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National Tourism Conclave – Rajasthan

- ❖ The National Tourism Conclave was organised in Jaipur.
- ❖ A number of "pro-tourism" projects are being executed in the state to give a major boost to the sector.



- ❖ This is the second National Tourism Conclave.
- ❖ The first such Conclave was held in Chandigarh last year.

India's First Hypercar - Vazirani Shul

- ❖ India's First Hypercar Vazirani Shul was unveiled at Goodwood Festival of Speed.
- ❖ Developed by Vazirani Automotive, the Shul is a hypercar powered by a turbine-electric powertrain and makes its debut as a concept at 2018 Goodwood Festival of Speed.



- ❖ Vazirani Automotive is headed by designer and co-founder Chunky Vazirani,

STATES

Drone survey of land – Karnataka

- ❖ For the first time the Karnataka Government will undertake survey of property and land through Drone.
- ❖ The Survey of India will assist Karnataka to conduct drone-based land and property survey.
- ❖ The survey will be objective, more accurate and up-to-date map of each property will get generated 1/10th of the time and this costs less than the traditional survey.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

British Indian of the Year

- ❖ Ishwar Sharma, who is the under-11 UK national yoga champion has been named the 'British Indian of the Year' in the young achiever category for his accomplishments in the field.
- ❖ Ishwar Sharma has won a string of titles in both individual and artistic yoga.



- ❖ Ishwar won gold medal representing Great Britain at the World Student Games 2018 in Winnipeg.

SPORTS

World Cup 2018: Third place

- ❖ England's World Cup campaign in Russia ended with a 2-0 defeat by Belgium in St Petersburg.



- ❖ England were beaten 2-0 by Belgium in their World Cup third place play-off

- ❖ England finished fourth in the FIFA World cup standings.

FIFA World Cup Final 2018

General

- ❖ The World Cup is the 18-carat gold, 14-inch, 11 lb trophy.
- ❖ It was the 21st final of the FIFA World Cup.
- ❖ The final match of FIFA World Cup held at the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow, Russia, on 15 July 2018.
- ❖ There was a penalty awarded to France by the video assistant referee in the system's first use at a World Cup final.
- ❖ It was the first time that an own goal had been scored (by Mario Mandžukić of Croatia) in a World Cup final and the 12th of the tournament, the most of any World Cup.
- ❖ The first half's three goals were the most of any World Cup final since 1974.
- ❖ It was the highest-scoring final since England beat West Germany 4-2 in 1966.
- ❖ The match was also the ninth all-European World Cup final, which most recently occurred in 2006 and 2010.
- ❖ An audience of 78,011 spectators at the Luzhniki Stadium watched the match.
- ❖ It includes ten heads of state.
- ❖ The prominent among them are Russian president Vladimir Putin, French president Emmanuel Macron, and Croatian president Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović.

FIFA awards for the 2018 World Cup

- ❖ Best Player Golden Ball: Luka Modric (Croatia)
- ❖ Silver Ball: Eden Hazard (Belgium)
- ❖ Bronze Ball: Antoine Griezmann (France)
- ❖ Top Goal Scorer Golden Boot: Harry Kane (England), six goals
- ❖ Silver Boot: Antoine Griezmann (France), four goals and two assists
- ❖ Bronze Boot: Romelu Lukaku (Belgium), four goals
- ❖ Best Goalkeeper Golden Glove: Thibaut Courtois (Belgium)
- ❖ Best Young Player FIFA Young Player: Kylian Mbappe (France)
- ❖ Fairest Team FIFA Fair Play Trophy: Spain
- ❖ Man of The Match (FINAL) Antoine Griezmann (France)



France

- ❖ France beat Croatia 4-2 in the Final match.
- ❖ This was the second title World Cup won by France, with the previous one coming 20 years ago in 1998.
- ❖ The match was the third World Cup final for France, first appearing in the 1998 final as hosts, winning 3–0 against reigning champions Brazil.
- ❖ France also contested the 2006 final, where they lost to Italy in a penalty shoot-out following a 1–1 draw.
- ❖ Only Germany (eight) and Italy (six) have reached more finals among European nations.
- ❖ France also became the second team in the 32-team World Cup after Brazil in 2002 to win all their knockout matches without any extra time or penalty shoot-out.
- ❖ As winners, France earned the right to compete for the 2021 FIFA Confederations Cup.
- ❖ France became the sixth country to win the World Cup more than once after Brazil (5), Germany/West Germany and Italy (4), Uruguay and Argentina (2).
- ❖ Mbappe of France became the first teenage after Pele (Brazil) in 1958 to score in World Cup final.
- ❖ Didier Deschamps of France became the third person to have won the World Cup as both a player and manager, after Franz Beckenbauer (Germany) and Mário Zagallo (Brazil).
- ❖ The average age of the French side was 25 years and 10 months.
- ❖ Only Brazil in 1970 (25 years and 9 months) won the World Cup with a younger squad.
- ❖ France became the first team to score four goals in a World Cup final since Brazil beat Italy 4-1 in 1970.

Croatia

- ❖ Croatia were playing in their very first World Cup final in their fifth World Cup appearance.
- ❖ Croatia is the first team to lose in their first ever appearance in a World Cup final since the Netherlands in 1974 (1-2 vs West Germany).
- ❖ They are the 10th European country and 13th overall to reach a World Cup final, and the first new finalist since Spain in 2010.

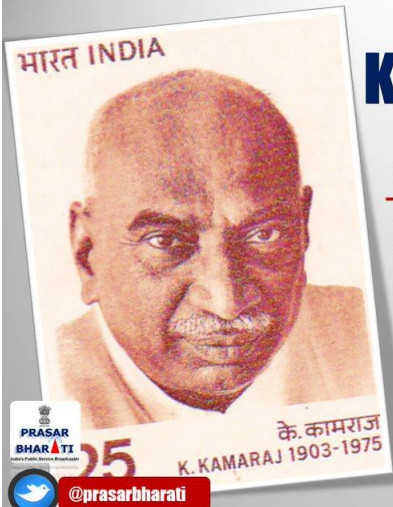


- ❖ With a population of 4.17 million, Croatia is the second smallest country to play in a World Cup final, behind Uruguay (victors in 1930 and 1950).
- ❖ Croatia became the third Eastern European nation to reach the World Cup final, and the first since Czechoslovakia lost the final in 1962 to Brazil.
- ❖ Croatia's best showing before this year was when they reached the Semi Finals in 1998 against France in which they lost against the host France.
- ❖ Mandzukic of Croatia is the second player in World Cup history to score a goal and an own goal in a single game after Ernie Brandts for the Netherlands against Italy in 1978.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Education Development Day

- ❖ The 116th birth anniversary of K.Kamaraj, former Chief Minister of Tamilnadu was celebrated on July 15 2018.



Kingmaker of Politics
KUMARASAMI KAMARAJ
15 July 1903 – 2 Oct 1975

Was known for his simplicity and integrity

Indian politician from Tamil Nadu widely acknowledged as the "**KINGMAKER**".

Was the CM of Tamil Nadu during 1954–1963 & Member of Parliament during 1952–1954 & 1967–1975.

Remembered for bringing **free school education** to rural poor and the free **Midday Meal** Scheme.

Awarded India's highest civilian honour, the **Bharat Ratna**, posthumously in 1976.

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- ❖ Tamilnadu celebrates Birth anniversary of K.Kamaraj (July 15th) as 'Education Day' or 'Education Development Day'.
 - ❖ Since 2006, this day is observed as educational development day.
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