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MAY 2017

- India and Turkey agree to display portraits of Param Veer Chakra-decorated soldiers.
strengthen co-operation in Combating terrorism

Union Human Resource Development Minister **Prakash Javadekar** launched '**Students for soldiers- a nationwide Vidya-Veerta Abhiyan**' to encourage Universities

- **Mr. Anthony Lianzuala** took over as the New **Controller General of Accounts** (CGA), Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance with effect from **May 1, 2017**, in New Delhi.

The **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** has recently announced new office-bearers for the year 2017-18. **Ms. Shobana Kamineni**, Executive Vice Chairperson, Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd

Dubai has become the first city in the world to get its **own Microsoft font**.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has been selected for the '**Transformative Chief Minister Award 2017**' in recognition for his role in advancing the US-India partnership at the state level.

- Padma Venkataraman honoured with Avvaiyar award.
- China and Europe to build Moon Village.

May 3

- **World Press Freedom Day: 03rd May**
- 4th National Standards Conclave held in New Delhi

Madhya Pradesh has become the first state to switch to the **January-December** financial year from the existing April-March cycle.

Mallikarjun Kharge appointed as new chairman of Public Accounts Commity

Rajive Kaul was conferred with the Order of Diplomatic Service Merit **Sungnye Medal of the Republic of Korea** for his services rendered as honorary consul general of South Korea in Kolkata.

- The Black Prince was awarded the Special Jury Remi Award at the 50th annual Worldfest-Houston International Film Festival (WHIFF)
- **Maharashtra CM inaugurates Automatic Weather Station in Nagpur**
- India's **second tallest flagpole** has been inaugurated in **Kolhapur** at Western Maharashtra
- **Narasaraopet** set a Guinness World Record in **Organ Donor**
- Nandini Siddha Reddy as Chairman for Telangana Sahitya Academy

May 4

- 'Swachh Survekshan 2017': Indore in Madhya Pradesh is India's cleanest city while Gonda in Uttar Pradesh is the dirtiest.
- **Braj Bihari Kumar**, the editor of quarterly journals Dialogue and Chintan Srijan, has been appointed as **the chairman of the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)**.
- The Union Cabinet has granted International Airport status for the Vijayawada Airport. The approval was given as per provisions of Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014.
- Railways Ministry on 3 May 2017 announced to build the world's highest railway bridge over the Chenab river in Jammu and Kashmir. It will connect Bakkal (Katra) and Kauri (Srinagar)
- As per UN report, India expected to achieve 7.1% growth this year
- **May 4 : International Firefighters Day**

India ranked 100th in FIFA ranking

May 5

- **Facebook** launches **Express WiFi** in india
- Child actor **Sunny Pawar**, best known for his Performance in the **Oscar** nominated film **Lion**, has been chosen for the Rising Star Award in UK
- Odisha's Sualgiri and Swalgi Communities have been notified as Scheduled castes following President Pranab Mukherjee's assent to a new law.
- Cabinet has approved a New Central Sector Scheme – SAMPADA
- (Scheme for Agro-Marine Processing and Development of Agro-Processing)
- Madhya Pradesh Assembly declares Narmada living entity

May 6

- India launches first South Asia satellite GSAT – 9
- India's **first private small arms manufacturing plant at Malanpur, Madhya Pradesh** in a joint venture with **Israel**.
- **India's first "Village of Books"** was inaugurated and opened for public reading at Maharashtra's **Bhilar** Village
- Prabhat Kamal Bezboruah appointed as Chairman of Tea Board of India
- Maharashtra government ties up with WHO to eradicate Rubella measles
- Leila Seith first woman judge of High court dies.

May 7

- **Saqib Majeed** wins **2016 Wisden – MCC Cricket "Photograph of the year" award**
- Jharkhand as second state to announce Jan – Dec FY
- Indian Boxer **Shiva Thapa** bags Silver at **Asian Boxing Championship**

Renowned Pakistani Sitarist Ustad Raees khan passes away
Emmanuel Macron has become the youngest president of france
Emma Watson has won the **first gender neutral prize** at the MTV and Movie awards
IIT-B professor Vikram Vishal has won the prestigious Indian National Science Academy for Young Scientist

May 8

Nitin Gadkari, the Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways inaugurated India's first biorefinery plant that produces ethanol from a variety of biomass

India will organise Tagore Cultural Festival in Egypt to mark the 156th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore from May 8 – 12. Tagore Cultural Festival will be organised by the Maulana Azad centre of Indian Culture (MACIC) which is the cultural wing of the Indian Embassy in Cairo.

