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- President **Ram Nath Kovind** inaugurated **Shirdi International Airport** in **Ahmed Nagar** District of **Maharashtra**
- SMT. Maneka **Gandhi** inaugurated the **3rd** edition of “**Women of India Organic festival**” at **Dilli Haat (INA)**. Theme : **Good for Women; Good for India; Good for you**
- Madhya Pradesh CM **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** launched ‘**Single Click Pension Delivery**’ **Scheme**
- The **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency** launched a new **Green Masala Bond** on the **London Stock Exchange**’s
- “**No helmet, No petrol**” rule comes into force in **Andhra Pradesh** for two-wheelers riders.
- **Rajghat**, the **Samadhi** of **Mahatma Gandhi** in Delhi gets Mahatma’s statue for the first time on occasion of the 148th birth anniversary of Gandhi
- Height: 1.80 metre.
- Made up of bronze.
- Sculpted by Indian Sculptor, Mr. **Ram Sutar**
- Cost : Rs.8.73 lakh
- Famous message of Gandhiji “Be the change you wish to see” is inscribed on the front side of pedestal
- Inaugurated by Vice-President **Venkaiah Naidu**
- President **Ram Nath Kovind** Launches ‘**Incredible India 2.0** Campaign and ‘Adopt a Heritage’ project on the occasion of “**World Tourism Day**” which is celebrated **on Sep.27 annually**. Also on 37th edition of World Tourism day, he launched “New Incredible India website”.
- “**Incredible India 2.0** Campaign “will be focusing on Specific promotional plans with greater emphasis to be given to social media.

- **“Adopt a Heritage Project”** plans to entrust heritage sites to the public sector and private sector companies and individual for the development of tourist amenities
- **Cabinet approves bilateral MOU between India and Afghanistan on Technical Co-operation on police training and development.**
- **India** opens two **border** crossing points **“Myanmar and Bangladesh”**
- **Nepal** and **India** **conduct** joint **tiger census** in **November** along the **International border.**
- **Karnataka** unveils **“Mathru Purna”** scheme to feed 12 lakh pregnant women.
- **Gurugram** based **VVDN** (Voice Video Data Network) in a partnership with Ireland’s embedded **Downloads** unveiled **black chain Smartphone technology Bit Vault** for **Rs.75000.**
- **All cities** and towns in 5 more states **Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chattisgarh, Jharkhand** and **Haryana** declared **open defecation free.**
- Andhra Pradesh C.M. **“M. Chandrababu Naidu”** launches **“Swachh Andhra Mission”**. **P.V. Sindhu** chosen as **brand ambassador.**
- To mark the **‘International day of older persons’** on **2nd October** more than **5000** participants gathered at **India gate** for a noble cause to spread the message of caring and giving respect to older persons and senior citizens
- **Rajghat**, the Samadhi of the father of the nation (**Mahatma**) in the national capital, has for the first time acquired a new feature that could appeal to the large number of visitors.
- **Global Entrepreneurship Summit** 2017 to be held in **Hyderabad**, the summit will be inaugurated by the PM Modi.
- Chandrababu Naidu launches **“Swachh Andhra Mission”**, Ace shuttler **P.V. Sindhu** has been chosen as the brand **ambassador** of ‘Swachh Andhra’.
- **“No helmet, No petrol”** rule for two-wheeler riders to reduce road accident deaths has come into force in **Andhra Pradesh.**
- **Karnataka** government has launched **Mathru Poorna**, a scheme means to meet the **nutrition** needs of **pregnant** and **lactating women** in **rural** areas.
- The **Union cabinet** was apprised of a **MOU** signed with **Switzerland** on technical co-Operation in the **rail Sector**, including development of **tilting trains**
- Govt. sets up high level **committee** for **water management** in north Eastern region headed by NITI Aayog Chairman **Rajiv Kumar**
- President appointed a **five member Commission** headed by Delhi High court former chief justice **G Rohini** to examine **sub – Categorisation of OBC’s**

- Country's **First Industrial Training Institute** for the Dibyangan's at Dibrugarh, **Assam**
- First Community **toilet for trans genders** inaugurated in **Bhopal**
- In order to protect the rich aquatic biodiversity of **Ganga development** of a **Turtle sanctuary** in **Allahabad**
- **India** to assist **Myanmar** to **train** its **women police** officers
- **India and Djibouti** have Signed an agreement to establish regular foreign office level **bilateral consultation** between both counties
- Centre launches a **six year project** called **SECURE Himalaya**, to ensure Conservation of locally and globally significant **biodiversity**
- The Union Ministry of Tourism in Collaboration with union ministries and State Governments has launched nationwide '**Paryatan Parv**' to showcase cultural diversity of country and reinforce the principle of '**Tourism for All**'
- Vice president Venkaiah Naidu laid foundation stone of the 2, 890 km National Waterway 4 (NW-4) in **Amaravati in Andhra Pradesh**
- The **Utter Pradesh** government approved the '**Mukhyamantri Samoohik Vivaah Yojana**' a **marriage Scheme** wherein Rs **35000** will be spent on each
- A grand **temple** worth **Rs.30 crore** going to be built in honour of **PM Modi** in **Meerut** district **UP**
- President to inaugurate **India water week** – 2017 on **Oct 10, 2017** in New **Delhi**.
- Dr. Mahesh Sharma to inaugurate "Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav (**RSM**) – 2017" will be held from 7th to 9th October in **India's first world Heritage city** i.e. **Ahmadabad**.
- Ministry of external affairs presents first ever **ASEAN – India Music Festival** from October 6th – 8th 2017 in New **Delhi**.
- Three day international conference aimed at engaging industry and academic leaders to discuss **unmet medical needs** began at **CSIR** in **Chandigarh**
- The Indian Space Research Organization (**ISRO**) will set up a **research centre** in **Guwahati** for start ups, academicians, environmentalists and entrepreneurs.
- Due to ever present threat of cross border firing from **Pakistan**, the centre setup a study group to examine problem faced by the people living near the **International Border and line control** in **Jammu and Kashmir**.

- The **GST** council mentioned that **permanent Account Number (PAN)** of Aadhaar would not be mandatory if **jewellery purchased above Rs.50,000**.
- **Chhattisgarh** bans use of **chlorinated plastic** and **polyvinyl chloride**.
- **Mizoram** has **highest** number of clouded leopards in **Southeast Asia**.
- India to conduct the First '**BIMSTEC disaster management Exercise 2017**' in **Delhi** and NCE
- '**4th Dialogue of Civilization**' is being jointly organized by **Archaeological Survey of India**, Ministry of culture and National Geographic in New **Delhi** from 8th to 15th 2017. Theme : Technology and Civilization
- The 3-day International exhibition 9th Annual **world Dental Show 2017** has Opened in **Mumbai**
- Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan inauguration **Saudi Aramco India Office**
- The Indian Air Force (**IAF**) on Oct 8 2017 celebrated its **85th anniversary** at the Hindon Air force Station in Ghaziabad
- India's first **Marine Police Training Institute** to be set up at Dev Bhoomi Dwarka, **Gujarat**
- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated **highway projects worth Rs.5, 925 crore** in **Gujarat**
- **India and European union 14th summit** three key pacts inked, both states agree to strengthen **trade and security Ties**
- President Ram Nath Govind launched **100cr rupees** Mata Amritanandamayi Math project "**Jeevamritham**" to provide filtration system for cleaning drinking water to 5000 villages across India in Kollam District, **Kerala**
- PM Modi has laid foundation Stone for **Bhadbhut Barrage** to be built over Narmada River in Bharuch **Gujarat**
- **India and Ethiopia** sign Agreements on trade, Communication and media to boost bilateral ties
- The government was appointed committee on **Haj policy** has recommended phasing out of subsidy for Haj pilgrims and allowing **women** devotees above **45 years of age**
- Prime minister Narendra Modi as he launched the Intensified mission **Indradhanush** at Vadnagar in **Gujarat**

