



# CURRENT AFFAIRS TONIC FOR BANK OF BARODA EXAM 2016

## Banking Current Affairs

- ✦ Balal village in Kasargode district in the state of Kerala is one of the 21 villages selected across the country by the State Bank of India under the SBI Digital Village initiative.
- ✦ State Bank of India launches two new digital offerings. SBI has partnered with Flipkart to offer its consumers the facility of pre-approved EMI Facility on purchases. The bank also launched a social media banking platform for Facebook & Twitter users, called 'SBI Mingle'.
- ✦ SBI & the World Bank have inked agreements for a \$625 million (around Rs 4,200 crore) facility to support grid-connected rooftop solar programme (GRP) in the country.
- ✦ Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved an increase in foreign investment from the current approved level of 62% to 74%.
- ✦ SBI Cards & Payment Services (SBI Card), the third-largest card issuer by number has launched a premium credit card 'Elite'. Elite is a bundle of several privileges & benefits for high net worth individuals (HNIs).
- ✦ SBI, has signed a MoU with the Indian Institute of Technology Society for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (SINE), (IIT) Bombay's technology business incubator, to promote innovation by startups in the financial sector.
- ✦ IDFC Bank has announced it had acquired Tamil Nadu-headquartered microfinance institution GramaVidyal in an all-cash deal.
- ✦ Housing Development Finance Corp (HDFC) is set to become the first Indian company to sell masala bonds, a rupee-denominated bond sold to foreign investors & listed on an overseas exchange.
- ✦ RBI has constituted an inter-regulatory Working Group (WG) to study the entire gamut of regulatory issues relating to Financial Technology & Digital Banking in India. The Working Group will be headed by Sudarshan Sen, Executive Director of RBI.
- ✦ RBI has asked banks to exchange up to 20 pieces of soiled currency notes with a maximum value of Rs. 5,000 over the counter free of charge.
- ✦ The fourth tranche of the Sovereign Gold Bonds scheme has opened for subscription.
- ✦ The government has allocated Rs 22,915 crore capital to meet the capitalization needs of 13 Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in the current fiscal.
- ✦ SBI launches Rs 7,000 crore stressed assets fund with Brookfield.
- ✦ Federal Bank has signed an agreement with Reliance Jio Money for one-click payment service.
- ✦ Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has joined hands with the State Bank of India to chalk out a detailed plan for promotion of rail ticketing activities, including internet ticketing & unreserved ticketing system.
- ✦ Corporation Bank has launched a new facility called 'Green PIN'.
- ✦ ICICI Bank Ltd has organised a coin exchange mela during the 'RathYatra' festival at the RBI financial literacy camp in Bholanath Vidyapith.
- ✦ Karnataka Bank Ltd has initiated a programme to provide solar lights in the non-electrified houses of students in rural areas.
- ✦ HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company & Shamrao Vithal Co-operative (SVC) Bank have announced their bancassurance agency partnership to provide a range of non-life insurance offerings to the customers of the bank.
- ✦ Mumbai-headquartered, Axis Bank has stated that RBI has granted approval for appointment of Sanjiv Misra as Additional Director & the Non-Executive (Part-Time) Chairman of the bank.
- ✦ RBI has imposed a penalty of Rs. 5 crore on Bank of Baroda in the alleged rs. 6,000 crore forex related irregularities that were observed in October last year.
- ✦ ICICI Bank & Axis Bank are the first Indian banks to sign up for Swift's global payments innovation initiative.
- ✦ RBI has imposed penalty of Rs 2 crore each on Allahabad Bank & UCO Bank & Rs 1 crore on Bank of India for violation of anti-money laundering norms. It has also imposed an aggregate penalty of Rs. 2 crore on Canara Bank.
- ✦ RBI has imposed 27 crore rupees penalty on 13 public & private sector banks for violations of Foreign Exchange Management (FEMA) Act (Anti-money laundering) & lapses in Know your customer (KYC) rules. The maximum penalty for Rs 5 crore has been imposed on Bank of Baroda.
- ✦ State Bank of India has launched a payment system at its ATMs which will allow the account holders to transfer the money by using the mobile phone number as an identifier. This payment facility system works on instant money transfer (IMT) platform which will enable a payment of up to Rs 10,000 from any SBI bank.
- ✦ Japanese payments company OKI has installed 600 automatic teller machines with cash recycling abilities for country's largest lender State Bank of India across the country.
- ✦ ICICI Bank has announced a 0.05% reduction in its marginal cost of funds based lending rate (MCLR).

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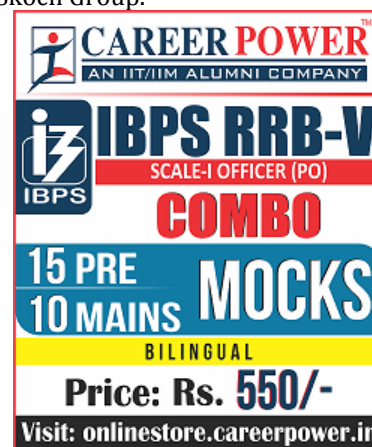
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- ✚ ICICI Bank has inked a MoU with Apollo India Credit Opportunity Management LLC & AION Capital Management to set up an asset reconstruction company.
- ✚ Bank of Baroda has tied up with a fintech start-up Fisdrom for personal wealth management services.
- ✚ SBI has launched 2 new schemes of loans named 'Privilege Home Loan' for government employees & 'Shaurya Home Loan' for Defence Personnel with pensionable service. The interest rates will be 0.05 % less than current interest rates on home loans.
- ✚ RBI launched 'Sachet- [www.sachet.rbi.org.in](http://www.sachet.rbi.org.in)', a web portal to curb illegal collection of deposits. Sachet is an SLCC (State Level Coordination Committees) website from which the members of the public would be able to obtain information regarding entities which are allowed to accept deposits, lodge complaints & also share information regarding illegal acceptance of deposits by unscrupulous entities.
- ✚ RBI has set up a committee to look at the various facets of household finance in India & to benchmark India's position vis-à-vis both the peer countries & advanced countries. This will be chaired by Dr. Tarun Ramadorai.
- ✚ RBI has imposed the penalty on two cooperative banks of Chhattisgarh under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. Zila Sahakari Kendriya Bank Maryadit, Raipur, & Raipur Urban Mercantile Cooperative Bank Limited are the banks on which the penalty of five lakh rupees each are imposed.
- ✚ Corporation Bank has launched 'group credit life insurance scheme' of LIC of India in Mangaluru. The scheme covers various term loans, including retail loans & loans to MSME & agriculture.
- ✚ IDFC Bank has appointed former RBI (RBI) deputy governor Anand Sinha to the bank's board.
- ✚ Arun Shrivastava, MD & CEO of Syndicate Bank has launched new products which includes, fund transfer based on 'Aadhaar Number through NUUP', using an ordinary mobile phone without internet connection & the other was 'Fund Transfer through IMPS' at any branch for instantaneous credit to any bank account.
- ✚ The Reserve Bank will transfer to the central government its surplus profit of Rs. 65,876 crores which is marginally lower than the amount given last year.
- ✚ National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned Rs. 26.06 crore to the Punjab government.
- ✚ Kotak Mahindra Bank (KMB) has announced the availability of Flipkart's mobile site in its mobile banking app to give the customer a secure in-app shopping environment.
- ✚ Syndicate Bank has launched a program called "Project Ananya" that focuses on improved customer service & offering the latest in digital banking services. This will upgrade the products, services & digital channels of the Bank to cater to the fast changing customer needs.
- ✚ State bank of India & Korea Development Bank have signed a MoU to enhance business synergies.
- ✚ Gautam Eknath Thakur has been elected Chairman of the leading co-operative banker, Saraswat Bank.
- ✚ Kotak Mahindra Bank has started an 'Innovation Lab' in Bengaluru to tap into the best technology that impacts its operations, & is open to investing in startups.
- ✚ Kochi Based leading private sector Lender South Indian Bank, leading private sector bank, & SBI Card, one of India's leading Credit Card issuers, announced the launch of co-branded credit cards for the customers of South Indian Bank.
- ✚ National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) ties up with Union Bank of India to launch an USSD based \*99# mobile application for their customers.
- ✚ RBI has imposed penalties on four cooperative banks for violation of various norms. Cooperative banks are: Cooperative City Bank, Guwahati – Rs 5 lakh, Indapur Urban Cooperative Bank, Indapur – Rs 2 lakh, ShriDadasahebGajmal Cooperative Bank, Pachora – Rs 1 lakh & Model Cooperative Urban Bank, Hyderabad – Rs 1 lakh.
- ✚ Federal Bank has become the first private sector bank to start distributing gold coins made by government-controlled Metals & Minerals Trading Corporation of India (MMTCI).
- ✚ SBI has approved share swap ratio to merge 5 associate banks & Bharatiya Mahila Bank (BMB) with itself.
- ✚ Doha Bank QSC, one of the prominent banks in Qatar, is formally inaugurating its first branch in Kerala.
- ✚ Federal Bank has partnered with Chillr that connects directly to a person's bank account & enables instant money transfers, bill payments, phone recharge & e-commerce payments in a very secure environment.
- ✚ Department of Investment & Public Asset Management (DIPAM) has selected four investment banks for the proposed share sale in HUDCO (Housing & Urban Development Corporation Limited). These four banks include Nomura, SBI Caps, ICICI Securities & IDBI Capital.
- ✚ Former CCI head Ashok Chawla will take over as Non-Executive Part-time Chairman of YES Bank.
- ✚ Jawaharlal Nehru Port has signed an agreement with State Bank of India & Development Bank of Singapore for External Commercial Borrowing to the tune of USD 400 Million under External Commercial Borrowings.
- ✚ RBI has asked banks to provide loans to women self-help groups in rural areas at 7% per annum, as per the government's revised guidelines for the current financial year.
- ✚ Mangaluru based Karnataka Bank has come up with a mobile application named KBL-SMARTz built on the unified payments interface (UPI) platform of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- ✚ Qatar's based Doha Bank has opened a branch, the Kerala's CM Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated the branch.
- ✚ Union Bank of India has launched USSD (unstructured supplementary service data) based \*99# mobile application on Play Store on Android platform.
- ✚ DCB Bank has launched 'mVisa', a mobile-based payment solution that will make payments at retail outlets much easier.



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- ✚ ICICI Bank, has announced the deployment of 'Software Robotics' in over 200 business processes across various functions of the bank.
- ✚ Qatar National Bank (QNB) has received approval from India's regulatory authorities to open a branch in the country & begin operations.
- ✚ State Bank of India, Punjab National Bank, IDFC Bank, & digital wallet Paytm will start issuing electronic tags to vehicles for toll collection.
- ✚ FreeCharge in partnership with Axis Bank has launched Unified Payments Interface (UPI) that allows instant transactions from a smartphone using a virtual payment address (VPA).
- ✚ Axis Bank has tied up with Banaras Hindu University (BHU) to offer specialised banking courses.
- ✚ Vijaya Bank has bagged the second prize under Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar (Region C) for the year 2015-16.
- ✚ Dharwad-headquartered Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank has bagged four awards for inclusive insurance for 2016 from Skoch Group.



### Economy Current Affairs

- ✚ US multinational banking firm Goldman Sachs says Indian economy is likely to grow 7.9% in this year 2016-17.
- ✚ World Bank has announced a funding of Rs 980 crore to dredge the Brahmaputra as an initiative to develop waterways to Bangladesh & to other South East Asian countries which is give fillip to trade & industry.
- ✚ The RBI, in its Annual Report, has projected India's growth rate at 7.6% in 2016-17, up from 7.2% last year.
- ✚ NABARD has sanctioned a loan of Rs 204.67 crore under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for rural infrastructure in Haryana for projects including a 10 MW solar plant at Panipat thermal power station.
- ✚ FDI in Defence Sector up to 100%, Earlier FDI regime permitted 49%.
- ✚ The country's economy grew at 7.1 % in the April to June quarter of the current fiscal.
- ✚ World Bank will invest nearly 1,000 crore rupees in Assam for the betterment of the inland waterways.
- ✚ The Union Cabinet has granted its approval to set up India Post's payments bank, 650 branches of which will be made operational by September 2017.
- ✚ The Finance Ministry has imposed definitive anti-dumping duty on purified terephthalic acid (PTA) imports from China, Iran, Taiwan, Indonesia & Malaysia.
- ✚ Telecom Ministry is believed to have cleared the Rs 3,500-crore 4G spectrum trading deal between service providers BhartiAirtel & Aircel.
- ✚ The Centre has cleared a proposal to sell its stake in state-owned construction company NBCC India with an aim to meet the Rs. 56,500-crore PSU disinvestment target in 2016-17.
- ✚ BSE is introducing 'Paperless SIP' (systematic investment plans) that would allow mutual fund investors to make transactions through various modes of payments.
- ✚ Govt. revises time schedule for making payments under Income Declaration Scheme 2016. As per the revised schedule, a minimum amount of 25 % of the tax, surcharge & penalty can be paid by 30th of November this year.
- ✚ Central government employees will get the revised pay based on the 7th Pay Commission from August 2016. The Commission had recommended a 23.55 percent overall hike in salaries, allowances & pension involving an additional burden of Rs 1.02 lakh crore, or nearly 0.7 percent of GDP.
- ✚ The Union Cabinet has given its approval for raising foreign shareholding limit from current 5% to 15% in Indian Stock Exchanges.
- ✚ The government's collections under the Sovereign Gold Bond scheme realised through the fourth tranche reached around Rs. 919 crore, the highest achieved yet.
- ✚ The Government has released Rs 100 crore towards its co-contribution for Atal Pension Yojana (APY) for 2015-16.
- ✚ Parliament passes Regional Centre for Biotechnology Bill, 2016.
- ✚ Rs. 28,000 cr released under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).

### National Current Affairs

- ✚ PM Narendra Modi's address 'Mann Ki Baat' to be broadcast in Bangladesh.
- ✚ Ministry grants recognition to Paralympic Committee of India.
- ✚ The National mineral exploration policy has been unveiled to adopt comprehensive exploration of non-fuel & non-coal mineral resources.
- ✚ Jawaharlal Nehru Port becomes India's first port to implement Logistics Data Tagging of Containers.
- ✚ World's largest charkha unveiled at IGI Delhi airport. It is 9 feet wide, 17 feet tall & 30 feet long.
- ✚ Pranab Mukherjee inaugurated Swami Vivekanand Sabhagar at Kathak Kendra of Sangeet Natak Akademi in New Delhi.



