Andhra Pradesh will become First “Open Defaction Free” State to make 100% free from Open Defaction by October 2.

Real Estate Act comes into force with effect from 1st May after 8 year long efforts to make operational Rules, Setting up regulatory authorities and Appellate tribunals.

Border Security Force (BSF) to set up the tallest national flag (356 feet) near Attari-Wagah Joint Check Post famously known as the Wagah border.

The world largest telescope called Thirty Metre Telescope (TMT) project will be set up at Hanle in Ladakh.

Odisha Skill Development Authority becomes operational from May 1 announced by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik

Madhya Pradesh High Court terms reservation in promotions in the State as unconstitutional. It reserve 16% posts for scheduled castes and 20% for scheduled tribes

Union gov launched an initiative named MICE (meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions) for the upgradation of tourism sector in India

Rajya Sabha approved an amendment to the mining law that allows Transfer of captive mines in cases of mergers and acquisitions said by Mines minister Narendra Singh Tomar

Lok Sabha passed Compensatory Afforestation Fund bill, 2015 to create special funds like National Compensatory Afforestation Fund and also a State Compensatory Afforestation Fund.

Lok Sabha passes Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code Bill, 2016 that will help improve India’s ranking in the World Bank’s ‘Ease of Doing Business’ index.

India is the third largest online market with 1.3 million learners Out of Coursera’s 18 million registered learners, First US followed by China report by Coursera

Bengaluru emerged as the top city in India, followed by Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Hyderabad.

DRDO’s laboratory Defence Institute of Physiology and Allied Sciences (DIPAS) in collaboration with Department of AYUSH organised a training program on Yoga for the Defence Wing Staff.

PM Narendra Modi officially approved the adoption of UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics to formulates the data collection process.

Fundamental Features:

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik declared to increase by 500 to 600 for amendment to the Gram Panchayat Act

Lok Sabha approved the Finance Bill 2016. Bill retaining the contentious 1% excise duty on non-silver jewellery, though only jewellers with more than `12 crore annual turnover will have to pay the duty.

Projects worth Rs. 2446 Crore approved under Namami Gange Programme to improve the facilities of Ghats and crematoria for reduction of pollution load into river Ganga.

Haryana Gov has launched a scheme to grant financial assistance of up to Rs 25 lakh to MSME for registration of patents for products and processes announced by Industries Minister Captain Abhimanyu

Haryana to enact Act to accord statutory status to Sports Council announced by Haryana Health Minister Anil Vij

The single emergency number ‘112’ will be functioning throughout India from January 1, 2017 approved by Telecom Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad
• Union Railways Ministry launched the Bharat Darshan Tourist train for pilgrims to visit and bookings are being done by IRCTC .Rs 830 per day for each person.
• Union Water Resources Minister Uma Bharti launched the first trash skimmer for River Yamuna for skimming of solid waste material and Rs.850 crore rupees approved for the third phase of Yamuna action plan
• Union Gov to provide mobile connectivity in 55,669 villages by 2019 in a phased manner.BharatNet project to connect all 2.50 lakh gramPanchayats
• Gujarat gov announced a government resolution (GR) granting minority status to the Jain community.Poor people among the Jain community can avail of various scholarships, gov welfare schemes as per Article 30 of Indian Constitution.
• Telangana gov to set up a monkey rescue and rehabilitation centre will come up in a large simian population bound Adilabad district of the state, which costs Rs.2.21 crore.
• Union Minister for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Uma Bharti initiated nine projects for rural sanitation projects under Namami Gange Programme for conservation of river Ganga in Jharkhand
• Union Railway Minister Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu sets up directorate to generate funds via advertisements.Special wing will be headed by a Director-NFR-Finance.
• Culture and Tourism Minister Mahesh Sharma released a Commemorative coin of Rs. 100/- and a Circulation coin of Rs. 10/as a part of 475th Birth Anniversary celebrations of Maharana Pratap in New Delhi.
• Gujarat govt is now all set to launch its grid-connected Rooftop Solar Power Project with an aim of scaling up the present solar power generation(50 megawatt) in Gujarat.
• Hindustan Aeronautics Limited(HAL) completed Rs 4.77 crore Kumudvathi river rejuvenation project near Nelamangala in Bengaluru rural district.
• Chhattisgarh gov has relaxed the labour law which will help MSME players to avoid regular inspection from labour department officials.
• The Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Kalraj Mishra inaugurated the Harmukh Khadi Gram Udyog Sansthan-spinning and weaving centre in Srinagar
• Parliament approved the Anti-Hijacking Bill that award death penalty to the criminals in case of death of hostages or security personnel.It will Amend Anti-Hijacking Act, 1982
• Gujarat Government announced its “Agri Business Policy” in order promotes food processing and agriculture waste management during the festival of 2016 Krishi Mahotsav
• Parliament passed the Industries (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2015 with Lok Sabha approving some technical amendments to transfer from the Centre to states the control over industries engaged in the production of potable alcohol.
• Uttararakhand Chief Minister Harish Rawat won the Assembly floor test. It will revoke President’s Rule in the state.
• Uttar Pradesh CM Akhilesh Yadav approved the 200 Km Long bicycle highway from Agra to the Lion Safari in Etawah to promote Eco-Tourism in the surroundings of the Taj Mahal
• Rajya Sabha passed the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016 as it is the biggest economic reform that will make easier to do business.
• Rajya Sabha passed The Indian Trusts (Amendment) Bill 2015. The Amended Indian Trusts bill removes certain outdated clauses from the Indian Trusts Act.
• Banaras Hindu University founded by Madan Mohan Malaviya has completed 100 years of its eventful journey.
• NDA Gov led by Prime Minister decided to liberate of the Nehruvian five year plans and replace the plans with 15 year vision credentials.
  ➢ The first 15-year vision document will start from 2017-18, along with a seven-year National Development Agenda
• Union Cabinet approved the National Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) policy with a view to promoting creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship. This is to create public awareness about the economic, social and cultural benefits of IPRs among all sections of society.
• Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved widening of the crucial UP Gate to Dasna stretch of the Delhi-Meerut Expressway to be made at an estimated cost of Rs 1,984 crore to reduce the traffic congestion in the national capital.

• Supreme Court directed budget airline Spicejet to pay Rs 10 Lakh as damages to a disabled flyer, who was forcibly offloaded disabled Jeeja Ghosh in 2012.

• Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) launched an initiative to enroll left over population for Aadhaar enrolments in four States and Union Territories such as Haryana, Goa, Chandigarh and Puducherry.

• The Supreme Court upholds the validity of the criminal defamation law of the 156-year-old penal laws. The court gave its verdict on a batch of petitions filed that challenging the constitutional validity of sections 499 and 500 of the Indian Penal Code providing for criminal defamation.

• Uttar Pradesh gov set to launch the ‘Dial-100’ across the state on October 2 in Lucknow, Agra, Kanpur, Jhansi and Ghaziabad. The project’s headquarters at Lucknow’s Shaheed Path.

• Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has notified the Haryana Backward Classes (Reservation in Services and Admission in Educational Institutions) Act, 2016 to provide reservation in services and admission in educational institutions to persons belonging to backward classes in the State.

• Indian Postal Department enhanced their services to Hi-tech by geo-tagging the post offices and started to monitor the timely clearance of the letter boxes through a mobile application called BHUVAN.

• Health and Family Welfare Minister JP Nadda laid the foundation stones of three medical colleges at Rajouri in Jammu, Anantnag in south Kashmir and Baramulla in the north Kashmir.

• Union gov approved the Odisha Government’s proposal to set up Kalinganagar National Investment and Manufacturing Zone project as part of Ease of Doing Business in Jajpur district.

• Rajasthan becomes India’s first state to issue newspaper advertisements to select vice-chancellors for state universities.

• Section 144 of Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) of 1973 had been deployed in Chandigarh.

• Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Pattnaik has coined a special scheme named Green Passage for orphan students. This proposed scheme will function under the Higher Education Department.

• Women and Child Development Minister Maneka Gandhi drafted the National Policy for Women 2016 for Women to deal the issues against the Women. National policy on women already framed in 2001 and noting that the policy was come into effect after 15 years.

• Union government has opened a Tatkal window to fast-track patent proposals. Application fees for individuals and start-ups have been kept at Rs 8,000 while for companies, is Rs 60,000.

• Pranab Mukherjee inaugurated an Intelligent Operations Centre and launched a Mobile App ‘Monitor’ for transformation of President’s Estate into a smart township.

• Indigenously developed fecal incontinence management system ‘Qora’ launched by Minister of State for Science & Technology, Shri Y.S.Chowdary in New Delhi. QoraTM technology under DBT’s ownership granted in key markets, including US, EU, Canada, Singapore, Australia, and Japan.

• The union government will launch a hub and spoke model to set up science cities and science centres to support science and technology (S&T) incubators. Five Zones would be operated that each zone should have a science City.

• India’s Red line campaign was launched in February this year to curb over-the-counter use of antibiotics is finding recognition, and could be adopted on a world scale.

• Union Health Minister J P Nadda launched the Centre for Environmental Health to judge the impact of environment-linked health problems like air pollution, climate change, pesticide use and sanitation.

• Odisha gov to build 100 model schools in addition to the existing similar number of schools functioning in in backward areas of the state on a priority basis during 2016-17 fiscal.

• Union Cabinet decided to set aside the Supreme Court’s order on NEET that made a pan Indian common medical entrance test mandatory. National Eligibility cum Entrance Test that outlaws the states to go with their own entrance exams.
• Bihar gov has decided to prohibit the distribution, manufacture, storage, distribution, consumption, transportation, display of any type of ‘gutka’ and pan masala for a period of one year with effect from 21st May 2016 under Section 30 (2) (a) of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

• Himachal Pradesh gov in a bid to prompt the fisheries department asked to make an artificial propagation programme for its rehabilitation and conservation.

• Union Government has formed a six-member Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority under the Companies Act, 2013

• Gujarat Gov announced that totally 6,000 villages in the state becomes open defecation free under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

• Union Minister of State in PMO with IC of North Eastern States and Youth Services and Sports, Dr Jitendra Singh has laid the foundation stone of bridge at Ujh Bridge which costs Rs.44 Cr in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir.

• Minister of Railways Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu inaugurated five new activities
  - New AC Weekly Express train between H. Nizamuddin-Pune
  - Expansion of VIKALP Scheme of Alternate Train Reservation to Delhi-Howrah, Delhi-Chennai, Delhi-Mumbai and Delhi-Secunderabad Circuits,
  - Hand Held Terminals that makes Sale of Unreserved Tickets in Pilot Basis.
  - Launching of Ergonomically Redesigned & Optimised Tools for Track Gangs, Keymen & Patrolmen
  - Improving Safety at Unmanned Level Crossing in pilot basis.

