

THE HINDU REVIEW: SEPTEMBER 2016 for KVS, NVS, Army Public School Exam, DSSSB

National Current Affairs


- ✦ To help Indian business explore economic opportunities in Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar & Vietnam (CLMV), the Union Cabinet has given its go-ahead for a Project Development Fund (PDF) with a corpus of Rs 500 crore.
- ✦ India jumped 19 places in the Logistics Performance Index to rank 35th in this year's list. The logistics' list was topped by Germany.
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ Bandaru Dattatreya, the Minister of State for Labour & Employment inaugurated the first phase of Tele-medicine services of ESIC in New Delhi for providing specialist medical services at a distance to insured workers.
- ✦ The Union Minister of State Dharmendra Pradhan has launched Gas4India campaign for the aimed at promoting the use of gas in the country.
- ✦ The government has approved projects worth over Rs. 450 crore under 'Swadesh Darshan' scheme for five states.
- ✦ India has received certificates from World Health Organisation recognising the elimination of Yaws & Maternal & Neonatal Tetanus (MNT) from the country.
- ✦ India's ranking on the World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness Index for 2016-17 has improved 16 places to 39, making it the fastest riser among the 138 nations surveyed. topped the rankings, followed by Singapore and the US.
- ✦ Mexico has set up its consulate in south India in Chennai that will cater to Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh & Telangana.
- ✦ The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries in the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers welfare has declared India free from Avian Influenza (H5N1).
- ✦ India has slipped by 10 positions to 112th, out of 159 countries & territories, according to the Economic Freedom of the World: 2016 Annual Report. Hong Kong has the highest level of economic freedom worldwide.

International Current Affairs


- ✦ Mother Teresa is being declared a saint by Pope Francis at a canonisation ceremony in Vatican City.
- ✦ Canada's British Columbia province has become the first foreign government to issue of masala bonds, a rupee-denominated bond. It had issued Rs 500 crore rupee

denominated overseas bonds (masala bond) on the London Stock Exchange (LSE) & successfully raised \$75 million (about Rs 500 crore).

- ✦ The world's first child with genes from three people was born to a Jordanian couple in Mexico.
- ✦ A British woman, Kate McWilliams, has become one of the world's youngest commercial airline captains at the age of 26.
- ✦ In a remarkable public health achievement, Sri Lanka was certified by WHO on having eliminated malaria.
- ✦ The UN Charter, the seminal treaty of the United Nations, has now been translated into Sanskrit.
- ✦ Pakistan's lower house of parliament has passed a landmark bill giving its small Hindu minority the right to register marriages.
- ✦ China has claimed that it has successfully developed & tested a radar system that uses quantum entanglement to beat the stealth technology of modern military aircrafts.
- ✦ World's longest bullet train network length of 2000kms established by China Railway.
- ✦ The United States has signed a 38 billion dollars deal with Israel to provide the country with military assistance over a 10-year period.
- ✦ Typhoon Meranti was the world's strongest typhoon made landfall in east China's Fujian Province, causing widespread destruction.



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States in India Current Affairs

- ✦ Goa is the 15th State Assembly to ratify the Bill. With this, 50% of States have passed the Bill paving way for the presidential assent.

- ✦ Under the Government's initiative of affordable LEDs for all (UJALA) scheme, Gujarat has become the 1st state to distribute 2 crore LED bulbs.
- ✦ The 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).
- ✦ The Odisha Legislative Assembly today unanimously ratified the Constitution Amendment Bill for Goods & Services Tax (GST).
- ✦ The Gujarat government has inked a tripartite MoU with the Ministry of Civil Aviation & the Airport Authority of India (AAI) to develop 11 small airports & airstrips under the Centre's Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) to boost regional air connectivity in the State.
- ✦ The Puducherry & Rajasthan Legislative Assembly have unanimously ratified the Constitution Amendment Bill for Goods & Services Tax (GST).
- ✦ As part of his three-day visit to Kerala, Vice President Mohammad Hamid Ansari inaugurated the fourth phase of the Vidyadhanam project, piloted by Prof. K. V. Thomas Vidyadhanam Trust at St.Teresa's College.
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ The Karnataka State Wildlife Board, chaired by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, has decided to declare Ankasamudra tank as a bird conservation reserve.
- ✦ Goa will host a three-day bird festival from November 11 to 13.
- ✦ Maharashtra ranked highest according to a broad measure of Ease of Doing Business (EDB) in Indian states announced at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy.
- ✦ 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. It has also decided to establish 140 clusters in these villages.
- ✦ Rajasthan's education department has partnered with US-based technology firm Cisco to promote digital learning across the state using virtual digital room solutions.
- ✦ Rajasthan becomes the first state to adopt Centre's Street Lighting National Programme (SLNP) in all its urban local bodies (ULB).
- ✦ The Centre has announced a financial package for Andhra Pradesh that includes full funding of Pollavaram irrigation project, tax concessions & a special assistance, but stopped short of giving the state a special category status.
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ Sikkim has been adjudged the cleanest state while Jharkhand comes last in the list of 26 states.

