

- A historic 3:2 majority judgment, delivered by a multi-faith Constitution Bench, set aside instant talaq as a “manifestly arbitrary” practice not protected by Article 25 (freedom of religion) of the Constitution. On the five-judge Bench, Justices Kurian Joseph and Rohinton Fali Nariman gave separate judgments against the validity of instant talaq. Justice U.U. Lalit supported Justice Nariman’s view that instant talaq given by a Muslim man “capriciously and whimsically,” without an attempt at reconciliation, was “manifestly arbitrary and violative of Article 14 (right to equality).”
- The Haryana government said that its revenue department has rolled out a cloud-based centralized online system ‘Web-HALRIS’ to manage property registration and land records in the State.

- Expressing displeasure over the way in which the Karnataka government has handled the rejuvenation of Bellandur lake, the National Green Tribunal has given the authorities 10 days to provide a concrete action plan to save the lake.
- Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu will lay foundation stone for Ranchi smart city on September 9. The Vice-President has accepted the invitation extended by Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das in New Delhi.
- Former Manipur Chief Minister and a member of the first Lok Sabha Rishang Keishing passed away following a brief illness. The veteran Congress leader was 96. He served as the Chief Minister of Manipur from 1980 to 1988 and from 1994 to 1997.
- President Donald Trump, announced his new Afghan strategy linked a proposal for India playing a bigger role in the war-torn country to its trade surplus with the United States. India is the ninth biggest trading partner of the U.S. and India had a trade surplus of

around \$26 billion with the U.S. in goods trade alone last year.

- U.S. Defence Secretary Jim Mattis said that he is confident that U.S.- backed Iraqi forces will finish off the Islamic State (IS) militants clinging to strongholds that are shrinking in size and number.

- The Maldivian military locked down the nation’s Parliament in what Opposition lawmakers said was an attempt to block a motion to impeach the Speaker of the House.
- Infosys co-chairman Ravi Venkatesan met Finance Minister Arun Jaitley amid the uncertainty surrounding the company following the sudden resignation of its CEO Vishal Sikka.
- India has granted Pfizer Inc. a patent for its powerful pneumonia vaccine Prevenar 13, in a blow to some health groups that said this would put the treatment out of reach of thousands in poorer nations.
- New Zealand’s oldest cricketer Tom Pritchard passed away. He was 100. Pritchard claimed 818 wickets at 23.30 across 200 First Class games, including 695 during a decade of service at Edgbaston.
- The next version of Google’s mobile operating system ‘Android Oreo’ is out in the U.S. ‘Android Oreo’ features a new picture-in-picture mode and improvements to Bluetooth audio playback.
- Brian Aldiss, one of the most prolific and influential science fiction writers of the 20th century, has died aged 92.