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- ✚ PM Narendra Modi has led Parliamentarians in paying tribute to former Parliamentarian, Minister in the first cabinet post independence & founder of Bharatiya Jana Sangh Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee on his birth anniversary at the Parliament house.
- ✚ National Association of Software & Services Companies (Nasscom) has unveiled India's first centre of excellence focused on Internet of Things (CoE- IoT) at its Startup Warehouse in Bengaluru.
- ✚ Women & Child Development Minister Maneka Gandhi announced a cyber-cell in New Delhi to keep a check in this regard. If they are being abused or harassed on social media platforms using the hashtag #IamTrolledHelp.
- ✚ The first direct bus service between Pokhara (Nepal) & New Delhi (India) was launched to connect South Asia's two important cities.
- ✚ The Union Government launched 'Operation Sankat Mochan' to evacuate the Indians from South Sudan.
- ✚ Minister of State for External Affairs VK Singh headed the mission.
- ✚ Cabinet approves revival of defunct Fertilizer Units in Gorakhpur, Sindri & Barauni.
- ✚ The Union Cabinet approves change of name from "Rajendra Central Agricultural University" to "Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University".
- ✚ India achieves yet another public health milestone, becomes first country to be declared free of Yaws, an infection of the skin & bones, much ahead of WHO global target year of 2020.
- ✚ The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared India as Maternal & Neonatal Tetanus free.
- ✚ The United Nations Educational, Scientific, & Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has listed Chandigarh's Capitol Complex & Sikkim's national park among its World Heritage Sites. India now has 35 sites.
- ✚ India's first e-court has opened at High Court of Judicature at Hyderabad. It is the common high court for the states of Telangana & Andhra Pradesh.
- ✚ India & Bangladesh has opened the newly constructed modern integrated check-post at Petrapole-Benapole point of the India-Bangladesh border in West Bengal.
- ✚ Establishment of a new All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) has been approved by the Union Cabinet.
- ✚ Union Cabinet approved for the incorporation of Sagarmala Development Company (SDC) under the Companies Act, 2013 with an initial authorized share capital of 1 thousand crore rupees.
- ✚ Union Cabinet approved for introducing amendments to the Benami Transactions (Prohibition) (Amendment) Bill, 2015 in Parliament.
- ✚ PM Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of All India Institute Of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) & revival of fertilizer factory which was closed for the last three decades in Gorakhpur district of Uttar Pradesh.
- ✚ India has contributed USD 100,000 to a trust fund set up for victims of sexual exploitation & abuse by peacekeepers.
- ✚ Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu has inaugurated a host of passengers services & other amenities at the Yasvantpur station, one of the three railways stations that serve Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- ✚ Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu has inaugurated 114-km long Rameswaram-Mana Madurai route as the country's first green rail corridor with zero toilet discharge section.
- ✚ Union Ministers Venkaiah Naidu & Manohar Parrikar unveiled a life-size statue of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam at Peikarumbu, his burial site in Rameswaram to observe his first death anniversary.
- ✚ The Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Amendment Bill was passed by Lok Sabha. The bill prohibits employment of children below 14 years in all occupations except in family business, with the provision for the imprisonment of up to two years for any violation.
- ✚ The World Health Organisation (WHO) has declared Brazil free of measles, after no case of the disease was registered in the last year.
- ✚ The Union Government has approved nearly 1600 crore rupees for Jammu & Kashmir under skill development initiative 'Himayat'. Under this initiative, youths from both rural & urban areas of J&K would be imparted with training in various job-intensive vocational courses over the next three years.
- ✚ The Lok Sabha has cleared an amendment to the Lokpal Act giving an indefinite extension to the deadline for assets & liabilities' disclosure by central government employees & management personnel of NGOs.
- ✚ The Union Cabinet has approved the establishment of a new AIIMS at Bhatinda, Punjab under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY).
- ✚ The Centre has announced the formation of District Development Coordination & Monitoring Committee (DDCMC) in place of the District Vigilance & Monitoring Committee (DVMC) & to be named Disha for effective implementation of Central government schemes.
- ✚ Union Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu laid foundation stone for construction of a new Railway Station at Imphal.
- ✚ Centre has decided to organise a Make in India conference in Bhubaneswar in December this year.
- ✚ Railway Minister of India along with Bangladesh Railway Minister Md. Mazibul Hoque laid the foundation stone for Agartala-Akhaura International Rail Project. Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu has flagged off maiden broad-gauge train service between Agartala & Delhi, 'Tripura Sundari Express'. The 'Tripura Sundari Express' will run weekly between Agartala & AnandVihar in Delhi.
- ✚ Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley announced that the Government has set the ambitious target to roll out of the Goods & Services Tax, (GST) from 1st April 2017.
- ✚ Union Government has set an inflation target of 4 % for the next five years with a range of plus/minus 2 % for the next five years under the monetary policy framework agreement with the Reserve Bank.
- ✚ Centre has launched a nation-wide breast feeding programme "MAA - Mother's Absolute Affection" with an aim to enhance optimal breastfeeding practices in New Delhi. It is an intensified programme of the Health





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Ministry for creating an enabling environment to ensure that mothers, husbands, & families receive adequate information & support for the promotion of breastfeeding.

- ✚ The three day long India's International Footwear Fair (IIFF) which was launched by the Finance Minister Arun Jaitley, held in New Delhi.
- ✚ Union Urban Development Minister Venkaiah Naidu has launched Swachh Survekshan-2017 for 500 cities in the country with an idea to make competitive environment make the cities clean in New Delhi.
- ✚ Union Minister for Human Resource & Development Prakash Javadekar has inaugurated the transit campus of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) at village Jagti, Tehsil Nagrota in Jammu.
- ✚ The second National Handloom Day has been celebrated all over the country on 7<sup>th</sup> August. The main function was held in Varanasi in which Sant Kabir Awards & National Handloom Awards has been presented.
- ✚ A nine-member Kathakali dance troupe has performed first time in Egypt. It was a part the 14th Summer Festival organized by Bibliotheca Alexandrina.
- ✚ PM Narendra Modi has launched the Telangana government's ambitious Mission Bhagiratha at Komatibanda Village, Gajwel, in Medak District of Telangana. The objective is to provide safe drinking water to all.
- ✚ Union Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar has inaugurated the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) - Raipur at the Government Engineering College campus.
- ✚ Human rights activist Irom Chanu Sharmila (44) ended her 16-year-long fast against Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 & was granted bail by an Imphal court on Rs.10,000 personal bond.
- ✚ The Ministry of Women & Child Development has launched a social media campaign to mark the Daughters Day to be celebrated on 11th August 2016 by tweeting a picture with her daughter-in-law & grand-daughter.
- ✚ The Union Cabinet given its ex-post facto approval for amendments to Section 44 & consequential amendments of the Lokpal & Lokayuktas Act, 2013 by introducing the Lokpal & Lokayukta (Amendment) Bill, 2016 in the Parliament.
- ✚ The Cabinet approved the amendments which have been made into the Maternity Benefits Act to raise maternity leave for women from 12 weeks to 26 weeks.
- ✚ Finance Minister Arun Jaitley has launched a data bank Portal of micro, small & medium enterprises, MSME in New Delhi. The portal aims to gather information about micro, small & medium enterprises.
- ✚ Ikea, a global leader in retail furniture, has laid the foundation for its first store in India in Hyderabad.
- ✚ President Pranab Mukherjee has given his nod to set up six new Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in places like Jammu, Tirupati, Palakkad (Kerala), Goa, Dharwad (Karnataka) & Bhillai (Chhattisgarh) & also passed a law regarding the same.
- ✚ Ending a 92-year-old tradition which started during the colonial era, Railway Budget will be merged with the General Budget from 2017-18 onwards.
- ✚ The government has ambitious plan to lay 6,900 km of gas pipelines linking Bangladesh, Myanmar, most north-eastern states, & West Bengal.
- ✚ India has provided One million US Dollars grant to Zimbabwe in the wake of El Nino induced drought disaster.
- ✚ Govt has slapped a penalty of USD 380 million on Reliance Industries & its partners for producing less than targeted natural gas from KG-D6 fields.
- ✚ India & Bangladesh will jointly produce a documentary on the 1971 War of Independence of Bangladesh.
- ✚ IIT-Kanpur has adopted 5 villages under the Namami Gange programme & will use its expertise to restrict the flow of sewage into the river.
- ✚ Indian government's Tourism Ministry has decided that instead of getting a brand ambassador for the Incredible India campaign, it will make PM Narendra Modi the face of the campaign.
- ✚ China largest high-speed train maker has announced the launch of its first joint venture (JV) plant in India with USD 63.4 million investment to manufacture & repair railway locomotives. The joint venture, named CRRC (China Railway Rolling Stock Corporation) Pioneer (India) Electric Co Ltd, is housed in Bawana Industrial District of Haryana between New Delhi & Bombay.
- ✚ India has pledged financial assistance worth 39.97 million Nepali Rupees for the construction of a new building & a hostel facility at a Sanskrit school in eastern Nepal.
- ✚ Union Women & Child Development (WCD) Minister Maneka Gandhi inaugurated the state's first animal birth control centre (ABC) at Kedarapuram. The centres will be set up in Nainital & Mussoorie.
- ✚ India is home to the 3rd largest number of technology-driven start-ups in the world, with the US & the UK occupying the top two positions.
- ✚ Union Minister for Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation Sushri Uma Bharti launched various Projects on the Bank of Ganga worth Rs. 560 crores under Namami Gange programme at Ganga Barrage in Kanpur.
- ✚ The famous Sreekrishna temple in Guruvayur has been included in the Union Tourism Ministry's Pilgrimage Rejuvenation & Spirituality Augmentation Drive (PRASAD). Under this scheme Development of roads, new streetlights & improvement of drinking water supply will also be taken up.
- ✚ The government is set to ban cash transactions over Rs 3 lakh as it seeks to clamp down on black money in the economy following recommendations from the Supreme Court-appointed Special Investigation Team.
- ✚ India state radio broadcaster's Akashvani Maitree Channel, a special Bengali channel targeted at the Bengali-speaking audience of India, Bangladesh & in other countries, was launched by President Pranab Mukherjee.



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- ✚ The Union Cabinet cleared the draft Surrogacy Bill 2016, aimed at regulating commissioning of surrogacy in the country in a proper manner.
- ✚ Delhi will soon have a sprawling new Aerospace Museum close to the international airport focused mainly on Nation's rich aviation history.
- ✚ National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) announced that customers of 21 banks will shortly be able to use Unified Payments Interface (UPI) for sending & collecting money via a smartphone using a Virtual Payment Address (VPA).
- ✚ A person booking a train ticket through the IRCTC website will be able opt for travel insurance cover for a premium of 92 paise only from 31 August. IRCTC has assigned the task to three private firms are Shriram General Insurance, ICICI Lombard General Insurance & Royal Sundaram General Insurance.
- ✚ "Suganya Pustakalaya: A step towards an Accessible Digital India" (An online library for persons with visual disabilities) was launched by Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister for Law & Justice & Electronics & Information Technology.
- ✚ Women & Child Development Minister (WCD) Maneka Sanjay Gandhi has launched Protection of Children from Sexual Offences, POCSO e-box, in New Delhi. POCSO e-box is a platform where a child victim of sexual abuse.
- ✚ National Sports Day in India is celebrated on August 29 to mark hockey legend Dhyan Chand's birthday.
- ✚ Union HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar formally inaugurated the IIT in Dharwad.
- ✚ Murugappa Group firm Carborundum Universal (CUMI) inaugurated its Research & Development centre at its industrial ceramics division in Hosur, Tamil Nadu (TN).
- ✚ India's first military heritage website, coloursofglory.org was launched by Glory Foundation at Chennai.
- ✚ Union Health & Family Welfare Minister JP Nadda launched the 'MeraAspatal' (my hospital) initiative. This move seeks to empower the patients by seeking their views on the quality of experience in a public healthcare facility.
- ✚ Union Cabinet approved MoU between CERT-In & CERT-UK in the field of cyber Security.
- ✚ The Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) has signed an MoU with Amar Chitra Katha to publish & distribute a 32-page comic.
- ✚ India's Sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik has won the people's choice prize for his sand sculpture titled "Mahatma Gandhi - World Peace" at the ninth Moscow Sand Sculpture Championship 2016.
- ✚ President of Egypt, Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi, has arrived on a three-day visit to India.
- ✚ State-run BHEL has commissioned the 4th & last unit of the 4x40 MW Teesta Low Dam Hydro Electric Project (HEP) Stage-IV in West Bengal.
- ✚ With a view to engaging youth of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) in constructive sporting activities, a special package of Rs. 200 crore has been announced by PM Narendra Modi.
- ✚ Majuli Island on the Brahmaputra in Assam was declared the largest river island in the world, toppling Marajo in Brazil, by Guinness World Records. The river island covers an area of around 880 sqkm.
- ✚ Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited (GRSE) handed over the Water Jet Fast Attack Craft (WJFAC), "TIHAYU" to Indian Navy.
- ✚ The government has approved projects worth over Rs. 450 crore under 'Swadesh Darshan' scheme for five states.
- ✚ President Pranab Mukherjee has signed the GST Constitution Amendment Bill thereby making it a law. GST Bill has been ratified by the Parliament, as well as 16 states.
- ✚ Mexico has set up its consulate in south India in Chennai that will cater to Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh & Telangana.
- ✚ The Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory (LIGO) project that was given the in-principle approval by the Union Cabinet may come up in Maharashtra's Hingoli district.
- ✚ Renowned Yog Guru & founder of Patanjali group Baba Ramdev has laid the foundation stone of his dream project Patanjali Mega Food & Herbal Park in Mihan area which is located at outskirts of Nagpur.
- ✚ The Union Cabinet has approved the formation, process & functioning of the Goods & Services Tax (GST) Council.
- ✚ Mandi in Himachal Pradesh & Sindhudurg in Maharashtra have emerged the cleanest districts in India according to a report released in New Delhi by Drinking Water & Sanitation Minister Narendra Singh Tomar.
- ✚ Union Minister of State for Ayush (Independent Charge) Shri Shripad Yesso Naik & Union minister for Fertilisers & Chemicals & Parliamentary Affairs Shri Ananth Kumar inaugurated the National Fair on comprehensive Indian Medicine system (AROGYA) in Bengaluru.
- ✚ The government has issued fresh flexi-fund guidelines that will give more freedom to states in spending money under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) to meet local developmental requirements.
- ✚ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the proposal for initiation of the Third Phase of Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP).
- ✚ The Cabinet has approved the creation of the Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA), taking a step closer to developing high quality infrastructure in premier educational institutions.
- ✚ Hindi Divas is being celebrated throughout the country on 14th September 2016.
- ✚ 105-year-old Kunwar Bai, who was felicitated by PM Narendra Modi for building toilet by selling off her goats, has been chosen as the 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' mascot.
- ✚ The Naropa festival, which is held every 12 years, began today at the 17th century Hemis Monastery in Ladakh.


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## States in India Current Affairs

- ✚ Maharashtra target of planting 2 crore trees in state crossed.
- ✚ Rapid Rural Police Response System launched in Punjab.
- ✚ India's first Commercial Court & Commercial Disputes Resolution Centre inaugurated in Chattisgarh.
- ✚ Centre to allot Rs 400 Crore for developing airports at Agra, Allahabad, Kanpur & Bareilly in Uttar Pradesh.
- ✚ Mission Indradhanush to next cover 13 MP districts.
- ✚ The central government has given its nod for renaming Mhow railway station in Indore district of Madhya Pradesh after BR Ambedkar as the Dalit icon was born there.
- ✚ Rajasthan has become the first state in the country to introduce minimum wages for part-time workers.
- ✚ The world famous RathYatra or chariot festival of Lord Jagannath begins in Puri, Odisha as well as in different parts of the country.
- ✚ The second phase of Haritha Haram programme of Telangana government has been launched. The Haritha Haram programme aimed to plant 46 crore plants to improve green belt.
- ✚ The West Bengal Government has taken up a project to set up three biotechnology hubs across the state. The three proposed biotechnology hubs will come in Bardhaman, Kalimpong & Medinipur districts.
- ✚ Kerala Government imposes 14.5 per cent fat tax on Junk Food.
- ✚ Kerala Chief Minister PinarayiVijayan has launched SV.CO, purportedly world's first digital student incubator, as a digital makeover of the Startup Village in Kochi.
- ✚ Maharastra Police launches 4 apps for timely intervention into emergency situations.
- ✚ The West Bengal government has set a target to construct toilets across all villages of the state by March 2019 to enable open defecation free (ODF) rural Bengal.
- ✚ Madhya Pradesh is the first state of the country to setup Happiness Department in state.
- ✚ Maharashtra Chief Minister DevendraFadnavis has launched the facility of virtual & digital classrooms across 32 ITIs in the state on the occasion of World Youth Skills Day (15th July).He also Announced an initiative called 'Skill Sakhis' for women empowerment.
- ✚ Delhi Chief Minister ArvindKejriwal has launched a live interactive programme, titled 'TalkToAK', aimed at directly engaging with the Delhiites.
- ✚ A State green panel has given first-stage clearance to Orissa Integrated Power Ltd (OIPL) for diverting 17.02 hectares of revenue forest land to set up a 4,000 MW UMPP in Sundargarh district in Odisha at a cost of Rs. 29,000 crore.
- ✚ Kerala Government has launched Kochi Water Metro project, the first ever Water Metro project of the country. It was launched by Kerala Chief Minister PinarayiVijayan at Kochi, Kerala.
- ✚ Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, along with Union Ministers Kalraj Mishra & Venkaiah Naidu have laid the foundation stone for a Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises technology centre under Technology Centre Systems Programme (TCSP) at Pudi in Visakhapatnam district.
- ✚ Maharashtra Chief Minister DevendraFadnavis has launched a pilot project of e-complaint system on an experimental basis in Pune.
- ✚ In an attempt to double the income of farmers by 2022, the Rajasthan government plans to bring in latest technological innovation & introduce best farming practices by inviting experts to Global Rajasthan Agritech Meet (GRAM) in Jaipur.
- ✚ The Government of Karnataka has set-up a dedicated start-up cell for speeding up the implementation of the initiatives under its start-up policy.
- ✚ Manipur has joined the Ujwal DISCOM (distribution company) Assurance Yojana (UDAY) scheme which is meant for revival of debt-stressed power distribution utilities & will get benefits of around Rs 263 crore. Manipur is the 14th state to join the UDAY.
- ✚ Yoga centres will be opened in all municipal committees, councils & corporations in Haryana.
- ✚ Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has launched 'Mission Harita Andhra Pradesh', with the theme 'green cover for a happy living'. The objective of the mission is to



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increase the green cover in the state to 50 % by the year 2029.