• National Green Tribunal(NGT) banned light and heavy diesel vehicles, which are passed more than 10 years old, in six major cities in Kerala


• Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved National Capital Goods Policy 2016.It is the First ever policy for Capital Goods sector.
  - Increasing production of capital goods from 2,30,000 crore in 2014-15 to Rs.7,50,000 crore in 2025

• The Union Cabinet gives ex-post facto approval to establishment of the National Institute of Technology, Andhra Pradesh under National Institutes of Technology, Science Education and Research (Amendment) Bill, 2016

  - Provisions for children who commit offences in the age group of 16-18 years

• The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities named as ‘Divyangjan’ Sashaktikaran Vibhag in Hindi, after leaving the word ‘viklangjan’ from its previous terminology.

• Gujarat Governor O P Kohli released Gujarat, Diu & Daman and Dadra & Nagar Haveli Volume of the Peoples Linguistic Survey of India Series

• UGC has approved a set of Regulations in its Commission in a meeting to reduce subjectivity” and “government interference” and focus more on quality for deemed Universities.

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  West Bengal:
  i. Mamta banerjee retains the position
  ii. Mamata Banerjee -led TMC is heading for a continuous victory in the Assembly elections
  iii. TMC Won 211 out of 294
Puducherry:

i. Congress and DMK alliance succeed over N.R Congress
ii. Congress alliance made 17 successes out of 30 seats

- Cabinet clears Railway projects worth Rs 11,000 crore.
- Cabinet gives nod to six new IITs; Upgrades Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad to IIT.
- Cabinet gives ex-post facto approval to Amendments in Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950.
- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari launches 20 Nirbhaya buses with safety measures for women.
- Union Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu launched Dial 139 service for RAC and wait-listed tickets to cancel their tickets, Earlier only confirmed ticket holders could cancel their tickets through 139 service and IRCTC website.
- Union Cabinet waived off loans worth over Rs 9,079 crore in a bid to restructure the PSU that owed by Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd (HFCL).
- HRD Minister launches Bharatavani Portal, India’s largest online repository of dictionaries at Lucknow.
- NITI Aayog Launches 500 Tinkering Labs for Schools and 100 Incubation Centres.
- GAIL reconfigures Rs 12,000 crore Jagdishpur-Haldia gas pipeline.
- Union I&B Ministry frames Policy guidelines for Online Central Government advertisements
- Centre approves Rs 4241 cr National Investment and Manufacturing Zone (NIMZ) in Odisha
- Govt approves over Rs 5500 Cr investment to improve infrastructure in six states
- Centre allocated Rs 6000 crore for welfare of people in mining areas
- T.S.R Subramanian Committee for Evolution of a National Education Policy submits report to Ministry of HRD.
- Gujarat CM launches state-wide campaigns against malnutrition
- PM to inaugurate Ujjwala Yojana in Davangere district of Karnataka
- NGT imposes Rs.50 lakh fine on East Coast Railway
- Sushma Swaraj inaugurates six language versions of PMO India website
- PM Narendra Modi to flag off trains to Mizoram, Manipur including Kamakhya-Vaishno Devi Katra weekly train
- EC cancels polls to two Tamil Nadu Assembly seats
- Narayanasamy stakes claim to form government in Puducherry
- Trial Run Of High-Speed Spanish Talgo Train Conducted In India.
- WCD Minister, Smt Maneka Sanjay Gandhi releases Draft ‘Trafficking of Persons (Prevention, Protection and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2016’
- Govt to rename 'Mission Indradhanush', adds four new vaccines to immunisation drive
- Prime Minister approves retirement age of doctors of Central Health Services to 65 years
- Indian Railways, PEC sign MoU to set up Kalpana Chawla Chair on geospatial technology
- Delhi Govt Launches 'DVAT M SEWA’ Mobile App

PLACES IN NEWS

- PM Narendra Modi launched solar powered boats - 11 and distributing 1,000 e-rickshaws to people in Varanasi
- The world largest to be built called Thirty Metre Telescope (TMT) project may be set up at Hanle in Ladakh.
- Telagana CM K. Chandrasekhar Rao performed the Bhoomi Puja for the Kaleshwaram Project to Connect the Godavari River through a series of barrages, reservoirs and enhanced irrigation schemes
- Telangana Gov to set up Spices Park in in Padigal in Nizamabad with investment of Rs. 31 Crore
• Karnataka govt decided to establish the Asia’s first Rice Technology Park at Gangavati in Koppal
district and a Maize Technology Park at Ranebennur in Haveri district.
• Manamadurai-Rameswaram rail track in Tamilnadu to become first green corridor to make rail tracks
discharge free zones
• RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat inaugurated the 3-day Vichaar Mahakum international conference, during
Simhastha Kumbh is underway in Ujjain, MP.
• Indian Railways conduct trials of its first solar panel-powered train which will have its lights & fans
run on solar energy in Jodhpur
• World’s largest single rooftop stretch of 42 acre solar power plant of 11.5 Mw capacity was installed
in Amritsar, Punjab with an Investment of Rs 82 Crore (2012) to Rs. 10,000 Crore
  ➢ Mandalay Bay Resort Convention Centre, Las Vegas in the United States is next biggest solar
photovoltaic power station
• Urban Development Minister Venkaiah Naidu and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal flagged off
the country’s first driverless-metro train was tested on track in New Delhi. The train brought
from South Korea.
• The world’s largest cargo carrier aircraft Antonov An-225 Mriya landed at the Rajiv Gandhi
International airport in Hyderabad.
• India’s first ever Passenger Satisfaction Survey at Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport.
• RTI gets a memorial in Rajasthan.
• Lakshadweep became first Union Territory (UT) to sign “24x7 Power for All” document.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

• Iraq gov has declared a state of emergency after supporters of Shiite Muslim cleric Moqtada al-Sadr
stormed parliament
• A state of emergency declared in the Canadian region of Alberta as firefighters continue to
battle raging wildfires
• Wipro joined with Oil major Saudi Aramco and Princess Nourah University (PNU), inaugurated Saudi
Arabia’s first all women business and technology park (WBP) in Riyadh.
• Rich tributes were poured to former defence minister and India’s first high commissioner to the UK V
K Krishna Menon on his 120th Birth Anniversary in London.
• Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors from Japan, China, South Korea and the Association
of South East Asian Nations are agreed on the requisite to address downside risks to global economic
improvement in Frankfurt, Germany
• Zimbabwe’s central bank to introduce its own version of US dollars Known as bond notes in order to
ease a cash shortage in the country.
• The festival held to mark the 155th birth anniversary of poet laureate Rabindranath Tagore on May 8-
12, Egypt.
• UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon initiated the constitution of the UN Zika Response Multi-Partner
Trust Fund (MPTF) to finance unfunded priorities in the response to the Zika outbreak.
• Greece’s Parliament has approved a bill that would reform the country’s pension and tax systems
to increase social security and pension contributions and raise taxes for most people.
• US President Barack Obama signed into law new import restrictions on Syrian cultural artifacts in a
move to stop the Islamic State’s trade in looted antiquities.
• International Consortium of Investigative Journalists published online detailed data that covers nearly
40 years, from 1977 through the end of 2015
• US India Defence Cooperation Act introduced in Senate to elevate the status of the Indo US
defence relationship on par with that of America’s closest allies like NATO and Israel.
• Bangladesh executed Islamist party Chief MotiurRahman Nizami for convicted criminal during the
1971 war of independence from Pakistan.
• Kenyan government will close World’s biggest refugee camp Dadaab refugee camp for national
security.
President Barack Obama signed to make US bison as its national mammal. It will a symbol for America’s heritage.

The Oxford English Dictionary (OED) added 19 Singaporean terms and 13 Hong Kong terms in its latest update and also includes about 500 new words and phrases from around the world.

International Fund for Agricultural Development an arm of UN Nations will provide grants worth $150 million to India in the next three years to aid the farm sector.

A four minute documentary film ‘Beti’ screened at the 42nd Seattle International Film Festival (SIFF), Washington DC. The short films the only film from India to be featured amongst 421 films representing 85 countries.

The world’s first artificial intelligence lawyer installed by Law Firm Baker Hostetler in the United State and named as ROSS.

Italian Parliament passed legislation legalizing same-sex civil unions, with 372 voting in favour, 51 against and 99 abstaining.

The United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and the European Union launched the #Emergency Lessons campaign on education in countries like Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Slovenia, Slovakia and the United Kingdom.

US House of Representatives gave nod to a bilateral legislative move to strengthen defence ties with India.

First metro line to the sea opens from Los Angeles to Santa Monica marks the return of commuter train service to the sea for the first time since 1950’s.

India, Thailand, Myanmar to be connected with a 1400-km highway which will link India with Southeast Asia by land for the first time in decades.

Indian External Affairs Ministry has banned Indian nationals from travelling to Libya.

Dubai opened the world’s first functioning 3D-printed office building in a bid to enhance Gulf’s main tourism and business development.

Bihar Govt, UNICEF And MDM Join Hand To Curb Malnourishment.

IAF Participation in Ex Desert Eagle–II at UAE

China sign two agreements with Sudan to build nuclear reactor.

FOREIGN VISIT BY GOV OFFICIALS

Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena came to India on a two day itinerary. Sirisena will address the valedictory session at the Vaicharick Mahakumbh.

The Union Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar visits Oman from 20 to 22 May 2016

- Marine Crime Prevention at Sea-Royal Oman Police (Coast Guard) and the Indian Coast Guard
- Maritime Issues-Government of the Sultanate of Oman and the Government of India

Prime Minister first visit to Iran from May 21 – 23

- India and Iran sign 12 bilateral agreements including Chabahar port development
- Iranian President Hassan Rouhani, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi inked a three-way transit agreement on Iran’s southern port of Chabahar
- The Persian service of All India Radio has launched a multimedia website and mobile app launched by PM Modi in Iran.

President Pranab Mukherjee visited China from May 24 – 27 to expand India’s civilian nuclear programme.

