ✓ Key point – It is a scheme under which the farmers will be able to lease out a part of their agricultural land for setting up of solar panels in order to get additional income
Assam – to set up separate directorate for ‘Divyangs’

Under the insistence of PM Modi, the word ‘Divyangs’ is used instead of ‘Physically Handicapped’
West Bengal – passes Resolution in the State Assembly – to change the name of the State to ‘Bangla’ in all the languages

✔ Now the proposal will be sent to Home Ministry, whose approval is needed for the change

✔ On August 29, 2016, the state Assembly had passed a resolution to change the name of West Bengal to ‘Bengal’ in English, ‘Bangla’ in Bengali and ‘Bangal’ in Hindi, which was Rejected by the Home Ministry, as a state cannot have 3 different names in 3 different languages

Karnataka – to work with ‘WIPRO’ – for fighting the Air pollution in the state – as part of the company’s Corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative

✔ As per the Karnataka’s CM, Mr H D Kumaraswamy, WIPRO also intends to promote Zero budget farming in the State, just like in Andhra Pradesh.
Parliament – passes **Fugitive Economic Offenders Bill, 2018** – on 25th July 2018

- Objective – To prevent evading criminal prosecution by the economic offenders (with Assets of over Rs 100 Crores) fleeing from the country in order to remain outside the jurisdiction of Indian courts

### FUGITIVE ECONOMIC OFFENDERS BILL

**Consequences**
- All assets will be confiscated, not just proceeds of crime
- Benami assets will also be included
- Foreign assets can also be confiscated (once appropriate arrangements with the country where assets located is done)
- Fugitive offender can’t pursue any civil claim

Business France & Invest India – signs MoU – to promote investment and cooperation between Indian and French startups
**INDIA & NEIGHBOURS**

- **India** – to control ‘**Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport**’ in Hambantota, Srilanka

- Mattala International Airport – is called as ‘World’s Emptiest Airport’ – due to lack of flights

- It may be recalled that Hambantota Port has been earlier leased to China

**VISITS**

- **PM’s Visit to Uganda**

  - Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni - unveiled a bust of India's first home minister, **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel** at an Indian community event in Kampala.

  - PM – Referred Uganda as ‘**Pearl of Africa**’ in his speech
CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **Global Disability Summit 2018** – held in London, United Kingdom
  - Indian Representation – Mr Thaawarchand Gehlot, Union Min for Social justice & Empowerment

- **2nd Conference of Young Superintendent of Police** , New Delhi.
  - Inaugurated by – Mr Rajnath Singh, Union Home Minister

COMMITTEES

- **P J Joseph Committee** – constituted by IRDAI, Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India
  - Members - 16
  - Objective - to examine motor third party insurance pricing aspects and make recommendations on the premium rates for 2019-20
  - This is the 1st such committee framed by IRDAI

- **Sashi Bhusan Behera Committee** – Constituted by the Odisha Government - to draft policies for development of Odia film industry
INTERNATIONAL

- **Venezuela** – to remove 5 Zeros from its Currency (Bolivar) – due to hyperinflation – as per its President, Nicolas Maduro
  - Capital of Venezuela – Caracas
  - Innovate India Platform – launched by NITI Aayog, Atal Innovation Mission & MyGov platform
  - It will serve as the common point for all the innovation happening across the nation.

- **New Zealand** demands Australia to change its Flag – as both looks similar
  - 1902 – New Zealand Flag adopted
  - 1954 – Australian Flag adopted

![Australian Flag](image1.png) ![New Zealand Flag](image2.png)

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SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- Water body identified in Mars – by the scientists from National Institute for Astrophysics, Italy

APPOINTMENTS

- St Xavier’s College, Mumbai - appoints 1st Non-Christian Principal in its 150-year history
  - Dr Rajendra D Shinde, Current HoD-Botany – will take charge as 24th Principal on Sep 1, 2018, the day when the college turns 150 years
✓ He replaces Dr Baptist Angnteelo Menezes, the 1st Non-Jesuit principal of the College

