

- Former Chief Minister O. Panneerselvam was on Monday sworn in as Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu after he merged his AIADMK (Puratchi Thalaivi Amma) with Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami's AIADMK (Amma) faction. The unified AIADMK now enjoys the support of 117 MLAs, including the Speaker, in the 233-member House.
- West Bengal Board of Secondary Education is in the process of including the 'Kanyashree' project of the Mamata Banerjee government in the curriculum.

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- Retired civil servant and information adviser to former Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao, P. V. R. K. Prasad passed away.
- Colonel Amar Bahadur Singh, a close associate of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, died at his ancestral village Sirsa in Uttar Pradesh. He was 102. He joined the British Indian Army in 1933, had served the Azad Hind Fauj after he met Netaji.
- President Ram Nath Kovind awarded the Presidential Colours to Ladakh Scouts, and reminded the troops of their pledge to protect the sovereignty of the nation at any cost. **Note:** The Ladakh Scouts, or "Snow Warriors", is a regiment of the Army stationed in Ladakh and serves as the first line of border defence.
- Modi and BJP president Amit Shah met Chief Ministers and Deputy Chief Ministers of BJP-ruled States for a quarterly review of Central schemes in these States. They also discussed a plan to undertake a "Sushasan Yatra" (good governance march) in the runup to the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. "The 'Sushasan Yatra' will highlight the 17 welfare and development schemes of the Central government.
- Ruias-led Essar Group has concluded a \$12.9 billion deal to sell its cash-rich Essar Oil to Rosneft and the consortium of Trafigura and UCP, but Indian lenders can get only ₹4,000 crore out of the ₹86,000 crore deal. "Indian lenders, including LIC, with other insurance

companies and banks, will get ₹4,000 crores from this deal," said Essar Capital director Prashant Ruia. According to Mr. Ruia, this is the single largest ever de-leveraging exercise undertaken in Indian corporate history as the deal will bring down Essar Group's debt by 50%.

- Rosneft, along with the consortium of Trafigura and UCP, the new promoters of Essar Oil, plans to double the refining capacity of Essar Oil to 40 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) in phases and almost double the retail outlets to 6,000.
- The United States won the Solheim Cup thwarting Europe's comeback bid to triumph 16-1/2 to 11-1/2 in the women's match play showdown at the at Des Moines Golf and Country Club in Iowa.

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- Wimbledon champion Garbine Muguruza humbled second-ranked Simona Halep 6-1, 6-0 in final of the ATP & WTA Western & Southern Open, denying the Romanian the world No. 1 spot in the process. Meanwhile in the men's section, Bulgaria's 11th ranked Grigor Dimitrov captured his seventh career ATP title and third of the year, defeating Australia's Nick Kyrgios 6-3, 7-5 in the summit clash.
- Former India left-arm spinner Sunil Joshi has been recruited by the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) as the team's spin bowling consultant for the Test series against Australia.
- Rafael Nadal was confirmed as the World No.1 for the first time in three years in the latest ATP rankings released.