- Centre has sanctioned nearly Rs. 620 crore to Uttar Pradesh as assistance for the recent drought situation in the state.
- The Cochin Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CCCI) is launching an Aadhaar based e-Certificate of Origin service.
- Bihar government has lifted the ban on the sale & consumption of toddy (palm wine) in the state.
- Odisha government has decided to recruit members of transgender community persons as warders in jails of the State as per the directive of the Supreme Court.
- Tamil Nadu Assembly has passed a unanimous resolution that the Madras High Court be renamed as Tamil Nadu High Court & not as High Court of Chennai as proposed by the Centre.
- Rajasthan has become the first state in the country to approve sewage & wastewater policy. Under this policy, all district headquarters, heritage cities, & cities in the state which have more than one lakh population will be included.
- Kerala cabinet has decided to appoint veteran CPI-M leader V.S Achuthanandan as the chairman of the Kerala Administrative Reforms Commission with cabinet rank.
- The Parliament has approved the establishment of six new IITs across the country by passing the Institutes of Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2016 in the Rajya Sabha. These IITs will be started in Palakkad (Kerala), Goa, Dharwad (Karnataka), Bhilai (Chhattisgarh), Jammu, & Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh).
- State-run Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) has commissioned the second 500 Mw (megawatt) thermal unit at Marwa Thermal Power Station in Janjgir-Champa district of Chhattisgarh.
- The Union Cabinet has given its approval for the terms & conditions for transfer of 12 acres of National Textile Corporation Ltd. (NTCL), Indu-6 Mill land to Government of Maharashtra for the construction of a memorial of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.
- The Cabinet has given approval for making suitable amendments in the Central List of OBCs by way of inclusion/correction/deletion of castes/communities applicable to the State of Andhra Pradesh & the newly formed State of Telangana as per the advice received from the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC).
- Rajasthan's CM Vasundhara Raje has laid the foundation of 14 projects worth Rs 2,229 Crore & stated that the city of Jaipur will be a 'wonder city' in next two years. The projects include converting Amanishah Nala into its original form of Dravyawati river.
- Goa CM Laxmikant Parsekar has stated that the 7th Pay Commission recommendations would be implemented in the state from November 1st.
- CM Naveen Patnaik has dedicated 100 multi-purpose shelter houses to the people of Odisha for use during floods & cyclones with an aim to ensure zero casualty during calamities.

- CM of Maharashtra Mr. Devendra Fadnis has stated that Maharashtra government will provide as many as 1,200 wi-fi hotspots in the megapolis as a part of transforming Mumbai into a Smart City.
- Kerala Tourism has rolled out a promotional campaign in Dubai targeting Arab travellers & showcasing the state's backwaters & waterfalls on taxis plying in the bustling metropolis, with the onset of the outbound tourism season in the Middle East.
- Odisha government launched a special assistance scheme named 'Barisha Bunakar Sahayata Yojana' for elderly weavers to mark the National Handlooms Day. The aim is to improve the financial condition of over 8,000 weavers, who have been working in this field for the last 20 years. This is for all senior weavers who are above the age of 60 years. Under this scheme all weavers who are above 60 years they will get a monthly pension of 500 rupees, & those above 80 years would get 700 rupees.
- To mark the 75th anniversary of Quit India Movement, Maharashtra Government launched Quit India 2-from Swaraj to Suraj initiative.
- The first unit of Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant has jointly dedicated to the nation by Tamil Nadu CM Jayalithaa, PM Narendra Modi & Russian President Vladimir Putin through video conferencing.
- The local subsidiary of the Nasdaq-listed First Solar, First Solar Power India, has announced the commercial operation of 80 MW & 50 MW solar power plants in Andhra Pradesh & Telangana.
- Madhya Pradesh & the Union Territory (UT) of Puducherry have signed the MoU with the Ministry of Power to join the Ujwal Discom Assurance scheme. With this, the total number of states & union territories who are a part of UDAY has risen to 16.
- A first-of-its-kind touch & feel garden for the visually impaired people in the country was inaugurated near Calicut University campus by Kerala Assembly Speaker P Sreeramakrishnan.
- Punjab CM Parkash Singh Badal has inaugurated city's first Sewa Kendra at Ladhewali where people will be able to avail services under one roof.
- Assam has become the first state to ratify the Goods & Services Tax Constitutional Amendment Bill.
- A 12-day long Krishna Pushkar festival held in Telangana & Andhra Pradesh. The festival comes once in every 12 years.
- Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL) has inaugurated the country's first facility to produce nickel, a metal for which the country is completely dependent on imports. The new facility - Nickel, Copper, & Acid Recovery Plant is located at the company's Indian Copper Complex (ICC) at Ghatshila in Jharkhand.
- Rajasthan government led by Vasundhara Raje has signed a MoU with India Trade & Exhibition Centre (ITEC), Dubai for the promotion of skill development, investment & tourism sectors.
- The Bihar state assembly has unanimously passed the crucial Goods & Services Tax Bill (GST Bill). With this, it





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- has become the first non-BharatiyaJanata Party-ruled state to ratify the GST.
- ✚ Tamil Nadu CM Jayalalithaa has announced Rs 1,000 increase in the freedom fighters pension from Rs 11,000.
- ✚ Odia language will be used as the official language in all government offices in Odisha.
- ✚ Jharkhand Assembly has been convened to ratify Goods & Services Tax (GST) Bill passed by both Houses of Parliament.
- ✚ Gujarat government has approved the implementation of the recommendations of 7th Pay Commission, raising salaries of over 8.5 lakh state employees & pensioners, from 1st Jan.
- ✚ The Uttar Pradesh government has approved a Metro Rail project for Allahabad.
- ✚ Telangana State has received the highest number of gallantry medals for police personnel in the country on the eve of Independence Day.
- ✚ Tata Power Solar has commissioned a 100 mw solar project for NTPC in Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh, the biggest solar project commissioned using domestically manufactured solar cells & modules.
- ✚ The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has discovered an ancient camping site dating 8500 BC in Ladakh in Jammu & Kashmir (J&K), indicating humans were camping in the area 10,500 years ago.
- ✚ Kerala govt has earmarked Rs 10,000 crore for state-run & aided schools for the next 5 years.
- ✚ Former Cricketer & Rajya Sabha MP Sachin Tendulkar has selected Donja village in Osmanabad district of Maharashtra for development under the SansadAdarsh Gram Yojna (SAGY).
- ✚ Kerala government has approved a new debt relief scheme for low income & poor people who face the threat of revenue recovery proceedings after they fail to repay loans taken from various financial institutions under the government.
- ✚ Andhra Pradesh Police has launched DNA Index System (DIS), the first-of-its-kind initiative that allows generation of DNA profiles from live samples like saliva & blood stains. The system uses the latest DNA technology tool called RapidHIT developed by IntegenX of USA.
- ✚ Himachal Pradesh assembly unanimously ratified the Constitution Amendment Bill on GST. It becomes the fourth after Assam, Bihar & Jharkhand to ratify the Bill.
- ✚ Punjab CM Parkash Singh Badal launched a mobile app 'KisanSuvudha' for farmers. The app will provide basic information on weather updates, crop prices & expert advices.
- ✚ The newly drafted Maharashtra Protection of Internal Security Act (MPISA) has proposed setting up of Special Security Zones (SSZ) where movement of arms, explosives & inflow of unaccounted funds will be prohibited.
- ✚ The Chhattisgarh, Gujarat & Madhya Pradesh state Assembly passed the Goods & Service Tax (GST) Constitution Amendment Bill, becoming the fifth, sixth & seventh state to pass the bill.
- ✚ Odisha Cabinet has approved the "Odisha Startup Policy 2016" to promote entrepreneurship for start-up ventures with provision of government incentives.
- ✚ Delhi Assembly has ratified the Goods & Service Tax Constitution Amendment Bill. It is the third non-BJP-ruled state & overall the 8th to clear the proposed tax regime.
- ✚ Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar has announced that Sakshi Malik, India's bronze medalist at the Rio Olympics, will be the brand ambassador of the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao campaign in the state.
- ✚ Union Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu & Andhra Pradesh CM N Chandrababu Naidu has commissioned a new railway line between Nandyala & Yerraguntla.
- ✚ After Goa & Delhi, Telangana has become the third state to inaugurate south India's first Children's Court was inaugurated in Hyderabad.
- ✚ Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis has announced the State government plans to transform 1,000 villages with the help of corporate sector, & the civil society over the next few years.
- ✚ The Nagaland State Assembly has passed the Goods & Service Tax (GST) Constitution Amendment Bill, 8th State to ratify the tax reform.
- ✚ Himachal Pradesh Health Minister Kaul Singh Thakur has launched a mobile application called '108 HP' to facilitate efficient access to ambulances for medical emergencies.
- ✚ Gujarat government is planning to set up India's first textile university at Surat.
- ✚ The Maharashtra Assembly's has unanimously passed the Goods & Services Tax (GST) Constitutional Amendment Bill.
- ✚ The West Bengal Assembly passed the resolution to rename the state to 'Bangla' in Bengali, 'Bengal' in English & 'Bangal' in Hindi.
- ✚ CM, Mehbooba Mufti has formally launched the Ujala Scheme in Jammu & Kashmir with the distribution of LED bulbs.
- ✚ The Telangana & Haryana Assembly have unanimously ratified the Constitution Amendment Bill on Goods & Services Tax (GST).
- ✚ The Goa Legislative Assembly today unanimously passed a resolution ratifying the amendments to the Constitution to pave way for the presidential assent to the Goods & Services (GST) Bill, 2016. Goa is the 15th State Assembly to ratify the Bill.
- ✚ Under the Government's initiative of affordable LEDs for all (UJALA) scheme, Gujarat has become the 1st state to distribute 2 crore LED bulbs.
- ✚ Goa government has signed a memorandum of understanding with Google India to promote digital literacy & drive the digital transformation in the state.
- ✚ Jharkhand is the first state in the country to have implemented Public Fund Management System (PFMS).
- ✚ Odisha CM, Naveen Patnaik, would share his thoughts on different issues through the radio for 10 minutes every month.
- ✚ Kerala has decided to enter into joint venture agreement with Railways for rail projects in the state under the 51:49 equity partnership arrangement.

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- ✚ The Puducherry, Odisha & Rajasthan Legislative Assembly have unanimously ratified the Constitution Amendment Bill for Goods & Services Tax (GST).
- ✚ The Gujarat government has signed a MoU with the ministry of civil aviation to develop 11 airports & airstrips to boost regional connectivity.
- ✚ In Haryana, village Gumthala Garhu near Pehowa in Kurukshetra district has become the first Wifi hotspot village in Haryana circle under bulk plan of BSNL.
- ✚ On the occasion of the 55th Teachers' Day Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated Asia's biggest digital library dedicated to the memory of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, former President of India, in NIT Silchar.
- ✚ Haryana Government has decided to develop 340 villages as Horticulture Villages at a cost of 93 crore rupees during the Golden Jubilee year of the State.
- ✚ Rajasthan's education department has partnered with US-based technology firm Cisco to promote digital learning across the state using virtual digital room solutions.
- ✚ Meghalaya & Arunachal Pradesh Assembly has ratified Goods & Service Tax (GST), Bill, to simplify the taxation by implementing single tax rates across the country.
- ✚ Sikkim has been adjudged the cleanest state while Jharkhand comes last in the list of 26 states.
- ✚ The Odisha government has launched the construction workers pension scheme. It ensures financial assistance of 300 rupees per month to all registered.
- ✚ Himachal Pradesh government has signed a preliminary MoU with Singapore government for developing a smart integrated township in Jathiadevi near Shimla airport.
- ✚ Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has inaugurated the Onam celebrations in Thiruvananthapuram.
- ✚ Andhra Pradesh has become the second state in the country after Gujarat to achieve 100% electrification of households.
- ✚ In line with the Centre's 'Start Up India' initiative, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Raman Singh has launched the 'Start Up Chhattisgarh' programme to encourage entrepreneurs in the state.
- ✚ Uttarakhand Governor K K Paul has released a book titled 'Shanti ki Talaash mein Zindagi' written in Hindi by Haridwar-based author & journalist Radhika Nagrath.



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- ✚ China has hoisted the final piece into position on what will be the world's largest radio telescope, which it will use to explore space & help in the hunt for extraterrestrial life.
- ✚ In the first leg of his four-nation tour of African countries, PM Narendra Modi has reached Maputo, the capital of Mozambique.
- ✚ India has set up an apparel training centre in Nigeria to support textiles industry of the west African country.
- ✚ IMF has announced a \$5.34 billion program for Iraq to help strengthen the country's finances, hit by the crash in oil prices & the fight against the Islamic State group.
- ✚ India has handed over 30 SUVs to Mozambique. With this India completed the delivery of 4.5 million US dollar grant assistance as part of supporting the institutions of this African country.
- ✚ Vice President Hamid Ansari has unveiled a stone statue of Mahatma Gandhi at Pethub Monastery in the Mongolian capital.
- ✚ The UN General Assembly has unanimously adopted a resolution approving an agreement to make the International Organisation for Migration part of the UN as a related organisation.
- ✚ Brazilian scientists have identified another type of Zika-transmitting mosquito.
- ✚ China has successfully launched the first Tiantong satellite for mobile telecommunication at southwestern China's Xichang Satellite Launch Center, with the Long March-3B carrier rocket.
- ✚ A new Guinness World Record for the most robots dancing simultaneously has been set in China where 1,007 robots shimmied in unison, nearly double the previous record.
- ✚ China has launched a new high-resolution Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) imaging satellite Gaofen-3 from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre in northern Shanxi Province.
- ✚ China successfully launched the world's first quantum satellite which boasts of establishing hack-proof communications between space & the ground as it is equipped with security features to prevent wiretapping & intercepts. The satellite nicknamed "Micius" was launched from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre.
- ✚ The world's longest & highest glass bridge will open to visitors in China.
- ✚ China has launched its first Tibetan-language search engine 'Yongzin'. The search engine will serve as a unified portal for all major Tibetan-language websites in China.
- ✚ China's unmanned submersible has dived to a depth of 10,767 metres at the world's deepest ocean point, setting a new record for the country to enable it to explore ocean beds for minerals & other natural resources.



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- ✚ The US Postal Service will commemorate the festival of Diwali with a Forever stamp on Oct 5 & on behalf of this a dedication ceremony to be hosted at Consulate General of India in New York.
- ✚ The 7th edition of the Mountain Echoes Literary Festival 2016 held in the capital city of the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan Thimbu.
- ✚ China has ratified the Paris global climate agreement.
- ✚ In Bangladesh, Jamaat-e-Islami leader & media tycoon, Mir Quasem Ali was executed last night for war crimes committed during the country's 1971 Liberation War.
- ✚ The United Kingdom (UK) has appointed an ambassador to Iran for the first time since 2011.
- ✚ In a remarkable public health achievement, Sri Lanka was certified by WHO on having eliminated malaria.
- ✚ British surgeons have successfully performed the world's first robotic operation inside the eye, potentially revolutionising the way such conditions are treated.
- ✚ United states (US) Navy has demonstrated the interiors of Zumwalt destroyer.
- ✚ World's longest bullet train network length of 2000kms established by China Railway. Construction of the line started in December 2012.
- ✚ The United States has signed a 38 billion dollars deal with Israel to provide the country with military assistance over a 10-year period.

