

- + Reserve Bank of India's annual report has finally revealed that as much as ₹15.28 lakh crore of the high-value currency that was demonetized in November returned to the central bank. "Subject to future corrections, based on the verification process when completed, the estimated value of SBNS [specified bank notes] received as on June 30, 2017, is ₹15.28 trillion," as per RBI. The latest RBI data showed that 98.96% of the withdrawn currency — at the time of demonetisation the value of old ₹500 and ₹1,000 notes in circulation was ₹15.44 lakh crore — was deposited with the banks.
- + Outgoing Home Secretary Rajiv Mehrishi said that the government has raised red flags regarding the use of Chinese equipment in telecom and other sectors but this was not going to impact investments.

  
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- + The Centre informed the Supreme Court that the deadline for linking Aadhaar to access various social welfare schemes and benefits had been extended from September 30 to December 31. December 31 is also the deadline announced by the government for linking bank accounts with Aadhaar.
- + The Gujarat High Court reserved its verdict after hearing a batch of petitions challenging a special SIT court's order in the 2002 Naroda Patiya riots case, which killed 97 people. Dr. Maya Kodnani, a former minister in the then Narendra Modi government was sentenced by the trial court to 28 years in jail for her role in the massacre.
- + The Kerala Cabinet has decided to appoint K.M. Abraham as the next Chief Secretary. Kandathil Mathew Abraham, currently Additional Chief Secretary (Finance), will replace Nalini Netto.
- + As the country's eighth regional navigation satellite gets lined up for launch, two things are significant about this rather routine, repeat mission. IRNSS-1H is being sent to space to back up — and mostly replace — the functions of India's first navigation satellite. Between 2013 and 2016, ISRO put up seven IRNSS satellites to form the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System, since called NavIC or Navigation with Indian Constellation. NavIC is the Indian regional version similar to the U.S. Global Positioning System GPS.
- + A day after stressing that 70 lakh jobs will be created in five years, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said his

government has set up a corpus of ₹1,000 crore to encourage startup schemes in the State.

- + Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat inaugurated the State's first women's branch of a co-operative bank at Banjarawala tea estate here.
- + The NITI Aayog's 'Ease of Doing Business Report: An Enterprise Survey of Indian States', released, points at more hurdles in setting up new businesses in Odisha compared to other States. The 15-high growth States include Bihar, Uttarakhand, Tripura, Sikkim and Meghalaya. The NITI Aayog and IDFC Institute, its knowledge partner, have classified States on the basis of their average annual real growth rate using State Gross Domestic Product from 2004-05 to 2013-14.
- + Rajendra Prasad Sharma, an IPS officer of the 1986 batch, has been appointed as the new Director General of Police in Odisha.
- + Swiss President Doris Leuthard visited to India. The visit is significant as Switzerland is the chair of the Nuclear Suppliers Group where India has been seeking membership. The visit is likely to help consultation on NSG membership.
- + Former CBI Director R.K. Raghavan has been appointed High Commissioner to Cyprus, the External Affairs Ministry.

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- + Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Deputy Chief Ministers Keshav Prasad Maurya and Dinesh Sharma and two Ministers will contest the Legislative Council byelections to be held in September.
- + The new Consumer Protection Bill 2016 that seeks to replace a 31-year-old archaic law, has provisions to sue a manufacturer for not "giving adequate instructions of correct usage to prevent any harm or any warning regarding improper or incorrect usage." "So if a fast food chain does not serve coffee with adequate warning, then a lawsuit can be filed against them," a senior official at the Department of Consumer Affairs said.
- + The International Organisation of Migration (IOM) said that about 18,500 Rohingya Muslims have crossed into Bangladesh since fighting erupted in the Rakhine State six days ago, while thousands more are stuck at the Bangladesh border or crambling to reach it.

- The United Nations condemned North Korea's "outrageous" firing of a ballistic missile over Japan, demanding that the isolated country halts its weapons programme but holding back on any threat of new sanctions. North Korea said the launch of an intermediately range ballistic missile (IRBM) on Tuesday was to counter U.S. and South Korean military drills and was a first step in military action in the Pacific to "contain" the U.S. territory of Guam.
- Luxury cars and SUVs may become more expensive with the Union Cabinet approving an ordinance to raise the maximum compensation cess that can be levied over and above the 28% GST on such cars, from 15 % to 25%. However, these changes will not come into effect immediately. "The Cabinet has approved an amendment to the CGST (Compensation) law in pursuance of the GST Council's last meeting.



- The Centre said it had cleared two foreign direct investment proposals — that of Dyson International and MM Retail in the single brand retail sector.
- Uber has named Expedia chief Dara Khosrowshahi as its new CEO, handing over the reins to him to turn around things for the troubled U.S.-based cab aggregator.
- Foreign brokerage HSBC estimated GDP growth slowing down to 6% for the April-June period, as against the 6.1% in the preceding quarter, but said GVA growth should be the number to watch hereon.
- National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom), in conjunction with State governments, plans to set up two centres of excellence in data sciences and another one for cybersecurity soon, K.S. Vishwanathan, vice president, Industry Initiatives.
- Ottis Gibson has agreed to step down from his role as England bowling coach and become South Africa's new head coach, the England and Wales Cricket Board announced.
- Bangladesh spun its way to a first Test victory over Australia, with Shakib Al Hasan's second five-wicket haul of the match securing a memorable 20- run win inside four days at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium.
- Prominent nuclear disarmament campaigner Sumiteru Taniguchi, who was delivering mail in Nagasaki when the United States dropped an atomic bomb in 1945, died at the age of 88.

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