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## **BANKING & FINANCIAL AWARENESS**

### **RBI Current Reserve Ratios and Policy Rates:**

Repo Rate - 6.25%
Reverse Repo Rate - 5.75%
Marginal Standing Facility - 6.75%
Bank Rate - 6.75%
CRR - 4%
SLR - 20.75%

### **Macro Economic Survey 2015-16**

- In accordance with survey, Indian economy is growing at a pace of 7-7.5% and it is expected to accelerate at 8% in the next couple of years.
- India's macro-economy is sturdy and it is likely to be the fastest growing major economy in the world in 2016 as it shows an expansion from 7.2% in 2014-15 to 7.6% in current fiscal.
- Deficit -3.9% , Inflation -4.5 to 5% ,Current account deficit -1-1.5% of GDP.
- India ranks first in milk production, accounting for 18.5% of world production.

### **Union Budget 2016-17 High lights**

**Nine pillars of budget** – Governance and ease of doing business, fiscal discipline, tax reforms, Agriculture and farmers welfare , Rural sector with focus on employment, social sector with healthcare, Educational skills and job creation, Infrastructure and investment & financial sector reforms.

### **Tax Proposals – No changes have been made to existing income tax slabs**

#### **Tax relief**

- Taxpayers with **income below Rs. 5 Lakh per year** – Relief of **3000 p.a.** under section **87A**.
- Taxpayers living in rented houses – **HRA deduction** up from Rs. 24, 000 to **60,000 p.a.** under section **80 GG**.

#### **Corporate tax**

- **Corporate IT rate** for companies **not exceeding Rs. 5 crore turnover** has been **decreased to 25%** plus surcharge.

- New manufacturing companies incorporated on or after **3.2016** to be taxed at **25% plus cess plus surcharge**.

**Start up**

- **100% deduction** of profits for 3 out of 5 years for startups setup during April, 2016 to March, 2019 except MAT.

**Affordable Housing**

- 100% deduction for profits to an undertaking in housing project for flats upto **30 sq. metres in four metro cities** and **60 sq. metres in other cities** approved during June 2016 to March 2019 and completed in three years. MAT will apply.
- First time home buyers get additional **Rs 50,000 deduction** for **housing loans** up to **35 lakh**, provided cost of house is not above Rs. 50 lakh.

**Service Tax Exemption**

- For **houses built** less than **60 square metres**.
- Services provided under **DeenDayalUpadhyayGrameenKaushalyaYojana** and by Assessing Bodies empanelled by **Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship**.
- On **general insurance services** provided under **Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme** launched by National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disability.
- Exemption from service tax for **Annuity services** provided by **NPS** and Services provided by **EPFO** to employees.

**National Pension Scheme**

- **40% of withdrawal** at the time of **retirement** under NPS to be **tax exempt**.

**Tax on rich**

- **Surcharge** on income tax for those with **incomes exceeding 1 crore per annum** increased from 12% to **15%**.

**Tax on Car**

- **1 % infra cess** on small cars, **2.5 %** on **diesel** and 4% high capacity tax for SUVs.
- **1% service charge** on purchase of **luxury cars** over **10 lakh** and **in cash purchase of goods and services** over **Rs. 2 lakh**.

**MSME Category**

- Increase the turnover limit under **Presumptive taxation scheme** under **section 44AD** of the Income Tax Act to **2 crores** to bring big relief to a large number of assessee in the MSME category.

**Others**

- **Rs 1,000 crore** allocated for new **EPF (Employees' Provident Fund)** scheme.
- **KrishiKalyanCess @ 0.5%** on all taxable services, w.e.f. 1 June 2016.
- **Clean Energy Cess** levied on coal, lignite and peat renamed to **Clean Environment Cess** and rate increased from 200 per tonne to 400 per tonne.
- **Excise** on **readymade garments** with retail price of 1000 or more rose to **2%** without input tax credit or **12.5%** with input tax credit.
- Excise duty of 1% without input tax credit or **12.5%** with input tax credit on **articles of jewellery**.
- **10%** rate of tax on income from worldwide **exploitation of patents developed and registered in India** by a resident.
- **Non-banking financial companies** shall be eligible for deduction to the extent of **5% of its income** in respect of provision for bad and doubtful.
- **Infrastructure** and **agriculture cess** to be levied.
- Commitment to implement **General Anti Avoidance Rules (GAAR)** from 4.2017.
- **Excise duty** on **tobacco** increased by **10-15%** except beedi.
- Basic custom and excise duty on **refrigerated containers** reduced to **5%** and **6%**.

**Agriculture and Farmers Welfare – Rs 35,984 crore**

Govt will reorganize agricultural policy to double farmer income in five years. Here is the allocation:

Category	Allocation
Agri credit	Rs 9 lakh crore

Crop Insurance Scheme (PM FasalBimaYojana)	Rs 5,500 crore
Interest subvention for agriculture loans and creation of new infrastructures for irrigation	Rs 15,000 crore
Accelerated Irrigation Programme Benefit (AIPB)	Rs 17,000 crore
Long Term Irrigation Fund will be created in NABARD	Rs 20,000 crore
Sustainable management of ground water resources	Rs 6,000 crore

### Enhancing of Dairy Farming – Rs 850 crore

4 new schemes – **PashudhanSanjivani**, **NakulSwasthyaPatra**, **E-PashudhanHaat** and **National Genomic Centre for indigenous breeds** have been introduced to enhance dairy farming in India at Rs 850 crore.

### Other Proposals under Irrigation

- **Pradhan MantriKrishiSinchaiYojana** to be implemented in mission 28.5 lakh hectares will be brought under irrigation.
- Promote organic farming through **ParmparagatKrishiVikasYojana** and Organic Value Chain Development in North East Region.
- **5 lakh farm ponds and dug wells** in rain fed areas and **10 lakh compost pits** for production of organic manure will be taken up under MGNREGA
- **Soil Health Card scheme** will cover all 14 crore farm holdings by March.
- 2,000 model retail **outlets of Fertilizer companies** will be provided with soil and seed testing facilities during the next three years
- **Unified Agricultural Marketing e-Platform** to provide a common e-market platform for wholesale markets.

### Rural Economy – Rs 87,765 crore

- **Below Poverty Line (BPL) Families – Rs 2000 crore allocated for 5 years**  
Government is launching a new initiative to provide cooking gas to BPL families with state support. LPG connections to be provided under the name of women members of family.

### Other Proposals:

- **2.87 lakh crore** will be given as **Grant in Aid to Gram Panchayats and Municipalities** as per the recommendations of the **14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission**.
- Every block under **drought and rural distress** will be taken up as an intensive Block under the **DeenDayalAntyodaya Mission**.
- A sum of **Rs 38,500 crore** allocated for **MGNREGS**.
- **300 Rurban Clusters** will be developed under the **Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Rurban Mission**  
100% village electrification by 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2018.
- **District Level Committees** under **Chairmanship** of senior most **Lok Sabha MP** from the district for monitoring and implementation of **designated Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes**.
- A new **Digital Literacy Mission Scheme** for rural India to cover around **6 crore additional household** within the next 3 years.
- **National Land Record Modernization Programme** has been revamped.
- New scheme **Rashtriya Gram SwarajAbhiyan** proposed with allocation of **655 crore**.
- Hub to support SC/ST entrepreneurs.

### Investments and Infrastructure – Rs. 2, 21,246 crore

#### Total allocation for road construction including PMGSY – Rs 97,000 crore

- **27,000 crore** to be spent on **roadways**.
- **65 eligible habitats** to be connected via 2.23 lakh kms of road.
- **55,000 crore** for **roads and highways**.

### Other Proposals:

- **100% FDI** in **marketing of food products** produced and **marketed in India**.
- Shops to be given option to remain open all seven days in a week across markets.

- New Greenfield ports to be developed on east and west coasts
- Revival of underserved airports – Centre to Partner with States to revive small airports for regional connectivity of **Disinvestment** to be renamed as **Dept. of Investment and Public Asset Management**.
- Govt will **amend Motor Vehicle Act** in passenger vehicle segment to allow innovation.

#### **Banking – Rs 25,000 crore towards recapitalization of PSBs**

- **Banking Board Bureau** will be operationalised.
- Target of disbursement under **MUDRA** increased to **1, 80,000 crore**.
- Process of transfer of **government stake in IDBI Bank below 50%** started (currently its 80%).
- **General Insurance companies** will be **listed** in the **stock exchange**.
- Govt to increase **ATMs, micro-ATMs** in **post offices** in **next 3 years**.
- Amendments in the **SARFAESI Act 2002** to enable the sponsor of an ARC to hold up to **100% stake**.
- A **Financial Data Management Centre** to be set up.

#### **Nuclear Power Sector – Rs 3000 crore**

- Govt drawing comprehensive plan to be implemented in **next 15-20 years** for exploiting nuclear energy.
- Govt to provide incentive for **deep-water gas exploration**.

#### **Education and Skill Development**

- **Higher Education Financing Agency** to be set-up with initial capital base of **Rs 1000 Crores**.
- **SarvaShikshaAbhiyan** to increasing focus on **quality of education**.
- Scheme to get **500 cr** for **promoting entrepreneurship** among **SC/ST**.
- **Digital repository** for all school leaving certificates and diplomas.
- **1,700 crore** for **1500 multi-skill development centres**.
- **62 new navodayavidyalayas** to provide quality education
- **10 public and 10 private educational institutions** to be made world-class.
- **Digital literacy scheme** to be launched to cover **6 crore additional rural households**.
- Objective to skill **1 crore youth** in the next 3 years under the **PM KaushalVikasYojna**.
- **100 Model Career Centres** to operational by the end of 2016-17 under **National Career Service**.
- **National Skill Development Mission** has imparted training to 76 lakh youth.

#### **Health**

- A new **health protection scheme** for health covers upto **1 lakh per family**. **Senior citizens** will get **additional healthcare cover** of **Rs 30,000** under the new scheme.
- **National Dialysis Service Programme** with funds through PPP mode to provide dialysis at all district hospitals.
- **PM Jan AushadhiYojana** to be strengthened and **300 generic drug store** to be opened.

#### **Governance and Ease of Doing Business**

##### **“Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat” Programme**

It will be launched to link States and Districts in an annual programme that connects people through exchanges in areas of language, trade, culture, travel and tourism.

##### **Other Proposals:**

- A Task Force has been constituted for rationalization of human resources in various Ministries.
- Bill for Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services by using the Aadhaar framework to be introduced.
- **Automation facilities** will be provided in **3 lakh fair price shops** by March 2017
- **Amendments in Companies Act** to improve **enabling environment** for **start-ups**
- **Price Stabilisation Fund** with a corpus of **900 crore** to help maintain stable prices of **Pulses**.

#### **Union Railway Budget 2016-17 Highlights**

- **Slogan for all** – “Sabkasaathsabkavikas”
- **3R’s of Budget** – Restructure, Reorganize and Rejuvenate
- **Capital expenditure** – Rs 1, 21,000 crore

- **Expected Operating Ratio** – 92%
- **Expected Revenues** – Rs 1,84,820 cr next year
- **Budgetary support from Govt** – Rs 40,000 crore
- **Saving from last year’s estimates** – Rs 8,720 crore
- **Innovation grants to start-ups** – Rs 50 crore
- **Head of innovative council of Indian Railways** – Ratan Tata
- **Insurance company agreed to fund Rs 1.5 lakh** – LIC
- **Expenditure on Modernization of railway infrastructure in 5 years** – Rs 8.5 lakh crore
- **Elimination of unmanned level crossing** – By 2020
- **Proposed freight corridors** – Delhi-Chennai, Kharagpur-Mumbai, Kharagpur-Vijayawada
- **Location of India’s first rail auto hub** – Chennai
- **New name for coolies** – Sahayaks (will be trained in soft skills)
- **North East India states to be connected through broad gauge** – Mizoram & Manipur
- **Cabinet approval for joint ventures with state govts** – 6 MoUs signed with state govts
- **Sub-quota for women in each of the reserved categories in catering** – 33%
- **Increase in seat quota for senior citizens** – 50%
- **Number of bio toilets & additional toilets in 475 stations** – 17,000
- **Publishing of magazine in all regional languages** – Rail Bandhu
- **Initiation of WiFi services** – 100 stations this year
- **Commissioning of new tracks** – 2800 km
- **Electrification** – 1,600 km in this year and 2,000 km proposed for the next year.

#### **For Unreserved Passenger:**

- **Antyodaya Express** – A long-distance, fully unreserved, superfast train service to be operated on dense routes.
- Two to **four DeenDayalu coaches** will be introduced in some long distance trains for unreserved travel to enhance our carrying capacity for the masses.

#### **For the reserved passenger – Humsafar, Tejas and UDAY:**

- **Humsafar** – Fully air-conditioned **third AC service** with an optional service for meals.
- **Tejas** – Will showcase the future of train travel in India by operating at speeds of **130 kmph** and above, it will offer onboard services such as **entertainment, local cuisine, Wi-Fi**, etc.
- **UDAY** – **Utkrisht Double Decker Air-conditioned Yatri (UDAY) Express** on the busiest routes, expected to increase carrying capacity by almost 40%.

#### **SMART Coaches:**

- New SMART (**Specially Modified Aesthetic Refreshing Travel**) coaches would cater to emerging needs of customers and also ensure lower unit cost of operations due to higher carrying capacity.

#### **Ticketing facilities:**

Plan to introduce **bar-coded tickets** on pilot basis to tackle menace of **ticketless travel**.

**Ticket vending machines** – Initiating sale of platform tickets through ticket vending machines which would be made compatible with cash and credit/debit cards

- Intend sale of tickets through hand-held terminals for short-distance travellers.
- Introduced **1,780** automatic ticket vending machines.

**E-ticketing facility** – Railways will open the e-ticketing facility to foreign debit/credit cards for foreign tourists and NRIs.

- Enhanced capacity of e-ticketing system from 2000 tickets/min to **7,200/min**.
- E-booking ticket facility on the concessional passes available to **journalists**.
- Facility of cancellation of tickets through **139** telephone line.

#### **Improving customer interface:**

- **FM Radio stations** for providing train borne entertainment by installing PA systems in trains.
- **GPS based digital displays inside** coaches to provide real time information regarding upcoming halts
- Wireless enabled “**Rakshak**” devices to intimate gangmen about approaching train.
- **Drones** to be used for **remote monitoring** of ongoing projects.
- **2,500 water vending machines** at railway stations have been provided.

**Swachh Rail:**

- **Clean my Coach Service** – A passenger can request cleaning of his/her coach/toilets on demand through SMS.
- Installation of additional **30,000 bio-toilets** in the next financial year.

**IRCTC services & food availability:**

- IRCTC will extending **e-catering services** from existing 45 large stations to all **408** ‘A-1’ and ‘A’ class stations.
- **Local cuisine** of choice will be made available to passengers.
- Railwats will look at pilot availability of **children’s menu items** on trains.
- **Baby foods, hot milk** and **hot water** would be made available on stations and **changing boards for babies** would be provided in train toilets.

**Rail Mitra Sewa & Accessible India:**

- Expanding of **SarathiSeva** in Konkan Railway to help the old and disabled passengers requiring assistance at stations.
- To provide at least one **Divyang friendly toilet** at each platform in A1 class stations.
- To ensure availability of **wheelchairs** in sufficient numbers at A1 class stations.
- **Battery operated cars** and **paid porters services** for specially able people.

**Banks CMD & Head Quarters & Taglines**

BANK NAME	CMD	HQ	TAGLINE
SBI	Arundhati Bhattacharya (Chairman)	Mumbai	The banker to every Indian.
State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur	Jyoti Ghosh, MD	Jaipur	The Nation banks on us.
State Bank of Hyderabad	Shantanu Mukherjee, MD	Hyderabad	Modern. Innovative. Dependable
State Bank of Patiala	S. A. Ramesh Rangan, MD	Patiala	Blending Modernity with Tradition
State Bank of Mysore	N.K. Chari, MD	Bengaluru	Working for a better tomorrow.
State Bank of Travancore	C.R. Sasi Kumar, MD	Thiruvananthapuram	A long tradition of trust.

**Nationalised Banks**

BANK NAME	CMD	HQ	TAGLINE
Allahabad Bank	Rakesh Sethi	Kolkata	A tradition of trust.
Andhra Bank	Suresh N Patel	Hyderabad	Where India Banks
Bank of Baroda	P.S. Jaykumar	Vadodara, Gujarat	India's International Bank.
Bank of India	Melwyn O Rego	Mumbai	Relationship beyond banking.
Bank of Maharashtra	Ravindra Prabhakar Marathe	Pune	One family One Bank.
Canara Bank	Rakesh Sharma	Bangalore	Together we can.
Central Bank of India	Rajeev Rishi	Mumbai	Central to you since 1911.
Corporation Bank	J K Garg	Mangalore, Karnataka	Prosperity for all
Dena Bank	Ashwani Kumar	Mumbai	Trusted Family Bank
Indian Bank	Mahesh Kumar Jain	Chennai	Your Tech Friendly Bank
Indian Overseas Bank	R. Koteeswaran	Chennai	Good people to grow with
Oriental Bank of Commerce	Animesh Chauhan	Gurgaon, Haryana	Where every individual is committed
Punjab & Sind Bank	S. Jatinderbirsingh	New Delhi	Where service is a way of life

Punjab National bank	UshaAnanthasubramanian	New Delhi	The name you can bank upon
Syndicate Bank	ArunShrivastava	Manipal,Karnataka	Faithful and Friendly
UCO Bank	R K Takkar	Kolkata	Honours Your trust
Union Bank of India	Arun Tiwari	Mumbai	Good people to bank with
United bank of India	Pawan Kumar Bajaj	Kolkata	The bank that begins with u
Vijaya Bank	Kishore Kumar Sansi	Bangalore	A friend u can bank upon
Bharatiya Mahila Bank	S.M.Swathi(ED)	New Delhi	Empowering Women, Empowering India.
IDBI Bank	Kishore pirajikharat	Mumbai	Banking for all”AAoSocheinBada”
NABARD	Harsh Kumar Bhanwala	Mumbai	Revitalizing rural India through urban support
Exim Bank	YaduvendraMathur	Mumbai	Together towards Tomorrow.
ECGC	GeethaMuralidhar	Mumbai	You Focus on Exports.We cover the risks.

### Top bank first in first outs

- First bank to introduce ATM concept in India – HSBC Bank
- First bank in India - Bank of Hindustan
- First Indian bank to open a branch outside India – BOI
- First Indian bank to start commercial operations in China – SBI
- First Indian Bank got ISO certification – Canara Bank
- First Indian bank to Introduce internet banking – ICICI bank
- First Indian bank to introduce Mutual Funds – SBI
- First ‘display variant’ debit card – Axis Bank
- First Regional Rural Bank of India - Prathama Bank
- India’s first co-operative Bank is - Anonya Co-operative Bank
- First bank to introduce Small Finance bank, Capital Small Finance Bank Limited – Capital Local Area Bank.
- First bank to roll out sukanyasamridhiyojana – Punjab National Bank
- First bank to set up Aadhaar-based ATM – DCB Bank
- First bank to set up Talking ATM - Union Bank of India
- First Bank to launch Mobile ATMs(ATM on Wheels) – ICICI Bank
- First RuPay ATM & Micro ATM Card with Aadhaar Number was issued by – Bank of India
- First issue of soil health card – Maharastra bank
- First payment solutions – co-branded card issued by –LIC with UAE gulf bank
- RBL ( Ratnakar bank limited ) launches first golf centric card
- First MUDRA card based on the RuPay platform - Corporation Bank
- First bank in India to launch Watch Banking for Apple Watch - HDFC Bank
- First Multi-Currency Contactless Card service - Axis Bank

BANKS	CAPITALS
New bank license	500 crores
Private banks	500 crores
Foreign bank	500 crores
Urban cooperative banks	100 crores
State cooperative banks	100 crores
Small bank & payment	100 crores
EXIM bank	8500 crores
SIDBI	1000 crores
Authorised Regional Rural	2000 crores
MUDRA BANK	20000 crore
NABARD	500 crores



- First microfinance company to transform into a bank – Bandhan(Kolkata)
- First payment bank - Paytm
- First institution worldwide to launch mVisa – ICICI
- First public sector bank to partner with Chiller – BOB
- First bank to launched Malayalam and Hindi language versions of mobile application - FedMobile
- First commercial bank to raise \$350 mn via green bonds - IDBI Bank
- First bank to launch mobile wallet service “Batua” – SBI
- First postal ATM inaugurated – Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- First bank issuing the gold coins in 5,10 and 20 gms – Indian Overseas Bank

## **Reserve bank of India**

### **Establishment**

- The Reserve Bank of India was established on April 1, 1935 in accordance with the provisions of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
- The Central Office of the Reserve Bank was initially established in Calcutta but was permanently moved to Mumbai in 1937.
- Though originally privately owned, since nationalisation in 1949, the Reserve Bank is fully owned by the Government of India.
- The Reserve Bank's affairs are governed by a central board of directors. The board is appointed by the Government of India in keeping with the Reserve Bank of India Act.

### **Appointed/nominated for a period of four years Constitution:**

Official Directors(Full-time): Governor and not more than four Deputy Governors

Governor--**Urjit Patel\***

Deputy Governors(4)

**Shri H.R. Khan; Dr. Urjit R. Patel ;Shri R. Gandhi ;Shri S. S. Mundra**

### **Financial Supervision**

The Reserve Bank of India performs this function under the guidance of the Board for Financial Supervision (BFS). The Board was constituted in November 1994 as a committee of the Central Board of Directors of the Reserve Bank of India.

### **Objective**

Primary objective of BFS is to undertake consolidated supervision of the financial sector comprising commercial banks, financial institutions and non-banking finance companies.

### **I. Acts administered by Reserve Bank of India**

- Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934
- Public Debt Act, 1944/Government Securities Act, 2006
- Government Securities Regulations, 2007
- Banking Regulation Act, 1949
- Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999
- Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Chapter II)
- Credit Information Companies(Regulation) Act, 2005
- Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007
- Payment and Settlement Systems Regulations, 2008 and Amended up to 2011 and BPSS Regulations, 2008
- The Payment and Settlement Systems (Amendment) Act, 2015 - No. 18 of 2015
- Factoring Regulation Act, 2011

## II. Other relevant Acts

- Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881
- Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891
- State Bank of India Act, 1955
- Companies Act, 1956/ Companies Act, 2013
- Securities Contract (Regulation) Act, 1956
- State Bank of India Subsidiary Banks) Act, 1959
- Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation Act, 1961
- Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970
- Regional Rural Banks Act, 1976
- Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1980
- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development Act, 1981
- National Housing Bank Act, 1987
- Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993
- Competition Act, 2002
- Indian Coinage Act, 2011 : Governs currency and coins
- Banking Secrecy Act
- The Industrial Development Bank (Transfer of Undertaking and Repeal) Act, 2003
- The Industrial Finance Corporation (Transfer of Undertaking and Repeal) Act, 1993

## Quantitative & Qualitative credit control

**I. Quantitative credit control** is to establish control over the total quantity of credit in the country.

**II. Qualitative credit control** the central bank takes the help of bank rate, open market operations, SLR, CRR, rationing of credit, regulation of consumer credit, moral suasion, variation in margin requirement **RATES INTRODUCED in the years**, repo rate -- 1992, reverse repo rate -- 1996, bank rate -- 1934, LAF - 1999

**Bank Rate:** In simple words, bank rate is the rate at which RBI extends advances (Credit) to commercial banks. A change in the bank rate will result in a change in the prime lending rate of banks and thus act as an independent instrument of monetary control.

**Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR):** Cash reserve ratio is the cash parked by the banks in their specified current account maintained with RBI. In other words, it is the percentage of deposit (both demand and time deposit) which a bank has to keep with the RBI. RBI is empowered to vary the CRR between 3% to 15%. The purpose of reducing CRR is to leave large cash reserve with banks so as to enable them to expand bank credit. Similarly **increasing** of CRR means squeezing the cash reserve of the banks and limits their credit providing capacity

**Statutory liquidity Ratio (SLR):** Statutory liquidity ratio is the liquid assets commercial banks maintain with the RBI in the form of cash, gold and balances in unencumbered approved securities. RBI can change SLR from time to time. **Both CRR and SLR reduce or increase the capacity to expand credit to business and industry. Thus both of these are anti-inflationary.**

## # MONEY MARKET

**Open Market Operations (OMO):** The buying and selling of eligible securities in the money market by RBI for the purpose of curtailing or expanding the volume of credit. **Purpose** of OMO is to influence the volume of cash reserves with the commercial banks and thus influence the volume of loans and advances they can make to the industrial and commercial sector.

**Prime Lending Rate (PLR):** It is rate of interest of which commercial banks lend to their prime high profile blue chip corporate borrowers. (From 1990's banks are free to determine PLR).

**Repo Rate:** Repurchasing option is traded in this market for a short time periods. Repo is Repurchasing by RBI.

**Priority Sector Lending:** It is lending to some particular sector at lower interest rate. RBI orders all public sector banks to give 18% of credit to priority sector.

**Market Stabilization Scheme:** It is a scheme under which RBI buys and sells Government of India securities in order to control liquidity.

**Money in Circulation:** Money in use to finance current transactions as distinct from idle money.

**Investment Bank:** A Bank that provides long term fixed capital for industry, generally by taking up shares in limited companies.

**Regional Rural Bank:** It was established in 1975 under the provision of RRB Act 1976, with a view to develop rural economy.

**Lead Banking Scheme:** Under this scheme all the nationalized banks and few private sector banks were allowed specially and were asked to play the “Lead Role”. The lead banks act as a leader to bring about co-ordination of cooperative banks, commercial banks and other financial institutions in their respective demises to bring about rapid economic development.

**Call Money:** It is a loan that is made for a very short period i.e. for a few days only or for duration of a week. It carries a low rate of interest. In case of a stock exchange market, the duration of call money may be for a fortnight.

**LIBOR:** London Inter- Bank Offered Rate. An interest rate at which banks can bestow funds, in marketable size, from other banks in London inter- bank market.

**MIBOR:** Mumbai Inter Banking Operative Rate.

**Capital Deepening:** It occurs when capital to LIBOR ratio increase in a country, it helps in economic development of the country.

**BASEL II:** This norms assess the need for risk capital and replaces the minimum 9% capital adequacy norm under BASEL-I. BASEL II enables greater transparency and banks will evaluate themselves.

**CAMELS:** Capital Adequacy, Asset Quality, Management, Earnings Liquidity and Systems.

**Capital Adequacy Ratio:** It is the ratio of total capital fund of a bank to its risk weighted assets. It is an indicator of banks financial health.

**Asset Reconstruction Company:** Takes over the NPA of banks or financial institutions at cheaper rate, reconstruct it and sells it and makes profit out of it. This helps in clearing the balance sheet of banks.

**Universal Banking:** It is a banking scheme given by Khan Committee according to which conduction of all financial activities under one roof by a bank or financial institution. In other words, this means integration of roles of bank and other development banks.

**Service Area Approach:** Under this scheme, branches of commercial banks were allotted certain specific semi-urban and rural areas. These branches were made more responsible for overall development of prescribed areas. It was implemented in 1989.

**Merchant Banking:** It is an activity under which a bank take up portfolio management (Banks advising their clients about management of fund) as well as banker to the issue of the company.

**Urban co-operative bank** --Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) though not formally defined, refers to primary cooperative banks located in urban and semi-urban areas. These banks, till 1996, were allowed to lend money only for non-agricultural purposes. This distinction does not hold today. These banks were traditionally centered around communities, localities work place groups. They essentially lent to small borrowers and businesses

**Land development bank**--The special banks providing Long Term Loans are called Land Development Banks, in the short, LDB. The history of LDB is quite old. The first LDB was started at Jhang in Punjab in 1920. This bank is also based on Co-operative. The main objective of the LDB's are to promote the development of land, agriculture and increase the agricultural production. The LDBs provide long-term finance to members directly through their branches.

**Gresham's Law:** Bad money (Black Money) pushes good money (White Money) out of circulation.

**Bank of International Settlement:** Based in Switzerland, gives the statement of international monetary transactions. It is the one which gives CAMELS, BASEL.

### **CAPITAL MARKETS - SEBI (Regulator)**

**SEBI:** Securities and Exchange Board of India. SEBI is the primary governing/regulatory body for the securities market in India. All transactions in the securities market in India are governed and regulated by SEBI. Its main functions are:

1. New issues (Initial Public Offering or IPO)
2. Listing agreement of companies with stock exchanges
3. Trading mechanisms
4. Investor protection
5. Corporate disclosure by listed companies etc.

**Zero Coupon Bonds:** Zero Coupon Bonds (also called as pure discount bonds) are bonds that pay no periodic interest payments or so called 'Coupons'.

**Undated Securities:** Securities not bearing a redemption date or option.

**Tap Issue:** An issue of treasury bills to government departments and others at a fixed price stand, without going through the market, as distinct from a tender issue.

**Buy Back of Shares:** Various individuals, financial institutions, directors of the company, hold company shares. This indicates the ownership of the company, when a company is allowed to buy-back its shares. It means it is increasing its ownership.

**Penny Stocks:** Penny stocks are securities or stocks which are sold by smaller new companies. They are generally sold because companies are seeking money for expansion, basic operations, and even for the commencement of business.

**Participatory notes:** These are notes issued by FIIs and some of the Indian based foreign banks.

**GDR/ADR:** Global Deposit Receipts (GDR) are popularly known as Euro issues i.e. shares of Indian companies sold in the European market. When these shares of Indian companies are sold in the US capital market they are called as American Deposit Receipts (ADR).

**Black-Sholes Formula:** A formula used to establish a fair price for options in financial markets.

**Swap:** A transaction in which securities of a certain value are sold to a buyer in exchange for the purchase from the buyer of securities having the same value. The purpose is to obtain an improvement, in the eyes of either of the parties, in the quality of the security or to anticipate a change in yield. Currencies as well as securities are swapped in this way.

**Screen Based Book**- where securities are auctioned through an anonymous screen based system, and the price of which securities are sold is discovered in screen. This eliminates the delays, risks and implementation difficulties associated with traditional procedures.

**ESOP:** Employee Stock Option.

**Market Capitalisation:** Total value of the equity in the present market price is called market capitalization.

**Hedge Funds:** They are basically private investment pools for wealthy, financially sophisticated investors. Traditionally they have been organized as partnership, with the general partner managing the fund's portfolio.

**Mutual Funds:** Funds set up on the principal of pooled risk and pooled resources with the purpose of giving them the benefits of share market without exposing individually to the volatility of share market.

**Venture Capital:** Risk capital is called venture capital.

**Sovereign Wealth Fund:** It is state owned fund composed of financial assets such as stocks, bonds, property or other financial investment.

**Futures:** Contracts made in a future market for the purchased or sale of commodities on a specified future date. Futures provide a convenient mechanism for holding market risk. Future market forms an important part of many organized commodity exchange or market.

**NCDEX:** National Commodity Derivatives Exchange. It is the largest commodity futures exchange.

### **Forward Market Commission:**

**FMCI** is a regulatory body for commodity futures, and forward trade in India. It was set up under Forward Contract (Regulation) Act 1952. Its headquarter is in Mumbai.

**CARE:** Credit Analysis and Research Ltd. It was started in November 1993. It was set up by IDBI.

**ICRA:** Investment Information and Credit Rating Agents of India Limited. It was established in 1991. It primarily rates short, medium and long debt instruments. But, since 1995 it has been doing equity rating also.

**Voting Shares:** Equity shares entitling holders to vote in the election of directors of a company. Normally all ordinary shares are voting shares, but sometimes a company may create a class of non-voting ordinary shares.

**Factoring:** The business in which, a firm takes over the collection of trade debts on behalf of others, thereby enabling them to obtain insurance against bad debts. It is a service primarily intended to meet the needs of small and medium-size firms. The procedure is for the factoring company to buy up its client's invoices and then itself claim payment of them.

**Underwriting:** Underwriting is the business of insuring against risk.

**Counter Guarantee:** It is given by an economic agent, another agent will oblige the contract signed with the 3rd party.

**NSDL:** It is the first registered depository in India set up in November 1996 and has been promoted by IDBI, UTI and NSE.

**CDSL:** Central Depository Services Limited.

**Sub- Prime Loans:** It is also called as 'B' loans or second chance loans. These are loans originated to borrowers who do not qualify for market interest rates because of problems in their credit history.

**Derivative Trading:** It is trading on claims, on claims on real producers.

**Currency Future:** Where in a contract is made between two parties, in which a party agrees to buy or sell a fixed amount of currency at fixed foreign exchange at a later date. It reduces currency volatility rise for both the parties.

**Insider Trading:** When insider (managers, directors, others) have more information of the companies performance than the external shareholders. And they use it to make a profit is called insider trading. It is banned in India by SEBI.

**Multi Commodity Exchange (MCE):** The trading happening in papers instead of commodities in physical. The largest MCX is in Ahmadabad.

**Arbitrage:** The act of buying a currency or a commodity in one market and simultaneously selling it for a profit in another market.

### **Commodities, Derivatives, And Metals Markets**

**I.**Commodity markets are markets where raw or primary products are exchanged, with traditional commodities such grains, meat and livestock, exchange trading has expanded to include metals, energy, currency and currency indexes, equities and equity indexes, government interest rates and private interest rates.

**II.**These raw commodities are traded on regulated commodities exchanges, in which they are bought and sold in standardized Contracts.

**III.**A Commodities Exchange is an exchange where various commodities and derivatives products are traded. These contracts can include spot prices, forwards, futures, and options on on futures.

**India has 7 national commodity exchanges namely**

1. Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX)
2. National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX)
3. National Multi-Commodity Exchange (NMCE)
4. Indian Commodity Exchange (ICEX)

5. The ACE Derivatives exchange ( ACE )
6. Universal commodity exchange (UCX)
7. Bhatinda Om & Oil Exchange Ltd.

**\*The regulatory body is Forward Markets Commission (FMC) which was set up in 1953.**

### **Concept Of Money**

**Hot money** ---Money which swifts from one country to another country in order to upgrade itself is called as hot money

**FIAT MONEY** -- Fiat money is money that can be used as tender but does not have a physical commodity, such as gold or silver, linked to it, \*extrinsic value > intrinsic value

### **NEAR MONEY**

assets which can readily be converted into cash, such as bills of exchange.

### **CALL MONEY**

money loaned by a bank or other institution which is repayable on demand.

### **DEAR MONEY or tight money**

A situation in which money or loans are very difficult to obtain in a given country. If you do have the opportunity to secure a loan, then interest rates are usually extremely high

**CHEAP MONEY**--loan or credit with a low interest rate, or the setting of low interest rates by a central bank

### **PRECAUTIONARY MONEY**

Unexpected financial crisis economic situation , keep people to save gold with themselves called as precautionary money

### **DEPOSIT MONEY**

The money which is maintained by the banks named as deposit money also called s credit agencies

\*example -- DFIs, commercialbanks , cooperatives , RRBs , NBFCs

### **SMART MONEY**

The process by which experienced investors and traders who tend to evaluate and find investment opportunities before anyone is known as Credit cards, debit card, cash card

**PLASTIC MONEY**--Plastic money is a term that is used predominantly in reference to the hard plastic cards we use every day in place of actual bank notes. They can come in many different forms such as cash cards, credit cards, debit cards, pre-paid cash cards and store cards.

### **RESERVE MONEY**

It is a measure of money multiplier. Money multiplier shows the mechanism by which reserve money creates money supply in the economy. It is again dependent on two variables, namely currency deposit ratio and reserve deposit ratio.

**STANDARD MONEY** - Monetary unit which is designated by a government to serve as the basis of its currency system and into which other types of money in the country are convertible& compare standard of value.

\* Intrinsic value = extrinsic value

## **Recent Banking & Financial Awareness News**

### **World bank & IMF in the NEWS**

- According to the World Bank – India’s GDP Growth Would Be 7.6% This Year, 7.7% In 2017.
- The Union Government has signed \$650 million loan agreement with the World Bank for construction of the Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC)-III project. EDFC is 1,840 km long and extends from Ludhiana in Punjab to Kolkata in West Bengal as a series of projects with three sections.
- World Bank president Jim Yong Kim announced USD 2 billion loans for Bangladesh to help Bangladesh to fight climate change. The USD 2 billion for climate change is in addition to USD 1 billion pledged by world Bank to end childhood stunted growth.

- World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim and New Development Bank President K.V. Kamath signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen their cooperation in addressing global infrastructure needs in Washington D.C on Sept. 9, 2016.
- World Bank will invest nearly 1,000 crore rupees in Assam for the betterment of the inland waterways. The amount will be utilised to develop inland waterways including ghats.
- The World Bank has announced a funding of Rs 980 crore to dredge the Brahmaputra as an initiative to develop waterways to Bangladesh and to other South East Asian countries which is give fillip to trade and industry in the Area.
- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) revised projections for India's economic growth by 0.2 percentage points to 7.6 per cent for 2016-17 and 2017-18.
- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) had asserted that adoption of GST (Goods and Services) tax would boost India's medium-term growth. India's GDP growth is projected at 7.6 per cent in both 2016/17 fiscal year (ending in March 2017) and 2017/18 fiscal year, up 0.1 percentage point relative to the April 2016 World Economic Outlook, a survey conducted and published by the IMF.

### **Reserve Bank of India in the NEWS**

- RBI Opens Second Banking Ombudsman Office in New Delhi.
- Reserve Bank has allowed foreign investors to buy up to 100 per cent in Crompton Greaves Consumer Electricals Ltd. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs)/Registered Foreign Portfolios Investors (RFPIs) can now invest up to 100 per cent of the paid up capital of Crompton Greaves Consumer Electricals Limited under the Portfolio Investment Scheme (PIS).
- Earthport Receives RBI Nod For Outbound Cross Border Payments
- Reserve Bank of India predicts India to clock at 7.6 per cent in 2016-17 in the wake of near-term growth outlook for India seems brighter than last fiscal.
- HCC becomes first firm to get debt recast under RBI's S4A Scheme
- RBI issues Clarifications on Hedging for External Commercial Borrowings
- RBI Governor Urjit Patel cuts interest rates, bats for growth in first monetary policy
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released the Report of the Internal Working Group (IWG) on Rationalisation of Branch Authorisation Policy. The Group is chaired by Lily Vadera, Chief General Manager, and Department of Banking Regulation.
- RBI issued separate operating guidelines for payments banks and small finance banks in view of their differentiated nature of business and focus on financial inclusion. As per the guidelines, PBs could accept deposit only up to Rs.1 lakh. Small Finance Banks would have to follow norms relating to minimum balance, inoperative accounts, nominations, and cheques/drafts. PBs would have to maintain a minimum investment to the extent of not less than 75 per cent of 'demand deposit balances' as on three working days prior to that day, in Government securities/Treasury Bills with maturity up to one year that were recognised by RBI as eligible securities for maintenance of Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR).
- According to a data released by the RBI shows that India' banking system reported total deposits of Rs100 lakh crore for the first time ever in September. Demand deposits crossing R10 lakh crore and time deposits crossing the Rs 90 lakh crore mark, the month saw the highest-ever monthly rise of Rs 5.32 lakh crore — more than the total deposits in the banking sector 20 years back.
- RBI has launched the survey to seek quantitative information on order books, inventories and capacity utilisation of companies in the manufacturing sector, a key input for monetary policy formulation.
- The RBI relaxed foreign investment norms in financial services firms, start-ups and in investments by foreign regulated capital investors. Foreign Venture Capital Investors (FVCIs) can invest in Indian start-ups without prior permission of the RBI.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued rules permitting these to raise External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs) per start-up was capped at \$3 million per financial year to support financing for start-ups

- The RBI has given approval to Rs 26,000-crore cash credit limit (CCL) for purchasing paddy in poll-bound Punjab. The state government will seek approval of the Centre by sending the RBI's approval letter for the release of funds for the purchase of paddy
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced India's foreign exchange reserves went up to \$371.27 billion as on September 9. According to data released by the RBI, the reserves stood at \$371.27 billion as on September 9, as against \$367.76 billion as on Sep 2.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has asked to grant loans to Women Self-Help Group (SHG) up to Rs 3 lakh at 7 per cent interest rate per annum. The Revised Scheme comes from RBI after it got approval from Rural Development Ministry.
- The Reserve Bank of India has launched a website [sachet.rbi.org.in](http://sachet.rbi.org.in) – in a bid to curb illegal and
- Unauthorized pooling of funds by unscrupulous firms. It was launched by RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan.
- Reserve Bank has constituted a panel to study the various facets of household finance in India and to benchmark India's position vis-a-vis both in other major world markets and advanced economies. The panel headed by Financial Economics Professor Tarun Ramadorai at Oxford University.
- RBI has come up with a Draft Circular for public comments on "Limited Liability" for customers in case of frauds in Internet Banking and Card transactions. RBI has also proposed zero liability on the customer if the loss is reported within three working days even if the cause is not directly linked to deficiency on the part of the lender and the fault lies elsewhere in the system.
- Mumbai based Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed penalties on four cooperative banks for violation of various norms. This 4 cooperative banks are
  1. Cooperative City Bank, Guwahati – Rs 5 lakh
  2. Indapur Urban Cooperative Bank, Indapur – Rs 2 lakh
  3. Shri Dadasaheb Gajmal Cooperative Bank, Pachora – Rs 1 lakh
  4. Model Cooperative Urban Bank, Hyderabad – Rs 1 lakh
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has permitted foreign investment through automatic route in other financial services, that are comes under regulators like Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and State bank of India (SBI) and Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) or government agencies. At present regulations on Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs) stipulate that 100 per cent FDI through automatic route permitted for only 18 specified NBFC activities such as merchant banking, under writing, portfolio management services.

### SEBI

- Sebi grants in-principle approval to BSE for global exchange
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has proposed a ban on unauthorised trading tips through social media platforms like SMS, WhatsApp and Facebook
- Securities and Exchange Board of India, SEBI has banned 21 entities in a case related to tax evasion and illegal gains through misuse of stock exchange mechanism. Sebi in an interim order dated June 1 had barred Dhyana Finstock and 75 other entities, including the above 21, from the market for using the securities system to artificially bump up volume and price of the scrip to provide illegitimate gains to preferential allottees.
- BSE Ltd, India's second-biggest stock exchange filed for an initial public offering (IPO) in order to list its shares on larger rival National Stock Exchange (NSE). Earlier BSE filed draft papers with markets regulator Sebi to raise an estimated Rs 1,200 crore to Rs 1,300 crore through initial public offering (IPO).
- Market Watchdog Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has lined up wide-ranging relaxations to its norms for REITs and InvITs and an easier set of listing rules for startups. SEBI will consider these regulations in its board meeting next month.
- Markets Watchdog SEBI unveiled its first phase of its new enterprise portal to offer timely dissemination of information to all its stakeholders be it internal or external.



- Market Regulator SEBI has stated that Ponzi schemes do not fall under the regulatory purview of SEBI, such schemes were banned under the Prize Chit and Money Circulation (Banning) Act, 1978 and the State government concerned is the enforcement agency and responsible to protect investors.

### SBI

- Beyond 7 working days of receiving the communication India's largest public sector bank, State bank of India (SBI) and Korea Development Bank (KDB) have signed an MOU to develop business synergies in the domains of corporate finance, project finance and asset finance.
- The government has selected four investment banks namely Nomura, SBI Caps, ICICI Securities and IDBI Capital for the proposed share sale in HUDCO – Housing & Urban Development Corporation Limited. Also the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM), the nodal agency under the finance ministry that co-ordinates government disinvestment programme has selected these four investment banks for the proposed share sale in HUDCO.
- Ncr bags largest atm order from sbi for over 7000 machines
- SBI has announced its entry into Myanmar by opening a branch in the Yangon, former capital city of Myanmar. The Yangon branch is the 54th foreign branch of the SBI.
- SBI has declared Silchar as its 5th zone in North East after Guwahati, Shillong, Dibrugarh and Jorhat, which will cater to the banking needs of the people of Mizoram, Tripura and Manipur along with the Barak Valley.
- SBI announced the launch of a special financing scheme 'Hope Loans', under which customers could avail credit facility at lower rates.
- Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI) has imposed a penalty of Rs 10 lakh and another penalty of Rs 5 lakh has been imposed on SBI Life Insurance. For violations of various norms, including guidelines on accepting business from a corporate agent after the expiry of licence. It had done 621 policies after expiry of licence
- SBI unveiled a new cheaper home loan scheme for defense and other government employees. New Housing Loans:-
  - SBI Privilege Home Loan – government employees,
  - SBI Shaurya Home Loan – defence personnel.
- Kochi Based leading private sector Lender South Indian Bank and India's Largest lender State Bank of India has joined hands for their co-branded credit card for the South Indian Bank customers.
- In an attempt to create global size bank, the board of State Bank of India approved scheme of merger of five associate banks and Bharatiya Mahila Bank (BMB) with itself while protecting the interest of the existing staff.
- Mumbai based container port, Jawaharlal Nehru Port has signed an agreement with State Bank of India and Development Bank of Singapore for External Commercial Borrowing to the tune of USD 400 Million under External Commercial Borrowings. It the first Major Port to finalize the terms of ECB.
- India's premier container port, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust has signed a pact with State Bank of India and Singapore's DBS for a loan of Rs 2,600 crore), to double its annual capacity.
- State Bank of India cuts home loan interest rates to lowest in 6 years
- The State Bank of India announced a cut of 0.15% in its benchmark lending rate under a new system of calculation, signalling a further implement in borrowing costs ahead of the busy season.
- The National Highways Authority (NHAI) reported that the State Bank of India, Punjab National Bank, IDFC Bank and the digital wallet PayTM would also start issuing the tags, which were required for electronic toll collection

### ICICI

- Mobile payments and loans start-up ftcash in association with ICICI Bank is the first fintech start-up to launch Unified Payment Interface (UPI) to provide flexibility to our 5,000-plus merchants to accept electronic payments at a lower cost and better convenience.
- India's largest private sector bank, ICICI Bank reduces its Marginal Cost Lending Rate by 0.05% to 8.90 from previously 8.95%.

