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JULY 2017

July – 1

- BHEL signed pact with Japanese firm Kawasaki Heavy Industries Ltd to make steel metro coaches
- India's largest fresh water aquarium was inaugurated in which state Jharkhand
- India signed a memorandum of understanding for energy efficiency programme
- The central Board of Direct Taxes recently signed a bilateral advance pricing Agreement with the United Kingdom 12 bilateral APAs were signed
- US Government decided to sell C-17 Globemaster aircraft to India to improve India's capability to meet current and future strategic airlift requirement
- K.K. Venugopal appointed as attorney general of India
- Achal Kumar Jyothi will be the next chief Election commissioner

July -2

- India's first ever mega textiles trade event India 2017 started in – Gandhi Nagar
- Director General of India – Tibetan Border police R.K. Pachnanda has taken over the post.
- India signed MOU with Thailand on co-operation in controlling Narcotics Drugs
- NASA space agency successfully launched its sounding rocket to form colorful clouds after two failed attempts
- Shamma Jain appointed as India's ambassador to Greece

- SN subramanyan took charge as the CEO and managing Director of Larson & Toubro
- UK Prime Minister Theresa may recently won the confidence vote of the parliament she belongs to conservative party.
- Narendra Modi will read the Indian delegation in the 12th G-20 summit 2017

July -3

- Mumbai's vikrikar Bhavan is the headquarters of Maharashtra government's erstwhile sales Tax department renamed as GST Bhavan
- 65 MOU's signed at textiles India 2017 in the presence of union textile minister Smt Smriti Irani
- Writer Preeti Shenoy bags Indian of the year award.
- Telangana IPS officer Mahese Muralidhar Bhagwat gets award for Trafficking in Persons (TIP) gets report heroes award by the US state department
- NASA developing first asteroid deflection mission that will deflect a near earth asteroid
- Ms Dhoni becomes first Indian batsman to hit 200 sixes in ODI's
- World sports Journalist Day-July-2
- Godrej group chairmen Adi Godrej and Dow chemical CEO Andrew liveries have been awarded Global Leadership awards of us India British council.

July – 4

- Union minister for skill development - Rajeev Pratap Rudi laid foundation stone for the India's biggest skill park in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- Madhya Pradesh sets record with plantation of 6cr sapling in day

- WHO declares an end to Ebola outbreak in democratic republic of the Congo
- Assam government has raised a new special Rhino Protection Force for the better protection of one – horned Rhinos
- Novak Djokvic wins East bourne Aegon championship by defeating Gael Montils in men's singles
- Germany has won their first ever Football Confederation Cup title
- Jehan Daruvala becomes 1st Indian to win FIA formula 3 European Championship race

July 5

- Sanjay Kumar (DGP, Himachal Pradesh) appointed as the new chief of the National Disaster Respanse Force (NDRF).
- “Swayam Shikshan Prayog ” (Pune NGO) awarded the “ UN Prize i.e.,United Nations Development Programme’s Equator Prize for farming modal.
- “Free Gst facilitation centres “set up by the office of Commissioner of Commercial Taxes across “Goa” “panaji” is the head office of the department.
- India’s tallest and world’s 7th tallest ATC (Air traffic Control) tower to be operational at Delhi airport by December,2017. this is 101.9 metre tower.
- “Indo-Thai (India and Thailand) joint military training exercise named “Ex Maitree 2017” begins at Bakloh Himachal Pradesh.
- “SpaceX’s Dragon Cargo space craft (Ist chinesh experiment) returned to Earth from Indernational Space Station (ISS).
- “Reserve bank of India (RBI)” has increased the “Foreign portfolio investors (FPIs)invertment limit “ in government Securities by”4.7%” to increase foreign capitals inflows.

