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AUGUST 2017

August 1

- Shri Mukhtar Abbar launches 'Jiyo Parsi publicity phase -2' function in Mumbai , it was initiated to increase the small minority population of Parsi community
- 'Rajaswa Gyasangam' is going to be held in New Delhi
- World's longest pedestrian suspension bridge 'the Europabrucke (Europe Bridge) opens in Switzerland
- Minister for steel Chanrdhary Birender Singh said that first time India has become a net export country in steel
- Typhoon Haitang struck China, two lakh people evacuated from Fujian province
- Indian Shuttler C.Rahul Yadav and men's doubles pair of Manu Attri and B Sumeeth Reddy has won the men's singles and men's doubles titles at Lagus International Challenge
- Sebastian Vettel wins Hungarian Grand Prix.

August 2

- Border security force that signed MOU with National Skill Development Corporation on Skill Development
- Sam Shepard Pulitzer Prize winning playwright and Oscar nominated actor passed away
- The Supreme Court has imposed a ban on the use of these five harmful metals in firecrackers Lead, Mercury, Lithium, Arsenic and Antimony
- Donald Trump honoured James Mccloughan with the medal of honour for Risking his life to Save the Wounded during the Vietnam War
- India signed a new bilateral agreement on Trade commerce and Transit with Bhutan

- Marian Diamond neuroscientist who studied Albert Einstein's brain and died recently
- The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban affairs released the Swachh Survekshan 2018's anthem 'Swachhata Ki Jyot Jagi Hai' the anthem is scripted by Prasoon Joshi.

August 3

- The ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has appointed an expert headed by Justice B.N. Srikrishna to study issues related to data protection.
- India and Somalia signed an agreement on transfer of sentenced person.
- World Bank has said that India is allowed to construct hydroelectric power facilities on tributaries of Jhelum and Chenab River.
- BRICS trade ministers meeting held in shanghai.
- SEBI has set up a committee on fair market conduct it will suggest measures for improving surveillance of the markets and strengthen rules for trade.
- Former Indian captain hockey Dhanraj Pillay was honoured with 'Bharat Gaurav' by East Bengal football club.
- SEBI has approved the appointment of Dharendra swarup as the chairman of a Board of directors of the Bombay stock Exchange.
- Sanjaya Baru appointed as secretary General of the Federation of Indian chambers of commerce and Industry.(FICCI)
- Peter O' Neill has been reappointed as prime minister of Papua New Guinea.
- Scientist in U.S has found a method to use curcumin the bioactive compounds of turmeric to treat cancer in children.

- Government launched e – RAKAM Portal (Rashtriya Kisan Agri Mandi) to provide a platform to sell agricultural produce and strengthen the agriculture oriented Indian economy.

August 4

- Union Agriculture Ministry signed a memorandum of Association for setting up regional centre of International Rice Research Institute in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh to develop high Yielding rice variety.
- United States has issued a ban prohibiting its citizen travelling to North Korea.
- Multi commodity exchange of India Limited (MCX) and Mahindra Agri Solution Limited signed a MOU to provide agriculture related price information.
- Hassan Rouhani was officially sworn in as the president of Iran for second term.
- InCred, the Mumbai – based new age financial services group, has signed up Rahul Dravid as its Brand ambassador.
- The Punjab state government appointed Harmanpreet kaur to the post of Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) in the state police.
- The Indian Army has developed a mobile application app “Humraaz” through which serving soldiers can track their details posting and promotion.
- Christopher Wray confirmed as the director of Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- Lt. General Abhay Krishna appointed as the chief of Indian Army Eastern command.

August 5

- To promote innovation and entrepreneurship in agriculture, Government launched “AGRI UDAAN” – Food and agribusiness Accelerator 2.0 programme in New Delhi.
- The Bihar Government has informed that it has decided to compulsory retirement for non – performing teachers, head master and education department officials above the age of 50 years. The committee is headed by R.k. Mahajan.
- India’s First Heli – Taxi service launched by Mos for civil Aviation Jayanth Sinha in Bangalore.
- First meeting of JICF for development of North – Eastern Region held in New Delhi.
- Qatar becomes first Arab country to offer permanent residency to non – citizens.
- India’s first private sector missile Sub Systems manufacturing facility inaugurated at Hyderabad.
- J.K. Rowling, the creator of Harry potter tops the ranking of the highest paid by Forbes with earnings of £72.3 million

August 6

- Veteran actress and national award winner Sharada has been selected for this year’s Prem Nazir Award.
- The AIFF (All India Football Federation) has appointed senior advocate Ushanath Banerjee as the chairman of a special committee. It will deal with the players ‘Transfer Disputes’.
- Air Marshal Hemant Narayan Bhagwat has taken over as Air officer in charge Administration of Indian Air force at New Delhi.