- India's largest private banking lender, ICICI banks teamsup with US based Apollo India Credit Opportunity Management LLC to launch an asset reconstruction company (ARC).
- Leading Indian private banks namely HDFC Bank, Axis Bank and ICICI Bank along with their Chinese peers China Construction Bank Corp (CCB), Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) and Agricultural Bank of China (ABC) occupy the top six slots among global banks on key return ratios, namely return on equity (RoE) and return on assets (RoA).
- India's largest Private Sector lender ICICI Bank has launched a payment service using a smartphone keyboard named iMobileSmartKeys to make mobile payments easier. This solution was developed by one of the winners of the bank's app developing competition ICICI Appathon.
- ICICI Bank launches overdraft facility for salaried home loan borrowers
- The British subsidiary of ICICI Bank, ICICI Bank UK Plc. announced the launch of online money transfer services to facilitate transaction from any bank accounts in Sweden, Norway and Denmark to any recipient account based in India. The service called 'Money2India Europe' verifies the credentials of the customers over video call from Money2India Europe website.
- ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund was appointed by the government to manage the second CPSE exchange traded fund (ETF) comprising stocks of PSUs in the current fiscal with an estimated corpus of Rs.6,000 crore. The appointment criteria and evaluation process comprises both technical and financial parameters. The competitors were Reliance, HDFC SBI, UTI, Kotak and Birla Sunlife.
- ICICI Bank has announced the deployment of Software Robotics for business processes across various functions of the bank. The bank said that the software robots have reduced the response time to customers by up to 60% and have increased accuracy to 100%.
- Electricity generator Tata Power and ICICI Venture grouped together to take over stressed power assets in India. Tata Power holds a 26 per cent stake and ICICI Ventures holds 74 per cent stake in Resurgent Power Ventures.
- ICICI Prudential Life Insurance IPO opens. ICICI Bank owns 68 percent of the company and decided to sell 12.65% stake though this IPO. At the upper end of the price band, IPO would raise over Rs 6000 Cr. Britain's Prudential PLC, which owns nearly 26% of the company, was not selling any of its stake in the IPO.

### **AXIS BANK**

- Mumbai based Private sector lender Axis Bank has announced tie up with the Mobile recharging platform Freecharge and also said the bank is ready with Unified Payments Interface (UPI) app. The Application powered by UPI architecture called Axis Pay App can be used by any other banks customer also would make the transactions easier.
- Axis Bank launches a new credit card for online shoppers
- FreeCharge partnership with Axis Bank and launched Unified Payments Interface (UPI) that allows instant transactions from a smartphone using a virtual payment address (VPA)
- Private sector Bank, Axis has tied up with Banaras Hindu University (BHU) to offer specialised banking courses. The partnership will offer courses like Masters in Commerce (MCom), Master of Financial Management (MFM), Master of Financial Management (Risk & Insurance) MFM – RI, Master of Foreign Trade (MFT).

### **YES BANK**

- YES Bank has tied up with ToneTag, a Mobile payment solutions start-up to integrate and deploy sound based contactless payments on its mobile wallet YES Pay.
- Yes Bank launches new mobile banking app Yes Mobile 2.0
- Mumbai based private sector bank Yes Bank has launched Yes Pay, a digital wallet which does not require that both the transacting parties be registered on it.

### **HDFC**

- HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company has entered into a tie-up with Maruti Insurance Broking Pvt Ltd (MIBL) to offer motor insurance to buyers of Maruti Suzuki cars.

- Mortgage lender HDFC has raised Rs.500 crore through rupee-denominated bonds from overseas investors. With reference to the earlier letter dated October 12, 2016, informing about the opening of the fourth issue of rupee-denominated bonds to overseas investors, aggregating an amount up to Rs.500 crore.
- State-run trading firm MMTC has tied up with seven banks, including ICICI and HDFC Bank, to sell government minted 'Indian Gold Coin'. The coins are currently available at all MMTC outlets across India along with select branches of seven banks –Indian Overseas Bank, Vijaya Bank, Federal Bank, Yes Bank, Andhra Bank, ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank.
- HDFC ERGO, a leading Private sector non-life insurer has implemented Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS) in Assam, Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh.
- The boards of HDFC and Max Financial's groups have given their nod to merge their respective life insurance entities. This will pave the way for more consolidation in the life insurance space.
- Times of India Group's Times Internet in cooperation with Mortgage lender HDFC launched co-branded debit cards. It will have a daily shopping limit of Rs 2.75 lakh and an ATM withdrawal limit of Rs 1 lakh.
- HDFC, Airtel and State Bank of India named in the Top 50 valued brands by the The third annual BrandZ Top 50 Most Valuable Indian Brands report released by WPP and Kantar Millward Brown. The list is topped by Mortgage lender HDFC

### **Other Banks in the NEWS**

- Banks to report frauds of Rs 1 crore and above to CVC
- BSE revises transaction charges for currency derivatives
- India's gross-value added growth to hit 7.6% this yr: DBS
- Five more banks join the Unified Payments Interface (UPI)
- USAID and RBL Bank Announce \$75 million in Loan Guarantee for clean energy
- Economy to grow at 7.6% in 2016-17: NCAER
- LIC retains its most attractive BFSI brand status
- UCO Bank to raise Rs 271 crore equity from LIC
- Government of India and Asian Development Bank (ADB) sign \$48 Million Loan to improve Assam's Power Distribution System
- MOU on Defence Salary Package Signed between Indian Army and Corporation Bank
- Standard Chartered Bank launches UPI Solution
- City Union Bank's pilot robot to be deployed first in Chennai
- Penalty on Mismatch: Deposits above Rs 2.5 lakh to face tax & ATMs to dispense Rs 50 notes from Nov 11
- Black money worth Rs.65,250 crore disclosed under Income Declaration Scheme: ArunJaitley
- Kotak Mahindra Bank has acquired Karnataka-focused BSS Microfinance for Rs 139.2 crore.
- In order to ease the inflation, the Reserve Bank of India cut policy rate (repo rate) by 25 basis points to 6.25% from 6.5%.
- Union Finance Ministry constituted a Public Debt Management Cell (PDMC). The cell was created to streamline government borrowings and better cash management with the overall objective of deepening bond markets.
- Financial services company MasterCard rolled out Selfie Pay app in Europe.
- The Government came out with another set of draft rules, including for liquidation of insolvent corporate persons, under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code.
- ICICI Bank has successfully executed transactions in international trade finance and remittances using blockchain technology in partnership with Emirates NBD.
- Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) has renewed its corporate agency tie-up with United India Insurance Company (UIIC). Customers can buy the entire gamut of UIIC products at any of the 1,896 branches of the bank across the country.
- Foreign lender Standard Chartered Bank announced a tie-up with Uber under which its credit cardholders, across six countries, will get a cash-back of up to 25 per cent for hailing cabs from the app.

- The US Agency for International Development (USAID) announced the launch of a new initiative — Catalyst: Inclusive Cashless Payment Partnership. The multi-stakeholder partnership is designed to scale up digital payments systems in India which will act as a catalyst in the increase of cashless payments in select locations.
- Insurance Regulator IRDAI has imposed a penalty of Rs 6 lakh on Shriram Life Insurance for “casual” approach towards certain norms, among other violations.
- Andhra Pradesh government signed an agreement with the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) to promote innovation in financial services in their respective markets.
- The Finance Ministry announced the sixth tranche of sovereign gold bonds. Applications for the bonds will be accepted from October 24 to November 2 and the bonds will be issued on November 17
- Banks in India will either replace or ask users to change the security codes of as many as 3.2 million debit cards because several victims have reported unauthorised usage from locations in China.
- The Reserve Bank of India has allowed banks to approve extension of external commercial borrowings on their own provided the debt is unpaid and has not defaulted before.
- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned Rs 19,702 crore loan to National Water Development Agency (NWDA) for 50 irrigation projects. The loan is sanctioned under Long Term Irrigation Fund (LTIF), announced by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley during the Budget 2016-17.
- About \$2.5 billion were made to the three lenders as part of the first tranche of the repayment schedule. The \$13-billion sale of Essar Oil to Russia’s Rosneft has helped lenders, including ICICI Bank, Axis bank and StanChart, recover a combined \$2.5 billion in part payment of their exposure to the Essar Group.
- BSE has introduced a paperless SIP (Systematic Investment Plan) facility for mutual fund (MF) investors. It will extremely cut the registration time and also allow subscribers to transact through different payment modes including net banking.
- The Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP) notified 100 per cent foreign direct investment in ‘other financial services’ carried out by Non-Banking Finance companies (NBFCs) to attract foreign capital into India
- The Goods and Services Network (GSTN) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) for sharing of foreign exchange realisation and Import Export code data.
- India’s forex reserves rose by USD 1 billion to USD 367.14 billion. In the reporting week, Foreign Currency Assets (FCAs), a major component of the overall reserves, increased by USD 1.015 billion to USD 341.923 billion.
- The Canadian Province of British Columbia becomes the first foreign government entity to issue a Masala bond, choosing London, the global home for Masala bonds, for its listing. Initial price guidance for the benchmark-sized offering with a tenor of three years and four months is 6.68-6.73 percent.
- The Government has decided to raise the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) investment in Exchange Traded Funds from present 5 per cent to 10 per cent.
- Interest rates on small savings schemes have been reduced marginally by 0.1 percent for the October-December quarter of 2016-17, leading to lower returns on Public Provident Fund, Kisan Vikas Patra, Sukanya Samriddhi Account, among others.
- Karnataka Bank has inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Birla Sun Life Asset Management Company for distribution of mutual fund products.
- Maharashtra based DCB Bank launched its Unified Payment Interface (UPI) application. The UPI interface was billed as a revolutionary of sorts in digital banking by the NCPI.
- The first meeting of the GST Council, the tax department today came out with three draft rules and their formats relating to registration, invoice and payments which would be finalised by week-end.
- The World Trade Organization lowered its global trade forecast, warning that anti-globalisation rhetoric and Brexit were pushing trade growth to its slowest pace since the financial crisis. The WTO announced that global trade was now estimated to expand by just 1.7 percent this year, compared to its April projection of 2.8 percent.

- According to New World Wealth, India's financial capital Mumbai, home to 45,000 millionaires and 28 billionaires, is the wealthiest city in the country with total wealth of \$820 billion.
- DCB Bank, an emerging new-generation private sector bank, announced the launch of mVisa, a mobile based payment solution that will make payments at retail outlets much easier. Now Customers can pay now through their smartphones by scanning the unique Quick Response (QR) code at the retail outlet.
- MobiKwik, fin-tech player has launched one-step offline payments with 'Bubble Pin'. The pin is a combination of numbers and alphabets. Bubble pin also makes the transaction more secure as no phone number is required to be shared.
- e-nivaran (electronic resolution) for online redressal of taxpayers' grievances launched by CBDT (Central Board of Direct Taxes). Taxpayers can register complaints related to delay in refunds, filing of e>Returns, Tax Deducted at Source (TDS), PAN issues, and those pertaining to their Assessing Officer (AO).
- India is among the 10 richest countries in the world with total individual wealth of USD 5,600 billion. India is among the top prospective markets for luxury brands worldwide according to the study by New World Wealth, India, along with Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Mauritius and China, offered strong opportunity for growth in luxury and wealth management space.
- Tata AIG General Insurance Company Limited had joined hands with mobile payments' company Paytm to provide health insurance to cab and auto drivers.
- Federal Bank, Kochi-based Private Sector Bank has launched its second Federal Skill Academy at Coimbatore, as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives. The first one being inaugurated last year at Ernakulam.
- Infrastructure Development Finance Company (IDFC) Limited has issued commercial Papers of Rs. 700 crore. The company issued Commercial Papers for an aggregate amount of Rs 700 crore on September 12, 2016 having maturity date of September 29, 2016.
- BSE Sensex collaborate with Twitter to provide live updates of S&P to its investors. It is the first collaboration in Asia between a stock exchange and a social networking site.
- Moody's reported that the reform process was slow and gradual with muted private investment and NPAs posing a challenge and announced that it could upgrade India's rating in 1-2 years if it was convinced that reforms were tangible. Moody's, which has a 'Baa3' rating with a positive outlook, reported evidence of policymakers working towards a faster fiscal consolidation, reducing the debt-GDP ratio and addressing infrastructure and monsoon volatility challenges would determine an upgrade.
- Multilateral funding agency Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a loan of \$631 million or Rs. 4228.9 crore (at Tuesday's exchange rate) for building India's first coastal industrial corridor between Visakhapatnam and Chennai.
- Public sector lender Vijaya Bank had launched e-deposit facility to facilitate term deposits by customers in its bid to ramp up deposit base of the bank. E-deposit would facilitate the existing Vijaya Bank customers to open term deposit accounts through e-banking facility. The three innovative information technology products had launched VPA YQWIK, Vijaya \*99# and V-eConnect+.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank (KMB) has launched an application, "Kotak Now" that would allow new customers to open an account. It is an end-to-end application wherein a customer will be able to open a bank account within 10 minutes.
- Public sector lender Andhra Bank announced that it had entered into agreements with private insurers Cigna TTK and Reliance General Insurance to provide health and general insurance services to its customers.
- Maharashtra Finance Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar and Chairperson of Samruddhi Cooperative Bank Kanchan Gadkari launched the Bank's first-ever RuPay Card in central India.
- The government employees are relaxed with installment tenure extending up to 75 years of age and lower EMI burden post retirement and 0.05 percent concession over the home loan interest.
- The Finance Ministry led by Arun Jaitley has set up a committee to consider incentives such as cash back schemes and tax rebates for promoting card and digital payments in a step towards discouraging cash transactions.
- Mangaluru based Karnataka Bank has come up with a mobile application named KBL-SMARTz built on the unified payments interface (UPI) platform of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

- Qatar based Doha Bank has opened a branch, the Kerala's Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated the branch at Lulu International Shopping Mall in Edappally.
- Mumbai based National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) with 26 Bharat Bill Payment Operating Units (BBPOUs) launched the pilot project for Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS).
- Indian non-banking financial institution PTC India Financial Services (PFS) has tied up with banks to provide loans to companies working on renewable energy (RE) Generation.
- Bangalore based Canara Bank has launched Unified Payment Interface [UPI] App named 'empower', at its board of directors' meet held at Bengaluru.
- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned a loan of Rs 204.67 crore under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for rural infrastructure in Haryana.
- Raghuram Rajan released the consolidated norms of On-Tap Licensing process to enact reform in the Banking Industry
- Tata Capita Housing Limited announced a Comprehensive Housing finance scheme called Prapti with an attractive 4% interest rate for people earning less than Rs 6 lakh a year. The Scheme categorizes two group upon their annual income. viz
  - 1. People earning Rs 3 lakh to Rs 6 lakh a year are recognised as low income group
  - 2. People earning less than Rs 3 lakh are considered as economically weaker segment.
- Vadodara headquartered Public Sector lender Bank of Baroda has entered into partnership with a fintech start-up Fisdom for personal wealth management services. The lender also entered into pact with six other fintech companies.
- Reserve Bank of India slapped penalty of five lakh each on two cooperative banks based in Chhattisgarh under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. The two banks namely,
  - 1. Zila Sahakari Kendriya Bank Maryadit, Raipur
  - 2. Raipur Urban Mercantile Cooperative Bank Limited
- In a pilot basis, Corporation bank has launched group credit life insurance scheme in Mangalore on August 4. This move attributes to increase the insurance cover of the growing population and also strengthen its borrowing community.
- The Union government have come with the notification that tabled in the Lok Sabha intends 4 per cent inflation with the tolerance of 2 percent ( $\pm$ ) for the next five years till March 31, 2021
- Japan has recorded the largest current account surplus in the first half of 2016 that quantify the international trade of goods, services and investments in and out marked a surplus of 10.63 trillion yen (\$104 billion) in the duration which is up 31.3 per cent from a year earlier.
- Reliance General Insurance Company Ltd, Non-life insurer declare a bancassurance tie-up with Shamrao Vithal Co-operative Bank (SVCB) on August 9.
- The Union Government has announced that the Non-Performing Assets (NPA) of commercial banks have increased by around 4% in the from March 2015 to March 2016.
- The National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned Rural Infrastructure Development fund of Rs 26.06 crore to the state of Punjab also upon this the total grand stood at Rs 7,826.17 crore so far.
- Finance Minister Arun Jaitley launched an online finance facilitation portal for the micro, small and medium enterpris (MSMEs) to facilitate ease of doing business at New Delhi.
- RBI has come up with a Draft Circular for public comments on "Limited Liability" for customers in case of frauds in Internet Banking and Card transactions. RBI has also proposed zero liability on the customer if the loss is reported within three working days even if the cause is not directly linked to deficiency on the part of the lender and the fault lies elsewhere in the system.
- Limited Liability of a Customer:
  - Time taken to report the fraudulent transaction from the date of receiving the communication
  - Within 3 working days
  - Within 4 – 7 working days of receiving the communication
- Syndicate Bank has adopted a large scale transformation program called "Project Ananya" that focuses on improved customer service and offering latest indigital banking services.

- Mumbai based Bombay Stock Exchange has got approval from the Corporate Affairs Ministry to establish BSE International Exchange and BSE International Clearing Corporation at Gujarat International Finance Tec-city (GIFT).
- Mumbai based Private sector lender Kodak Mahindra Bank has tied up with the E- Commerce Market Place Flipkart by expanding the Bank's in-app shop, mStore which was used to book air tickets, hotels and bus tickets.
- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) ties up with Union Bank of India to launch an USSD based \*99# mobile application for their customers.
- Hyderabad based Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI) has imposed Rs 35 lakh fine on Bharti Axa General Insurance Co Ltd for violation related with an inspection finding during December 2012 to March 2013.
- The first National Association of Software and Services (Nasscom) warehouse has launched at Rushikonda, Visakhapatnam. It is the 9th warehouse of NASSCOM.
- Insurance regulator PFRDA has substantially lowered the minimum annual contribution to Rs 1,000 to keep the account active in order to encourage more people to join the National Pension System.
- A joint-venture between S&P Dow Jones Indices and BSE, Asia Index launched a new index to measure the performance of Collateralized Borrowing and Lending Obligation (CBLO) rate – one of most liquid rates in India.
- Kerala based private sector lender, Federal Bank has tied up with MMTC for distribution of Indian Gold Coins (IGC), the first-Ever national gold offering by the government.
- Federal Bank announced its partnership with Chillr, a mobile banking application, to provide cashless transactions. Chillr, India's first and only multi-bank mobile application, allows users to connect seamlessly with multiple bank accounts and manage all their banking needs on a single platform, making money transfer between bank accounts easier, faster and safer than sending a text message.
- India Post Payments Bank has come into existence after it received certificate of incorporation from the Registrar of Companies, setting the stage for the new bank to begin operations in 2017. The India Post Payments Bank has received the Certificate of Incorporation from the Registrar of Companies, Ministry of Corporate Affairs yesterday under the Companies Act 2013.
- Andhra Bank government jointly with Geojit BNP Paribas Financial Services has launched a three-in-one online investment and trading platform christened AB eTrade which integrates savings and demat accounts with online trading.
- India's foreign exchange reserves surged by USD 73.2 million to touch a life-time high of USD 365.82 billion in the week ended. It was surged by USD 253.6 million to touch USD 365.75 billion.
- Mahindra Asset Management Company has announced the launch of open ended scheme Mahindra Mutual Fund KarBachat Yojana to generate long-term capital appreciation through a diversified portfolio of equity and equity related securities. The KarBachat Yojana comes with a three year lock-in period. The New Fund Offer would close on October 7 and will reopen for continuous sale and repurchase from October 19, 2016.
- Pune based motorcycle finance firm Bajaj Finance Limited has joined hands with India Post to facilitate purchase of vehicles in Karnataka.
- In the next move to clamp down on black money in the economy, the government is set to ban cash transactions over Rs 3 lakh. The Rs 3 lakh-limit is aimed to ensure that transactions are made using credit or debit cards, cheques or drafts which can be easily tracked.
- American multinational banking firm Goldman Sachs says Indian economy is likely to grow 7.9 per cent in this year 2016-17, growth in the current fiscal driven by better monsoon, government pay hike, key reforms and FDI inflows.
- Mumbai based retail payments organisation National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has announced that customers of 21 banks can use Unified Payments Interface (UPI) for sending and collecting money via a smart phone using a Virtual Payment Address (VPA) soon.
- Private sector lender IndusInd Bank has tied up with IBM to use its Cloud commerce solutions to transform customer engagements and enhance its cross-sell platforms.

## Mobile Apps launched by Bank

App Name	Launched by	Purpose
SBI Mingle	SBI	To help the customers with a host of banking services on their social media accounts, at their own convenience
Elite - Card	SBI	To enables the customers a contactless payment experience, adding more speed and suave to their wallets
Blockchain-based system for banks	Paul Taylor	Speech recognition software
sachet.rbi.org.in	RBI	To curb illegal money pooling by firms
MSME Data Bank Portal and Online Finance Facilitation Web Portal	Finance Minister ArunJaitley	To facilitate ease of doing business
Co-branded debit cards	HDFC	Daily shopping limit of Rs 2.75 lakh and an ATM withdrawal limit of Rs 1 lakh.
S&P BSE Liquid Rate Index	Asia Index	To measure the performance of Collateralized Borrowing and Lending Obligation (CBLO) rate
iMobileSmartKeys	ICICI Bank	To make mobile payments easier
KBL-SMATRz	Karnataka Bank	To perform the transactions on-the-go through this app
Yes Pay	Yes Bank	It does not require that both the transacting parties be registered on it.
Yes Mobile 2.0	Yes Bank	Extensive support for banking transactions on Apple and Android based SmartWatches.
empower	Canara Bank	Unified Payment Interface [UPI] App
Mahindra and Mahindra Limited	DiGiSENSE	Integrated technology platform that connects cars, trucks, tractors and construction equipment's for cloud computing
Hello	Orkut	To help you connect with people who share your passions.
Bubble Pin	MobiKwik	One-step offline payments
Unified Payments Interface (UPI) App	FreeCharge & Axis Bank	To allows instant transactions from a smartphone using a virtual payment address (VPA)
Unified Payment Interface (UPI) app	DCB Bank	To provides a convenient payment method for customers to send and receive funds anytime, anywhere.
e-nivaran	CBDT(Central Board of Direct Taxes)	to resolve Income Tax grievances
e-deposit facility VPAYQWIK, Vijaya *99# and V-eConnect+	Vijaya Bank	To ramp up deposit base of the bank
Kotak Now	Kotak Mahindra Bank (KMB)	To allow new customers to open an account
RuPay Card	Samruddhi Cooperative Bank	Bank's first-ever RuPay Card in central India



## Goods and Service Tax (GST)

- The present Indirect Taxes structure is very complex in India. There are so many types of taxes that are levied by the Central and State Governments on Goods & Services.
- Upon the Bill both Parliament and state legislatures will have concurrent powers to make laws on GST. Only the centre may levy an integrated GST (IGST) on the interstate supply of goods and services, and imports.
- According to the Bill text Alcohol for human consumption has been exempted from the purview of GST. It will also apply to five petroleum products and tobacco that have been kept out of the purview of the GST.
- The empowered GST Council will consist of the Union Finance Minister, Union Minister of State for Revenue, and state Finance Ministers.
- The GST Bill empowers the centre to impose an additional **tax of up to 1%, on the inter-state** supply of goods for two years or more. This tax will accrue to states from where the supply originates.
- Parliament may, by law, provide compensation to states for any loss of revenue from the introduction of GST, up to a 5 year period.
- The Bill will have two components - Central GST levied by the Centre and State GST levied by the states.