July – 6

- Person appointed as the first female chief executive of Hong kong – Carrie Lam
- Haryana is planning to setup environment friendly transportation system in Gurgaon.
- This month long festival of tree plantation was initiated in 1950 by Dr.K.M. Munshi to create enthusiasm among masses for forest conservation and planting trees – Van Mahotsav
- The Israeli flower named after Prime Minister Narendra Modi is – Crysanthemum
- The country in which fossils of a Jurassic era crocodile with T-rex teeth were recently discovered is Madagascar
- The German automaker that recently announced its return to the Iranian market for first time in 17 years due to the lifting of economic sanctions is - Volkswagen

July - 7

- The Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly has become the last state to adopt the Goods and services tax (GST)
- Odisha Government signs Expression of Intent (EOI) with international Association of Athletics Federation and the athletics Federation of India to establish high performance Academy.
- India OS has announced a partnership with YES BANK to launch the first OS integrated UPI payment platform.
- Siemens has opened its first digital Factory in India & third globally after one, in Germany and China.
- Kewal Handa appointed as Non-executive chairman of Union Bank.
- SpaceX launches Super – Heavy intel Satellite from Kennedy Space Centre Florida.
- India 96th in FIFA World Ranking

- 10th India – Jordan Trade and Economic Joint committee meeting was held in New Delhi.
- India declares itself free from highly pathogenic Avian Influenza H5N1 and H5N8
- 5th meeting of BRICS education ministers was held at Beijing, China
- The national Book Trust recently launched the har haath Ek –Kithach Scheme in collaboration with Snapdeal.
- The Canadian prime minister Justin Trudeau was awarded honorary degree by the university of Edinburgh to recognition of his/her commitment to equality and diversity.

July -8

- 12th – G20 Summit held in Hamburg (Germany). Theme : “ Shaping an inter connected world ”
- 9th BRICS summit will be in September in Xiamen, China
- India to join new global foreign exchange committee
- Nepal SBI launches first paperless banking service sbiINTouch in Kathmandu
- A.R.Rahman shortlisted for World Soundtrack Award
- John Joseph to take charge as chief of GST Intelligence Agency
- Queen Elizabeth hires first ever black assistant major Nana Kofi Twumasi – Ankrah
- Ravinder Singh re-elected as NRAI president
- Former Bengal cricketer Gour Gosh passes away

July -9

- Union Food Processing Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal laid the foundation stone of Punjab's first Maize based food park at Rehana Jattan village of Punjab
- India's first university only for Dalit students to come up in Hyderabad by 2018
- 122 countries adopt global treaty banning nuclear weapons.
- India, Bangladesh to construct bridge along Mizoram border.
- Oracle opens its first digital hub in Bangalore
- Hyderabad headquartered water health wins Unilever Global Development Award
- Tata steel bags PM's trophy for best Integrated Steel Plant.
- WHO appoints Saima Wazed as good will ambassador
- Center has launched a GST Rate finder app to accurate tax rate under GST regime.
- Harider Sandhu won South Australian Squash Open title.

July -10

- President Pranab Mukherjee launches four digital initiatives over e-education
- Swayam swayam prabha, National Digital library, National Academic Depository to push e-education in the country
- First International Aviation Security seminar organized by National security Guard in Haryana
- India is planning to Invite leaders of ASEAN countries for 2018 Republic Day celebration.
- First Edition of wings 2017-"Sab Uden, Sab Judan" Exploding regional connectivity in New Delhi

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- Delhi government launched free surgery in private hospitals at government's cost
- Two day Regional conference on good governance and Replication of best held in Nainital,uttarakhand.

July – 11

- July 11 observed as World Population Day
- Theme: Family Planning – “Empowering people developing nations “
- Indian origin personality honoured with “ Order of Australia ” for community work in Australia – Guruswamy Jayraman
- City that hosted the first edition of wings 2017 – Sab Uden, Sab Juden to expand regional connectivity – New Delhi
- The city in which the first Gharib Nawaz skill development center was recently inaugurated is – Hyderabad.
- Former Indian ambassador to the US – Naresh Chandra passes away.
- Cambodia's Sambor Prei Kuk temple zone gets UNESCO world heritage status.
- 14 years old amateur Thitikul has become the youngest known winners of a professional golf tour event at the ladies European Thailand championship.
- A three day Babasaheb R. Ambedkar International conference on social justice will be held in Bangalore
- India tops Asian athletics championship 29 medals including 12 gold
- Valtteri Bottas won the 2017 Austrian Grand Prix
- Iraq recently declared liberation to Mosul after three years of ISIL control.