- **Uttarakhand** State Government and a Charitable funding agency named Swan cultural Centre and foundation launched ‘**Solar Briefcase**’ in **Kedarnath Dham** to provide **electricity** in remote areas
- The Supreme court has placed **aban** on the sale of **firecrackers** in **Delhi** – NCR during the upcoming festival **Diwali**
- **Andhra** CM. N. Chandrababu Naidu inaugurated a two day **international block chain Business conference**
- **Manipur** celebrates ‘**Mera Houchongba**’ festival to promote brotherhood and unity among indigenous communities
- A Group of ministers set up under **Assam** finance minister Himanta Biswa Sharma to make composition Scheme more attractive and also revisit **GST** rates on **restaurants**
- The Executive committee of National mission for **clean ganga** approved **eight projects** worth **Rs.700 crore** under Namami Ganga Programme
- **4 projects** for **Sewage Management** in UP, Bihar, West Bengal
- **Three** for the Treatment of **drains**
- Gujarat, Maharashtra and Himachal Pradesh have cut value added tax (**VAT**) on **petrol and diesel**.
- **Gujarat** on Oct 10 reduced **VAT** on petrol and diesel by **4%** becoming the first state to give relief to customers from a recent surge in **oil prices**.
- **Rajasthan** has become the first state to incorporate skill development programme in the **higher education**
- Vice president **M. Venkaiah Naidu** inaugurated the third international conference on **yoga** in New **Delhi**.
Theme : “Yoga for wellness”
- **India** is **second largest** market for **pharma**, biotech workforce, a report by professional networking giant **LinkedIn** has revealed.
- Union information and Broadcasting Textiles Minister Smt Smirti Irani inaugurated several development scheme in **Amethi**

- **IIT kharagpur** signs Memorandum of understanding with **samsung** India for the setting up of a **digital academy**
- **India water week** inaugurated by president Ram Nath Kovind
Theme for water week 2017: “Water and Energy for Inclusive growth”
- Central government imposes **anti-dumping** duty on imports of **steel wire rods** from **china**.
- The cabinet committee on Economic affairs chaired by PM has approved two new world **bank** supported **schemes** – skill Acquisition and knowledge awareness for livelihood promotion (**SANZALP**) and skill strengthening for Industrial value Enhancement (**STRIVE**)
- A parliamentary **committee** on External Affairs has decided to examine the whole gamut of Sino - India including the **border situation** headed by **shashi Tharoor**, congress Member of the Lokh Sabha.
- **German** Railways will **assist Indian Railways** to make country’s existing rail corridors **semi high speed** the train will run at **200km/hour**
- The **UP** government launched **sankalp seva bus service** to **50 buses** to connect as many as **6,000 villages**.
- Govt. approved **Rs.2000 crore** to set up **Aadhar** units in **post office**.
- **Visakhapatnam** has tied up with the **Andhra Pradesh** government for **Digital Dhan Sankalp project**. It is an initiative to develop Visakhapatnam into India’s first “**less cash**” city.
- CM Devendra Fadnavis launched ‘**Mahalabharthi**’ web portal that will help people get information about all the **government schemes** that are **eligible** for.
- Government to commemorate **150th birth anniversary** of **mahatma Gandhi** from **2 Oct 2019** to **2nd Oct 2020** to propagate message of the **mahatma**
- **India has slipped** 3 notches to **100 among 119 countries** on **Global Hunger India (GH1) 2017**
- **Digital payments to grow at 26%** compound annual growth rate (**CAGR**) during **2016-20** say world payment Report.
- **Textile minister Smriti Irani inaugurated** the **44th edition** of Indian Handicrafts and Gifts Delhi fair (**IHGF**) at **India Expo centre** in **Greater Noida**.

- **Bengaluru will host the 12th World Sudoku championship and the 26th world puzzle championship.** from **October 15 to 21** which will witness the participation of **33 countries**
- **Gujarat** government to setup **16 new GIDC** Gujarat Industrial Development corporation townships to encourage micro small and medium Enterprises (MSME).
- Andhra CM **Chandrababu Naidu** introduces **thirty solid waste management vehicles** to achieve the goal of **Swach Andhra**.
- Government has Launched **Sampoorna Bima Gram Yojana** expansion of **postal** life insurance in New **Delhi**. Under this scheme **at least one village** having a minimum of **100 households** will be identified in each the revenue districts of the Country
- India's first sewage Treatment plants (STP) to Come up at **Haridwar** and **Varanasi** in the public private partnership mode for a Combined cost of ₹ **324.69 crore** under **Namami Ganga Programme**
- Union Minister **Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti** said that the government will focus on rethink up of **'mini food parks'** to raise the processing level and asked the industry to buy agricultural produce directly from farmers to boost their income
- **Madhya Pradesh** government slashed the Value Added Tax (VAT) on Prices of petrol by **3 percent** and **diesel** by **5 percent** following the lead of **Maharashtra Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh**
- **India** to hold Dubai's first ever **AYUSH conference** next month to spread awareness about the prevention and management of Lifestyle diseases through **Yoga and Ayurveda**
- **Master card** announced the launch of its innovation centre to focus on solving "**India – Specific**" problems in the areas of technology and financial enablement. This would be their Second innovation Centre **after Singapore** in **Asia and ninth globally**
- Launch of Mobile Health App ' **Med watch** ' By the Indian. **Air Force** on the occasion of its **85th anniversary**
- Indian Naval Ships '**Satpura**' and '**Kadmatt**' will participate in passage Exercise (**PASSEX**) with Japanese Marine self Defense Force.
- The fifth '**India - Srilanka**' joint training exercise "**Mitra Shakti 2017**" focusing on country terrorism operations kicked off at **Aundh Military Station** in pure, **Maharashtra**.

- The revamped **Bureau of Indian Standard Act** comes into force from **Oct 12** says government.
- **India and Sweden** ‘**startup sambandh**’ initiative has been launched by Invest India and founders alliance in Sweden for higher co-operation among start-ups
- The world’s largest combustion research centre which will impart a major boost to the **Indian Scientific Community** has been **inaugurated** at the **Indian Institute of Technology, Madras**.
- **Kolkata** is all set to host an **International puppet festival** from **Oct 26**.
- **Indian Air Force** has launched an innovative mobile **health App** named **Medwatch**
- The **Rajasthan** assembly has become the first in India to call **attention and adjournment** motions and **proposals online** from legislators to send them to the State government
- The **West Bengal** cabinet has decided to setup a **scheduled caste advisory council** to look into the **development** of the **scheduled caste population** in the State
- **APPICON 2017, 63rd** Annual National **conference** of Association of **physiologists and pharmacologist** of India hosted in **Puducherry**
- PM Modi announces **Rs.10000 crore** for **20 best universities** in India to make them **world class**
- The **Tea Board** has proposed a **Rs. 100 crore Relief Package** too tea estates in the **Darjeeling** hills, where production has resumed nearly three months of shutdown due to **agitation** for a **separate State**
- In a **bid** to provide affordable **life insurance services** to people, particularly those living in **rural areas** of the country, the government has launched **Sampoorna Bima Gram Yojana**
- According to the estimates by finance ministry the subscriber base of **Atal Pension Yojana** a guaranteed pension scheme for **unorganized sector** is expected to **increase** to **1 crore** by **March next year**
- The **Punjab and Haryana** has fixed **timeslot** of **6.30pm to 9.30pm** for **bursting crackers** on **diwali**
- **World largest combustion research** centre inaugurated at **IIT Madras**
- **Chennai** Students create News **Guinness** World Record at **IISF** (Indian International Science Festival) for **world’s largest Biology lesson**