- ✦ The Uttar Pradesh govt has rolled out 122 Twitter handles & service would help the UP police to strengthen its primary relationship with the citizens.
- ✦ The Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly has passed a resolution supporting the Constitution Amendment & the Goods & Services Tax Bill.
- ✦ Himachal Pradesh cabinet decided to amend the Hydropower Policy 2006 in respect to transfer of shares by Himachalis to non-Himachalis.
- ✦ The Odisha government has launched the construction workers pension scheme.
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ Andhra Pradesh has become the second state in the country after Gujarat to achieve 100 per cent electrification of households.
- ✦ The Tamil Nadu government has allotted Rs 204 crore towards the implementation of the enhanced gold scheme under a marriage assistance programme. Rs 204 crore has been allotted for 'Thaaliku Thangam' (Gold for Mangalsutra) scheme for the year 2016-17 to benefit 12,500 women.
- ✦ Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has announced Charkhi Dadri as 22nd district of Haryana.
- ✦ The Ludhiana district administration has started a 'Selfie with my Shauchalya' campaign.
- ✦ Prime Minister Narendra Modi's constituency Varanasi made it to the list of 27 Smart Cities that was announced. Vadodara, Agra, Nagpur, Ajmer, Amritsar, Gwalior, Thane and Thanjavur are some of the other cities that have been named. The 27 cities will require investment of Rs 66,883 crore.
- ✦ Union Science and Technology Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan has adopted 'Dheerpur' and 'Ghoga' villages under the 'Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana' (SAGY).
- ✦ Delhi's Race Course Road has now been renamed as Lok Kalyan Marg.

New Appointments/Persons Resigned

- ✦ The Energy & Resources Institute (TERI) 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.
- ✦ Biocon Chairperson & managing director 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.
- ✦ Michel Temer, Brazil's former vice president, has been sworn in as the country's new president.

- ✦ Cardiologist K K Aggarwal has been unanimously elected as the National President of the Indian Medical Association for the year 2016-17.
- ✦ Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) named former Sri Lankan middle-order batsman Thilan Thusara Samaraweera as their batting consultant for next month's home series against England.
- ✦ Kerala government has appointed the Cricket star Sachin Tendulkar as brand ambassador for anti- liquor & anti-drug campaign in the state.
- ✦ Anil Khanna, President of Asian Tennis Federation & Vice President of International Tennis Federation, elected as the Honorary Life President of the All India Tennis Association (AITA).
- ✦ Rio Olympics bronze medalist Sakshi Malik has been appointed as Wrestling Director at Maharshi Dayanand University in Rohtak.
- ✦ Mukund Chaudhari has been took over as Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of MOIL Ltd, a miniratna company.
- ✦ Noted Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project Director R S Sundar was elevated to the post of Distinguished Scientist, in honour for his meritorious service.
- ✦ Former Australian cricket captain Ricky Ponting has been appointed the brand ambassador of his home state Tasmania.
- ✦ Urjit Patel has assumed charge as the 24th Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). He succeeds Raghuram Rajan, whose 3-year term came to end on September 4.
- ✦ The United Kingdom (UK) has appointed an ambassador to Iran for the first time since 2011, as part of its aims for more productive co-operation. Nicholas Hopton, a former British ambassador to Qatar & Yemen, will take up the role.
- ✦ The government of Arunachal Pradesh has roped in Bollywood bighead John Abraham as a brand ambassador for state tourism to boost tourism.
- ✦ Satbir Singh, presently Additional Secretary in the Ministry has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria.
- ✦ Senior BJP leader Om Prakash Kohli has been sworn in as the 26th governor of Madhya Pradesh.
- ✦ CK Asnani has assumed charge as the Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL), an undertaking of the Department of Atomic Energy.
- ✦ Henkel elevates Shilip Kumar as president of its India business
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- ✦ Former IAS officer J Satyanarayana has appointed as part-time chairperson of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).
- ✦ Dilip Kumar Mandal has been appointed managing director & chief executive officer of IDBI Asset Management Company (AMC).
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ Bakytzhan Sagintaev appointed as Prime minister of Kazakhstan.
- ✦ Arunachal Pradesh governor Jyoti Prasad Rajkhowa was removed from the office by President Pranab Mukherjee.
- ✦ Meghalaya Governor V Shanmuganathan was sworn in as the governor of Arunachal Pradesh.
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ Japanese automobile maker Isuzu has announced top-level changes in its Indian operations with Hiroshi Nakagawa taking over as the Chairman of Isuzu Motors India (IMI).
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ P V Bharathi, General Manager, Canara Bank, has been elevated as Executive Director (ED) of the bank.
- ✦ Punjab National Bank (PNB) has roped in Indian test skipper Virat Kohli as brand ambassador.
- ✦ Alka Sirohi, former IAS and a member of Union Public Service Commission is appointed as Chairman.
- ✦ Lt Gen Surinder Singh has taken over as General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Command.
- ✦ Ms. Monika Kapil Mohta, presently Additional Secretary in the Ministry, has appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Sweden.
- ✦ Facebook has roped in former chief product officer at Snapdeal, Anand Chandrasekaran, for a strategic role for its Messenger app.
- ✦ Ajay Kaul on has resigned as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Jubilant FoodWorks Limited.
- ✦ SS Mallikarjuna Rao has taken charge as executive director of Syndicate Bank.
- ✦ GlaxoSmithKline had chosen its head of consumer healthcare, Emma Walmsley, as its new chief executive.
- ✦ Junaid Ahmad has become the World Bank's Country Director for India, replacing Onno Ruhl, who served a four-year term based out of the national capital.
- ✦ The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has elected Ajay Shirke as Secretary unopposed at its Annual