World Red Cross Day-May 8 Theme: Less Known Red Cross Stories.

- **Odisha** will introduce **boat ambulance service** in four districts where people face difficulties in getting health service

Sachin Tendulkar conferred with Fellowship Award in UK
Great Britain wins Sultan Azlan Shah Cup hockey tournament

May 9

Venkaiah Naidu elected as President of UN-Habitat

- **Indian – Origin girl Raj Gauri Pawar scores 162 in Mensa IQ Test**

The India Born brothers Srichand and Gopichand (Hinduja brothers) topped the 'Sunday Times Rich List 2017'

- Venu Rajamony appointed India's Ambassador to Netherland
Oracle signs MoU with Jharkhand for cloud-based citizen services
- Sohail Mahmood to replace Abdul Basit as Pakistan's envoy to India

Edelweiss Tokio launched **India's first** and the simplest life insurance product that can be bought at a point of sale (PoS) has finally been

launched

Adil Hussain's Mukti Bhawan wins the Best Film award at the New York Indian Film Festival

Heena Sidhu wins bronze in Grand Prix of Liberation Plezn 2017 Shooting championship

May 10

- US president Donald Trump Nominated Indian American **Neil Chatterjee** as a member of **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)**

The **World Migratory Bird Day** is observed every year on **10 May**.

- **Jhulan Goswami**, India's fast bowler, is now the leading wicket-taker in Women's ODIs,
- **N'Golo Kante** named Football Writers' **Footballer of the Year**
- DIPAM launches online Investors facilitator platform
- Twitter India appoints **Taranjeet singh** as new director

May 11

- Konkona Sensharma has bagged the best director for her debut film "**A Death in the Gunj**".
- Harpreet Singh wins bronze in Asian Wrestling Championship
- India has decided to replace the Maitri research station in Antarctica with a new area in the next three to four years.
- Justice Mukul Mudgal was on 11 May, 2017 elected as head of FIFA's governance committee at the world football governing body's 67th Congress in Bahrain's capital city of Manama.
- **India celebrates National Technology Day: 11th May**

- **Theme:** “Technology for inclusive and sustainable growth”.

- 29th edition of CORPAT between India-Indonesia begins in Port Blair

The government has named Road Transport and Highways Secretary **Sanjay Mitra** as its new **defence secretary**

May 12

- International Nurse Day
- **Kochi Metro Rail** offer job to members from **transgender community**
- **Mark Lowcock**, the head of Britain’s International Development Department, has been appointed as **United Nation’s new Humanitarian aid Chief** by UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres.
- Aruna Sundararajan appointed as secretary of Department of Telecommunications
- **VVS Laxman** awarded **honorary life membership** of **Marylebone Cricket Club**
- **Vinay Mohan Kwatra** named **new ambassador to France**

Astronomers have discovered ‘the primitive atmosphere’ surrounding a planet “Warm Neptune” with the help of NASA’s Hubble Space Telescope and Spitzer Space Telescope

Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare launched **e-Krishi Samvad** an online interface at Krishi Bhawan in New Delhi.

Bengaluru has been named the **world’s most affordable tech city** in the new **Savills Tech Cities Index 2017**.

ICICI Bank chief **Chanda Kochhar** has become the **first Indian woman** to be conferred with the prestigious **Woodrow Wilson Award** for Global Corporate Citizenship.

May 13

- **Amitabh Bachchan** Appointed **WHO Goodwill Ambassador** for Hepatitis

India test fires surface to air missile **"Spyder"**

Ahmedabad in Gujarat will host **biggest ever International Yoga Day event** on the 21st of June announced by Yoga Guru Baba Ramdev.