- **Graduate Muslim girls** to get **51,000** from Modi government the **Shaadi Shagun** – as the scheme aimed at investing **higher education** among minority groups
- Union Defence Minister Nirmala Sitaraman commissioned the **third** of the fourth Indigenously built submarine ‘**INS Kiltan**’ into navy
- A parliamentary panel headed by BJP MP **B.C Khanduri** has been constituted to **examine** the operational preparedness of the **armed forces**
- New **Delhi** now world’s worst megacity **sexual violence** against women is a survey conducted by the **Thomson Reuters Foundation**
- **Haryana** records **39%** of **cancer** cases in India
- **Shillong** to hold first India International **cherry Blossom festival** November
- **Indian Navy** has dispatched a **P-81** long range Maritime **reconnaissance** aircraft to manila to undertake a search and **Rescue for missing sailors**
- Union Government has started **sending money to Gram Panchayats** directly
- **Indian Airports** needs **\$45 billion** investment to improve capacity by **2030**.
- On the Occasion of **National Ayurveda Day**, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated** the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) at **Delhi Sarita Vihar**.
- **E-Commerce major Myntra** launched its **CSR initiative** in association with the **Union Textile Ministry** to **work directly** with weavers and elevate their **economic stature**.

Mahindra has **launched** a programme ‘**Prerna**’ to **empower women working** in the **agricultural sector** by promoting **efficient and ergonomic farm tools and equipment**

- **Income Tax Department** has **launched** an “**Online chat services for taxpayers**”, so that they can seek answers to their basic queries and doubts relating to Direct Tax issues.
- **Canada** will be the **partner country** at the **23rd iteration** of the **Tech summit**, **India’s largest knowledge and technology conference and exhibition** to be held from **November 14 to 15, 2017** in **New Delhi**.
- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** **inaugurated** the ambitious

‘Bhavantar Bhugtan Yojna’ for the farmers of the state. It is the first state to lend money to farmers at zero percent interest.

- **Gujarat Minister of state for Tribal welfare Shabdasharan Tadvi inaugurated the ‘Birsa Munda Tribal University’ in the tribal dominated Rajpipla town in Narmada district about 90 kms from Vadodara.**
- **Bangladesh Naval ship ‘Somudra Avijan’ has arrived Vishakhapatnam on a four-day visit to the Eastern Naval Command (ENC)**
- **The Arunachal Assembly has passed a bill paving way for creation of new district to be named ‘Kamle’.**
- **Giving the Indo-Russian defence cooperation a major boost Exercise INDRA 2017, the first ever Tri Services joint exercise between Indian and Russian armed forces.**
- **India is among the five countries – Pakistan, Nigeria, Congo and Ethiopia being the others responsible for half of all newborn deaths in the world according to a UN report.**
- **Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu laid the foundation stone for the TU : 42M aircraft museum in Visakhapatnam**
- **With 25 million deaths in 2015, India has ranked No. 1 in pollution related deaths, according to a report by the Lancet Commission on pollution and health.**
- **Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural gas inaugurated India first PNG (Piped Natural Gas) project in Bhubaneswar.**
- **Gujarat New Year was celebrated by Gujarati on Oct 20. It is also called as Varsha – Pratipada or padwa**
- **Health Minister KK Shailaja told that, the state government will organize a four days international seminar and global Ayurveda meet in Kochi.**
- **National Research Centre for Banana (NRCB) has signed a memorandum of Co-operation (MOC) with Andhra Pradesh government to develop technologies relating to banana production.**
- **Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh restored the special family pensions for widows of government employees killed by extremists.**
- **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has setup an internal expert committee to advice on policy on Artificial Intelligence(AI)**
- **New study published in medical journal “The lancet” India has topped list of countries with pollution related deaths in 2015**

- India, Brazil , South Africa (**IBSA**) have signed the **IBSA trust Fund** Agreement that seeks to fight poverty in developing countries Each country will contribute **US 1\$ million** annually to this fund which is managed by the UN Development Programmer (**UNDP**) special unit for south – south cooperation
- The **first tri service** armed forces (army, navy, air force) exercise **INDRA 2017** between **India, Russia** began at sea of **Japan** near Vladivostok
- **Jaipur and Srinagar** Airport were ranked **first and second** respectively in **ACI** (Airport council International) – **ASQ** (Airport Service Quality) survey in the category of **2.5 million passengers**.
- The National Highway Authority of India (**NHAI**) will get powers to approve highway projects with construction cost of more than **Rs.1000 crore** to ensure faster implementation of **Bharatmala programme**.
- Central Government has asked each state to name the toilets in their rural households as “**Izzat ghar**”, or to use a phrase in regional language equivalent to “**house of dignity**”
- A **five member committee** has been formed to select the candidate for the post of editor-in-chief of Rajya Sabha TV(**RSTV**). The committee is headed by Prasar Bharati chairman **A Surya Prakash**.
- PM Modi has inaugurated the **First phase** of the roll on – roll off (**ro-ro**) **ferry service** connecting **Saurashtra** with South Gujarat
- The **Kerala** government will organize a four **days International Seminar and Global Ayurveda meet** in Kochi in Feb 2018
- India has **not invited Pakistan** and **North Korea** to attend the first global conference on **consumer protection** to be inaugurated by PM Modi
- The **Rajasthan** government has passed an ordinance which seeks to protect both serving and former judges from being **investigated** for on-duty action **without its prior Sanction**
- **Maruti Suzuki** India has become the **largest passenger cars** exporter from India
- The **Utter Pradesh** government announced to double the **exgratia** amount for **Police Officials** who **die on – duty**
- **Karnataka** government has decided to ban **pillion riding** on two wheelers with **less than 100cc**

engine

- The **Punjab** govt will **shut down 800 primary schools** with **less than 20 students**
- India's **first Pradhan Mantri Kaushal** for skilling in **smart cities** in collaboration with New Delhi municipal Council(NDMC) in New Delhi
- **Madhya Pradesh** has emerged as the **top state** in terms of **Digital Initiatives** undertaken with a maximum score of **100.1 on performance index**
- **International children film festival** also called "**The Golden Elephant**" being organized by children's film society India will be hosted in **Hyderabad** "Theme : New India"
- The 3 day grand finale of **Paryatan Parv** a nationwide celebration of **tourism** will begin in **New Delhi**
- Ministries of **power and textiles** have jointly announced a new **scheme SAATHI** under energy efficiency services limited
- Cabinet approves construction of **84,000 km roads** in **next five years** with an investment of **Rs. 5.35 lakhs Cr**
- The government announced an aggressive **Rs.2.11 lakh crore** capital infusion for the **NPA** hit public sector banks over a period of **25 years**
- The Supreme Court has imposed a fine of **Rs. Two lakhs** on Environment ministry for not fixing emission norms of **sulphur dioxide** and **nitrogen oxide** for **34 categories** of **Industries** to **mitigate air pollution** in **Delhi** and **NCR**
- Indian Institute of Technology(IIT) **Hyderabad** will organize an international **conference** on **composite material** from Dec 27
- United Nation(UN) **Day** observed on **24th October**
- The Centre has given green clearance for a **green field airport project** at **Hirasar**
- Human Resource Development minister Prakash Jovadekar announced that the **Paika Bidroha** of **1917** will find a place in the **history book** as **first war of Independence**
- **India provided** equipment and vehicles worth USD **585,000** to a university in **Sri Lanka's** Tamil – dominated Jaffna city as a part of its development partnership with the country in field of **higher education**