July – 12

- Sandeep chakravorty has been appointed as the Indian consulate in Newyork.
- Debi Prasad Dash appointed as director – general of the directorate of Revenue Intelligence.
- Kerala has proposed to open stray Dogs Zoos to keep them off the street.
- The renowned cartoonist Magesh Tendulkar passed away.
- Karnataka state government has constituted a panel to design its state flag
- Six caves in South Western Germany's Swabia Jura region were added to the world heritage list
- Ravi Shastri is new coach of Indian cricket team.
- Afghanistan batsman Shafiqullah Shafaq scores double century in T20 game.
- Maharastra government has launched the " Antara " program on account of World Population day which involves giving women the Medroxy Progesterone Acetate (MPA) injection for free of cost.
- Odisha to set up international standard sport city at Bhubaneswar.
- CM Arvind Kejriwal launches e – RTI, Delhi becomes 2nd state to accept online.
- Union Finance Minister, Arun Jaitley was the chief gust on the 36th foundation day of National Bank for agriculture and rural development

July – 13

- Subash Chandra Garg a senior bureaucrat recently took charge as the secretary of the department of economic affairs.
- West Bengal government that signed MOU with union Ministry of Health to set up center of excellence in Transfusion Medicine.

- Danfoss India was conferred with the Golden Peacock Environment Management award.
- Indian Railways Organization for Alternate Fuel (IROAF) organization was awarded the converted National Level Golden Peacock award of the year 2017 for ECO – Innovation.
- Zaheer Khan appointed as the bowling coach for Indian cricket team.
- Rahul Dravid appointed as the battling consultant for specific overseas tours of the Indian cricket team
- Paris and Los Angeles will be hosting the 2024 and 2028 Olympic Games.
- Mithali Raj Shatters record; becomes first player to score 6000 runs in women's ODI cricket.
- Rajasthan becomes first to fix minimum education qualification for co – operative body poll
- Gopal Krishna Gandhi named as opposition candidate for vice presidential election.
- Meghalaya CM launched the flagship programme titled “Livelihood Invention and Facilitation of Entrepreneurship” at Songsak in East Garo Hills.
- Yes Bank launches “YES GST” program to assists Micro Small and Medium Enterprises.
- Astronomer discover smallest star known as EBLM J0555 – 57Ab is almost 600 light years away from earth.
- July – 12 celebrated as Malala Day in honour of Nobel Peace Prize and UN activist Malala Yousafzai

July – 14

- “National Green Tribunal” (NGT) declares the area of 100 meters from the edge of the ‘river Ganga’ as a ‘no development zone’ for Ganga rejuvenation.
- “J.P.Nadda” (Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare) launched the ‘National Strategic Plan for Malaria Elimination’ (2017 – 22) on July 12, 2017 in New Delhi.
- “India’s 1st high speed rail training Centre” is set at “Gandhinagar, Gujarat”. India’s 1st bullet train is proposed to come up in 2023.
- Maharashtra has become the 1st State in India to have law against social boycott.
- India’s 1st “Technology & Innovation Support Center” (TISC) is to set up in “Punjab”.
- India to host 8th edition of Theatre Olympics from Feb, 2018 to Apr 2018.

July – 15

- Mexican city named world’s best city in the world’s top 15 cities list compiled by famous Magazine ‘Travel + Leisure’
- Indonesia renaming part of South China sea as North Natuna Sea.
- Bilal Dar - 18 year old ragpicker has been appointed as the ambassador of Srinagar Municipal Corporation.
- New unique species of hermit crab called *paragiopagurus atkingsonae*.
- Harinder pal Sandhu wins Victorian open Squash title.
- Asian Champion Govindan Lakshmanan has won a gold medal in men’s 500 m race of the National Inter – state Athletics.
- Iranian born mathematician Maryam Mirzakhani dies.
- Haryana govt to set up ornamental fish hatchery in Jhajjar.