- General Meeting. The board has also appointed former fast bowler Venkatesh Prasad as chairman of the junior selection committee.
- ✚ Justice Mohan M Shantanagoudar was sworn in as Chief Justice of Kerala High Court.
 - ✚ Justice Girish Chandra Gupta was sworn in as Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court.
 - ✚ India's High Commissioner to UK Navtej Sarna was appointed as Ambassador to the US.
 - ✚ Sanjiv Singh will be the new Chairman of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOC).
 - ✚ Senior IAS officer Arun Goyal has been appointed as Additional Secretary in the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council.
 - ✚ Shri Anurag Srivastava, presently Ambassador of India to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, has been concurrently accredited as the Ambassador of India to the Republic of Djibouti, with residence in Addis Ababa.
 - ✚ Uttarakhand's Ajay Singh has been elected new president of the Boxing Federation of India.
 - ✚ Former petroleum secretary Vijay Kelkar has been as the elected president of the prestigious Indian Statistical Institute (ISI). Vijay Kelkar succeeded former RBI governor C Rangarajan.
 - ✚ The Centre has removed Sushil Mhnot from the post of Chairman and Managing Director of Bank of Maharashtra.
 - ✚ Jim Yong Kim has been re-appointed for a second five-year term as World Bank president, beginning July 1, 2017.
 - ✚ OP Singh, a 1983-batch officer of the Uttar Pradesh Cadre, took over as the new Director General of CISF.
 - ✚ Riyadh Mathew, Director of MalayalamAnorama, Chairman and Managing Director of Indian Express, has been unanimously elected Chairman of Press Trust of India (PTI). Mr. Mathew, succeeds Hormusji N. Cama.
 - ✚ The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the appointment of retired IAS officer Shakti Sinha to the post of director, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library.
 - ✚ The Centre has appointed Madhusudan Sahoo as chairperson of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India.

Banking Current Affairs

- ✚ Union Bank of India has launched USSD (unstructured supplementary service data) based '*99#' mobile application on Google Play Store.
- ✚ DCB Bank, a new-generation private sector bank, has announced the launch of mVisa, a mobile based payment solution that will make payments at retail outlets much easier.
- ✚ MobiKwik, fin-tech player has launched one-step offline payments with 'Bubble Pin'.
- ✚ ICICI Bank, has announced the deployment of 'Software Robotics' in over 200 business processes across various functions of the bank.

- ✚ Jayant Purushottam Gokhale has been appointed as director of Syndicate 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.
- ✚ Private sector Axis Bank has tied up with Banaras Hindu University (BHU) to offer specialised banking courses.
- ✚ The State Bank of India (SBI) has raised \$300 million (about Rs. 2,000 crore) through AT-1 Basel III-compliant bonds to fund its business growth.
- ✚ 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.
- ✚ Federal Bank has launched its second Federal Skill Academy at Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.
- ✚ According to the latest RBI Report, Andhra Pradesh has emerged on the top among all other states in attracting industrial investments in 2015-16, pushing the previous year's topper Maharashtra to the third spot.
- ✚ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has given approval to Rs 26,000-crore cash credit limit (CCL) for purchasing paddy in poll-bound Punjab.
- ✚ Mobile payments and loans start-up ftcash, backed by IvyCap Ventures, is the first fintech start-up to launch Unified Payment Interface (UPI) for merchants in association with ICICI Bank.
- ✚ The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management, Ministry of Finance has appointed ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company Ltd as the asset management company for the creation and launch of a new Exchange Traded Fund (ETF).
- ✚ Andhra Bank has entered into corporate agency agreements with Cigna TTK Company Ltd, and Reliance General Insurance Company Ltd for providing health and general insurance respectively, to its customers.
- ✚ HDFC Bank has emerged as India's most valuable brand for the third consecutive year, ranking first on the BrandZ Top 50 list released by WPP Group.
- ✚ Kotak Mahindra Bank has launched 'Kotak Now', the country's first digital account opening process on mobile.
- ✚ Karnataka Bank Ltd has inked a memorandum of understanding with Birla Sun Life Asset Management Company for distribution of mutual fund products.
- ✚ The Reserve Bank has given approval to Rs 26,000-crore cash credit limit (CCL) for purchasing paddy in poll-bound Punjab, which came as a relief for SAD-BJP combine that struggled hard in the past for release of funds to buy foodgrain.

Economy Current Affairs

- ✦ 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).
- ✦ The country's economy grew at 7.1 % in the April to June quarter of the current fiscal, as per data released by the Central Statistics Office.
- ✦ The Competition Commission of India (CCI) imposed penalty of over Rs 6,700 crore on 10 cement companies.
- ✦ Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has launched e-nivaran (electronic resolution) facility for online redressal of taxpayers' grievances.
- ✦ Tata AIG General Insurance Company Limited has joined hands with mobile payments' company Paytm to provide health insurance to cab and auto drivers.
- ✦ The Union Cabinet has approved the closure of loss-making public sector enterprise Hindustan Cables Limited (HCL).
- ✦ The Central Government has approved the release of Rs.1269 crores, as assistance, for the drought-hit coastal state of Maharashtra.
- ✦ The government has launched a toll-free number 1924 to register postal complaints.
- ✦ 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 Union Cabinet has approved the formation, process & functioning of the Goods & Services Tax (GST) Council.
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ The Cabinet has approved the scrapping of the 92-year old practice of presenting a separate Railway Budget and merged it with the Union Budget.