- **Gujarat** government announces additional benefits for **Karma – Yogis** working on **fix pay** on **11 months contract**
- Union cabinet approved **Rs. 2.11 crore** over **2 years** for the **recapitalization** of public Sector banks(**PSB**)
- Madras high court has **banned** the use of **Pictures of living person** on **banners** and **hoardings** in Tamil Nadu(**TN**) to maintain **clean environment**
- The Tamil Nadu CM, laid the foundation Stone for an **aerospace park** at **Kanchipuram** district to be set up by the state government in **245 acres** at cost of **198 crores**
- The Indian Space Research **Organisation** is set to start a lunar journey of the **Chandrayaan -2 mission** as early as March of next year after 10 years after its **1st lunar mission**
- As many as 51 Hindu families who had migrated from **Pakistan several years ago** and have been living on the Outskirts of **Raipur** were **granted Indian Citizenship**.
- **Chhattisgarh** has become the **first state** in the country to award **citizenship** after PM granted states to do so
- As per the **Credit Suisse Research Institute** latest ‘**CS family 1000**’ report, **India has 108 publicly listed family owned businesses** the **third highest** in the world
- World Day for **Audiovisual Heritage: 27 Oct.** Theme: **Discover, Remember and Share**
- **Union Minister of state (IC)** for **Power** and New and Renewable Energy **Shri.R.K. Singh** addressed **3rd Global Investor India forum** in New Delhi
- **Seven shortlisted companies** were given ‘**Letters of Intent**’ for Fourteen monuments under adopt a **Heritage Scheme**’ of ministry to Tourism at closing ceremony of; **Paryatan Parv**’ at **Rajpath Lawns, New Delhi**
- **Odisha** will be the ‘**Focus State**’ in the **World Food India 2017** to be held at New Delhi from **3 to 5 November**
- Ministry of **AYUSH** Government of India hosted First meeting of **BIMSTEC** task force on traditional medicine at **Pravasi Bhartiya Kendra, New Delhi**.

- **Rajasthan** Assembly has passed a bill which increased **reservation** for the other backward classes (**OBC**) from 21 percent to **26 percent**.
- **Assam** chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal launched a **web portal 'Assam Darpan'** where details of government schemes and projects would be available to the people.
- **Arunachal Pradesh** Chief Minister Pema Khandu declared the **fifth** edition of **Tawang festival** at the frontier monastery town close to **India -China border**.
- To strengthen **Maritime security**, **India** and the United States (**US**) have agreed to implement the programme for 'Helicopter Operators from Ships other Than Aircraft Carriers' (**HOSTAC**).
- Scientists in India have covered a **152 million year old fossil** of an **ichthyosaur**
- **Srilanka** and **India** signed two agreements for construction of **1200 hours** through so model **villages** in the **island nation**.
- Railway minister **Piyush Goyal** launched the railways first set of solar plants in **Delhi** with a total **capacity** of **5 megawatt peak (MWP)**
- **Uttar Pradesh** government has issued an order notifying **Vrindavan and Barsana** towns in Mathura districts as "Pavitra teerth Sthals (Sacred Pilgrimage Sites)"
- **11th** world Congress on **Adolescent Health** is held in **New Delhi**. It is focused on **lowering mortality** rates for adolescents.
- **India** will host the next **UN global wildlife conservation and international species protection** conferences in **2020**.
- The Ministry of **shipping** has sanctioned **Rs.25crore** to the **Jawaharlal Nehru** port trust for development of coastal berth and another **Rs.50crore** to **Karwar port** in **Karnataka**
- **India** Overtake US to become the **world's second largest smart phone** market, trailing only China
- According to the **Capgemini** and **Linked** in Survey, India has the highest proportion of **digital talent** with **70 %** among the countries **Surveyed**
- Ministry of External affairs launched the "**#Ask the spokesperson**" initiative on **twitter** to create better awareness and understanding of **foreign policy** matters in simplified terms
- The **First phase** of the **national optic fibre network, Bharat Net project** which to deploy high

speed optical fibre cables across rural areas will be completed by **Dec 2017** thus providing Internet access to **100,000 gram Panchayats**

- **Union minister** of state **Shri Giriraj Singh** launched MSME delayed payment portal – **MSME Samadhaan**, empowering micro and Small entrepreneurs across the country
- The **Indo – Tibetan Border Police** gets **ISRO’s geostationary** communication satellite **GSAT-6** to Supervise the nearly **3500 km** Long Sino – Indian border
- **PM Modi** – dedicated the Indian Railways **110km Bidar – Kalaburgi railway track** in the **Hyderabad – Karnataka** region aimed at **reducing distance** between Bangalore and New Delhi by **380km**
- **PM of Italy Paolo Gentiloni** on **two days visit** to **India** to strengthen the **bilateral Political and economic relations** between the two countries
- A panel constituted by **Tamil Nadu government** and **headed** by Former madras high court **judge A Arumughaswamy** has **began a probe** for the **circumstances leading** to the **death** of former **CM – Jayalalitha**
- **India** sends **first wheat shipment** to **Afghanistan Via Chabahar port** in **Iran**

The **Strengthen the man power** of various department of **Haryana** government **15,000 apprentices** will be engaged from **December**

International News

- **Austria’s law** banning **face veils** such as **burkas** or **niqabs** comes into effect from (Oct 1)
- The **United Arab Emirates** has begun collecting new “**Sin**” taxes on **tobacco products, energy drinks and soft drinks**
- **China** opens a **409 km** new **expressway** linking Tibet’s provincial capital **Lhasa** with **Nyingchi** which is close to **Arunachal Pradesh** border.
- For the first time **Nepal and India** will undertake a **joint tiger census** next month in their

national parks, forest and protected areas.

- **Bangladesh** has signed a \$ **4.5 million loan** deal with India for development infrastructure **health and education**
- **8th SAARC Speaker Parliamentarians Conference** begins in **Sri Lanka**. Theme : ‘Association of the SAARC speakers and parliamentarians
- **US FDA** approves for the first time a test for detecting the **Zika Virus** donated blood
- **Bricks** themed subway train with carriage representing five member nations
- **Indian** carriage depicts **elephants** and **yoga**
- **Chinese** carriage depicts great wall and **Tian’anmen square**
- **Brazilian** carriage depicts **footballs** and football stars
- **Russian** carriage depicts ballet and **Matryoshka dolls**.
- **South African** carriage and depicts pictures of **diamond**.
- The UN soldiers left Haiti finishing their **13 years military peace keeping** mission in **Haiti**
- Hurricane **Nate** moves toward second landfall on Gulf coast in **USA**
- **India** is ranked the eight most **valuable nation** brand while the united states retained in **top** position according to brand Finance Nation Brand 2017
- The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (**JAXA**) successfully launched **Michibiki 4** satellite onboard of **H-IIA** rocket from **Tanegashima** space centre.
- **China** has overtaken the **United States (US)** as the **World’s largest ice cream producer**, according to data from an industrial expo in **Tianjin city**.
- The United States(**US**) has **withdrawn** from the Paris based **UNESCO** which over the country claims is the Organizations “**Continuing anti-Israel bias**”
- Japanese capital city **Tokyo** has **topped** the **Economist Intelligence unit’s** safe cities Index 2017, while Indian cities **Delhi** and **Mumbai** have ranked **43rd** and **45th** respectively.
- According to large and clinical trial in **Liberia**, two Experimental **Ebola Vaccines – cAd3 – EBOZ and rVSV – ZEBOV** are safe and can elicit immune response that lasts for at least **one**

year.

