Tamil Nadu – Hon’ble CM announced a cash incentive of Rs 20 lakh each to 3 Asian Games medalists from the state

- Varun Thakkar and K C Ganapathy won bronze in Men’s sailing-49er event
- Sharath kamal won bronze in Table tennis mixed doubles event

Chennai corporation – releases ‘Draft’ electoral rolls
The latest rolls has 2.7 lakh voters less when compared to the last year’s rolls.
The corporation has 16 state assembly constituencies with a total of 38,01,919 voters (Last year – 40,73,703)
- Men – 18,76,652
- Women – 19,24,355
- Others - 901
Perambur has the highest number of electorates (2,96,058) and Harbour has the lowest number (1,64,939)
Perambur has the most number of polling booths (297) and Egmore has the least (169)

- **Chennai corporation** – has given ‘Disaster management’ training to 200 people with the help of trainers from ‘Commando school’ in Adyar

- They will be called in emergencies as ‘volunteers’ and enrolled in the corporation’s database and in the State disaster management authority also.
- They are called as ‘Apada mitra’ and the National disaster management authority has sanctioned Rs 45 lakh for training these volunteers.
- The NDMA has identified 30 flood prone areas in 25 states and hence started the initiative to train 200 volunteers, of whom 100 will be home guard personnel.

- **Trichy corporation** – has launched a QR code-enabled door-to-door waste collection monitoring system – on a pilot basis in Thillai Nagar (Ward No 56)
- The system is expected to be expanded to other 64 wards of the city soon
- The QR code enabled system will monitor the vehicles covering every house

- Tamil Nadu – leads the states having the most number of doctors than WHO norm of 1:1000 (1 doctor for 1000 people) people

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**NOTE:** Andhra has a ratio of 1:689, but this is misleading because most Telangana doctors continue to be registered in Andhra
NATIONAL

- **India – signs MoU with Cambodia** to help the country on restoration and preservation of an ancient Lord Shiva temple, a world heritage site

- The temple, Known as the 'Temple of Preah Vihear' is located in remote Preah Vihear district

**CONFERENCES & SUMMITS**

- **Ambiente 2019 Fair**
  - **India – to be a partner country** in the Ambiente 2019 Fair, to be held in Frankfurt, Germany from 8th to 12th Feb, 2019
  - The fair will be inaugurated by Smriti Irani, Min of Textiles
Izmır International Trade Show

- India – to be a partner country in the trade show that is scheduled to be held in Istanbul, Turkey from Sep 7, 2018

PERSONALITIES

- Abhay K – has become the 1st Indian poet to record his poems at the Library of Congress, Washington DC

- His poem reading series is titled as ‘The Poet and the poem’
- His poems have been published in over 60 international literary journals
- He received the SAARC Literary Award 2013 and was nominated for Pushcart Prize in 2013
- He is also the editor of poetry anthologies, titled as ‘CAPITALS’
- His first collection of poems, ‘Enigmatic Love’ was published in 2009 followed by several notary works such as The Seduction of Delhi (2014), The Eight-eyed Lord of Kathmandu (2017) and the Prophet of Brasilia’ (2018)
- His poem ‘Earth Anthem’ was translated into over 25 languages and has been performed by Symphony Orchestra of National Theatre of Brasilia
Vodafone and Idea cellular – merger formalities completed after the clearance of National Company Law tribunal

- It creates a new entity, Vodafone Idea Limited – which becomes the country’s biggest telecom service provider, displacing Bharti Airtel
- It has 443 million customers, surpassing Bharti Airtel’s 344 million customers
- Balesh Sharma – has been appointed as Vodafone Idea’s 1st CEO
- He was the COO of Vodafone India and also the member of its executive committee
- He had earlier served as the CEO of Vodafone Czech Republic and the CEO of Vodafone Malta
Central Statistics office – had released the GDP growth estimate for the 1\textsuperscript{st} quarter, Q1 (April-June) of 2018-19
  ✓ As per the report, the growth of GDP in real terms in Q1 of 2018-19 is 8.2\%, reinforcing the high growth of 7.7\% recorded in last quarter of 2017-18
  ✓ This announcement was made by Finance Minister, Arun Jaitley
  ✓ The manufacturing sector grew by 13.5\% which marks a good turnaround in the sector
  ✓ Earlier, RBI had predicted a real GDP growth for 2018-19 to be 7.4\% from 6.7\% in the previous year in its annual report