- Light combat aircraft '**Tejas**' has successfully demonstrated an Air-to-Air **Beyond Visual Range (BVR)** missile firing capability by releasing **Derby Air-to-Air BVR missile** in RADAR guided mode.
- The Bahamas has elected Free National Movement's Hubert Minnis as its new Prime Minister
- Nagpur becomes first Indian states to have electric cabs

May 14

International Mothers Day

- Kerala has secured first rank and Bihar has ranked last on this year's Public Affairs Index (PAI)
- ISKCON's Govardhan Eco Village wins Smart Village Award

Shot Putter Hokato Sema won bronze at World Para Athletics Grand Prix Beijing.

Ramudu Someshwara Rao, won a gold medal in the 200 m race at World Para Athletics Grand Prix, Beijing

May 15

- The **International Day of Families** is observed on the **15th of May** every year. The theme of 2017 is **"Families, education and well-being"**.
- **India and the UK agreed to sign an MoU** in the urban transport sector for cooperation in policy planning, technology transfer and institutional organisation.

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- **Telangana** hosted the first outreach program of the Ministry of External Affairs '**Videsh Sampark**' to engage the State governments in creating awareness about various programmes of the Ministry.
- Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) **Kharagpur** has collaborated with the **British Geological Survey** to turn **Varanasi** into a smart city.
- India moved up to the 26th spot in the global electricity accessibility rankings of the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business index 2016.
- **Rafael Nadal** beat **Dominic Thiem** to win his **fifth Madrid Open title** held in Spain and move into the world's top four.

May 16

- National Dengue day
- Arjun Maini becomes the first Indian to win GP3 Race
- Edouard Philippe named as Prime Minister of France
- India Ranks 26 in World Bank Power List
- Pawan kumar Chamling conferred with first BS Shekhawat award
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the **Narmada Seva Mission** for the conservation of the crucial river, which is a lifeline of Madhya Pradesh.
- The **Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh** inaugurated the second meeting of **National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (NPDRR) in New Delhi.**
Theme: '**Disaster Risk Reduction for Sustainable Development: Making India resilient by 2030**'.
- Nepalese mountaineer Lhakpa Sherpa has broken her own world record for the most Everest summits by a woman after scaling the world's tallest peak for the eighth time.

Lewis Hamilton has won the **Spanish Grand Prix** from pole position in the Formula One championship.

May 17

- Union government launches operation clean money portal
It will enable Transparent the Administration by sharing status reports and the analysis reports
- International crickets council hikes prize money for Champions Trophy
The winner of the eight team tournament will take home a cheque of \$ 2.2 million
- Up Assembly passes goods and services Tax (GST) bill, 2017
- India imposes anti- dumping duty on glasses and Chinese radiators
- **India and Palestine** sign five agreements for Co- operative in different sectors
These five agreements were linked during the state visit of Palestinian president Mahmud Abash to India
- 'National Employment policy this year'
The centre will frame a new sector wise National Employment policy in its financial year even as it grapples with low employment generation Union and Labour Employment Minister Bandaru Dattatreya said.
- The board of Rane (Madras) Ltd. Elevated Harish lakshman as Vice Chairman of the company.
- Lendi Institute of Engineering and Technology has bagged the International Institute award 2017 which was given by QAI (Qualification Assessments International).
- Climate change **Antarctica is Turning Green.**
According to a new study conducted by a team of scientists from the University of Exeter in the UK, plant life on Antarctica is growing rapidly due to climate change

- China, ASEAN countries Agree on framework for south china sea code of conduct
- Air Marshal **PN Pradhan** appointed as Deputy chief of Integrated Defense staff
- **O.Chidambarnar** Port Trust and TANGEDCO sign MOV to upgrade coal Jetties.

The MOV was signed by S.Anantha Chandra Bose, chairman of VO Chidambarnar port trust and M.Sai Kumar, Chairman cum managing Director of TANGEDCO

- The union cabinet has put a ban on the use of red beacons atop cars of VIPs with effect from 1st may 2017

The three categories – the president Vice president, Chief Justice of India were exempted from ban

- India to become **TB free by 2025 : Nadda**
while representing India in the 29th board meeting of 'STOP TB' programme co-ordination committee in Berlin, union Health Minister of Health and Family welfare J.P. Nadda declared that the government would eradicate TB by 2025

May 18

- Union cabinet approves Pan – India implementation of Maternity benefit program

The total cost of the proposal period from Jan 2017 to 31 Mar 2020 including Union and State government share Rs.12661 Cr.

