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Indian Affairs

- Power Minister Piyush Goyal has launched **Surya Mitra mobile Application** to the operative catalyst increasing demand for solar products and in offering employment and business opportunities in the country.
- Home Minister Rajnath Singh announced new Indian 17 new reserve battalions for Jammu and Kashmir and Left Wing Extremism affected areas named after Maharana Pratap On the occasion of the 475th birth anniversary of Maharana Pratap.
- Google, Tata Trusts launch 'Internet Sathi' in West Bengal to empower rural women to focus on training women and larger communities in the state to learn and explore various uses and benefits of the Internet.
- On the World Environment Day Rail Minister Suresh Prabhu flagged off Tiger Trail Circuit Train from Delhi's Safdarjung Station through video conferencing between Delhi and Mumbai.
- State run **Bharat Heavy Electricals** has commissioned all the 3 supercritical units of **660 MW each** at the 1980 MW coal-based Lalitpur Super Thermal Power Project (STPP), in Uttar Pradesh.
- **All train coaches will have bio-toilets by 2019 announced Indian railways.**
- The Maharashtra government has decided to celebrate the 21st day of every month as Yoga Day across all schools, colleges and universities in the State.
- Union Government released the Road Accidents in India 2015 Report in New Delhi. The report named Road Accidents in India 2015 and insisted to lower down the number of road accidents and fatalities by 50 % by 2020.
- Union Railway Minister **Suresh Prabhu** flagged off **Champaran Satyagrah Express** train at a function in Motihari, Bihar. This train will play between Bapudham, Motihari to Anand Vihar, Delhi.
- Delhi CM **Arvind Kejriwal** set up a **high level committee** headed by **PWD Minister Satyendra Jain** to look into the issues pertaining with water bodies in the capital.
- Information and Broadcasting Ministry has announced new Print Media Advertisement Policy for Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity to Promote transparency and accountability in issuing of advertisements in Print Media.
- Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar launched Child Labour Tracking System (CLTS) in Patna, in the view to protect against the Child labour named as Child Labour Tracking System.
- Sikkim to become the First state in India by having **Open Government Data Portal** for updating data regarding Organic and agricultural and other activities in the portal.
- **Gujarat government** is set to launch the mobile app **Digital Gujarat** by August 15 that aims to put most of the services on the **fingertips of citizens**.
- **Kashmiris celebrated annual Kheer Bhawani Festival** on the eighth day of the lunar fortnight of 'Jaishtha' month in the Hindu almanac.
- Union Government initiated grid-connected wind energy projects targeted at producing **1,000 MW clean power** that is organised by The **Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)**.
- Union Cabinet approved civil aviation policy upon which India should stand the third largest position among civil aviation market by 2022.
- Ministry of Railways signed a Joint Venture Agreement with Government of Odisha for improving Railway Infrastructure in the State.
- The Union Cabinet gave nod to **Rs 2,070-crore highways project in Punjab** under its hybrid annuity mode to for faster movement of traffic between **Chandigarh and Ludhiana**.
- **Andhra Pradesh** is working on the **Telephone Service** which will operate on **Internet Platform**, in fact AP is the first State to have obtained a telecom license and it can issue phone numbers starting with the **797 series** later this year.

- Union HRD Minister Smriti Zubin Irani launched a new initiative 'Vidyanjali' to involve volunteers into co-scholastic activities of schools in New Delhi across **21 states** in pilot basis.
- Lt. Governor of Puducherry Kiran Bedi has launched a mobile App named HelpAge SOS App for to provide one-click emergency services to senior citizens at Raj Nivas in Puducherry.
- Review and planning meeting of Indo-EU 'Water4crops' 9 Million Euro project held in New Delhi.
- Union Government Signed Agreement with International Seabed Authority for handling exploration and other activities related to Poly metallic Sulphides over the Term of Contract of 15 years.
- Rail Minister **Suresh Prabhu** has flagged off country's **first timetabled freight train**, named **Cargo Express**, from Delhi to Bengaluru which will have transit **time of 70 hours** on either side.
- Centre gave its final approval for setting up of a **Greenfield Electronic Park** which is a dedicated IT hub **near Bhubaneswar** under **Electronic Manufacturing Cluster (EMC)** scheme of the Centre at a cost of Rs 205 crore.
- HRD Minister **Smriti Irani** announced during the National Seminar on Yoga that government has decided to open Yoga departments in **six central universities** of the country during 2016-2017. These universities are Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University of Uttrakhand, Visva Bharati University of West Bengal, Central University of Rajasthan, Central University of Kerala, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University of Amarkantak, and Manipur University.
- Union government cleared decks for formation of **10 coastal police stations in the** coastal states of the country with jurisdiction **over Exclusive Economic Zone**.
- Punjab Government had initiated a special fund named as **Mukh Mantri Punjab Hepatitis C Relief Fund** by Chief Minister **Prakash Singh Badal with this Punjab became the first State** in the Country to afford free treatment to Hepatitis C affected Person.
- Union Government allowed 100% FDI in Civil aviation, Defence and Food processing
Changes in Foreign Direct Investment

SI No	Sector	Approved FDI
1	Defence	100%
2	Pharmaceuticals (Brownfield)	74%
3	Airports (Brownfield)	100%
4	Civil Aviation	100% (49% Automatic & 51% Govt Approval)
5	Cable Networks, DTH and Mobile TV	100%

- Railway Minister Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu inaugurated liberalized comprehensive Parcel leasing policy, liberalized policy for Parcel cargo express trains, Social Media Platforms such as Facebook and Twitter for grievance redressal, and flagged off first train service from Domestic Container Terminal, Okhla (Delhi) to Whitefield (Bengaluru). Also announcement of Implementation of policy allowing Differently Aabled Persons to avail concession while travelling without escort.
- Finance Minister **Arun Jaitley** put down the **foundation stone** for a new campus of **IIM-Amritsar**. The new is reported to be **the smallest among the 14 existing IIMs and** would be the **15th IIM** in the country,

- Haryana state cabinet approved a proposal to upgrade Shri Krishna Government Ayurvedic College, Kurukshetra as a university, which will bring the Country's first AYUSH University. This is the first of its kind in the country.
- Union Railway Minister **Suresh Prabhu** and Chief Minister **N Chandrababu Naidu** tonight flagged off the new superfast intercity express train between **Vijayawada and Secunderabad** with just one stop in less than 6 hours.
- Andhra Pradesh village "**Mori**" to be developed as **Smart Village**. The Mori village in East Godavari district is known for cashew-exporting to turn 'smart' by mid-December 2016 using digital tools, real time information and uninterrupted internet connectivity.
- Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley has released commemorative silver coin to mark the 300th Martyrdom Day of Banda Singh Bahadur. Bahadur is regarded as the first sovereign ruler of Punjab.
- Delhi Sikh Gurudwara Management Committee (DSGMC), along with India Post launched a postal cover featuring Sikh general Baba Banda Singh Bahadur, to commemorate his 300th death anniversary.
- Expert Committee set on examining Specific Relief Act, 1963 submits its Report to Union Law & Justice Minister.
- Union Government approved the **Mega auction of 2300 MHz Spectrum** under the Initiative of **Digital India Programme** to connect rural areas with high-speed internet networks. The cabinet also approved **Rs 10000 crore funds for startups**.
- Andhra Pradesh Postal circle on behalf of the **International Day of Yoga** released the Information booklet for public and stamps on **yoga for Philatelists**.
- Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved a 6000 crore for domain of textiles and apparels in New Delhi.
- The cabinet also approved Protocol amending the Agreement for avoidance of double taxation and prevention of fiscal evasion with Belgium.
- The Union Cabinet has given it nod for the proposal of extending the deadline for implementing the **Ujjwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY) by a year to March 31, 2017**.
- **Maharashtra became the second** State after West Bengal to award **minority status to the Jewish** community in the country.
- According to **the 2016 Cost of Living Survey by New York-based human resource consultancy Mercer** Indian financial capital **Mumbai has emerged as India's most** expensive city for expatriates also globally, **Hong Kong topped the** list of most expensive cities for expatriates, pushing Luanda, Angola, to second position.
- Union government directed all State governments **to link Aadhaar with caste and domicile certificates** to be issued to school students, to avoid difficulties faced by SC and ST students when they are **studying in Class V or VIII**.
- Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar launched a programme to run **two wheelers on Compressed Natural Gas** in New Delhi to give options to reduce pollution on pilot basis in New Delhi.
- Union Railway Minister **Suresh Prabhu** flagged off a new train service between **Danapur and Saharsa in Bihar** over video-conferencing **in New Delhi** targeting to connect every region of the **country with the rail network**.
- **Union Government approved setting up of District Level Advisory and Monitoring Committees** to promote people centric planning and **execution of new urban development schemes**.
- Union government is **planning to make the Assam as a hydrocarbon hub** to meet petroleum requirements of Bhutan, Bangladesh, Myanmar and other **Southeast Asian countries by 2030**.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the center's flagship Smart City mission **in 20 cities across the country from Pune, involving 83 projects** at a **cost of 1,770 crore** in the country.
- **Union Defence Ministry gives nod for purchase of 145 Ultra-Light Howitzers guns from the US** about USD 750 million, from the US and also approved bulk

production of **18 Dhanush artillery guns**, the first acquisition of such weapon systems.