### New Appointments/Persons Resigned

- ✚ D K Hota has been appointed as Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Bharat Earth Movers Ltd. (BEML).
- ✚ Linda Burney becomes first Indigenous woman elected to the House of Representatives (lower house) of the Parliament of Australia's lower house.
- ✚ Sudarshan Sen appointed Executive Director of RBI. He will replace NS Vishwanathan.
- ✚ Microfinance Institutions Network (MFIN) announced R Baskar Babu, CEO of Suryoday Micro Finance as its new President.
- ✚ K B Koliwad elected as Speaker of Karnataka Legislative Assembly.
- ✚ The Centre has announced the appointment of R Thirupathi Venkatasamy as Accountant General, economic & revenue sector audit, of Tamil Nadu with immediate effect.
- ✚ Essel Group's education arm Zee Learn has appointed Debshankar Mukhopadhyay as Chief Executive Officer.
- ✚ Travel planning & booking site TripAdvisor has appointed Gary Fritz as its Chief Growth Officer & President of the Asia-Pacific region.
- ✚ Principal Secretary Irrigation Deepak Singhal has been appointed the new Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh.
- ✚ Telecom tower company Indus Towers has announced the appointment of Tejinder Kalra as its Chief Operating Officer.
- ✚ Senior bureaucrat S K Kohli has been appointed as Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA).
- ✚ IDFC Mutual Fund has announced the appointment of Mr. Vishal Kapoor as its chief executive officer.
- ✚ Consumer business director of Bharti Airtel Mr. Srinigopal has quit the company & is all set to join Deutsche Telekom from October 1st as a member of new board management for Europe business.
- ✚ Chief Operating Officer of Microsoft Kelvin Turner has resigned.
- ✚ The country's largest IT services firm Tata Consultancy Services stated that its non-Executive Director Phiroz Vandrevala has resigned from the company.
- ✚ Sanjay Gupta has been appointed as Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd (KRCL).
- ✚ Tripura Governor Tathagata Roy was sworn-in as the acting Governor of Arunachal Pradesh.
- ✚ Justice Sushila Karki took charge as the first woman chief justice of Nepal's Supreme Court.
- ✚ D Rajkumar & Utpal Bora has appointed as Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) & Oil India Ltd, respectively.
- ✚ Najma Heptulla & G M Siddeswara quit Modi Cabinet.
- ✚ K V R Murthy new CMD of Jute Corporation.
- ✚ Senior IPS officer Ashok Patnaik was appointed CEO of the National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID).
- ✚ Theresa May takes over as Britain's Brexit PM & appoints Boris Johnson as Foreign Secretary.
- ✚ Indian-American Dr. Kinshuk named US university Dean.
- ✚ Congress announces Sheila Dikshit as Chief Ministerial candidate for UP Assembly elections.
- ✚ The government has appointed a 1987- batch IAS officer Rajesh Kumar Chaturvedi Chairman of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) for a 5 year term.
- ✚ Pema Khandu sworn in as the ninth Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh while Chowna Mein has sworn in as the Deputy Chief Minister.
- ✚ An Odisha-born bureaucrat Guruprasad Mohapatra has been appointed the chairman of Airports Authority of India (AAI).
- ✚ Sidhu resigns as Rajya Sabha MP.
- ✚ World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim has appointed Paul Romer as World Bank Chief Economist with effect from September 2016.
- ✚ Turnbull sworn in as Australia's PM.
- ✚ Steve Elworthy appointed as the Managing Director of 2019 World Cup to be held in England & Wales in 2019.
- ✚ The Western Union appoints Sohini Rajola as new Vice-President.
- ✚ Sarvita Sethi appointed Coca-Cola VP-Finance for India & South West Asia.
- ✚ The Union Government has appointed Ajay Bhushan Pandey as the Chief Executive Officer of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).
- ✚ Roger Ailes, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of Fox News Channel has resigned from his post.
- ✚ Nepal's PM, Khadga Prasad Oli has resigned from his office. He resigned ahead of a no-confidence vote.



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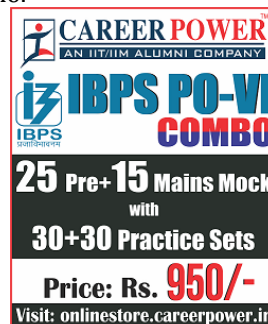
- ✚ Kolkata-based diversified conglomerate ITC Ltd has named Sanjiv Puri as Chief Operating Officer of the company.
- ✚ Ricoh India has stated that its Chairman & Director Tetsuya Takano has resigned from the company.
- ✚ Swedish mobile telecoms maker Ericsson's Chief Executive Officer Hans Vestberg has resigned from his post with immediate effect.
- ✚ The Central government has appointed Dr. Buddha Rashmi Mani as the Director General of the National Museum.
- ✚ BJP MP & Anurag Thakur will be commissioned into the Territorial Army (TA) as a regular officer. He will be the first serving BJP MP to join the military force.
- ✚ Sunil Kant Munjal, joint managing director at Hero MotoCorp & Chairman of Hero Corporate Services will step down from his position.
- ✚ European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker has appointed Michel Barnier to lead negotiations with Britain to leave the European Union.
- ✚ CK Mishra, a 1983 batch IAS officer of the Bihar cadre, has been appointed the new Health Secretary.
- ✚ T Nanda Kumar has resigned as chairman of Gujarat-based National Dairy Development Board (NDDB).
- ✚ The first woman chief of aviation regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) M Sathiyavathy was named as new Union Labour Secretary.
- ✚ The current Chairman of the Railway Board, AK Mital, has got an extension to continue for 2 more years.
- ✚ Justice Iqbal Ahmed Ansari was sworn in as the Chief Justice of Patna High Court.
- ✚ Justice Dilip Babasaheb Bhosale was sworn in as the new chief justice of Allahabad High Court.
- ✚ The Gujarat government has appointed Dr. Jagdip Narayan Singh, a Gujarat-cadre IAS of 1983 batch as Chief Secretary of the State.
- ✚ National Stock Exchange (NSE) appointed three new public interest directors who are as follows: Mohandas Pai, Naved Masood & Dinesh Kanabar.
- ✚ An 18-year-old Indian-American girl, Sruthi Palaniappan, has become the youngest delegate at the Democratic National Convention which has nominated Hillary Clinton as the party's presidential candidate.
- ✚ Justice Dilip Babasaheb Bhosale has sworn-in as the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court.
- ✚ Dilip Rath took over as the Chairman of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB). The post was vacant after T Nandakumar resigned.
- ✚ Confectionery major Mondelez International has appointed former Bharti Axa General Insurance Company CEO & MD Deepak Iyer as Managing Director of its India operation. He succeeds Chandramouli Venkatesan.
- ✚ Bhaskar Khulbe has been appointed as Secretary to PM Narendra Modi.
- ✚ Air Marshal S Neelakantan has assumed charge as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Southern Air Command. Noted Indian-American Professor Emeritus of Linguistics Braj B Kachru has passed away in Urbana. He was 84 years old.
- ✚ Maoist Party Chief Pushpa Kamal Dahal, also known as Prachanda, has been elected as the new PM of Nepal.
- ✚ BCCI has appointed former SC judge Markandey Katju as the head of a 4-member legal panel to help the implications of the Justice Lodha Committee reforms.
- ✚ American ice hockey Olympic champion Angela Ruggiero has been elected as the new chair of the International Olympic Committee (IOC)'s Athletes' Commission. He replaced Claudia Bokel.
- ✚ Microsoft has named Anant Maheshwari as the next President of Microsoft India. He will succeed Bhaskar Pramanik.
- ✚ D K Gayen has assumed charge of new General Manager of East Central Railway (ECR) with headquarters at Hajipur in Bihar.
- ✚ Sudhanshu Mani has been appointed as General Manager, Integral Coach Factory.
- ✚ Nimesh Kampani has resigned as the Managing Director of JM Financial Ltd. He will be succeeded by his son Vishal Kampani.
- ✚ Former Comptroller & Auditor General (CAG) of India Vinod Rai has stepped down from private sector lender IDFC Bank's board.
- ✚ German luxury car maker Mercedes-Benz India Limited (MBIL) has announced the appointment of Michael Jopp as vice-president (sales & marketing). He will succeed Boris Fitz.
- ✚ CSS Corphas appointed Manish Tandon as its new Chief Executive Officer of the company.
- ✚ KK Khurana, General Manager in-charge, has taken over as Head of BHEL Corporate R&D.
- ✚ K M Hanumantharaya has assumed charge as new Chairman of Central Silk Board, Union Ministry of Textiles, for a period of three years. He succeeded N S Bissegowda.
- ✚ Two-wheeler market leader Hero MotoCorp has reappointed Pawan Munjal as its Chairman, managing director, & chief executive for a period of five years.
- ✚ Mr. Dinesh Kumar Khara has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of SBI.
- ✚ Asian Development Bank (ADB) Board of Governors has unanimously re-elected Takehiko Nakao as President of ADB for a further 5 years.
- ✚ The Appointment Committee of Cabinet (ACC) has approved appointments of four GMs as Executive Directors in various banks. The appointment includes Mr. Ashok Kumar Garg, Mr. Raj Kamal Verma, Gopal Murli Bhagat, & Himanshu Joshi as the ED of Bank of Baroda, Union Bank of India, Corporation Bank, & Oriental Bank of Commerce.
- ✚ Bill Maris, the chief executive, & founder of Alphabet Inc's, venture capital arm of GV, is leaving the company. He will be replaced by GV managing partner David Krane.
- ✚ Power plant equipment manufacturer, Bharat Heavy Electricals limited (BHEL) has appointed Akhil Joshi as the Director (Power).
- ✚ Microsoft has announced the appointment of Sriram Rajamani as new managing director of its India lab.





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- ✦ Birender Singh Yadav has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the West Africa's Republic of Ghana. He will succeed K. JeevaSagar in Ghana.
- ✦ Indian's multinational pharmaceutical company Cipla Limited has appointed Umang Vohra as the managing director (MD) & global chief executive officer (CEO) of the company.
- ✦ The Ministry of Law & Justice has notified the appointment of Justice Manjula Chellur as the next Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court. She replaces CJ Dharendra Hiralal Waghela.
- ✦ Banwarilal Purohit has replaced Padmanabha Balakrishna Acharya as the Governor of Assam.
- ✦ V.P. Singh Badnore has been appointed as Governor of Punjab.
- ✦ Jagdish Mukhi has been appointed as Governor of Andaman & Nicobar.
- ✦ Former Union Minister Najma Heptulla has been appointed Governor of Manipur.
- ✦ Urjit Patel is the new RBI Governor, the Finance Ministry announced. He will succeed Raghuram Rajan as the RBI chair once he steps down on September 3, after his term comes to an end. He will be India's 24th RBI Governor.
- ✦ Sunil Bharti Mittal has been re-appointed as the Chairman of telecom giant Bharti Airtel for another 5 years.
- ✦ Amul Managing Director (MD) R S Sodhi has been appointed as independent director on the board of India Post Payment Banks (IPPB) - the payments bank arm of postal department.
- ✦ Shri Yogeshwar Sangwan, presently Ambassador of India to the Republic of Armenia, has been concurrently accredited as the Ambassador of India to Georgia, with residence in Yerevan (Armenia).
- ✦ Justice Manjula Chellur took oath as the Chief Justice of the Bombay HC.
- ✦ Vistara, an Indian domestic airline based in Gurgaon has announced that Bollywood actor Deepika Padukone will be their new brand ambassador.
- ✦ Former Union Minister Najma Heptulla was sworn-in as the governor of Manipur.
- ✦ Indo-Canadian Sikh MP Bardish Chagger has been named as the new Leader of the government in Canada's House of Commons, becoming the first woman to hold the post in the country's history.
- ✦ Senior BJP leader Jagdish Mukhi assumed office as the 12th Lieutenant Governor of the union territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. He took over from Lt General AK Singh (Retd).
- ✦ Senior IAS officers Brajendra Navnit & V Sheshadri have been appointed as Joint Secretaries in PMO as part of massive mid-level reshuffle.
- ✦ V P Singh Badnore took oath as the new Punjab Governor & also as Administrator of Chandigarh Administration.
- ✦ Anand Krishnamurthy, Managing Director & Chief Executive of Kerala-based Catholic Syrian Bank, has submitted his resignation.
- ✦ Eminent scientist P D Gupta was appointed as Vice Chancellor of Mumbai-based Homi Bhabha National Institute (HBNI).
- ✦ Luxury carmaker Volvo Auto has announced the appointment of Nalin Jain as the new Chief Financial Officer & Jyoti Malhotra as the Director, Sales, Marketing, & PR for India operations.
- ✦ India's high commissioner to UK, Navtej Sarna, is likely to take over from Arun Singh as India's ambassador to the US.
- ✦ PC maker Lenovo has appointed Pankaj Harjai to head its newly constituted Small & Medium Business (SMB) vertical.
- ✦ G. Satheesh Reddy, Scientific Adviser to the Defence Minister & DRDO's DG (Missiles & Strategic Systems), was conferred the first IEI-IEEE Award for engineering excellence 2015.
- ✦ The Central government has appointed Gopal Murli Bhagat as Executive Director of Corporation Bank for a period of three years.
- ✦ Shri P Kumaran Indian Foreign Service, presently Joint secretary in the Ministry, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the State of Qatar.
- ✦ Film actress Sharmila Tagore, theatre activist Arundhati Nag & film studies academician Ira Bhaskar have been appointed new members of Broadcasting Content Complaints Council (BCCC).
- ✦ Zee Entertainment Enterprises has appointed Punit Misra as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for its domestic broadcast business.
- ✦ Indian multi-national conglomerate Larsen & Toubro's group named S N Subrahmanyam as the Managing director (MD) & chief executive officer (CEO) of India's largest infrastructure engineering company.
- ✦ Tata Sons, the holding company of the Tata Group of companies, has appointed private equity firm Bain Capital's Managing Director Amit Chandra as non-executive director.
- ✦ Abhijit Bhaduri, chief learning officer of Wipro has resigned. Bhaduri will start his own executive coaching company.
- ✦ SBI Mutual Fund has appointed Anuradha Rao as its Managing Director & Chief Executive.
- ✦ Michel Temer, Brazil's former vice president, has been sworn in as the country's new president.
- ✦ The Energy & Resources Institute (Teri) has officially appointed former Finance Secretary Ashok Chawla as the new Chancellor of Teri University.
- ✦ SBI Mutual Fund has appointed Anuradha Rao as its Managing Director & chief executive. Prior to this, Rao was Deputy Managing Director at Sbi handling New Business Portfolio.





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- ✚ Biocon chairperson & managing director (M) Kiran Mazumdar Shaw has been appointed 'Chevalier de l'Ordre National de la Legion d'Honneur' (Knight of the National Order of the French Legion of Honour) for her outstanding contribution & dedication to Biosciences & Research field globally.
- ✚ Deep Kumar Upadhyay was re-appointed as Nepal's ambassador to India.
- ✚ Chennamaneni Vidyasagar Rao, Governor of Maharashtra, was sworn in as the acting Governor of Tamil Nadu.
- ✚ Cardiologist K K Aggarwal has been unanimously elected as the National President of the Indian Medical Association for the year 2016-17.
- ✚ Mother Teresa is being declared a saint by Pope Francis at a canonisation ceremony in Vatican City.
- ✚ The government of Arunachal Pradesh has roped in Bollywood bighead John Abraham as a brand ambassador for state tourism to boost tourism with the help of actor.
- ✚ Religare Enterprises Ltd. has appointed Sunil Godhwani chief executive for the remaining period of his tenure.
- ✚ Former IAS officer J Satyanarayana has appointed as part-time chairperson of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).
- ✚ Jayant Purushottam Gokhale has been appointed as director of Syndicate Bank.
- ✚ Dilip Kumar Mandal has been appointed managing director (MD) & chief executive officer (CEO) of IDBI Asset Management Company (AMC).
- ✚ Bakytzhan Sagintaev appointed as PM of Kazakhstan by Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev on September 9, 2016.
- ✚ Bollywood actress Vidya Balan appointed as brand ambassador of the ambitious Samajwadi Pension Yojana by Uttar Pradesh government.
- ✚ Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Jyoti Prasad Rajkhowa was removed from the post of Arunachal Pradesh Governor.
- ✚ Anoop Kumar Sharma has taken charge of the post of CMD, Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) with effect from September 12, 2016 for a period of three years.
- ✚ The Uttar Pradesh govt has appointed Bollywood actor Nawazuddin Siddiqui as the brand ambassador of its flagship programme 'Samajwadi Kisan Beema Yojana'.
- ✚ Jim Yong Kim is heading for another five-year term as president of the World Bank.
- ✚ BHVS Narayana Murthy, an expert in Avionics has been appointed as Director, Research Centre Imarat (RCI), Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO), Hyderabad.
- ✚ Nadia Murad, a former ISIS captive, has been named the UN's new Goodwill Ambassador for the Dignity of Survivors of Human Trafficking.
- ✚ Atul Kumar Goel, General Manager, Allahabad Bank, has taken charge as Executive Director in Union Bank of India.
- ✚ V K Sharma, who is currently one of the two managing directors at Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), has taken additional charge as Chairman, LIC of India.
- ✚ State-owned Punjab National Bank has roped in Indian test skipper Virat Kohli as brand ambassador to improve its image which has taken a hit due to rising bad loans.