- The Union cabinet approved the Introduction of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological sites Remains Bill ; 2017 in the Parliament.
- The Union cabinet gave a green signal for the construction of units of India's Indigenous pressurized Heavy water Reactors.
The 10 PHWR project will result in significant augmentation of nuclear power generation capacity.
- Renowned biologist Purnima Devi Barman nominated for Whitley awards.

The awards are given annually by Whitley for Nature (WFN). Also known as Green Oscars.

- May 17 : World Telecommunication and Information society day
The theme for WTISO-17 is Big Data for Big Impact.
- Indian scientist Shrinivas Kulkarni has won the prestigious Dan david Prize for his contribution in the field of astronomy.
- India Ranks 24th in International Tourist Arrivals
- Union Minister of State of Power piyush Goyal on Deen Dayal upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) informed that out of 18,452 un electrified cencus villages in the country 13,469 villages have been electrified upto 15th
- The English translation of writer Perumal Murugan novel 'Mathorubhagan (one part of woman)' has won the Sahitya Akademi award for translation in English.
The translation was done by Aniruddhan Vasudevan and was published by penguin.

May 19

- The 24th bilateral exercise involving Indian Navy and Republic of Singapore Navy has recommended in South China sea SIMBEX stands for Singapore – India Maritime Bilateral Exercises.
- The cabinet committee on Economic affairs (CCEA) has approved collaborative mission between industry and academic called ' Innovate in India Empowering biotech entrepreneurs and accelerating research for early development of bio – pharmaceuticals.
- Nearly after 30 years after the Induction of Bofors howitzers, Indian Army will get its first Artillery guns called M777 from BAE systems.
- NITI Aayog has conducted the first Samavesh meeting of the National Steering Group and other knowledge partners under the co-chairmanship of Amitabh Kant, CEO and Ratan P Watal, Principal adviser NITI Aayog. The

meeting was also attended by representatives of four states Kerala, Assam, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan.

- BSNL signs MOU with Facebook and Mobiwik
BSNL has inked agreement with Facebook and Mobikwik in order to popularizing the internet and its value added service among its customers.
- An Earth like planet called Proxima B orbiting the closest neighboring star proxima centauri which is about 4.2 light years way is expected to have liquid water and the potential to support alien life.

May 20

- Number of migrant children travelling alone hits record high : UNICEF
At least 300000 unaccompanied and separated children were recorded in around 80 countries in the combined years of 2015 x 2016.
- IIT Delhi Scientist develop cheapest respiratory fitter
The product will soon be available in Indian and global markets under the brand name Nasofilters by Nano clean global Pvt Ltd a company formed by the Innovators.
- Researchers discover first Human Antibodies to fight Ebola Viruses
The research was published online in Journal cell as Antibodies from a human survivor define sites of vulnerability for broad protection against Ebola Viruses.
- RR Laxman wins All India open Rapid FIDE Rating Chess Meet
International master Somak Palit scored 7.5 points to secure the fifth place while another international master Prantik Roy was placed eighth in the tournament.
- David letterman wins Mark Twain Prize 2017 for American honour.
He is also a past recipient of Kennedy centre Honours for his influence on American culture
- Indian mountaineer Anshu Jamsenpa from Arunachal Pradesh became the first Indian woman to scale mount Everest for the fourth time