- Nagaland **Governor P B Acharya** launched women **helpline – 181** at the District Hospital Dimapur in Nagaland and also inaugurated **Sakhi, a one stop Centre**, envisioned to support women affected by violence.
- Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu along with Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar initiated maiden train between Sonapat – Jind in Chandigarh having distance of 81 km.
- India has become the 35th member of the Missile Technology Control Regime [which will make](#) Mutual benefits in intensifying global non-proliferation norms and to enlighten in high end missile technology.
- Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu inaugurated train service between Patna to Ara.
- Union Home Minister **Rajnath Singh headed the 22nd meeting of eastern zonal council in Ranchi, Jharkhand**. The Zonal council comprising Jharkhand, Bihar, Odisha and West Bengal.
- Union Government amended RBI Act -1934 regarding constitution of MPC into force so that statutory basis of Monetary Policy Committee is made effective.
- Union petroleum **minister Dharmendra Pradhan** announced **an aid of Rs 25 crore over** the next couple of years for the infrastructure development of **Assam's famous Kamakhya Temple**.
- Union Home **Minister Rajnath Singh** inaugurated the newly built headquarters of Jharkhand's special anti-Maoist force **Jharkhand Jaguar which** has got permanent place since its inception in 2008.
- Union Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister **Radha Mohan Singh** launched **Crop Manager for Rice-based Systems (CMRS) App** for better crop and Nutrient management for **Bihar farmers in a program organised at ICAR-RCER in Patna**.
- First Meeting of National Committee on Ramayana Circuit & Krishna Circuit under Swadesh Darshan Scheme held in Uttar Pradesh.
- **Government Sanctions Rs. 164 Crore for Rajasthan, Rs. 156 Crore for Telangana for Compensatory Afforestation**.
- Microsoft & AICTE signed agreement to build app for HRD Ministry's SWAYAM platform for Online Courses named SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Mind).
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena, jointly inaugurated the newly renovated Duraiappah Stadium in Jaffna through video-conferencing from New Delhi.
- High-Speed Spanish Talgo Train initiated the experimental Run in India between Bareilly and Moradabad in Uttar Pradesh, which has speed of 115 km/hr.
- Union Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar inaugurated a submarine assembly workshop (Mazagon Dock Limited) in Mazagaon, Mumbai. It was built at a cost of 153 crore rupees.
- Women and Child Development Minister, Maneka Sanjay Gandhi released Draft 'Trafficking of Persons (Prevention, Protection and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2016'.
- **India** with the highest number of people in the world ensnared in slavery with **18.35 million** according to the Global Slavery Index report, which estimated that around 46 million enslaved globally, **the report Released by:** Australia-based Human rights group Walk Free Foundation.
- The Union health ministry to revamp its flagship immunisation programme Mission Indradhanush to include four new vaccines for rotavirus, measles rubella, inactivated polio vaccine bivalent and Japanese Encephalitis for adults.
- Prime Minister approves retirement age of doctors of Central Health Services to 65 years Delhi Government has launched 'DVAT M SEWA' mobile app through which city traders can register themselves with the VAT department of the state government.
- Union cabinet has given its approval for setting up the India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) as a Public Limited Company under the Department of Posts with 100% Government of India (GOI) equity share of Total Expenditure incurred: Rs. 800 Crore.
- Odisha becomes first state to give social welfare benefits to transgender community.

- Union cabinet gave its approval for the three agreements between India and Qatar.
- Former Mumbai Cricketer Sachin Tendulkar has agreed to feature a campaign against drug and liquor abuse in the state after a request of CPI-M LDF government in Kerala.
- Cabinet approved higher Minimum Support Price and bonus for pulses, oilseed, sesamum and **bonus amounts are:** Rs. 425 per quintal for pulses, Rs. 100 per quintal for oilseed, Rs. 200 per quintal for sesamum.
- PM Narendra Modi released country's first National Disaster Management Plan to make nation disaster resilient and considerably reduce the loss of lives and assets.
- **UP Govt. approves detailed project report of Varanasi Metro Rail which comes with the 29.23 km Metro will come with 26 stations, 20 underground and six elevated in the two corridors at 13133 crore rupees.**
- India jointly consolidated Hague Code of Conduct in opposition to Ballistic Missile Proliferation which was apprised by HCoC Central Contact which is situated in Vienna.
- IIT Kharagpur Research suggests Indus Valley Civilization is 8000 years old.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Afghanistan President Dr Ashraf Ghani jointly inaugurated the Afghan India Friendship Dam or Salma Dam that with the Capacity of 42 MW.
- **India and Singapore** had the first dialogue between their defence ministers and they agreed to enhance the scale and complexity of existing bilateral military interaction.
- The State of Assam Assembly has passed Ease of Doing Business Bill, 2016 to make ease of doing business and to attract fresh investment through an easy computerised clearance system across the state.
- The Haryana government launched Asia's First Gyps Vulture Reintroduction Programme at Jatayu Conservation Breeding Centre, Pinjore of the state.
- India and Qatar signed seven agreements to boost bilateral ties also discussed about bilateral ties with an important Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member.
- Himachal Pradesh to have a Rs 58-crore State Data Centre designed using green data centre concept, to provide 101 people-concerned with service online through an integrated data base. This is the first state to do so in the country.
- On the eve of World Environment Day Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Rajelaunched a mobile app 'RajVayu' for sharing information about air quality index of Jaipur, Jodhpur and Udaipur. Another app 'Drishti' for monitoring of pollution levels in industrial regions.
- Chief Minister launched the **Bihar Public Grievance Redressal Act** enabling people to get their grievances redressed within a specific time period in the State.
- Former Union Minister and Congress party leader **V Narayanasamy was sworn** in as Puducherry Chief Minister Along with Narayanasamy, **five Congress legislators** will be sworn-in as ministers.
- Bollywood actress **Dia Mirza Sangha** has been appointed as the ambassador **for Swachh Bharat Mission's** Swachh Saathi programme for youth-based student internship.
- The Delhi Government has taken a significant step towards approval of Solar Policy aims to form the capital an Environment-friendly solar city through Rooftop solar System.
- Gujarat Chief Minister Anandiben Patel has initiated the Information Technology and Electronics Start Up policy to support and provide financial assistance to 2,000 start ups in the state over next five years with an estimated Investment of Rs. 7000 Crore.
- In a rare move Assam's Guwahati became the first city in the India to have its own city animal with the district administration announcing the Gangetic river dolphin as the symbol.
- GOI and ADB sign \$120 Million Loan Agreement to Modernize Irrigation and Improve Water Management in Odisha.

International Affairs

- 2 Indian-origin women in Forbes' self-made American women's viz, India-born Neerja Sethi, who is a co-founder of IT consulting and outsourcing firm Syntel with her husband Bharat Desai ranked 16th on 'America's Richest Self-made Women' list while president and CEO of Arista Networks Jayshree Ullal is ranked 30th.
- According to a Global Renewables Report 2015 India being ranked among the top five nations in new investments, and in the top four as regards creating jobs in the green energy sector. The list is topped by China.
- Chinese Academy of Sciences would launch its **first experimental quantum communication satellite** whose communications cannot be intercepted.
- China has successfully launched a new **civilian high-resolution mapping** satellite along with two other foreign satellites from the **Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre** in Shanxi of China.
- The world's longest and deepest rail tunnel has opened **in Switzerland, named Gotthard Base Tunnel after**. The **57km** twin-bore Gotthard base tunnel will **deliver a high-speed rail link** under the Swiss Alps between northern and **southern Europe**.
- Sweden raised its standard by acclaiming best country in World which is named in the 'Good Country' 2015 index. While India positioned at the 70th position among 163 nations.
- The three day long 15th edition of **Asia's largest annual security forum Shangri-La Dialogue** was inaugurated **in Singapore** to discuss various security issues in the Asia-Pacific region. India represented by Defence Minister **Manohar Parrikar**.
- India has moved 13 positions to rank 2nd among 30 developing countries in 2016 on ease of doing business and China is topped in the list.
- 2016 Global Retail Development Index (GRDI): Listed top 30 developing countries for retail investment worldwide.
- India's largest lender's Chairperson **Arundhati Bhattacharya**, have been ranked as the 5th **powerful** women in **finance** in the latest Forbes list of 100 most powerful people in the world. The Finance list topped by IMF chief **Christine Lagarde**. However in the list of The World's 100 Most Powerful Women, German Chancellor **Angela Merkel** maintained in the top spot.
- In 2016 Forbes list, Four Indian women newly joined including SBI Managing director Arundhati Bhattacharya, ICICI Bank Managing director Chanda Kochhar, Ms. Mazumdar-Shaw and Ms. Bhartia.
- The US government **returned over 200 cultural artifacts** valued over **USD100 million** to India at a ceremony in Washington attended by **PM Narendra Modi**.
- India ranked 141 in Global Peace Index, Iceland most peaceful nation. India jumped from 143rd during last year to 141st position but the country's performance has not been increased.
- World Bank has decreased its forecast for the global growth to 2.4% for the year 2016 and stated that world economy is challenging opposing forward motion.
- Thailand becomes first Asian country to eliminate mother to child HIV declares WHO.
- According to BP Statistical Review **of World Energy report 2015 India** has exceeded Japan to become the world's **third-largest oil consumer**, with its oil demand galloping **8.1 % in 2015**. The list is topped by US followed by China.
- The **National Investment and Infrastructure Fund** inked Memorandum of Understanding with **Qatar Investment Authority** to encourage Infrastructure Investments in India for one year.
- Pakistan tops in 2016 Malware Infection Index. India is place at the eighth spot.
- The International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry publicized that the proposed names for the newly discovered elements are nihonium, moscovium, tennessine and oganesson, respectively.

- **Norway** announced a complete **ban on deforestation**, with this the first country to put **azero deforestation policy**.
- India to provide financial grand of **Rs 48.84 million to Nepal** for the construction of a college. Indian Ambassador to **Nepal Ranjit Rae** laid foundation stone of the building for **Koteshwor Multiple Campus** in Kathmandu district.
- China has blasted off a 23rd satellite in the **BeiDou Navigation Satellite System** (BDS) from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in Sichuan Province, by a Long March-3C carrier rocket. The BeiDou Navigation Satellite System which is being developed as an alternative to US GPS and also to support its global navigation and positioning network.
- China's first high orbit **remote sensing satellite, Gaofen-4 became operational** after six months in-orbit testing. The Satellite said to be the worlds **most sophisticated** one.
- India and Bangladesh initiated trans-shipment operations at Ashuganj Port.
- Union Tourism minister **Dr. Mahesh Sharma** inaugurated the **Ganges-Danube Cultural Festival** of India at Vigado Theatre in Budapest in Hungary.
- Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's statue unveiled in Malaysia at the Indian cultural centre premises.
- Food Safety Standards Authority of India has banned use of potassium bromate as a food additive following a Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) study that found its presence in bread causing cancer.
- HP launches the world's thinnest laptop, Spectre 13 with a thickness of 10.4mm, it's thinner than both the 12-inch MacBook and 13-inch MacBook Air. It has been priced starting at 1,19,990 in India.
- The International Astronomical Union has named the crater after Langtang which is also a popular trekking site that was worst hit by the 2015 earthquake in Nepal.
- Indian Vice President **Hamid Ansari** inaugurated two day international conference on **Yoga for Body and Beyond** in New Delhi.
- A Yoga centre founded by Indian **Mohan Singh Bhandari** and his Chinese wife **Yinyan** has been selected by China's **Peking University to conduct research** in the ancient Indian exercise form. This is first time a Chinese university has come forward to do research in Yoga.
- North Korea has test fired two midrange ballistic missiles from its eastern coast under the guidance of Leader Kim Jong Un to elevate the maximum range of missile.
- United Kingdom voters have polled **to exit** from the **European Union** in a historic referendum with around 52 % saying yes to leave the European Union. UK Prime Minister David Cameron announced the resignation as he is actively campaigned for the membership in EU.
- Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) and Jinan of china inked the agreement to be sister cities that allows for exchange of ideas and technology in the fields of education, sports, youth affairs, urban planning among other areas.
- India and Switzerland have signed an agreement to establish formal cooperation in the fields of skills development and vocational and professional education and training.
- The **Colombian government** and **Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC)** rebels signed an armistice and demilitarization agreement in Cuba.
- The Himalayan Nation Nepal to suspend issuing labour permit's to Nepalese nationals for Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria and Libya.
- Panama officially opened its revamped 80-kilometer long canal to far bigger cargo ships after nearly a decade of expansion work aimed at boosting transit revenues and global trade. The expansion is estimated to have cost USD 5.5 billion.
- An archaeological site in Bogra **Bangladesh, Mahasthangarh (3rd century BC site)** has been declared as the South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation (SARRC) **cultural capital for the year 2016-17**.
- State-run Power giant BHEL has commissioned two units of 14 MW each at **Salma Hydro Electric Project** in Afghanistan.