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SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

- A six-day long global conference on women empowerment with a theme of Women: Uplifting and Uniting the World.
- Landmark meeting of SAARC Countries on protection of Children held in Delhi. The eight nations (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka) composing the South Asia Initiative to End Violence Against Children (SAIEVAC) are assembled.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries organized a day-long national conference on Gaushalas – cowsheds in New Delhi.
- 49th Annual Meeting of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) held from May 2-5 at Frankfurt, Germany. The Asian Development Outlook 2016 predicts the growth rates to 5.7% each in 2016 and 2017, from 5.9% projected last year.
  - Theme: Asian Economic Outlook – 2016
- 16th edition of the Airport Show with participation of more than 300 companies from 55 countries including India held in Dubai from May 9 to 11 at the Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Centre.
- International Buddhist conference held in Nepal to remember the 2560th Buddha Birthday Anniversary.
  - Theme: Lumbini, Nepal: the birth place of Lord Buddha and the fountain of Buddhism and world peace
- Beijing-New Delhi Yoga Conference opens in China.
  - Chinese yoga practitioners gathered in large numbers over 1,000 for a group performance in Kunming.
  - The five day conference to be held between May 18 and 22
- First World Conference on Tourism for development to promote the tourism in lifting people out of Poverty and Building peace held in Beijing, China from 18 to 21 May 2016
  - Theme: “Tourism for Peace and Development”
- ALL Ladies League (ALL) organised the Women Economic Forum (WEF) from May 16-21, 2016 in New Delhi, India
  - Theme: “Women: Uplifting and Uniting the World”
- G7 finance summit begins at Sendai in Japan to give fillip for balancing the growth of the global economy amid the slowing down of the Chinese economy and those of other emerging countries.
- UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon inaugurated the first world humanitarian summit in Istanbul, Turkey. The United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) announced the launch of a new fund ‘Education Cannot Wait’ fund - $3.85 billion over five years.
- 42nd G7 summit held in Japan & Obama makes historic visit to Hiroshima.

RANKINGS & REPORTS

- India ranks at third position after the United States and China in the category of Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index reported by EY.
- Registrar General and Census Commissioner released the Census Data 2011 on Households by religion, sex of head of household and household size.

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‘Protecting People through Nature’ was released by World Wildlife Fund as main title and ‘Natural World Heritage sites as Drivers of sustainable Development’ as Sub title. 96 countries, around 229 natural and mixed World heritage sites including Western Ghats facing Threats.

75 million children in desperate need of education support – UNICEF Report

According to MIAL’s data Mumbai’s international airport The Chhatrapati Shivaji International airport four times more assemblages than other airports.

To End AIDS Epidemic By 2030 needed more funding and leadership UN report released by U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki Moon. Being tackled the epidemic has been ‘inspiring,’ with a 42% decline in AIDS-related deaths since a peak in 2004. Report shows that urgent action is needed to end the AIDS epidemic by 2030.

WHO report - Two out of top 5 world’s most polluted cities in India, Delhi ranks 11th. Gwalior – 2nd and Allahabad – 3rd. The dirtiest air was recorded at Zabol in Iran.

United Nations released World Cities Report 2016 – Urbanisation and Development: Emerging Futures’ report. India is planned to add 300 million new urban residents by 2050.

- China, India and Brazil have become major sites for business investment, presenting global companies with unprecedented opportunities for research and development.

Most Iconic wonders of the world, The Taj Mahal has been surveyed as top five tourist spots in the world and Second in Asia by Travel Planning and Booking site TRIP advisor.

- Machu Picchu in Peru- 1st and Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque in Abu Dhabi – 2nd

World Health Statistics 2016: Monitoring Health for the Sustainable Development Goala report by World Health Organization. Global life expectancy for children born in 2015 was 71.4 years (73.8 years for females and 69.1 years for males). Healthy life expectancy – 63.1 years globally (64.6 years for females and 61.5 years for males).

- Highest Life Expectancy – 86.6 years – Women in Japan
- Highest Life Expectancy – 81.3 years – Men in Switzerland
- Lowest Life Expectancy – 50.8 years – Women in Sierra Leone
- Lowest Life Expectancy – 49.3 years – Men in Sierra Leone

Maharashtra’s cultural capital Pune followed by Jaipur has emerged as the best five star hotels destination in 2015.

- World Top 5- Florence (Italy), Tokyo, London, New York and Venice (Italy)

According to the UN environment report over 40 million people in India will be put at risk from rising sea levels by 2050. Mumbai and Kolkata having the maximum exposure to coastal flooding in future due to rapid urbanisation and economic growth.

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IIM-A, IIM-B climb 57th positions and 67th positions on Financial Terms Executive Education rankings. IIM-B top ranked among Indian B Schools.

India has secured ninth position in the 2016 Foreign Direct Investment Confidence Index. Top 3 – 1. US, China; 2. Canada and 3. Germany.

India is ranked at ninth position in crony-capitalism with crony sector wealth accounting for 3.4 per cent of the gross domestic product (GDP) by Forbes.

- Top 3: Russia, Malaysia and Philippines
- Germany is the cleanest with least number of crony capitalists.
Report by OECD - India ranks fifth position in the exports of Fake goods globally, while China is No. 1 in the list followed by Turkey and Singapore.

- India becomes 5th largest producer of e-waste in world: ASSOCHAM-KPMG study.
- India among top 10 steel importers in 2015: WSA.
- Indian economy may see 7.8% growth in FY17: Credit Suisse
- Indian economy to grow 7.7% in FY17: FICCI Survey
- India tops global slavery index with 18.35 million people enslaved
- India climbs to 41st slot on competitiveness ranking

**BANKING & FINANCE**

- Employers Provident Fund Organisation has launched One Employee One EPF Account system on labour's day (May 1) and also launched a software named EPFO-E-samkisha launched for centralized processing that will transfer and consolidate accounts with ease.
- Mobile payments major Paytm joined hands with Wipro Ltd to create the requisite technology infrastructure for its payment bank.
- National Stock Exchange launched a trading platform for small and medium enterprises (SMEs). This is the first dedicated exchange for micro SMEs. This is a joint initiative of NSE and Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).
- The International Monetary Fund is forecasted constant growth for India at 7.5%. The growth was driven by Private consumption, Weak Exports and Sluggish credit growth weight on the Indian Economy.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank has opened IFSC Banking unit at Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT) City.
- Banking sector has increased the number of wilful defaulters of PSBs from 5,554 to 7,686 in three years said by Minister of state for finance Jayant Sinha.
- MCB Capital Markets introduces World’s first Exchange Traded Fund focused on India’s sovereign bonds with a typical maturity between 8 and 13 years.
- Union Gov approved the MoU between Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Central Bank of United Arab Emirates (UAE) on co-operation concerning currency swap agreement.
- NASSCOM has signed a MoU with Facebook to build a product design initiative to help young entrepreneurs into becoming problem solvers and solution builders.
- Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) may be converted into a Green Bank to enable it to access funding from overseas banks. This will be supported by the Union Power Ministry as this conversion would pave the way to avail of certain benefits.
- ICICI Bank is the first financial institution in the country to tie up with the BRICS Grouping promoted New Development Bank to create a platform for sharing knowledge and deepening network connectivity between NDB and ICICI Bank.
- Federal Bank joined with Transfast Remittance LLC for facilitating online inward remittance to India in Rupees for their NRI customers based in USA.
- Central Bank of Europe is mulling to decide the fate of the 500-euro banknote at the end of 2018, as these denominations associated with money laundering, the black market and terrorist financing.
- Asian Development Bank raise granting India to USD 3 billion to enhance its lending to India to USD 3 billion this year to support ‘robust growth’ in the country.
- IDBI Bank decided to open an international banking unit (IBU) at the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) in Gandhinagar.
- Securities market regulator SEBI has gave in-principle approval to YES Bank for it to act as custodian of securities.
India’s largest urban co-operative bank Saraswat has donated of Rs one crore towards relief work drought conditions in various parts of Maharashtra. Vice Chairman Gautam E Thakur handed over a cheque of Rs 50 lakh to Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis.

The banks in Telangana state will provide 6000 crore rupees loans to the poor under Mudra Yojana said by Union Labour Minister Bandaru dattatrey.

South Indian Bank has tied-up with National Australia Bank (NAB) for online inward remittance from Australia at competitive rates.

- RBI releases draft norms for universal bank licences on tap
  Allowing individuals with 10 years of experience in banking and finance to apply for a licence with successful track record for at least 10 years are eligible to apply for a licence. The initial minimum paid-up voting equity capital required is Rs.500 crore.

- RBI is mulling to issue banknotes of 1000 rupees denominations with inset letter ‘R’ in both the number panels. It will also have the year of printing 2016 printed on the reverse side.

- ICICI in association with Jet Airways launched the country’s first ‘contactless’ credit cards for small and mid-sized enterprises and their employees

- RBI has directed that entities from Pakistan, China, Bangladesh and four other regions including Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Iran and Hong Kong or Macau will require its prior approval to establish branch office or project office in India

- SEBI is likely to tighten the norms for participatory notes (P-Notes) to curb round-tripping and restrict money laundering to follow recommendations made by Special Investigation Team on black money. Bringing P-Notes under know-your-customer and anti-money laundering norms.

- New Delhi based non-profit Economics think tank NCAER projected India’s economic growth rate to grow marginally to 7.7 percent in 2016-17.

- Finance Minister Arun Jaitley announced that the Income Declaration Scheme 2016 will remain functioning till September 30 for filing of Declarations and Payments.

- RBI authorises 29 agency banks to accept payments of I-T dues, sufficiently in advance of the due date to avoid last minute rush.

- IDFC Bank launched Twitter campaign dubbed #IDFCTwitterResume which will help in applying for a new job as simple as sending out a tweet.

- DBS Bank decided to set up its biggest technology hub outside its headquarters in Hyderabad. Mohit Kapoor as the head of its Technology Development Centre in Hyderabad.

- Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) is to shut its banking operations in India having given up on efforts to find a buyer as the planned to reduce its international operations to 13 countries from the current 38.

- State Bank of India has planned to merge its five associate banks and also to merge Bharatiya Mahila Bank.

- Nepal SBI Bank has launched payment gateway to facilitate online trade and non-trade transactions between the Himalayan nation and India. The lender handed over a cheque for Rs 5.21 crore to Nepal Prime Minister K P Oli for PM Natural Disaster Relief Fund.

- Punjab National Bank (PNB) reported a net loss of Rs 5,370 crore in the March quarter, the biggest ever quarterly loss in India’s bank history.

- Honda Motors Scooter India (HMSI) has partnered with IndusInd Bank to cater retail finance to buyers.

- Nomura financial Services Company has wholly withdrawn its mutual fund joint venture with LIC of India. LIC holds a 45 per cent stake and LIC Housing Finance a 20 per cent stake in the venture.

- World Bank announced Pandemic Insurance plan to organize funds quickly against virulent disease outbreaks
  - Under the programme the 77 least developed countries will be covered by the insurance
  - Bank is setting up separate emergency “Cash Window” and other outbreaks not covered

- Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) Holdings will shut half the number of branch in India to 26 from the present 50 and keeping focus on retail banking over digital channels.

- India signs loan agreement with World Bank for IBRD loan of US$ 100 million for ‘Karnataka Urban Water Supply Modernization project’. Four key components such as (i) Capital Investment Program
(ii) Institution Building (iii) Technical Assistance for Sector Development and (iv) Project Management.