- Shri Prabhat Kumar presently Ambassador of India to Colombia has been appointed as the next ambassador of India to the Republic of Kazakhstan.
- Mohammad Mustafa a senior bureaucrat was appointed as Chairman and Managing Director in Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).
- Railways have launched to provide the 'buy tickets now and pay later' service for any express trains.

August 7

- Maharashtra Government has launched two online Portals MahaDBT and MahaVASTU to ease the process of direct benefit transfer (DBT).
 - **Maha DBT portal** : It is an Aadhaar – authenticated electronic mechanism that will enable direct transfer of benefits for over 40 schemes currently implemented.
 - **MahaVASTU** : It is an online building permission management through which construction approvals will be sanctioned with full transparency.
- Two satellites have been launched by Israel that is one dedicated to monitor the effects of climate change on vegetation. The satellites were launched from Kourou, in French Guiana.
- The Archaeological survey of India has declared all ASI protected Monuments and Archaeological sites as 'Polythene free zone'.
- Neymar has become the most expensive player in football history after completing his blockbuster transfer to Paris – Saint Germain from Barcelona for 222 Million Euros (262 Million).
- A high level committee headed by former Supreme Court judge Justice B.N. Rikrishna setup to review the Institutionalization of Arbitration Mechanism.
- The Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) became the first Airport in the world, to be completely powered by solar energy.

- Kotak Mahindra Bank has launched a new service called “Kotak Remit”. This service is an Aadhaar – based integrated outward Forex remittance solution for both customers and non – customers.
- Tata Memorial centre as joined with the Indian Dental Association (IDA) to initiate India’s first digital initiative for prevention and early detection of oral cancer.
- Uttar Pradesh CM yogi Adityanath declared the Bollywood actor Akshay Kumar becomes the brand Ambassador of the Swachh Bharat Mission.
- Indian doubles pair of Joshna Chinappa and Dipika Pallikal Karthik bagged for a bronze medal at the WSF World doubles Squash championship.

August 8

- Union Home Ministry passed on order to merge the three decade old National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) with Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD) to improve administrative efficiency and optimal utilization of resources.
- Master Card and PayPal have announced an extension of their partnership into Asia Pacific for making Master card a clear payment option within PayPal.
- Firoz merchant, an Indian businessman in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) honoured with UAE’s prestigious community service Medal.
- Aparna appointed as Executive Director of World Bank.
- Indian Institute of Science (IISc) researchers from Bangalore have developed a highly sensitive, low cost nanometer – scale carbon Monoxide (Co) sensor with possible application in environmental pollution Monitoring.
- Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has beaten Bangalore Hockey Association in the final in 91st All India MCC – Murugappa Gold cup hockey – tournament.

- Indian Shooter Ankur Mittal has won the individual as well as the team gold medal in Men's double trap at the 7th Asian Shotgun Championship.
- Handloom day is observed on 7th August to encourage people to use handmade loom in the country.
- M. Venkaiah Naidu, was chosen as the 13th Vice president of India, will succeeded incumbent Hamid Ansari.

August 9

- Minister of state (Independent charge) for AYUSH, Mr. Shripad Yesso Naik, informed that during the year 2016-17 central government released Rs. 41711.849 lakhs fund to state / UT Governments under National AYUSH Mission.
- The 2030 Water Resources Group (2030 WRG) will help the Maharashtra Government to raise \$270 million from Green Climate Fund, which will be invested in integrated watershed programmes in the state.
- Government launches second phase of measles – rubella vaccination campaign to cover approximately 41 crore children in a phased manner, making it the largest ever worldwide.
- The dawn of cruise tourism in India was inaugurated in Mumbai there is the launch of three reports, "Mumbai port Sop's for cruise operations", "Road map for sea cruise tourism" and "cruise terminals in India".
- The 8th meeting of the Regional Technical group of confidence Building measure on Trade, commerce and Investment opportunities under the Heart of Asia - Istanbul process was hosted by India.
- The centre has declared the entire Assam as a "disturbed" area under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act. The AFSPA for three more months.
- Ravinder Jadeja has been ranked No. 1 test all rounder in the ICC 2017 rankings.