Business Current Affairs

- ✦ Sony Pictures Networks India (SPN) & ZEE have entered into definitive agreements to acquire TEN Sports Network & its subsidiaries for \$385 million.
- ✦ India's largest digital payment company in India, MobiKwik has announced coalition with 12 state electricity boards.
- ✦ American tech giants Microsoft, Google & Salesforce have officially adopted the EU-US Privacy Shield framework. It will enable them to receive personal data from the European Union (EU) in compliance with the new standards.
- ✦ Infosys said it entered into a joint venture with the Saudi Prerogative Company to offer IT services in the middle eastern country.

- ✦ Intel has acquired computer vision firm Movidius, which partnered with Google to develop 3D space mapping technology for Project Tango devices.
- ✦ Religare Enterprises Limited (REL) has appointed Sunil Godhwani as its Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ Realty player Wadhwa Group has tied-up with e-commerce platform Sanpdeal to make its properties accessible to customers online.
- ✦ Digital payment platform 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).
- ✦ Global online payment service provider PayU has acquired Indian payments technology player, Citrus Pay, for \$130 million.
- ✦ Quikr has acquired the largest & highest quality players in beauty services Staygand. It was the Quikr's 8th acquisition in 2016.
- ✦ Praj Industries, a Pune-based global process solutions leader, was partnered with Indian Oil Corporation, India's flagship National Oil Company, for setting up multiple second Generations (2G) bio-ethanol plants based on indigenously developed technology.
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ Google Inc. has rolled out Google Trips, a new travel app that lets users plan each day of their trip and help them manage travel reservations.
- ✦ Flipkart has crossed the 100-million registered users mark, becoming the first e-commerce company in the country to hit the milestone.
- ✦ Facebook, Amazon, Google, IBM and Microsoft— have joined hands to announce a historic partnership on artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning. These companies will discuss advancements and conduct research in AI and how to develop best products and services powered by machine learning.
- ✦ HP Inc. agreed to buy Samsung Electronics Co.'s printer business for \$1.05 billion.
- ✦ Anil Ambani-led Reliance Communications & Maxis Communications Berhad (MCB), promoters of Aircel, agreed to merge their wireless businesses to form the fourth-largest telecom operator in the country.
- ✦ Adani Green Energy Ltd has installed the 648MW capacity solar power plant at Kamudhi, Tamil Nadu.
- ✦ Forbes India has released the annual India rich list and Reliance Industries' Chairman Mukesh Ambani has topped the Forbes' '100 Richest Indians' list. India's richest pharmaceutical magnate Dilip Shanghvi remains at number 2.

Mou/Agreements Signed

- ✚ Cabinet approves dissolution of Central Inland Water Transport Corporation Limited.
- ✚ Union Cabinet approved MoU between CERT-In & CERT-UK in the field of cyber Security
- ✚ Union Cabinet approves Project Development Fund for CLMV countries.
- ✚ Union Cabinet approved the scheme for the grant of Permanent Residency Status (PRS) to foreign investors.
- ✚ The Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) has signed an MoU with Amar Chitra Katha to publish & distribute a 32-page comic on Swachh Bharat.
- ✚ The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) has signed three separate MoUs with Dredging Corporation of India (DCI) and Mormugao Port Trust (MPT) to accelerate the development of inland water transport sector as an alternative mode of transport in Panaji.
- ✚ The Telangana Government has signed an agreement with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to get bandwidth to telecast Mana TV programmes. The TV channel will air coaching programmes for students appearing for various competitive examinations to get government jobs.
- ✚ 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.
- ✚ India has inked a preliminary pact with Greece for bilateral Air Services Agreement that proposes to allow unlimited points of call for domestic airlines in the European nation.
- ✚ Chhattisgarh Government has inked a MoU with the Ministry of Civil Aviation to boost regional air connectivity with in the state.
- ✚ Himachal Pradesh government has signed a preliminary MoU with Singapore government for developing a smart integrated township in Jathiadevi near Shimla airport.
- ✚ Union Cabinet under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister gave approval for the MoU between India & Kenya on cooperation in the field of National Housing Policy Development & Management (NHPDM).
- ✚ Cabinet has approved Extradition Treaty between India & Afghanistan.
- ✚ Cabinet has approved Bilateral Technical Arrangement between India & Switzerland
- ✚ Cabinet has approved an extension of the contract between India & the International Seabed Authority.
- ✚ Cabinet has approved MoU between India & Kenya on cooperation in the field of National Housing Policy
- ✚ Gionee mobile phones would now be manufactured in Haryana as the company has been 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. Chandigarh Administration and French Development Agency (AFD) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoUs) on Chandigarh Smart City Project and 'Technical Cooperation' in the field of Sustainable Urban Mobility.