✓ St Xavier’s Established – 1869 by Roman Catholics called as ‘Jesuits’

✓ **Other Topline Christian colleges in India**

  - St Stephen’s College, Delhi
  - St Xavier’s College, Kolkata
  - Madras Christian College, Chennai

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**AWARDS & AUTHORS**

- **Ram Sehgal** - to be awarded *Lifetime Achievement Award - of Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI)* – for his contribution to Advertising industry
RANKINGS

- **Fortune's '40 Under 40' Rankings**

  
  - Top 2 ‘Green’ States in the Country (Till Mar 2018)
    
    1. Karnataka (12.3 GW)
    
    2. Tamil Nadu (11.2 GW)

  - It may be recalled that Shakti Sthala, World’s largest Solar park is planned at an investment of Rs 16,500 crore at Tumakuru district
INTERNATIONAL DAYS

- **National Sports Day** – Postponed to **Sep 25** from Aug 29 – after the completion of Asian Games so that the outstanding performers could be considered for National Sports Awards

- **2018 Earth Overshoot Day** – to fall on **Aug 1, 2018**

  ✓ It is the date when humanity’s annual demand on nature exceeds what Earth can regenerate over the entire year

  ✓ Every day after August 1 will now be considered as strain on Earth’s natural resources.

  ✓ In 2018, nature’s budget for entire year has already been used up in just span of 8 months only

  ✓ It means humanity is currently using nature 1.7 times faster than Earth’s ecosystems can regenerate
SPORTS

- Pawan Shah (Indian cricketer - Pune) – becomes the World’s 2nd highest individual scorer in U-19 Internationals by smashing 282 runs – against Sri Lanka on the 2nd day of the Final ‘Youth Test’ on 25th July 2018

- The Record remains India’s Highest individual score in U-19 internationals

- World Record held by – Clinton Peake (Australia) – 304 not out against India in 1995 at Melbourne

- 2nd Edition of BRICS Games at Johannesburg, South Africa

  - Volleyball

    - Indian Mens – wins Bronze (Russia wins the Gold)
    - Indian Womens – wins Silver for the very first time (China wins the Gold)
**FIFA World Cup 2018**

✓ France’s Benjamin Pavard’s Goal – has been judged as the ‘Goal of the Tournament’

✓ Scored in – France vs Argentina Match

✓ 2\(^{nd}\) Best Goal – Juan Quintero (Columbia) against Japan

✓ 3\(^{rd}\) Best Goal – Luka Modric (Croatia) against Argentina

✓ Pavard becomes the first European player to win the Goal of the Tournament award since its creation in 2006

✓ The tournament saw 169 goals scored in 64 matches

✓ **Previous Winners**

   ▶ 2006 – Maxi Rodriguez (Argentina)
   ▶ 2010 – Diego Forlan (Uruguay)
   ▶ 2014 - James Rodriguez (Columbia)
Junior Asian Wrestling Championships 2018 – Concluded in New Delhi

- Conducted by – United World Wrestling, Lausanne, Switzerland
- Countries participated – 18

Freestyle Events
- India won 8 Medals (2 Gold, 3 Silver and 3 Bronze) and Finished 2nd (1st – Iran)

Greco-Roman Events
- India won 5 Medals (1 Gold, 2 Silver and 2 Bronze) and Finished 4th (1st – Iran)

Women’s Wrestling
- India won 5 Medals (2 Silver and 3 Bronze) and Finished 3rd (1st – Japan)

Indian Gold Medal Winners

Freestyle
- Sachin Rathi – 74 kg
- Deepak Punia – 86 kg

Greco-Roman
- Sajan – 77 kg
Proud Moment
Indian wrestler Sachin Rathi wins Gold, beating Bat-Erdene of Mongolia in 74 kg category final of freestyle wrestling at Junior Asian Championships.

Congratulations Deepak Punia
On winning Gold at Asian Junior Wrestling Championship in Freestyle 86 Kg category.