- The **World's first "negative emissions"** plant that turns **carbon-di-oxide into carbonate rocks** has begun operations in Iceland.
- **United States and Israel** quit the United Nations cultural Agency UNESCO
- **India** has offered to set up a joint venture with **Srilanka** to **manage** and expand facilities at the **loss**, making **mattala airport** near **Hambantota Seaport**.
- **Fifteen countries** including **Pakistan** have been **elected** to the **UN Human Rights Council** by the **UN General Assembly**.
- **India, Brazil and South Africa (IBSA)** signed the **IBSA Trust fund agreement** that seeks to fight poverty in developing countries **in Durban, South Africa**
- Researchers have **discovered** new species of **gecko** at **Chattisgarh's Kanger Ghati National park** in Eastern Ghats. Its scientific name is '**Hemidactylus Kangerensis**'. Named after the valley where it was discovered.
- The **National Highway Authority of India (NHA)** will soon get powers to approve **Highway** projects with construction cost of more than **Rs.1000 crore** to ensure faster implementation of **Bharatmala programme**.
- **Lebanon's parliament** approved country's **first budget** since **2005**. This budget is aimed towards reforming the fragile economy and preventing rising debt from becoming a crisis like situation.
- World's first floating wind farm in **Scotland** starts generating electricity. The farm consists **five 6mw turbines**. It is expected that this floating wind farm will generate **135 GWh of electricity each year**.
- According to '**State of world population 2017**' released by United Nation Fund for population activities **27%** of India's **children get married** by age **18** as compared to **28%** of the world over
- **Scotland** has created the **world's first floating wind farm** In the north sea
- The **UNCA (United Nations General Assembly)** elected 15 States to serve on UNHRS United Nations human rights council of which **Nepal topped** the Countries representing Asian Group in 47 member council
- **Nirmala Sitharam** reached the **Philippines** to attend a **Southeast Asian defense minister's**

meeting

- External minister **Sushma Swaraj** opened the new **chancery complex** of the Indian High commission in **Dhaka**
- The **2nd world congress on Marxism** is scheduled to be held in **Peking university** in **Beijing** in may 2018
- **Myanmar** to launch its **own satellite system** Myanmar sat 2 in 2019
- Afghanistan president **Mohammad Ashraf Ghani** arrived in New **Delhi** for One day visit
- India Naval Ship **Sukanya** reached Belawan port, Indonesia to take part in the 30th edition of **CORPAT** and third Bilateral Exercise between **India and Indonesia navies**
- **Singapore** passport has been announced as the most powerful in the **world** as it secured the **top** spot in **passport Index**
- India was listed 78th last year and now **75th position** with **Visa free** score of **51**
- **Chile** has been named the best country to visit next year by lonely planet in its '**Best in Travel 2018**' list
- Central American country **Nicaragua** signed the **Paris Climate Agreement**
- **Bangladesh** signs **gas oil deal** with **India**
- **Asia** now has the **Most billionaires** than the **US** for the first time according to **report by UBS and PwC**
- A town called **Gemert** in the **Netherlands** has become home to the **first 3D – Printed cycling bridge ever**
- The tiny **Gulf State** host of the **2022 football World Cup**, Qatar has committed that it will introduce a **minimum wage** for **workers** in the **Country**
- **Burundi** is all set to become the first country to **withdraw** from the International Criminal Court (**ICC**)
- **Saudi Arabia** has become the first country to give a **robot citizenship** the robot named '**Sophia**' was confirmed as a Saudi citizen.
- The **words first trackless trains** have begun the test runs in **China**. The vehicle operates on **virtual rail lines** and could travel as quickly as to **kmh**

- **14th SAARC in law conference** along with the **11th SAARC Chief Justices Conference** was inaugurated in Colombo, **Srilanka**
- In **2019** the **kilogram** will get **more accurate**. It will be set by value of **Planck constant** in combination with definitions of **meter** and **second**.
- **4th ASEAN Defence Ministers meeting (ADMM)** plus held in **Clark, Philippines**, in a platform to encourage the countries
- **Catalonia's** regional parliament **declared independence** from **Spain** in a disputed vote.
- The **world's first hybrid electric tram** powered by **hydrogen fuel** cells has started running in **China**.
- **India** and **France** have agreed to **Strengthen** bilateral **defense** Co-operation as a Key Pillar of Strategic Partnership between the two countries
- The two day **India – UAE Partnership** summit began in **Dubai**
- The **UN conferences on nuclear energy** begins at **Abu Dhabi, UAE**
- Scientist at **Geneva, Switzerland** have successfully **created** the **Worlds shortest X-ray laser pulse** with a duration of just **43 attoseconds**
- The **Republic of Rwanda** gets its **first cricket stadium** was **inaugurated** by **president Paul Kagame** as a permanent home for developing sports in the country

Economy

- **India's** external debt amounted to **\$485.5 billion** during the quarter ended **June 17**
- RBI keeps **repo rate, reverse repo rate** unchanged **6% , 5.75%**
- RBI lowers 2017 – 2018 growth projection to **6.7%**
- **Pitch** lowers India's growth forecast to **6.9%** from 7.4 % after the **GDP growth**
- The international monetary fund(**IMF**) raised its global growth forecast for 2017-18 to a **broad**

based recovery on **Europe, China, Japan and the US.**

- **IMF** lower India's growth forecast to **6.7% in 2017.**
- **Bharti Airtel** acquires **Tata telecom business on cash free basis.**
- **India** is the **second largest market for pharma**, a report from personal **networking giant LinkedIn** has revealed
- According to **NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman Rajiv Kumar**, the **economic slowdown** that began in **2013-14** has **bottomed out** and the **GDP** is likely to **grow at 6.9-7%** this fiscal (2017-2018) and **7.5%** in 2018-2019.
- In order to encourage savings, central government has issued a notification allowing all **public sector banks** and Three private sector Banks (**ICICI, HDFC, AXIS Bank**) a accept deposits under various **small saving schemes.**
- RBI clarified that linking of **Aadhar** to bank account is **mandatory** under the prevention of **Money-Laundering Rules.**
- GST Network (**GSTN**) has launched an excel-based offline tool for business to file initial **GSTR-3B** returns.
- Petroleum Ministry launches **Rs.320 crore** standup fund to support innovations in the **energy sector**
- India's Pension system stands at the **28th position out** of the **30 among** received **countries** in the **Melbourne Mercer Global Pension Index 2017**
- Asian Development Bank (**ADB**) and **Indian government** have signed a **\$ 65.5million** loan agreement.
- **Government** retains general provident fund (**PF**) **interest rate at 7.8%** for Oct – Dec.
- The centre has released **Rs.8,698 cr** as **GST compensation to States**

Banking & Finance

- **NABARD** Sanctions **Rs. 273 .06 crore** to **Andhra Pradesh** for development projects
- All and **ADB**(Asian Development Bank) and multilateral funding agency approves **\$100 million loan** for India's **power sector**

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- RBI **reduced** the Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) by **0.5 percent** and frees over Rs. 57,000 cr to bank funds for lending
- **India Signs € 300 million** Finance contract with European Investment Bank for **Bangladesh Metro Rail project**
- **TATA AIA Life** announced the launch of '**Eazy connect**' will extend **online customer** service to social media platforms.
- The RBI is to launch a Financial literacy drive in **80 blocks** in nine states on the pilot basis to education people on e-transaction's formal sector borrowings & insurance purchases
- **AU Small finance Bank** to Partner with **Aditya Birla Health Insurance** to act as a corporate agent for latter's health insurance business
- **ICICI** announced financial assistance of **Rs.10 crore** to the Indian **Armed** Forces which will be utilized towards welfare activities and betterment of the families of servicemen who have **lost their lives** guarding has Nation
- The nation's largest lender State Bank of India(**SBI**) is creating a **15,000 sqft** innovation centre in **Navi Mumbai** investing around **Rs.100 crore**
- **NABARD** has bought an additional **7% stake** in small Industries Development of India (**Sidbi**) for **Rs.900 crore**.
- **RBI's** strict new customer's **norms** for wallet users to **keep their e-wallets safe**.
- **HSBC Launches App** called **Trade Transaction Tracker** to help customers **track the status of their trade transaction** on a real time basis.
- State Bank of India (**SBI**) has launched a new product to provide **short – term** working capital **demand loans** to its **MSME** clients.
- **HDFC** Bank launched smart up zones to nurture, collaborate with **start – ups** community in the country.
- **Union bank** launched an android app **union sahyog** as a part of drive to **digitize** customer facing banking service.
- The Odisha government's Directorate of **Treasuries and Inspection** and the state Bank of India (**SBI**) have signed an MoU for Integration of **SBI e-pay with cyber treasury**.