- Rajiv Kumar noted economist appointed as the new vice chairman of NITI Aayog.
- Beirut, Lebanon – The city where Asia's biggest basket ball tournament, known as FIBA Asia cup, will be held in August 2017.

August 10

- NITI Aayog has chosen three states for transformative changes in health sector under its "Sustainable Action for Transforming Human capital" (SATH) Initiative. The states are – Uttar Pradesh, Assam and Karnataka.
- NITI Aayog has chosen on other three states for transformable change education sectors under 'SATH' initiative. The states are – Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Odisha.
- Dilip Chauhan has been appointed as Deputy Comptroller for Minority Affairs in New York.
- Mughalsarai Junction railway station has been renamed after Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya.
- Sanwar Lal Jat former Union Minister and BJP MP from Ajmer passed away.
- India celebrated 75th anniversary of historic Movement Quit India Movement on 9th August 2017.
- India finished the Asian Junior Boxing Tournament in Puerto Princesa, Philippines with total 8 medals (2 silver, 6 bronze).
- Former West Bengal Minister Gyan Singh Sohanpal fondly called 'Chacha' died.
- The National Skill Development Corporation and Google India launched Android skill Development programme to Improve Mobile Developers Ecosystem.

August 11

- Minister of state for electronics and information technology PP Chaudhary said first phase of National Cyber co-ordination centre set up to scan country's web traffic to detect cyber security threats has made operational now.
- The national Green Tribunal (NGT) has imposed a temporary ban on use of non-bio – degradable plastic bags which are less than 50 microns.
- The Uttar Pradesh government has launched a new awareness drive called Namami Gange Jagriti Yatra to focus on cleanliness along the banks of Ganga river and maintain hygiene.
- According to Asian cities and Regions outlook 2016 by Oxford Economics, Delhi will have the fastest growth among all Indian cities with the economy growing almost 50 percent larger in 2021.
- Facebook has launched YouTube competitor called 'Watch' to help and keep up with the shows one follows.
- ISRO to develop full fledged Hyperspectral Imaging Earth observation satellite using a critical chip called optical imaging detector array.
- Vizag's Rayichapalu is declared one of the rarest fish in the world by researchers from the marine living Resources Department of Andhra University.
- World Bio – fuel day – August 10 celebrated to create awareness about non – fossil – fuels such as biodiesel, ethanol, biogas etc.

August 12

- As per economic survey 2016 – 17 volume – II tabled in parliament by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley admits achieving 7.5% growth target for this fiscal as tough.
- Department of Industrial policy and promotion under ministry of commerce and industry has approved two projects for development of industrial clusters at Hindupur and Bobbili.

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- Delhi assembly passes minimum wages Amendment Bill 2017 seeks to make the punishment to violators of minimum wage norm stricter.
- The Delhi Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Bill 2017 aims to grant the existing Netaji Subhash Institute of Technology the status of university.
- 15th Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi – sectoral Technical and Economic Co-operation (BIMSTEC) Ministerial meeting was held in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- Facebook has partnered with the Odisha's MSME department and Project Mission Sakthi to train 25000 entrepreneurs by end of 2018.
- Oxford University Press (OUP) has launched online dictionaries in Tamil and Gujarati as a part of its special focus on Indian languages.
- BitBay is one of the top ten crypto currency trading platforms in the world. It has launched a platform for trade and exchange of digital currencies such as Bitcoin, Litecoin, Ether, Lisk, Dash, Monero and GameCredits.
- Reenat Sandhu presently ambassador of India to Italy. She has been concurrently accredited as the next ambassador of India to the Republic of San Marino.
- Real Madrid a professional Football club of Spain has won the 2017 UEFA Super Cup football tournament.
- International Youth Day observed on 12 Aug 2017 across the world.

theme : Youth Building peace

August 13

- The Human Resource Development (HRD) Ministry has launched a new video of the National Anthem in sign language, featuring disabled and partially disabled children.