- India Posts payments bank will start functioning from March 2017 announced by IT & Communications Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad.
- Gov has approved the revision in guidelines of the Performance in Credit Rating Scheme to increase its credibility and effectiveness for both borrowers and banks.

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- Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs headed by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi granted ex-post facto approval to the proposal of Yes Bank for scale up in the foreign investment limit to 74% from the present foreign equity limit of 41.87%.
- Islamic Development Bank to open its first branch at Ahmedabad.
- EPFO doubles insurance for subscribers to Rs 6 lakh.
- Union Bank of India launches e-SBTR to facilitate stamp duty and registration on property purchases.
- Coverfox announces tie up with Oriental Insurance Company.
- HDFC among world's top 10 consumer financial services firms.
- India’s growth to rise to 8 percent in FY2019: Fitch.
- Tea Board has designated Bank of India as the new settlement bank for PanIndia E-auction from sale number 25.

**BUSINESS**

- Bharti Airtel Business and GBI entered into a strategic partnership to increase Airtel’s direct reach to many new countries in the Middle East.
- Zone Startups to launch empower to support women entrepreneurs who are building technology ventures.
- Apollo Hospitals has signed a MoU with William Osler Health System aims to positively impact the health and wellness of the patients.
- Australian entrepreneur Craig Wright has publicly identified himself as Bitcoin creator Satoshi Nakamoto.
- American Online cab aggregator Uber and china’s e-commerce giant Alibaba Group has announced a global partnership for payment platform Alipay.
- IT major Mphasis and Tone Tag a sound-based proximity communication company entered into a strategic partnership to provide a range of digital banking solutions for the banking and retail industries.
- Capgemini jointly with Nasscom has launched their digital literacy centre at the Helen Keller Institute of Deaf and Deaf & blind dedicated to training individuals in Digital Literacy in Panvel and surrounding areas of Navi Mumbai.
- Reliance power is all set to setup a 3,000 MW LNG-based power plant in Bangladesh. The first Phase of 750MW gas-based power plant established at Meghnaghat near Dhaka.
- Union government has approved the proposal of Infosys to set up an IT/ITeS special economic zone in Bengaluru.
- Flipkart launch its Maps service with Social Technology Lab by Dr. Ashwin Mahesh MapUnity. MapUnity started TechNagara social network for Smart Cities mission.
- Snapdeal in collaboration with UrbanClap inventory in its Android mobile app to launch a personal services category to help consumer’s book services ranging from beauty services at home to wedding photographers.
- Gov has started the process for issuance of Unique Business Identification Number (UBIN) to facilitate potential entrepreneurs set up their business without any delays
- National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority(NPPA) fixed the ceiling price of 54 drug formulations used for treatment of cancer and other diseases it also fixed the retail price of 11 drugs.
- National Aluminium Company(NALCO) signed an MoU with Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Mumbai, for research and development cooperation in the fields of mutual interest.
- FPL partnered with America based Nokero Solar Equipment maker to launch off-grid solar products and soon plans to manufacture in India.
- ASSOCHAM Reported that Indian e-commerce sector growth triples or grew by 209% past 5 years
- Tata Trusts and Nudge Foundation entered into a strategic partnership to help alleviate poverty through product innovation and capacity building
- NTPC signed a joint venture agreement with state-owned miner Coal India to revive plants of the Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCIL).
- Ola signed a MoU with National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC) to focus on building a sustainable framework by supporting entrepreneurship, skill development training and self-defence courses for Safai Karamcharis and Scavengers.
- Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board and Solar Energy Corporation of India signed a pact to form a 50:50 Joint Venture for implementation of solar power projects in the state.
- Tech giant Apple has opened a new development center in Hyderabad which will focus on development of Maps for iPhone, iPad, Mac and Apple Watch.
- Microsoft’s Finland mobile maker’s Nokia mobile device business, has decided to sell branding rights to Finnish firm HMD Global and contract manufacturer Foxconn for the next 10 years.
- Apollo Health and Lifestyle is planning to raise $135 million from World Bank arm International Finance Corporation (IFC).This includes equity investment of around $68 million.
- BHEL bagged order worth of Rs 1,600-crore from a joint venture company of NTPC and SAIL to set up a coal-based thermal power project in Odisha.
- Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) announced the commissioning of a 600 MW coal-based thermal power plant in Madhya Pradesh.
- BHEL has commissioned 500 MW thermal power unit at Bokaro Thermal Power-A Station of Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) in Jharkhand.
- Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd has commissioned the first 800 MW supercritical thermal unit in Raichur, Karnataka.
- Bharat Heavy Electricals successfully commissioned 250 MW thermal unit in Maharashtra.
- Aditya Birla Fashion enters into binding MoU with Forever 21.
- Mahindra inks brand licence agreement with Pininfarina.

**AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS**

- Indian Artist Anjali Chandrashekar won award at UN poster contest on N-Disarmament and appreciated by UN Secretary General, Ban Ki-moon.First Prize won by Ivan Ciro Palomino Huamani from Peru for his ‘Spinning Peace’
- Former ISRO scientist and Professor Udupi Ramachandra Rao will be honoured with the 2016 IAF Hall of Fame Award by the International Astronautical Federations for his immense contribution to the progress of astronautics.
- Kerala has been awarded the best family destination in the country in the Lonely Planet Magazine India Travel Awards 2016.
• Uday Kotak added in the Forbes’ list of 40 of the most powerful people in the financial world as an Indian. He ranked 33rd. Blackstone Group’s CEO Stephen Schwarzman on the top. PMorgan Chase CEO Jamie Dimon on the third rank.
• Indian-American journalist Neela Banerjee and Terrence McCoy were awarded by US President Barack Obama and the First Lady Michelle and her colleagues were awarded with a prestigious award Edgar A Poe award and Misha Euceph, a Pakistani radio journalist from Rawalpindi selected for WHCA annual scholarship.
• Indian Born scientists Sriram Ramaswamy, Ramanujan Hegde and Lakshminarayanan Mahadevan are listed in the fifty scientists elected as Fellows of the Royal Society.
• 63rd National Film Awards presented by President Pranab Mukherjee

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• President of India, Pranab Mukherjee honored the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the Federation of Indian Export Organizations (FIEO) and presented the Niryat Shree and Niryat Bandhu Awards(52). Niryat Bandhu Awards: Canara Bank – Gold, Bank of India – Silver and Punjab National Bank – Bronze.
• Maharashtr’a’s businessman-politician Pankaj Parakh called The Man With The Golden Shirt has secured a place in the Guinness World Records (GWR).
• Andhra Pradesh agriculture project developed by The Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC) wins international information prize. International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Secretary-General Houlin Zhao announced the prize in Geneva.
• Thirty seven Indian researchers shared among Special Breakthrough Prize for LIGO - for the detection of Gravitational waves.
• India Author Prashar Kulkarni won the Commonwealth Short Story Prize – 2016, for the Asia region for his politically grounded fiction Cow and Company
• Benin’s Grammy Award winner Angelique Kidjo along with: Three African youth activist Y’en a marre, Le Balai Citoyen and Lucha wins human rights award
• Corporation Bank awarded with Excellence Award on Empowering MSMEs 2016. Bank MD and CEO Jai Kumar Garg received the award from Kalraj Mishra, Union Minister for MSMEs, in New Delhi.
• Bollywood director Yash Chopra has been honoured with a special statue at the heart of Interlaken, inside the Kursaal area by the Swiss government
• SMS-based Vehicle Monitoring System of Nagaland police bagged the National Award for Smart Policing instituted by Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).
• BAFTA TV Awards 2016

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• Madhya Pradesh Tourism received the Best Indian Destination for Wildlife award by the Lonely Planet Group
• Indian scientist Manvendra K Singh has been awarded a grant of SGD 3 million by National Research Foundation to research in congenital and adult cardiovascular diseases.
• Indian Born American woman Elementary teacher Revathi Balakrishnan honoured with Texas Elementary Teacher of the Year by US President Barack Obama for her contribution work in the Education.
• Bollywood actress Priyanka Chopra been recently named in the list of 10 Millennial Leaders around the Globe. Malala Yousafzai, Kim Jong Un, Mark Zuckerberg, Prince William, Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen, Rafael Nadal, Sonita Alizadeh and Mhairi Black are also included in this list.
• American mission in India won the prominent Greening Diplomacy Initiative Award of the US State Department for its innovative approach to greening throughout the country. The award was presented on Earth Day.
• Four Indian peace keepers Shubhkaran Yadav, Manish Malik, Havildar Amal Deka, Rakesh Kumar and a civilian Gagan Punjabi honored with Dag Hammarskjold Medal
• IIT-Kharagpur’s PhD student Nandini Bhandaru bagged the European Materials Research Society’s Young Scientist Award for her contribution to materials science.
• South Korean Novelist Han Kang has been awarded with the Man Booker International Prize for his Novel “The Vegetarian”.
• India American Scientist Rakesh K Jain honored with US Prestigious “National Medal of Science” from the US President Obama for his contribution towards Engineering field.

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• Indian-American Syamantak Payra won the prestigious Intel Foundation Young Scientist Award for developing a low-cost electronically-aided knee brace that enables a person with a weakened leg to walk.
• Eminent Harry Potter Series Author JK Rowling honored with the highest French civilian honour French Legion of Honour.
• Indian born American biotechnologist Rupa Iyer honored with University of Houston’s highest teaching award for her continuous and significant contributions to education in United States.
• US President Barack Obama honored an Indian – American scientist named Rakesh K Jain and a Pakistani – American doctor named Humayun with the nation’s top honoured with National Medals of Science and National Medals of Technology and Innovation.
• Chemical Heritage Foundation honored the Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) Chairman and Managing Director Mukesh Ambani with prestigious Othmer Gold Medal for his entrepreneurial leadership.
• US-based Nepali Lhakpa Sherpa climbed Mount Everest for the seventh time, breaking her own record for the most summits of the world’s highest mountain by any woman.
• India-Pakistan school Students Exchange Program to shared the history of the two neighbours before Partition gets innovation award. It is organised by City-based NGO ‘Routes 2 Roots’.
• Sikkim Chief Minister Pawan Chamling was honoured with ‘Yug Kavi Siddhicharan Award’ by the Nepal Prime Minister K P Sharma.
• British director Ken Loach has won his second Palme D’Or at the 69th Cannes film festival for best picture.

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| Best Director  | Olivier Assayas            | Personal Shopper” & Cristian Mungiu, “Graduation”.
| Best Screenplay| Asghar Farhadi             | The Salesman                              |
| Camera d’Or    | Houda Benyamina            | Divines                                   |
| Queer Palm (Feature) | Sébastien Lifshitz        | Les Vies de Thérèse.                    |
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Queer Palm (Short) Anna Cazenave-Cambet. Gabber Lover.