- ✚ India-Samoa tax information exchange agreement approved.
- ✚ Cabinet approves Rs 1,102 crore submarine cable link to Andaman and Nicobar.
- ✚ Cabinet gives ex-post facto approval to the enhancement of Pension for Freedom Fighters.
- ✚ Cabinet approves enactment of Admiralty Bill 2016
- ✚ Cabinet Committee gives the approval to wind up Hindustan Diamond Company
- ✚ Cabinet approved merging of Rail budget with Union Budget
- ✚ 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.
- ✚ The Southern India Engineering Manufacturers' Association (SIEMA) has inked an agreement with Anna University, Regional Campus, Coimbatore (AURCC) to work jointly on projects required for industries.

Summits/Conference/Rallies

- ✚ The first BRICS film festival held in New Delhi. Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting Rajyavardhan Rathore inaugurated the festival.
- ✚ The two-day long "BRICS Convention on Tourism" held at world heritage site Khajuraho in Madhya Pradesh.
- ✚ The 11th Summit of the Group of Twenty (G20) concluded in the eastern Chinese city of Hangzhou. The theme of 2016 G20 Summit was Toward an Innovative, Invigorated, Interconnected & Inclusive World Economy. Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the 14th ASEAN Summit held in Vientiane, Laos.
- ✚ The 2-day Indo-US Economic Summit held in New Delhi on September 13.
- ✚ Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has inaugurated the Onam celebrations in Thiruvananthapuram.
- ✚ Environment ministers of the BRICS nations will meet in Goa on September 16.

- ✦ In Andhra Pradesh, the 3rd BRICS Urbanisation Forum Meet held in the Visakhapatnam.
- ✦ Vice-President Hamid Ansari will be representing India at the upcoming 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.
- ✦ The 20th Edition of India International Seafood Show (IISS-2016) was organised on 23 sept 2016 by the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- ✦ The Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister, Shri Radha Mohan Singh inaugurated the four-day Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Krishi Unnati Mela - 2016, in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh.
- ✦ 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.

Obituaries

- ✦ Uzbek President Islam Karimov has died at the age of 78. Islom Karimov was the first President of Uzbekistan, in office from 1990 to 2016.
- ✦ Australia's oldest surviving Test cricketer, Len Maddocks, has passed away aged 90.
- ✦ Noted Assamese poet, literary critic & author of the Sahitya Akademi award Nalinidhar Bhattacharyya passed away in Guwahati.
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ World's oldest cricketer, Lindsay Tuckett, passed away in Bloemfontein at the age of 97.
- ✦ Legendary playwright Edward Albee, widely considered one of the greats of his generation, has died at the age of 88.
- ✦ Former Italian president, prime minister & central bank governor Carlo Azeglio Ciampi has died at the age of 95.
- ✦ Reoti Saran Sharma, the renowned Hindi and Urdu writer, playwright and television personality, died in New Delhi on 23 September 2016. He was 92 years.
- ✦ Bangla Eminent litterateur Syed ShamsulHaq passed away in Dhaka. He was 81. He was an accomplished short-story writer, novelist, playwright and a very popular poet.
- ✦ Former Australian cricketer Max Walker, whose awkward and unorthodox bowling action earned him the nickname 'Tangles', passed away.
- ✦ The former Israel's defining political figures and a Nobel peace prize laureate, Shimon Peres has died at the age of 93. He had served twice as a prime minister and once as a president.

- ✦ Arnold Palmer, who is regarded as one of the greatest golfers of all time has died at the age of 87 in Pittsburgh from complications of heart problems.
- ✦ Former Delhi High Court judge S K Mahahan, who was serving as the chairman of Film Certification Appellate Tribunal (FCAT), died.
- ✦ American film director Curtis Hanson has died at his home in Hollywood at the age of 71.

Sports Current Affairs

- ✦ India's 100-year-old athlete, Man Kaur has won Gold medal at the American Masters Games in the 100-meter dash.
- ✦ Zaheer Khan has been inducted as an Honorary Life Member of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC). He is the third Indian player to receive the distinction this year after Virender Sehwag & Anjum Chopra.
- ✦ Abhinav Bindra, India's lone individual Olympic gold medallist, has officially announced his retirement from shooting.
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ German Formula One racing driver Nico Rosberg won the Italian Grand Prix after close battle with his teammate Lewis Hamilton who also drive for the Mercedes AMG.
- ✦ Tamilnadu based tennis player Sriram Balaji who ranked 546 restrained top seed Seong Chan Hong of Korea by 6-4, 7-6(3) for the title in the \$10,000 (International Tennis Federation) ITF men's Futures tennis tournament held in Hua Hin Thailand.
- ✦ Indian mixed doubles pair of Sikki Reddy & Pranaav Jerry Chopra clinched their maiden Grand Prix title, bagging the Brazil Open Title.
- ✦ Serena Williams now owns more victories in Grand Slam matches than anyone else in tennis' Open era. The 35-year-old tennis ace surpassed Roger Federer with her 308th win.
- ✦ The 2016 Summer Paralympic Games began on 7 September 2016 at Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The fifteenth Summer Paralympic Games will conclude on 18 September 2016.
- ✦ Great Britain's Jamie Murray & Brazil's Bruno Soares won their second Grand Slam doubles title, defeating Spaniards Pablo Carreño Busta & Guillermo García-López. German professional tennis player Angelique Kerber won her first U.S. Open title & the second Grand Slam trophy of her breakthrough season.
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ Stan Wawrinka defeated world number one Novak Djokovic to claim a 3rd Grand Slam title at the US Open tennis tournament.
- ✦ Javelin thrower Devendra Jhjharia 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.