- To improve road safety in Hyderabad with the use of technology the government of Telangana along with world Resource Institute announced the launch of smart street lab program.
- Dr. Ruth Pfall a German doctor popularly known as Pakistan's 'mother teresa' for dedicating her life to eradicate leprosy in the country passed away in Karachi
- US President Donald Trump has appointed Indian American Neil Chatterjee as chair of the federal Energy Regulatory commission.
- The Hindu Playwright award 2019 is awarded to Gerish Khemani and Akshat Nigam for this play 'In search of Dariyasayar'
- Veteran Journalist TIS George has bagged for first Kesari Media award.
- Bollywood lyricist – screen writer and Odgurer Prasoon Joshi appointed as Chairperson of CBFC (Central Board of Film Censor)
- Kenya's president Uhuru Kenyatta has won a second and final five year term as president.
- Gaitri Issac Kumar an IFS presently Ambassador of India to Belgium. She has been concurrently accredited as the Ambassador of India to the Grand Duchy Luxembourg
- Vinay Dube has joined as Chief Executive officer of Jet Airways

August 14

- Jharkhand assembly has passed Religious Freedom Bill 2017. It aims to stop the forced conversions in the state.
- Flipkart World third most funded private limited with the Rs 2.4 billion it just received from Japanese technology and telecom giant Softbank.
- IV Subba Rao has appointed the Secretary to vice president M Venkaiah Naidu.

- David Rasquinha who is currently deputy managing director of Exim Bank India has been appointed as the Managing Director of the Bank.
- Bollywood star Aishwarya Rai Bachchan has become the first female actor ever to hoist the Indian National Flag at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne.
- Shooter Maheswari Chauhan bagged a bronze medal at the Asian shot gun championship to earn India's first women's skeet Individual medal in Astana, Kazakhstan.
- The Government of India has decided to launch a new sub- scheme named 'Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana as part of Deendayal Antodaya Yojana. It will be implemented in 250 blocks in the country. It will help to provide safe, affordable and community monitored rural transport service to connect remote villages with key service and amenities.
- Legendary Indian athlete milkha singh has been appointed WHO goodwill ambassador for physical activity in South East Asia Region
- Israeli Holocaust Survivor Yisrael Krislal certified by Guinness world record as the world oldest man died aged 113.

August 15

- Gabriel Chundan the snake boat powered by oarsmen of Thuruthippuram Boal Cluh has won the 65th edition of the prestigious Nehru Trophy held at the punnamda lake
- A three day annual cultural festival named 'Fete de puducherry' organized by the Government of India begins in puducherry. This is part of celebrating independence day and also liberation day of Puducherry.
- As per the new study published in The Astrophysical Journal, researches have found that the TRAPPIST. I Star between 5.4 and 9.8 billion years.
- According to the global leader in broadband testing Ookla declared that Norway has the fastest Mobile Internet in the World.

- Santhosh Sharma was appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of Hindustan Copper Limited.
- India claimed their first ever 3.0 win overseas, beating srilanka in the third and the final test at pallekele international cricket stadium.
- Pakistan on 14th of August celebrated its Independence Day. Pakistan hoisted a 400 feet high national flag, the largest in its history at the Attari-Wagah border to mark its 70th Independence Day.
- Social Security day observed on 14th August.
- The India – Asean Youth Summit has begun in Bhopal. It focuses to bring the participant to work for eradication of terrorism, poverty and drug menace. The Summit with the theme – “Shared Values, Common destiny”.
- Afla the successful launch of the country's first Indigenously developed robot 'BRABO' in April, TAL manufacturing a wholly – owned subsidiary of TATA Motors, has launched 'Robo Whiz'

August 16

- India's first aviation university at Fursatganj in uttar pradesh's Rae Bareli district is all set to open.
- Indian coast Guard ship 'Shaurya' the fifth in the series of six 105 – metre. offshore petrol vessel commissioned in Goa by union minister for petroleum and Natural gas Dharmendra pradhan.
- Chief minister Naveen patnaik launches 'she means Business' programme of facebook for women entrepreneurs in Odisha. Under this scheme 25000 women entrepreneurs and self help group members will be given training on digital marketing skills within next one Year.
- Union minister forest and climate change minister, Dr. Harsh Vardhan launched 'Gaj Yatra' a nationwide campaign to protect elephants on the occasion of World elephant day August 12.

- India, Russia to Hold Major Tri-service 'Indra' combat exercise in October will primarily focus on achieving co-ordination between forces of the two countries in a triservices integrated theatre command scenario.
- India's first railway disaster management village will be setup at a cost of Rs. 44.42 crore in Hejjala near Bengaluru.
- International Maritime search and Rescue exercise (IMMSAREX) will be held in Bay of Bengal. China to join the Indian ocean exercise in November.
- Infusion nurses society (INS) is a global authority in Infusion therapy has launched India's first online course on Infusion therapy for nurses under this.