- Iceland elected Gudni Johannesson as their first new **president in 20 years**, amidst distrust of politicians and business leaders after the **2008 global financial crisis** and the Panama papers scandal.
- According to Human Capital Index, **India ranked at 105th position** globally among 130 countries and topped by Finland. The Report Released by World Economic Forum, Geneva.
- The International Monetary Fund cleared decks for the payment of USD 501 million for Pakistan taking the total amount given to the country to USD 6.1 billion in the last few years.
- The Environmental crime extended largely **upto 26%** from the previous record in 2014. Says The Rise of Environmental Crime Report released by UNEP and INTERPOL.
- Union Commerce Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Joo Hyunghwan, the Minister of Trade, Industry & Energy, Korea launched an initiative called Korea Plus to promote and facilitate Korean Investments in India.
- India's indigenous basic trainer aircraft, **Hindustan Turbo Trainer-40 (HTT-40)** developed by the **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited** made its inaugural flight in Bengaluru in the presence of Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar at the HAL Airport in Bengaluru.
- Cochin Shipyard handed over the Fast Patrol Vessel ICGS Aryaman to Indian Coast Guard which will be operated from the Coast Guard Station at Kochi.

Appointments & Resigns

- Senior IPS officer Navin Agarwal was appointed chief of National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA), working for dope-free sports for five years.
- **Surajit Kar Purkayastha Appointed Director General of West Bengal Police.**
- Indian Cricket Administrator BCCI has appointed **Rahul Johri** as the first ever CEO of the body in Mumbai.
- Kerala's Ruling LDF candidate and two-time legislator P Sreeramakrishnan was elected as the Speaker of the 14th Assembly of the state.
- N.K.Chari took charge as the new Managing Director of State Bank of Mysore.
- Reliance Foundation's Founder and Chairperson Nita Ambani has just been nominated as a member by the International Olympic Committee. She will become the first Indian woman ever to be recommended for the esteemed position.
- **CR Sasikumar** took charge as the Managing Director of **State Bank of Travancore** which is one of the five associate banks of State Bank of India.
- AIADMK candidates **P Dhanapal and V Jayaraman** were unanimously re-elected as Speaker and Deputy Speaker respectively of the 15th Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly. Dhanapal is the first Speaker to be re-elected unanimously for a second successive time.
- **Maharashtra Revenue Minister Eknath Khadse resigns following corruption charges.** He is a six-time MLA from Muktainagar constituency in Jalgaon Maharashtra.
- Vice **Admiral G Ashok Kumar** took charge as the **Deputy Chief of Naval Staff.** He is an alumnus of Pune National Defence Academy, he was commissioned into the Executive Branch in 1982.
- Chennai based Everstone Capital and Solmark owned Servion Global Solutions Ltd appointed **Sameet Gupte** as its new **CEO and Member of Board.** Sameet replaces Balakrishnan K who has been elevated to Executive Vice-Chairman of Servions Board.
- California headquartered Adobe Systems appointed Kulmeet Bawa as Managing Director for South Asia operations. He will fill the shoes of Umang Bedi who is set to leave the company.
- India's largest wireless operator Bharti Airtel appointed Ashok Ganapathy as Director – Airtel Business of its Mumbai, Maharashtra, Goa and Gujarat circles with effective from the 1st of July 2016. He succeeds Manish Prakash.

- Social Media major Facebook has appointed Umang Bedi as Managing Director, India operations. Bedi will lead in building and maintaining strategic relationships with top clients and regional agencies in the country.
- British multinational food manufacturer United Biscuits president Jayant Kapre has quit after leading the maker of McVities biscuits.
- New Delhi Headquartered Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia has appointed communication technology specialist Dr Shahid Rasool as the new director of the institute.
- Jet Airways chairman Naresh Goyal has been re-elected to trade association of the world's airline body IATA's Board of Governors for the three-year term.
- Japanese Automaker Suzuki Motor's Chief Executive and Chairman Osamu Suzuki will step down as CEO after revealing its use of wrong mileage testing methods. However Suzuki will stay on as chairman.
- Senior IAS officer Rama Mohan Rao has been appointed as the Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu he will fill the shoes of K. Gnanadesikan.
- Major General per Gustaf Lodin, also a logistics expert, was appointed by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon as the Chief Military Observer and Head of Mission for the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP).
- New Delhi based State-run firm MTNL Chairman and Managing Director Narendra Kumar Yadav has resigned on completion of his tenure.
- Deputy Chief Executive, G.Kalyana krishnan has taken over as Chief Executive of Nuclear Fuel Complex (NFC), Hyderabad. He succeeds N Saibaba, who has retired on completion of two years of extended period of service.
- Dubai based Emaar MGF's Executive Vice Chairman & Managing Director Shравan Gupta has resigned from the post after the two joint venture partners Emaar Properties and India's MGF Development had decided to part ways and restructure the company's business.
- Congress leader and former Chief Minister V. Vaithilingam was elected unopposed as the Speaker of the 14th Puducherry legislative Assembly.
- Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and Additional Solicitor General of India and former Parliamentarian Satya Pal Jain was appointed as a part-time member of the 21st Law Commission of India.
- **Ranu Langthasa** was unanimously appointed as the **chairperson of the NC Hills Autonomous Council** in Assam.
- **Peruvians for Change** party candidate **Pedro Pablo Kuczynski** has been confirmed as President-elect of Peru after making a narrow victory against **Keiko Fujimori** in the Peruvian presidential elections, 2016.
- **IAS officer Dr. M Beena**, has been appointed as **Managing Director of the Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (KINFRA)**, a statutory body of the Kerala Government.
- An Additional Secretary rank Officer **Suresh Chandra** was appointed as Union Law Secretary. He is currently Additional Secretary in the department.
- The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) elected **Peter Thomson**, a permanent Representative of tiny Pacific Island nation Fiji, as **President of its upcoming 71st session**. He defeated Andreas Mavroyiannis of Cyprus.
- Peter will watch over the process of **searching for a new U.N. secretary-general** to replace Ban Ki-moon, who will complete his second five-year term in the post at **the end of 2016**.
- Bharti Enterprises founder & chairperson **Sunil Bharti Mittal** has been elected as the head of International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), based in Paris, France. He is the third Indian business leader to head ICC in its near-hundred year history. He succeeds **Terry McGraw, chairman** emeritus of S&P Global, who will now become ICC's honorary chairperson.
- Oscar-winning **Hollywood actor Anne Hathaway** appointed as **UN Women Goodwill Ambassador**

Senior IAS officer **Supriya Sahu** has been appointed as **Doordarshan's Director General**, a post lying vacant since 2014.

- Indian-origin woman Kamala ShirinLakhdhir nominated as US Ambassador to Malaysia.
- Former cricketer and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP, Chetan Chauhan, has been named the chairperson of the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) in New Delhi.
- Virginia Raggi has been elected as Rome's first female mayor in a victory for the populist Five Star Movement (M5S), expressive a blow to Matteo Renzi, Italy's prime minister.
- Softbank President and COO Nikesh Arora has resigned from the company with immediate effect.

- India Limited format's Cricket Captain **Mahendra Singh Dhoni** has been appointed as brand ambassador for **Exide Life Insurance Company** with immediate effect.

- **ITC chief Yogi Deveshwar to step down and continue as non-executive chairman till 2020**

Vijay Mallya is quitting as the Chairman of **German pharma major Bayer CropScience** Ltd after over **12 years of holding the office** in the company with effect from June 30.

- Olympian **Anju Bobby George** has **decided to resign** from the post of the president of the Kerala State Sports Council after an alleged face-off with the state's new sports minister.
- Tokyo headquartered IT firm NEC India has appointed Takayuki Inaba as its Managing Director. Inaba replaces Koichiro Koide, who has been leading NEC India for last two years.
- Syrian Ba'ath Party President Bashar al-Assad appointed electricity minister Imad Khamis as the new prime minister of the war-bound nation.
- US-based payment System Company PayPal appointed Anupam Pahuja as the Managing Director and Country Manager for its India operations.
- Japanese telecommunications major Softbank appointed Ken Miyauchi as the Head of the group's, that meant he would be the president and chief operating officer to replace Nikesh Arora.
- State-run life insurance Company LIC's chairman SK Roy has resigned nearly two years ahead of completion of his five-year term.
- **Nokia India** appointed **Sanjay Malik** as the head of Indian market, effective August 1, He succeeds **Sandeep Girotra**.
- The BCCI appointed former Spinner **Anil Kumble** as the new **Head Coach** of Indian Cricket Team. The decision was announced in the annual conclave in Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh. His tenure would **be for One year**.
- **Aveek Sarkar** resigned as the Editor-in-Chief of **Ananda Bazaar Patrika (ABP)** and The Telegraph. On the other hand, he is set to continue as the chairman of the group.
- Former BCCI boss N Srinivasan has been re-elected President of the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA) during the state body's Annual General Meeting held in Chennai.
- Former Indian cricketer Lalchand Rajput was named head coach of the Afghanistan National Cricket Team. He succeeds ex-Pakistan captain Inzamam-ul-Haq.
- **Mr. Sujoy Bose appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIFF).**
- Brussels based North Atlantic Treaty Organization has appointed U.S. Under Secretary of State **Rose Gottemoeller** as its next **deputy secretary-general**. She is the highest-ranking woman and second highest-ranking civilian official in its history to be named for the post also the **first woman to hold the job**.
- Two womens **Noor Huda Roslan** and **Nenney Shuhaidah Shamsuddin** have been appointed as judges of **Malaysia's Islamic Shariah High Court** for the first time in the history of the judiciary of the Muslim-majority country.