- ✦ Gautam Gambhir-led India Blue has won the inaugural day/night Duleep Trophy Cricket tournament held in Greater Noida.
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ Mercedes F1 team's German driver Nico Rosberg won the Singapore Grand Prix.
- ✦ The 15th Rio 2016 Paralympic Games 2016 (7-18 September) is over now in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The 2020 Summer Paralympics, the 16th edition of the international multi-sports event, will be held in Tokyo, Japan. China has topped in the medal tally with 239 total medals and India ranked 43rd with 4 medals.
- ✦ Mahendra Singh Dhoni has been named the captain of the all-time India Test XI chosen by cricket magazine Wisden.
- ✦ Misbah-ul-Haq has received the prestigious ICC Test Championship mace for inspiring Pakistan to the top of the ICC Test Team Rankings.
- ✦ India's Sania Mirza along with her partner Barbora Strycova from Czech Republic produced a straight sets win over China's Chen Liang and Zhaoxuan Yang in the final to win the women's doubles titles at Toray Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo
- ✦ German professional tennis player Alexander Zverev has defeated Stan Wawrinka to win his first tour title in the St. Petersburg Open final.
- ✦ India's Squash player Velavan Senthilkumar defeat Jordan's Mohammad Al-Sarraj to win the U-19 Asian Junior Individual squash championship title in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- ✦ Japan's Aichi prefecture and its capital city Nagoya were confirmed as co-hosts of the 2026 Asian Games.
- ✦ Indian shuttler Rituparna Das won the Polish Open after defeating compatriot Rasika Raje, in the women's singles final of the International challenge badminton event.
- ✦ India has defeated New Zealand by 197-run to win its historic 500th cricket test match in Kanpur.
- ✦ The Indian women's Kabbadi team has won the gold medal at the 5th Asian Beach Games.
- ✦ Agra-based Young Racer Shahan Ali Mohsin has become the first Indian to win the Asian Karting Championship held in Malaysia.
- ✦ Sathiyam Gnanasekaran has become only the second Indian table tennis player to win an ITTF event as he clinched the men's singles title of the Belgium Open.
- ✦ Indian para high jumpers Mariyappan Thangavelu & Varun Bhati won gold & bronze medals respectively, in the T42 category at the Rio Paralympics.
- ✦ Explosive West Indies opener Chris Gayle launched his autobiography 'Six Machine, which contains extensive details about his life & career.

- ✦ Army Green on has won the 128th edition of Durand Cup football title. Army Green defeated Neroca FC 6-5 via penalty shoot outs.
- ✦ Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) elected Aleksander Ceferin to succeed Michel Platini as president.
- ✦ Former Indian women's hockey captain Ritu Rani has announced her retirement from international hockey.
- ✦ Deaf Indian shooter Priyasha Deshmukh won the bronze medal in her first-ever international competition at the first World Deaf Shooting Championships held in Kazan, Russia.

Important Days

- ✦ The International Translation Day is being observed today on 30 September 2016 across the world with the theme "Translation and Interpreting: Connecting Worlds".
- ✦ World Maritime Day was observed across the world on 29 September 2016. Theme for the day is shipping: indispensable to the world.
- ✦ The World Tourism Day (WTD) is being observed annually on 27th September to raise awareness about the importance of tourism.

Defence Current Affairs

- ✦ The US and Vietnamese navies have begun the 7th annual Naval Engagement Activity NEA, Vietnam 2016 at Tien Sa Port in Da Nang.
- ✦ Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited (GRSE) handed over the Water Jet Fast Attack Craft (WJFAC), "TIHAYU" to Indian Navy.
- ✦ Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has successfully completed test flight of indigenous Light Utility Helicopter (LUH) Bengaluru.
- ✦ India, Kazakhstan joint bilateral military exercise PRABAL DOSTYK-16 began in Karaganda region of Kazakhstan.
- ✦ In the wake of the current security scenario, Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar has inaugurated the 35th Coast Guard Commanders Conference at Coast Guard Headquarters.
- ✦ The 8th edition of the Indo-Russia joint military exercise 'Indra 2016' was flagged off in Vladivostok in Russia.
- ✦ Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh has been commissioned the offshore patrolling (OPV) vessel, Sarathi, at Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL), the defence 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.
- ✦ The government has cleared the much-anticipated deal with France for 36 Rafale fighter jets which will cost 7.878 billion Euros.

- ✦ India has successfully tested-fired its new, long-range surface-to-air missile jointly developed with Israel from a defence base off Odisha coast.
- ✦ The Indian Navy has launched an advanced indigenously built guided-missile destroyer, Mormugao, in the financial capital of the country (Mumbai).
- ✦ A joint military training exercise of Indian & US Armies, Exercise YUDH ABHYAS 2016, commenced at Chaubattia, Uttarakhand with the Opening Ceremony.
- ✦ Chinese and Russian naval forces began joint naval exercises in the South China Sea.