August 17

- India will host the next "Steering Committee" meeting of the Turkmenistan – Afghanistan – Pakistan – India (TAPI) gas pipeline
- Natco Pharma the pharmaceutical company recently received nod from US Food and Drug Administrator to market Lanthanum Carbonate Chewable tables.
- Alexander Zverev Won the men's singles title at the Rogers cup 2017.
- The war museum of Auckland was lit up in the color of Indian flag for the first time ever to mark the 70th Independence Day of India.
- Elina Svitolina Won the Women's singles title at the 2017 Rogers cup.
- The government sponsored food outlet called India's Canteen was inaugurated in this city – Bangalore.
- Italy would be hosting the G-7 Interior Minister's summit 2017 on security issue.
- Union Cabinet approves MOU between India and Sweden aims at establishing a wide ranging and flexible mechanism through which both

the nations can exchange best practices and work together on training program.

- Nepal and China has signed three pacts to boost their ties in power and energy sector and undertake a feasibility study to excavate natural gas and petroleum in the Himalayan country including in the Southern Terai Plains.
- Space X has successfully launched Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) Space borne computer towards International Space station using Falcon 9 . Rocket.

August 18

- Energy efficient appliances such as LEO bulbs, tube light and fans are soon going to be sold at petrol pumps across India under this flagship scheme – Unnat Jeevan by Affordable LEDS and Appliances for All (UJALA)
- India's first Partition Museum was opened recently in Amritsar
- Archaeologists have discovered three ancient toms dating back around 2000 year in Egypt
- Cabinet committee on economic affairs, chaired by the PM Narendra Modi approved the proposals of Department of Investment and Public Asset Management for Strategic disinvestment
- Cabinet Committee on economic affairs has given its approved to the scheme of providing budgetary support under Good and Service Tax regime for the eligible industrial units located in state of Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarkhand, Himachal Pradesh, North eastern states including Sikkim
- Emma Stone has been named Hollywood's best highest paid female actor in forbes annual list at top earners
- Sohali Mahmood Pakistan's High commissioner to India took charge at the High commission He was Pakistan's ambassador to Thailand from 2009-2013

- General Motors (GM) India has announced the appointment of Sanjiv Gupta as the new President and Managing Director of the Company.

August 19

- Central government has approved a nearly Rs. 32,000 crore “definitive Five Year action programme” for the Indian Guard to enhance its capability in maintaining vigil on coastal waters.
- The Prime Minister has interacted with young Entrepreneurs at the “Champions of Change” initiative organized by NITI Aayog at Pravasi Bharathiya Kendra.
- Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Dr. Harsh Vardhan has launched the “Harit Diwali, Swasth Diwali” campaign, He also administered a pledge for a Green and Healthy Diwali to the gathering of the students. The message of celebrating this is children should buy earthen lamps and other such environment friendly products.
- Chief Minister Deverndra Fadnavis has inaugurated Dr. Vishwanath Karad MIT World Peace University.
- World Humanitarian Day – August 19 Theme: # Not A Target.
- The government has banned exports of gold jewellery, medallions and other articles above 22 carat purity in a bid to check round stumbling of the precious metal. India is the world second biggest consumer after China.
- The US and Japan have agreed to advance their Multilateral Security and defense co-operation with countries like India, South Korea and Australia.
- Qatar has launched a new direct route between the country’s Hamad Port and Pakistan’s port of Karachi to boost trade between the two countries.
- Dr. Nanda Kumar Jairam, CEO Chairman and Group medical Director, Columbia Asia Hospitals, India has been awarded the ‘Healthcare Personality of the year’ award

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- TRIFED (Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India) limited is celebrating World Honey Bee day on Aug 19 Theme: To save Indian Honey Bee.

August 20

- National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has launched two mobile apps, MyFASTAG and FASTAG partner. These mobile apps will be useful for Electronic Toll Collection (ETC)
- As per National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) a large near – Earth sized asteroid named ‘Asteroid Florence’ will pass safely by our planet on Sept. 1 2017 at a distance of about seven million kilometers.
- India had won 15 Gold, 10 Silver and 12 Bronze medals in the world dwarf games.
- Youth Indian Shuttler Lakshyasan has won the Bulgaria open International series.
- Navika Sagar Parikrama which will commence in September, a team of women officers of the Indian Navy would circumnavigate the globe on an Indian – built Sail boat INSV Tarini. This is the first ever Indian circumnavigation of the globe by an all women crew.
- Smrity Iirani has Inaugurated Jharkhand’s first textile manufacturing and export unit ‘Orient craft limited’
- China launched its first cyber court specializing in handling internet related causes in the e-commerce hub of Hangzhou amid a spike in the number of online disputes.
- The First Regional Centre of the New Development Bank was opened by South African president Jacob Zuma and the banks Indian head K.V. Kamath.
- Dr. Ms. Mamta Suri took charge as Executive Director, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) in New Delhi.