- 31,697 people sets a Guinness World Records for mass plaza dancing in multiple location in China
- US hailed biochemical engineer Frances Arnold is the first woman in its 12-year history to win a $1.1 million international technology prize for her innovative work, a method of creating specific traits in enzymes.
- Indian-American Rishi Nair wins 28th annual National Geographic Bee Competition
- Sunil Bharti Mittal receives this year's Harvard Alumni award
- Pakke Tiger Reserve of Arunachal Pradesh bags biodiversity award.
- Telangana survey enters Limca Book
- Indian author Aditi Krishna kumar won Scholastic Asian Book Award
- Indian-American Scientist Arnab De Wins Springer Theses Award
- President of India Presents Malti Gyan Peeth Puraskars
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s mother Heeraben was presented with the Nari Jagran Samman –2016 award by the Nari Jagran magazine in Varanasi.
- AR Rahman conferred with Japan’s Fukuoka prize 2016
- Virat Kohli named T20 Player of the year, Ashwin best bowler at Ceat Award event
- Pope Francis Awards Medals to Richard Gere, George Clooney, Salma Hayek

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNS

- Murali Pillai – Singapore parliament from suburban Bukit Batok constituency.
- Harmeet Kaur Dhillon(First Women) – California’s Key Republican Position
- Patricia Espinosa Cantellano - Executive secretary of UNFCCC
- Sadiq Khan - Mayor of London
- Enda Kenny - Prime minister of Ireland
- Michel Temer - Brazil president
- Tsai Ing-wen - President of Taiwan
- Philip Abraham - Deputy Mayor of Loughton in U.K.
- Rodrigo Duterte - Presidential Election in the Philippines
- Manjit Singh – Member of US President’s Advisory Council
- Mary Robinson, Macharia Kamau - Special envoys for El Nino, climat
- Fatma Samoura - FIFA’s first Female Secretary General
- Markus Kattner(Dismissed) - FIFA’s acting Secretary General
- Jayalalithaa- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister
- Sarbananda Sonowal - Assam Chief Minister
- Pinarayi Vijayan - Kerala Chief Minister
- Kiran Bedi - Lt Governor of Puducherry
- Rakesh Kumar Mishra - Director of the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB).
- S K Saini - commandant of Indian Military Academy (IMA)
- S K Sharma - CMD of NPCIL
- Ratan P Watal - Principle Adviser for social sector in Niti Aayog
- S. Mahalingam - Non-executive chairman of City Union Bank
- Sanjiv Misra - Non-Executive Chairman of Axis Bank
- Ashok Chawla - Chairman of NSE
- Hindupur Pradeep Rao - Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG)
- Radha Binod Barman - Part-time Chairperson of the National Statistical Commission(NSC)
- Sunil Lanba - Chief of Naval Staff
- Sudhir Yadav - Director General (DG) of Tihar.
- Atma Ram Nadkarni - Additional Solicitor General
• Tinlianthang Vaiphei - Tripura High Court
• Deepak Kumar Gupta - Chhattisgarh High Court
• Justice Navin Sinha - Rajasthan High Court
• Ved Prakash Vaish - Meghalaya High Court
• Satish Kumar Agnihotri - Sikkim High Court
• Manzil Saini(First Women) - Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP)
• GC Mitra(Resigned) - Archaeological Survey of India technical core committee chairman
• Sudhakar Rao - Independent Director of USL
• Kumar Rajesh Chandra - Chief of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS).
• Sanjay Kaul - Manager for Apple India operations.
• Dilip Tuli - senior vice president of Housing.Com
• Sameer Chadha - Partner and CEO of KPMG Global Services (KGS)
• Kishore Biyani - Managing Director of Bharti Retail
• Mayank Ashar - Cairn India MD and CEO
• Nitin Prasad – Head of Shell India
• Rajiv Bhalla - MD of Barco India
• Sankaran Naren – Executive Director of ICICI Prudential
• Mrugank Paranjape - MD and CEO of MCX MD & CEO
• Shashank Manohar(Resigned) - President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)
• Shashank Manohar - Chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC)
• Anil Kumble - ICC Cricket Committee Chairman
• Claire Furlong – ICC General Manager
• Anurag Thakur - BCCI president
• Mukul Mudgal - Chairman of FIFA governance committee
• Michel Platini(Resigned) - UEFA President
• Matthew Fleming - Marylebone Cricket Club president.
• Mickey Arthur(South Africa) - Pakistan cricket team’s head coach
• Somnath Ghosh - Ambassador of India to the Republic of Tajikistan
• A V S Ramesh Chandra - High Commissioner of India to Uganda
• Abhinav Bindra, Sachin Tendulkar, A R Rahman - Goodwill ambassador for India’s Rio contingent
• Rohit Sharma - Brand Ambassador for Hublot.
• Brett Lee - brand ambassador for F45.
• Baciro Dja - Guinea Prime Minister
• Mamata Banerjee - Chief Minister of West Bengal.
• Sanjay Bangar - India’s head coach for Zimbabwe tour.
• Choudhury - pro tem Speaker of Assam Assembly
• Sadhguru – leader of yoga session at UN on 2nd Int'l Yoga Day.
• Vice Admiral AR Karve - Southern Naval Command
• A V S Ramesh Chandra - next Ambassador of India to Romania.
• Vice Admiral Girish Luthra - Western Naval Command
• Actor Madhavan - Goodwill ambassador for LEPRA India
• Vinod K Dasari - Managing Director of Ashok Leyland.
• Former Delhi Police commissioner B S Bassi - UPSC member
• Admiral Sunil Lanba - 21st Navy chief

ACQUISITIONS & MERGERS

• Google acquired a Toronto-based business technology start-up Synergyse to scale training offerings for Google Apps to its customers and customers’ users.
• Jaipur-based Girnar Software group’s CarDekho has acquired virtual reality company Volob Technologies in an all-cash deal.
• Alibaba backed E-commerce giant Snapdeal has acquired Targeting Mantra to enhance personalization of shopping experience of customers.
• Cloud telephony company Knowlarity has announced it has acquired Delhi-based customer engagement platform Smartwards to provide enterprise software solutions to small & medium businesses.
• Quikr India has acquired on-demand beauty service provider Salosa, owned by Beawel Tech Pvt.
• New York based global Pharmaceutical Corporation Pfizer Inc will buy California based Anacor Pharmaceuticals in a deal valued at $5.2 billion to increase access to Anacor’s experimental gel for treating eczema.
• Singapore Technologies Telemedia has acquired a 74 per cent stake in Tata Communications’ data centre business in India and Singapore.
• German pharmaceutical and chemical giant Bayer AG has offered to buy U.S. seeds company Monsanto for $62 billion.
• Mahindra & Mahindra has incorporated its agricultural equipment rental services arm Trringo.com as a wholly-owned subsidiary.
• Cabinet approves takeover of Hindustan Steel Works Construction Ltd by NBCC.
• Tech Mahindra buys UK fintech firm in deal valued at more than 112 million pounds.

SCHEMES

• Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu inaugurated an insurance scheme – Chandranna Bima Yojana for the working class people with an initial investment Rs.132 Cr.
  ➢  5 Lakh would be paid if the Insurer worker met with an accidental fatal
  ➢  5 Lakh for Permanent disability and Rs. 3 Lakh for Partial disability
• Prime Minister launched Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana at Ballia to provide 5 crore Cooking gas connections to beneficiaries in three years. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Rs. 8,000 crore scheme to provide 5 crore free LPG connections to Below Poverty Line (BPL) using the money saved from 1.13 crore cooking gas users pledge on “Give it Up” campaign.
• Union Government released the funds(16 Crore 79 Lakh Rupees) under various sections of Swachh Bharat Mission to enhance the quality of Sanitation of Urban areas of Punjab state.
• The Union minister for Rural Development Minister Birender Singh gave his nod to relax the norms in Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana to boost rural road connectivity for landlocked hilly Arunachal Pradesh state.
• Union government has released 9,367 crore to drought-hit States under MGNREGA in 2016-17.
• Union Minister for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Uma Bharti initiated nine projects for rural sanitation projects under Namami Gange Programme for conservation of river Ganga.
• Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik launched the Direct Benefit Transfer scheme for farmers and pledged digging of at least one lakh bore wells to improve irrigation facilities.
• Telugu film actor Mahesh Babu has adopted a village in Andhra Pradesh’s Guntur district village Burripalemunder the Smart Village-Smart Ward programme.
• Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) national president Amit Shah inaugurate the second phase of Pradhan mantri Ujjwala Yojana at Dahod district of Gujarat - Rs 8,000 crore.
• Urban Development Minister M.Venkaiah Naidu launched a 15-day special ‘Swachh Office Drive’ for ensuring cleanliness at all Government offices across the country as an intensive thematic campaign under Swachh Bharat Mission.
• Maharashtra Ex-servicemen’s Corporation launched the Veer Yatra that aims to spice up a vacation with on-locale narratives of real-life dare-devilryand heroism.
• HP Chief Minister launched PEHAL to empower women for Raising Education Standards in Shimla
  ➢  Theme: “Raising Education Standards”
He rejoiced for the identification of 100 primary schools across Shimla for implementing the scheme called ‘PRERNA’.

- Union Health Minister, J P Nadda launches ‘Kayakalp Fortnight’ (20th May to 3rd June, 2016) at AIIMS, New Delhi in order to set protocols for hygiene and sanitation at government health facilities.
- Gujarat CM Anandiben Patel launched Smart Village program in Gandhinagar
  - Government will select 300 villages for Smart Village program that will get 80 lakh to 2 crore rupees cash assistance to improve public facilities in the villages.
- Urban Development Ministry announced 13 cities as Smart Cities
  - 13 Cities: Lucknow, Warangal, Panaji, Dharamsala, Chandigarh, Raipur, New Town Kolkata, Bhagalpur, Port Blair, Ranchi, Agartala and Faridabad
- HRD Ministry is set to launch Shala Asmita Yojana. It would probably be the world’s largest student tracking system for both private and government schools.