### The Bill Passage:

- 2011- the Constitution (115th Amendment) Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha in March 2011 for the introduction of GST.
- The 115th Constitutional (Amendment) Bill, 2011, for the introduction of GST introduced in the Lok Sabha in March 2011 lapsed with the dissolution of the 15th Lok Sabha.
- 2015 – Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha Passed the bill unanimously in August 2015. The bill was circulated to the state government for ratification.
- 2016 – President of India gave approval to the bill (on 08 September 2016) after 50% of the states ratified the bill.
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- The Bill officially known as The Constitution (One Hundred Twenty second Amendment) Bill, 2014, proposes a national Value added Tax to be implemented in India from 1 April 2017.
- The Act was passed in agreement with the provisions of **Article 368 of the Constitution**, and has been ratified by more than half of the State Legislatures, as required under Clause (2) of the said article. On 12 August 2016, Assam became the first state to ratify the bill. 23 States ratified the bill so far and Tripura was the last state to pass it.

### GST COMMITTEE

The composition of the GST Council includes:

- The Union Finance Minister (as Chairman) –ArunJaitly
- The Union Minister of State in charge of Revenue or Finance and
- The Minister in charge of Finance or Taxation or any other Minister, nominated by each state government.
- The decisions of the GST Council will be made by three-fourth majority of the votes cast. The centre shall have one-third of the votes cast, and the states together shall have two-third of the votes cast.

### A 4-tier GST tax structure

- The GST Council finalised a four-tier Goods and Services Tax (GST) structure – ranging from 5% to 28% .
- The four GST slabs are 5%, 12% 18% and 28%.

Slab	Product & Services	Current Rate	New Rate
Slab 1 (5%)	Edible Oil, Spices, Tea, Coffee	Upto 9%	5%
Slab 2 (12%)	Computer, Processed foods	9-15%	12%

Slab 3 (18%)	Soaps, Oils, Cosmetics	15-21 %	18%
Slab 4 (28%)	Heavy Consumer durables like AC, Refrigerator, Television	21%	28%

## INDIAN AFFAIRS

### First In India :

- India’s first multi-city marathon The Great India Run was flagged off in New Delhi
- Integrated Criminal Justice System (ICJS) to be 1st launched in AP and TELEGANA
- Kerala CM Mr. Pinarayi Vijayan launched the India’s first ever water Metro project in the city of Kochi.
- Mumbai’s Jawaharlal Nehru Port becomes the first port in the country to implement logistics data tagging of containers.
- Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan launched SV.CO, ostensibly world’s first digital student incubator in Kochi
- Uttarakhand Gov is to set up an India’s first Industrial Park completely and exclusively dedicated to the Women entrepreneurs
- India’s first Commercial Court and Commercial Disputes Resolution Centre inaugurated in Chattisgarh
- India’s first touch and feel garden for the visually impaired people in the country was inaugurated in the premises of Calicut University
- World’s largest charkha by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) unveiled at Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi.
- First-ever modern and exclusive seed processing unit in Jammu and Kashmir will be set up at Kathua.
- First smart grid project to be set up at Gurgaon in Haryana under UDAY
- Madhya Pradesh is all set to become the first state to set up ‘Happiness Department
- First comprehensive Crime Criminal Tracking Network System CCTNS) on the eve off of the 70th Independence Day in Mumbai.
- Jharkhand became the first state in the country to have implemented Public Fund Management System (PFMS).
- Gujarat becomes first state to distribute 2 crore LED bulbs under UJALA scheme
- India’s first Electropreneur Park is inaugurated by the Minister for Electronics and Information Technology, Ravi Shankar Prasad at Delhi University.
- India’s first textile university at Surat, Gujarat with an investment of about Rs 800 crore.
- Rajasthan becomes the first state in the country to give nod to sewage and waste water policy
- Assam hbecome the first state to ratify Constitution Amendment Bill related to the Goods and Services Tax (GST)
- Rajasthan became the first state to adopt centre’s Street Lighting National Programme (SLNP) in all its urban local bodies (ULB).
- Indira Gandhi International Airport had become a “carbon neutral” status.
- United Nations, has included Sanskrit, the most ancient and traditional language of India
- Bihar School Examination Board(BSEB) become the first state board in India to link students’ examination forms with their Aadhaar numbers
- First All women PCR(Police Control Room) Vans flagged off by Delhi Police commissioner Alok Kumar Verma
- Assam CM Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated first Model Skill Development Centre “Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra” at Panjabari, Guwahati.
- Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis declared Nagpur as the first digital district of India in Mumbai
- Majuli in Assam as the largest river island in the world.
- Country’s first medical devices manufacturing park “mini Ratna” to setup in Chennai.

- Haryana become the first state to implement 7th Central Pay Commission (CPC) to its employees with effect from January 1, 2017.
- Jharkhand became the first state in the country to implement Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) in Kerosene.
- India's first 'Design Yatra' launched by the Institute of Indian Interior Designer (IIID) in Kerala
- The maiden direct bus service between Pokhara (Nepal) and New Delhi (India) was launched following the signing of a Motor Vehicle Agreement (MVA)
- Hindustan Copper Limited inaugurates India's first facility as the first facility in India to produce Nickel metal of LME grade from primary resource in Indian Copper Complex, Ghatsila.
- India received the first parcel of Iranian oil to partly fill its strategic storage in southern India, Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd
- Hinduja flagship Ashok Leyland has launched its first locally designed, engineered and produced battery electric bus series Circuit
- India's first elevated taxiway will be set up in Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi.
- India's Oil Ministry and the US Geological Department has jointly discovered the highly enriched accumulations of natural gas hydrate Reserve in the Bay of Bengal. This is the first of its kind in the Indian Ocean.
- Coeey Technologies has released India's first IOT Glucometer that wirelessly syncs data with a smartphone
- Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory (LIGO) come up in Maharashtra's Hingoli district.
- Uttar Pradesh became the first state in the country to launch the ambitious "Twitter Seva" project.
- Aarambh Initiative has launched the country's first-ever hotline to curb child pornography.
- Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate change run Wildlife Institute of India (WII) will establish repository on tigers, under its new Tiger Cell in Dehradun
- India's first inter State river interlinking project Ken-Betwa project was approved by the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) with an Outlay of Rs.10,000 crore.
- India has failed on being the destination for the world's largest telescope.
- Delhi has become the first state in the country to launch 'Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination' as a public health programme
- First titanium project of India being established by Saraf Group in Ganjam district of Odisha
- First LNG Fuelled Bus in the Country launched by Shri Dharmendra Pradhan in Kerala.
- Maharashtra become First state to launch Cyber Police Stations in each Districts

## State Wise Affairs

### Andhra Pradesh :

- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu inaugurated the Mission Harita Andhra Pradesh', with the theme green cover for a happy living.
- 'Smart Pulse' socio-economic survey launched by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu
- AP Police launched DNA Index System (DIS) that allows generation of DNA profiles from live samples like saliva and blood stains
- Andhra Pradesh became the second state in the country after Gujarat to achieve 100 per cent electrification of households

### Arunachal Pradesh :

- Supreme Court of India restored the Congress-led Nabam Tuki government in Arunachal Pradesh
- Pema Khandu was sworn in as the 10th Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh
- Arunachal Pradesh's CM Pema Khandu expanded his Cabinet by including 10 ministers

### Assam :

- Assam CM Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the 'Bharat Ratna Dr A P J Abdul Kalam Learning Resource Centre' in NIT, Silchar
- HRD Minister Praksh Javadekar launched PARAM-ISHAN supercomputer at IIT, Guwahati.

### Bihar :

- Bihar gov gave its nod to increase VAT on petrol and diesel by 1.5 per cent and 1 per cent respectively.
- Patna HC quashed the government notification completing banning liquor in the state

### Chhattisgarh :

- Prakash Javadekar inaugurated Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Raipur at the campus of Chhattisgarh - Government Engineering College.
- An agriculture museum inaugurated at Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (IGKV) in Raipur.
- Regional News Unit's Facebook page "Chhattisgarh Newsonair" was officially released by Raman Singh

### Goa :

- Javadekar Inaugurates IIT Goa Temporary Campus – HRD Minister inaugurates IIT Goa Campu
- Goa government implement the 7 th pay commission recommendations form November 1, 2016
- Goa Tourism presents an exclusive bike rally called 'Freedom Ride', which held on 15 August 2016.

### Gujarat :

- Gujarat based Sardar Sarovar Dam at Kevadia in Narmada district have become operational
- Gujarat HC quashed gov's ordinance to offer 10 % quota for the economically backward castes in education admission.
- Gujarat HC partly quashed a government ordinance abolishing all NRI quota in colleges offering medical courses offered in the state.
- Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani has approved to implement the 7th pay commission recommendations on August 2016.
- Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani dedicated 2 mbps download and 512 kbps upload digital connectivity through BSNL to 6,000 villages
- Three Guinness World Records were created at Samajik Adhikarita Shivir and Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fittings of Aids/Appliances (ADIP) Camp in Navsari, Gujarat
- Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani inaugurated a 34-ft long 'Lamp of Humanity' in Ahmedabad

### Haryana

- 55th All India Wheat & Barley Research Workers meet which concluded in Hissar Haryana. Agriculture scientists revealed that eight varieties of wheat and one of barley have been identified across the country.
- Government approved the name change of Gurgaon as Gurugram
- Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar announced a district status for Dadri
- Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar Raising the slogan 'Haryana ek Haryanvi ek
- PM Narendra Modi launched Haryana's year-long golden jubilee celebrations of Haryana in Gurugram. PM Modi kicked-off Haryana's 'Swarna Jayanti' celebrations from Gurugram's Tau Devi Lal stadium on November 1, 2016.

### Himachal Pradesh :

- Himachal Pradesh Gov and National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and National Hydel Power Corporation signed an MoU to establish first hydro engineering college in Bilaspur
- National E-Vidhan Academy will be set up in Tapovan in Dharamsala,

- HP set a target of planting over one crore saplings to increase green cover in the state (Rs 1.93 crore)
- Himachal Pradesh government had notified the guidelines for transparent auction and scientific mining
- After Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh became Open Defecation Free (ODF)

### **Jammu & Kashmir :**

- Prakash Javadekar inaugurated the Indian Institute of Technology transit campus in Jammu.
- Narendra Modi unveils a special package worth Rs. 200 crore for sporting activities in J&K.

### **Karnataka :**

- Karnataka joins Andhra and Telangana, to tap NRIs for start-ups
- Karnataka government has set up a dedicated Start-up Cell
- Union Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javdekar formally launched IIT Dharwad chapter in Dharwad in Karnataka.
- Karnataka State Wildlife Board, chaired by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, has decided to declare Ankasamudra tank in Hagari Bommanahalli taluk as a bird conservation reserve

### **Kerala:**

- Kerala to impose a 'fat tax' of 14.5 % on food such as burgers, pizzas, donuts, sandwiches and pasta
- Kerala Gov announced a Rs 12,000-crore rescue package for Gulf crisis
- Ramayana Month began in Kerala on July 2016
- Andhra Pradesh CM N Chandrababu Naidu laid the foundation stone for an MSME technology centre at Visakapatnam
- Sreekrishna temple in Guruvayur has included in the Union Tourism Ministry's Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spirituality Augmentation Drive (PRASAD)
- Kerala became the third state overall and the largest state so far to be declared Open Defecation Free (ODF) under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM- Gramin). The state Kerala also declared as drought-hit state.

### **Madhya Pradesh:**

- Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh inaugurated College of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry in Peren District of Nagaland under Central Agricultural University (CAU) Imphal MP.
- Hatupur Diamond mineral block was successfully auctioned at Panna district in the Madhya Pradesh.

### **Maharashtra:**

- Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis expanded his council of ministers, inducting 11 ministers, including 10 new faces. With the new faces the state ministers has reached 41, two short of the maximum limit.
- Famous Mumbai Square is renamed after Jyotirmoy Dey
- Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis launched the new facilities of virtual and digital classrooms in 32 ITIs on the occasion of World Youth Skills Day.
- Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis unveiled a detailed plan for the Mumbai-Nagpur Super Communication Expressway.
- Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis launched the Mumbai Centre for International Arbitration (MCIA).
- Maharashtra became 17th State to join UDAY

### **Manipur :**

- Activist Irom Sharmila formed a new political party named People's Resurgence and Justice Alliance (PRJA)

### **Nagaland:**

- Nagaland announced the decision to conduct polls to Urban Local Bodies (ULB) by granting 33% women reservation
- Kohima police recovered two bombs of the World War II era from PR Hill Colony.

### New Delhi :

- New High Museum to come up at Rastrapati Bahvan in New Delhi .It will represent the story of the planning and construction of Rashtrapati Bhavan
- New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has signed an agreement with National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI) to develop 12 sewage treatment plants (STP).
- Divyangjan (Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities) organised a Motorcycle Rally named Ride 4 Accessibility,
- Indian Air Force is set to build new Aerospace Museum in New Delhi
- Delhi gov announced a three-tier air treatment system to deal with rising air pollution in city

### Odisha:

- Odisha gov set up a one-member judicial commission to make reforms in the management of the Lord Jagannath temple in Puri.
- Odisha gov approved 3 projects 1. P & A Bottlers Limited– Rs 102 crore, 2.Coca-Cola Beverages Private Limited– Rs 500 crore and Bharat Petroleum Limited Common User Facility Centre–Rs 272 crore.
- Odisha gov has initiated the process of recruiting transgender people as prison wardens
- Odisha opened 100 multi-purpose shelter houses to the people of Odisha for use during natural calamities like floods and cyclones.
- Odisha gov given nod for the Odisha Official Language Rules- 2016, to frame rules for proper implementation of the Odisha Official Language Act-1954
- Odia will be used as the official language in all transactions of the Odisha government from August 16, 2016
- Odisha approved the Odisha startup policy to promote entrepreneurship among youths.
- Number of Deaths Due To Japanese Encephalitis Rises To 54 In Odisha
- Odisha Signs Agreement to Set Up 4 More STPI Centres
- Odisha To Get Gems & Jewellery Industrial Park.

### Punjab :

- Punjab’s deputy chief minister Sukhbir Singh Badal Flagged off an intense rural patrolling system, RRPRS – Rapid Rural Police Response System, to ensure the safety of the rural areas.
- Punjab’s first ‘Sewa Kendral inaugurated to provide efficient and transparent governance
- Punjab CM Parkash Singh Badal approved the inclusion of Gosai/Goswami, Yadav/Aahir and Rabari Communities in the list of Backward Classes
- Cricketer-turned-politician Navjot Singh Sidhu formally launched his new political front ‘Awaaz-e-Punjab’ in Chandigarh.
- Punjab Cabinet decided to abolish the stamp duty of 2% levied on immovable property while awarding the power of attorney.

### Rajasthan :

- Labour Department has introduced a new system of introducing minimum wages to the part time workers under the jurisdiction of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948
- Rajasthan gov aiming to raise the farmer’s income by double within six years, i.e by 2022
- Rajasthan CM Vasundhara Raje laid the foundation of 14 projects worth Rs 2,229 Crore in Jaipur city
- Rajasthan gov signed MoU with an educational institutes, which will adopt 50 Adarsh and Utkarsh Vidyalayas in the state

### Sikkim :

- Sikkim has been awarded the cleanest state in the list depend on the condition of sanitation in rural areas of 26 states.Gujarat is ranked 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Telangana:

- Telangana State received the highest number of gallantry medals for police personnel in the country.
- After Goa and Delhi, Telangana has become the third state to inaugurate south India's first Children's Court was inaugurated in Hyderabad

### Tamil Nadu :

- Tamil Nadu CM Jayalithaa has announced funds for renovation of churches and mosques under the Waqf board. She has ordered release of Rs. 3 crore for the corpus fund.
- Tamil Nadu CM J Jayalithaa announced the 'Amma Two-Wheeler Service Training Centre'
- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J Jayalithaa announced increasing motherhood leave period for women government employees from six to nine months.

### Uttarakhand :

- CM Harish Rawat decided to install the statue of Tamil saint-poet Thiruvalluvar on the bank of the Ganga

### Uttar Pradesh :

- PM Modi inaugurated All India Medical Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and a fertiliser plant in Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh.
- UP Police launched 'Operation Vishwas' in Lucknow
- Akhilesh Yadav approved a Metro Rail project for Allahabad on August 17
- Allahabad HC imposed a fine of Rs 1 Crore on UP gov in a land acquisition matter of Loni, Ghaziabad.
- Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh laid the foundation stone of National Institute of Archaeology at Greater Noida .
- Indian Oil Corp (IOC) planned to construct the nation's longest LPG pipeline(1,987 kilometer) from Gujarat coast to Gorakhpur in eastern Uttar Pradesh

### West Bengal :

- West Bengal to set up a tourist hub at Bhorer alo aka Gajoldoba at a cost of the project is Rs.300 crore
- West Bengal to set up a cyber-security centre to address the mounding threat of cyber-crimes
- President Pranab Mukherjee inaugurated a mega food park at Murshidabad, West Bengal
- West Bengal Assembly (WBLA) passed a resolution in favor of changing the name of the state from West Bengal to Bangla.
- Mamata Banerjee-led All India Trinamool Congress has been granted national party status by the Election Commission of India
- West Bengal decided to install monorail from Budge in South 24-Parganas to Ruby Connector in Kolkata at a cost of 4,216 crore rupees
- Antonov An-32 Airforce Plane disappeared on the way to the Andaman Nicobar's Port Blair over Bay of Bengal.

### Cabinet Approvals

- To setting up seven regional airports in Uttar Pradesh with an outlay 400 Crore
- To setting up of a major port at Enayam near Colachal in South Tamilnadu
- Changing of the names of Bombay High Court to Mumbai High Court and Madras High Court to Chennai High Court.
- Rs. 620 crores sanctioned to Uttar Pradesh and Rs. 80 crores for Rajasthan which was affected by hailstorm and Rs. 15 crores to Manipur that was affected by earthquake.
- Disinvestment of 15% paid up equity of National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited (NBCC).
- Renaming the Rajendra Central Agricultural University to 'Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University'
- Extension of Visa facilities to people from Minority communities of Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan, namely Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians

- For the establishment of a new AIIMS at Bhatinda in Punjab under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY).
- For the establishment of a new All India Institutes of Medical Sciences AIIMS at Gorakhpur in the state of Uttar Pradesh under PMSSY.
- Cabinet approved incorporation of Sagarmala Development Co. (SDC) under the Companies Act, 2013.
- CCEA approved setting up of a new dry dock within the existing premises of Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL).
- Cabinet given its nod for making suitable amendments in the Central List of OBCs to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana upon recommendations by the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC).
- Approval for raising foreign shareholding limit from 5% to 15% in Indian Stock Exchanges
- Approved the amendment in relevant clauses of the Central Agricultural University Act (CAU), 1992.
- Approved the revised cost estimate for Rs. 3727.30 crore for the National Automotive Testing and R&D Infrastructure Project (NATRIP).
- Approved for the proposal of Election Commission to procure Ballot Units.
- Modi announces 20% hike in freedom fighters' pension
- Modi given its approval to proposal for dissolution of Central Inland Water Transport Corporation Limited (CIWTC)
- Ministry of Defence has approved the construction of a National War Memorial and National War Museum in New Delhi
- Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh cleared the file for use of Pelargonic Acid Vanillyl Amide (PAVA) also called Nonivamide
- Gov agreed to provide special assistance for 5 years along with full funding of the Pollavaram irrigation project and tax concessions to Andhra Pradesh
- Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry sanctioned Rs.359.52 for the welfare of dalits as part of its special assistance scheme under the scheme of Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Scheduled Class Sub Plan(SCSP) for the year 2016-17
- Modi has approved the creation of the Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA) institutions with an authorised capital of Rs.2,000 crore
- Gov approved the proposal for initiation of the Third Phase of Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP).
- Gov has approved shutting down of Hindustan Diamond Company Pvt Ltd (HDCPL).
- Cabinet cleared 2 percent hike in dearness allowance (DA). The hike will be effective from July 2016.
- Cabinet approved the establishment and operationalization of a National Academic Depository (NAD).
- Cabinet given its ex-post facto approval to formation of the Indian Institute of Science Education & Research (IISER) at Berhampur in Odisha
- Government ratified a fund of Rs.100crore for various road development works in Vijayapura District under Central Road Fund
- Cabinet has approved the setting up of an Indian Institute of Management school in Jammu
- President Pranab Mukherjee has given his consent to payment of a 2 per cent dearness allowance (DA) to central government employees.
- Government has decided to fix the minimum wage at Rs 350 per day for unskilled agricultural labour in C-class towns
- Gov approved the policy to blacklist defence companies which are involved in corruption and wrongdoing related to arms purchase
- The one-day ban on NDTV's Hindi channel, widely condemned, has been put on hold by Information and Broadcasting Minister Venkaiah Naidu.

### Central/ State Bills & Policies In The News

- Regional Centre for Biotechnology Bill, 2016 was passed by the parliament on July 2016.
- Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Amendment Bill, 2015 passed to check generation of black money on July 27, 2016.