- A mou was signed for promoting regional air connectivity in Bihar.
- Eighth meeting of SAARC minister of law and order held in Colombo.

July – 16

- The Jammu and Kashmir has launched a first ever culture of cruise a weekly cultural programme at Dal lake
- India and Srilanka signs MoU to develop village in Anuradhapuram district.
- Justice Gopal Prasad Parajuli to be the new chief justice of Nepal.
- Manudev wins National Masters Snooker tournament title in Chennai.
- The first Kargil International Marathon 'Run for Sarhad' concluded
- The winner of 60km is Zaheer Abbas
- Sarfaraz Rahman a young International runner from Meerut won in 120 km race International Justice Day – July 17

July – 17

- Lilly Singh appointed UNICEF's global goodwill Ambassador.
- Roger Federer lifts record 8th Wimbledon title beating Marin Cilic in Men's single.
- Raipur's Swami Vivekananda airport ranked first in customer satisfaction Index survey
- Railways Minister Suresh Prabhu dedicated country's first solar powered DEMU (Diesel Electric Multiple unit) Train to the station at an event at New Delhi's Safdarjung railway station.
- Matunga becomes India's first railway station run by women.
- Govt launches GST training programme to handle tax compliance issues like invoice making. They would be trained under the Pradhan Mantra Kaushal Vikas Yojana.

- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari will inaugurate the 212th meeting of IRC Indian Road Congress in Udaipur.

July – 18

- The Shiromani Gurudwara Parbhandak committee has announced that it would set up a memorial in the memory of Dharmi Faujis – Sikh soldiers in the Indian army.
- Pandit Nandkishore was conferred with a fellowship by the department of culture, Government of India.
- Nelson Mandela International Day – 18 July this year Mandela's day dedicated to action against poverty.
- Kazan and Budapest to host 2022 , 2024 FINA short course world swimming championship
- The US House of Representatives has passed a bill that proposes to advance defense co – operation with India.

July – 19

- The Indian chamber of commerce in association with the west Bengal Government will host Horasis Asia meeting a Global Business in November.
- Smirti Irani replaces Venkaiah Naidu as new Information and Broadcasting minister.
- The US and Australia have jointly test fired a hypersonic missile – HIFIRE capable of moving at a speed eight times higher than sound.
- Lord Mervyn Davies appointed as the Chairman of UK India Business council
- NASA Research centre turns 100 years old.
- India launches solar project to electricity remote village of Agaween in Egypt

July – 20

- Britain's first women Sikh member of Parliament who recently elected to be Home Affairs select committee is – Preet Kaur Gill .
- The country in which India recently launched a solar Electrification project to electricity a remote village named Agaween is – Egypt.
- The state that recently decided to develop eco – bridges for the movement of tigers is – Telangana..
- Swami Smarananandaji appointed as the president of Ramakrishna math and mission.
- Paranjay Guha Thakura resigned as the Editor of Economic and Political Weekly (EPW)
- Madhya Pradesh has implemented Shaala Siddhi Protsahan Yojana in 25 thousand government school.
- The United States of America has successfully tested the world's first ever active laser weapons system.
- LK Adwani receives lifetime Achievement contribution award in Lok Sabha.

July -21

- Telangana government has launched a portal "Janahitha" grievance redressal system.
- Telangana reduces 'education burden' cap school bag weight
 - 1.5 kg class I to II
 - 2 to 3 kg for class III to V
 - 4 kg for class VI to VII
 - 4.50 kg for class VIII & XI
- India among 5 countries that faced most terror attack in 2016
- India on track to grow at 7.4 percent in 2017 Asian development Bank report

- Reserve Bank of India will shortly issue bank notes of denomination 20 in Mahatma Gandhi series 2005
- Ramnath Govind elected as India's 14th president
- Nayanthara appointed as Brand Ambassador for Tata Sky