**MoUs**

- Odisha gov signed a MoU with Sulabh International Social Service Organisation (SISSO) for construction and maintenance of hybrid toilet complexes in its nine cities.
- Jammu and Kashmir Higher Education Secretary Hemant Kumar Sharma and Director, IIT Delhi Prof. V Ramgopal Rao signed a MoU with Delhi IIT to establish Indian Institute of Technology in the Jammu & Kashmir
- MoU was inked between Department of Posts and United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) in February this year for HeForShe stamp, as Union Cabinet apprised the joint issue of UN Women HeForShe postage stamp.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, approved MoC between Ministry of Women & Child Development (MWCD) and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF).
- Haryana & Punjab Forest Department inked MoU with Ministry of Railways to plant the trees alongside Railway Track on Railway Land Boundary. Signed between Pankaj Saxena, Chief Engineer /P&D, Northern Railway on behalf of Minister of Railways and Dr. (Mrs.) Amrinder Kaur, Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (PCCF) on behalf of Minister of State (IC) for Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the bilateral agreement signed between India and Qatar to seeks active engagement and cooperation in field of IT and Telecom sector.
- Union government has given nod for renewal of agreement between the research institutions of European Union member-countries and India for scientific and technological cooperation for another 5 years.
- National Research Development Corporation (NRDC), under Science Ministry has entered into Licence Agreements with Nabagram Resham Shilpa Unnayan Cooperative Society Ltd of West Bengal and Dariapur Rural Development Society of West Bengal for the commercialization of Ghar Sodhon. This agreement called Ghar Sodhon is to form a room disinfectant for silkworm rearing houses and appliances.
- India and Japan are in close collaboration on several focus areas Science & Technology and also agreed to exchange sportspersons, coaches, experts and administrators to improve the standard of the game in both nations.
- Infosys Foundation signed a pact with Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER., Pune) to pursue ‘high quality’ education for economically weaker section students.
- Ayush ministry will sign a pact with the World Health Organization (WHO) to spread the importance of Ayurveda and Ayush across the world
- India will start imposing capital gains tax on investments routed through Mauritius from April 2017 under a revised tax treaty
Textile Ministry has signed a pact with NDTV Ethnic Retail Ltd for popularizing India Handloom textiles as a fashionable product for youth at Udyog Bhawan New Delhi.

Indian ambassador to Slovenia Sarvajit Chakravarti, and Slovenian Finance Minister Dusan Mramor on behalf of Slovenia have signed a protocol to amend an existing double taxation avoidance treaty.

Telangana gov IT Minister K T Rama Rao has signed a MoU with US-based healthcare tech firm Eclat Health Solutions, which will invest USD 15 million in the state to provide 1,000 jobs.

Canada, Iceland, India, Israel, New Zealand and the People’s Republic of China signed a pact on tax information sharing in order to deal with issues related to taxes.

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved for signing of an Inter-Governmental Agreement between India and Mauritius on cooperation in cooperatives and related fields.

Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH – Ajit M Sharan and Assistant Director General, Health Systems and Innovations WHO – Dr. Marie Kieny signed Project Collaboration Agreement for Cooperation on promoting the quality, safety and effectiveness of service provision in traditional and complementary medicine in Geneva.

Minister of External Affairs and Bangladesh Department of Science and Technology inked a 21st century nuclear agreement with Bangladesh to engage the bilateral neighbourhood relationship between two nations. The core of the Agreement are Energy, Connectivity and Security.

State of Victoria’s Swinburne University in Australian declared two agreements with India in the area of medical technology to figure out major health challenges in India.

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) which runs under the Space Department has signed MoU/Cooperative agreements for exploration and use of outer space with 37 countries in recent times.

India and the US have formed a Brain Trust intended at deepening and strengthening cooperation between the brightest in the scientific community of the world’s two largest democracies.

Union Cabinet gives ex-post facto approval to the MOU between India & Japan for power development.

Cabinet gives ex-post facto approval to the Memorandum of Understanding between India and Maldives for strengthening cooperation in the field of tourism.

Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi apprised a MoU signed between Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the United Arab Emirates Space Agency (UAESA) in New Delhi on February this year.

India and Australia sign MoU to enhance R&D capabilities in biotech.

**COMMITTEES**

Union government has set up a new panel under the chairmanship of S Ayyapan to prepare a draft national policy on marine fishery after ascertaining the current status of exploitation of the resources.

Union Finance Ministry has set up a new committee to review the government’s fiscal roadmap headed by NK Singh and review the working of the related Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act that was enacted in 2003.

Union government has appointed the 11-member committee led by Lt Gen D B Shekatkar(retd) to relook defence expenditure.

Committee on Yoga Education in Universities submitted its report. It has recommended seven programmes for implementation in universities.

Union government has set up a three-member committee, headed by Sanjay Mitra to frame a policy framework for taxi aggregators and other transport operators.
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- The smallest in the world microscopic engine, invented by German Mechanical engineer Rudolf Diesel and German Engineer Nicholas Otto.
- Scientists have developed Smallest Thermometer in the world using DNA structures that can fold and unfold at specifically defined temperature functions.
- Researchers have discovered three potentially habitable, Earth-like planets orbiting an ultracool dwarf star TRAPPIST-1 that is nearly 40 light-years away in another star system.
- Scientists claim to have developed the world’s first holographic flexible smartphone called the HoloFlex that lets users interact with 3D videos and images without any headgear or glasses.
- Kepler space telescope helped NASA’s discovery that results with 1284 new planets outside our solar system, more than doubling the number of known exoplanets.
- A driverless SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket launched from Florida then lands on ship at sea. It was the second successful landing after similar attempts were made in last month.
- China has successfully blasted off a Yaogan-30 remote-sensing satellite into orbit to carry out land surveys and assist with disaster relief efforts from Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwestern China’s Gobi desert.
- NASA has successfully launched a 532,000 cubic metres sized super pressure balloon from New Zealand’s South Island Wanaka Airport.
- Indigenous technology demonstrator of reusable launch vehicle RLV-TD tested successfully from Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh. It is an India’s own space shuttle.
- Japan-based Osaka University Scientists have used sunlight to powerfully convert seawater into hydrogen peroxide (H2O2) that may be used in fuel cells to generate electricity.
- Los Angeles based California University scientists discovered and definite about the faintest early-universe galaxy ever furthest galaxy that is 13 billion light years far from Earth.
- University of Newcastle, Australia in collaboration with scientists from England’s University of Cambridge have built the world’s first Scanning Helium Microscope to examine materials without disturbing them.
- Google launches Group-Sharing App Spaces to let out users easily share content and commentary, group-messaging style, on any topics they wish.
- US scientists from the University of Texas at Galveston have cloned the Zika virus that could fast track a vaccine against the deadly disease.
- Researchers from Trinity College Dublin discovered a new form of light that go against predicted qualities of light it could totally change the way we realize the electromagnetic spectrum.
- Union Government has announced that currently 34 Indian satellites are operational in the space, Which 13 are for communication, 12 for the purpose of earth observation and seven for navigation purpose.
- Nozzle Testing laboratories (NTL) that were inaugurated by ISRO Chairman Kiran Kumar at Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre in Thiruvananthapuram.
- Punjab’s Golden Temple will now have free Wi-Fi internet access for the devotees visiting within the temple complex and its peripheral area. It will be provided by Videocon.
- Union Railways Minister Suresh Prabhu launched an application called Project Management and Information System (PMIS) used for proper monitoring of all the Railway projects across the country in Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
- The Income Tax department has launched electronic grievance redressal portal called ‘e-nivaran’ to clear taxpayers grievances and ensure early resolution of their complaints in fast track route.
- Commerce & Industry Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched a dashboard on EXIM Analytics to provide easy access to the public on export and import trends of the country.
- Power Minister Piyush Goyal launched a portal of Coal India Limited (CIL) called Contract Labour Payment Management System in New Delhi. This portal will be made fully functional within 45 to 60 days.
Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar launched a web-based application on Integrated Waste Management System (IWMS) for better management of waste also to provide an opportunity to all the industries dealing in hazardous waste to apply online.

Reliance Jio has launched digital wallet service called JioMoney for common people. With this users can do mobile and DTH recharges, send/receive money, make bill payments, pay insurance and other premiums etc.

Chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Arup Raha has launched Electronic Maintenance Management System (e-MMS)Project, an automated military maintenance system which will ease the system by keeping paper works and heavy logbooks away.

Smt. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi inaugurated the e-Archive website and the e-Learning portal of WCD Ministry - nipccd-earchive.wcd.nic.in and nipccd-elearning.wcd.nic.in

Women and Child Development Minister SmtManeka Sanjay Gandhi Launched Common Application Software and ICT enabled Real Time Monitoring System of ICDS

Shri Nitin Gadkari Launched initiatives for all Stakeholders to Use International Best Practises in Road Building and Demanding stakeholders to make use of innovations and successful best practices from round the world in engineering and construction of roads.

- **ePACE** - Acronym of E Projects Appraisal & Continuing Enhancements and it is an online Integrated Management Information System
- **INFRACON** – National Portal for Infrastructure Consultancy Firms and Key Personnel - Connection between consultancy firms working in the road engineering and construction sector and domain experts
- **INAM PRO** - Web-based application (www.inampro.nic.in) for Infrastructure and Material Providers

AYUSH Minister Shripad Yesso Naik has launched the new website of the Ministry of AYUSH and web portal for International Day of Yoga (IDY) in New Delhi.

FSSAI bans potassium bromate, cancer-causing chemical found in bread.

Maharashtra Mantralaya's 150 Computers Attacked By Locky Virus.

Special Webpage on two years of NDA Government unveiled by PIB.

Sea ice cover around Antarctica is rising: NASA-led study.

Google wins Java copyright case versus Oracle.

BrahMos supersonic cruise missile test-fired

Portal launched to promote Net Zero Energy Buildings.

NASA successfully deploys space station's inflatable room

**DEFENCE**

United States has activated a land-based $800 million missile defence station in Romania, which sees as vital to defend itself and Europe from alleged rogue states.

US Navy tested world’s largest unmanned Surface Sea Hunter, As it pave the way for the first step toward sending unmanned cargo vessels between countries

Israel has successfully tested a maritime missile interception system that can shoot down short-range missiles. The missile also called Iron Dome of the Sea.

Australian military jointly with United States Military research team successfully blasted off a hypersonic technology Scramjet Engine in the Australia. Researchers were tested a series of 10 trials of the hypersonic technology at the world’s largest land testing range located at Woomera in Australia.

Indian Army is conducting a major military training exercise ‘Chakravyuh-II’ to validate battle readiness and operational effectiveness in Suratgarh Rajasthan.