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- Russian president Vladimir Putin has appointed career diplomat Nikolay Kudashev as Russia's new ambassador to India.
- Rear Admiral Travis Sinniah was appointed as the chief of Sri Lanka's Navy forces. He was the first Tamil Navy Chief after four decades.

August 21

- NASA launches "TORS – M" Satellite It aimed at ensuring astronauts as the International Space Station can communicate with Earth
- Serana Williams named highest paid Female athlete of 2017
- India's Junior Para – athlete Rinku Hooda won Silver in the Javelin throw F 40 at the World Para – Athletics Junior Championship
- The union cabinet gave its approval for raising Extra Budgetary Resources (EBR) upto Rs.9020cr for long term Irrigation Fund during fiscal year – 2017-18.

August 22

- The Law and Judiciary department has issued an order for setting up of first three of the total 24 fast track courts for Maharashtra in Mumbai and Thane.
- Rahul Dashi a 12 year old Indian origin boy who was crowned as the UK's child Genius in a popular television quiz competition.
- The State Government of Assam announced that it would be launching a new scheme called scheme for compassionate family pension in place of compassionate appointment.
- Arabian cap shaped world – cup stadium to be built in Qatar for FIFA – 2022.
- A team of civilian researches led by Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen have discovered the Wreckage of World War II ship USS Indianapolis 18000 feet below the surface in the Pacific Ocean, nearly after 72 years.

- India's first calf delivered by a surrogate cow through In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) technology carried out in a mobile laboratory was born in August 2017 in Indapur, Pune of Maharashtra.
- The Reserve Bank of India introduced Rs 50 bank notes in the Mahatma Gandhi (New) series bearing signature of Urjit Patel Governor of Reserve Bank.
- The Minister of State for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi said that his government has decided to offer 40 percent reservation for girls at 100 Navodaya type schools.
- The National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned a loan assistance of Rs 1349.55 Crore to the Rajasthan government for creation of Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)
- Telangana Chief Minister Chandrababtu Naidu has been selected for the Prestigious Leadership Award 2017, for his innovative services rendered to the welfare of farmers and the farm sector.

August 23

- The 8th World Renewable Energy Technology Congress in Delhi addressed by Shri Piyush Goyal, The Minister State for power, coal and renewable energy and Mines
- Government of India's Street Lighting National Programme (SLNP) has illuminated 50,000 km of Indian roads with installation of 30 lakhs LED street light across the country
- Festival of India being organized in Cote D'Ivoire, Liberia and Guinea. The festival will showcase diverse Indian culture
- The Cell for IPR promotion and management (CIPAM) a professional body under the aegis of the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) conducted a three day workshop on Intellectual Property Rights in New Delhi

- Goa would be hosting the International Film Festival of India 2017

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- Swasth Bachche, Swasth Bharat programme, an initiative of Kendriya Vidyalaya an initiative of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan to prepare a physical Health and Fitness profile card for more than 12 lakhs of Kendriya Vidyalaya student in Kochi
- Dharmendra Kumar IPS appointed as the Director – General Railway protection Force, Railway Board
- Dr.Pinaki Panigrahi a US based doctor has discover an inexpensive prevention technique against Sepsis
- Farmer Manipur CM Rishang Keishing passes away
- Android 8-0 version that was recently launched by Google – Android Oreo
- British Scientist recently developed the world's smallest surgical robot named versions
- Union Ministry of Agriculture is organizing the Sankalp Se Sidhi program to commemorate the 45th anniversary of Quit India Movement.

August 24

- Home Minister Rajnath Singh Launched Digital Police Portal under CCTNS (crime and criminal Tracking Network and systems) which will be useful all stakeholders including the policy makers
- Cloud seeding project of Karnataka took off at Jakkur air field. The Project named Vardhashree has been fully operational and taken up for a period of today
- NITI Aayog launched the Mentor India Campaign, a Strategic nation building initiative to engage leaders who can guide and Mentor Students at more than 900 Atal Tinkering Labs
- The Indian council of Medical Research has signed an MOU with the International Vaccine Institute for collaborating on Vaccine research and development