Science & Tech. Current Affairs

- ✦ 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.
- ✦ Scientists have discovered a new Ghost Snake Species of elusive, pale grey reptiles dwelling at the Ankarana National Park in Madagascar. The findings were published in the journal Copeia.
- ✦ ISRO launched the advanced weather satellite, INSAT-3DR, using the geosynchronous launch vehicle GSLV-F05, from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota.
- ✦ British surgeons have successfully performed the world's first robotic operation inside the eye.
- ✦ China has successfully launched Tiangong-2 space lab.
- ✦ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Bollywood actors Katrina Kaif and Juhi Chawla bagged the prestigious Priyadarshini Global Awards 2016 in Mumbai.
- ✦ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has launched its 37th Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle, or PSLV, carrying eight satellites from its Sriharikota base.
- ✦ China has built world's largest radio telescope nicknamed Tianyan (Heavenly Eye" or "The Eye of Heaven) or the five-hundred-metre aperture spherical radio telescope (FAST).

- ✦ 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.

Awards & Recognition

- ✦ Actor Irrfan Khan was honoured with the Entertainer of the Year award by CNBC.
- ✦ Carnatic singer T.M. Krishna & campaigner for eradication of manual scavenging Bezwada Wilson — were among six persons who received the prestigious Ramon Magsaysay prize for 2016.
- ✦ Martial arts expert & actor Jackie Chan will receive a lifetime achievement Oscar. The announcement was made by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences.
- ✦ The Jan Sikshan Sansthan (JSS), Malappuram, has won the Unesco Confucius Prize for Literacy.
- ✦ Noted Odia poet Dr Hrushikesh Mallick will be honoured with the 37th edition of prestigious Sarala Award for his outstanding poetry.
- ✦ Music director Uttam Singh has been awarded the 'Lata Mangeshkar Award for Lifetime Achievement' instituted by the Maharashtra government.
- ✦ Assam-based ecologist & conservation activist Bibhuti Lahkar has become the first Asian to be awarded the prestigious 'Heritage Heroes Award' by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
- ✦ 22-year-old Indo-Japanese, Priyanka Yoshikawa crowned as Miss Japan.
- ✦ Nawazuddin Siddiqui won the Best Actor award for his role in 'Manjhi-The Mountain Man'. Tannishtha Chatterjee won the award for her role in 'Rough Book'.
- ✦ National award winner & veteran director K G George has been selected for the JC Daniel award 2015, Kerala Government's highest honor for outstanding contribution to Malayalam cinema.
- ✦ Indian film Thithi won the best film award at the BRICS Film Festival concluded in New Delhi. Best Director Award went to Huo Jianqi of China.
- ✦ Author Stuart Blackburn's "Into the Hidden Valley", a book based on Apatani tribe of Arunachal Pradesh, won the MM Bennetts Award for Historical Fiction 2016 in the UK.
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ A revenge drama Ang Babaeng Humayo (The Woman Who Left) won the Golden Lion for Best Film Award at the 73 Venice Film Festival.
- ✦ Spiritual leader Sri Sri Ravi Shankar will be honoured with a humanitarian award by a prominent Jewish human rights organisation for promoting human dignity, interfaith relations & tolerance among people.

- ✦ Actor Ewan McGregor will receive the Britannia Humanitarian Award at the British Academy Britannia Awards in California next month.
- ✦ 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."
- ✦ Indian-American physician-author, Abraham Verghese, whose work has emphasised empathy in medicine, has been selected for the prestigious 2015 National Humanities Medal.
- ✦ Eminent Malayalam critic and academician Dr. M Leelavathi has chosen for the prestigious N Mohanan Suvarna Mudra Award 2016.
- ✦ West Bengal government will confer this year's 'Bangabibhushan' to legendary singer Lata Mangeshkar.
- ✦ 68th Emmy Awards, television's biggest award ceremony, was held in Los Angeles. 'Game of Thrones' won the best Drama Series award. Tatiana Maslany won the best actress award for Orphan Black, Rami Malek won the best actor for Mr. Robot.
- ✦ Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi has been honored as the 2016 humanitarian of the year by students and faculty at the Harvard Foundation.
- ✦ Hindustani classical singer Shubha Mudgal will be honoured with the annual 'LalitArpan Samman' this year.
- ✦ Industrialist Adi Godrej, the Chairman of Mumbai-based Godrej Group, was conferred the 10th Annual Clinton Global Citizen Award for leadership in business and philanthropy.
- ✦ Visaranai, the Tamil docu-drama crime thriller, has been chosen India's official entry to Best Foreign Language Film category at the 89th Academy Awards to be held in 2017.
- ✦ The first-ever Jesse Owens Olympic Spirit Award-2016 will be posthumously bestowed to Olympic champion Muhammad Ali, who passed away on June 3, 2016.
- ✦ Two Indian forest officials, Sanjay Dutta and Ritesh Sarothiya, have been selected for the 2016 Clark R. Bavin Wildlife Law Enforcement Awards.
- ✦ The Hindu has been awarded the Silver and Bronze awards in the 'Best Reader Engagement' category of the South Asian Digital Media Awards at the WAN-IFRA (World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers) India 2016 conference in Kolkata.
- ✦ One Thousand Hockey Legs, an NGO which seeks to introduce the game of hockey to school kids in India, was awarded the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar by President Pranab Mukherjee.
- ✦ 105-year-old Kunwar Bai, who was felicitated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for building toilet by selling off her goats, has been chosen as the 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' mascot.