HPCL (Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd) has become the **first Oil Marketing Company** to launch **lubricants** in **Myanmar**

- **Private Sector Yes Bank** has **committed Rs.156 crore** to fund first sewage Treatment Plant (STP) to be constructed at **Varanasi**.
- Yes Bank partners with **Abu Dhabi global markets** to **further foster cross border** exchange between the **Fin Tech ecosystems** of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and **India**.
- **North East small Finance Bank Limited** has **commenced** operations as a **small finance bank** from **17th October 2017**.
- The **RBI** said that banks will **provide funds** to **women Self Help Groups (SHG)** in rural areas at **7 percent under** the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Missions (DAY-NRLM) in the **current fiscal**.
- Private sector lender **Kotak Mahindra Bank** and **Fin Tech firm zeta** have announced launch of “**paymit**”, a **multi-wallet digital prepaid solution** for **salaried employees**.
- **SBI foundation** has **committed Rs.10 crore** for the **conservation and restoration** of **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSTM)** of **Mumbai** over the **period of 3-5 years**.
- The **RBI** has set up a high level task force to develop **Public Credit Registry(PCR)** an extensive database of credit information
- **Indusland** bank launched co brand App with **Mobikwik** called **Indusland Mobikwik**
- The State Bank Of India(**SBI**) has launched the second edition of its **Hackathon** named ‘**Digitize for Bank**’
- **RBI** to make **Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) mandatory** for transaction with **over Rs. 5 crore** exposure
- **Bharat heavy Electricals** Limited announced that it has commenced execution of **Yadadri Plant** in **Telangana**
- **RBI** has imposed a **penalty** of **Rs.6 crore** on **Yes bank** and Fined **IDFC** Bank **Rs.2 crore** for not complying with directions of the central bank
- Government of **India** and **Asian Development Bank(ADB)** signs **\$300 million** loan to continue a series of **fiscal reforms** in the quality of public services delivery

- **IDFC Bank launches 100th branch** at Honnali, **Karnataka**
- **State Bank of India (SBI)** the **countries largest Public Sector lender** has signed an agreement with **Escorts limited** to **finance farmers** for **purchase** of **Escort tractors**
- Reliance, Industries Ltd (**RIL**) became the first Indian Company to cross **Rs.6 trillion market capitalization**
- The **government of India** and **world Bank** have **Signed** a **\$ 200 million Loan** agreement for the **Assam Agribusiness and Rural Transformation Project**
- **Indian army finalized** one of its biggest procurement **plan for infantry modernization** at a **cost** of nearly **Rs.40,000 Cr** to replace its ageing and obsolete weapons

Business

- **Fitch Ratings** has lowered India's economic growth forecast for the current fiscal to **6.9** per cent from 7.4 percent after the **GDP** growth "**Unexpectedly Faltered**" in the April-June quarter.
- India's first **IFSC** has been featured at the **tenth place** in the latest September 2017 edition of **Global Financial Centers Index 22 (GFCI) – London**
- The first Shipment of **US crude oil** of India **arises** at **Paradip port in Odisha**, as part of the **two million barrels** contracted by **India**.
- China led AIIB and multilateral funding agency **ADB** will Co-finance a **USD 100 million loan** for **India** to improve power transmission network and expand the use of **solar** and **wind energy**.
- The country's third largest private sector lender **Axis Bank** said it has **acquired payment wallet free charge** for **Rs.373 crore** in all cash deal.
- **Vijaya Bank** has entered into a MOU with **HPCL** for enabling all **HPCL** (Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd.) retail outlets with **BHIM/UPI solutions**.
- **Sangram Singh** has been appointed as the CEO of **Free charge Payment Technologies Private Limited**
- **India's coffee output** pegged at record **3.5 lakh Tons** in 2017 – 18
- **Standard Chatered Bank** opens new **Global Business Service** in **Bangalore**

- Amazon web services (**AWS**) and **Microsoft** have teamed up to launch an open – source and deep learning interface '**Glueon**' that will help developers to display across **reversal platforms**.
- Software Industry association National Association of Software and Services Companies (**NASSCOM**) is setting up centre of excellence on artificial **Intelligence (AI)** and data sciences for a better understanding on the emerging technologies
- US has initiated an antidumping duty investigations against the import of **poly tetra fluoro-ethylene (PTFE)** rein from India and China according to the **US Department of Commerce**.
- **Tesla** signed a deal with the Shanghai government to set up its own manufacturing facility in the **city's free trade zone in China**.
- **E-commerce** Major **eBay** has acquired a 5-4 % stake in **Flipkart**, according to the **company's quarterly report** filled with the **US Securities and Exchange**

Science and Technology

- Astronomers have discovered that a run like **star lurking** around **350 light years** away consumed the rocky equivalent of **15 earths**.
- **Whats App** rolled out the option to share 'live location' for its users
- World oldest warship "**USS Constitution**" was sailed again. It was named by the first president of US, **George Washington**.
- Astronomers have discovered a **sun-like star Kronos** a planet-eater that's currently **350 light years** away.
- Tech major **SAP** announced the **launch** of Asia pacific Japan region's first **SAP Leonardo centre in Bangalore**

Sports

- **Max Verstappen** has won the **F1's Malaysian Grand prix** after beating **Lewis Hamilton**.
- The **U-17 world cup** will set a **record of sorts** as it see for the **first time** a **female assistant referee** in a **FIFA men's** competition this time.

- **FIFA** has launched the **official ball** for **U-17 football world cup** and it will be called **Krasava**, a word **generally used** by **Russian sports fan**.
- Female Assistant referees (7) have been chosen by **FIFA U-17** world cup for the first time for a men's tournament.
- Host Country: **India** , Date: 6th – 28th Oct 2017
- **Anupama** clinches World open under – **16 Snooker championship** title at St. Petersburg in Russia
- Australian Bowler **John Hastings** has called it **quits** from test and ODI's
- French tennis player **Caroline Garcia** defeated Romanian Sirona Halep at the **china open** final to earn her second title with in eight days
- 28 years old Chandigarh golfer **Ajeetesh Sandhu** won his maiden title on the **Asian tour at Taipei**
- **Rafael Nadal** wins his **china open** title that is Sixth title of this year
- **Tyrrell Hatton** retains the Alfred Dunhill Links championship title.
- Dehradun, **Uttarkhand** will host its first ever **Ranji** Trophy cricket match.
- **Jeakson singh** creates history by scoring India's every goal in **FIFA World Cup**.
- Indian boxing coach **Gurbax Singh Sandhu** who has the distinction of coaching both men and women boxers has been honoured with the National **awards** for **senior citizen** by president Ram Nath Kovind
- The **FIFA** has decided to **suspend the Pakistan football Federation** with immediate effect because of undue third party interference.
- **Switzerland's Esther Staubli** will become the **first female** referee to a official match at the **FIFA U-17 world cup**
- **Yuvraj singh** has been appointed as Laureus World sports awards first India Ambassador.
- **Ashish Nehra** confirmed that he would be retiring from all forms of cricket on Nov 1