- The Compensatory Afforestation Fund bill, 2016 passed to seek for the disbursement of nearly Rs 41,000 crore.
- Child Labor law amended to permits children below 14 to work in family enterprises
- The Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Bill, 2016 and the Dentists (Amendment) Bill, 2016 were passed by the parliament.
- The bill is amended to declaring ISM Dhanbad as an institute of national importance and to integrate it with the IIT system and it would be called IIT (Indian School of Mines), Dhanbad.
- The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill 2016 for the empowerment of transgender persons
- The National Institute of Technology, Science, Education and Research (Amendment) (NITSER) Bill, 2016 to establish a National Institute of Technology in Andhra Pradesh
- The Institutes of Technology (Amendment) Bill 2016 amended on July 26 to setting up of Indian Institute of Technology in Palakkad, Goa, Dharward, Bhilai.,Jammu and Tirupati.
- The Lokpal and Lokayukta (Amendment) Bill, 2016 passed to allows extension of the time given to public servants, trustees and board members of NGOs receiving government funds of more than Rs. 1 crore
- National Eligibility cum Entrance Exam (NEET) examination bills passed by Parliament on August 2016.
- Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, and the debt recovery tribunal (DRT) Act are amended for collecting the bad debts and bad loans
- Lok Shaba passes The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2016
- Narendra Modi approved the Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Bill 2016
- Parliament passed a bill to amend debt recovery laws and make them more time-bound and effective in yet another step to address the problem of rising bad loans on August 9.
- Union Labour Minister Bandaru Dattatreya proposed & passed the Employee's Compensation (Amendment) Bill, 2016
- Lok shaba passes bill the Central Agricultural University (Amendment) Bill, 2016 to include Nagaland under Central Agricultural University of Imphal.
- Lok Sabha passed the Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill on August 10
- Lok Sabha passed the Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2016 for employers in the textile sector to avail of the income tax benefit
- Modi given its ex-post facto approval for amendments to the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961 by introducing the Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 2016 in Parliament
- Cabinet gave ex-post facto approval to a proposal to amend the Lokpal Act to exempt Central government employees sand NGOs executives from filing details of assets of their spouses and children.
- Mental Health Care Bill passed to decriminalise suicide and provide better healthcare for people suffering
- Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2016 passed on August 24, 2016.
- Pranab Mukherjee re-promulgated an Ordinance to amend the Enemy Property Act Eviction of Unauthorized Occupants Act of 1971
- Cabinet given its approval to the proposal of Ministry of Shipping to enact Admiralty (Jurisdiction and Settlement of Maritime Claims) Bill 2016 and to repeal five archaic admiralty statutes.
- Cabinet approved amendments to the HIV and AIDS (Prevention and Control) Bill, 2014 to makes antiretroviral treatment a legal right of HIV/AIDS patients.
- Supreme Court widened the scope of the Domestic Violence Act by ordering deletion of the words “adult male” from it
- Centre has brought final draft of the National Water Framework Bill, 2016
- The Centre has changed the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961 enabling service voters, including armed forces personnel, to cast their vote in elections through e-postal ballot.
- Excise and Prohibition Bill, 2016 was passed in the state Assembly of Bihar
- Goa Assembly unanimously passed Goa Succession, Special Notaries and Inventory Proceeding Bill, 2012
- Assam Assembly passed the Assam Amusements and Betting Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2016. It will reduce the service charge of cinema tickets.
- Maharashtra gov enacted a stringent law to deal with the challenges of terrorism, insurgency, communalism and caste violence

- Haryana has unanimously passed the Haryana Sports Council Bill, 2016 to constitute statutory sports councils at state, district, block and municipal levels.
- Telangana and Mizoram State Assembly passed a resolution of Constitutional Amendment Bill on 30 August 2016.
- Himachal Pradesh cabinet decided to amend the Hydropower Policy 2006 in respect to transfer of shares by Himachalis to non-Himachalis.
- Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016 has come into force from October 2
- The triple talaq was “highly misused” custom and it should be scrapped to protect the rights of Muslim women
- The Income Tax department announced that the Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Amendment Act, 2016 (BTP Amendment Act), came into force from 1st November 2016
- Centre notified the rules for Real Estate Act, that seeks to regulate the housing sector besides bringing transparency and ensuring timely completion of projects.
- Bandaru Dattatreya, the Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labor and Employment launched the ‘Kahin-Bhi-Kabhi-Bhi’ medical facilities for the Employees’ State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)

### **Schemes Related News :**

#### **Central Government Schemes :**

- Gov approved construction of over 2.4 lakh houses for the poor under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Rs 16,600 crore)
- Cabinet approved the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme of training 50 lakh apprentices (10,000 crore).
- Cabinet approves Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) - 12000 crore to impart skilling to One Crore Indian population in the next four years
- Gov liberated Rs. 100 crore as its contribution to the Atal Pension Yojana Scheme
- Rs. 28,000 crore released by government to States under MGNREGA Scheme
- Government of India made a pact of Allowing four Public Sector Insurers in PMFBY (Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana) namely LIC(life Insurance Corporation of India), General Insurance Corporation of India, National Insurance Co. Ltd, Oriental Insurance Co. Ltd.
- Union Finance Ministry has launched the fourth Tranche of Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGB) from July 18 to 22.
- Venkaiah Naidu approved construction of 37,013 houses for the urban poor in Karnataka and Haryana with central assistance of Rs 569 crore.
- Venkaiah Naidu launched Smart Ganga City Scheme in 10 cities located along Ganga to set up Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) and improve drainage.
- J P Nadda inaugurated the Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment (AMRIT) outlet at Safdarjung Hospital in New Delhi
- Venkaiah Naidu Unveils Swachh Survekshan-2017 for 500 cities. He also launched ‘Asli Tarakki’ campaign highlighting the need for construction of toilets.
- Madhya Pradesh and Union territory Puducherry joined Centre’s Power debt revitalizing power discoms UDAY scheme
- North Eastern state Manipur has joined the Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY) scheme. It is the 14th state to join the UDAY.
- Sushri Uma Bharti launched various Projects on the Bank of Ganga worth Rs. 560 crore under Namami Gange programme at Ganga Barrage in Kanpur.
- Union Petroleum Minister launch Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana in J&K
- Modi given its ex-post facto approval for the Varishtha Pension Bima Yojana (VPBY).
- Department of Pharmaceuticals in association under the project title Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Yojana (PMJAY) ensured the availability of generic medicines
- Modi launched two schemes-National SC/ST Hub and Zero Defect Zero Effect scheme in HP

- Gov notified National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme to offer financial incentives to employers for the first time
- Gov approved projects worth about Rs 450 crore under Swadesh Darshan scheme for five states
- Gov adopted a comprehensive and integrated coastal security scheme to strengthen the country's coastal network
- Government planned to double the number of schemes under DBT to 147 by March
- Central Government has announced 27 new Smart Cities from the 63 cities an investment of Rs.66,883 cr
- Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), started by former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, has been restructured and renamed as Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (PMAY)
- J P Nadda, Minister of Health and Family Welfare going to launch "Mission Parivar Vikas" in 145 districts
- The Civil Aviation Minister P Ashok Gajapathi Raju launched the Ministry's much awaited Regional Connectivity Scheme "UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik)" in New Delhi.
- The Ministry of Science and Technology started two new initiatives namely Biotech-KISAN (Krishi Innovation Science Application Network) and Cattle Genomics to give training and education to farmers.
- PM Modi given its approval to New Productivity Linked Reward (PLR) Scheme for all Major Port Trusts and Dock Labour Board employees
- Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship launched the Pradhan Mantri YUVA Yojana, MSDE's flagship scheme on entrepreneurship education and training, marking the 2nd Foundation Day of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- Central gov launched the Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) to provide free health check-ups to pregnant women at government health centers and hospitals.
- Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has given its approval for implementation of Price Support Scheme (PSS) for procurement of Groundnut in Gujarat during the Kharif season 2016-17
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi's launched the Saur Sujala Yojana in Chhattisgarh in order to provide solar powered irrigation pumps to farmers at a subsidized price.

### State Government Schemes :

- Odisha Govt Madhubabu Pension Scheme extended to 50 lakh beneficiaries
- Meghalaya Governor V. Shanmuganathan launched Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) under the aegis of the National Health Mission
- Insurance Scheme for the cattle breeders Jokhim Prabandhan Aur Pashudhan Bima Yojana launched by Haryana Government .
- Kerala gov approved a new debt relief scheme for low income and poor people - loans up to Rs 5 lakh subject
- Bihar Gov is agreed to implement the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana on an experimental basis in Kharif season
- Modi launched phase-1 of a flagship project of Telangana government called 'Mission Bhagiratha' to providing piped drinking water to every household
- Odisha Gov has launched a new scheme for elderly weavers in the state to mark the National Handlooms Day. Named as "Baristha Bunakar Sahayata Yojana" - provide Rs 500 pension to the weavers.
- Odisha Cabinet approved to implementation of Kalinga Siksha Sathi Yojna to provide education loans at interest of just 1 percent per annum to the poor students.
- Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar has approved a proposal of the State Transport department to implement a new "NCR Taxi Scheme 2016" in 13 districts of the state
- Maharashtra Gov renovated and re launched girl child development scheme as Majhi Kanya Bhagyashri to improving the skewed girl child ratio
- Maharashtra launched 'Kaushalya Setu', - skill development programme for students.
- Sachin Tendulkar adopted Donja Village of Maharashtra under Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojna
- IIT-Kanpur has adopted five villages to restrict the flow of sewage into the river under the Namami Gange programme
- Bihar launched Student Credit Card scheme from October 2 to provide Rs. four lakh interest free loan to students for pursuing higher education.

- Modi dedicated the water supply and irrigation projects worth of Rs 4800 crore under the Gujarat Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojna at Limkheda in Dahod district
- Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik launched the ‘Biju Kanya Ratna Yojana’ (BKRY) to mark birth centenary of legendary Biju Patnaik.
- J & Kr CM Mehbooba Mufti launched the “CM Scooty Scheme” for college girls.
- Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik declared all registered construction workers above 60 years of age will get pension of Rs 300 per month
- Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik announced a new scheme ‘Madhubabu Aain Sahayata Sibir’ to provide legal assistance
- Free bus rides for Haryana girl school students announced by Haryana Transport minister Krishan Lal Panwar.
- Tamil Nadu government had allotted Rs.204 crore towards the implementation of enhanced gold scheme
- Jayalalitha lead government issued orders to set up ‘Amma Free Wi-Fi’ zones in 50 places across the Tamil Nadu
- MP CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan decided to launch a scheme-‘Lalima Abhiyan’ to make Madhya Pradesh anaemia-free.
- UP Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav launched the portal of Samajwadi Smartphone Scheme
- Under the AMRUT scheme, Andhra Pradesh has released Rs.99.62 crore to AP-UFIDC
- Dharmendra Pradhan in the presence of CM Devendra Fadnavis launched the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in Maharashtra
- The 'Farm Tourism' scheme launched by Haryana Tourism Minister Rambilas Sharma to attract people to villages.
- UP CM Akhilesh Yadav inaugurated dedicated power supply for at least 18 hours
- West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee distributed 43,000 bicycles to class eleventh students under ‘Sabuj Sathi’ at Jamboni

### **Project Launched By Government**

- President Pranab Mukherjee Inaugurates Smart Model Village Pilot Project in New Delhi for restructuring the rural infrastructure and redefining the rural economy.
- Namami Gange – A cleaning spree of the Holy river Ganga is set out to action in various states aiming to give a major boost to Namami Gange Programme Worth: Rs.1500 Crore, 231 projects inaugurated at over 100 locations in Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Haryana and Delhi.
- Gov approved Rs. 1601 crore for the skill development initiative named Himayat Programme.
- Tourism Ministry has sanctioned 25 projects under the “Swadesh Darshan” scheme worth Rs. 2048 Crore to 21 States and Union Territories. 21 States and Union Territories include Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Kerala, Puducherry, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh, Bihar, West Bengal, Sikkim, Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur and Tripura.
- Modi inaugurated the first phase of SAUNI – Saurashtra Narmada Avataram for Irrigation Project at Sanosara village near Dhroll in Gujarat’s Jamnagar district
- Union Health and Family Welfare Minister JP Nadda launched the ‘Mera Aspataal’ (my hospital) initiative.
- Rs.400 cr was earmarked for reform incentive during 2015-16. 23 States/UTs applied to the Ministry of Urban Development.
- CCEA led by Modi has approved ‘Project SAKSHAM’.
- Centre approves a grant of Rs. 515 Crores for the development of Sagar Port Project in West Bengal
- Centre launches National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing Innovations (NIDHI) worth \$15 Mn(INR 100 Cr) programme to support startups in India.
- Centre had approved projects worth Rs.350 crore for developing infrastructure at heritage sites
- Uma Bharti released Rs 315 crore to Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation for building toilets under Swachh Bharat campaign (Gramin) during 2016-17

- Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis and Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari laid foundation stone of Patanjali Mega food park in Mihan
- Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik inaugurated the new urban water supply project for the Hinjili Notified Area Council(NAC)
- Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik inaugurated 100 urban piped drinking water supply projects
- Gov has approved the construction of a new link between Sahibganj bypass in Jharkhand to Manihari bypass in Bihar
- Ministry of Shipping ratified the Capital Dredging Project for Ro Pax Ferry Services between Gogha & Dahej, in Gulf of Cambay in Gujarat
- Centre is planning to fast-track four projects in Indus river basin to increase irrigation area in Jammu and Kashmir by nearly 2.05 lakh acres
- Finance minister Arun Jaitley released first instalment of special assistance of Rs 1,093.34 crore out of Rs.2000 crore to Jammu & Kashmir for repair and permanent restoration of damaged public buildings
- Minister of Road Transport & Highways and Shipping Shri Nitin Gadkari formally launched the Indian Bridge Management System (IBMS) in New Delhi.
- Petroleum and Natural Gas minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated the National Seismic Programme(NSP) at Taranga in Baleswar district of Odisha.
- Mohammad Hamid Ansari inaugurated the fourth phase of the Vidyadhanam project in Kerala
- Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC) approved projects of worth Rs. 500 Crore for Jammu and Kashmir under Swadesh Darshan Scheme’.
- PM launched Urja Ganga’ gas pipeline project in Varanasi. Cost Rs 51,000 crore
- Australian government announced 19 grants worth \$6,30,000 dollars for several projects in the field of education, science, sports, arts and culture.
- Delhi gov has launched the Yamuna riverfront Project at the second annual ‘Yamuna Aarti’ event aarti at the Dhai Pusta.
- Centre planned to open Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Kendra in every to offer skill training to the people and make them employable.

### Power Projects :

- Cabinet approves the revised plan for Punatsangchhu-II Hydroelectric Project in Bhutan
- Cabinet approves revitalization of inoperative Fertilizer Units in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand.
- CCEA approved a plan to set up a 1,980 mw thermal energy at Ghatampur in the state of Uttar Pradesh.
- Modi gave its nod for a proposal of R&D project for development of Advanced Ultra Super Critical (AUSC) Technology for thermal power projects with Rs 1,554 crore. They are as follows,1.Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL), 2.Indira Gandhi Centre of Atomic Research (IGCAR) and 3.NTPC — have proposed a R&D project for development of AUSC technology.
- India would have 100 % electrification for all by May 1, 2017
- Modi inaugurated three state-run mega hydro power of 1,752 MW capacity in Himachal Pradesh
- BHEL commissioned the Teesta Low Dam hydroelectric project stage-IV of third unit West Bengal
- Reliance power is all set to setup a 3,000 MW LNG-based power plant in Bangladesh
- Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd has commissioned 500 MW thermal power unit at Bokaro Thermal Power- A Station of Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) in Jharkhand.
- Bharat Heavy Electricals has successfully commissioned 250 MW thermal unit in Maharashtra
- BHEL commissioned 250 MW unit coal based using low quality coal (lignite) as the primary fuel at Padva village in Bhavnagar district, Gujarat.
- The second 1,000 MW unit of the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project (KNPP) in Tamil Nadu was connected to the grid for power supply.
- Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited has successfully commissioned 500 MW thermal power unit in Marwa Power Station in Chhattisgarh

- American photovoltaic (PV) manufacturer's Indian subsidiary First Solar Power India announced the commercial operation of 80 MW and 50 MW as part of the 260 MW project portfolio solar power plants in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.
- Tata Power Solar commissions India's largest solar plant in Andhra Pradesh
- BHEL commissioned the fourth and last unit of the 4×40 MW Teesta Low Dam Hydro Electric Project (HEP) Stage-IV in West Bengal.
- BHEL commissioned another 660 MW coal-based supercritical thermal power unit in Uttar Pradesh.
- Rays Power Infra will set up a 100 mw solar power plant in Uttarakhand
- Azure Power Global Limited become the first Indian solar company to be listed on NYSE
- Primove Engineering Private Limited Commissioned India's first Bio-CNG plant in Pune
- NHPC, India's largest hydropower generation company announced that it has approved its 50 Megawatt (MW) wind power project (WPP) in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
- Adani Enterprises Ltd announced that it commissioned India's largest tracker-based solar power plant at Bhatinda in Punjab

### Digital Programmes Launched

- Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) launched its official internet speed test app called MySpeed.to measures the download and upload speed of your internet connection.
- Cochin Chamber Commerce and Industry (CCCI) and IIT Madras backed Myeasydocs jointly launched the Aadhaar-based e-certificate of origin
- Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh launched an online portal designed to monitor nearly 645 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) of Rs.300 crore
- Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology and Law & Justice Ravi Shankar Prasad launched a new website "Transforming India" in New Delhi.
- Commerce Ministry has launched an e-marketplace for online purchase of goods and services
- Gujarat selected Infibeam as knowledge partner for its e-commerce training and development programme.
- Maharashtra Police Launches Four Apps - Pratisaad Ask, Police Mitra, Vahanchoritakrar, and A Railway helpline app.
- Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis has launched a pilot project of e-complaint system
- Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal launched a live interactive programme named TalkToAK
- LegalDesk launch an electronic signing feature called eSignDesk— a platform takes digital signatures for All Aadhaar holders
- Gov has allowed online authentication using Aadhar for new mobileconnections – KYC
- Sanjay Gandhi has launched an online complaint box named POCSO e-Box for reporting child sexual abuse in New Delhi
- Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region – DoNER has gone live on e-office
- Urja Mitra Helpline – 14401 launched by Department of Telecom (DoT) to provide the information about outages.
- Bandaru Dattatreya inaugurated the first phase of Tele-medicine services of Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)
- Gov launched a new service – integration of DigiLocker with Driving Licenses (DL) & Vehicle Registration Certificates (RC) in New Delhi.
- Student's Registration Module started on madad.gov.in/ for Indian students studying abroad.
- Department of Post (DoP) has launched a toll free helpline number '1924' that will allow users across the country to register their grievances.
- Bihar CM Nitish Kumar launched a website to provide information on the celebration of 350th Prakash Utsav of the Sikh guru in 2017
- Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar launches re-designed website of Department of Defence Production (DDP)
- Union Minister of State for Development of North Eastern Region Jitendra Singhaugurated the 'e-VMS' (e-Visitor Management System) at the Krishnapatnam port in Nellore

- Haryana gov was launching its e-kharid portal for procurement of paddy
- Centre integrated 250 mandis in 10 states in the first phase of its ambitious electronic national agriculture market (e-NAM)
- West Bengal Tourism Department has launched a mobile app based on the theme of Experience Bengal aiming to attract the tourists across the world
- Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik has launched a web portal of the Home department at the Secretariat in Bhubaneswar
- Communication Minister launches Twitter Sewa to address the Common Man complaints and needs and concerns of common man
- India's first military heritage website, colours of glory.org was launched by Glory Foundation at Chennai
- Modi launched the new PMO app at a function organised by MyGov in New Delhi and the app would correspond to the website of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).
- State Health and Family Welfare Minister Kaul Singh Thakur mobile application for availing ambulance services with the launch of "108 Mobile App".
- Ananth Kumar Stresses Upon The Need For Affordable Medicines; Launches 'Pharma Sahi Daam' Mobile App
- Government unveils India's first e-Market place for Online selling of goods and services by Govt. Departments.
- Harsh Vardhan Launched "I Feel Safe"- A mobile application aimed at helping women ensure their safety in New Delhi
- Union Power Minister Piyush Goyal launched "Tarang" mobile App, "e-Trans" and "DEEP" (Discovery of Efficient Electricity Price) e-bidding web portals developed by Rural Electrification Corp
- An online library for persons with visual disabilities Sugamya Pustakalaya was launched by Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister for Law & Justice and Electronics & Information Technology in New Delhi
- Punjab chief minister Parkash Singh Badal launched a mobile app, Kisan Suvidha (farmer's service).
- Union Minister of State for Minority Affairs (Independent Charge) & Parliamentary Affairs Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi launched new Hindi website and updated and revamped English website of the Minority Affairs Ministry.
- Himachal Pradesh Town and Country Planning department's Hindi website was launched by Himachal Pradesh TCP Minister Sudhir Sharma.
- Public Broadcaster Prasar Bharati would launch a website and mobile app for All India Radio's Balochi service to reach out to the people
- Finance Minister Arun Jaitley launched a Web Responsive Pensioner's Service to help in speedy redressal of pensioner's grievances
- Environment Pollution Control Authority (EPCA), a Supreme Court-appointed pollution watchdog, launched a mobile app "HawaBadlo".
- Employees Online (EO) App launched by Dr.Jitendra Singh
- Minister JP Nadda launched a mobile app "No More Tension" to manage the stress level and released a magazine "Healthy India Initiative/Swastha Bharat-ekpehal"
- Maharashtra government along with the State Child Rights Protection Commission launched 'CHIRAG' mobile application
- Central mines ministry launched a satellite-based illegal mining detection system
- Prakash Javadekar, Union Human Resource Development Minister, inaugurated the world's largest digital national building initiative "Smart India Hackathon 2017"
- E-Court software launched by Home Minister to enable speedy disposal of Appeals/Complaints
- Election Commission of India has launched the SVEEP Portal in Hindi language
- Election Commission of India (ECI) has launched the National Electoral Roll Purification (NERP)-2016
- Social networking site Facebook is collaborating with the Election Commission of India in five states going to polls next year
- Election Commission of India (ECI) unveiled three IT based Systems – Samadhan, Suvidha, and Sugam

### Committees In The News

Name of the Committees	Chairpersons	Committees working for
BimalJalan committee	BimalJalan	To suggest amendments to Stock Exchange and Clearing Corporations (SECC) Regulations.
District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DDCMC) – Disha		For effective development and coordination of Central Government's programme
RM Lodha committee	RM Lodha	To oversee MCI, there would have been very few who did not agree that it was in need of such an oversight committee for a long time.
Four-member committee	Shankar Acharya	To examine the desirability and feasibility of having a new financial year
High-level committee	Arvind Subramanian	To consider a reasonable increase in minimum support price (MSP) for pulses and bonus for farmers.
MadhavChitale committee	MadhavChitale	To gear up the guidelines for the desiltation (clearing odd the silts) of the river Ganga
T V S N Prasad Committee	T V S N Prasad – 7 members	To explore possible alternatives to pellet guns in Kashmir
SudarshanSen Committee	SudarshanSen	To study regulatory issues relating to financial technology and digital banking in India,
High-level committee		To examine enhancement of 'Constant Daily Allowance'
30member committee	Department of Heavy Industry and Ministry	To monitor and coordinate the development of technology for indigenous manufacturing of electric and hybrid vehicles
committee	Amitabh Kant	To review e-commerce rules on foreign direct investment norms.
Committee on Trade Facilitation (NCTF)	Pradeep Kumar Sinha	To develop the pan-India road map for trade facilitation.
6 member committee	Central Board of Direct Taxes member Gopal Mukherjee	To review the existing media policy for communicating the activities of the board and the income tax department to the public.
Joint Committee of Parliament	Rajya Sabha	10 new members added to study on the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016
High level committee	Deputy Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Ashok Kumar	To find out the extent of Scorpene submarine data leak and the damage to the Navy.
High powered committee of the National Security Council,	Shri Madhukar Gupta	For strengthening border protection and addressing the issue of gaps and vulnerability in border fencing along Indo-Pakistan Border.
Expert Committee	TVSN Prasad	Regarding alternatives for Pellet Guns
A .K. Sinha expert committee	A .K. Sinha	To study the silt in the river
22-member panel	DoPT(Department of Personnel and Training) secretary Shri B P Sharma	To look into 7th Pay Commission anomalies
Chief Economic Advisor	Arvind	Report – 'Incentivising Pulses Production



(CEA) -led panel	Subramanian	Through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and Related Policies'
Central level committee	Retired Supreme Court Judge or retired High Court Chief Justice	To deal with complaints regarding Waqf properties
149 member National Committee	PM Narendra Modi	For commemoration of birth centenary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay
23 member Executive Committee	Rajnath Singh	
Monetary Policy Committee	Chetan Ghate, Delhi PamiDua and Ravindra H Dholakia	To set the Interest-rate
Parliamentary panel	Veerappa Moily	1.To review the disinvestment policy, banking sector 2.To review the all budgetary reforms
Seven member committee	T.V.S.N. Prasad	To find alternative to the Pellet guns which was introduced by the state police in 2010.
Parliamentary panel on home affairs	P Chidambaram	To review border issues and border security
Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee	Vinod Zutshi	For the 'Swadesh Darshan Scheme'
Inter-Ministerial Committee on prices of essential commodities	Hem Pande	Government decided to utilise the vast network of post offices across the country to sell subsidised pulses
Munialapp committee	Munialapp	To keep vigil on bird flu situation
Monetary Policy Committee		Reserve Bank of India cut policy rate (repo rate) by 25 basis points to 6.25% from 6.5%.
ICC's Finance and Commercial Affairs committee	BCCI President Anurag Thakur	To see the revenue related aspects of ICC
International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Athletes' Commission.	Saina Nehwal	Elected as one of it's member
Expert committee	Professor K S Valdiya	To found Saraswatiriver did exist
3-member panel	SEBI	To look into National Spot Exchange (NSE) scam.
Panel on disclosure, accounting standards	SEBI	To disclosure requirements and accounting practices for various entities in the securities market.
Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India	Madhusudan Sa hoo	To regulate the functioning of insolvency professionals, insolvency professional agencies and information utilities under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016.
National Security Advisory Board (NSAB)	P S Raghavan	
High-level technical team	GS Jha	To visit the Cauvery basin area and assess the ground
Panel	TRAI	To resolve telco penalty row
One-man judicial committee on One Rank One Pension (OROP)	Justice L Narasimha Reddy	To look into the anomalies, if any, arising out of implementation of OROP
Mata Prasad committee	Mata Prasad	To overhaul in transmission planning to facilitate

		transfer of power on economic principles.
National Committee on Trade Facilitation (NCTF)	P.K.Sinha	To facilitate domestic co-ordination and implementation of TFA provisions.
Five-member team	Dr. R Dalwani, S.P. Vashish, Dr H.K Badhola Chanda n Singh and Brijesh Sikka	for conservation and management of Loktak Lake in Manipur

### Bans Effectuated in Various States

- Haryana announced ban on 15 year old petrol vehicles and 10 year old diesel vehicles to curb air pollution from plying in NCR Region
- Kerala gov decided to ban Electronic-Cigarettes alias e-cigarette
- Bihar has lifted the Ban on the toddy (palm wine) consumption and selling in the state.
- Tourism Minister Mahesh Sharma declared that there would be a complete ban on use of polythene in all national monuments from 2nd October
- Uttarakhand High Court ordered a complete ban on the sale of whitene
- Uttarakhand High Court comprising Justices Rajiv Sharma and Alok Singh imposed a complete ban on any type of construction within 2 km radius of major lakes of the State and also on any construction within 25 km from the edges of all glaciers in the State.