### Awards & Recognition

- ✚ South African writer Lidudumalingani Mqomboti has won the '2016 The Caine Prize' for African Writing for his story 'Memories we Lost'.
- ✚ Radhika Menon will become the first woman in the world to receive the Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea from the International Maritime Organisation.
- ✚ The Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI) announced that Srinivasan K Swamy, Chairman of R K Swamy Hansa, would be the recipient of this year's AAAI Lifetime Achievement Award.
- ✚ The President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee conferred the 51st Jnanpith Award on the renowned writer, Dr. Raghuvir Chaudhari.
- ✚ Aditya Puri, the chief executive & managing director (MD) of the second largest private sector lender HDFC Bank, has been ranked as the best banking CEO in Asia by the investor community.
- ✚ The bank's chief financial officer Sashi Jagdishan has been ranked as the best CFO.
- ✚ Emirates based in Dubai named world's best airline in 2016 Skytrax awards.
- ✚ Rohit Khandelwal becomes first Indian to win Mr. World title.
- ✚ Nigerian journalist Didi Akinyelure wins BBC World News Komla Dumor Award 2016.
- ✚ 14-year old Indian boy Advay Ramesh won the mentioned prize for Asia-Pacific region in the Google Science Fair of 2016 for projecting to safeguard fishermen
- ✚ Seven Indian companies have made it to the latest Fortune 500 list of the world's biggest corporations in terms of revenue. The list is topped by the retail giant Walmart.
- ✚ Kerala Tourism has secured two Gold Awards at the prestigious Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) awards in recognition of its trendsetting marketing initiatives.
- ✚ Renowned Music Director & singer Bappi Lahiri & Critically-acclaimed filmmaker Goutam Ghose have been honoured with 'Mahanayak award' by the West Bengal Chief Minister Mamta Banerjee.
- ✚ Renowned violinist Avasarala Kanyakumari from south India was selected for the prestigious 2016 Sangita Kalanidhi Award.
- ✚ 17th Kargil Vijay Diwas which named after the success of Operation Vijay was observed on 26 July.
- ✚ Classical singer Thodur Madabusi Krishna & National Convenor of Safai Karmachari Andolan Bezwada Wilson featured in this year's list of winners of the coveted Ramon Magsaysay Award 2016.
- ✚ Kolkata's football giants club East Bengal has announced that this year's Bharat Gaurav award (Pride of India) will be conferred on legendary athlete Milkha Singh.



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- ✦ Four new writers have got the Bharatiya Jnanpith's 11th Navlekhan award for the year 2015 in a ceremony held in New Delhi. Amlendu Tiwari & Balram Kawant were awarded for their novels 'Parityakt', & 'Sara Morila,' while Om Naagar & Tasneem Khan were awarded for their non-fiction 'Nib Ke Chire Se' & 'Yeh Mere Rahnuma' respectively.
  - ✦ Kerala Tourism has bagged six National Tourism awards for 2014-15 in the marketing category for states.
  - ✦ Translator & artist Anita Gopalan has awarded with the 2016 PEN/Heim Translation Fund Grants for her English translation of Hindi novel Simsim by Geet Chaturvedi.
  - ✦ The advisory committee of the Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award has decided that the 23rd Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award will be given to Shubha Mudgal.
  - ✦ BJP state chief Vijay Rupani has been named as the new CM of Gujarat while Nitin Patel as Deputy CM.
  - ✦ Simone Manuel anchored the U.S. women's 4x100 metres medley relay team to the 1,000th gold medal in her country's summer Olympic history, & the second of her career.
  - ✦ Indian Institute of Science (IISc) has bagged the 5 Medals for Young Scientists award 2016. The winners from IISc this year are: Prabeer Barpanda, Sai Siva Gorthi, Praveen Kumar, Anshu Pandey & Chandan Saha.
  - ✦ Bollywood star actors Sonam Kapoor & Nawazuddin Siddiqui bagged the best actress & best actor awards at the Indian Film Festival (IFF) of Melbourne 2016.
- Award winners are:**
1. Best Actor (Male) – Nawazuddin Siddiqui for Raman Raghav
  2. Best Actor (Female) – Sonam Kapoor for Neerja
  3. Best Film Award – Kapoor & Sons
  4. Best Indie Film – Thithi
  5. Best Director – Shakun Batra
  6. Indian Film Festival Excellence in Cinema Award (lifetime achievement award) – Rishi Kapoor.
- ✦ Central Leather Research Institute's (CLRI) Principal Scientist P Shanmugam has bagged the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Award for meritorious services in the Higher Education Department of Tamil Nadu (TN).
  - ✦ Oscar-winning music maestro A.R. Rahman has been honoured by the America Tamil Sangam with its Tamil Ratna Award. He was invited at the UNGA to perform a concert to honour M.S. Subbulakshi.
  - ✦ The UP govt will honour wrestler Sakshi Malik with the coveted Rani Laxmi Bai award.
  - ✦ Hindi scholar & writer Sunita Jain was awarded the prestigious 25th Vyas Samman 2015 for her poetry collection "Kshama".
  - ✦ SK Sharma, Chairman & MD, Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), has been awarded as the Most Enterprising CEO in Electronics Sector by the Indo Global Business Council (IGBC).
  - ✦ Renu Khator, Indian-American woman academic, will be inducted into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame for making significant contribution for the benefit of the US' second largest state.
  - ✦ Famous Actor Kamal Haasan will be awarded the Chevalier de L'Ordre Arts et Lettres (The Knight of the Order of Arts & Letters) by the French government.
  - ✦ Director Goutam Ghosh's National award-winning film "Shankhachil", has been selected for the coveted 40th Montreal World Film Festival.
  - ✦ Late Iranian director Abbas Kiarostami has been selected for the Asian Filmmaker of the Year Award at the Busan International Film Festival.
  - ✦ The Film Federation of India (FFI) has kickstarted the process to cherry pick the film, which will officially represent India at the 89th Academy Awards next year. Ketan Mehta has been approached to head the 17-member jury which comprises technicians & artists within the film industry.
  - ✦ Two Indian-American women, Anjali Tripathi & Tina R Shah have been selected for the prestigious White House Fellow programme that offers experience of working at the highest levels of the US federal government.
  - ✦ Former Olympian Silvanus Dungdung Major Dhyani Chand Lifetime Achievement Award will be rewarded.
  - ✦ Padma Sachdev was awarded the prestigious Saraswati Samman for the year 2015 for her autobiography 'Chitt-Chete' in Dogri language.
  - ✦ Karnataka-born Bezwada Wilson, a prolific campaigner for eradication of manual scavenging in India, & Carnatic singer T M Krishna from Chennai, were chosen for the prestigious Ramon Magsaysay Award for 2016.
  - ✦ Martial arts expert & actor Jackie Chan will receive a lifetime achievement Oscar.
  - ✦ A beauty queen with an Indian father & a Japanese mother was crowned Miss Japan.
  - ✦ Nawazuddin Siddiqui won the Best Actor award for his role in 'Manjhi-The Mountain Man' at the debut edition of the Lonavla International Film Festival India (LIFFI).
  - ✦ National award winner & veteran director K G George has been selected for the JC Daniel award 2015.
  - ✦ Raam Reddy's Kannada film Thithi was conferred the Best Film award by Union Minister of Information & Broadcasting Minister M. Venkaiah Naidu at the closing ceremony of the 1st BRICS Film Festival.
  - ✦ Nagaland Chief Minister T R Zeliang has received 'Pangkor Dialogue Award 2016' in Malaysia for the efforts made by the people of the state for environmental preservation & promotion.
  - ✦ Odisha bags 9th Global Agriculture Leadership Award 2016 at the National Level gathering of important stakeholders in agriculture development at the Agriculture Leadership Summit at Hotel Taj Palace, New Delhi.
  - ✦ A revenge drama Ang Babaeng Humayo (The Woman Who Left) on 10 September 2016 won the Golden Lion for Best Film Award at the 73 Venice Film Festival.
  - ✦ BJP leader Subramanian Swamy has been honoured with 'Tamil Ratna' award by a body of Tamil diaspora in New York for fighting corruption & working for more transparency in the functioning of the government.
  - ✦ Spiritual leader Sri Sri Ravi Shankar will be honoured with a humanitarian award by a prominent Jewish human



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rights organisation for promoting human dignity, interfaith relations & tolerance among people.

✚ Writer Meghna Pant will be honoured with Kumaon Literary Festival's FON (Fellows of Nature) South Asia Short Story Award in Nature writing in October for her short story "People of the Sun."

✚ Actor Ewan McGregor will receive the Britannia Humanitarian Award at the British Academy Britannia Awards in California next month (October, 2016).

✚ Indian-American physician-author Abraham Verghese, whose work has emphasised empathy in medicine, has been selected for the prestigious 2015 National Humanities Medal, the White House has announced.

✚ Two Indo-American scientists from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) have been conferred with prestigious awards for their path-breaking inventions.

✚ Ujjivan Financial Services Ltd, a microfinance institution, has won the Platinum Award for Inclusive Insurance at the SKOCH Insurance Awards 2016.


✚ Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has been conferred the prestigious membership of the Asia-Pacific Aerospace Quality Group (APAQG) under the category 'Full Member with voting rights'.

✚ The scripts of Adil Hussain-starrers "Sunrise" & "Parched" have been archived at the library of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences.

✚ Lord Narendra Babubhai Patel, a 78-year-old Indian-origin British obstetrician & member of the UK Parliament was honored the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' during the Asian Achievers Awards for his work in the medical profession & public life in Britain over the years.

✚ Bengaluru-based Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) & Bollywood actors Katrina Kaif & Juhi Chawla are among recipients of the Priyadarshini Global Awards 2016 which will be presented on September 19.

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### Business Current Affairs

✚ Gurgaon-based online pharmacy 1mg has acquired diagnostic labs aggregator Medd (HoloMed Healthcare Technologies Pvt. Ltd) for an undisclosed amount.

✚ Aditya Birla Fashion & Retail (ABFRL) has stated that it will acquire global clothing brand 'Forever 21' in the Indian market for USD 26 million (around Rs. 175.52 Crore).

✚ Search giant Google has acquired a French startup called Moodstock.

✚ Lafarge-Holcim has entered into an agreement with Nirma Ltd to sell its entire 100% holding in cement maker Lafarge India for an enterprise value of \$1.4 billion.

✚ The Indian travel agency Yatra Online entered into a merger agreement with a Nasdaq-listed special purpose acquisition firm Terrapin 3 Acquisition Corp (TRTL).

✚ Low-cost airline with pink & white themed Air Carnival has launched its operations with its maiden flight from Coimbatore to Chennai.

✚ Dabur tied up with the Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO's) unit Defense Institute of High Altitude Research (DIHAR), Leh, to promote sustainable cultivation of high-altitude medicinal plants in Ladakh.

✚ Herbalife associates with IOA as nutrition partner sponsor of the Indian Olympic contingent to Rio De Janeiro.

✚ Dabur acquires South African cosmetic firm Discaria Trading.

✚ Tata STRIVE, an initiative of Tata Community Initiatives Trust, has launched its first Skill Development Centre (TSSDC) centre in Hyderabad.

✚ Paytm ties up with grocery retailer Heritage Fresh.

✚ Sony Pictures Networks India has acquired the exclusive broadcast rights to telecast the 2016 edition of the International Champions Cup (football) in India.

✚ Online marketplace Snapdeal has announced its partnership with e-ticketing platform BookMyShow & extended its service offerings.

✚ Software services major Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has been ranked as the top employer in the Indian IT industry by the representative body Nasscom.

✚ Online classifieds platform Quikr has acquired Bengaluru-based online recruitment firm Hiree for an undisclosed amount.

✚ Vodafone M-Pesa, a mobile phone-based money transfer service, has tied up with Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) to enable consumers pay their electricity bills instantly.

✚ Online fashion marketplace Myntra has acquired its rival Jabong from Global Fashion Group to create India's biggest fashion shopping destination.

✚ Chinese electronics firm LeEco acquired American TV manufacturer Vizio for \$2 billion.

✚ US-based A10 Networks, an application networking & security company has announced the acquisition of Appcito.

✚ Intex Technologies has announced cine star Madhuri Dixit as Brand Ambassador for its new range of consumer durable products.

✚ Business software maker Oracle has announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire NetSuite.






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- ✦ Freecharge has paired with PayUbiz, to further strengthen its merchant base & help consumers move from cash to digital payments.
- ✦ AXA, Alibaba, & Ant Financial Services have stated that they have agreed to engage in a global strategic partnership to explore opportunities to distribute AXA's insurance products & services through Alibaba's global e-commerce ecosystem.
- ✦ Neyveli Lignite (NLC) is planning to acquire a 1200 MW Raghunathpur Thermal Power Project (RTPP) of Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC).
- ✦ The first-ever 'Pizza ATM' has been installed at a university campus of US by French-based company Paline, which developed the ATM.
- ✦ Ahmedabad-headquartered Zydus Group has acquired Melgain brand from Hyderabad based Issar Pharma.
- ✦ Apple has confirmed that it has bought US machine learning startup Turi as Silicon Valley giants focus on future rich with artificial intelligence.
- ✦ Non-life insurer Reliance General Insurance Company Ltd. has announced a bancassurance tie-up with ShamraoVithal Co-operative Bank (SVCB).
- ✦ HDFC board has approved the merger of Max Life & Max Financial Services with its insurance arm HDFC Standard Life Insurance. It will create the biggest public sector life insurer.
- ✦ Mahindra Inter-trade entered a partnership with MSTC, a Government of India enterprise, to set-up country's first integrated auto recycling facility.
- ✦ Amsterdam-based human resource consulting firm Randstad Holdings has announced that it would acquire job portal Monster Worldwide for USD 429 million in cash.
- ✦ Tech giant Intel has acquired California-based deep learning startup Nervana Systems allowing the chip maker to foray into the world of Artificial Intelligence (AI).
- ✦ Apple Inc has rehired Flipboard Co-founder Evan Doll to work on health-related software after he quit Apple to found the digital news magazine app Flipboard.
- ✦ Manipal Technologies Ltd (MTL), which is a secure print solutions organization has announced that it has acquired CrossFraud - an advanced fraud detection & anti-money laundering solution.
- ✦ Microsoft has acquired Beam, an interactive livestreaming startup that lets viewers watch & play along with game streamers in real time.
- ✦ Tata AutoComp Systems, the Tata Group-owned auto-component conglomerate, will acquire TitanX, a leading global engine cooling supplier.
- ✦ Reliance Brands announced a long-term master franchise agreement with Amsterdam-based fashion brand Scotch & Soda.
- ✦ Unilever, the parent company of Hindustan Unilever (HUL), has acquired Swedish firm Blueair, a leading player in mobile air purification technology.
- ✦ India Post Payments Bank has come into existence after it received certificate of incorporation from the Registrar of Companies, setting the stage for the new bank to begin operations in 2017.
- ✦ The Alibaba Group, along with Crossword & RatnaNidhi Charitable Trust has launched 'Mission Million Books', a pan-India initiative inviting Indian citizens to donate textbooks & educational material for the underprivileged.
- ✦ Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) inked pact with Microsoft India to offer telecom & IT solutions for big businesses promoting the demand for IT & cloud services.
- ✦ The US-headquartered pharma major Pfizer Inc has entered into an agreement to acquire Medivation Inc, a biopharmaceutical company focused on developing & commercialising small molecules for oncology.
- ✦ Five Indian companies ranked among world's 100 most innovative, including Asian Paints, Hindustan Unilever, Tata Consultancy Services, Sun Pharma & Larsen & Toubro have been ranked among Forbes's list of 'The World's Most Innovative Companies'. The list is topped by Tesla Motors.
- ✦ Sony Pictures Networks India (SPN) & ZEE have entered into definitive agreements to acquire TEN Sports Network & its subsidiaries for \$385 million.
- ✦ Ptc India Financial Services (PFS) has tied up with banks that will provide loans to companies engaged in renewable energy (RE) production.
- ✦ India's largest digital payment company in India, MobiKwik has announced coalition with 12 state electricity boards.
- ✦ LG Electronics Inc. has tied-up with Amazon.com Inc on smart-home services.
- ✦ Intel has acquired computer vision firm Movidius, which partnered with Google to develop 3D space mapping technology for Project Tango devices.
- ✦ HDFC Ergo General Insurance Company (HDFC ERGO) has completed the acquisition of 100 percent shares of L&T General Insurance Company (L&T Insurance) for Rs. 551 crore.
- ✦ Realty player Wadhwa Group has tied-up with e-commerce platform Sanpdeal to make its properties accessible to customers online.
- ✦ HP Inc. agreed to buy Samsung Electronics Co.'s printer business for \$1.05 billion, a deal designed to bolster the Silicon Valley company's offerings in the market for high-volume devices that handle printing & copying for office workgroups.
- ✦ Global online payment service provider PayU has acquired Indian payments technology player, Citrus Pay, for \$130 million.
- ✦ Japanese automobile maker Isuzu announced top-level changes in its Indian operations with Hiroshi Nakagawa taking over as the Chairman of Isuzu Motors India (IMI) with immediate effect.
- ✦ Reliance Communications (RCom) board has approved the company's merger with Aircel, in one of the biggest deals in the telecom space in recent times.
- ✦ Mobile payment & commerce platform Paytm has tied up with the country's largest rail ticketing platform IRCTC to enable digital payments for travellers.

