TAMIL NADU

- Chennai corporation – to hand over the historic ‘Madi poonga’ to an NGO, ‘Nizhal’ and to the Residents for its upkeep.

- The Madi Poonga is built in 1960s and will be revived by the Chennai corporation and Nizhal will take care of planting saplings and maintain the green space.

- It has to be recalled that Kotturpuram Tree park was already under the maintenance of the same NGO ‘Nizhal’.
NATIONAL

- ‘AAPOORTI’ – a new Mobile App of ‘Indian Railways e-procurement System’ was launched by Piyush Goyal, Min of Railways and Coal at the seminar on ‘Leveraging IT for Mobility’ in New Delhi

- The new App provides information and data related to e-tendering and e-auction activities of Indian Railways

- Government – announces that ‘Aero India 2019’ will be held at Yelahanka Air force station in Bengaluru between Feb 20 and 24, 2019

- The event will combine a major Trade exhibition for aerospace and defence industries along with public air shows
COMMITTEES

- National Green Tribunal – forms a monitoring committee under ‘Retd Justice S P Garg’ to prepare a time bound action Plan on Groundwater Recharge in New Delhi

- The committee will take urgent action on the issue of supply of drinking water to areas where it is deficient

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- G20 Education Ministers’ Meeting and Joint Ministerial Meeting, Mendoza, Argentina (Sep 5th and 6th, 2018)
✓ Indian representation – Dr Satya Pal Singh, Minister of State for Human Resource Development
✓ It was the first ever meeting of Education Ministers in the history of G-20

➢ G-20 Labour & Employment Ministers’ Meeting, Mendoza, Argentina (Sep 6th and 7th, 2018)
✓ Indian representation - Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment

➢ Indus Foods-II 2019 – to be held in Greater Noida, India on Jan 14th and 15th, 2019

✓ It is a mega International Food show cum Buyer-Seller meet, organized by Trade Promotion Council of India in association with Ministry of Commerce
✓ Over 400 Indian Food & Beverages manufacturers are expected to take part in the show
✓ This year’s International contingent includes Dhaka based India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Supermarket chains from Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries including Iran and the Commonwealth of Independent States or Russian Commonwealth (CIS) countries
✓ The main goal of the event is to attract maximum buyers from the SAARC countries to source their food and beverage related requirements from India
6th International Geriatric Orthopaedic Conference, New Delhi

- Inaugurated by – Rajnath Singh, Union Home Minister
- Theme - “Increased Longevity with Reduced Fragility and Enhanced Mobility”
- Venue - All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi
- Organised by - Geriatric Orthopaedic Society of India

2nd World Hindu Congress, Chicago (Sep 8th and 9th, 2018)

- Vice president, Venkaiah Naidu to represent India
- It is held on the occasion of 125th Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda’s Historic Speech at the Parliament of the World’s Religions in 1893 at Chicago

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Jack Ma, Founder of Alibaba, e-commerce giant of China – has announced his retirement to pursue Philanthropy in Education

- Jack Ma was a former English Teacher, founding Alibaba in 1999
- His net worth is more than $US40 billion, making him the richest man in China
- Ma will remain on Alibaba’s board of directors and continue to mentor the company’s management
- He will step down on 10th September, when he turns 54 years old, which incidentally is a holiday in China for the ‘Teachers Day’
- Within Alibaba, he is known and referred to as “Teacher Ma”
- In 2014, he created the Jack Ma Foundation, which has worked to improve education in rural China
Facebook – to set up its 1st Asian Data centre in Singapore

- It has allocated a budget of $1.4 billion to construct the centre
- The new facility, located at Tanjong Kling (formerly known as Data Centre Park) in the west of Singapore, will span 170,000 sq m

China – has launched ‘Haiyang-1C’, a new Marine satellite on Long March-2C rocket from Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre
✓ It is mainly to monitor its maritime waters and to study the impact of climate change on the ecosystem
✓ It will monitor ocean colour, water temperatures, suspended sediment concentrations and dissolved organic matter in the marine ecosystem
✓ The satellite was developed by the China Spacesat Company Ltd. under the China Academy of Space Technology
✓ The next satellite in the series ‘HY-1D’ is expected to be launched in 2019

DEFENCE

➢ Yudh Abhyas 2018 – India & United States to conduct their annual Combat exercise at Chabatia, Uttarakhand from Sep 16th to 29th, 2018

√ Yudh Abhyas – Started in the year 2004 under US Army – Pacific Partnership Program and this will be the 14th Edition of the exercise
√ This is 4th time that the exercise is being held at Chabatia, Uttarakhand
√ The aim of the exercise is to equip both the armies with the latest technologies in counter-terror operations
√ Last year, Yudh Abhyas was held at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in the US
√ This year, it will see the participation of around 400 soldiers from each side, with India sending its 15 Garhwal Rifles to the exercise
Milex-2018 – 1st ever BIMSTEC anti-terror military exercise to be held at Pune in Maharashtra from Sep 10th to 18th, 2018

- Bimstec - Bay of Bengal initiative for multi-sectoral technical and economic cooperation
- Countries to participate – Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar and Sri Lanka
- Nepal and Thailand to send only ‘observers’ and chose not to participate in the exercise
APPOINTMENTS

☑️ Anshula Kant – appointed as ‘Managing Director’ of State Bank of India

☑️ She replaced B Sriram, who took over as the MD and CEO of IDBI Bank
☑️ With this appointment SBI now has four MDs – PK Gupta, DK Khara and Arijit Basu

BOOKS & AUTHORS

☑️ ‘Constitutionalizing India: an Ideational Project’ authored by Shri Bidyut Chakrabarty

☑️ Released by – Vice President of India, Venkaiah Naidu
SPORTS

- ISSF Shooting World Championship, Changwon, South Korea
  - Ankur Mittal – wins Gold in Men’s double trap

- Ankur Mittal, Md Asab and Shardul Vihaan – wins Bronze in Men’s Team double trap event

RANKINGS

- Particulate Emission Pollution – Report by Centre for Science and Environment
  - 1st – Bhopal (Less Emission)
  - 2nd – Chandigarh
  - 3rd – Vijayawada
  - 4th – Jaipur
  - 5th – Lucknow
  - 6th – Kochi
  - 7th – Kolkata
  - 8th – Mumbai
  - 9th – Ahmedabad
  - 10th – Pune
✔️ 11th – Bengaluru
✔️ 12th – Hyderabad
✔️ 13th – Chennai
✔️ 14th – Delhi (Highest Emission)
✔️ The findings of the study were discussed on the first day of the international conclave on ‘Towards Clean and Low Carbon Mobility’

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