- Foreign Direct Investment, FDI, into the country grew by 37 percent to 10 (points) Four billion US Dollar during the first quarter of the current fiscal
- Subroto Cup International football Tournament Began in Delhi
- The Seventeenth Meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council was held in New Delhi under chairmanship of union Minister of Finance Arun Jaitley
- The telecom Regulatory Authority of India has signed MOU agreement with the Malaysian communication and Multimedia commission to Strengthen the co-operation in the field of Broad casting and telecommunication Regulation
- National Sports Award announced 2017
- **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award**
 - ✓ Jhajharia (Para - Olympian), Sardar Singh (Hockey)
- **Arjuna awards**
 - ✓ Cricket – Harmanpreet kaur, Cheteswax pujara
 - ✓ Shooter – PN Prakash, L.Devendro Singh
 - ✓ Tennis – Sakesh Mymeni
 - ✓ Football – Oinam Bembem
- **Dronacharya awards**
 - ✓ R.Gandhi(Athletics)
 - ✓ Heera Nand Kataria (Kabbadi)
 - ✓ G.S.S.V.Prasad (Badminton)
 - ✓ Brijji Bhusan Mohanty (Boxing)
 - ✓ P.A Raphel (Hockey)
 - ✓ Snjay charkraverthy (shooting)
 - ✓ Roshan Lal (wrestling)

➤ **Dhyan Chand award**

- ✓ Mr. Bhupendra Singh – Athletics
- ✓ Mr. Syed Shahid Hakim – Football
- ✓ Ms. Sumarai Tete – Hockey

August 25

- The 17th meeting of the financial stability and Development council (FSDC) was held in New Delhi
- The central scheme SAMPADA scheme for Agro-marine processing and development of Agro processing cluster got the cabinet approval for rename as Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana. The objective of the scheme is to supplement agriculture, modernize processing and decrease Agricultural waste.
- Government has finalized new cadre policy of IAS, IPS and IFS officers aimed at ensuring national integration in the country's top bureaucracy.
- The Supreme Court has declared Right to privacy as a fundamental Right under constitution Article 21
- The Indian coast guard ship 'Varuna' Decommissioned. It's fourth in its series known as offshore patrol vessel (OPV).
- Qatar Airways entered into new interline partnership with full service domestic airline Vistara.
- Ashwani Lohani will be new chairman of Railway Board.
- Odhisa chief minister Naveen Patnaik conferred the Biju Patnaik Award for Scientific Excellence for year 2016 to prof Digambar Behera.
- Brian Aldiss the 'grand old man' of science Fiction has died at 92.
- MOU between India and Nepal for laying down implement arrangement for construction of a closure of loss making Bharat Wagon and Engineering company.

- MOU between India and Nepal on Drug Demand Reduction and prevention of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic substance and precursor chemical and related Matters.

August 26

- Alibaba's Group's Jack Ma is back or top as Asia's richest man.
- Sushma Swaraj will inaugurate the country's first Videsh Bhavan, assimilating all Regional passport offices under one roof.
- MOU has been signed the Institute of chartered Accountants of India and the Institute of chartered accountants of Nepal.
- A two-day meeting of Heads of Government of Shanghai co-operation organization member states begins at choplon Ata in Krygyz Republic
- Software Giant Microsoft has announced its project 'Brainwave' deep learning acceleration platform for real-time artificial Intelligence.
- Andhra Pradesh Eastern & Southern power Distribution first to Implement Bharat QR Digital payment of the 56 Rural Bank, Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank and Andhra Pragathi Grameena Bank recorded net profit more than Rs.150 Gore during 2016-2017
- Ajay Vipin Nanavati was appointed as the chairman of syndicate Bank.
- MOU signed between India and Nepal for laying down Implementation arrangement on cost sharing schedules and safeguard issues for starting construction of new Bridge over Mechi River at Indo- Nepal Border.
- International Music festival in MOSCOW.
- Karnataka Ties up with Microsoft to developed India's first farm price forecasting model.
- Government to establish first National sports Museum in New Delhi.

- Nandan Nilekani appointed as Chairman of Infosys

August 27

- Google has brought its public Wi-Fi programme 'Google station' to Indonesia that will help Improve access to Internet at railway stations and other locations.
- The 23rd Edition of annual Delhi book fair begins at Pragathi Maidan. It is organized by the India Trade promotion organization in association with the Federation of Indian publishers.
- Taiwan has launched formosat – 5, the first homegrown observation satellite, from an airbase in the US, the island National Space organization announced.
- Real Madrid's star cristiano Renaldo deserves the UEFA player of the year award.
- London to host 2018 Table Tennis Team world cup.
- Mr.Raghuram Rajan pens Book 'I do what I do'.
- India's oldest cinematographer Ramanada sengupta Died.
- Vice president to launch sports Talent portal on Aug 28.
- Manipur's Nungthaag Tampak village has Emerged North East first 100 computer literate award.
- E-waste removal from Kerala has begun with about 12,500 kg being disposed statewide.
- Jammu and Kashmir government decided to build an Eco-park. It will have a botanical garden, cactus garden a cafeteria and other amenities.