Indigenously built Advanced Air Defence (AAD) interceptor missile successfully test fired from the launch complex of Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha. This was 12th test of the interceptor missile.
• India has successfully blasted off its indigenously developed nuclear capable Prithvi-II missile as part of a user trial by the army from a launch complex-3 of the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur in Odisha.
• A team of six Indian Army mountaineers successfully climbed the summit of Mount Everest led by seasoned climber Lt. Col. Ranveer Jamwal.
• The Naval Ship (INS) Airavat of India arrived at Brunei and take part in the ADMM Plus (ASEAN Defence Ministers’ Meeting Plus) Exercise on Maritime Security and Counter Terrorism. In a bid to India’s Act East Policy and Indian Navy’s regular endeavour to enhance maritime security in the Indo-Pacific regions
• Three Southeast Asian nations namely Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines is set to conduct coordinated maritime patrols to face the rising kidnappings and security challenges in the waters bordering the three countries.
• Indian Air Force (IAF) team successfully concluded their four-week Red Flag aerial combat exercises at Alaska in the U.S.
• Indian Navy’s first indigenous Scorpene-class stealth submarine Kalvari has been sailed out of Mumbai Harbour for sea trials.
• Goa Shipyard Limited has launched indigenously designed Indian Coast Guard ship ICGS Shaurya at Vasco, It will be commissioned into service in early 2017
• Indian Navy has launched Harbour Defence Systems at the Naval Dockyard in Visakhapatnam.
• The Iconic Sea Harrier’s decommissioned from the Indian Navy in Visakhapatnam after 30 years of glorious service for the country’s various mission.
• Indian Navy commissioned indigenously built Fast Attack Craft INS Tarmugli for deployment of coastal patrol and surveillance operations along the East Coast of India. This is the first Follow-on Water Jet Fast Attack Craft.
• Indian Coast Guard Ship ‘ARUSH’ Commissioned

ENVIRONMENT

• Scientists from University of Georgia in the U.S. and the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro have discovered a new reef system at the mouth of the Amazon River
• A rare and colourful bird Amur Falcon was spotted at the Umred Karhandla Wildlife Sanctuary near the Pench Tiger Reserve near Nagpur.
• A stick insect bug over half a metre long discovered in southern China has been declared the world’s longest insect.
• The first global digital elevation model of Mercury has been released by the NASA’s Messenger Mission that provide the detail topography across the entire innermost planet.
• NASA’s Stratospheric Observatory for Infra-red Astronomy detects atomic oxygen in Martian atmosphere for the first time since the last observation 40 years ago
• Scientists have counted how many plant species are known to science and estimated that 390,900 plants are known according to Kew Report
  ➢ 2,034 new species of plant were discovered in the year 2015
  ➢ 21% of plants are at risk of extinction due to climate change, habitat loss, disease and invasive species
• World’s first plant-eating marine reptile named Atopodentatus found which is unique strangely toothed and had a bizarre hammerhead-shaped body.
• J&K Wildlife Department has spotted eight Himalayan brown bears in Kargil’s Drass Sector, where the 1999 war had bring about destruction with their habitats.
• Ohio University and the Natural History Museum of Utah researchers
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- have discovered a new species of 77-million-year-old horned dinosaurs in the United States that have distinctive facial horns and spiked neck shields.
- An active cyclonic Storm Roanu in the Bay of Bengal has hit the eastern coast of India. India sends two ships Naval Off Shore Patrol (NOPV) INS Sunayna and one survey vessel INS Sutlej with 30-40 tonnes of relief material. It also battered the coast of southern Bangladesh that kills 23 people in floods and rain-triggered landslides.

**SPORTS**

- Archery World Cup 2016 at the Yuanshen Stadium in Shanghai, China
  - Indian men’s recurve team of Atanu Das, Jayanta Talukdar and Mangal Singh Champa defeated the British team to bag the bronze.
  - The mixed pair of Deepika and Atanu from India defeated Koreans in shoot-off to end with another bronze.
- Indian Boxer Vijender Singh notched up his fifth consecutive knockout win by battering Matiouzeroyer of French in London.
- ISSF Junior World Cup held at Suhl, Germany
  - Gold in the men’s 25m standard pistol - Rituraj Singh, Shivam Shukla and Arjun Das.
  - Gold in team events of Women’s 50m Rifle – Gagayathri, Nithyanadam, Sonika and Ayushi Podde.
  - Gold in Men’s 25m Standard Pistol by Rituraj Singh.
  - Women’s 25m Pistol event - Sanjana Sehrawat, Chinki Yadav and Gauri Sheoran won bronze medal.
- Mercedes driver Nico Rosberg of Germany wins F1 Russian Grand Prix to take top position in his fourth consecutive victory in a row this season.
- English football club Leicester city FC secured its first Premier League title short of playing after second-place Tottenham drew 2-2 at Chelsea.
- MRF Tyres ICC Test Team Rankings
- England’s world number one Mark Selby beat China’s Ding Junhui to win World Championship title. With this he clinches Championship for the second time.
- Seven Indian shuttlers qualify for Rio Olympic:

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- Pakistan clinched 2016 Asia Kabaddi Championship Cup by defeating India at Wah Cantonment in Pakistan.
• Indian Wrestlers Vinesh Phogat and Sakshi Malik secured berth for Rio Olympics in their respective 48 kg and 58 weight divisions at the second World Olympic Qualifying tournament in Istanbul.
• 2016 Mutua Madrid Open

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• Asian Youth C’ship held in Pavlodar, Kazakhstan

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• Indian Wrestlers Ravinder Khatri and Babita Kumari have booked berth for the upcoming Rio Olympics .The total number of quota places from India to eight.
• England women’s Cricket captain Charlotte Edwards announced retirement from international cricket
• Golden State Warriors star Stephen Curry was named the NBA’s Most Valuable Player for the second straight year.
• Vijender Singh beats Andrzej Soldra to win sixth pro fight for a WBO sanctioned title fight in New Delhi.
• Rwanda’s Cricket captain Eric Dusingizimana has set a new Guinness world record by batting out a longest individual net session of straight 51 hours
• Italy Open 2016 held at Manchester United Stadium, UK

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• Indian women’s squash team ended with a silver medal its Asian Team Championship in Taipei.Gold medal won by Malaysia team
• Red Bull driver Max Verstappen became Formula One’s youngest race winner aged 18 by winning the Spanish Grand Prix.
• Former Olympic gold medallist Shooter Abhinav Bindra clinched the silver in the men’s air rifle in the International Shooting Competition of Hannover in Germany.

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• Indian women’s archery team that qualified for the Rio Olympics comprising Deepika Kumari, Bombayla Devi and Laxmirani Majhi was named for the Rio Olympics.
• Eminent England Cricket Batsman Joe Root has been honored with England’s Test and One Day International Cricketer of the year during England Cricket Board Annual Awards
  ➢ Somerset’s Anya Shrubsole – England women’s cricketer of the year award
Indian women’s relay team comprising Dutee Chand, Srabani Nanda, HM Jyoti and Merlin Joseph in 4x100m category broke the 18-year-old National record to finish in 4th position at the IAAF World Challenge in Beijing China.

Five time world champion M C Mary Kom and Asian Games bronze medallist L Sarita Devi failed to qualify for the Olympics

Mohun Bagan clinched Hero Federation Cup by defeating Aizawl Football Club at the Indira Gandhi Stadium in Guwahati, Assam

ICC Player Rankings for Test Bowlers issued

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Pankaj Advani made history by clinching the Asian 6-Red Snooker title in Abu Dhabi. Pankaj has become the first in the world to hold both world and continental titles at the same time

Denmark team defeated Indonesia team to bagged the 2016 Thomas Cup badminton tournament played at Kunshan, China.

Uber Cup was won by China and Indian women’s team won bronze title at the Uber cup Championship.

Para athlete Saroha wins gold in record breaking performance.

Suspended Sharapova named on Russian Olympic team.

Discus thrower Seema Punia qualifies for Rio Olympics

Real Madrid FC wins 2016 UEFA Champions League.

Sunrisers Beat RCB By 8 Runs To Win IPL Trophy

Lewis Hamilton wins Monaco Grand Prix

Alastair Cook Becomes Youngest Cricketer To Score 10000 Test Runs

Gurpreet Singh Sandhu becomes first Indian to play in top flight European League game

OBITUARY

- Balraj Madhok - Former Jan Sangh president, Gujarat
- Romesh Sharma - Former Jammu and Kashmir Minister from Nowshera Constituency
- Nihal Bitla - Country’s first reported case of progeria, Mumbai
- Praveen Rashtrapal - Gujarat Congress leader and Rajya Sabha member
- Baba Hardev Singh - Nirankari spiritual leader
- Deepak Shodhan - Gujarat-born Former Test cricketer
- Diwaliben Bhil - Gujarati folk singer
- K Anirudhan - Former Communist party leader and Member of Parliament from Attingal constituency, Kerala
- S.M. Seenivel - MLA from Tiruparankundram constituency
- Reg Grundy – Australian television producer and businessman
- Khurram Zaki - Pakistan’s Human right activist
- Chennamaneni Rajeswara Rao - Former Sircilla MLA from Vemulawada
- William Schallert - Former SAG president and US TV Actor
- Tony Cozier - West Indian Cricket Commentator and journalist
- Andre Brahic - French astrophysicist who discoverer of Neptune’s rings
- Morley Safer - Canadian CBS News Reporter
• John Berry - Beastie Boys founding member
• Alan Young - English-Canadian-American actor
• Sandor Tarics - world’s oldest Olympic champion
• Mullah Akhtar Mansour – Taliban Leader
• Burt Kwouk - British actor.
• KC Mathew - Veteran Communist leader
• R G Jadhav - Marathi literary critic
• Suresh Chatwal - Actor
• D Javare Gowda - Kannada writer
• Rudra Madhab Ray - BJP leader and former MP

BOOKS & AUTHORS
• ‘Param Vir Diary’ authored by Manju Lodha
• Novel named ‘No Time to Pause’ authored by Pavithra Ramesh
• Biography ‘Shashi Kapoor – the Householder, the Star’ authored by Aseem Chhabra
• India vs Pakistan: Why Can’t We Just Be Friends authored by Husain Haqqanito
• Tagore’s Vision of the Contemporary World” and ‘Tagore and Russia”
• ‘My Favourite Nature Stories’ and ‘The World outside My Window’ are authored by Ruskin Bond
• ‘Making it Big: The inspiring Story of Nepal's first billionaire in his own words’ authored by Binod Chaudhary.
• Book Gujarat Files: Anatomy of a Cover Up authored by Rana Ayyub

IMPORTANT DAYS

May 1: International Workers Day – Theme - ‘Celebrating the international labour movement’
May 3 : World Press Freedom Day –‘Access to Information and Fundamental Freedoms – This Is Your Right’
   World Asthma Day - 'Reduce The Burden Of Asthma'
May 5: International Midwives Day – ‘Women and Newborns: The Heart of Midwifery’
May 8 : Mother’s Day
   World Red Cross day – ‘Together for Humanity’
May 10: World Migratory Bird Day – ‘Stop the illegal killing, taking and trade of migratory’
May 11: National Technology Day – ‘Technology enablers of Startup India’
Mar 15 : International Day of Families – ‘Families, healthy lives and sustainable future’
May 16: National Dengue Day
May 17: World Telecommunication and Information Society Day:-‘Information and Communication Technology(ICT) entrepreneurship for social impact’
   World Hypertension Day - Know your Numbers for the year
May 18 : World AIDS Vaccine Day
   International Museum Day – ‘Museums and Cultural Landscapes’
May 20 : World Metrology Day –‘Measurements in a Dynamic World’
May 21: International Buddha Poomnima Diwas 2016/UN Day of Vesak
   World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
May 21 : Anti-Terrorism Day
May 22: International Day for Biological Diversity-‘Mainstreaming Biodiversity; Sustaining People and their Livelihoods’
May 23 : International day to end obstetric fistula – ‘End fistula within a generation’
World Turtle Day
May 25: International Missing Children's Day
May 29: International Day of UN Peacekeepers Theme - “Honouring Our Heroes”
May 31: World No Tobacco Day Theme - Get ready for plain packaging

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Madhya Pradesh
Three sites in the state have been declared World Heritage Sites by UNESCO
1. Khajuraho Group of Monuments (1986) including Devi Jagadambi temple,
2. Rewa, Buddhist Monuments at Sanchi (1989)

Uttarakhand:
♦ Uttarakhand is the only state in India with Sanskrit as one of its official languages.
♦ Two of India’s largest rivers, the Ganges and the Yamuna, originate in the glaciers of the state

Indian Parliament:
Indian Parliament was designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens and Sir Herbert Baker. The total cost of construction was Rs 83 lakh.