## Defence Current Affairs

- ✦ Indigenously built Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas inducted into IAF.
- ✦ India's first integrated defence communication network was launched, enabling the army, air force, navy & the Special Forces Command to share situational awareness for a faster decision-making process.
- ✦ China has inducted its largest indigenously-built transport aircraft, which is named as Y-20.
- ✦ China Navy Conducts Combat Drill in the South China Sea.
- ✦ Indian Navy has commissioned INS Karna, an independent base of Marine Commandos (MARCOS) at Bheemunipatanam Naval Base, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- ✦ Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) & French firm Safran Helicopter Engines have agreed to establish a support centre in India for national & international rotorcraft customers.
- ✦ Indian Naval Ships Sahyadri, Shakti & Kirch have arrived at Port Kelang, Malaysia, on a four day visit, as part of deployment of the Eastern Fleet to the South China Sea & Western Pacific.
- ✦ China has unveiled AG600, the world's largest aircraft which can land on both water & land & used to fight forest fires & perform marine rescues.
- ✦ The Solar Impulse has become the first aircraft to circle the globe powered by the sun.
- ✦ The Indo-Thailand Military Exercise "Maitree" has been concluded at Krabi, Thailand.
- ✦ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully test-fired its Scramjet Rocket Engine, which will use oxygen from the atmosphere thereby reducing launch cost, from the spaceport of Sriharikota.
- ✦ Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh has commissioned the offshore patrolling (OPV) vessel, Sarathi, at Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL), the defense shipyard in south Goa.
- ✦ As part of the ongoing Indo-US defence cooperation, a joint military training exercise, 'Yudh Abhyas 2016' is set to be conducted in Uttarakhand from September 14 to 27.



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## Mou/Agreements Signed

- ✦ Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) has signed a shareholder agreement with SBI to set up payments bank.
- ✦ India & Cyprus have agreed to revise their tax treaty under which capital gains tax will be levied on the sale of shares of investments made after April 1, 2017. The Union Cabinet chaired by the PM approved the signing of a MoU between India & Mauritius in the field of Rural Development & Poverty Alleviation.
- ✦ The Union Cabinet gave approval to a joint issue of postage stamps between Department of Posts & Portugal Post.
- ✦ The Union Cabinet has also given its approval for signing of a MoU between India & Mozambique on Drug demand reduction & prevention of illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances & precursor chemicals & related matters & for import of pulses.
- ✦ The Union Cabinet has also approved the signing of a MoU between India & Tanzania in the field of Traditional Systems of Medicine & Homeopathy.
- ✦ The Union Cabinet chaired by the PM Narendra Modi has given its 'in-principle' approval for setting up a Major port at Enayam near Colachel in Tamil Nadu.
- ✦ During the PM Narendra Modi's visit to the South African country Mozambique, India & Mozambique have signed three agreements in the area of drug trafficking (1st), pulse trading (2nd) & youth affairs & sports (3rd).
- ✦ India & South Africa have signed memorandums of understanding (MoUs) in four areas of co-operation. The agreement signed in the area of information & communication technology, tourism, grass root innovation in the science & technology sector & arts & culture.
- ✦ The Defense Research & Development Organization (DRDO) has signed an agreement with IIT-Bombay & Madras to establish a bi-nodal 'Centre of Propulsion Technology' (CoPT) at the two institutions.
- ✦ The Karnataka Region Economic & Trade Organisation (KRETO) & the Sanya People Municipal Government, China, signed a MoU to foster trade between Sanya City & Karnataka.
- ✦ Bangladesh, India sign Rampal power plant construction agreement of a 1,320-megawatt coal-fired power plant, the biggest project under bilateral cooperation that would mark the transition from electricity export to generation level.
- ✦ Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU) has signed a MoU with non-profit public organization namely Global Village Foundation (GVF) for collaborative studies & research on social & economic public policies.
- ✦ The Union Government & the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have signed a 100 million US dollars loan agreement to strengthen key irrigation & drainage system & improve water management in the Vennar sub-basin of the Cauvery delta in Tamil Nadu.
- ✦ Tata Advanced System (TASL) & Bell Helicopter, a Textron Company have signed an agreement to work together in support of India's aviation & defense modernization initiatives.
- ✦ The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has signed seven Unilateral Advance Pricing Agreements (APAs)

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with Indian taxpayers in a moving design to reduce tax litigation.

- ✚ NITI Aayog & Intel India sign Statement of Intent (SOI) to start Atal Tinkering Laboratories (ATL) Initiative for Young Innovators as a part of its flagship programme Atal Innovation Mission (AIM).
- ✚ Cabinet approved for the signing of the Air Services Agreement between India & Mozambique.
- ✚ MoU which has been signed between India & Tunisia for strengthening bilateral cooperation in the field of Information & Communications Technology (ICT) & Digital Economy.
- ✚ Union Cabinet approved the MoU signed between India & the State Secretariat for Education, Research & Innovation of the Swiss Confederation for cooperation in skill development.
- ✚ India & Japan have signed a Social Security Agreement (SSA) that will come into force on 1st October 2016.
- ✚ Turkey's president has declared a three-month state of emergency following a failed coup.
- ✚ The New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has signed a MoU with National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI) to develop 12 sewage treatment plants (STP).
- ✚ The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi has approved Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) between India & Cambodia to boost trade & business.
- ✚ The International Transgender Arts Festival, a performing arts festival for transgenders, is being organized at the National Gallery for Modern Arts in Bengaluru.
- ✚ A MoU was signed today in New Delhi between Himachal Pradesh government, NTPC & NHPC for setting up Hydro Engineering College in the State.
- ✚ India has signed a 1 billion dollar deal with US defense & aerospace major Boeing for procuring four long-range maritime surveillance & anti-submarine warfare aircraft, Poseidon-8I.
- ✚ India & Bangladesh have agreed to enhance cooperation on anti-terror efforts with Dhaka.
- ✚ Mobile payments company MobiKwik & IRCTC have announced an exclusive partnership, where in MobiKwik will power e-cash payments on IRCTC's e-catering app, Food on Track.
- ✚ Oracle India has announced a corporate citizenship collaboration with SBI & launched the 'D-Change' programme which will support education & learning, women's empowerment & rural skills development in the country.
- ✚ The Cabinet also approved for the signing of new Air Services Agreement (ASA) between India & Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR).
- ✚ The Ministry of Railways has signed an agreement with the Chhattisgarh government for the formation of a joint venture (JV) company for focused resource mobilisation, implementation & monitoring of critical rail projects.
- ✚ IBM in partnership with Apple has launched a new global development hub at Manyata Tech Park, Bengaluru.

- ✚ Telangana Irrigation Department has signed a MoU with the Indian Space Research Organisation for setting up a Telangana Water Resources Information System (TWRIS) on the 'Bhuvan' web portal.
- ✚ IRCTC & the Manipur government have signed an MoU, which seeks to provide improved hospitality & tourism services to their customers by making 'joint use of their capabilities & facilities'.
- ✚ Niti Aayog has inked a pact with US Energy Information Administration (EIA) to develop India's energy data agency.



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- ✚ The Union Cabinet approved the MoU between India & South Africa for cooperation in the field of Tourism.
- ✚ The Union Cabinet approved for signing & ratification of an Agreement between India & Croatia on Economic Cooperation.
- ✚ IRCTC has signed a MoU with Defence Food Research Laboratory of Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) for Transfer of Technology of Retort Pouch Processed Foods so that ready-to-eat food can be warmed & eaten straight out of the packet.
- ✚ Sri Lanka & China have signed a tripartite agreement to proceed with the construction of a Financial City Center in capital Colombo.
- ✚ Fifth Generation Technologies has entered an agreement with Anna University, Chennai, for conducting research to arrive at a useful prediction of the remaining life of critical equipment that are working in high temperature environments.
- ✚ National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) & Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOC) sign MoU for industrial use of treated water.
- ✚ India has signed a short-term route agreement with Bangladesh to allow transport of petroleum goods from Assam to Tripura through Bangladesh after heavy monsoon damaged roads & made the transportation between the two states difficult.
- ✚ Google has agreed to partner with Railways to digitise its heritage assets & help create a digital repository for universal online access free of cost.
- ✚ State-run GAIL (India) Ltd has signed a MoU with California-based Bloom Energy for developing natural gas-based fuel cell power generation.



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- ✚ India & Germany signed an agreement that aims to foster conditions that will help create & improve workplace-based vocational training in India's industrial clusters.
- ✚ Bharti Airtel & Vodafone has started rolling out Aadhaar based e-KYC solution following the notification by the Department of Telecom, Government of India.
- ✚ The Union cabinet approved an MoU with Myanmar for cooperation in the field of traditional systems of medicine.
- ✚ The Cabinet gave its approval to the revised DTAA between India & Cyprus that provides for source-based taxation of capital gains on transfer of shares instead of one based on residence.
- ✚ The Union Cabinet approved of a new air services agreement between India & Fiji that would allow Indian airlines to fly to any point in the island nation.
- ✚ The Union Cabinet approved signing of a MoU between India & South Africa to establish cooperation in Grassroots Innovation.
- ✚ Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCCI) has signed an MoU with The Energy & Resources Institute (Teri) for promoting renewable energy. President Juan Manuel Santos hailed the agreement with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia.
- ✚ Central Tool Room & Training Centre (CTTC), Bhubaneswar, has signed an agreement with ISRO for technology transfer & a contract for supply of spacecraft component.
- ✚ India & the US have signed an important agreement that will make the two nations logistical allies & enable both the militaries to use each other's assets & bases for repair & replenishment of supplies.
- ✚ India & Myanmar have signed four MoU to enhance cooperation & bilateral relations between the two countries.

### Agreements / MoU Signed

- ✚ Agreement pertains to the construction of 69 bridges on the Tamu-Kalewa section of the trilateral highway connecting India, Myanmar & Thailand.
- ✚ Agreement is on upgrading the Kalewa-Yargi section of the trilateral highway.
- ✚ Agreement is for cooperation in the field of renewable energy,
- ✚ Agreement on cooperation in the field of Traditional Systems of Medicine
- ✚ PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the first of the 4 phases of the ambitious irrigation (worth Rs 12000 Cr.) scheme, Saurashtra Narmada Avtaran Irrigation Yojana (SAUNI), at the Aji-3 dam near Rajkot.
- ✚ India & Vietnam have signed 12 agreements for cooperation in areas, including defence & IT, to boost bilateral ties.
- ✚ India & Egypt has signed an agreement on Maritime Transport.
- ✚ India & Chile have expanded their Preferential Trade Agreement with both offering to lower or eliminate tariffs on a number of items traded with each other.
- ✚ State-owned NHPC has entered a pact with BHEL for renovation & modernisation of 180 MW Baira Siul power station in Himachal Pradesh.
- ✚ Union Cabinet under the chairmanship of PM gave approval for the MoU between India & Kenya on cooperation in the field of National Housing Policy Development & Management (NHPDM).
- ✚ Cabinet approves Extradition Treaty between India & Afghanistan.
- ✚ Cabinet approves Bilateral Technical Arrangement between India & Switzerland.
- ✚ Cabinet approves extension of contract between India & the International Seabed Authority.
- ✚ Cabinet approves MoU between India & Kenya on cooperation in the field of National Housing Policy.
- ✚ India, South Africa in ICT cooperation pact.
- ✚ Gionee mobile phones would now be manufactured in Haryana as the company signed an MoU with the state government to set up its phone manufacturing hub with an initial investment of Rs 500 crore which, later on, would be increased to Rs 1,500 crore.
- ✚ India & Sri Lanka Signed MoU to support livelihood of the fishing & farming communities by providing them equipment worth USD 2 million in the country's southern Hambantota district.
- ✚ Telangana government has been signed a MoU with the Goa government to help the latter in information technology (IT) development.

### Obituaries

- ✚ World famous futurist, writer Alvin Toffler dies at 87.
- ✚ Renowned Marathi literary scholar R C Dhere passed away.
- ✚ Ex-MP Ranji player Kapil Seth passed away.
- ✚ US Oscar-winning director of the film the Deer, Hunter Michael Cimino has died at the age of 77.
- ✚ Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor & author who fought for peace, human rights & simple human decency, has died at the age of 87.
- ✚ Michel Rocard, former PM of France, passed away in Paris, France. He was 85.
- ✚ Veteran communist leader & former World Peace Council president Romesh Chandra has passed away in Mumbai. He was 94 years old.
- ✚ Noel Neill, the first actress to play Superman's love interest, has passed away at the age of 95.
- ✚ Iranian director Abbas Kiarostami, whose 1997 film "Taste of Cherry" won the prestigious Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival, has passed away following a





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prolonged illness in Paris. He was suffering from Cancer & was 76 years old.

- ✦ Veteran music director Om Prakash Sonik, also known as Omi, part of the Sonik-Omi duo, has passed away in Mumbai following a brief illness. He was 77 years old.
- ✦ Noted Pakistani philanthropist, social activist, ascetic & humanitarian Abdul Sattar Edhi has passed away in Karachi. He was 88 years old.
- ✦ Former Indian international footballer Amal Dutta, who was also the first professional football coach of the country, passed away in his Kolkata residence. He was 86.
- ✦ William H McNeill, prize-winning world historian, died at 98.
- ✦ Hockey Olympian Joe Antic has passed away in Mumbai. He was 90 years old.
- ✦ Oldest litigant of Babri Mosque Ram Janmbhumi dispute of Ayodhya dispute Mohammad Hashim Ansari passes away.
- ✦ Noted Indian hockey player Mohammed Shahid has passed away in Gurgaon due to multiple organ failures. He was 56 years old.
- ✦ Legendary singer Mubarak Begum Shaikh passes away. She was 80 years old.
- ✦ Former French cyclist Dominique Arnaud has passed away in Dax, Aquitaine, France due to cancer. He was 60 years old.
- ✦ Eminent Journalist & Doordarshan News Correspondent in Hyderabad, Sanjiv Thomas has passed away. He was 59 years old.
- ✦ Modern Indian artist S H Raza has passed away following a prolonged illness.
- ✦ Noted agricultural scientist Neelamraju Ganga Prasada Rao has passed away in Hyderabad.
- ✦ Eminent writer & social activist Mahasweta Devi has passed away at a city nursing home in Kolkata following a prolonged illness.
- ✦ MD & CEO of Rajshri Media, Rajat Barjatya has passed away in Mumbai after losing a battle to cancer.
- ✦ American author James Alan McPherson has passed away in Iowa City, U.S.
- ✦ Veteran diplomat Arundhati Ghose, who led the Indian delegation at the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) negotiations in Geneva in 1996, passed away at the age of 76.
- ✦ Nobel Prize-winning Egyptian-American chemist Ahmed Zewail passed away in the United States. He was 70 years old.
- ✦ Former Ferrari driver Chris Amon passed away after a battle with cancer. He was 73 years old.
- ✦ Noted Assamese litterateur Mahim Bora has passed away due to old age problems. He was 92 years old.
- ✦ Veteran South Indian film director & scriptwriter "Vietnam Veedu" Sundaram has passed away in Chennai. He was 76 years old.
- ✦ Australian surfing champion Bernard Farrelly, best known as Midget for his slight size, has passed away. He was 71 years old.
- ✦ Former Arunachal Pradesh CM & Congress rebel Kalikho Pul passed away in Itanagar. He was 46 years old.
- ✦ Renowned Yoga Guru TKV Desikachar has passed away following a brief illness in Chennai. He was 78 years old.
- ✦ Popular southern actress Jyothi Lakshmi has passed away at age 63.
- ✦ Veteran film producer, script, lyricist & screenplay writer of Tamil cinema Mr. Panchu Arunachalam has passed away following a brief illness.
- ✦ Former Odisha chief secretary Sudhanshu Bhushan Mishra has passed away in Bhubaneswar.
- ✦ Former DMK Minister S.P Sarguna Pandian, who began her political career as a platform speaker, died. She was 75 years old.
- ✦ Pramukh Swami, the 95-year-old founder of Akshardham temples & a saint of the Swaminarayan sect, passed away after prolonged illness at the Sarangpur temple.
- ✦ Charti Lal Goel, the first speaker of the Delhi Assembly has passed away after prolonged illness.
- ✦ Malayalam filmmaker-scriptwriter TA Razaq passed away in Kochi.
- ✦ Padma Shri awardee Punjabi writer Gurdial Singh, 83, breathed his last after a prolonged illness in Bathinda.
- ✦ Former FIFA President Joao Havelange has passed away at Samartino Hospital, Rio de Janeiro. He was 100 years old.
- ✦ Noted actor & director Gobind Tej passed away.
- ✦ Arthur Hiller, who received an Oscar nomination for directing the blockbuster romantic tragedy "Love Story" passed away.
- ✦ Subrata Banerjee, the former international umpire, died at the age of 71 in Kolkata.
- ✦ Joyce Carol Thomas, a prize-winning children's author, & champion of multiculturalism, died at the age of 78.
- ✦ Mathru bhumi former editor K K Sreedharan Nair passed away. He was 86.
- ✦ A R Kidwai, former Governor of Bihar, West Bengal & Haryana passed away in New Delhi. He was 96.
- ✦ Eminent painter, writer & art historian Dinanath Pathy passed away following a cardiac arrest at a hospital in Bhubaneswar.
- ✦ Veteran Congress leader & former Governor of Madhya Pradesh Mohammad Shafi Qureshi has passed away in Delhi. He was 87 years old.
- ✦ Australia's oldest surviving Test cricketer, Len Maddocks, has passed away aged 90.
- ✦ Noted Assamese poet, literary critic & author & winner of the Sahitya Akademi award Nalinidhar Bhattacharyya passed away in Guwahati.
- ✦ Uzbek President Islam Karimov has died after suffering a stroke at the age of 78.
- ✦ Jon Polito, best known for his frequent presence in Coen Brothers films, died of cancer in Duarte, California.
- ✦ World's oldest cricketer, Lindsay Tuckett, passed away in Bloemfontein at the age of 97.
- ✦ Former Italian president, PM & central bank governor Carlo Azeglio Ciampi has died at the age of 95.
- ✦ Legendary playwright Edward Albee, widely considered one of the greats of his generation, has died at the age of 88.