- **Switzerland based Nestle** has selected health care executive **Ulf Mark Schneider** as **its new CEO**, as the food and drinks giant seeks to **evolve** into a **nutrition, health and wellness business**.
- Union government has cleared decks for the appointment of **NS Vishwanathan** as the Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). He would **succeed H R Khan**.
- Maharashtra based Small sized private lender **RBL Bank** announced that the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) India chief **Brijesh Mehra** will be joining the company as head of **corporate banking**.
- **Bharti Airtel names Shashi Arora as new CEO, MD of Airtel Payments Bank**
- **Gopal Rai Resigns As Delhi Transport Minister, Satyendra Jain Takes Over Justice Rakesh Ranjan Prasad takes charge of Chief Justice of Manipur HC**
- Singapore based DBS Bank's Indian Arm has appointed Niraj Mittal as the Managing Director and Head of Institutional Banking for the country.
- Deutsche Bank Asia Pacific Chief Executive Officer Gunit Chadha is set to relieve from the bank.
- Vice Admiral Girish Luthra assumed office of Mumbai based Western Naval Command as Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief from Vice Admiral Sunil Lanba at a ceremonial parade held at INS Shikra.
- Bollywood Actor R Madhavan appointed as the goodwill ambassador for the the LEPRO India organisation that fights against diseases.
- Ashok Leyland re-appoints Vinod K Dasari as Managing Director for five years
- Former Delhi Police Commissioner BS Bassi has been appointed the member of Union Public Service Commission which is a Constitutional post, with a five year tenure.
- Vice Admiral Sunil Lanba assumed charge as the new chief of the Naval Staff as the current CNS Admiral R.K.Dhowan retired after four decade of service. Lanba will have a full three-year-term.
- First batch of three female fighter pilots commissioned in the Indian Air Force
First batch of three female pilots:
 - ◆ Avani Chaturvedi
 - ◆ Bhawana Kanth
 - ◆ Mohana Singh
- Major General Sanjeev Kumar Sharma is set to take over as a General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the Jammu-based Tiger Division. He succeeds Maj Gen Sanjeev Narain.

VISITS From India & to India

- **Prime Minister visited USA & Mexico in the list of 5 Nations visit**
Highlights:
 - ◆ India-US inked 8 MoUs to bolster economic growth & sustainable development
 - ◆ PM Narendra Modi addresses US Congress
 - ◆ India's membership of NSG dominates meet between PM Narendra Modi and US President Barack Obama
 - ◆ India, US agree to initiate domestic processes to ratify Paris climate deal
 - ◆ UN chief welcomes Indo-US commitment to join Paris agreement
 - ◆ India, Mexico to elevate ties to strategic partnership
 - ◆ India-Mexico Joint Statement during the visit of Prime Minister to Mexico.

President Pranab Mukherjee made visit to three-nation tour to Ghana, Cote d'Ivoire and Namibia.

- **Pranab Mukherjee** became the **First Indian President to Visit Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire** and became the **second Indian President to visit Namibia** after a gap of **21 years**.

Highlights of Three Nation's Visit:

- ◆ **India and Ghana** signed **three** bilateral agreements to tighten co-operation in various fields
- ◆ Opened a bust of **Mahatma Gandhi** in the **University of Ghana** and conferred a Joint Business Forum to highlight 'Brand India'
- ◆ Enhance scholarship in **ITEC slots from 250 to 300** and **ICCR scholarships from 16 to 40** and announced of 1 million USD for the **India – Ghana Kofi Annan Centre for IT excellence**

- ◆ Indian President has been conferred with the highest national honour of the **Grande Croix Commandeur** by Cote d'Ivoire Country
- ◆ The Agreements were approved between CII & CEPICI and Tata Motors & SUTRA for **supply of 500 buses**.
- ◆ **EXIM Bank** inaugurated representative office in **Abidjan**.
- ◆ India's **EXIM Bank** to provide loan of **\$176.3** million to Ivory Coast
- ◆ **India, Namibia** signed two MoUs on capacity building for **civil servants, centre of excellence in ICT**.
 - Foreign secretary **S. Jaishankar** made an unannounced **visit to China to gain** support for India's for membership into the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG).
 - Petroleum and Natural **Gas Dharmendra Pradhan visited** St Petersburg, Russia to represent India at the St Petersburg **International Economic Forum (SPIEF)**. SPIEF is an annual international conference dedicated to economic and business issues.
 - India and the UAE will constitute a joint panel of parliamentarians to enhance relations and simplify their visits to promote cooperation to combat security issues in the region.
 - [Vice President Hamid Ansari visited Morocco and Tunisia from June 1 to June 3](#)–to discuss the issues of terrorism, UN Security Council expansion, investments in private sector and to strengthen Africa and regional matters.
 - Prime Minister **Narendra modi** made a visit to **Switzerland** to ask support for India's Membership in Nuclear suppliers Groups and to raise the issues related to black money invested by Indians in Swiss Banks.
 - **Thailand Prime Minister General Prayuth Chan-ocha's is on three day maiden visit to India**, upon which both the sides are set to firm up cooperation to combat terrorism, and boost maritime security, defence ties and trade.
 - Nepal's Deputy Prime Minister **Kamal Thapa** landed in New Delhi made a **three day visit to India**. This is the **fifth Visit** to India by Nepal Minister.
 - Thailand Prime Minister **Chan-o-cha** made visit to India and arrived in New Delhi to enhance bilateral cooperation in the fields of Trade and Investment, Defence, Security, Tourism between two nations. Also **Axis Bank of India and Kasikorn Bank of Thailand** inked pact for trade and investment.
PM Modi announced new Visa rules for Thailand tourists to facilitate **double entry e-tourist visas** in order to attract more tourists.

BANKING

- Reserve Bank of India announced Second Bi-Monthly Monetary policy for the year financial year 2016-17 and keeping unchanged the Policy rates and Reserve ratios.

Current Rates	Rate (Remarks)
Policy Rates	
Repo Rate	6.5% (Unchanged)
Reverse Repo Rate	6%

	(Unchanged)
Marginal Standing Facility Rate (MSF)	7% (Unchanged)
Bank Rate	7% (Unchanged)
Reserve Ratios	
Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)	4% (Unchanged)
Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)	21.25% (Unchanged)

- Union Government and the World Bank has signed a **9.2 million US dollar** grant agreement under the World Bank-Global **Environment Facility Programme**.
- Shanghai Based New Development Bank of the BRICS countries is set to issue its first Yuan denominated bonds with plans to release more bonds in local currencies including in Indian Rupee.
- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has accorded a USD 1.5 billion loan to Sri Lanka with USD 168 million is transferred as the first Instalment with immediate effect to support the country's economy.
- Mumbai based Axis Bank has announce the launch of India's first internationally-listed certified green bond to finance climate change solutions around the world at London Stock Exchange (LSE).
- SBI and Spain's Caixa Bank have signed a MoU to fund Indo-Spanish Joint Ventures& local businesses.
- Manila based Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$100 million (around Rs 660 crore) loan to strengthen a key irrigation system and improve water management in the Vennar sub-basin of Cauvery Delta in Tamil Nadu.
- The Department of Posts launched a logo and tagline design contest on the MyGov portal on June 10. The best entry will be awarded Rs 50,000/. An expert panel will help shortlist 20 best entries which will thereafter be put up for voting on the MyGov platform to choose the winner.
- Market Watchdog **Securities and Exchange Board of India** (SEBI) has put in place **stricter KYC** (Know Your Customer) norms and disclosure regime for **Participatory Notes**(P-Notes). This comes after receiving recommendation from SIT on black money to ensure this route is not used for money laundering.
- Hyderabad based **SKS Micro-finance** has changed its name to **Bharat Financial Inclusion Ltd**. It is the only listed company on BSE in the Micro financing space in the country.
- Pompano Beach-based **Stonegate Bank is** set to issue the first credit card that can be used in Cuba since Washington and Havana normalized relations. The card will be a limited-edition MasterCard. Stonegate will issue only 1,000 cards initially.
- The Union cabinet chaired by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has approved the takeover by State Bank of India (SBI) of several subsidiaries and BMB Bank to consolidate the country's struggling public sector banks.
- Centre accorded a bill looking for to enhance the debt recovery laws and approved ex facto **-The Enforcement of Security Interest and Recovery of Debts Laws and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill, 2016**.
- **Reserve Bank of India** has granted in-principle nod to the **common service centres (CSCs)** as Bharat Bill Payment Operating Unit to make **bill payments at centres** in rural bands.
- Mumbai Based **Reserve Bank of India** has taken steps to simplify the registration process for new Banking Financial Companies.Upon revised norms number of supporting

documents to be attached with Application form has been reduced from 45 to 7-8 documents.