### Campaign, Festival, Commemoration and Observations

- The 12-day long Krishna Pushkaralu festival that comes once in every 12 years, begins at the Krishna River in Vijayawada.
- Tawang festival celebrated in Arunachal Pradesh
- Keralites all over the world celebrated the auspicious 10-day-long Onam harvest festival of the state
- Adi community dwelling in the Arunachal Pradesh has celebrated their annual socio-religious festival Solung with traditional gaiety
- ‘Abhaneri’ festival would be held at the Abhaneri village in Dausa district, Rajasthan
- A grand spiritual gathering that happens once in 12 years “Kumbh Mela of the Himalayas” had begun in Ladakh’s biggest monastery.
- Bengaluru will host the 2017 Bharatiya Pravasi Divas
- Odisha People are celebrating Nuakhai – the agrarian festival of the region
- Odisha celebrated Kumar Purnima festival
- Buddha Mahotsava celebration kicked off in Arunachal Pradesh on November 4 2016
- National Green Tribunal (NGT) given its approval for the week-long annual Baliyatra festival from November 14
- Rajyavardhan Rathore inaugurates European Union Film Festival in New Delhi
- Swachh Bharat special campaign with the theme of “Freedom from Open Defecation” organized by The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation on August 2016
- Central Government launched the biggest Leprosy case detection campaign
- Punjab CM Parkash Singh Badal implemented the state government’s programme of ‘Aware and Care’ by flagging off 100 Information Education Communication (IEC) mobile vans
- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu flagged off an all-women Mt Gorichen expedition.
- Mountain Echoes Literary Festival 2016 Kicked off in the capital city of the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan Thimbu
- Home Minister Rajnath Singh would inaugurate the 10-day ‘Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav’ (RSM) in New Delhi
- Centre launched ‘Progress Panchayat’ campaign to create awareness about welfare of religious minorities

- PM Narendra Modi flags off the Run for Rio also released the brochure of the Indian History at Olympics so far at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in New Delhi
- Health and Family Welfare Minister J P Nadda launched nationwide Intensified Diarrhoea Control Fortnight (IDCF) in New Delhi
- Puducherry Lt Governor Kiran Bedi launched Shramdaan movement as part of Swachh Bharat
- Goa is all set to host three-day bird festival from November 11 to 13
- Delhi Book Fair has kick started to promote literacy and higher education among children and the youth
- The Spice Route Culinary Festival held in Kochi from September 23 to 26, 2016 .
- Marking the 70th Independence Day, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan organized a candle-light “TIRANGA MARCH” in 100 prominent District Headquarters of several States/ UTs on August 15, 2016. Colors of Independence” campaign has been launched by the Jute Corporation of India. Venkaiah Naidu launched the Special Version Webpage on the mark of 70th Indian Independence Day. Independence Day Film Festival unveiled by M Venkaiah Naidu in New Delhi. He also Unveils Tiranga Yatra – Indian Independence Day Theme Song and Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar inaugurated ‘Bharat Parv’ festival at India Gate lawns
- 5-day Youth Voters’ Festival held in Nagaland under the directives of the Election Commission of India (ECI).
- Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh inaugurates Krishi Unnati Mela in Mathur
- Maharashtra gov launched the Quit India Movement 2 to commemorating the Platinum Jubilee anniversary.
- Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched the ‘Gas4India’ campaign
- Puducherry Governor Kiran Bedi launched Coastal Clean Up as part of the ‘31st International Coastal Clean Up Day’.
- Ludhiana District Administration has started the “Selfie with my Shauchalya” campaign
- PM Modi launched #Sandesh2Soldiers campaign to send Diwali greetings to them.
- Akshat Prakash, student of Delhi Public School (DPS) launched an initiative ‘Bagit challenge’ to involve schools in the national mission towards cleanliness
- City Corporation has launched the Swachh Bharat Swachh Vidyalaya campaign in 60 elementary and middle schools.
- Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar announced that the state government has decided to observe 2017 as the “Garib Kalyan Varsh
- On commemorating the death anniversary of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, the Ministry of Defence unveiled a statue of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam at his burial site in Peikarumbu, Rameswaram Island.
- Government commemorate the birth centenary of social activist and former RSS leader Nanaji Deshmukh from October 11, 2016 to October 11, 2017
- 50th anniversary of the establishment of the High Court of Delhi. The theme of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations has been fixed as “Justice for all”
- CSIR’s Platinum Jubilee Celebrations kicked off by PM Narendra Modi
- FSSAI organised a function commemorate 10 years of the enactment of Food Safety and Standard Act (FSSAI Act) on August 23rd 2016 in New Delhi.
- 60th Anniversary of Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Limited (ECGC) on November 8, 2016 in New Delhi.
- India and Bangladesh jointly set to produce a documentary on the 1971 War of Independence of Bangladesh to mark the 100th birth anniversary of its Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in 2020

### **Railway Initiatives :**

- Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu launched NIVARAN portal for employees’ Grievances redressal
- Suresh Prabhu inaugurated the first broad gauge train service from Agartala to Delhi also laid foundation stone for Agartala-Akhaura international rail Project. The new Broad gauge train named ‘Tripura Sundari Express’ will ply weekly between Agartala and New Delhi.
- Suresh Prabhu laid the foundation stone of new railway station at Yurembam in Manipur with an Outlay of Rs.90 Core

- Operation Muskan : Railway Police from Mumbai city has traced 4,804 missing children and reunited 4,386 of them with their family.
- Central Railway Ministry adopted the idea of installing solar panels in all railway buildings across India.
- Indian Railway Ministry has originated an offer to introduce TRI-NETRA systems on locomotives
- Railway Minister Flagged off India’s First ever Green Rail Corridor between Rameshwaram – Manamadurai in TN
- Suresh Prabhu commissioned a new railway line between Nandyala and Yerraguntla in AP.
- Gov approved 9 projects worth about Rs 24,000 crore on 24th August 2016 in 9 states for expansion of railway network and connectivity
- The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) is set to launch the facility of travel insurance for passengers from September. This can be availed at a premium of Re 1. The scheme offers compensation
  - i. In the event of death or permanent total disability – upto Rs 10 lakh
  - ii. For permanent partial disability – Rs 7.5 lakh
  - iii. For hospitalisation expenses – Rs 2 lakh
- Kerala has decided to enter into joint venture agreement with Railways for rail projects - 51:49 equity partnership
- Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, launched and dedicated a number of services to the nation
  - Liberalized station to station special freight rates policy
  - Policy providing sub quota of 33 % to women within reserved categories for the allotment in catering units.
  - Policy giving preference to local domicile holders for commercial licenses at stations.
  - New system of allocating vacant berths after final charting to wayside stations.
  - Launch of the new “Train at a Glance” and new Time Table effective from 1st October 2016.
  - The 10 Humsafar Express trains and 7 Antyodaya express trains will run between various cities announced. The 3 Tejas trains and The three UDAY Trains also announced
- Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu inaugurated six major Railway projects in Kerala include long Tiruvalla-Chengannur double line.
- Railways to implement Flexi Fare system in Rajdhani, Shatabdi & Duronto trains under the new ‘flexi fare system’.
- Indian Railways marked the ‘Swachh Paryavaran Diwas’ (Clean Environment Day) by launching the Swachhta Saptah (Cleanliness Week).
- Suresh Prabhu inaugurated and dedicated the “Okha-Kanulus and Porbandar-Wansjaliya Sections in Gujarat of Western Railways as Green Corridor Sections.
- First ‘Happiness Junction’ of India was inaugurated in Bihar’s Sonapur railway station of the East Central Railway (ECR)
- Railway Minister launches a new train service between Anand Vihar to Ballia in Uttar Pradesh
- Railways to introduce Yatri Mitra Sewa to book wheelchair cum porter services.
- Rail India Technical and Economic Service (RITES) has supplied 60 broad gauge passenger coaches (LHB type) to Bangladesh Railway (BR) upon a contract agreement of 120 coaches

### MoUs Signed between countries & Organization

MoUs	Purposes
Afghanistan & Hard-Line Militant Group Hezb-e-Islami	To seek a peaceful resolution through political dialogue and negotiation at a press conference in Kabul
Andhra Bank & Cigna TTK, Reliance General Insurance	To provide health and general insurance services to its customers.
Andhra Pradesh & Japan	To develop food value chain
Andhra Pradesh & Japan’s Agriculture Ministry and Forestry and Fisheries Dept	To develop food chain value.

Anna University & Fifth Generation Technologies	To study about the remaining life of critical equipment that are working in high temperature environments
Arunachal Pradesh & AP Ruchi Soya Industries	For development of Oil Palm in the state
Arunachal Pradesh & National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology	For skill development of local people
Assam & Civil Aviation Ministry	For Regional Connectivity Scheme
AYUSH & WHO	For promotion the systems Indian medicines that encompasses Yoga and Ayurveda, Worldwide.
BARC and SreeChitraTirunal Institute for Medical Sciences & Technology	For joint development of Deep Brain Stimulator
Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) & The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)	For promoting renewable energy.
BHEL & Bangladesh	To build the 1,320MW coal-fired power plant at Rampal of Bagerhat, near the Sundarbans mangrove forest.
Bihar & Bangkok-based Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC)	To implement the Roadmap for Disaster Risk Reduction in Bihar (2015-30).
Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) & IIT Kanpur	For developing tools for strengthening cybersecurity and advising the stock exchange on current and future cyber related issues
BSNL & Microsoft India	To provide telecom & IT solutions for big businesses
Burn Standard Company Limited & the state transport	department for execution of the project to install the monorail in West Bengal
Canada & EU	Ratified a landmark trade deal seven years in the making, after it was nearly being protested by a small region of Belgium
CERT-In & CERT-UK	To exchange technical information on cyber attacks, response to cyber security incidents and find solutions to counter the cyber attacks.
Chhattisgarh & Ministry of Civil Aviation	Jagdalpur, Ambikapur, Raigarh and Bilaspur will get connected to state Raipur through air services.
Chhattisgarh & Indian Railways	To extend the State Railway Connectivity
Dabur & DIHAR – Defense Institute of High Altitude Research	To establish sustainable cultivation of rarefied medicinal plants in Ladakh
DRDO & IIT, Delhi signed memoranda of understanding (MoUs)	To establish a ‘Joint Advanced Technology Centre’ (JATC).
Economic Development Board of Andhra Pradesh & Russia’s JSC United Shipping Corporation	For setting up a ship-building unit in the state
GAIL & Bloom Energy	For fuel cell power generation
Goa & Google	To promote digital literacy, develop internet safety education for students, and promote android development
GOI & Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd. (MSEDCL)	For Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY)
Goods and Services Network (GSTN) & Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)	For sharing of foreign exchange realisation data
Gujarat & Ministry of Civil Aviation	To boost regional air connectivity Airports will be developed in Bhavnagar, Porbandar, Keshod, Kandla, Deesa, Amreli, Mahesana and

	Mandvi
Gujurat& Indian Railways	To Develop Surat Station
Haryan & Gionee mobile phones	To set up its phone manufacturing hub in Haryana
Haryana & China Fortune Land Development (CFLD)	To develop new industrial township in Gurgaon district at \$ 5 billion
Himachal Pradesh & Singapore	For developing a smart integrated township in Jathiadevi near Shimla airport
Himachal Pradesh & National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and National Hydel Power Corporation (NHPC)	To establish first hydro engineering college in Bilaspur to boost regional development.
India & AfDB ink	For hosting bank's annual meetings at Ahmedabad from May 22 to May 26, 2017
India & Afghanistan	Ratification of an extradition treaty
India & Chile	To expand the India- Chile Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA)
India & China	To maintain the pace of their high-level exchanges in counter- terrorism and other fields.
India & Croatia	Economic Cooperation
India & Cyprus	DTAA pact to avoid Tax Evasion
India & Estonia	On transfer of sentenced persons
India & European Union	In the field of water resources.
India & EXIM Bank	General Cooperation with New Development Bank (NDB) through the BRICS Interbank Cooperation Mechanism
India & Fiji	To allow Indian airlines to fly to any point in the island nation.
India & France	7.87 billion deal for Rafale fighter jets, equipped with latest missiles and weapon system
India & Germany	To collaborate for Rs 1-lakh cr projects
India & Greece	For Air Services Agreement (ASA) under the 'open sky' policy
India & Hungary	Cooperation in the field of water management
India & India and African-Asian Rural Development Organisation (AARDO)	For capacity building programmes in the rural development sector.
India & International Seabed Authority	For exploration of Polymetallic Nodules upto 2022
India & Italy Joint Committee	Cooperation in the sectors of science, technology and innovation.
India & Kenya	1.On revised double taxation avoidance agreement, 2.On Defense Cooperation. 3.For the line of Credit Agreement for the US \$29.95 million 4.MoU between Bureau of Indian standards and Bureau of Kenya standards
India & Kenya	Cooperation in the field of National Housing Policy
India & Korea	For Mutual Recognition of Certificates for Seafarers, 1978
India & Mauritius	Revised tax treaty from April 1 next year in a bid to curb tax evasion.
India & Mauritius	For collaboration in the area of defence and security
India & Mozambique	1.For long term agreement for purchase of pulses from Mozambique, 2.On drug demand reduction and prevention of illicit

	trafficking of drugs 3.In the field of youth affairs and sports 4. On Airline Promotions
India & Mozambique	Cooperation in the field of Youth Affairs
India & Myanmar	Cooperation in the field of traditional systems of medicine
India & Nepal	Three agreements including improvement of road network to cement ties between the two neighbors
India & Palestine	For setting up of Palestine-India Techno Park in Ramallah
India & Qatar	Cooperation in the field of Youth and Sports
India & Russia	To set up 25 integrated infrastructure centers for irradiation treatment of perishable food items
India & Samoa	For exchange of information on Taxes
India & Singapore	To boost innovation, creativity and technological advancement in both countries.
India & South Africa	1.On grassroot innovation in selected areas agricultural technology 2.For indigenous knowledge systems 3.In tourism and information and communications
India & South Africa	Cooperation in the field of Tourism
India & South Africa	To establish cooperation in Grassroots Innovation.
India & South Africa	For promoting bilateral cooperation in the field of Information and Communication Technologies.
India & South Korea	Revised double tax avoidance agreement to promote and stimulate flow of investment, technology and services
India & Sri Lanka	To Support Fishermen And Farmers
India & Sri.	To prepare a Joint Working Group on Fisheries(JWG)
India & Sweden	To enhance collaboration in energy sector
India & Switzerland	For Education, Research and Innovation of the Swiss Confederation for cooperation in skill development
India & Switzerland	Identification and return of Swiss and Indian Nationals and its implementation.
India & Switzerland	1.Mutual Visa Exemption Agreement for Holders of Diplomatic Passports, 2.Technical Arrangements on Identification and Return of Illegal Migrants and Arrangement for Dependent Person of Diplomatic, Consular, Technical and 3.Administrative Staff of Diplomatic and Consular Mission to Perform Gainful Employment
India & Tanzania	In the field of Traditional Systems of Medicine and Homeopathy.
India & the Russian Federation	On Expansion of Bilateral Trade and Economic Cooperation.
India & US	LEMOA(Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement) for the revival of defense sector renovation
India & USA	For Petroleum & Renewable Energy conservation
India & Venezuela	To increase oil production worth \$1.45 billion

India & Vietnam	For signalling a strong upward push in their strategic ties in the field of defence, IT, space, double taxation and sharing white shipping information.
India & Japan	social security agreement
India & Mauritius	In the field of rural development and poverty alleviation
India & Tanzania	1.To work closely and efficiently to combat the twin threats of terrorism and climate change, 2.On water resource management and development. 3.For establishment of vocational training centre at Zanzibar. 4.On visa waiver for diplomatic/official passport holders
India and Bhutan	Cooperation on trade, commerce and transit
India & Russia	For the proposal to double the range of the BrahMos
India & Britain	On intellectual property rights (IPR) and ease of doing business
India & Germany	To foster conditions that will help create and improve workplace-based vocational training in India's industrial clusters
Indian & Australia	To develop a variety of salt-tolerant rice
Indian & Thyssenkrupp marine systems, Germany	To enhance India's defense capability.
Indian Army & Corporation Bank	For Defence Salary Package.
Indian Oil & Praj Industries	For setting up multiple second Generations (2G) bio-ethanol plants
Indian Oil Corp & GAIL	For taking equity stake in upcoming Dhamra LNG terminal
Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) & DST, Germany	To design vessels, especially suited to navigate the 1620 km stretch of NW-1
IRCTC & SBI	To promote UTS and E-Ticketing System to ease the Service for Passengers
ISRO & Central Tool Room and Training Centre (CTTC), Bhubaneswar	For technology transfer and a contract for supply of spacecraft component
Karnataka & Sanya People Municipal Government of China	To nurture the trade between Sanya City and Karnataka
Kigali Protocol	To cut HFC greenhouse gases
Latvia & China	First country in the Baltic Sea area to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to link up with China's One Belt and One Road (OBOR) Initiative.
LinkedIn & Ministry of Human Resource Development	To create more job opportunities in India.
Maharashtra & Telegana	For three inter-state Irrigation Projects in Godavari River
Ministry of Civil Aviation & Government of Puducherry	To Promote Regional Connectivity Scheme
Ministry of Civil Aviation & Government of Maharashtra and Airports Authority of India	Regarding Regional Connectivity Scheme
Ministry of Railways & Government of Odisha	For cost sharing of two new railway line projects.
Mizoram & Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA)	For sustainable Agriculture and Irrigation Development in Mizoram



National Aluminium Company Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)	For research and development cooperation in the fields of mutual interest.
National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) & Indian Oil Corporation (IOC).	To establish STP in Mathura
NITI Aayog & US EIA	To set up portal on Energy Data
NITI Aayog & Intel	To set up the first 10 Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) in the country to foster curiosity, creativity and imagination among young innovators.
Oil India (OIL) & University of Houston (USA)	To collaborate in the fields of Improved Oil Recovery & Enhanced Oil Recovery for production enhancement from matured fields, seismic interpretation & reservoir characterisation studies
Ola & National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC)	To focus on building a sustainable framework by supporting
PetroFed & TERI	To undertake a study on Climate Change Risks
Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) & FieldFresh Foods	To carry out a corn productivity research programme.
Rajasthan & Cisco	To promote digital learning across the state using virtual digital room solutions
Rajasthan & ITEC Dubai	For the promotion of Tourism Sector
SBI & IIT Bombay	For promoting Startups
Sri Lanka & China	Tripartite pact to construct mega port city - \$1.4 billion
Telangana & Cisco	To create more employment opportunities.
Telangana & Goa	To work together in IT development
Telangana & ISRO	to improve services of its educational channel 'Mana TV'.
Telangana & ISRO	To monitor water resources
Uber & Ministry of Electronics and IT's CSCs (Common Services Centres)	For skilling drivers on its platform
Union Water Resources Ministry Agriculture & Ministry	To encourage farmers of over 5,000 villages along the Ganga to take up organic farming
Union Labour Ministry & job portals Indeed, First Job and HT Shine	To enhance the quality and reach of its employment generation services.
UP & Netherland	To set up a new Skill Development Centre for Farmers of UP.
Urban Development Ministry & Amar Chitra Katha	To bring out a comic book on the Swachh Bharat Mission
US & Israel	For Largest-Ever Military Aid

### Agreement signed for Smart city Project :

- Chandigarh & France signed MoU for Smart City Project and 'Technical Cooperation' in the field of Sustainable Urban Mobility
- L&T & Maha Govt signed MoU for Nagpur smart city project .
- NetApp & Varanasi and Karnal signed agreement to develop city as Smart Cities
- Railways & Urban Development Ministries signed MoU to redevelop stations under smart city plans
- Maharashtra signed an agreement with Canada to implement a joint action plan on urban infrastructure development in the State.