- Netherland captain '**Arjen Robben**' announced the end of his international career after his country failed to reach the **2018 world cup finals**.
- **Shakib Al Hasan** becomes 1st Cricketer from Bangladesh to be inducted in **MCC world cricket committee**.
- **Roger Federer** beats Rafael Nadal to the **Shanghai Masters**
- **Maidan** heavy weights **Mohun Bagan** won the 37th All India governors **gold cup football tournament** for the **10th time**
- The **Indian football team** rose two spots above to **105th position** in the **latest FIFA ranking** in Oct 2017
- **Kavita Devi** becomes first Indian women wrestler to sign **WWE developmental contract**
- India's **Selena** Clinches **triple gold** at **Egypt junior and cadet Table Tennis Open**
- **Maria Sharapova** Wins **Tianjin Open**. This is the first title Since doping ban
- A division bench of the **Kerala High Court** has **restored** the **life ban imposed on** cricketer a **Sreesanth** by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (**BCCI**) in the **wake of the 2013 IPL Spot Fixing scandal**
- **Ravi Shastri** has **emerged** as the **world's highest earning cricket coach** with salary close to **1.17 million dollars per year**.
- **India** defeated Malaysia to **win** their **third Hockey Asia Cup title**
- **Indian Pugilists** have **won eight medals** including **four Gold's** in the third Youth International championships **Balkan Open 2017** at Sofia, **Bulgaria**
- Indian golfer **Gaganjeet Bhullar** Lifted the **Macao open trophy**
- South Korean Shuttlers **Lee So Hee** and **Shin Seung Chan** won the **women's double title** at **Denmark Open badminton tournament**
- **Kohli** becomes **top run Scorer** at **200 ODI's** and 14th Indian player to play 200 ODI's

- **Lewis Hamilton** won the **US grand prix**, on race away from the title
- Indian shuttler **Kidambi Srikanth** lifted the **Denmark Open Super Series Trophy** at Odense, **Denmark**
- **Jitu Raj** and **Heena Sidhu** combined to give India their **first medal** of **International Shooting** sports federation
- **Christina Ronaldo** wins ‘**The best FIFA men’s** Player Award’
- **Manav Thakkar** first Indian to **top ITTF world junior** circuit standings
- **Scott Fleming** Former India men’s national team **head** coach has joined NBA India as head of **Basketball operations**
- Indian origin South African research honored with prestigious award for their contribution in the field of **HIV/AIDS** professor **Salim Abdool Karim and Abdool Karim** received the **award** from the Institute of **Human virology**
- **Trukey** to host **World Rally championship 2018**
- **Puducherry** granted **BCCI** associate membership.
- The **FIFA U-17** world cup in **India** became the **most attended** in the history of tournament.
- **Virat Kohli** becomes Fastest to reach **9000 ODI runs**, taking just **194 innings** to achieve the feat
- Star Indian shuttler Kidambi **Srikanth** wins **French open title**
- **Patna Pirates** grabs third successive **Pro – Kabaddi** league title
- **England** have lifted their first even **FIFA U -17 World Cup**
- **Sangram Dahiya** won a **silver** in the **ISSF world cup** final in New Delhi
- The union cabinet has approved over **Rs.7000 cr** for construction of permanent campuses of **Six** new India Institute of Technology(**IIT**) across the Country
- **Virat Kolhi** and **Mithali Raj** both Indian captains have come out **top ICC ODI rankings**

- **Rohan Bopanna** won the **Erste open title** in **Vienna**, while the team of **Saketh Myneni** and **Vijay Sunder Prashanth** clinched the **Vietnam Open trophy** at the **HO chi Minh city**
- **Indian Junior Team** has won the **7th Sulthan of Johor cup 2017** at the **Taman Daya Hockey stadium**, in **Malaysia**
- **Lewis Hamilton** has been crowned **formula one World champion**

Award & Recognitions

- A **Ghana based Indian Entrepreneur Birendra Sasmal, CEO of Subah** has bagged a **prestigious business award** in **UK** for his efforts to bring **Innovative IT solutions to Africa**
- **Madurai's Meenakshi temple** named best **'Swachh Iconic place'** (Cleanest Iconic place) in India. This **award** was given by the Central government as a part of the **'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan'** (Clean India Mission).
- **Jeffrey C Hall, Michael Rosbash** and **Michael W Young** awarded **2017 Nobel Prize** in Medicine.
- The Nobel assemble at Karolinska Institute has decided to award the **2017 Nobel prize in physiology or medicine** jointly to **Jeffrey C.Hall, Michael Rosbash and Michael W.Young** for their discoveries of molecular mechanisms controlling the circadian rhythm.
- **Three American Physicists** have won the **Nobel Prize** in physics for the first observations of **gravitational waves**.
- Ministry of health adjusted best for **'Swachhta Pakhwada'**, an inter-ministry initiative of Swachh Bharat Mission of Ministry of Drinking water and Sanitation.
- Noted Vocalist **'Manik Bhide'** was chosen for the prestigious Bharatratna **'Pandit Bhimsen Joshi'** award for year 2017-2018 for her contribution in the field of **music**
- The **Nobel Prize** in literature for **2017** is awarded to the English author **Kazuo Ishiguro**
- **2017 Nobel peace prize** has been awarded to **anti-nuclear weapons campaigners to Abolish Nuclear weapons**, a coalition of non-government organizations from over **100 countries** around the globe.
- **Rajesh Nath**, MD of VDMA India has Been conferred the **'cross of the order of merit'** the highest civilian honour awarded to individuals for their services to **Germany**

- **J Sagar** Associates is the first law firm to have opened an office at Gujarat International Finance Tec-city (**GIFT**)
- Nobel Prize in economics awarded to American **Richard H. Thale** “for this contribution to **behavioral economics**”
- Noted Novelist T.D. **Radhakrishnan’s** ‘**Sugandhi Enna Andal Devanayaki**’ has been selected for this year **Vayalar award**
- Eminent writer Namita Gokhale has been nominated for the first centenary national award for literature
- President Ram Nath Kovind presented the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence in public administration Academics and management for the year 2017 to Dr. Bindeshwar pathak
- Actor **Prakash Raj** has triggered a huge **controversy** with his remarks on **PM Modi** , was honored with “ **Shivarama Karanth Huttura Prashasti**”.
- **M.K. Sanu** has chosen for the **Mathrubhumi Literacy Award for 2016**
- Singer **TM Krishna** wins **Indira Gandhi National Integration** for the year 2015 and 2016
- **Veteran writer-lyricist Javed Akhtar** is being honoured with the **Hridaynath Mangeshkar award** on the **28th anniversary of Hridayesh Arts.**
- **Eminent poet, lyricist and journalist Prabha Varma** has been selected for the **Padma Prabha Puraskaram** this year.
- **Carnatic Vocalist TM Krishna** has won the **Indira Gandhi award for National Integration (2015-2016)**
- **US author George Saunders** has won the **2017 man Booker prize**. He was awarded for his **first full length novel “Lincoln in the Bardo”**
- **Indian Consumers regard ‘Google as the most authentic brand’ even through Amazon.com** tops the **list globally, reveal the results of the 2017 “Authentic Brands Study”** by the **new survey of global communications agency Cohn & Wolfe.**
- The **Jaipur and Srinagar Airport** for **first and second rank** respectively in the category of **2-5 million passengers in ASQ (Airport Service Quality) Survery.**