Berkshire Hathaway Inc - has acquired Rs 2,500 crore stake in India’s biggest digital-payments firm Paytm
  ✓ This is its first investment in the country’s startup ecosystem
  ✓ The Berkshire Hathaway Inc is owned by the United States billionaire, Warren Buffett

LIC India – to buy 7\% equity stake in IDBI Bank
  ✓ With this, LIC holds 7.98\% in the state run, IDBI Bank
  ✓ It has to be recalled that the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has already given in-principle approval to LIC for picking up 51\% stake in IDBI, but the final approval is expected to take time

Justice Ranjan Gogoi – will take charge as the next ‘Chief justice of India’ on 3\textsuperscript{rd} Oct, 2018

丶The current CJI, Justice Dipak Misra – to retire on 2\textsuperscript{nd} oct, 2018
丶The next senior most Judge, Justice Ranjan gogoi is expected to retire on November 17 as the Supreme Court judge.
丶He has earlier served as a judge in Guwahati High Court and also as Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court
National Green Tribunal – has appointed Tarun Agrawal, former Meghalaya High Court Chief Justice – as the head of a three-member panel - to decide the course of action regarding Vedanta’s Sterlite Copper plant in Tamil Nadu’s Thoothukudi district

Earlier, former Punjab and Haryana High Court Chief Justice SJ Vazifdar has decided to recluse himself to head the committee citing personal reasons

On May 28, Edappadi K Palaniswami, Tamil Nadu CM ordered that the plant be closed permanently

Sanjay Dutt – appointed as ‘Brand ambassador’ of 6 states for Anti-drug drive

The 6 states/UT’s were Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Rajasthan and UT of Chandigarh
SPORTS

18th Asian Games, Indonesia – Day 14 Highlights

✓ Amit Panghal, Boxing (22 yrs, Haryana) – defeats current Olympic champion, Hasanboy Dusmatov of Uzbekistan to win Gold in Mens light fly weight (49 kg) event

✓ Pranab Bardhan (60 years) and Shibhnath Sarkar (56 years) (West Bengal) – won Gold in Men’s pair Bridge event – becoming the oldest to win an Asian Gold for India

✓ Women’s squash team (Dipika Pallikal, Joshna Chinappa, Tanvi Khanna and Sunayna Kuruvilla) – wins Silver medal in team event
✓ Men’s hockey team – wins Bronze medal
With these wins, India’s total medal haul of 69 medals, including 15 gold, 24 silver and 30 bronze – thereby becoming the highest-ever medal tally in Asian Games surpassing 65 medals obtained in 2010 edition at Guangzhou, China where they had finished sixth with 14 gold, 17 silver and 34 bronze.

Also the Gold medal tally of 15 is equal to the best haul in 1951, the inaugural Asian games at New Delhi.

Currently, India is at 8th position in the overall tally of medals.

S Badrinath (Former India & Tamil Nadu cricket player) – retires from all formats of cricket

He is 38 years old and has played 2 Tests, 7 ODIs and a T20I for India.
He also represented the Chennai Super Kings (CSK) in the Indian Premier League (IPL).
He has scored 10,245 runs in 145 first-class games at an average of 54.49 in a career spanning more than 17 years.
He was the coach for Karaikudi Kaalai team in the recent Tamil Nadu Premier League-3.

Government – approves the participation of India’s kho-kho team at the 1st International Kho Kho Championship in England from 1st to 4th September 2018.
This was announced by Col Rajyavardhan Rathore, Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports (I/C).
This is the first time that the financial support for the Kho Kho team in an International event has been approved, as it comes under the category of ‘others’ which is not eligible for funding.
Tarun Sagar, acclaimed Jain monk (51 years)

- He passed away in Delhi's Radhapuri Jain temple due to prolonged illness due to Jaundice and other ailments.
- His lectures called “Kadve Pravachan” (bitter discourse) were very popular and he was followed by many people from the Jain community.