## Sports Current Affairs

- ✦ Indian goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu makes history again, becomes first Indian to feature in Europa League.
- ✦ Sameer emerges fastest athlete by winning gold in 100 meter dash in 10.60 seconds at the 56th National Inter-state Senior Athletics Championships in Hyderabad.
- ✦ India set to host South Asian Basketball Association (SABA) Zone Qualifying Round of the FIBA Asia Challenge 2016 at Bangalore.
- ✦ India will be hosting the world's first Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) 'Super Fight League'.
- ✦ India's badminton player B Sai Praneet has won the Canada Open Grand Prix Badminton tournament & also it's Rio Olympics-bound men's doubles pair of Manu Attri & B Sumeeth Reddy have also won titles Canada Open Grand Prix badminton tournament in Calgary.
- ✦ Lewis Hamilton wins Austrian Grand Prix.
- ✦ The Olympians Association of India (OAI), the first-ever association for Indian Olympians, by the Olympians, was launched. Five-time Olympian Shiva Keshavan will serve as the association's first president.
- ✦ Saudi Arabia was unanimously elected as the 39th Associate Member of International Cricket Council's (ICC) during its full council meeting in Edinburgh.
- ✦ Bengaluru para-swimmer Niranjan Mukundan has won eight medals, including three golds, at the recently-concluded IWAS (International Wheelchair & Amputee Sports) U-23 World Games in Prague, Czech Republic.
- ✦ Javelin thrower Annu Rani has bettered her national record with a 59.87m throw at the 56th National Inter-State Senior Athletics Championships in Hyderabad.
- ✦ Bengali cine star Jeet has acquired the Kolkata franchise of the first-ever multi-nation Premier Futsal League (PFL), which is scheduled to start on July 15. The team will be known as 'Kolkata 5s'.
- ✦ Indian gymnast Dipa Karmakar was named a 'Gymnaste de ClasseMondiale' (World class gymnast) by the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG).
- ✦ Wimbledon Championships 2016 winners in Men's Singles Title is Britain's Andy Murray who defeated Milos Raonic of Canada. Women's Singles Title: American Serena Williams, who won her seventh Wimbledon singles crown victory over Germany's Angelique Kerber.
- ✦ Formula 1 world champion Lewis Hamilton from Great Britain has won the 2016 British Grand Prix title of Formula 1.
- ✦ Portugal defeated France 1-0 to win their first ever EURO championship at Saint-Denis in Paris France.
- ✦ India held the second position in the latest ICC Test rankings followed by Pakistan & England. Australia leads the Test rankings & ODI Rankings while New Zealand topped the T-20.
- ✦ India's Grand Master Harika Dronavalli has won the Fide Women's Grand Prix trophy in Chendu in China.
- ✦ India jumps 11 places to 152nd in football rankings. Overall, Argentina remain on top.
- ✦ Pakistan captain Misbah-ul-Haq has scored 110 against England at Lord's & with this, the 42 years & 47 days old cricketer became the oldest captain to score.
- ✦ Dipika Pallikal Karthik toppled defending champion Joshna Chinappa to regain the women's title in the 73rd Senior National Squash Championship in Mumbai. The men's crown was captured by the titleholder & top seed SauravGhosal.
- ✦ Vijender Singh, the boxing star from India, has clinched the WBO Asia Pacific Super Middleweight title at the Thyagraj Stadium, New Delhi.
- ✦ American hurdler, Keni Harrison broke a 28-year-old world record in the 100m hurdles, clocking 12.20 seconds at the London Anniversary Games.
- ✦ India test team captain ViratKohli has become the first Indian captain to score a double century outside India.
- ✦ India's Neeraj Chopra has won the javelin gold at the IAAF World under-20 athletics championship in Poland, setting a world record of 86.48m.
- ✦ Formula one driver Lewis Hamilton (British Formula One racing driver from England) has won the Hungarian Grand Prix to top the drivers' championship table for the first time this season.
- ✦ Promising Indian shooter Manavaditya Rathore has won the trap bronze medal in the Champion of Champions match at the Junior World Cup in Porpetto, Italy.
- ✦ The 2016 Swiss Open Gstaad, a men's tennis tournament played on outdoor clay courts has won by the Spain player Feliciano Lopez.
- ✦ Spin legend Muttiah Muralitharan will be the first Sri Lankan to be included in the ICC's Hall of Fame.
- ✦ German professional footballer, Bastian Schweinsteiger has retired from the national team, marking the end of a glittering international football career.
- ✦ International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) has formally suspended an 8-member Russian team from next month's Rio Olympics due to doping offences.
- ✦ Skydiver Luke Aikins, 42, became the first to jump from a height of 25,000 feet without a parachute, landing in a net in southern California.
- ✦ The Supreme Court (SC) accepted the major recommendations of the Lodha Committee on reforms to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), including a bar on ministers & civil servants & those above 70 from becoming its members.
- ✦ The Patna Pirates have won the fourth edition of STAR Sports-Pro-Kabaddi League by defeating Jaipur Pink Panthers in the finals.
- ✦ International Kabaddi Federation announced the selection of India for hosting "The 2016 Kabaddi World Cup".
- ✦ The Mohun Bagan FC has conferred club's highest decoration Mohun Bagan Ratna (jewel) on legendary Indian Footballer Syed Nayeemuddin. With this, he became the 16th recipient of the prestigious award.
- ✦ Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton has won the 2016 German Grand Prix title of Formula One.

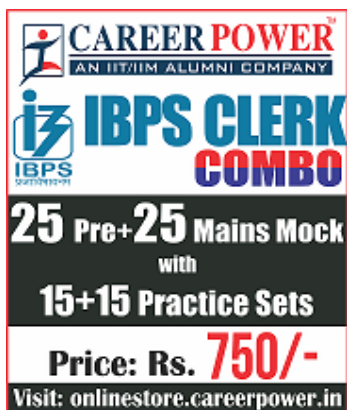


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- ✦ The 24-year old Romania's Simona Halep has won the Rogers Cup women's singles title after beating American Madison Keys 7-6, 6-3 in the final Montreal. While in men's title Serbian Novak Djokovic has defeated Kei Nishikori (Japan) to win the title.
- ✦ A six-year-old boy, Om Swaroop Gowda from Karnataka has set the world record for covering longest distance by limbo skating under cars.
- ✦ The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has agreed to add Baseball-Softball, Karate, Skateboard, Climbing Sports & surfing in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.
- ✦ Noted sports promoter & founder chairperson of Reliance Foundation, Nita Ambani has been elected as an individual member of International Olympic Committee. With this, she became the first Indian woman to join the prestigious body.
- ✦ The 31st Summer Olympic Games has opened in the Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro, with a vibrant opening ceremony at the Maracana Stadium. The theme of Rio De Janerio Olympic is world peace & environment.
- ✦ Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has announced a cash award of 50 lakh rupees for the gold medal winning athlete in the Rio Olympics. While 30 lakh rupees for silver & 20 lakh rupees for bronze.
- ✦ Five sportspersons from Tamil Nadu including Jenitha Anto of Tiruchirappalli has presented with a cheque for Rs 25 lakh for winning an international chess tournament for the differently abled held in Serbia. The other receivers are: C Ajith Kumar, R Naveen, L Samayasri, & S Priyadarshini.
- ✦ Dipa Karmakar, the Indian Gymnast, created history by becoming the first Indian gymnast to enter the Olympic final at the Rio Olympic Centre.
- ✦ Grandmaster & former world junior champion Abhijeet Gupta has added another feather to his cap by retaining the Commonwealth Chess championship crown.
- ✦ In the latest MRF player Rankings for Test Bowlers, England Speedster James Anderson has topped the list.
- ✦ Michael Phelps won the gold medal in the 200m individual medley to become only the third athlete to win an individual Gold in the same event at four Olympics.
- ✦ Lionel Messi has announced that he will play on for Argentina, reversing his decision in June to retire from international soccer.
- ✦ Ethiopian runner Almaz Ayana ran 10,000 metres in 29:17.45 minutes, to set a new world record & win the gold medal at the Rio Olympics.
- ✦ India squash queen Dipika Pallikal won the Australian Open squash title by beating Mayar Hany of Egypt by 0-12, 11-5, 11-6, 11-4.
- ✦ Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt has won gold in the 100-metre final in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- ✦ Virender Sehwag, former India batsman, has been awarded the honorary life membership of the Marylebone Cricket Club
- ✦ India's Sakshi Malik won a bronze medal in the wrestling 58kg category in Rio Olympics 2016.
- ✦ India's P V Sindhu created history by winning a silver medal in women's singles badminton event at Rio Olympics 2016. She is the first Indian female & first ever Indian shuttler to win an Olympic silver.
- ✦ Jamaican's sprinter Usain Bolt has won the 200 metres final to add to his 100m title at the Rio Olympics 2016. Bolt eased to victory in the 200m final in 19.78 seconds.
- ✦ The Andhra Pradesh Cabinet has decided to felicitate the Olympic badminton star PV Sindhu with Rs. 3 crore reward in cash, a 1,000 sq yard site in the new capital city of Amaravati & a Group I cadre job in the State.
- ✦ Indian Olympic Association (IOA) President, N. Ramachandran was awarded the Olympic Order for his outstanding services to the Olympic movement.
- ✦ Sania Mirza, paired with Barbora Strycova from the Czech Republic, defeated Martina Hingis & her partner Coco Vandeweghe 7-5, 6-4. With the win, Sania retained her number one status on the women's doubles ranking.
- ✦ The Kabaddi World Cup will be held in Ahmedabad from October 7 to 22.
- ✦ Chennai hailed Vikash Anand won a double to clinch the title in the MRF Formula 1600 category.
- ✦ Olympic gold-medallist Abhinav Bindra was named the Chairman of a 5-member review committee to probe the shooters' Rio Games debacle.
- ✦ Portugal superstar Cristiano Ronaldo has won the UEFA Best Player in Europe award for the second time.
- ✦ India's Saina Nehwal has been dropped 4 points to be 9th, while compatriot PV Sindhu remained in the 10th spot in the Badminton World Federation (BWF) rankings.
- ✦ Season-3 of the Indian Super League (ISL) football would be held from October 1 to December 18, with the opening game scheduled in Guwahati.
- ✦ Indian tennis ace Sania Mirza & her Romanian partner Monica Niculescu defeated Kateryna Bondarenko of Ukraine & Chuang Chia Jung of Taiwan in the final.
- ✦ Indian cricket captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni has set a world record, he captained India in a record 325th game (most by a player in history), across all three formats, to break Australian skipper Ricky Ponting's mark.
- ✦ Maharashtra's sixth Chess GM Shardul Gagare, & steeplechase specialist Lalita Babar, who finished a creditable 10th in the Rio Olympics, have been chosen for the Sports Journalists Association of Mumbai's (SJAM) Golden Jubilee Annual Awards 2016.
- ✦ Mercedes driver Nico Rosberg from Germany has won the 2016 Belgian Grand Prix of Formula One.
- ✦ Western Railway won the overall team championship in the 82nd All India Railway athletic Championship held at Tiruchirappalli Tamil Nadu.
- ✦ Central Reserve Police Force India (CRPF) has decided to appoint Olympic silver medallist PV Sindhu as its brand ambassador & bestow the honorary rank of Commandant on the ace badminton player.
- ✦ Wrestler Yogeshwar Dutt's London 2012 bronze might be upgraded to silver. The upgrade has been triggered by a positive dope test of late Russian wrestler Besik Kudukhov.
- ✦ Land of the thunder dragon's Nation Bhutan is set to become the fourth Asian country to host a tournament on the Asian Tennis Tour.

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- India's 100-year-old athlete, Man Kaur has won Gold medal at the American Masters Games in the 100-meter dash. She took a minute-and-a-half to cross the finish line in Vancouver.
- Bangladesh has named former Sri Lankan cricketer Thilan Samaraweera as their batting consultant for next month's home series against England.
- Zaheer Khan, former India pacer has been inducted as an Honorary Life Member of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC).



- In Tennis, world number one Serena Williams has created history by setting a record of most number of Grand Slam matches wins by a woman in the Open era.
- India's batting maestro Virat Kohli held on to the number two position in the latest ICC ODI rankings for batsmen.
- Indian mixed doubles pair of Sikki Reddy & Pranaav Jerry Chopra clinched their maiden Grand Prix title, bagging the Brazil Open with a straight game victory over Canadian combo of Toby Ng & Rachel Honderich in the finals, in Foz do Iguacu, Brazil.
- Serena Williams now owns more victories in Grand Slam matches than anyone else in tennis' Open era.
- India's Mariyappan Thangavelu created history by winning a gold medal in the men's high jump T-42 event at the Rio Paralympics.
- Explosive West Indies opener Chris Gayle launched his autobiography 'Six Machine', which contains extensive details about his life & career.
- Great Britain's Jamie Murray & Brazil's Bruno Soares won their second Grand Slam doubles title, defeating

- Spaniards Pablo Carreño Busta & Guillermo García-López 6-2, 6-3.
- Vietnam won its first-ever Paralympic gold medal after para weightlifter Le Van Cong lifted 183 kgs, to set a new world record at the event.
- Real Madrid registered a 5-2 win over Osasuna in the La Liga, marking a 15th straight league win.
- German professional tennis player Angelique Kerber won her first U.S. Open title & the second Grand Slam trophy of her breakthrough season.
- Army Green on has won the 128th edition of Durand Cup football title.
- Former Pakistan Test captain Wasim Bari has been appointed as the new manager of the national team for the coming 'home' series against the West Indies in the UAE.
- Stan Wawrinka defeated world number one Novak Djokovic to claim a 3rd Grand Slam title at the US Open tennis tournament.
- In Women's Ranking Indian squash player Joshna Chinappa rose to 10th while Deepika Pallikal remained at 19th in the latest Professional Squash Association (PSA) rankings.
- India's Deepa Malik created history by becoming the first ever woman from the country to win a medal at the Paralympics.
- Javelin thrower Devendra Jhajharia became the first Indian to clinch two gold medals at the Paralympics after he broke his own world record to clinch the top honours at the Rio Games.
- Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) elected Aleksander Ceferin to succeed Michel Platini as president.
- Gautam Gambhir-led India Blue has won the inaugural day/night Duleep Trophy Cricket tournament held in Greater Noida.
- Indian cyclists put up a commendable show on the opening day of the Track Asia Cup 2016, bagging 6 medals, including three gold & two silver & one bronze.
- Sports Minister Vijay Goel conferred Arjuna Awards on cricketers Rohit Sharma & Ajinkya Rahane at a function in New Delhi. Sharma was given the award for 2015 & Rahane for 2016.