- In a first, Nepal launched its climate-smart snow leopard landscape management plan leading the way in safeguarding this endangered species also found in India.

August 28

- P.V Sindu won Silver at World Badminton Championship at 2017
- Dipak Mishra Sworn in as 45th chief justice of India
- Super tech gets green nod for Rs.1,130 crore sports village project in Greater Noida
- Defence minister Arun Jaitley handed over the Long – Range surface to Air Missile (LRSAM) Jointly developed by India and Israel, to the Indian Navy
- Two day Indian Ocean Conference in Colombo
- The union government notified the Banking Regulation Amendment Act 2017 which empowers the central government to authorize the Reserve Bank of India to direct Banking companies to resolve Specific Stressed Assets
- Union government imposes anti – dumping duty on Sodium - Nitrate imports from China
- Lionel Messi becomes first ever player to Score 350 La Liga Goals
- The Defense Research and development organization (DRDO) Signed Rs, 17000 crore deal with IAI (Israel Aerospace Industries) for producing advanced medium range surface to Air Missile (MRSAM) system
- Banks to pay 3% I.GST on gold Imports

August 29

- Tata Sons announced the appointment of Roopa Purusothaman as its chief economist and head of policy Advocacy

- Nitasha, a trans woman from Kolkata was named the First Miss Transqueen India in Gurgoan
- National Sports day – 29 Aug celebrated to mark the birthday of Dhyan – Chand
- India and Germany Signed agreement to Improve grid Integration of renewable energy
- Kenya Imposed world's toughest law that selling and using Plastic will risk imprisonment up to four year or fine \$ 40000.
- India's two time Olympic footballer and East Bengal legend Ahmed Khan passes away
- Bharathi Entered into a Partnership with Symantec Corporation to project businesses in India from online threat
- PM Narendra Modi inaugurates Various National Highway projects in Rajasthan
- Karnataka tourism department launches Dasara package on Golden chariot
- The Indian commodity Exchange (ICEX) landed world first diamond future contract
- India's football team won the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) under U-15 championship
- Bangladesh's Foysal Ahmed declared as the top Scorer of the SAFF tournament
- India's Pratap Singh was chosen as Best player of the tournament
- Lewis Hamilton won 58th career race and got Belgian Grand prix title

August 30

- The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) of the Ministry of Earth Science here inaugurated the Ocean Forecasting System for The Indian Ocean countries Comoros, Madagascar and Mazambique at Papua New Guinea
- UN opens Atomic fuel Reserve in Kazakhstan to ensure supply
- Ministry of Textiles decided to organize Pan India Camps in handlooms and handicrafts clusters under the initiative – Hastkala Sahyog Shivar doing 7th – 17th Oct
- Uber Selected Dara Khosrowshahi as its New CEO
- The Delhi Police launched Yuva a skill development programme under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana to connect youth by upgrading their skill to gain employment
- Finance Minister Arun Jaitley announced GST earnings across target in maiden Month Rs.92, 283 crore collected in July
- The National Research Development Corporation the technology transfer and commercialization arm has won two awards. It has won the Association Service Excellence award and its chairman Managing Directors H.Purusotham with International Association of Advanced Material.
- International Atomic Energy has opened world's first low Enriched Uranium Bank in Oskemen in Kazakhstan
- The union ministry of Earth Science is going to launch Deep Ocean Mission by Jan 2018 to space research activities in Ocean Science

August 31

- Union minister of youth affairs and sports Minister Vijay Goel announced that the first edition of Rural Games will be held in Delhi.
- Ten year term for self styled Goodman Gurmeet Ram Rahim.

- Konkani writer Mahabaleshwar Sail (74) was bestowed with prestigious “Saraswati
- Samman 2016”. He was awarded for his novel “Hawthan”
- Shri Rajiv Gouba took over as secretary to the government of India.
- Unicity International, headquartered in Orem, Utah, United states launched world first ever Genomeceutical range of products to India.
- DR. RK. Raghavan appointed as the next commissioner of India to Cyprus.
- Ujjivan small finance Bank receives Schedule Bank status from Reserve Bank of India.



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