- The two day conference named Rajswa Gyansangam is Annual Conference of Tax Administrators-2016 concluded in New Delhi to mark a new height in the generation of innovative ideas and opened new frontiers for the tax administrators.
- India's largest lender **State Bank of India** has been named in a **Hall of Shame list** of 158 banking and financial institutions worldwide that have invested billions of dollars in enterprises **making cluster bombs**.
- Income Tax Department is set to block **Permanent Account Number (PAN)** of wilful defaulters and their LPG subsidy and take measures to ensure that they are not sanctioned loans.
- The Finance Ministry **has announced** new rules allowing for **premature withdrawal** of the Public Provident Fund (PPF) account deposit scheme account **has completed five years**. A subscriber shall be allowed premature closure of his account or account of a minor of whom he is the guardian on ground that the amount is required for treatment of serious ailments or **life-threatening diseases also for higher education**.
- Switzerland based United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) released the **World Investment Report** stated that **India is the fourth largest recipient of Foreign Direct Investment in Asia and ranked tenth Position in World**. In Inflow of India's FDI, Singapore and Mauritius majority accounted for nearly **60% of total FDI**.
- World Bank released **India Development Update** report to earmark the Indian economy and its prospects for the financial year 2016. India maintained **7.6 per cent** growth rate in 2016-17 and it will be expected that **7.7 per cent** in 2017-18 and **7.8 per cent** in 2018-19.
- Thrissur based **Kochi South Indian Bank** Limited has announced the launch of its **Remit2India Service** a secure online money transfer **service for NRIs from Europe, Australia, UAE and Singapore**.
- Reserve Bank announced the cap under Market Stabilisation Scheme has been fixed at Rs 30,000 crore for the current fiscal.
- Union Government has decided to amend the **Income Tax Rules** to end the improbability over the General Anti Avoidance rules as it is expected to start with effective from 01.04.16

India's Central bank RBI has released **Payment and Settlement Systems in India: Vision-2018 document** aims at building best of class payment and settlement systems for a **Cash –Less India** and ensuring access of mobile banking services to even basic phone users.

- Asian Development Bank accorded **\$500 million to build bridge over India's longest river bridge is in Bihar having distance of 9.8 km road**.
- Finance Minister **Arun Jaitley Participated in the First Annual General Meeting of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank** to discuss about the investment in Infrastructure and accorded the approval **to establish the Regional Office of AIIB in New Delhi**.
- Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank approved **first loans for projects in Four Countries** such as Pakistan, Bangladesh, Indonesia and Tajikistan. **Total Loan Allocated: \$509 Million**, as **Bangladesh – Loan Allocated: \$165 million, Indonesia – Loan Allocated: \$216.5 million, Pakistan – Loan Allocated: \$100 million, Tajikistan – Loan Allocated: \$27.5 million**
- India's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI) and American multinational financial services major MasterCard jointly to launch a distribution alliance with travel prepaid cards distributor Centrum.
- India's largest public sector lender State Bank of India has created IT innovations and startup fund and have allotted Rs 200 crore for investment in promising startups. The fund would be covering up to Rs 3 crore for any India registered entity for their business promotion in India using information technology for banking.

- HDFC Standard Life and Max Life and Max Financial Services are entered into merger agreement that will create the largest private player in India's insurance sector. The proposed merger between the companies will create an entity with assets worth over Rs 1 lakh crore.
- **FICCI's Economic Outlook survey** said growth in 2016-17 is forecasted 7.6 % growth for the current fiscal due to favorable monsoon.

Business

- Telecom Regulatory Authority of India have launched an app named '**DND Services**' that will help mobile users to manage unsolicited commercial communications to curb the pesky call menace.
- American multinational firm **Johnson & Johnson** would acquire personal-care products company **Vogue International** for about \$3.3 billion in all cash deal.
- New Delhi based **Energy and Resources Institute** and a subsidiary of Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited **Kisan Sanchar Limited (IKSL)** inked a pact to work together in empowering farmers.
- India's fourth largest private sector **general insurer HDFC ERGO** General Insurance arm of mortgage lender HDFC has acquired L&T General Insurance Co. Ltd in an all-cash agreement worth of Rs.551 crore.
- **Tata Trusts and Madhya Pradesh** government jointly signed an agreement on implementing interventions in healthcare areas like nutrition, mental health and cancer **care in the state**.
- **US based Walmart** held the top in the Fortune 500 list for the fourth consecutive year released in 2016. While Apple made the progress in the profit, with \$53 billion jumped from No.5 to No. 3 in 2016.
- New Delhi based **Food Corporation of India (FCI)** has entered into an agreement with Adani group for construction of two silos to store wheat capacity of **75,000 tonnes**, at an estimated cost of **about Rs 80 crore**.
- Power major **Tata Power** Ltd late has agreed to acquire renewable energy company **Welspun Renewables Energy Pvt. Ltd**. The acquisition is at an enterprise value of **Rs. 9,249 crore**.
- American Software major **Microsoft** has announced that it is set to acquire professional social platform **LinkedIn for \$196 per share**. The deal would in all cash transaction valued at **\$26.2 billion**. The deal would be the largest in **Microsoft's history**.
- German engineering company Siemens AG has bagged an order worth 130 million euro (over Rs 978 crore) to set up a high voltage direct current (HVDC) link to connect power supply networks of India and Bangladesh.
- Cab Aggregator Uber has entered into an agreement with Tata group to help its drivers own Indica and Indigo cars with less hassle. The pact will only be valid for Hyderabad city in a trial basis.
- Information technology giant Microsoft acquired **California-based IIT alumnus Start-up Wand Labs** for an undisclosed amount.
- The move by **the Microsoft is to strengthen company's** build up company's position in the emerging era of combining the power of human language with advanced machine intelligence.
- **Tata Power Renewable Energy**, a wholly owned Tata Subsidiary has bagged **30 MW solar grid connected** photovoltaic project **in Maharashtra** under the **National Solar Mission**.
- **Micro-blogging major Twitter** has announced to buy **artificial intelligence** startup **Magic Pony** to help it enhance video and live services on its platform.

- **Oil India Ltd, Indian Oil Corporation and Bharat Petro Resources Ltd agreed to buy a 23.9% stake in Russian Company Rosneft's Vankor project.**
- Technology services provider Tech Mahindra Ltd has acquired UK-based BIO for 40 million pounds in an all-cash deal to develop its digital group.

Defence News

- Three Indian naval ships reached Vladivostok in Russia on a four day visit as part of efforts to enhance maritime cooperation between the navies of both countries. The ships representing Indian Navy namely INS Sahyadri, Shakti and Kirch.
- BrahMos Aerospace successfully demonstrated the integration of most daunting supersonic cruise missile system BrahMos on Su-30MKI front-line strike fighter aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF) at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), in Nasik.
- India, Japan and the US navies kicked off the 20th edition Malabar-16 Exercise, a naval exercise near Okinawa Island near Japan. In the exercise Indian ships participating are from the Eastern Fleet and include INS Sahyadri and INS Satpura, indigenously built guided missile stealth frigates, INS Shakti, and INS Kirch.
- **Indian Coast Guard** and their Korean Counterpart are taking part in a joint exercise codenamed **Sahyog-Hyeobleod-2016** is being scheduled in the **Bay of Bengal in Chennai**. These exercises are scheduled **every year** alternately between the two countries.
- Nato countries biggest ever joint military exercises **Anaconda-16** was launched in **Warsaw, Poland**. This Exercise is managed by Poland's **Lt Gen Marek Tomaszycycki** and around 31,000 Polish, US and other troops are participating in the land, sea and air exercises.

Science & Technology

- Harvard University Scientist developed the bionic Leaf to create Liquid Fuels using Sunlight.
- The world's smallest pacemaker was successfully implanted in a **92-year-old** man at Gurugram based **Medanta Medicity Hospital**. With this the hospital to become the **first hospitals** in the country to offer such a heart device.
- NASA scientists **have located 39 unreported** and major human-made sources of toxic sulphur dioxide emissions.
- The world's first 3D-printed aircraft was kept on display in the Airbus booth at the International Aerospace Exhibition in Berlin Germany.
- Researchers in Assam Agricultural University developed two rice variants for submerged areas such as Barak Valley in order to yield during the monsoon season whereas the valley is liable to periodical floods.
- Scientists from Iceland developed a method in which CO₂ is pumped into the volcanic rock and sped up a natural process where the basalts react with the gas to form carbonate minerals (limestone).
- NASA's Kepler Space Telescope discovered a **Jupiter-like planet orbiting a system of two stars**, making it the largest such cosmic **body ever found**. The planet **Kepler1647b**, located in the constellation Cygnus, which is 700 light-years away and about 4.4 billion years old, was discovered by astronomers from NASA's Goddard Space Flight Centre and San Diego State University (SDSU) in in the US.
- Russia has launched the Nuclear-powered icebreaker Ship named Arktika which is the largest and the most powerful vessel of the type in the world. Russia's the only country with such ice breakers.

- American Scientists have grown a living bone in the lab to repair large defects in the head and face of patient. This marks for the first time in modern medical history.
- **US Scientists** has developed world's first microchip called **KiloCore** that equipped with 1,000 processors and is thought to be the fastest chip designed in a university lab.
- **Europe's Ariane 5 rocket launcher** successfully took off with **two telecoms satellites** into space from KOUROU, in French Guiana, one for an US based communications service provider and **one for an Indonesian bank**.
- The South Pole of the **Earth carbon dioxide** levels **exceeded 400 parts per million**(ppm) for the first time in 4 million years.
- An International Space Station team including an American, a Briton and a Russian has landed safely in the Kazakhstan also the team reported feeling fine after spending 186 days in space since their launch in 2015.
- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) unveiled the iconic X-57 Hybrid Electric Research Plane called as Maxwell aimed to demonstrate technology to reduce fuel use, emissions, and noise.
- Chinese supercomputer using domestic chip technology named Sunway TaihuLight with 93 petaflop/second speed was declared as the world's fastest supercomputer. The system was publicized in the TOP500 list of supercomputers released at the International Supercomputing Conference (ISC) in Frankfurt, Germany.
- **Indian Space Research Organisation** made a victory milestone by successfully launched **20 satellites by PSLV C-34 in a single mission** including Two Indian Universities Student Satellites and Four Foreign Countries.