### Stamp & Coins :

- A commemorative postage stamp on Tourism in India on the occasion of 70th Independence Day has been

- released by the Minister of State for Railways Manoj Sinha.
- Postal Department released a commemorative stamp to honor the Mother Teresa’s canonization in Mumbai.
- Rajasthan High Court launched the e-stamp facility in its Jodhpur and Jaipur
- Department of Posts and Portugal Post will issue joint postage stamps on the theme of folk dances (Dandiya of Gujarat)
- United States Postal Service commemorate the festival of Diwali with a Forever stamp on Oct 5

## **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

- Indian-American Girl Sruthi Palaniappan Becomes Youngest Delegate At Democratic National Convention
- UNESCO has named musician Kudsi Erguner, as an Artist for Peace
- Khangchendzonga National Park (KNP), Sikkim; Capitol Complex, Chandigarh; Nalanda Mahavihara (Nalanda University) Bihar have been declared as a Heritage Site by UNESCO
- VK Singh, Minister of State for External Affairs leading the government’s Operation Sankat Mochan’ to evacuate over 600 Indians stranded in the war-trapped African country.
- Japanese PM Shinzo Abe unveiled a new economic stimulus package worth more than \$275 billion
- US added the Pakistani militant group Jamaat-ur-Ahrar to its list of global terrorists
- Colombia’s government has secured a groundbreaking peace deal with leftist Farc rebels – promising to end a war
- India, the US and Afghanistan have reaffirmed their shared interests in combating terrorism
- Pakistan officially postponed the SAARC Summit. Bangladesh, Bhutan and Afghanistan had moved out of the Saarc summit in Pakistan
- 10-week long festival “Confluence: Festival of India” was inaugurated by Union Tourism and Culture Minister Mahesh Sharma in Sydney
- India business, culture festival held in Chinese city Yangzhou
- Pakistan’s lower house of Parliament has passed a landmark bill giving its small Hindu minority the right to register marriages
- Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Russian President Vladimir Putin agreed to intensify military and intelligence contacts after a meeting in Istanbul.
- President Barack Obama had lifted US economic sanctions on Myanmar
- Israel suspended cooperation with the UNESCO
- Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) decided to enforce a complete ban on Indian TV and radio contents from October 21, 2016.
- China’s yuan joined the International Monetary Fund’s basket of reserve currencies
- Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) decided to enforce a complete ban on Indian TV and radio contents from October 21, 2016.
- Iraq’s Parliament passes law to ban the sale, import and production of alcohol in the country under Article 14.
- A UN General Assembly committee voted to launch negotiations on a new treaty banning nuclear weapons despite strong opposition from the world’s nuclear powers.
- Mr. Y.K. Sinha, High Commissioner of India inaugurated the Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Library and Resource Centre in Sri Palee College at Horana in Sri Lanka
- India has been declared as YAWS – FREE country by the World Health Organization (WHO).
- Indian government declared that the country was free from the contagious avian influenza (H5N1), also known as bird flu.
- Brazil is free of measles after no new cases of the disease the World Health Organisation announced
- Sri Lanka has been certified as malaria-free island country by World Health Organisation (WHO)
- PM Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina and inaugurated the Petrapole Integrated Check Post (ICP)

- External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj addressed the 71st session of the UNGA on September 26 in New York.
- India has provided an aid of USD one million to Zimbabwe to deal with severe drought caused by El Nino phenomenon.
- Prime Minister of Australia Malcolm Turnbull has ratified the Paris climate change agreement, on 10 November 2016
- Anurag Bhushan unveiled Mahatma Gandhi statue in Dubai.
- RCEP is the proposed big-regional Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between 16 Asia-Pacific countries
- China adopted a new Cybersecurity Law
- India offers additional developmental assistance of one billion dollars to Afghanistan
- India donated Rs.9.3 million (ZAR 2 million) to the Nelson Mandela Foundation

### First In The World

- The Lifeline Express, the world's first hospital on a train, aka the Magic Train of India celebrates 25 years of service.
- China has successfully completed Asia's longest 16-km single tunnel
- A Yazidi temple is under construction in Armenian village, is set to be the world largest Yazidi Temple
- East Asian nation China in the Qinghai province has commissioned its first solar thermal power plant which is the third such power plant
- Kerala's classical dance Kaathakali has been performed in Egypt for the first time
- Manipur's 'Iron Lady' Irom Chanu Sharmila ended her 16 year long World's longest hunger strike ended on August 9
- Brazil launched the first public immunization programme against dengue fever
- The 430-metre long and six metre wide Glass Bridge set to be the world's longest and highest glass bridge opened in China
- UK Ministers approved the second phase of the world's biggest offshore wind farm.
- World's longest bullet train network length of 2000kms established by China Railway
- The Surgeons at John Radcliffe Hospital in the UK used Robot to remove a membrane and restore sight of Bill Beaver for the first time.
- China completes the 'world's highest bridge' standing 1,850 feet above the ground.
- US President Obama designated the first marine national monument in the Atlantic Ocean
- World's largest permanent shiplift designed by Chinese and German engineers on China's Three Gorges Dam began its trial.
- China for the first time had deployed a robot to maintain security at one of its busiest airports in Guangdong Province
- 26-year-old woman Kate McWilliams from UK become the world's youngest ever commercial airline captain of easy jet.
- Brazil opened the first sanctuary with Guida and Maia in in the central Brazilian state of Mato Grosso for elephants
- For the time, Diwali was celebrated at the United Nations.
- The first-ever pizza vending Machine has been installed on the campus of Xavier University (XU) in Ohio, USA
- National University of Singapore Scientists, including Indian origin have designed and built the worlds lightest electric paraglider trike
- World's largest and sensitive radio telescope, FAST (Five hundred meter Aperture Spherical Telescope) Has been installed in Pingtang county, South west China.
- China's Sichuan University to perform world's first genetic editing trial on humans aiming to cure lung cancer
- The world's first child with genes from three people was born to a Jordanian couple.
- World's first" Driverless minibuses began taking passengers in the eastern French city of Lyon
- Uber launches first driverless car service in the Steel City, Pittsburgh, USA

- China commissioned the world's largest radio telescope
- Medtronic Plc would bring to market the world's first artificial pancreas, after U.S. regulators cleared the device for diabetics
- Scientists have developed a new world-first optical sensor that could quickly detect vitamin B12 deficiency
- Microsoft have developed the first technology that recognises the words in a conversation
- Qualcomm announces the world's first 5G Modem, called the Snapdragon X50.
- US created the world's largest marine protected area by expanding an existing ocean reserve off Hawaii to cover 582,578 square miles
- World's largest aircraft Airlander 10 has embarked on its maiden flight to the skies and applause from crowds gathered at an airfield in Cardington England.
- NASA completes construction of largest space telescope James Webb Space Telescope
- World's first light-seeking synthetic Nano robot has developed by the University of Hong Kong,

## Foreign Visits :

### **PM Narendra Modi visited Mozambique, South Africa, Tanzania and Kenya highlights**

#### **Visit to Mozambique**

- 3 agreements were inked and three announcements were made including gifting 100 ton medicines and medical equipment
- India has handed over 30 SUVs to Mozambique
- He attended the Indian community reception in Maputo.
- India, Mozambique agreed to cooperate to meet strategic, security challenges.
- Under long-term agreement India will buy pulses from this African nation to meet its recurring shortfall and contain prices of this commodity.

#### **Visit to South Africa**

- MoU on Information and Communication technology (ICT).
- Signed Programme of Cooperation in Arts and Culture.
- MoU on Tourism.
- MoU on Grass root innovation (Science and Technology)

#### **Visit to Tanzania**

- He meets members of Indian diaspora in Dar es Salaam
- Modi inspected the Guard of Honour at the Ceremonial Reception in Dar es Salaam

#### **Visit to Kenya**

- India-Kenya signed 7 agreements
- Modi received Guard of Honour during Ceremonial Reception at State House in Nairobi
- Modi laid wreath at the Mausoleum of Mzee Jomo Kenyatta, First President of Kenya in Nairobi

### **Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari will pay a weeklong visit to Unites States**

to attract billions of dollars in Foreign Direct Investment. This is his maiden visit to the US in his capacity as Union Minister. The visit aimed at consolidation and expanding India's relations with the US by improving bilateral cooperation in infrastructure sector.

### **PM Visit to Vietnam and China**

India and Vietnam signed 12 agreements, signalling a strong upward push in their strategic ties in the field of defence, IT, space, double taxation and sharing white shipping information.

- India grants \$500 million to Vietnam to bolster defence ties and It is noted that the Prime Minister also announced a grant of \$5 million for the establishment of a Software Park in the Telecommunications University in Nha Trang. PM Modi presented with a hand-painted oil-painting of himself by a Chinese painter and Chinese translations of ancient Indian texts including Bhagavad Gita and essays of Swami Vivekananda.

## **Commerce and Industry Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Sri Lanka and Canada Visit:**

### **Sri Lanka Visit – September 26-27**

- During the visit, a meeting of the India-Sri Lanka Business Forum was held which was attended by the Commerce and Industry Minister and Mr Malik Samarawickrama, Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade of Sri Lanka.
- India will invest up to \$2 billion in Sri Lanka over the next four years in a range of sectors including real estate, energy and infrastructure.

### **Canada Visit – September 29 - 30:**

The Minister attended 3rd Annual Ministerial Dialogue held on 29th September 2016 at Toronto, Canada.

## **Egyptian President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi Arrives in India for Three-Day Visit**

- Egyptian President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi on a three-day visit to India and to hold talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi with an aim to step up engagement in areas of security, counter-terrorism and trade. It is noted that India and Egypt have a strong economic relationship.
- PM Modi & Egyptian President signed maritime transport agreement and India and Egypt decided to step up their overall defence and security cooperation to tackle the twin challenges of terrorism and radicalisation besides enhancing economic and trade engagements thereby signalling a major shift in ties.

## **Nepal PM Prachanda On a three day visit to India**

Nepal Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal ‘Prachanda’ arrived in New Delhi for a three-day state visit to India. The major agreements sealed between the Indian and Nepali delegations included upgrade of road network in Nepal and two line of credit agreements between Nepal and the Exim Bank.

### **India, Nepal sign three agreements including improvement of road network**

- India and Nepal signed three agreements including improvement of road network to cement ties between the two neighbors.
- The two countries signed MoU for project management consultancy services for up gradation and improvement of road infrastructure in Terai area of Nepal.
- India also gave 750 million dollar line of credit for post earthquake reconstruction of the Himalayan nation.

## **Nepal PM visited Jhakri town to inspect Nathpa-Jhakri hydro-power project**

- Nepal Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda is visited Jhakri town in Shimla district of Himachal Pradesh to inspect Asia’s biggest underground Nathpa-Jhakri hydro-power project. The project has a power generation capacity of 1500 megawatt.

## **Shri Radha Mohan Singh Concluded 3 Days Israel Visit**

Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Radha Mohan Singh concluded his three day Israel Visit. The Union Minister led a four member official delegation to Israel to deepen bilateral engagement in agriculture.

## **Myanmar President Htin Kyaw visit to India**

Following the invitation of Indian President Pranab Mukherjee, Myanmar President U Htin Kyaw and his wife Daw Su Su Lwin made a State Visit made to India.

- Four pacts signed :-

India and Myanmar signed four pacts in the field of infrastructure development and for the cooperation in renewable energy. They are as follows,

1. Agreement I – Construction of 69 bridges on the Tamu-Kalewa section of the trilateral highway connecting India, Myanmar and Thailand.
2. Agreement II – Upgrading the Kalewa-Yargi section of the trilateral highway.
3. Agreement III – Cooperation in the field of renewable energy,

#### 4. Agreement IV – cooperation in the field of traditional medicines.

#### **Vice President Hamid Ansari's five-day tour of Nigeria and Mali**

Vice President Hamid Ansari had a five-day tour of Nigeria and Mali in order to further strengthen India's bilateral engagements with these two West African nations.

- Nigeria Visit – 26-29, 2016 :
- It is estimated that the Indian investments have exceeded USD 10 billion so far, and another USD 5 billion are committed. Indian investments are in diverse sectors such as communications, power, pharmaceuticals, healthcare, automotive sector and oil, among others.
- Mali Visit – 29-30 September 2016 :
- After Nigeria, Mr. Ansari then went to Mali, the first high-level visit by any Indian leader. Two MoUs were also signed between India and Mali, one on standards and the other on cultural exchange.

#### **Singapore PM Lee Hsien Loong visit to India – An Overview**

- During the visit, Prime Minister of Singapore Lee Hsien Loong was hosted for lunch by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the two leaders hold bilateral talks to explore ways to bolster ties between the two countries.
- Besides that, two more MOUs will be exchanged on cooperation on
- Establishment of a North East Skills Centre in Assam between the Assam Government and the Institute of Technical Education Education Services, and
- Cooperation in skills development between the National Skill Development Corporation and Singapore's Institute of Technical Education Education Services.
- India and Singapore signed three agreements, including two in the area of skill development, following delegation-level talks headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Singapore PM Lee Hsien Loong.
- One memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between Singapore's Institute of Technical Education (ITE) Education Services (ITEES) and India's National Skill Development Corporation on collaboration in technical and vocational education and training.
- Another MoU was signed between the Assam government and ITEES Singapore also on collaboration in technical and vocational education and training.
- A third MoU was signed in the field of industrial property cooperation.

#### **Sri Lankan PM Ranil Wickremesinghe 3 Day visit to India**

- Sri Lanka Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe would arrive in New Delhi for a three-day visit to India. During his stay, he would meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi and discuss issues of mutual interest. The visiting dignitary would also call on President Pranab Mukherjee.
- Both the sides had decided to conclude an enhanced bilateral economic partnership by the end of this year to allow the free flow of services, investments and technology, in addition to the existing Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between the two nations.

#### **FM Arun Jaitley embarks on 7-day official visit to Canada,US**

- Finance Minister Arun Jaitley embark a 7-day official(October 3 to October 10) visit to Canada and the US to attend the annual meetings of World Bank and IMF and hold talks with global investors.
- He is accompanied by Dr. Urijit Patel, Governor RBI, Mr. Shaktikanta Das, Secretary Economic Affairs, Dr. Arvind Subramanian, Chief Economic Advisor and other officials.
- In Canada, he met top official and review progress made in the proposed Comprehensive Economic partnership agreement (CEPA) and Foreign Investment and Protection Agreement (FIPA).

#### **USA - four-day official visit**

- Arun Jaitley along with Shri Shaktikanta Das, Secretary (EA) participated in the 2016 IMF-World Bank Annual Meetings Plenary on October 7, 2016 at the historic DAR Constitution Hall,

Washington DC. He has said that 80% of the 240 million new accounts opened under the Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana are now functional with cash balances.

- Jaitley, who is on an official visit to the US, chaired the Commonwealth Finance Minister's meeting at the IMF headquarters.
- BRICS' contingent reserve arrangement (CRA) is now operational in India to deal with any short-term balance of payments pressures the grouping's member nations face. CRA was established in 2015 by BRICS member nations Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa .

### **Aung San Suu Kyi to embark on three day-visit to India**

Aung San Suu Kyi is a Burmese statesperson, politician, diplomat and author who serves as the First and incumbent State Counsellor and Leader of the National League for Democracy.

- She is also the first woman to serve as Minister of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar, the Minister of the President's Office, the Minister of Electric Power and Energy, and the Minister of Education in President Htin Kyaw's Cabinet, and from 2012 to 2016 was a Pyithu Hluttaw MP for Kawhmu Township.
- India and Myanmar have agreed for close security coordination in border areas keeping in view the sensitivity of each other's strategic interests.
- The two countries also agreed to enhance engagement in several areas including agriculture, power, and renewable energy and the two sides will also work to develop a mutually beneficial arrangement for trade in pulses.
- As a part of efforts to improve ties between India and Myanmar, the two countries signed 3 MoUs in the presence of Narendra Modi and Aung San Suu Kyi.
- India and Myanmar signed three MoUs for cooperation in insurance, power and banking sectors

### **Vice President Hamid Ansari five-day visit to Hungary, Algeria**

Vice President Hamid Ansari was on a five-day visit to Hungary and Algeria, where he raised the matter of cross-border terrorism and a host of other bilateral issues. Hungary is a parliamentary constitutional republic in Central Europe. It is situated in the Carpathian Basin and is bordered by Slovakia to the north, Romania to the east, Serbia to the south, Croatia to the southwest, Slovenia to the west, Austria to the northwest, and Ukraine to the northeast.

- Hungary is a member of the European Union, NATO, the OECD, the Visegrád Group, and the Schengen Area.
- The official language is Hungarian, which is the most widely spoken non-Indo-European language in Europe.
- The country's capital and largest city is Budapest and Currency is Hungarian forint
- India and Hungary also signed two MoUs, including one on water management, during the three-day trip to the central European country.

### **New Zealand PM John Key visit to India – An Overview**

John Phillip Key is the 38th Prime Minister of New Zealand, in office since 2008. He has led the New Zealand National Party since 2006.

- India's entry into the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) is among the gamut of issues that are expected to figure during the meeting.
- India and New Zealand have signed three agreements in the areas of double taxation avoidance, food security and sports.
- A MoU was signed between the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of India and Sport New Zealand on cooperation in the field of youth affairs and sports.

### **Rajanath Singh 3 days visit to Bahrain**

Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh has announced that India and Bahrain, both the countries, are vulnerable to the sufferings of terrorism during his bilateral meeting with Interior Minister of Bahrain Lt. General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa in capital Manama. Singh stated that the terrorism should be

dealt in a comprehensive manner. Segmented and partial approaches as adopted by some of the countries have been failed in countering terrorism.

### **President Pranab Mukherjee 3-day state visit to Nepal**

- The visit is first by an Indian Head of State in 18 years. The President’s visit is seen as an extension of “intensive engagement” by India with Nepal, which adopted its democratic Constitution last year.
- The Kathmandu University conferred an Honorary Doctorate on the President of India.
- He also announced that from 2017 onwards, Nepali students will have the opportunity to pursue graduate and post-graduate courses in Indian Institutes of Technology on a regular basis

### **British Prime Minister Theresa May Visit to India:**

- British Prime Minister Theresa May arrived in Delhi on a three-day visit (November 6-8, 2016) aimed at enhancing Indo-UK ties in the key areas of trade, investment, defense and security.
- May and PM Modi witnessed the signing of the two Memorandums of Understanding – one on intellectual property (IP) and another for bilateral cooperation on raising ease of doing business.
- India and the United Kingdom have agreed to enhance defence ties with a view to expanding military trade and industrial collaboration.

### **Summits & Conferences**

<b>Summits &amp; Conferences</b>	<b>Hosts</b>	<b>Notes</b>
2016 North East Connectivity Summit	Agartala, Tripura	To highlighting the opportunities in infrastructure and other potential areas between neighbouring countries
Counter-Terrorism Financing (CTF) Summit 2016	Bali, Indonesia	Home Affairs Kiren Rijiju represented India
1st BRICS Young Scientists Conclave	Bangalore	
BRICS Wellness Workshop	Bengaluru	Organised jointly by Ministry of Ayush, Karnataka government and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry
Make in India’ conference	Bhubaneswar	In December 2016
International Conference on LPG cooking gas	Bhubaneswar, Odisha	Focus of the meet - The need for an LPG enabled household, problems arising due to absence of cooking gas
national conference on labor	Bhubaneswar, Odisha	To discuss issues referring to social security of organized and unorganized sector labourers, child and bonded labourers, various
First International Sikh Conclave	Bihar	350th birth anniversary celebrations of Guru Gobind Singh, the 10 <sup>th</sup> Sikh guru, in Patna Sahib.
Fourth meeting of Indo-Czech joint working group	Brno, Canada	Indian officials and industry leaders led by Secretary in the Department of Heavy Industry, Mr Girish Shankar
Global Conference on Aluminum	Bubhaneshwar	Hosted by Aluminium Association of India (AAI) from February 15 to 17, 2017
India Education Fair	Dhaka, Bangladesh	Inaugurated by the Indian High Commissioner Harsh Vardhan Sringla



23rd Rehabilitation International World Congress	Edinburgh, Scotland	Theme of the Congress is, “Create a More Inclusive World”.
17th India-Russia Annual Summit Goa	Goa	1.India and Russia have finalised a general framework agreement for unit 5 and 6 of Kudankulam nuclear plant. 2.India and Russia announced plans to
8th BRICS Summit	Goa	1.Adopted the Goa Declaration 2.Agreed to fast track the setting up of a BRICS Rating Agency.
First ever BRICS-BIMSTEC outreach summit	Goa	
BRICS Environmental Ministers Meet	Goa	i.The Environment Ministers of BRICS countries agreed on a MoU and announced setting up of a Joint Working Group ii.BRICS countries call for ‘zero waste’ approach in water and sanitation management
Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2017	Gujarat	US government had decided to become a partner country for the upcoming Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit
Second BRICS Youth Summit	Guwahati, Assam	Inaugurated by Assam CM Sarbananda Sonowal
First Tech Meet Of Hydrocarbon Vision 2030	Guwahati, Assam	To deliberate the issues pertaining to the implementation of the Vision document with an investment of Rs 1,30,000 crore over the next 15 years.
2016 G20 Summit	Hangzhou, China	G20 members agreed to complete their domestic legal formalities for the ratification of Paris climate soon PM modi attended G20 Summit
IUCN World Conservation Congress 2016	Hawaiian capital, Honolulu	Theme : Planet at the Crossroads
International summit on Tobacco-Control	India	In November 2016
SAARC Interior Ministers and Immigration Authorities	Islamabad, Pakistan	The meeting was chaired by Pakistan’s Director General Immigration and Passports Usman A. Bajwa.
South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc) interior ministers	Islamabad, Pakistan	Indian-Occupied Kashmir became the hot topic at dais amid killings of over 50 innocent Kashmiri youth at the hands of Indian forces.
SAARC Finance Minister Meet	Islamabad, Pakistan	To discuss and devise a mechanism for regional trade promotion. SAARC Development Fund (SDC) operations would be made more effective for the development of the region.

SAARC Young Parliamentarians Conference (YPC) on 'Peace and Harmony for Development'	Islamabad, Pakistan.	YPC intends to offer young parliamentarians' narrative as a prelude to the 19th SAARC summit
Islamic Countries' global youth meet	Istanbul , Pakistan	Haji Syed Salman Chishty of Dargah Ajmer Sharif is addressed at the ICYF-DC's Third Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers opening.
2016 SAARC Sufi festival	Jaipur , Rajasthan	It is organised annually by the Foundation of SAARC Writers And Literature (FOSWAL), in association with the Rajasthan government
BRICS Women's Parliamentarian Forum	Jaipur, Rajasthan	i.First session on the theme of 'Achieving SDGs- Role of Women Parliamentarians in involving Citizens'. ii.Theme of the second session, to be held on the second day on August 21, was 'Containing Climate Change – Imperatives of Global Cooperation'.
4th BRICS Science, Technology and Innovation Ministerial Meeting	Jaipur, Rajasthan	1.Theme – Building, Responsive Inclusive and Collective Solutions 2.Jaipur Declaration was adopted by all the BRICS countries
BRICS Convention on Tourism	Khajuraho Madhya Pradesh	To enhance tourism with the use of latest technology and information among the BRICS nations.
Spice Route Culinary Festival	Kochi, Kerala	To honour and rekindle the shared legacy of cosmopolitanism, commerce, connectivity and cultural exchange between the countries on the ancient
CII-IIEST Conference	Kolkata	Theme 'Enabling Make in India through Industry Academia Innovation
ASEAN member countries Finance Ministers meet	Laotian, Vientiane	This meeting is attributed towards contributing to the maintenance and promotion of peace, stability and prosperity in the region and the world.
INDIA-CHEM 2016	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Organised jointly by Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Government of India and FICCI.
Western Zonal Council Meeting .	Mumbai,Maharashtra	Reviewed the progress of implementation of the recommendations made in the last meeting
State level Watershed Conference	Nagaland Kohima.	To grant 33% reservation to women in Urban Local Bodies
6th Tokyo International Conference on African Development	Nairobi, Kenya	It was the first-ever TICAD Summit to be held in the African continent in its over 20 years of history.

19th 'World Peace Conference'	Nashik, Maharashtra	Vidyasagar presented the 'Dr M S Gosavi Excellence Award' to scientist Anil Kakodkar
the BRICS Heads of Drug Control Agencies Working Group Meeting	New Delhi	Inaugurated by Shri Rajnath Singh and organized by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB).
Startup India States	New Delhi	This conference will serve as a platform for all states to discuss the progress, policies and good practices
World Economic Forum(WEF)	New Delhi	Theme : 'Fostering an Inclusive India through Digital Transformation'
National Conference of Investigation Agencies	New Delhi	Organized by the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) and the National Investigation Agency (NIA) of India.
India International Footwear Fair	New Delhi	Inaugurated by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley 'Selfie Stations' which focus on the national campaigns of the Government of India
Eighth meeting of SAARCSTAT and delegates from SAARC Member States	New Delhi	Theme of this Meeting is "Trade Statistics – Merchandise & Services".
International Arbitration BROCS Conference	New Delhi	Finance Minister Arun Jaitley suggested creation of a task force of experts
First BRICS Trade Fair & Exhibition	New Delhi	It is showcasing about 20 key sectors
2nd Meeting of Heads of Export Credit Agencies(ECAs) of BRICS	New Delhi	It was organized parallel with meetings of BRICS Trade Ministers. discussion on working in close co-operation with NDB to promote intra-BRICS trade and to support projects by BRICS exporters.
International conference on voter education	New Delhi	The topic of the Conference is Voter Education for Inclusive, Informed and Ethical Participation. Motto : "No Voter to be Left Behind"
4th Meeting of BRICS Education Ministers Conference	New Delhi	To promote life-long learning opportunities for all" and the "Education 2030 Framework for Action" and SDG4 goals
First edition of World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS)	New Delhi	Theme: "Beyond 2015: People, Planet and Progress" Pawan Kumar Chamling was conferred with the 'Sustainable Development
2016 World Economic Forum (WEF) India Economic Summit	New Delhi	Three thematic pillars: Mastering the Fourth Industrial Revolution, Driving Sustainable and Equitable Growth and, Improving the Ease of Doing Business.