### Science & Tech. Current Affairs

- NASA's Juno successfully enters Jupiter's orbit.
- Astronomers discover planet with 3 suns located 340 light years from Earth.
- NASA announces discovery of 104 new planets outside solar system.
- SpaceX launched space station docking port.
- The Ministry of Science & Technology has come up with a 'Solar Power Tree', an innovative way to generate electricity using solar power in a limited space.
- A SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket exploded on its Cape Canaveral launch pad during a test, destroying a commercial satellite that Facebook had planned to use to extend Internet access in Africa.
- The Indian Institute of Immunology in New Delhi has developed mycobacterium indicus pranii (MIP), an exclusive & completely domestic vaccine for leprosy.
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has successfully completed test flight of indigenous Light Utility Helicopter (LUH) Bengaluru.
- The Central government has approved six proposals to set up centres of excellence to promote & fund start-ups under the National Initiative for Development & Harnessing Innovation (NIDHI), a programme steered by the Department of Science & Technology.
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has launched GSLV rocket, which will carry the weather satellite INSAT-3DR from Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.





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- ✚ The US space agency, NASA has launched its first mission to collect samples from an asteroid & return them to Earth in hopes of learning more about the origins of life.
- ✚ China, launched its second experimental space station. The Tiangong 2 was carried into space from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center on the edge of the Gobi Desert in northern China.

### Current Schemes/App/Portal/Programmes Launched by State & Central Govt.

- ✚ Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Minister of Railways has launched "NIVARAN portal", an online system for redressal of service related grievance of serving & former railway employees.
- ✚ The Union Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Minister, Shri Radha Mohan Singh has launched Crop Manager for Rice-based Systems (CMRS) a web-based App for better crop & Nutrient management released for Bihar farmers in a program organised at ICAR-RCER in Patna.
- ✚ President inaugurates smart village pilot project at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The five villages which will be developed into the smart villages under this pilot project are Dhaula, Alipur, Harichandpur & Taj Nagar from Gurgaon district & Rojka Meo from Mewat district of Haryana.
- ✚ The Union Cabinet has also approved a National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme. The Scheme has an outlay of Rs. 10,000 crore with a target of 50 lakh apprentices to be trained by 2019-20.
- ✚ The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) launched a mobile app (TRAI Myspeed App) for measuring real-time internet speeds that consumers get.
- ✚ Agriculture Minister launched an online portal designed to monitor the functioning of nearly 645 KrishiVigyanKendras (KVKs), known as farm-science centres, spread across the country.
- ✚ Ministry of Health launches Nationwide Intensified Diarrhoea Control Fortnight (IDCF)".
- ✚ The Union Cabinet has approved the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) with an outlay of Rs. 12,000 crore to impart skilling to one crore people over the next 4 years (2016-2020).
- ✚ 74 schemes of 17 Ministries & Departments brought under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).
- ✚ The Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises has launched a performance & credit rating scheme to assess the capabilities & creditworthiness of industries in the sector. This will provide "trusted" third party opinion to create awareness about the strengths & weaknesses of enterprises' existing operations.
- ✚ PM Narendra Modi has launched Yaad Karo Kurbani (remember the sacrifices) celebrations at the birthplace of freedom fighter Chandra Shekhar Azad at Alirajpur, Madhya Pradesh. It aimed to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Quit India Movement (QIM) & 70 years of Independence.
- ✚ National Association of Software & Services (Nasscom) has launched operations of its startup warehouse at Sunrise Startup Village at Rushikonda in Visakhapatnam, AP.
- ✚ Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda has inaugurated an AMRIT pharmacy at the city-based Safdarjung hospital in New Delhi. The new AMRIT (Affordable Medicines & Reliable Implants for Treatment) Pharmacy, the 10th such in the country, will sell drugs at highly discounted rates.
- ✚ Union Minister of State for Petroleum & Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan has launched the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in West Bengal, which is a scheme to provide clean cooking fuel to the women belonging to the 'Below Poverty Line' (BPL) households across the country.
- ✚ Union Ministers M Venkaiah Naidu & Water Resources Minister Uma Bharti has jointly launched 'Smart Ganga City' programme in 10 cities located along Ganga to set up Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) & improve drainage network there on hybrid annuity mode on public private partnership basis.
- ✚ Union Power Minister Piyush Goyal launched the process of tariff-based reverse auction in the transmission sector & also inaugurated a portal for electronic bidding for transmission projects. He launched "Tarang" mobile App, "e-Trans" & "DEEP" (Discovery of Efficient Electricity Price) e-bidding web portals.
- ✚ Mahindra Mutual Fund Kar Bachat Yojana - an open ended ELSS Scheme - with a three-year lock-in period has been launched by Mahindra Asset Management Company that will generate long-term capital appreciation.
- ✚ The Union minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers & Parliamentary Affairs Ananth Kumar launched a mobile App. developed by NPPA, which shows the MRP fixed by NPPA for various scheduled drugs on the real time basis.
- ✚ Mobile payments start-up PhonePe Internet Pvt. Ltd, which is owned by Flipkart, in partnership with private lender Yes Bank launched unified payments interface (UPI) based payments app.
- ✚ National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has launched a pilot project for Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) with 26 Bharat Bill Payment Operating Units (BBPOUs). It will cover repetitive payments for everyday utility services such as electricity, water, gas, telephone & Direct-to-Home (DTH).
- ✚ Indian Railway has launched an insurance scheme for passengers travelling on e- ticket. The insurance cover will be upto Rs. 10 lakh.
- ✚ MobiKwik, the fin-tech player has launched one-step offline payments with 'Bubble Pin'.
- ✚ The Union Minister of State for Petroleum & Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan has launched Gas4India campaign for the aimed at promoting the use of gas in the country.
- ✚ The Department of Telecom (DoT) has created 'Urja Mitra Helpline' through which customers can get information on power outages from distribution companies by dialling 14401.
- ✚ Union Minister of State for Labour & Employment Bandaru Dattatreya inaugurated the first phase of



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telemedicine services of Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) for providing specialist medical services at a distance to insured workers.

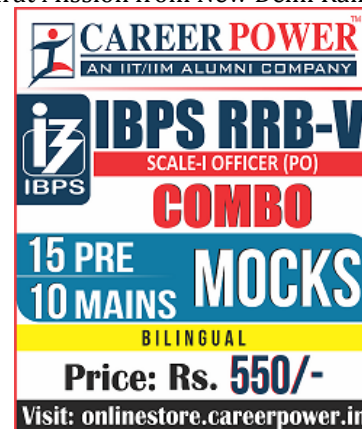
✚ For maintaining the records & database of Indian students studying abroad, Government of India has launched a Student Registration module in MADAD portal (madad.gov.in).

✚ The government launched a toll-free number 1924 to register postal complaints.

✚ Transportation app Uber has launched a new initiative in partnership with Maruti Suzuki & National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) for creating livelihood opportunities for one million people by 2018.

✚ All India Radio (AIR) has been launched a website & mobile app for its Balochi service to reach people who speak this language across the globe.

✚ Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu on 17-Sep-2016 launched the 'Swachhta Saptah' as part of the Swachh Rail Swachh Bharat Mission from New Delhi Railway Station.



### MISCELLANEOUS NEWS-COMMITTEES/ISRO/RANKING

✚ The Parliament has passed Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Bill, 2016 to conduct of uniform entrance examination for admission to all medical educational institutions. The bill seeks to replace the Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Ordinance, 2016 & its provisions will come into force retrospectively from May 24, 2016.

✚ A high-level panel of the National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA) has approved various projects worth approximately Rs. 400 crores for development of ghats (river fronts) & crematoria at different places along the river Ganga from Uttarakhand to West Bengal under the Centre's ambitious Namami Gange programme.

✚ Union Cabinet has given approval for Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Bill 2016 to improve road safety in the country.

✚ 'Grassroots Innovation' authored by Prof. Anil K. Gupta of IIM Ahmedabad, also the Vice Chairman of National Innovation Foundation at Rashtrapati Bhavan has been released.

✚ Four Indian-origin persons have been named among America's top wealth advisors by Forbes on a list of 200 members who collectively manage USD 675 billion. The persons are: Raj Sharma, Ash Chopra, Sonny Kothari & Raju Pathak.

✚ ISRO chairman A S Kiran Kumar has inaugurated a 'C Band Polarimetric Doppler Weather Radar' at the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), Thiruvananthapuram.

✚ The government has decided to set up a committee which will consider all issues including foreign direct investment norms pertaining to the fast-growing e-commerce industry in the country. The committee will be headed by the NITI Aayog CEO Mr. Amitabh Kant.

✚ Wipro Chairman Azim Premji & HCL co-founder Shiv Nadar are the only two billionaires from India in Forbes' list of the world's 100 richest people in technology. The '100 Richest Tech Billionaires in The World 2016' list has been topped by Microsoft founder Bill Gates.

✚ Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has constituted a new committee to "review" the existing media policy for communicating the activities of the board & the income

tax department to the public. This will be headed by Mr. Gopal Mukherjee.

✚ ITC's leading health & hygiene brand, Savlon, has announced the name of ace shuttler- Saina Nehwal as its brand ambassador.

✚ IRDAI has imposed Rs. 35 lakh fine on Bharti AXA General Insurance Co Ltd for violation of various norms including outsourcing activities & corporate governance guidelines.

✚ New India Assurance Co & India nuclear insurance pool (INIP) will issue the policy & administer the claims on behalf of the pool. INIP is the 27th global nuclear insurance pool which was launched by General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re), in association with non-life.

✚ India climbed 15 spots, from 81 to 66 in the Global Innovation Index (GII), while Switzerland, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States of America & Finland have been placed as the top 5 in the index.

✚ Seven Indian companies have made it to a carbon-clean list of 200 largest companies worldwide ranked by their total clean-energy revenues. The list is topped by Japan's Toyota Motor.

✚ Cipla Ltd & Godrej have been recognized by Fortune magazine in a list of global firms changing the world for the good & having a positive social impact through their activities. Cipla is ranked 46th in the list of 50 followed by Godrej on the 48th spot, the only Indian companies in the list. The list has been topped by British pharma giant GlaxoSmithKline.

✚ India ranks a low 39th in terms of fixed broadband adoption among Asia-Pacific countries according to a study by the United Nations Economic & Social Commission for Asia & the Pacific (ESCAP). Hong Kong, New Zealand, Japan, Macao, Australia & Singapore topped the list of 53 countries.

✚ As per the New World Wealth, India is ranked 7th among the wealthiest countries in the world in terms of private wealth held by individuals. The Top 5 Countries are: 1. US 2. China 3. Japan 4. UK 5. Germany

✚ Forbes magazine ranked out the world's highest paid actresses & Hunger games star Jennifer Lawrence has topped the list for the second time in a row. Indian star



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Deepika Padukone is also among the top 10 highest-paid actresses in the world. She has also joined hands with the Indian Psychiatric Society as its brand ambassador.

In the list published by Forbes magazine, Shah Rukh Khan & Akshay Kumar ranked among the highest paid Bollywood actors on 8th & 10th rank. The list was topped by former WWE wrestler & present actor, Dwayne Johnson.

The World Risk Report 2016 which analyses the role that infrastructure plays in shaping a country's disaster risk, has ranked India at 77th, Pakistan at 72nd, Bangladesh at 5th in the list which is topped by Island state of Vanuatu.

The Finance Minister Arun Jaitley has set up a committee to consider incentives such as cash back schemes & tax rebates for promoting card & digital payments in a step towards discouraging cash transactions. The 11-member committee, headed by former Finance Secretary Ratan P Watal.

E-commerce portal Amazon.in has announced the launch of a dedicated online Telugu book store with a wide-range of over 10,000 Telugu titles.

India jumped 19 places in the Logistics Performance Index to rank 35th in this year's list. The logistics' list was topped by Germany.

Madhukar Gupta committee was formed to review security at India-Pakistan border, the report running close to thousand pages submitted its report to Home Minister Rajnath Singh.

Justice S.N. Dhir has submitted report to the Haryana government on granting of Change of Land Use (CLU) licences in 4 villages of Gurgaon during the rule of the previous Congress government, hinting at irregularities.

Competition Commission of India (CCI) has imposed the penalty of over Rs 6,700 crore on 10 cement companies including ACC, Lafarge, Ultratech, Jayprakash Associates, Binani & their trade association the Cement Manufacturers Association (CMA) on charges of cartelisation in the sector.

The UN Charter, the seminal treaty of the United Nations, has now been translated into Sanskrit.

PepsiCo CEO & Chairman Indra Nooyi was ranked 2nd on the list of Fortune's 51 Most Powerful Women list.

India's top women bankers, SBI chief Arundhati Bhattacharya, ICICI head Chanda Kochhar & Axis Bank CEO Shikha Sharma, are among the 50 most powerful women based outside the US, according to the list by Fortune, which is topped by Banco Santander's boss Ana Bot.

The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries in the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers welfare has declared India free from Avian Influenza (H5N1) from 5th September, 2016.

Bollywood queen Priyanka Chopra is in the top 10 in Forbes magazine's annual list of best-paid television actresses.

Abhishek Bachchan holds the record for 'Most Public Appearances made by a Film Star in 12 Hours.'

### Summits/Conference/Rallies

The 2nd BRICS Youth Summit concludes in Guwahati. The theme of the summit was "Youth as bridge for intra-BRICS exchanges".

The multinational exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2016 - World's largest international maritime exercise held in the Pacific Ocean at Hawaii, United States.

BRICS' meeting on energy efficiency held in Visakhapatnam.

The Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh has inaugurated the second anti-drug Working Group meeting of Heads of Drug Control Agencies of BRICS countries in New Delhi.

NATO Summit held in Warsaw, Poland.

President Pranab Mukherjee inaugurates the first edition of India Skills Competition, on the occasion of the World Youth Skills Day in New Delhi.

VP Hamid Ansari reached Ulaan Baatar, the capital of Mongolia to attend 11th Asia-Europe Meeting- ASEM-Summit. The theme for the summit is "20 Years of ASEM: Partnership for the Future through Connectivity".

Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP) has organized a day-long conference on Startup India in New Delhi with an aim to give impetus to start up India initiative.

A three-day meeting between Border Security Force (BSF) & Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) has begun in Agartala to sort out problems along the border.

A motorcycle rally named Ride for Accessibility was organized in the national capital with a message to empower differently abled persons, Divyangs.

BRICS policy planning dialogue meeting held in Patna. This year's theme of dialogue is Building responsive, Inclusive & collective solutions.

India will host a crucial global summit in November to eliminate the illicit trade of tobacco products. The summit will be in Noida.

World Economic Forum (WEF), will host its annual India Economic Summit on October 6-7 in New Delhi. This year's meet will be convened under the theme, 'Fostering an Inclusive India through Digital Transformation'.

The three-day Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) exhibition held in the Parliament premises in New Delhi.

The first technology two-day meet under the Hydrocarbon Vision 2030 for Northeast India held in Guwahati, Assam.

The two-day meeting of the BRICS Women's Parliamentarian Forum held in Jaipur which was inaugurated by Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan.


Pakistan will host the 19th SAARC Summit on November 9 & 10 this year. The SAARC Summit Cell is headed by Ambassador Amjad Sial.


IT capital of the country, Bengaluru, will host the 2017 Bharatiya Pravasi Divas.





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- ✚ The two-day long "BRICS Convention on Tourism" held at world heritage site Khajuraho in Madhya Pradesh.
- ✚ The first BRICS film festival has held in New Delhi.
- ✚ The 11th Summit of the Group of Twenty (G20) concluded in the eastern Chinese city of Hangzhou.
- ✚ The 2-day Indo-US Economic Summit held in New Delhi.
- ✚ In Andhra Pradesh, the 3rd BRICS Urbanisation Forum Meet held in the Visakhapatnam.
- ✚ Vice-President Hamid Ansari has been represent India at the 17th Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) to be held at Margarita Island in Venezuela from September 17-18.
- ✚ India will host the Annual Meetings of the African Development Bank (AfDB) Group in May next year.

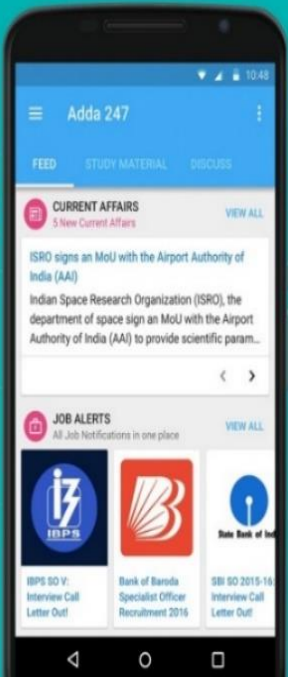
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