- Indian Institute of Engineering and Science and Technology has successfully created country's first smart grid project that will generate power from renewable sources of energy. It will be inaugurated by President Pranab Mukherjee
- Forested area in Chhattisgarh named after Anil Dave
Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh has announced that a 41 hectare forest area land in the Durg region of state would be named after late Union Minister Anil Madhav Dave.
- PM Narendra Modi to inaugurate India's longest river bridge in Assam on May 26
He will inaugurate India's longest river bridge 'Dhola-Sadiya bridge' in Assam on May 26. It is 3.55 km longer than the Bandra – Worli sea link in Mumbai, Making it the longest Bridge in India.
- Next Generation Launch vehicle 'GSLV Mark III- D₁'
The India Space Research Organisation will launch GSLV Mark III – D₁ with a payload of four tonnes on June 5
- President Pranab Mukherjee receives first copy of book Metaphysics, Moral and Politics. The book is authored by professor Amar Kumar Mukhopadhyay
- Indian American student Pranav Varada Wins 2017 National Geographic Bee competition
- National Green Tribunal Bans open Defecation and waste Dumping on Yamuna flood plains.
- Prime Minister releases Book series written by M.S. Swaminathan.
The series titled – M.S. Swaminathan : The Quest for a world without hunger.
- Madhav Chitale Committee Recommends measures for De-silting Ganga.
The Union Ministry of water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation had constituted a committee to prepare guidelines for desilting of Ganga River last year.

May 22

- Kerala's capsule magazine 'Innu' enters Limca Book
The 'Innu' Magazine is the oldest Inland literary magazine in the country published from Malappuram. It celebrates its 34th anniversary this year.
- Green Signal : Howrah Station to go solar in August
The solar plan is in accordance with Narendra Modi government's directive to the railways to completely solar by 2025.
- Alexander Zverev beat Novak Djokovic to clinch Italian open men's single title
- India's Prashant Ranganathan wins Inter International science award 2017 in US for his innovation for fighting against Pesticide and getting rid of its side effect through bio-degradable use could be of great help for Indian farmers.
- Mumbai beat Pune by one run to claim their third IPL crown.
- Cristiano Ronaldo leads Real Madrid to 33rd La Liga title.
- International day for Biological Diversity celebrated world wide
The International day for Biological diversity was observed across the world with theme '**Biodiversity and sustainable Tourism**' to highlight tourism to economic growth and conservation of biodiversity.
- Climber Anshu Jamsenpa on Sunday scripted history by scaling Mount Everest twice within 5 days. She set the world record for becoming the first woman climber to reach the top of Mount Everest within 5 days.
- Japan plans war museum in a Manipur hill lock
Japan plans to build a war museum in a hill lock at Maiba Lokpa in Bishnupur district of Manipur where a Japanese camp was located during second world war. The country's Ambassador to India Kenji Hiramatsu said.
- The Indian Navy rescued a Maldivian landing craft 120 nautical miles east of Male on Saturday evening. A Dornier aircraft of the navy spotted the landing craft Maria 3 floating 60 nautical miles from its last known position

and Informed the INS Kirch which was 50 nautical miles away.

- Turkey – President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has returned as leader of the country's ruling Justice and development party on Sunday.

MAY 25

- Airlander to completes test flight
The World's largest aircraft Airlander to has successfully completed a test flight with a length of 92 metres. It is the largest aircraft currently flying
- India off spinner Ravichandran Ashwin has won the coveted International cricketer of the year award at the CEAT cricket rating International awards 2017.
- IIT kharagpur's Rekhi centre of excellence for science of happiness and MP government's 'Rajya Anandam Sansthan' has signed an MOU to collaborate on the development of happiness Index.
- Fastest Mountaineer Kilan Jornet has set the record for the faster ascent of mount Everest without fixed ropes or extra oxygen. He also had set speed records for mount Blanc
- Egyptian swimmer Omar Hegazy has become the first amuse to swim across Red Sea's 20 km Aqaba Gulf from Egypt to Jordan
- Piyush Goyal launches 'SEVA' APP
Union minister piyush goyal launched the Sasal Eindhyan Vitaran application the application has been development by coal India.
- Dubai has recruited world first robot police officer at the 4th Gulf information security expo and conference. Its knows as robe cop.
- Tedros Adhanom Ghobreyesus from Ethopic will be the next Director general of WHO
- Fedral bank launched a new trading platform called "selfie" for customers. It is designed by Geojit .

