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NATIONAL NEWS

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced to build a Gandhi Heritage Centre in Uganda's Jinja, where a statue of Mahatma Gandhi now stands.
 - He said, "As we approach the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, there can be no better homage than a Centre to remind us of Africa's role in shaping his mission."
- The 2nd meeting of National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges under POSHAN Abhiyaan was held in **New Delhi**.
 - The meeting was organized by the **Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD)**. It was held under the Chairmanship of **Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog**.
- **About POSHAN Abhiyaan:**
 - Full form of POSHAN – Partnerships and Opportunities to Strengthen and Harmonize Actions for Nutrition in India
 - Launched – 8th March 2018 from Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan.
- Chief Minister of Odisha Naveen Patnaik launched a plantation drive named – '**Green Mahanadi Mission**'.
 - Under this scheme, **2 crore** saplings would be planted along the **Mahanadi, Ib and Tel rivers**.
- Tamil Nadu government has released the draft state Forest Policy that aims to conserve forests and wildlife, ecosystems, and climate change mitigation etc. It was released by **Tamil Nadu Chief Minister K Palaniswami** as per the Vision Tamil Nadu 2023 document released by **former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa in 2014**, preserving the ecology was among the themes of the document.

- The Women and Child Development Ministry has invited people to share images of the logo of **Childline 1098**.
 - The Childline 1098 is the nationwide emergency helpline **for children in distress**.
 - The contest has been organised to mark **‘World Day against Trafficking in Persons’** on **July 30**. The Childline has been operating at 450 locations, including 76 key railway stations, across the country.
- The NITI Aayog has signed an agreement with the **Lupin Foundation** to collaborate in the government’s ambitious aspirational districts programme.
 - It aims to quickly and effectively transform some of the most underdeveloped districts of the country.
 - The NITI Aayog and Lupin Foundation will work in three states – **Dholpur in Rajasthan, Nandurbar in Maharashtra and Vidisha in Madhya Pradesh**.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

- Thaawarchand Gehlot, Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment attended the Global Disability Summit 2018 held in **London, United Kingdom**.
- The 10th edition of BRICS Summit began in **Johannesburg, South Africa**. It is a 3-day long summit and will be attended by all the BRICS leaders.
 - The **theme** for this summit is **‘BRICS in Africa: Collaboration for inclusive growth and shared prosperity in the 4th Industrial Revolution’**.

SPORTS

- The **15th National Youth Athletics Championships** were held at **Manjalpur Sports Complex in Vadodara** from **July 21- 23, 2018**.
 - **Dhanvir** and 100 meter hurdles gold medalist **Aparna Roy** were declared as **‘best athletes’** of the meet.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- A book titled “Gandhi: The years that changed the world (1914-1948)” has been written **Ramachandra Guha**. This book will be released in September 2018.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **India on July 26** celebrated the **19th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas** to mark

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the success of '**Operation Vijay**' and to remember the supreme sacrifice of the Indian soldiers who lost their lives during the 1999 India-Pakistan Kargil War.

- Armed Forces personnel and families of soldiers who lost their lives in 1999 Kargil War paid their tributes at the Dras War Memorial in Jammu and Kashmir to commemorate the historic win. **Operation Safed Sagar** was successfully launched by **Indian Air Force** during Kargil war.


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