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President of India inaugurates world Hindi secretariat in Mauritius

- ❖ The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the World Hindi Secretariat building on March 13, 2018 on the third day of his visit to Mauritius. He also launched the World Hindi Secretariat's logo and a large ENT hospital being built with Indian assistance. The President noted that the 11th World Hindi Conference is going to be held in Mauritius in August 2018. Apart from India, Mauritius is the only country where this conference is being hosted for a third time. Points to Remember: Mauritius, officially the Republic of Mauritius is an island nation in the Indian Ocean. Ameenah Gurib is the President of Mauritius while Pravind Jugnauth is the Prime Minister. Port Louis is the capital of Mauritius while Rupee is its currency.

Regional Conference on Mass Rapid Transport Systems for Urban Areas

- ❖ The first regional conference on 'Mass Rapid Transport System (MRTS) for Urban Areas – Opportunities and Challenges' was organized in Kolkata. The conference was jointly organized by Ministry of Finance, AIIB, ASSOCHAM and Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS).

US tops global arms exporter list, India leads importers

- ❖ The United States was the world's biggest arms exporter in the past five years, while India imported the most weapons, according to a new Stockholm International Peace Research Institute report. The SIPRI report revealed that the U.S. accounted for 34 percent of global major arms exports in 2013-2017. India topped the list of arms importers, followed by Saudi Arabia, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates and China.

Bidya Devi Bhandari relected as Nepal President

- ❖ Nepal's first woman president Bidya Devi Bhandari has been relected for a second term in office. Incumbent President Bhandari defeated Nepali Congress leader Kumari Laxmi Rai with an overwhelming majority in the presidential election. She became Nepal's first woman president in 2015.

Tata Motors and IOC commence trials of India's first hydrogen bus

- ❖ Tata Motors and Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) have begun the country's first demonstration trials for a hydrogen fuel cell bus. The demonstration event was held in the presence of Dr R Chidambaram, principal scientific adviser to the government of India and the chairman and board members of Indian Oil. The project is being executed under partial financial support from the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) and Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).

Home Minister to inaugurate International Police Conference on Cybercrime & Terrorism

- ❖ The Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh will inaugurate the two-day Asia-Pacific Regional Conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) in New Delhi. The theme is "Challenges to Policing in 2020- How is Cyber Space shaping our approach to Cybercrime & Terrorism, how do we perform within it and take advantage of it". The regional conference is being organised by the Asia-Pacific World Regional Office (APWRO) of the IACP in partnership with the Intelligence Bureau. The Director, Intelligence Bureau, as the Chair of APWRO, is the host of the Conference. The phenomenal growth and influence of Cyber space and Cyber technology have opened new challenges in the field of policing in recent times. The Conference is mainly focused on holding discussions about the growing interest of various terrorist/ organized groups and radical elements in exploiting the Cyberspace and its advanced technologies for their various heinous crimes and nefarious designs.

Gina Haspel to become CIA's first woman chief

- ❖ U.S. President Donald Trump has chosen Gina Haspel for the position of CIA Director. She will replace Mike Pompeo. Ms. Haspel, the agency's current Deputy Director, will become its first woman chief. She is a career spymaster who once ran an agency prison in Thailand.

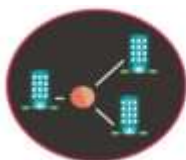
Sebastian Pinera sworn in as Chile's president

- ❖ Businessman-turned politician Sebastian Pinera was sworn in as Chile's president, beginning what will be his second term in office after a four-year absence. Pinera, 68, was re-elected in last November elections, promising to lower taxes and boost investment, and will serve until 2022. According to Forbes magazine, Pinera is the fourth wealthiest man in Chile. Points to Remember Chile, officially the Republic of Chile is a South American country. Sebastian Pinera is the President of Chile. Santiago is the capital of Chile while Peso is its currency.

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