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

- ✦ The Union Government notified National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme. It is for the first time a scheme has been notified to offer financial incentives to employers. The Scheme has an outlay of 10000 crore rupees with a target of 50 Lakh apprentices to be trained by 2019-20.
- ✦ Railway has launched an insurance scheme for passengers travelling on e- ticket. The insurance cover will be upto Rs. 10 lakh.
- ✦ Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched the 'Biju Kanya Ratna Yojana' (BKRY) & inaugurated 1,000 anganwadi buildings here as part of the celebration marking birth centenary of legendary Biju Patnaik.
- ✦ The Rajasthan High Court launched the e-stamp facility in its Jodhpur & Jaipur benches simultaneously. Rajasthan has become the fourth state in the country to provide the facility.
- ✦ Lt. Governor Kiran Bedi has launched 'Shramdaan movement' as part of Swachh Bharat and Swachh Puducherry initiative at a remote village.
- ✦ Project Saksham, a new indirect tax network of the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC), has been approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ✦ Centre has launched a new program called National Initiative for Developing & Harnessing Innovations (NIDHI) for nurturing ideas & innovation into successful start ups.
- ✦ The Health Ministry has launched the Leprosy Case Detection campaign in the country. The main Objective of the campaign is to detect the disease early so that those affected can be saved from physical deformity.
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation has launched an ad campaign featuring Amitabh Bachchan and Sachin Tendulkar, for the Swachh Bharat Mission.
- ✦ For maintaining the records & data base of Indian students studying abroad, Government of India has launched a Student Registration module in MADAD portal (madad.gov.in).
- ✦ Global citizen which is an international social action platform was flagged off by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis under the 'Global Citizen India' initiative. The initiative looks forward to mobilise social change in the country.
- ✦ Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu has launched the 'Swachhta Saptah' as part of the Swachh Rail Swachh Bharat Mission from New Delhi Railway Station.
- ✦ The Ministry of Railways has announced the launch of 'Yatri Mitra Seva' for differently-abled persons.
- ✦ People can now visit the PM Modi's website in the Punjabi language at the URL www.pmindia.gov.in/pa.

✦ The flagship rural housing scheme Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) has been restructured and renamed as Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY).

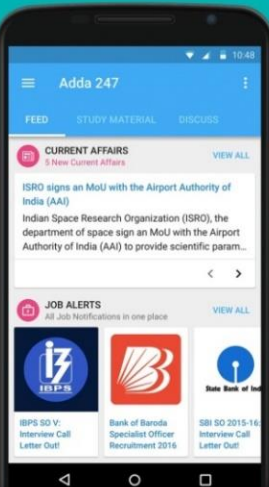
Miscellaneous/Books/Visits/Power Plants/Ranks Released/Committees Current Affairs


- ✦ Union Government has constituted an expert committee to study silt in river Ganga in Bihar. The four-member committee will be headed by Member of Ganga Flood Control commission AK Sinha.
- ✦ Madhukar Gupta committee was formed to review security at India-Pakistan border submitted its report to Home Minister Rajnath Singh.
- ✦ Justice S.N. Dhingra has submitted a 182-page 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.
- ✦ State-run BHEL has commissioned the fourth & last unit of the 4x40 MW Teesta Low Dam Hydro Electric Project (HEP) Stage-IV in West Bengal.
- ✦ India Post has released a commemorative postage stamp on Mother Teresa to celebrate the canonisation of her as saint, Mumbai. Union Minister of State for Communications Manoj Sinha unveiled the postage stamp.
- ✦ The parliamentary committee headed by the Congress MP M Veerappa Moily, has been constituted to review the all budgetary reforms.
- ✦ The PM, Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the constitution of two committees for the commemoration of the birth centenary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay and PM will chair a 149 member National Committee,

and the Home Minister, Shri Rajnath Singh, will chair a 23 member Executive Committee.

- ✦ Mumbai, Chennai, Delhi, Kolkata and Pune are the Indian cities that have made to the list of top 100 cities in the sixth annual Mastercard Global Destinations Cities Index.
- ✦ PepsiCo CEO & Chairman Indra Nooyi was ranked 2nd on the list of Fortune's 51 Most Powerful Women list. The list is topped by Mary Barra, CEO & Chairman of General Motors.
- ✦ 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 a list by Fortune, which is topped by Banco Santander's boss Ana Bot.
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ Bollywood queen Priyanka Chopra is in the top 10 in Forbes magazine's annual list of best-paid television actresses. Colombian-American actress Sofia Vergara topped the rich.
- ✦ President Pranab Mukherjee has released Vice President Hamid Ansari's book 'Citizen and Society' at the Rashtrapati Bhawan in presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ The Consul General of Malaysia in India Eldeen Husaini Muhammad Hashim has released the translated version of 'Sai Charitra Granth', a book on the life of Sai Baba.
- ✦ HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar has unveiled the 'Param-Ishan' supercomputer at IIT Guwahati.

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