Satellites:

- ◆ CARTOSAT -2 – INDIA
- ◆ 12 DOVE SATELLITES – USA
- ◆ GHGSat-D – CANADA
- ◆ SkySat Gen2 – USA
- ◆ M3MSat – CANADA
- ◆ BIROS – GERMANY
- ◆ LAPAN-A3 – INDONESIA
- ◆ SWAYAM – College of Engineering, Pune, India
- ◆ SATHYABAMASAT – Sathyabama University
- American Scientists with the help of **NASA's Kepler Space Telescope**, have discovered the youngest fully formed **exoplanet** which is **5 to 10 million years old** that make to understand **how planets system form**.
- Scientists have developed **ultrathin photovoltaic cells** using the semiconductor material, **gallium Arsenide**.
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) planned to test Advanced Technology Vehicle (ATV), comprising indigenously-developed & based on air-breathing propulsion scramjet engine hitched to a two-stage sounding rocket (RH- 560).
- **University of Bristol scientists** have revealed a **new Bio-Ink for 3D printing using stem cells** that allows printing of living tissue called as Bio-Printing.
- The **Council for Scientific and Industrial Research** has launched **an anti-diabetic ayurvedic Capsule** priced at Rs. 5 per tablet. The Capsule named **BGR-34**, abbreviated name for **Blood Glucose Regulator** that designed for **type 2 diabetes**.
- Scientists from **Temperate Sericulture Research Institute** of **SKUAST**, Srinagar Jammu and Kashmir has successfully introduced **Sericulture** in **Poyen Village of Kargil**.
- **China** has established **country's first dark sky reserve** for astronomical observation to limit light pollution and preserve sites for making astronomical observations in the **Tibetan prefecture of Ngari**, bordering Nepal and India.

- **NASA Hubble telescope spots mysterious solitary dwarf galaxy “UGC 4879.** In fact Hubble Space Telescope was launched jointly by **NASA and ESA in 1990** in low Earth Orbit. It is the largest telescope present in space.
- California headquartered Aerospace Company SpaceX successfully deployed two satellites but the Falcon 9 rocket that carried them into orbit then crashed into its drone ship while touching down in the Atlantic Ocean from Cape Canaveral’s Complex 40 launch pad.
- E-Commerce major Snapdeal has established a data sciences centre in San Carlos, California to get top global talent and build high-value solutions.
- The five day long Asia’s largest technology trade show **COMPUTEX** was held in Taipei, Taiwan. The show has been organized by Taiwan External Trade Development Council and TCA (Taipei Computer Association) with **1,602 exhibitors**, from more than 1,600 companies from 30 countries.
- **Instituto de Astrofisica de Canarias and the University Scientists** have discovered one of the most symmetrical Einstein rings created by a galaxy located **10,000 million light years** away that is hidden behind a more massive galaxy.
- Japanese scientists developed a new tool that can predict the **risk of Zika virus importation** and local transmission across the world.

Schemes Launched

- AYUSH Minister Shripad Yesso Naik announced International Yoga Award Scheme with a view to promote yoga and it will start giving the award from 2017 while inaugurating the National Health Editors’ Conference with the theme of Yoga for Holistic Health – Recent Researches in New Delhi.
- Union Power Minister Piyush Goyal Launches Ujala Scheme in Goa and Vidyut Pravah & Urja Mobile App on the side-lines of ongoing two day Conference of Power Ministers at Cansaulim in South Goa.
- Assam Government decided to launch Maitree Ek Gyan Yatra Scheme to link Primary Schools to colleges in Sivsagar District.
- **Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik** initiated a new Scheme called as **“Kalinga Siksha Sathi Yojana”** to afford **education loan at 1% interest** to students for pursuing higher studies. The CM set aside Rs. 500 Crore for this purpose.
- Railways launched the Optional Catering Scheme as well as Janani Sewa on test mode.
- Union Government initiated a step to launch “e-Nivaran” Scheme to deal with Tax related issues of the public on test mode in Rajasva Gyan Sangam, held at New Delhi.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has come up with the Scheme for Sustainable Structuring of Stressed Assets to further strengthen the lenders’ ability to deal with stressed assets and to put real assets back on track valid for those projects that have started commercial operations and have outstanding loan cap of over 500 crore rupees.
- The **Finance Ministry** launched the scheme that **Non Resident Indians** can open National Pension System Accounts online if they bear **Aadhaar Card or PAN Card**.

MoUs Signed

- **Cabinet appraisal of MoU between ISRO and Canadian Space Agency (CSA) on cooperation in the field of outer space.**
- South Delhi Municipal Corporation signed MoU with SECI to install solar panels around 10 MW on the rooftops of 440 buildings and 10MW on the spare vacant land.

- Union Government approved MoU between India and Germany in Technology resourcing in manufacturing and enclosed with sub sectors of Capital Goods.
- **MoU signed between RD Ministry & ISRO for geo-tagging assets** under **MGNREGA** in each gram Panchayats.
- Andhra Pradesh government inked a MOU with a three nation consortium of China Huanqin Contracting and Engineering Corporation, LEPL Ventures Private Limited and Isomeric Holdings to set up a gasbased fertilizer project at Krishnapatanam with an investment of Rs 10,183 crore.
- The Union Railways Ministry signed a MoU with Chandigarh-based PEC University of Technology to set up Kalpana Chawla Chair on geospatial technology for her contribution to aerospace engineering.
- India & USA Signs MoU To Enhance Cooperation on Energy Security, Clean Energy & Climate Change
- **Union Cabinet approves MoU between US and India to enhance cooperation in wildlife conservation also the MoU seeks cooperation in the following areas:** Wildlife Forensics and Conservation Genetics, Natural World Heritage Conservation and Nature Interpretation and Conservation Awareness.
- India and United States inked Memorandum of Understanding for exchange of information on terror.
- India inked Memorandum of Understanding with United States to facilitate hassle free entry of Indians into the United States at Selected airports i.e providing for immediate security clearances.
- **Cabinet approves signing of Air Services Agreement between India and Taiwan,** also it clears ex-post facto approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between India and Taiwan for cooperation in the **field of Agriculture and Allied Sector.**
- Cabinet approved Memorandum of Understanding between the Directorate General of Civil Aviation of India (DGCA) and the French Civil Aviation Authority.
- The **Indian Inland Waterways Authority** has signed an agreement with **India Ports Global Private** for a **Rs 476-crore project** to simplify connectivity and trade. The MoU will pave the way for the implementation of additional works on the **Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project (KMTTP)** in Myanmar that bolster ties with Myanmar.
- Union Government signed MoU with the **Helmholtz Centre Potsdam GFZ German Research Centre for geosciences** which is government funded and Public Law Foundation of the State of Brandenburg, **Germany.**

Committees in the NEWS

- The **U.N. General Assembly** elected Israel will head one of the world **body's six permanent committees**, since joining the **U.N. in 1949** this is first time that country is Chairing the committee.
- The Union government had formed a selection committee headed by cabinet secretary P.K. Sinha for shortlisting candidates for **RBI governorship.**
- South African Indian-origin lawyer **Yasmin Sooka** has been named as the chairman of three member UN commission (committee) to monitor the human rights situation **in South Sudan.**
- The committee was constituted by the United Nations Human Right Council (UNHRC) also the other two members of the committee are **Kenneth R. Scott (US) and Godfrey M. Musila (Kenya).**

Awards & Recognition

- IIT-Kanpur professor Sanjay Mittal awarded 2015 GD Birla Award, This is the **25th edition** of the honor.
- Social entrepreneur Zubaida Bai bagged UN honour for Corporate Sustainability Initiative.

17th International Indian Film Academy Awards was held in Spain:

- ◆ Best Picture Award – Bajrangi Bhaijaan
- ◆ Best Direction Award – Sanjay Leela Bhansali
- ◆ Best Performance in a Leading role (Male) Award – Ranveer Singh for Bajirao Mastani
- ◆ Best Performance in a Leading Role (Female) Award – Deepika Padukone for Piku
- ◆ Best Performance in a Comic Role Award – Deepak Dobriyal for Tanu Weds Manu Returns
 - Spiritual leader Sri Sri Ravi Shankar has been conferred with an Honorary Fellowship by an Indian student’s wing in the UK for his contributions to world peace and culture.
 - Five Time Chess World Champion Viswanathan Anand has been conferred with the Honorary Degree Doctor of Science by Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur
 - Two Indians are Kartik Sawhney and Neha Swain have won the 2016 Queen’s Young Leaders award for their exemplary work, the award will presented by Queen Elizabeth at the Buckingham Palace.
 - Kerala Tourism bags four awards at ‘FilmAT’ International Film Festival in Poland.
 - Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s mother Heeraben was presented with the Nari Jagran Samman –2016 award by the Nari Jagran magazine in Varanasi.
 - Legendary Oscar winning musiccomposer A.R. Rahman was named the recipient of the Fukuoka Prize-2016 of Japan for his outstanding contribution towards creating, preserving and showcasing South Asian traditional fusion music.
 - Pope Francis awarded medals to American Hollywood actors **Richard Gere** and **George Clooney** and actress **Salma Hayek** at an event held at the Vatican.
 - The CEAT Cricket Awards 2015-16 was presented in Mumbai.

The Award winners	
International Cricketer of the Year	Joe Root
International Batsman of the Year	Joe Root
International Bowler of the Year	R Ashwin
Test Cricketer of the Year	Kane Williamson
ODI Cricketer of the Year	Martin Guptill
T20 Player of the Year	Virat Kohli
Indian Cricketer of the Year	Rohit Sharma
Domestic Cricketer of the Year	Shreyas Iyer
Young Player of the Year	Rishabh Pant
Special Award	Ajinkya Rahane.
Lifetime Achievement Award	Dilip Vengsarkar.

- Qatar based Doha Bank’s CEO Dr. R Seetharaman has been honoured with the 2016 Green Economy Visionary Award for his contribution in environment-friendly activities and thereby promoting green economy for nearly two decades.
- Tuticorin based V.O. Chidambaranar Port in Tamilnadu has bagged National Award for Excellence in Cost Management for the year 2015 from The Institute of Cost Accountants of India under the category of Public Service Sector- Small.
- The Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi has been conferred with Amir Amanullah Khan Award, which is the Afghanistan’s highest **civilian honour**.

