

- ✚ JD(U) leader Sharad Yadav, who has opposed party president and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's decision to rejoin the NDA declared that a national-level grand alliance will be formed to take on the BJP in the next Lok Sabha elections.
- ✚ The remains of CRPF jawan Dinesh Borase, who was killed in the Pulwama militant attack, were consigned to flames with full State honours
- ✚ Ayatollah Mahdi Mahdaviipur, Indian representative of Ayatollah Hazrat Syed Ali Khamenei, Iran's supreme leader visited Chittoor town and held a conclave with the Shia community.
- ✚ The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) of the Ministry of Earth Sciences here inaugurated the Ocean Forecasting System for Comoros, Madagascar, and Mozambique at the third Ministerial Meeting of Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System for Asia and Africa (RIMES), held at Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. These ocean services are aimed towards safety at the sea. The system would offer oil spill advisory services, high wave alerts, port warnings, forecast along the ship routes in addition to tsunami and storm surge warnings and help in search and rescue operations.
- ✚ The Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) – the scheme to give free LPG connections to the poorest households – was termed a gamechanger for the ruling party in Uttar Pradesh because of its popularity as a pro-poor move.

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- ✚ As part of the efforts to build up emergency reserves of spares and ammunition, the Army has sought Rs. 20,000 crores from the Defence Ministry. The Army's request is meant to meet the procurements being made under the emergency powers of the Vice-Chief of the Army Staff.
- ✚ Finance Minister Arun Jaitley wrote an article highlighting the benefits of the Pradhan Mantri Jan

- Dhan Yojana, which has completed three years, saying the combination of the scheme with Aadhaar and the mobile revolution would bring all Indians into the mainstream and would end economic and social exclusion. "JAM, a term coined, and a vision conceptualized, by our Chief Economic Adviser, is nothing short of a social revolution because it has brought together financial inclusion (PMJDY), biometric identification (Aadhaar) and mobile telecommunications,"
- ✚ Monster storm Harvey unleashed catastrophic flooding in Houston, turning streets in the largest city in Texas into raging rivers as trapped residents climbed to higher floors and the death toll crept up to at least three.
- ✚ Roberto Bautista Agut warmed up for the US Open by claiming his second ATP title of the season on at the Winston-Salem Open.
- ✚ P.V. Sindhu's gallant effort to become India's first ever World Champion ended in a heart-wrenching defeat to Japan's Nozomi Okuhara in the final. She was defeated by Nozomi Okuhara (Jpn). She won the silver medal.
- ✚ Lewis Hamilton celebrated his 200th Formula One race with a pole-to-flag Belgian GP victory that halved Sebastian Vettel's championship lead to seven points after the latter finished second. This was the Mercedes driver's fifth success in 12 races this season, and the 58th of his career.
- ✚ Lalrokima and Vikram struck in the second half to guide India to the SAFF U-15 football title, edging past host Nepal 2-1 in the final.
- ✚ Sweden's Badou Jack blasted aside Nathan Cleverly in the fifth round to claim the Welsh fighter's WBA light-heavyweight world title here
- ✚ Movie director Tobe Hooper, best known for The Texas Chain Saw Massacre and Poltergeist horror films, died in California.
- ✚ Prime Minister Narendra Modi conducted an aerial survey of flood affected districts of Bihar and announced a package of ₹500 crores as immediate relief to the state.
- ✚ Nepalese Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba, who is currently on a four-day visit to the country, offered prayers at the temple of Lord Venkateswara.
- ✚ Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan became teacher for a day and taught mathematics at a technical institution here as part of a day-long mass teaching programme.

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- India discussed with Qatar the welfare of its citizens in the wake of its lingering disputes with Saudi Arabia, Egypt, the UAE and Bahrain. The two countries discussed ways to deepen co-operation in energy, trade and investment.



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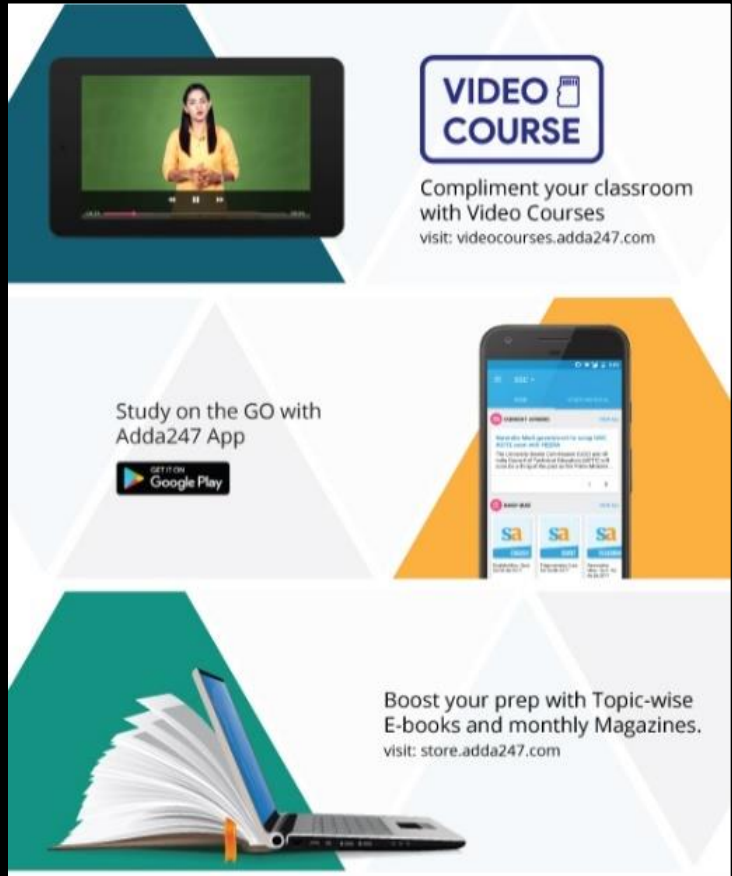
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- Rajiv Kumar has been picked as the second Vice-Chairman of the NITI Aayog, the think tank set up by the Narendra Modi government as a substitute for the Planning Commission.
- Article 35A is a provision incorporated in the Constitution giving the Jammu and Kashmir Legislature a carte blanche to decide who all are 'permanent residents' of the State and confer on them special rights and privileges in public sector jobs, acquisition of property in the State, scholarships and other public aid and welfare. The provision mandates that no act of the legislature coming under it can be challenged for violating the Constitution or any other law of the land.
- Saina Nehwal settled for the bronze as her impressive run at the World badminton championships came to an end after a heart-breaking loss to Rio Olympics bronze medallist Nozomi Okuhara of Japan in the women's semifinals.
- World championship leader Sebastian Vettel will stay with Ferrari until 2020 after agreeing a three-year contract extension, the Italian team.
- Joshna Chinappa and Saurav Ghosal emerged champions yet again, tackling their young, energetic opponents with agility and craft of their own in the finals of the HCL 74th National squash

championship at the Shiv Nadar University's indoor complex.

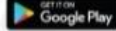
Books & Authors

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- Ghosts of the Tsunami: Death and Life in Japan's Disaster Zone:** By Richard Lloyd Parry
- Republic of Rhetoric: Free Speech and the Constitution of India:** By Abhinav Chandrachud
- The Wisdom of Finance: Discovering Humanity in the World of Risk and Return:** By Mihir Desai
- Is That Even a Country, Sir?: Journeys in Northeast India by Train, Bus and Tractor:** By Anil Yadav



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