July 22

- Kamala Hasan has been appointed brand ambassador of pro kabadi league franchise "Tamil Thalaivas"
- Google has launched "Hire" a recruiting app for Small and Medium Sized businesses
- Telangana will have eco-friendly bridges over a canal cutting across the tiger corridor linking the Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve in chadrapura district
- TR Zeliang Sworn in as Nagaland chief minister
- The UIDAI (Unique Identification Authority of India) has launched a new mobile app called in Aadhaar app
- Shela Siddhi Prohatsan Yojana started in 25000 MP schools In order to provide quality education
- India's Amit Saroha clinches silver in world Athletics championship

July 23

- Klien Rijiju inaugurated RIWATCH Research Institution of world Ancient, Traditional, culture and Heritage museum at Ruing in Arunachal Pradesh
- 5th North, East connectivity summit – 2015 to be held in Arunachal Pradesh
- International meet on social justice held at Bangalore
- India ranks 132 in commitment to reducing Inequality Index

- Meghalaya CM launches “Mission Football” at JN sports complex in Shillong. Mission Football focus on creating sports parks, football entertainment park
- National Congress party Kerala president Uzaroor Vijayan passed away
- Radio Broadcasting in India completed 90 years on 23 July.

July 24

- Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana new pension scheme with 8% Fixed rate to be launched by finance minister
- Lok Sabha passes IIT public private partnership Bill 2017. The Bill provides to establish 20 IITs under public private partnership mode across the country.
- Australia joins International Solar Alliance
- Lord Davies Appointed chair of the UK India Business Council.
- The Centre and State Government of Haryana joined hands to
- Brenda Hale appointed as UK Supreme Court's first female president.
- Ashok Malik has been appointed as the press secretary to president by the Union Cabinet.

July 25

- Mithali Raj named captain of ICC women's world cup 2017 team
- Union government launches mobile app “Aarambh” for road maintenance
- The winner of 2017 ICC women's world cup is England
- The theme of 2017 Global conference on cyber space, which will be held in New Delhi Cyber 4 All : An Inclusive, Sustainable Development safe and Secure cyber space
- Person appointed as the Joint secretary in the Prime Minister's office – Gopal Baglay

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- The Indian boxer who clinched gold in common wealth youth games being held in bahames is – Sachin Siwach
- Banking Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2017 introduced in Lok Sabha . The Bill authorizes the RBI to Direct the banking companies to resolve the problem of stressed assests
- The online platform ‘She – box” (Sexual harassment Electronic Box) that will enable women employs of central government to file complaints against sexual harassment at work place
- Kerala host literacy fest host the 5th edition of South India Writers Ensemble(SIWE) at Chengannur
- “THEME: Tolerance”
- India and Bangladesh signed a pact to connect both the countries by water ways
- World’s 1st floating wind farm starts to take shape off coast of Scotland
- International Monetary fund keep’s India’s growth forecast at – 7.2% for 2017 - 2018
- HS Prannoy Indian shuttler has won the US open Grand prix Gold badminton tournament

July – 26

- England has won the maximum number of medals in the youth commonwealth games 2017 – England
- Indian Oil corporation will operates India’s first Petroleum R&D facility for testing high-end BS-VI quality full emission
- Raveesh Kumar appointed as spokesperson of the ministry of Extenal Affairs
- Haryana to set up vegetable price Stability fund
- Iran and Iraq has signed on accord to boost military co-operation recently

- Dubai has been selected as the Local Data Hub for middle East, North Africa and South Asia region
- Central Road fund Amendment Bill, 2017 introduced in Lok Sabha , a bill providing for allocation of about RS 2000 Crore from CRF developing national water ways
- Union home minister Rajnath Singh on 19th July 2017 holds first meeting of Islands Development Agency (IDA)
- Bolivia declared total independence from World Bank and IMF
- West Bengal Cm Mamta Banarjee conferred this year's "Mahanayak Samman 2017" to actress Sakuntala Barua.
- Janalakshmi finance services appoints Ajay Kanwal as CEO
- Reliance Defence launches first two naval patrol vessels 'Shachi' and 'Shruti'