- Eminent sand artist **Sudarsan Pattnaik of Odisha** has won gold medal in **people's choice prize** at world championship festival in Bulgaria.
- The International Olympic Committee has conferred the highest award of the Olympic Movement Olympic Order to Indian Olympic Association president N. Ramachandran for his outstanding services.
- Distinguished Indian-origin professor Lord Kumar Bhattacharyya has been conferred with the prestigious Regius Professorship in Manufacturing by Queen Elizabeth II for his outstanding contribution in manufacturing.
- Akhil Sharma wins €100,000 Dublin International literary award in English. He was awarded for his novel named Family Life.
- Tata Power Solar has bagged the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) in the Channel Partner/EPC contractor category at the National Excellence Awards 2016 for rooftop solar power projects.
- Bollywood Star **Priyanka Chopra** has been nominated for **2016 Teen Choice Awards** for her debut stint as **FBI trainee Alex Parrish role** in American TV series **Quantico** in the Choice TV Breakout Star category.
- **President Pranab Mukherjee** was conferred with the **highest civilian award of Ivory Coast, the National Grand Crois**(the National Order of the Republic of Ivory Coast), The award was given during his two days visit to the West African nation.
- **Margaret Atwood** has been awarded with **Pen Pinter Prize for the year 2016** for her contribution towards Political activism and speaks & act **against violation of Human Rights**.
- **Guinness Book Recognizes the largest Karma Naach Dance by 3049 people in MP.**
- Mangaluru based Karnataka Bank was awarded with the CFBP Jamnalal Bajaj Award for Fair Business Practices under the category Service Enterprises Large in Mumbai.
- Indian Diabetes specialist Shashank S Shah wins Vivian Fonseca Scholar Award 2016 at the ADA's 76th Scientific Sessions in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Former Indian football team coach Syed Nayeemuddin to get Mohun Bagan Ratna
- **Kannada film 'Thithi' wins best film award at Shanghai International Film Festival in Shanghai.** The film **Thithi** was directed by **Raam Reddy's** and it is about 3 generations reacting to the death of the oldest in the clan.
- Britain's Foreign and Commonwealth Office has launched a new digital archive telling the exciting stories of war heroes, including six Indians.

War Heros	State
Risaldar Badlu Singh	Punjab
Sepoy Chatta Singh	Uttar Pradesh
Naik Darwan Singh Negi	Uttarakhand
Rifleman Gabar Sing Negi	Uttarakhand
Lance-Daffadar Gobind Singh	Rajasthan
Lance Naik Lala	Himachal Pradesh

- **UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon** has been honoured with Russia's Order of Friendship by Russian President Vladimir Putin and the honour was published on the Russian official legal information site.

Sports

- Jamaican Sprinter Usain Bolt won the 100m in 9.88sec, the second-fastest time in the world this year at the inaugural Jamaica National Racers Grand Prix at the National Stadium in Kingston, Jamaica.
- Serbian Top seed Novak Djokovic became the first professional tennis player to earn \$100 million in prize money after he made his 10th French Open quarter-finals beating 14th seed Spain`s Roberto Bautista Agut.
- Sri Lankan pace bowler **Nuwan Kulasekara** has announced retirement from Test cricket after being a part of 21 Test matches.
- Indian boxer Sonia Lather won the silver medal at **the AIBA Women’s World Championships** after she lost the women’s **57 kg category in the Title clash** in Astana.
- The Indian licensing body for professional **boxers Indian Boxing Council** (IBC) has been officially granted affiliation by the **Commonwealth Boxing Council** (CBC).
- Punjab hailed top Indian judoka Avtar Singh has qualified for the Rio Olympic Games under 90kg weight category.
- Indian Men’s football team is captained by Sunil Chhetri have dropped a place in the latest FIFA rankings with the Blue Tigers ending the month of May ranked 163 in the rankings. The list is topped by Argentina.

French Open 2016 – Overview

Category	Winner	Runner
Men’s Singles	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)	Andy Murray(United Kingdom)
Women’s Singles	Garbine Muguruza (Spain)	Serena Williams (United States)
Men’s doubles	Feliciano López (Spain) / Marc López (Spain)	Bob Bryan (United States) / Mike Bryan (United States)
Women’s Doubles	Caroline Garcia(France) / Kristina Mladenovic (France)	Ekaterina Makarova (Russia) / Elena Vesnina (Russia)
Mixed Doubles	Martina Hingis(Switzerland)/ Leander Paes (India)	Sania Mirza (India) / Ivan Dodig (Croatia)

- The Seventh Edition of World Carrom Championship to be hosted by the United Kingdom Carrom Federation at Birmingham from November this year.
- Bangalore hailed Tennis star **Rohan Bopanna** officially secured a direct entry into the men’s doubles event of the Rio Olympic Games by returning to **top-10 in the ATP ranking Men’s doubles chart**.
- Serena Williams to become the world’s highest-paid female athlete, according to Forbes as she has overtaken Maria Sharapova as the world’s highest-paid woman. She has earned \$28.9m in prize money and endorsements over the past year dethroning Russia’s Sharapova who held the top Position for 11 years.
- The International Hockey Federation (FIH) announced that the men’s Hockey Junior World Cup 2016 will be played in Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh.
- Kerala hailed track and field athlete Tintu Luka bagged a silver medal in 800 metersmaking season’s best of 2:00.61 in the Josef Odlozil Memorial Athletics Meet in Prague, Czech Republic.
- Russian tennis star Maria Sharapova was banned for two years by the International Tennis Federation.ii. The ban comes after the Russian tested positive at the Australian Open 2016 for using the banned substance meldonium.
- Forbes Magazine have released the top 100 highest-paid athletes for 2016. The list has been topped by soccer icon Cristiano Ronaldo comes as a fresh face at No 1 with earnings of 88 million US dollars.

- The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) has recognized the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) led by Rao Inderjit Singh as the president.

Australian Open Badminton:

Indian Badminton Star Saina Nehwal clinched her second Australian Open title after she notched up the win in final against Sun Yu of China at Australian Open Super Series badminton tournament in Sydney.

◆The Badminton Association of India (BAI) pronounced a reward of Rs. 10 lakh for Saina Nehwal for winning the Australian Open Super Series.

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Singles	HansKristianVittinghus (Denmark)	JeonHyeok-jin(South Korea)
Women's Singles :	SainaNehwal (India)	Sun Yu (China)
Men's Doubles	Markus Fernaldi Gideon (Indonesia) and Kevin SanjayaSukamuljo (Indonesia)	AnggaPratama / Ricky KarandaSuwardi(Indonesia)
Women's Doubles	BaoYixin (China) and Chen Qingchen (China)	NityaKrishindaMaheswari / GreysiaPolii(Indonesia)
Mixed Doubles	Lu Kai (China) and Huang Yaqiong (China)	ZhengSiwei / Chen Qingchen(China)

- **Lewis Hamilton wins Canadian GP after feisty fight with Sebastian Vettel.** Hamilton dedicated the win – **his fifth in Canadian GP** victory to the late **Muhammad Ali**.
- The USA Women's Senior National Team has won gold by defeating Spain at the FINA Women Water Polo World League Super Final in Shanghai, China.
- The sport's governing body Association Mundial de Futsal (AMF) invited India to participate in the Under 17 Futsal World Cup to be held next month. This is set to make their maiden appearance for the side as a wild card the event.
- India made complete 3-0 sweep over Zimbabwe ODI Series with the visitor's dominant in the all the departments over the hosts in all three games that held at Harare Club is a cricket ground in Harare, Zimbabwe.
- The **Indian men's 4x400m relay team** created **a new national record**, clocking **3:02.17 that also** break the 18-year-old record at the **International Sprint and Relay Teams Cup** at Erzurum, Turkey. The record bound quartet, comprising of Asian Games Bronze medalist **Arokiya Rajiv, Mohd. Anas, A Darun and Mohd Kunhu**.
- Navy Officer and **Commodore Ashutosh Pednekar** has become the **first Indian in** history to participate and win international tournaments in the **sport of racketlon** at the recently concluded competitions in Denmark and Belgium.
- The Rio Olympics 2016 organising committee revealed the official slogan for the firstOlympic and Paralympic Games in South America "A new world" while also unveiling days from the start of the quadrennial extravaganza.
- Indian men's hockey team is set to make a maiden appearance in the final of the prestigious 36th Hero Champions Trophy Hockey tournament against daunting Australia after hosts Great Britain held Belgium to 3-3 draw in a final round robin match.
- 106 year old **Aida Gemanque** also called **extreme granny** became the oldest Olympic torch bearer when she carried the flame in the Amazonian city of Macapa.
- Germany's Mercedes driver Nico Rosberg has won the 2016 European Grand Prix of Formula One 2016 in Azerbaijan.
- The Indian mixed recurve team of Deepika Kumari and Atanu Das has bagged silver after conceding loss to South Korea 1-5 in the final inKonyaalti Beach Park at the Archery World Cup in Antalya.

- Sri Lanka Pacer Shaminda Eranga has been suspended from bowling in international cricket with immediate effect after his action found illegal in the test conducted at the National Cricket Performance Centre in Loughborough, England.
- In the ICC Rankings for ODI bowlers list West Indies's spinner Sunil Narine has returned to his number-one position. The batsman list is topped by AB De Villiers of South Africa.
- Britain's Second Top seed Andy Murray defeated Milos Raonic of Canada by 6-7 (5/7), 6-4, 6-3 managed to retain the Queen's title and lift the trophy for a record fifth time.
- Indian Cricket Administrator BCCI has suspended two senior Goa Cricket Association officials – Chetan Desai and Vinod Phadke for alleged misappropriation of over **Rs 3 crore belonging** to the organisation.
- US Golfer **Dustin Johnson** clinched his maiden **Major golf title US Open** registering a three-stroke victory in the 116th US Open in the **fourth and final round** at Oakmont Country Club in Pennsylvania.
- Arjuna Award Winner and Grand Master **Harika Dronavalli** won the best womens player award in the Eurasian Blitz chess **tournament in Kazakhstan**.
- India wrapped up a successful tour of Zimbabwe with a 2-1 T20 series win after posting a 3-0 whitewash in the preceding ODI series to the same opponent. All the three T20 internationals have played at Harare Club, Harare.
- Highlights:
 - ◆ Player of the Match: Kedar Jadhav
 - ◆ Player of the Series: Barinder Sran.
- Five-time world champion Mary Kom has been denied by a wild card entry by International Olympic Committee (IOC) for the upcoming Rio Games, after she had failed to secure a berth through the qualification round in the past month.
- Indian boxer **Vikas Krishan** (75kg) settled for a **bronze medal in the International Boxing Association's (AIBA) World Qualifying Tournament** in Baku Azerbaijan. However the Indian **won 3-0 to make** the semifinal and assured himself of an **Olympic quota berth**.
- **Russian Hockey Player Artemi Panarin Wins NHL Calder Memorial Trophy**
- **Odisha sprinter Dutee Chand** has qualified for the **women's 100 metres for the Rio Olympics** after she clocked 11.30 seconds beating the Olympic qualifying mark of 11.32 seconds in the women's 100m heats at a meet in Kazakhstan.
- Indian shooter Jitu Rai has settled with a silver medal and Brazilian sport shooter Felipe Almeida Wu of Brazil who clinched gold at the **Men's 10m Air Pistol Event at the ISSF World Cup in Baku, Azerbaijan**.