Odisha:
♦ The Gahirmatha beach in Bhitarkanika is the world’s largest nesting site for olive ridley sea turtles.
♦ Chilika Lake is the largest coastal lagoon in India and the second largest lagoon in the world.

IRCTC:
♦ IRCTC Won Website of the Year Award for 2015.
♦ The portal with Indian e-Retail Awards 2015, in the category Leisure and Travel eRetailer of the Year.

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited:
♦ Inception: 1940
♦ Headquarters: Bangalore.
♦ Chairman & Managing Director: T Suvarna Raju

Tea Board of India
♦ Headquarters: Kolkata
♦ Inception: 1953
♦ Chairman: Santosh Sarangi

Planning Commission:
♦ Established in 1951
♦ Founder and first Chairman: First Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru
♦ First Minister of Planning: Gulzarilal Nanda
♦ Draft outline of a plan of development for the period of five years, starting from April 1951.

Department of Post Office
♦ Headquarters – Bengaluru
♦ Secretary – A. S. Kiran Kumar

Karnataka:
♦ Karnataka’s annual Kodava Hockey Festival is the largest hockey tournament in the world.

BHEL:
♦ CEO: Atul Sobti
♦ Headquarters: New Delhi
♦ Inception: 1964

Himachal Pradesh:
♦ Chail is the cricket ground and a polo ground which is there at an altitude of 2,250 m. It is the world’s highest cricket ground.

NASSCOM
♦ Inception: 1988
♦ Headquarters: New Delhi
♦ Chairman: C P Gurnani

Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited:
♦ Founded: 1987
♦ Headquarters: Mumbai.

Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA)
♦ IREDA is comes under a Mini Ratna of Indian Enterprise under the administrative control of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).
♦ IREDA is a Public Limited Company established in 1987.

Indian Navy:
♦ The Indian Navy is the fifth largest in the world. The Indian Navy is headquartered in New Delhi.
♦ Indian Naval Academy at Ezhimala in Kerala established in 2009, it is the largest naval academy in Asia.
International Fund for Agricultural Development:
♦ The agency was established in 1977 which is a specialized agency of the United Nations dedicated to eradicating rural poverty in developing countries.
♦ The President of the IFAD is Kanayo F. Nwanze.

UNICEF:
♦ Founded: 1946
♦ Headquarters: New York, United States.
♦ CEO: Anthony Lake

SAARC Countries
♦ Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka
♦ Headquarters: Kathmandu

China:
♦ Capital: Beijing
♦ Currency: Renminbi
♦ President: Xi Jinping

G7 Countries:
♦ Japan, the US, Germany, Britain, France, Italy and Canada.
♦ The G7 countries represent more than 64% of the net global wealth ($263 trillion).

UNICEF:
♦ Headquarters: New York City, New York, United States
♦ CEO: Anthony Lake

World Wildlife Fund:
♦ Established in 1961
♦ Headquarters: Gland, Switzerland
♦ CEO: Marco Lambertini

UN:
♦ UN had 51 member states; there are now 193.
♦ The headquarters of the United Nations is in Manhattan, New York City
♦ Secretary-General: Ban Ki-moon

WHO:
♦ Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland
♦ Founded: April 7, 1948
♦ Head: Margaret Chan

United Nations Environment Programme:
♦ Formation:1972

Kodak Mahindra Bank:
♦ CEO: Uday Kotak
♦ Headquarters: Mumbai
♦ Founded: 2003

Federal Bank:
♦ Founded: 1945
♦ Headquarters: Kochi
♦ CEO: Shyam Srinivasan
♦ Slogan: Your Perfect Banking Partner

European Central Bank:
♦ Founded: 1998
♦ Headquarters: Frankfurt, Germany
♦ The Central European Bank is for the euro and administers monetary policy of the Eurozone, which consists of 19 EU member states.

Yes Bank:
♦ Founded: 2004
♦ Headquarters: Maharashtra
♦ CEO: Rana Kapoor
♦ The bank received Asia-Pacific Quality Organisation-Adjudged as World Class Organisation in 2014. Only Indian bank to win this prestigious global award.

RBI:
♦ HQ:Mumbai
♦ Governor: Raghuram Rajan

IDFC Bank:
♦ Founded: 2015
♦ Headquarters: Mumbai
♦ Managing Director & CEO: Rajiv B. Lall
♦ Tagline: Banking Hatke

DBS Bank:
♦ Headquarters: Singapore
♦ CEO: Piyush Gupta.

Royal Bank of Scotland:
♦ Founded: 1727
♦ Headquarters: Edinburgh, United Kingdom

State Bank of India:
♦ Headquarters: Mumbai
♦ Founded: July 1, 1955
♦ Chairperson: Arundhati Bhattacharya
**Punjab National Bank:**
♦ Headquarters: New Delhi
♦ CEO: Usha Ananthasubramanian.
♦ Slogan: The Name you can Bank Upon.

**IndusInd Bank:**
♦ Founded: 1994
♦ Headquarters: Mumbai
♦ CEO: Romesh Sobti

**LIC:**
♦ Founded: September 1, 1956.
♦ Headquarters: Mumbai,
♦ Chairman: S.K Roy.

**HSBC Bank:**
♦ Founded: 1865
♦ Headquarters: London
♦ CEO: António Pedro dos Santos Simões

**Snapdeal:**
♦ Founded: 2010
♦ Headquarters: Okhla, New Delhi
♦ CEO: Kunal Bahl.

**Apple:**
♦ Headquarters: California,
♦ CEO: Tim Cook

**Microsoft:**
♦ Inception: 1975
♦ CEO: Satya Nadella
♦ Headquarters: Washington

**IFC:**
The International Finance Corporation is an international financial institution that offers investment, advisory, and asset management services to encourage private sector development in developing countries.
♦ HQ : Washington, D.C., United States
♦ CEO: Philippe Le Houérou

**Archeological Survey of India**
♦ Inception: 1861
♦ Headquarters: New Delhi.
♦ The Indian government agency runs under Cultural Ministry which is responsible for archaeological research and the conservation and preservation of cultural monuments in the country.

**Uganda:**
♦ Capital: Kampala
♦ Currency: Ugandan shilling.

**Turkey:**
♦ Capital: Ankara
♦ Currency: Turkish lira
♦ President: Recep Tayyip Erdoğan
♦ Prime minister: Binali Yildirim

**Taiwan:**
♦ Capital: Taipei
♦ Currency: New Taiwan dollar

**United Kingdom:**
♦ Capital: London
♦ Currency: Pound sterling
♦ Prime minister: David Cameron

**Switzerland:**
The country with a total of 113 Nobel Prize winners in all fields stand in relation to Switzerland and the Peace Prize has been awarded nine times to organisations that based in the country.
♦ The country is the home to international
organizations for more than a century. It has concluded a “headquarters agreement” with 25 international organizations: 22 organizations have their headquarters in Geneva, two in Berne and one in Basel.

**United Kingdom**
- Capital: London
- Currency: Pound sterling
- Prime minister: David Cameron.
- London is a world cultural capital.

**Ireland**
- Capital: Dublin
- Currency: Euro

**Tajikistan**
- Capital: Dushanbe
- Currency: Tajikistani somoni
- President: Emomali Rahmon

**Philippines**
- Capital: Manila
- Currency: Philippine peso

**Qatar**
- Capital: Doha
- Currency: Qatari riyal

**United Arab Emirates**
- Capital: Abu Dhabi
- Currency: United Arab Emirates dirham
- President: Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

**Slovenia**
- Capital: Ljubljana
- Currency: Euro

**Mauritius**
- Capital: Port Louis
- Currency: Mauritian rupee
- President: Ameenah Gurib
- Prime minister: Anerood Jugnauth

**Australia**
- Capital: Canberra
- Currency: Australian dollar
- Prime minister: Malcolm Turnbull

**China**
- Capital: Beijing
- Currency: Renminbi
- President: Xi Jinping

**Israel**
- Capital: Jerusalem
- Currency: Israeli new shekel

**Russia**
- Capital: Moscow
- Currency: Russian Ruble

**Rwanda**
- Capital: Kigali
- Currency: Rwandan franc
- President: Paul Kagame

**Iraq**
- Capital: Baghdad
- Currency: Iraqi Dinar

**Zimbabwe**
- Capital: Harare

**Canada**
- Capital: Ottawa
- Currency: Canadian dollar
- Prime minister: Justin Trudeau

**Singapore**
- Singapore has ranked eighth in the latest Corruption Perceptions Index 2015 released by Berlin-based watchdog Transparency International.
- In the Asia-Pacific region the country was ranked the second least corrupt nation behind New Zealand.

**Greece**
- Capital: Athen
- Currency: Euro
- Prime Minister: Alexis Tsipras
- Greece is the birthplace of Olympic Games, first recorded in 776 BC in Olympia, and hosted the modern Olympic Games twice, the inaugural 1896 Summer Olympics and the 2004 Summer Olympics.

**United States of America**
- The USA is the largest producer of oil in the world, as well as its second largest importer. Also the world’s largest consumer of petroleum.

**Kenya**
- Capital: Nairobi
- Currency: Kenyan shilling
Union of European Football Associations:
♦ Formation: 1954
♦ Headquarters: Switzerland.

United Arab Emirates:
♦ Capital: Abu Dhabi
♦ Currency: United Arab Emirates dirham
♦ President: Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

Libya
♦ Capital: Tripoli

♦ Currency: Libyan dinar
♦ Prime minister: Fayez al-Sarraj

Oman
♦ Capital: Muscat
♦ Currency: Omani rial

Iran:
♦ Capital :Tehran
♦ Currency :Rial
♦ President :Hassan Rouhani

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