July – 27

- The GST council recently constituted a selection committee to identify members & head of the National Anti – Profiteering Authority. The chairman of the committee is PK Sinha.
- The country that extended martial law on restive Mindanao Island until 31 December 2017 is - Philippines
- The country that will host the men's World Boxing Championship in 2021 – India
- The rank of India in the new global commitment to reducing Inequality index – 132
- The high court that ruled made "Vande Mataram" compulsory in education institutes and offices of the state is Madras High Court
- The book titled "India : India's most powerful prime minister" has been written by Sagarika Ghose

- Kylie Masse the Canadian women swimmer who won the 100m backstroke gold in a new world record time at the Aquatics Championships in Budapest
- Zimbabwe parliament has passed a bill giving its president the power to appoint the country's top judges without consulting any institution.
- Lucknow Metro India's first metro to have its own FM radio station.
- Srilankan cabinet recently revised the agreement for Hambantota port built by – China

July - 28

- The Ocean in which a group of scientist recently discovered a new species of glow in the dark shark is – pacific ocean
- The codex Alimentarius commission recently adopted three spices. They are – black pepper, white cumin and green thyme.
- The country that will host the 2018 AFC U-19 championship is Indonesia
- Maharashtra has successfully brought down child trafficking rate from 40 percent to 5 percent
- Amazon Fonder Jeff Bezos surpasses Bill Gates as World's Richest person
- PM Modi inaugurated APJ Abdul Kalama's Memorial in Rameswaram in Tamilnadu on July 27
- Mumbai metro launches India's first mobile ticketing system "On Go"
- Punjab National Bank and Bajaj Allianz General Insurance have signed an agreement for the distribution of insurance products
- National centre for seismology launches '**India Quake**' – An app for Earthquake parameter Dissemination
- Uttarakhand records second highest tiger count in India.

July – 29

- Lok Sabha passed companies Bill 2016, a bill to amend the Companies Act 2013, seeking to straight corporate governance.
- The Punjab health minister Brahm Mahindra has launched a flagship are companion health scheme.
- Bangalore has ranked 40th out of 50 cities on Women Entrepreneur (WE) cities Index 2017 study released by Dell.
- BRICS nations sign memorandum to establish a mechanism for taxation cooperation which held in Xiamen, china.
- Union Minister of science & Technology Dr.Harshvardhan launched “sagar Vani” on the occasion of Foundation day of Ministry of earth sciences.
- Iran has successfully launched a satellite-carrying rocket ‘Simorgh’ that is capable of carrying a satellite weighing 250 kilograms.
- Indian shuttler HS Prannoy climbed to 17th position in the BWF world ranking.
- World Hepatitis day – July -28 (Theme: “Eliminate Hepatitis”)

July - 30

- Maharashtra’s women commission to ink pack with United Nations Development programme has been signed for rescue and rehabilitation.
- Delhi Metro is the first Metro system to become completely green.
- Indian overseas Bank has offered the Bharat Bill payment system which is introduced by the National payment corporation of India.
- Shahid khagan Abbasi declared as Interim .Pakistan prime minister.
- Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) has developed an unmanned, remotely operated tank named ‘Muntra’
- International Tiger Day – July 29.

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July – 31

- The Punjab government launched “Apni Gaddi Apni Rozgar” scheme the state government will be providing commercial two wheeler and four wheeler to generate job opportunities for youth and providing better mobile transport in Punjab
- The 7th edition of SAARC Artist camp and Exhibition of painting has begun at Kathmandu
- Canara bank launched its first digital branch “Candi” in bengaluru
- Ramon Magsaysay Award winners
- Yoshiaki Ishizawa(japan) restore Cambodia’s culture monument such as Angkor Wat
- Gethsie Shanmugam (srilanka): Worked on rebuilding war- scarred lives, especially women and children.
- Abdon Nababan (Indonesia) – Advocacy on behalf of adapt or Indigenous communities of his country.
- Tony Tay (Singapore) , Ms. Lila de Lima (Philippines)
- Caeleb Dressel becomes first ever swimmer to win three gold medals in one night at Worlds Championship.