- **Hyderabad's Rajiv Gandhi International Airport** has bagged the **world 1 airport Award trophy** of the Airports Council International (ACI) in the **5-15 million passengers per annum category**.
- Noted **Indian-American Attorney Ajay Raju** has been honoured with the **third American Bazaar Philanthropy** award in recognition of his philanthropic activities in the **US**.
- An **Indian-Origin teenagar 'Akshay Ruparelia'** has **made** a fortune by **selling houses** through his **online estate agency business during his school lunch breaks** and has become **one of UK's youngest millionaires**.
- The **world's most prestigious award** for **pioneers** in environmental science was given to **Hans Joachim Schellnhuber** in **Tokyo** who receives **Blue planet prize**.
- **Dr. AKINWUMI AYODEVI ADESINA** the president of the African Development™ Bank will be recognized as the **2017 world food prize laureate**
- The play back singer **Alka Yagnik** and **Udit Narayan** to get **Lata Mangeshkar award**
- The **Meghalaya** Election has entered **Limca** Book of Records for the formation of **biggest human logo** comprising **Young Voters** in the State
- **LXT Technology Services** Ltd a Leading global pure-play Engineering Services company was conferred with the confederation of Indian Industry(CII) **Industrial Innovation Award 2017**
- **Andhra Pradesh CM N. Chandrababhu Naidu** has been honoured with the prestigious **Golden Peacock award in the 17th London Global Convection** held in London in the category of '**Global Leadership in public service and Economic Transformation**'
- **Gina Miller**, an Indian origin campaigner has been named **UK's most influential black** person of the year for winning a legal challenge that prevented **British PM Theresa** from triggering **Brexit** without **Parliaments approval**
- **Sharmilla Tapore**, was honoured with the '**Lifetime Achievement** Award by the PHD Chamber of commerce and Industry "New **Delhi**"
- Amazon founder '**Jeff Bezos**' has overtaken Bill gates to become the **world's richest person**.
- Online travel Solutions provider **Cleartrip** was named the '**Best Mobile APP for travel and Leisure**' at the **Mobexx awards 2017**

- Veteran actor **Sharmila Tagore** has received the **Lifetime Achievement** award for her Contribution in the field of **cinema**

Books

- HRD Minister **Shri Prakash Jovadekar** presents book ‘**Guru – Sangraha**’ to **Shri Pranab Mukherjee**.
- Third volume of former president **Pranab Mukherjee’s** auto biography titled ‘**The coalition years – 1996 – 2012**’ has been released.
- “**Dream nation: uniting a country with handwritten Dreams**”. This is co-authored by **Saji Mathew – and Jubie John**
- Actress **Deepika Padukone** launched **Hema Malini’s** biography ‘**Hema Malini: Beyond the Dream girl**’ on the occasion of **Hema’s 69th birthday**.
- Rajasthan CM **Vasundhara Raja** launched **Rajiv Mehrishi’s** e-book titled ‘**India 1027 Year Book**’
- Defence Minister released a coffee table **book** on the Department of Defence Production (**DDP**) titled ‘**A journey towards self – reliance**’
- An illustrative **Book** containing Inspiration words of Dr. **A.P.J Abdul Kalam** was released online by Indian women Cricket team captain **Mithali Raj** on the 86th birth anniversary of the former President

Important Days

- **International Day of older person : 1 Oct**
- Theme: “**Stepping into the future: Tapping the Talents, Contribution and participation of older person in society**.”
- **International Day of Non-Violence – Oct 2**
- **World Habitat Day – Oct 2 (1st Monday of every October)**
- Theme: Housing Policies: Affordable Homes.

- World **Post** Day: October 9
Theme: ‘Innovation, Integration and Inclusion’
- **World Mental Health** Day: October 10.
Theme: ‘Mental health in the workplace’
- India **water** week – 2017: October 10-14, 2017
Theme: Water and Energy for inclusive growth
- **BBBP** Week=BetI Bachao BetI Padho Week – Oct 9th to Oct 14th 2017
- International **Girl Child** Day: October 11
Theme: The Daughter of New India
- International Day for the **girl child** – **Oct 11**
 - Theme: The power of the Adolescent Girl.
 - **Vision for 2030**
- **World Arthritis Day** falls on **October 12** this year with the theme. It’s in your hands, take action.
- World Sight Day (**WSD**) held on **October 12** with the theme ‘**Make vision Count**’
- International Day for **Disaster reduction** observed on **13 October** with theme ‘Home safe Home : Reducing Exposure , Reducing Displacement’
- **World Food day** – **16th October**
 - Theme: Change the future of migration. Invest in food security and rural development

Appointments

- The president on Oct 2, in exercise of the powers conferred by article **340** of the constitution appointed a commission to examine the **Sub-Categorization** of Other Backward Classes (**OBC**).
- The Process Plant and Machinery Association of India (**PPMAI**) have elected **Yatinder pal singh suri** as its new **chairman**.
- The **Mongolian** Parliament has confirmed **Ukhnaa Khurelsukh** as the country’s new prime minister
- **Ms. Pooja Kapur** has been concurrently accredited as the next **ambassador** of India to the

Republic of **Macedonia**

- Private Life insurance company (PNB) Punjab National Bank MetLife appointed **Ashish kumar Srivastava** as MD and CEO
- **Facebook** Managing Director – “**Umang Bedi**” who joined “facebook India” in June 2016 has stepped down from his position. After he quit, “Sandeep Bhusan” as interim MD.
- **Anupam kher** is the new chairman of the prestigious film and **Television Institute of India** in **Pune**.
- **Nisha Desai Biswal** appointed **US-India Business Council** president.
- **Shri Vinay Mohan Kwatra** appointed as the next **ambassador of India** to the principality of **Monaco**.
- **Preeti suden** was appointed as the new union Health Secretary
- **Jagdish Muthi** was sworn in as new Governor of Assam.
- **Bambawale** appoint as next Indian **ambassador to China**, He will replace Vijay Gokhale in China.
- **Rukaiya Rangwala** appointed **Mobikwik** payment gateway **head**.
- UNESCO’s French culture Minister **Audrey Azoulay** to be the **UN cultural agency’s next leader**
- **New Zealand** will get its **youngest Prime Minister ‘Jacinda Ardern’**.
- Ranjit Kumar resigned as the solicitor general of India.
- **New Zealand** Labour party’s leader **Jacinda Ardern** is set to become youngest ever female prime minister of New Zealand.
- **India Post Payment Bank** has appointed **Suresh Sethi** as its **MD & CEO**
- **NS Venkatesh** has been appointed as chief executive of the association of Mutual Fund in India(**AMFI**)
- **HSBC** appoint **Jayant Rikhye** as CEO India

- **Rakesh Asthana** appointed as **CBI** special director
- **Alok Kumar Pateria** has been appointed as the news additional director general (**ADG**) of **Central Industrial security Force**
- Cricketer **Suresh Raina** has been appointed as the brand ambassador of the Ghaziabad Municipal corporation (**GMC**) and also the brand **ambassador** of **Swachh Bharat mission**
- **N.J Gangte** Appointed as the next **High commissioner of India** to the Republic of **Zambia**
- Vice Admiral **Ajit Kumar** takes charge as new **vice chief of Navy**

Termination

- The **WHO** has announced that **Zimbabwe** as its **Goodwill ambassador** has been **cancelled**

Obituary

- **Radhika Mohan Bhagawati**, **Guwahati** based **Journalist** has passed away
- Former Information and Broadcasting minister **Purushottam Lal Kaushik** has passed away
- World Teachers day – **Oct 25**. Theme : **Teaching in freedom, Empowering Teachers**
- World Space Week – 4 to 10 October. Theme : **Exploring new worlds in Space**
- Filmmaker **Kundan** Shah passes away
- Congress leader **Prabhakarpant Ojharkar** passes away.
- Veteran **historian of medieval India** and noted educational administrator **Satish Chandra** has passed away.
- India's **First Olympic Swimmer Shamasher Khan** passed away
- Filmmaker **Lekh Tandon** passes away
- Poet **Punyaslok Dayupta** passes away

- Veteran Indonesian goal keeper **Choirul Huda** passes away
- Former Lok Sabha member **Amal Oatta** died - kolkata
- Film maker and Rani Mukarji's father **Ram mukharjee** passes away
- Noted **Malayalam film director I.V.Sasi** passes away
- **Padma Vibhushan** Thumri Singer **Girija Devi** passes away in Kolkata.
- **Rock and Roll Pioneer Fats Domino** has passed away


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