Initially, 20 cars were introduced. These cars were procured by the Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), which is a joint venture of the PSUs under the Ministry of Power.

Prior to Jharkhand, the governments of Delhi, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have procured electric cars for official purpose.

The move is intended to reduce carbon emission and keep the state pollution free.

The move will help the state achieve the centre's e-mobility goal of replacing 30% of government vehicles with electric cars by 2030.
Chhattisgarh – India’s 1st Tribal circuit tourism project under ‘Swadesh Darshan scheme’ inaugurated at Gangrel, Chhattisgarh on Sep 14th, 2018

- Inauguration by - KJ Alphons, Tourism minister
- **Swadesh Darshan Scheme**
- Launch – 2014-15
- Objective – to develop thematic circuits in a planned and prioritised manner
- Till now, the Ministry has sanctioned 74 projects worth Rs 6000 crore to states and union territories
- This is the second project under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme being inaugurated in the country
- Under the tribal circuit theme of the scheme, the Ministry has sanctioned 4 projects to Nagaland, Telangana and Chhattisgarh for Rs 380 crore.
Jammu & Kashmir – launches ‘e-plant clinics’ in Udhampur district – to enable technological advancements in agricultural research easily accessible to farmers

* Around 4 ‘e-plant clinics’ have been established by the agriculture department in collaboration with the Centre for Agriculture and Bioscience International, United Kingdom

Ministry of Minority Affairs – launches the country’s 1st National Scholarship Portal Mobile App
Launch by- Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister for Minority Affairs

The mobile app is aimed at providing all the information regarding various scholarships available for the students

All the scholarships are being given directly into bank accounts of needy students under Direct Benefit Transfer

Ministry of Water Resources – institutes “National Water Awards” – to create an awareness about water conservation

The awards will be given in 13 categories including Best state, Best district etc.,

The awards seek to encourage adopting innovative practices of ground water augmentation by rainwater harvesting and artificial recharge

It also promotes water use efficiency, recycling and reuse of water and creating awareness through people’s participation in targeted areas for ground water resources development

Government – launches ‘Dairy processing & Infrastructure Development Fund scheme’
- It has a budget allocation of Rs 10881 crore, part of which will be provided to National Dairy Development board
- It will be implemented from 2017-18 to 2028-29
- Under the scheme, eligible milk organisations will be provided a loan at 6.5% interest for building an efficient milk procurement system and other infrastructures
- It will be also used for creation, modernisation and expansion of processing infrastructure and manufacturing faculties for value-added dairy products
- It will benefit 95,00,000 farmers in about 50,000 villages

**Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences – develops India’s 1st indigenous Anti-nuclear medical kit – useful especially for paramilitary and police forces**

- It will ensure protection from serious injuries and faster healing of wounds resulting from nuclear warfare or radioactive leakage
- It will be a potent alternative to similar kits procured currently from advanced countries such as US and Russia at higher prices
European Union Parliament – votes to launch action against ‘Hungary’ for breaching the democratic norms

- It is the first such vote against a member state under EU rules
- It could result in Hungary’s EU voting rights to be stripped
- Since assuming power in 2010, Prime Minister of Hungary, Viktor Orban has pressured courts, media, and non-governmental groups, as well as refusing to take in asylum seekers arriving in Europe.

- It was held between 12th and 14th September, 2018 with over 4000 delegates attending it and showing their commitment to Paris agreement
- The summit concluded with a report to achieve new emission reduction targets by 2025
- India outlined its ‘Heat action plans’ and other efforts taken by it at the high-level ‘Forum on India Climate Actions’
- Currently, 13 Indian states, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh are preparing the Heat action plans
- At the Global Climate Action Summit (GCAS), the Global Green Bond Partnership (GGBP) was launched
- Speaking at the Global Climate Action Summit 2018, Anand Mahindra, Chairman of Mahindra Group announced that Mahindra will work towards going ‘Carbon Neutral’ by 2040
- M&M was the first company in the world to commit to double energy productivity by signing The Climate Group’s program ‘EP100’
**APPOINTMENTS**

- D Shivakumar – appointed as chairman of ‘Advertising Standards council of India’

  He was the former head of PepsiCo India and currently the Group Executive President, Corporate Strategy at Aditya Birla Group

**AWARDS**

- Sawai Singh Shekhawat, Jaipur-based poet and writer – to be honoured with ‘Meera Puruskar’ by ‘Rajasthan Sahitya Academy’ for his contribution to Hindi literature
C N R Rao, renowned Scientist and Bharat Ratna awardee – conferred the honorary ‘D Sc’ at the 6th annual convocation of Presidency University in Kolkata

- He had been working in solid state chemistry for the last 40 years

1st Women in Film and Television (WIFT) India Awards in Washington, US
- Actress Aishwarya Rai – conferred with ‘Meryl Streep Award for Excellence’
- Director Zoya Akhtar - awarded the ‘Wyler Award for Excellence in Direction’
- Actress Janhvi Kapoor - presented the ‘WIFT Emerald Award’
- Catherine Hand – Producer of the Year
- WIFT India is a part of WIFT International, which honours the best female performers in Bollywood and Hollywood
SPORTS

-Man Kaur – India’s 102-year-old Female athlete - wins gold medal at World Masters Athletics Championships, Malaga, Spain

- She won gold medal in the 200 m race for the age group of 100 – 104 at the World Masters Athletics Championships in Malaga, Spain
- In 2017, she won gold medal in 100m race at the World Masters Games in Auckland, New Zealand

INTERNATIONAL DAY

-National Hindi Divas – September 14

विश्व हिंदी दिवस

14 September
The day promotes ‘Hindi’ as ‘Mother tongue’ of India
It was marked by various Hindi related speech, essay, literary competitions across India
On this occasion, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu presented the ‘Rajbhasha Awards’ to various departments, Ministries and offices for their outstanding performances in promoting the language

Background
The day marks the adaptation of Hindi language as the official language of India by the Constituent Assembly of India on September 14, 1949.
It was further ratified by amendment 343 which stated that all government communications will be penned in Hindi (Devanagari Script), which came into effect on January 26, 1950

Facts about Hindi
As per the 2011 census, 43.63 percent of Indians speak Hindi as their mother tongue
Outside Asia, Hindi is an official language in Fiji. The dialect of Hindi spoken there is known as ‘Fiji Baat or Fiji Hindi’