India at Rio:

- Making Indians qualifying for the Rio Olympics to three-digit figures for the first time, as Four Indian athletes qualified for the Rio Olympics to be held in August this year.

The List of Qualifiers:

Qualifier	Game	Category
Atanu Das	Archer	men's individual recurve
Srabani Nanda	Sprinter	women's 200m
Mohammad Anas	Sprinter	men's 400m
Ankit Sharma	Long Jump	men's long jump

- India's sole athletics World Championship medal winner Anju Bobby George and chief national badminton coach Pullela Gopichand have been enrolled as members of Khelo India.
- **In Copa América- 2016 tournament** Chile has bagged **Copa America Title** formerly known as the **South American Football Championship** In the final clash played at

MetLife Stadium. In the Title Clash Chile defeated **Argentina 4-2 through penalties shootout.**

Important Awards:

- ◆ **Golden Ball:** Alexis Sanchez (Chile)
- ◆ **Golden Boot:** Eduardo Vargas (Chile)
- ◆ **Golden Glove award:** Claudio Bravo (Chile)
- ◆ **Fair Play Award:** Argentina
 - Argentina's marquee Football **Player Lionel Messi** announced his retirement from international football after his side crashed to an upset defeat against **Chile in the title clash** of the **Copa America League.**
 - The Argentina women's team has claimed **a record seventh Champions Trophy title** with a 2-1 win over Netherlands the World and Olympic champion's side in the title clash at the Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre in London.
 - Ace Indian shooter **Sanjeev Rajput** bagged silver medal in men's 50-metre rifle 3 position event of the ISSF World Cup in **Baku Ajerbaijan.**
 - India finished with Silver Medal in the 36th edition of the Hockey Champions Trophy after losing to Australia. As they won their 14th title after a penalty shoot-out at the Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre in London.
 - The apex body for hockey in India, announced a cash prize of **Rs 2 lakh** each for the players and **Head Coach Roelant Oltmans** and a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh for all other coaches and support staff on the account of brilliant performance finish in the tournament and winning a silver medal. With this reward the body announced **additional prize of Rs 1 Lakh for Harmanpreet Singh** as he was adjudged as the **Best upcoming Junior Player** of the Tournament.
 - Sunrisers Hyderabad beat Royal Challengers Bangalore by eight runs to win their maiden Vivo-Indian Premier League title in the title clash held at Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bangalore.
 - Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton took a superb victory in a Monaco Grand Prix to re-ignite his title campaign as he has his first win of the season.
 - England Test captain Alastair Cook, who became the first English batsman to score 10,000 runs in his 128th Test.
 - Indian national team goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu achieved a historic feat by becoming the first Indian to feature in a top-tier league match in Europe, by turning out for Norwegian side Stabaek FC.

Growth Projection:

- India's **GDP Rate (NCAER) --- 7.7 per cent** in 2016-17.
- India's GDP growth **likely to be 7.7% this fiscal:** Citigroup
- GDP growth likely **at 7.4% this fiscal:** HSBC
- IMF has declared the India's growth is projected to notch up **to 7.5% in 2016-17.**
- India **To Clock 7.4% GDP Growth This Fiscal, Says Stanchart.**
- Fitch, the global rating agency has maintained India's growth **forecast for India at 7.5 % for this fiscal** (2015-2016) and also sees higher growth around 7.7 % and 7.9 % over the next two financial years.
- World Bank **retains 7.6% growth rate for** India in 2016-17
- Indian GDP growth to pick up **to 7.8 per cent in 2016-17: Nomura**
- India's GDP growth will be 8 percent in 2016-17: CII
- Finmin expects GDP growth to improve to 8 pc in 2016-17
- The Reserve Bank had retained its growth projection for 2016-17 at 7.6 percent.
- ADB cuts India's growth forecast for **2016-17 to 7.4%**
- **ICRA foresees 7.7% growth for India in 2016-17**

Environment

- **Australian rodent named the 1st mammal to go extinct due to human-caused climate change.**
- National Aquarium in Baltimore's announced its plan to create an Oceanside first sanctuary for Bottle nose dolphins in North America after a long research.
- Union Ministry of Environment and Forests has decided to implement Swachhta Mission in 10 Wildlife Sanctuaries, Tiger reserves and National Parks and make visitors to use Jute bag.
- The **Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park** (PNHZZP) in West Bengal's Darjeeling will get a two-year-old male **snow leopard named Makalu** from Dudley Zoological Gardens (DZG) in Britain.
- Scientists discovered that **bone tools were used for hunting**, and even as poison arrow tips partly due to the slender and short nature of the arrow heads, **in eastern Africa over 13,000 years ago.**

Obituary

- Veteran Bollywood comedian **Razak Khan** has passed away **after suffering a cardiac arrest** in Mumbai. He was 62-year-old.
- Former Cricket Association of Bengal pitch **curator Prabir Mukherjee** has passed away after a prolonged illness at Kolkata. He was 86.
- Famous Tamil actor and director, Balu Anand has died due to a massive heart attack in Coimbatore. He was 61 years old.
- American Legendary professional boxer **Muhammad Ali**, considered as the greatest of all time by many, passed away after a **32-year battle with Parkinson's disease**. He was 74 year old.
- Legendary Indian body builder Manohar Aich Who is the first Indian to win the Mr Universe title has passed due to age-related complications in Kolkata. He was 104.
- Eminent Indian-origin teacher-turned journalist and administrator Santokh Singh Grewal has passed away in Singapore. He was 57. He breathed his last after dinner time as he watched the football match.
- Veteran Marathi film actor Sulabha Deshpande has breathed her last at her Mumbai residence after a prolonged illness. She was 79.
- Well-known journalist KK Katyal passed away after a brief illness. He was 89 year old.
- Veteran musician and Nepal's national anthem composer Ambar Gurung has passed away. He was 79 year old and was suffering from diabetes and Parkinson's disease.
- Russian chess master Viktor Korchnoi regarded as one the greatest chess players, passed away in, Switzerland. He was 85 year old.
- Former minister, speaker and Kerala Congress (Secular) Party leader T S John has breathed his last at a private hospital at Chertala in Alapuzha Kerala. He was 76 year old.
- BJP MLA Rajendra Dadu passed away in a road accident in Madhya Pradesh's Sehore district on his way to Bhopal to attend the BJP's legislature party meeting. He died on the spot. He was 53 year old.
- Canadian hockey star Gordie Howe has passed away after a prolonged illness. He was 88 years old.
- The former Chairman of Karnataka Bank MS Krishna Bhat has died in Mangaluru. He was 78.
- Veteran journalist Inder Malhotra passed away in Delhi after a brief illness. He was 86.
- Veteran Actor Achyut Lahkar has breathed his last at his resident, Pathsala in Barpeta district of Assam. He was 85 years old.

- Former England captain and Derbyshire batsman, **Donald Carr** has passed away, **at the age of 89**. Beside Donald Carr was also one of the most prominent administrators of the post-war era.
- **Renowned Hindi novelist** and critique **Mudraraks has passed away** after a prolonged illness in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. He was 82.
- President of the **Assam Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) Anjan Dutta** has died following cardiac failure at AIIMS in New Delhi. He was 64 years old.
- Eminent Television Actress Ann Morgan Guilbert has passed away after a long battle with cancer at the age of 87.
- Veteran Odia film actress Manimala Devi passed away after prolonged illness in at Bhubaneswar, Odisha. She was 86 year old.
- Erstwhile Maharashtra Director General of Police **Suryakant Jog** passed away in Mumbai. He was 90 year old.
- Well known politician turned educationist Jeppiaar passed away after he complained for chest congestion in Chennai. He was 85-year-old.
- **Renowned telengana poet and lyricist Guda Anjaiah passes away**
- Former Lok Sabha and West Bengal Assembly member Neil O'Brien has passed away in Kolkata on 24 June 2016. He was 82 year old.
- Noted Malayalam theatre artist Kavalam Narayana Panicker passes away
- **Naga Insurgent Leader Isak Chishi Swu passes away**
- **Founder of Titan, Xerxes Sapur Desai has passed away**. He was 79 year old.
- Eminent film and television actor Suresh Chatwal has passed away after prolonged illness in Mumbai.
- Noted Kannada writer D Javare Gowda passes away
- BJP leader and former MP Rudra Madhab Ray passes away

Books in the NEWS

- The President Pranab Mukherjee received the first copy of a book The Education President from Vice President, Mohammad Hamid Ansari at a function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.
- Union Power Minister Piyush Goyal released book titled The World in 2050- Striving for a More Just, Prosperous and Harmonious Global Community penned by Harinder S. Kohli.
- The book titled A Life in Diplomacy was in news that was written by former Indian diplomat Maharajakrishna Rasgotra.
- **The Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has released a book named **The Birds of Banni Grassland** in New Delhi. The book, which was presented to the Prime Minister by the Scientists of Gujarat Institute of Desert Ecology (GUIDE).
- A new book titled The Unseen Indira Gandhi authored by Dr KP Mathur was in the news as this was released this month. The Book was published by Konark Publishers.

Important Days:

Date	Day	Theme
June 1	World Milk Day The Global Day of Parents	-
June 4	The International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression	-
June 5	World Environment Day	Go Wild for Life (Zero Tolerance for the Illegal Wildlife Trade).
June 8	World Oceans Day	Healthy oceans, healthy planet
June 12	World Day against Child Labour	End child labour in supply chains – It's everyone's business
June 13	International Albinism Awareness Day	-
June 14	World Blood Donor Day	Blood connects us all
June 15	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	-
June 16	International Day of Family Remittances	-
June 17	World Day to Combat Desertification (WDCD).	Inclusive cooperation for achieving Land Degradation Neutrality
June 19	International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict	-
June 20	World Refugee Day	--
June 21	International Day of Yoga UN Public Service Day	-
June 23	The International Widow's Day International Olympic Day	-
June 25	The Sea farer Day	At Sea for All.
June 26	International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.	Listen First
June 26	UN International Day in support of Victims of Torture.	-

GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR EXAMS!!!

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