- Sweden wins ice hockey title
Sweden won the 2017 ice hockey world championship by defeating Canada in a dramatic penalty shoot.
- Controversial god man chandraswami recently passed away in newdelhi - he was said to be the spiritual advisor of P.V. Narasimha Row
- Delhi has made speed Governors mandatory for all taxis and cabs operating in state
- The National Human Rights commission has issued a notice to this state government over the alleged abduction and recruitment of children by Maoists in the state Jharkhand.
- Ministry of Environment Forest and climate change along with the UN Environment Ozone action compliance assistance programme organized an "Ozone Zclimate" Technology Road show in Agra.
- Reger moore formers James Bond star passed away at the age of 89, after a brief battle with cancer.

MAY-29

- Block Box of IAF's missing sukhoi – 30 found
A ground search and rescue party consisting of para (Special forces) and Indian air Force guards along with the army
- BSNL plans satellite phone service the company has started satellite phone service using INMARSAT service
- Indian oil corp. has overtaken oil and Natural Gas corp. to become India's most profitable State, owned company.
- Book an virat Kohli's consistency and winning formula has been recently released by Abhirup Bhattacharya. The book titled winning like Virat. Think and succeed like Kohli.
- Rokash Kapur has been elected as the chairman of the International Fertilizer Association at the recent IFA's Annual conference held in

Marrakech, Morocco.

- Arsenal defeated Chelsea 2-1 to win the FA Cup
- ISRO set to launch India's heaviest rocket 'Fat boy' , the heaviest rocket ever made by India. The Geosynchronous satellite launch vehicle mark III (GSLV MK – III) on 5
- Indian Fencer CA Bavani Devi has won a gold medal in Tournoi Satellite Fencing championship in Iceland.
- Munnar has bagged the award for 'Best destination for Romance' at the lonely planet magazine Indian Travel Awards 2017. P Bala Kiran, Director of Kerala Tourism received the award.
- Union Minister Bandaru Dattatreya said EPFO will invest Rs. 20,000 crore in exchange traded fund this fiscal
- Syed Ghayoor Hasan Rizvi assumed charge of the chairman of the National commission for Minorities.
- South Korea beat China to win 2017 Sudirman cup
- Sebastian Vettel wins 2017 Monaco Grand Prix

MAY-30

- Defence Minister Arun Jaitley has inaugurated the newly built Aeronautical Test range of the defence research and developmental organization at Chikmagalur in Karnataka
- The Paradip Port Trust has been awarded by the Union Shipping Ministry for witnessing the second highest growth in traffic for FY17.
- The 2017 world table tennis Championship is being held in Dusseldorf Germany from 29 May to 5 June.
- Asian Junior tennis championship the most reputed championship in Asian circuit for the U18 category has begun in Pune.

- The frog (*Hyalinobatrachium Yaku*) was discovered in Ecuador.
- Drugs that prevent entry of the Hepatitis C virus into the host cells and equally effective as other drug. These drugs called entry inhibitors The report was published by Indian Institute of Science (IISc)
- Incumbent Governor of Manipur, Najma Heptulla was appointed as the chancellor of Jamia Millia on 29 May 2017.
- India's home grown Global positioning system (GPS) the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) alternatively name NAVIC is Slated to be operational early in 2018.
- NAVIC also stands for Navigation with Indian Constellation.
- Union Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar launched an Anti-Ragging mobile app introduced by the University Grants Commission (UGC).
- International Icon Priyanka Chopra will be receiving the prestigious Dadasaheb phalke Academy Award on 1 June 2017 in an awards ceremony conducted in Mumbai.
- South African opener Hashim Amla has become the fastest batsman to score 7000 runs in ODI cricket, reaching the milestone against.
- Tata sons has appointed Saurabh Agarwal as the group Chief Financial Officer.
- The Agricultural Minister Radha Mohan Singh informed that it is a matter of immense pride that our country is number one in Milk producer.
- Former Greek Prime Minister Constantine Mitsotakis He served as the Prime Minister of Greece from 1990 to 1993.
- Cyclonic Storm MORA to strike East-Central Bay of Bengal.

- The Sangeet Natak Akademi puraskar Award was honored to Satyabrata Roy.
- India's first electric mass Transport project launched in Nagpur.