20th ASEAN Regional Forum– Heads of Defence Universities / Colleges / Institutions Meet	New Delhi	commitment to contribute towards promotion and maintenance of peace and prosperity in the region
Women of India Festival 2016'	New Delhi	To promote organic food and products.
India International Silk Fair	New Delhi	To promote production and marketing silk across the country.
5th India International Silk Fair	New Delhi	It is recognised as a well-established global fair.
Air Force Commanders' Conference	New Delhi	The Commanders the Government's appreciation of the professionalism displayed by the IAF in execution of airlift of Indians from Yemen
28th Accountants General Conference	New Delhi	The founding drafters of our Constitution had envisaged a prominent role for public audit in our country's governance and accountability framework
Global Conference to Make India the Centre for Arbitration held in	New Delhi	Title : National Initiative On Strengthening Arbitration And Enforcement In India
Conference on Heritage Rail Tourism jointly with Asia Pacific Heritage & Rail Tourism Organisation	New Delhi	The Annual General Meetings of APHTRO and WATTRAIN (World Association of Tourist Trams and Trains) had been held as a side event
64 <sup>th</sup> meeting of Central Advisory Board of Education	New Delhi	Stressed that education is a national agenda which touches the lives of each and every individual.
National Tribal Carnival 2016	New Delhi	To promote a sense of inclusiveness amongst the tribals
Sixth meeting of BRICS High Representatives	New Delhi	They exchanged assessments of recent developments in the West Asia and North Africa (WANA) region.
sixth Brics meeting on Agriculture and Agrarian Development	New Delhi	For ensuring access to food for the most vulnerable population, reducing negative impact of climate change on food security and adaptation of
BRICS Labour & Employment Ministerial Meeting	New Delhi	Key areas : Employment Generation, Social Security and Inclusive Development Including Formalization
BRICS film festival	New Delhi	Rishi Kapoor honoured at 1st BRICS Film Festival. Indian film 'Thithi' wins best film award at BRICS Film Festival
5th BIRAC Innovator's Meet	New Delhi	Theme : 'Biotech Innovation Ecosystem – Strategizing the Next Leap'

India – US economic summit	New Delhi	To provide a valuable opportunity to assess developments across India-US trade relationship, economy and society
Incredible India Tourism Investors Summit 2016	New Delhi	86 MoUs signed during the session aggregating close to Rs 15,000 crores
35th Coast Guard Commanders' Conference	New Delhi	To carve out a futuristic vision for the service and to determine the modalities to overcome the challenges efficiently.
2nd SAARC Anti-Terrorism Mechanism	New Delhi	To strengthen the SAARC Anti-Terror Mechanism.
First edition of IoT India Congress	New Delhi	To bring together the key stakeholders across the value chain and verticals to collaborate, ideate and share a common road map for IoT implementation
19th SAARC Summit	Pakistan	November 2016
6th joint Experts Meeting on Corruption	Paris, France	On transparency and beneficial ownership given the topic's priority in both the FATF and G20 agendas and its particular interest to the
BRICS policy planning dialogue meeting	Patna, Bihar	Strategic assessments of international situation and the regional situation and trends
New Development Bank's board of directors	Shanghai, China	To discuss the financial needs of the five BRICS countries used for Infrastructure
India-China Cooperation Forum meet	Shanghai, China	To boost bilateral trade and increase investments in crucial sectors.
BRICS meeting on Disaster Risk Reduction	Udaipur	i.BRICS countries were striving to set up a joint task force on disaster management as a permanent forum for regular dialogue, mutual support
11th ASEM summit	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia	Theme: '20 Years of ASEM: Partnership for the Future through Connectivity' Indian delegation is led by Vice President Mohammad Hamid Ansari
First-ever summit on movement of 65.3 million refugees and migrants	UN, New York	To standardize responses to refugee situations and provide better education and jobs to refugees Leaders Adopt Breakthrough
World power ministers at 'Switch' summit	Vadodara, Gujarat	under the leadership of Union Power Minister Piyush Goyal.
the 5th International Buddhist Conclave	Varanasi-Sarnath	Inaugurated by Union Tourism and Culture Minister Mahesh Sharma
17 <sup>th</sup> NAM summit	Venezuela	One notable absentee was Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

4th ASEAN-India Summit and the 11th East Asia Summit	Vientiane, Laos PDR	Prime Minister Narendra Modi proposed a joint task force on connectivity in India-ASEAN Region to work on extension of India-
International Seafood Show	Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh	To achieving USD 10 billion exports by 2020
NATO Summit 2016	Warsaw, Poland	Discuss to strengthen the Alliance's deterrence and defence, and plans to project stability in the wider neighbourhood.
National Conference on Tropical Parasitology'	Puducherry	To evolve strategies to improve the perspective on the drug resistance scenario in parasitic diseases
Indian Languages Festival (ILF) Samanvay	New Delhi	Theme : Language as Public action
International Forum on Adopting an ICT Perspective to Education and Learning	New Delhi	To implementing the UNESCO developed General Education Quality Analysis Framework (GEQAF)
9th Annual Meeting of International Regulatory Cooperation for Herbal Medicines (IRCH)	New Delhi	To protect and promote public health and safety through improved regulation for herbal medicines.
Seventh Session of the Conference of Parties (COP7) ) to WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC)	Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh	Mozambique became the 181st party to join the Conference of Parties (COP7)
International Agro-biodiversity Congress, (IAC)	New Delhi	The Congress was concluded with the adoption of Delhi Declaration on Agro-biodiversity Management.

### India's Rank In Various Indices

Name of the Index	Rank
Business optimism Index	India – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Logistics Performance Index	India – 35 <sup>th</sup>
Money held by its citizens	India – 75 <sup>th</sup>
Readiness for Digitized Economy	India – 91 <sup>st</sup>
List of Shark Fishing Nations	India – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Sustainable Development Index	Sweden – First India – 110 <sup>th</sup>
Forge goods trade	China – 1 <sup>st</sup> Turkey – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Singapore – 3rd India – 5 <sup>th</sup>
Pathetic Global Stunted Growth Children List	India – 1 <sup>st</sup>
Civil Unrest Index	India -4 <sup>th</sup>
2016 World Population Data Sheet	World population will reach 9.9 billion in 2050, up 33 percent from an estimated 7.4 billion now.

Robotic Automation implementation	India – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
World Risk Report 2016	India- 77
Global Innovation Index (GII)	India – 66 <sup>th</sup>
Logistics Performance Index - “Connecting to Complete 2016”.	India -35 <sup>th</sup>
2016 World Economic Freedom Index (WEFI)	India – 112
Health Index -sustainable development goal (SDG) health performance	India - 143 <sup>rd</sup>
Global Competitiveness Index	India – 39
Report on human development	HDI estimated at 0.557 against the national average of 0.586
World RTI Act Rank	India - 4 <sup>th</sup>
‘Assocham-Sathguru’	Indian biosimilars market may reach USD 40 bn by 2030
Global Hunger Index	India - 97 <sup>th</sup>
Largest holder of US govt bonds	India -12 <sup>th</sup>
Nature Index 2016 Rising Stars	India – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Global Travel and Tourism Report	Safest Countries 1.Finland 2. Qatar 3. UAE Least Safe countries 1 . Nigeria 2. Columbia 3. Yemen
Global Gender Gap Report 2016	India - 87 <sup>th</sup>
2016 Global Power City Index	Mumbai – 39 <sup>th</sup>
New World Wealth Report	Mumbai – 14 <sup>th</sup> ( \$820 billion)
Global Youth Development Index	India - 133 <sup>rd</sup>
Indian Startup Ecosystem Maturing	India
Doing Business 2017: Equal Opportunity for All	India ranked - 130 <sup>th</sup>

### Fortune /Forbes / World /Asia-Pacific/Britain

Title	Organization	Note
FORTUNE 500 – 2016	Fortune	<b>Top 3:</b> 1.Wal-Mart with revenue of \$482,130 2.Exxon with revenue of Mobil\$246,204 3.Apple with revenue of \$233,715 <b>Indian Companies:</b> Indian Oil Corp – 161 <sup>st</sup> RIL – 215 <sup>th</sup> Bharat Petroleum – 358 <sup>th</sup>
50 Most Powerful Women List based outside the US	Fortune	1.Arundhati Bhattacharya(SBI Chief) (2 <sup>nd</sup> place) 2.Isabelle Kocher( ICICI Bank CEO and MD)(3 <sup>rd</sup> place) 3.Shikha Sharma Axis Bank CEO
Change The World 2016	Fortune	<b>Top 3:</b> Glaxo Smith Kline – Pharmaceuticals IDE Technologies – Industrial Machinery General Electric – Industrial Machinery Indian giants Cipla(46 <sup>th</sup> ) and Godrej(48 <sup>th</sup> )

		bags their prestigious spots
51 Most Powerful Women Rankings	Fortune	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mary Barra-CEO &amp; chairman of GS</li> <li>2. Indra Nooyi- CEO and Chairman of PepsiCo</li> <li>3. Marillyn Hewson- CEO and Chairman and President of Lockheed Martin</li> </ol>
List of Highest paid TV Actresses 2016	Forbes magazine	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sofia Vergara</li> <li>2. Kaley cuoco</li> <li>3. Mindly Kaling</li> <li>4. Ellen Pompeo</li> <li>5. Mariska Harigitay</li> <li>6. Kerry Washington</li> <li>7. Stana Katic</li> <li>8. Priyanka Chopra</li> <li>9. Julianna Margulies</li> <li>10. Julie Bowen</li> </ol>
India's 100 Richest People 2016	Forbes	<u>Men's List :</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mukesh Ambani</li> <li>2. Dilip Shanghvi</li> <li>3. Hinduja family</li> <li>4. Azim Premji</li> </ol> <u>Women's list :</u> Savithiri Jindal - 19 Vinod & Anil Rai Gupta - 46 Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw - 65 Leena Tewari- 79
List of 100 richest people in the technology field	Forbes	<u>Top 3 persons:</u> Bill Gates Jeff Bezos Marl Zuckerberg <u>Indians:</u> Azim Premji - 13 <sup>th</sup> Shiv Nadar – 17 <sup>th</sup>
Top 10 Highest-Paid actress in the World	Forbes	<u>Top 3:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jennifer Lawrence</li> <li>2. Mellissa Mccarthy</li> <li>3. Scarlett Johansson</li> <li>10. Deepika Padukone</li> </ol>
List of the world's highest paid actors	Forbes	<u>Top 3:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dwayne Johanson</li> <li>2. Jackie Chan</li> <li>3. Matt Damon</li> </ol> <u>Indians:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. Shah Rush Khan</li> <li>10. AhsKay Kumar</li> </ol>
Best-paid actors 2016	Forbes Magazine.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jim Parsons- \$25.5 million</li> <li>2. Johnny Galecki-(\$24 3.million),</li> <li>3. Simon Helberg -(\$22.5 million)</li> </ol>
Forbes Richest American List	Forbes	Top 3: Bill Gates, Jeff Bezos and Warren Buffett Indians in the list : Romesh Wadhvani, Rakesh Gangwal, John Kapoor, KavitarK Ram Shriram and



		Neerja Desai
Forbes Fab 40 List	Forbes	Top 3: 1.Roger Federer(Nike) 2.Lebon James(ESPN) 3.Phil Mickelson(Adidas) Dhoni – 10 <sup>th</sup>
List of 100 ‘The World’s Most Innovative Companies’.	Forbes	<b>Top 3:</b> 1.TESLA MOTORS INC. 2.SALESFORCE.COM INC 3.REGENERON PHARMACEUTICALS <b>Indian Companies:</b> Asian Paints(18), Hindustan Unilever (31), Tata Consultancy Services (66), Sun Pharmaceutical Industries (73) and Larsen & Toubro (89).
List of the highest-earning female solo artists in music	Forbes	Taylor Swift – topped in the list
50 million children “uprooted” worldwide	UNICEF	a)50 million children -due to homes by war, violence or persecution, b)17 million Due to lack of humanitarian aid &critical service. c)58 per cent of refugees from Pakistan
The Best Museum in the World	TripAdvisor	‘Hall of Fame’ -must-visit place in India. 1 Leh’s Hall of Fame, 2 Bagore Ki Haveli (Udaipur), 3 Victoria Memorial Hall (Kolkata), 4 Salar Jung Museum (Hyderabad) and 5 Jaisalmer War Museum (Jaisalmer) Museum of Qin Terracotta Warriors & Horse in China topped the Asia list.
TripIndex Cities	TripAdvisor	Top 3: 1.Hanoi,2.Mumbai,3.Cape Town
Carbon Clean 200 List	Corporate Knights	<b>Top 3:</b> 1 TOYOTA MOTOR 2 SIEMENS AG-REG 3 JOHNSON CONTROLS <b>Indian Companies:</b> Suzlon Energy -68 Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd - 106 Tata Chemicals - 114 Thermax Ltd -139 Exide Indus -153 IDFC Ltd at 155 for Havells India at 166
Top 100 Most Valuable Brand in the US	Brand Finance rating agency	<b>Top 3:</b> 1.Apple 2.Google 3.Amazon TCS bags 58 <sup>th</sup>
The W20: The 20 Wealthiest Countries in the World	Johannesburg-based The New World Wealth	<b>Top 3:</b> 1.US 2.China 3.Japan and 7.India
world’s third biggest tech startup hub	ASSOCHAM	<b>Top 3:</b> 1.US 2.UK 3.India

		Bengaluru is host to the largest share of technology start-ups in the country, followed by Delhi NCR and Mumbai.
Industry, service sectors growth 2016	ASSOCHAM	Uttarakhand on the top on its study in terms of growth in the industry and service sectors in the last ten years
Child Sex Ratio	Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India	Number of girls per 1,000 boys is all set to fall drastically to a little over 800 by 2021 census in Uttarakhand
‘Swachh Survekshan’ or the Cleanliness Index	Rural development ministrt	<u>Cleanest district in HILLS:</u> 1.Mandi 2.West Sikkim 3.Shimla <u>Cleanest district in PLAINS:</u> 1.Sindhudurg 2.Nadia 3.Satara
World University Rankings 2016-17	Times Higher Education	India-IISc, Bangalore -(201-250 group) IIT Bombay -(351-400 group) 1.University of oxford(united kingdom) 2.California Institute of Technology (United States) 3.Stanford University
Global Destinations Cities Index	MasterCard	Mumbai - 14 Chennai - 19 Kolkata – 62 <u>Top :</u> 1.Bangkok-21.47 million visitors
Broad measure of Ease of Doing Business	Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy of Singapore	Maharashtra emerges top among the Indian states <u>world bank rank</u> Gujarat- 1 Delhi -15 Goa -19 Andhra Pradesh- 2 Maharashtra- 8
Attracting industrial investments in 2015-16	RBI	Andhra Pradesh-1 <sup>st</sup> place Gujarat – 2 <sup>ns</sup> Place Maharashtra – 3 <sup>rd</sup> place Tamilnadu-4 <sup>th</sup> place
Global university rankings for 2016/2017	Quacquarelli Symonds (QS)	<u>Top 3:</u> 1.MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (MIT) 2.STANFORD UNIVERSITY 3.HARVARD UNIVERSITY <u>Indian Universities :</u> IITs,Bombay – 219 IIT Delhi – 185 Indian Institute of Science –152
world’s 100 most valuable brands	Brand consultancy Interbrand	Top 10 : Microsoft Corp., Toyota Motor Corp., IBM Corp., Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd., Amazon.com Inc., Mercedes-Benz and General Electric Co.
Science 2016 Top Employer‘ Ranking	International Science Magazine	Top 10: six are based in the US, two (Novo Nordisk and Novozymes) in Denmark and one (Roche) in Switzerland Biocon – 9 <sup>th</sup>
Farming Index	NITI Aayog	Top 5 states : Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajsthan, MP and Haryana

		Bottom 5 states : Puducherry, Delhi, J & K, Lakshwadeep and Meghalaya
New Study	UNICEF	1.300 million children live with polluted outdoor air 2.One child in seven around the globe breathes outdoor air that is minimum six times dirtier than international recommendations
Poverty and Shared Prosperity	World Bank	India has highest number of people living below poverty line 30 per cent of its population under the \$1.90-a-day poverty measure.
Ease of Doing Business	World Bank	Top states: 1.Andhra Pradesh and Telangana 3.Gujarat 4.Chhattisgarh, 5.Madhya Pradesh and 6.Haryana
RGI data	Registrar General of India (RGI)	1.Jammu and Kashmir has surpassed Kerala as the state with the highest life expectancy in India 2.Kerala has highest overall life expectancy at birth at 74.9 years, 72 for men and 77.8 for women , followed by Delhi and Jammu & Kashmir
Census 2011 data on Disabled Population in the age-group 5-19	Registrar General of India (RGI)	65.7 lakh disabled population in age-group 5-19 at Census 2011 in India out of which 40.2 lakh (61.2%) are attending educational institutions, 8.0 lakh (12.1%) attended educational institutions earlier and 17.5 lakh(26.7%) never attended any educational institutions.
India's State Level Energy Efficiency Implementation Readiness'	World Bank	Andhra Pradesh topped in the list

## NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

### National Awards :

<b>Rajiv Gandhi KhelRanta 2016</b>	
Ms. P.V. Sindhu	Badminton
Ms.DipaKarmakar	Gymnastics
Shri JituRai	Shooting
Ms.Sakshi Malik	Wrestling
<b>Dronacharya Awards 2016</b>	
Shri Nagapuri Ramesh	Athletics
Shri Sagar Mal Dhayal	Boxing
Shri Raj Kumar Sharma	Cricket
Shri Bishweshwar Nandi	Gymnastics
Shri S. Pradeep Kumar	Swimming (Lifetime)
Shri Mahabir Singh	Wrestling (Lifetime)
<b>Arjuna Awards 2016</b>	

Shri Rajat Chauhan	Archery
Ms.Lalita Babar	Athletics
Shri Sourav Kothari	Billiards & Snooker
Shri Shiva Thapa	Boxing
Shri AjinkyaRahane	Cricket
Shri Subrata Paul	Football
Ms. Rani	Hockey
Shri Raghunath V.R.	Hockey
Shri Gurpreet Singh	Shooting
Ms.ApurviChandela	Shooting
Shri Soumyajit Ghosh	Table Tennis
Ms.Vinesh	Wrestling
Shri Amit Kumar	Wrestling
Shri Sandeep Singh Mann	Para-Athletics
Shri Virender Singh	Wrestling (Deaf)
<b>Dhyan Chand Award 2015</b>	
Ms.SattiGeetha	Athletics
Shri Sylvanus Dung Dung	Hockey
Shri RajendraPralhadShelke	Rowing
MaulanaAbulKalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy	Punjabi University, Patiala
<b>Certificate of Honour</b>	
Sanskrit	Prof. (Dr.) Janaki Prasad Dwivedi
	Shri R.Venkatraman
	Shri ViswanathaGopala Krishna
	Shri JiyaLalKamboj
	Dr. BhavendraJha
	Prof. Priyatam Chandra Shastri
	Prof.GurupadK.Hegde
	Prof. S.T. Nagaraja
	Shri Sanatan Mishra
	Shri Sristi Lakshmi PrasannanjaneyaSarma
	Prof. (Mrs.) Laxmi Sharma
	Prof. Biswanath Bhattacharya
	Prof. Ramnarayan Das
	Dr. RamshankerAwasthi
Shri HridayaRanjan Sharma	
Sanskrit (International)	Mr. Fernando Tola
Arabic	Shri Abdul MusabbirBhuiya
	Shri SayyadAsadRazaHussaini
	Shri Badr-E-Jamal Islahi
Persian	Hkm. Syed Ghulam Mehdi Raz
	ChowdhryWahhaj Ahmad Ashraf
	Moulvi H. RehmanQabli
Pali	Smt. Bela Bhattacharya
Prakrit	Dr.DamodarShastri
<b>Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman</b>	
Sanskrit	Dr.MahanandJha
	Dr.Sundar Narayan Jha
	Dr. G.S.V Dattatreya Murthy
	Dr.VishwanathDhital
	Dr. Shankar Rajaraman
Arabic	Dr. Md. Qutbuddin
Persian	Dr.HaseenUzZaman
Pali	Dr.Ujjwal Kumar
Prakrit	Dr.Yogesh Kumar Jain

MahayanakSamman 2016	1.Composer-singer BappiLahiri. 2.Paran Bandyopadhyay and JishuSengupta — best actor (male) awards while 3.Sohini Sarkar — Best actor (female) award
25th Vyas Sammam award	Sunita Jain
Lalit Arpan Samman	ShubhaMudgal
<b>National Tourism Awards 2014-2015</b>	
Madhya Pradesh followed by Gujarat and Karnataka respectively	Best state for comprehensive development of tourism
Rajasthan's SawaiMadhopur railway station	Best Tourist Friendly railway station award
Mumbai's ChhatrapatiShivaji International Airport	Best Airport award
Telangana's Warangal	Best Heritage City award
Monuments of Amarkantak in Madhya Pradesh.	Best maintained and disable-friendly monument
Taj Exotica, Salcette, Goa	Best hotel award under the five star deluxe category
Fateh Prakash Palace in Udaipur, Coconut Lagoon at Kumarakom in Kottayam and Gajner Palace in Bikaner.	Best heritage hotel awards in three different categories
The Lalit in New Delhi received an award under the category of	Hotel providing best facilities for the differently-abled guests.
Kerala Tourism in the Tourism Promotion and Publishing category	Most Innovative use of Information Technology' – social media/mobile app.
The Wayanad initiative—Kerala	Responsible Tourism' category
Sargaalaya Arts and Crafts Village at Iringal, a small but thriving village in Kozhikode—Kerala	Kerala Tourism in the Rural Tourism project category
Kerala—Invis Multimedia and social media managed by Stark Communications	Tourism Promotion and Publishing' category
Turtle on the Beach, Kovalam—Kerala	Best hotel in the Five Star category
Coconut Lagoon, Kumarakom	Best Heritage Hotel in Classic Category
Coconut Creek Farm and Homestay, Kumarakom—Kerala	Best Incredible India Bed and Breakfast Establishment
Somatheeram Research Institute and Ayurveda Hospital Pvt Ltd, Thiruvananthapuram	Best Wellness Centre
<b>Tamil Nadu Gov Award on Independence Day</b>	
A P J Abdul Kalam award	Scientist P Shanmugam
Kalpana Chawla Award	Jayanthi
Chief Minister's Best Practices Award	Thanjavur District Collector N Subbaiyan and Superintendent of Police Mayilvahanan.
Best Corporation Award	Dindigul Corporation
Best Municipality	Pattukottai Municipality (First Prize), Perambalur Municipality (second prize.)
The State Youth Award	K Masha Nazeem in the women's category and P RubanSanthosh took in Men's
Award for solid waste management in rural areas	Tamil Nadu Municipal Administration and Rural Development Minister S P Velumani and Rural Development, Principal Secretary, HansrajVerma.

### International Awards :

<b>Nobel Prize 2016</b>	
Physics	David J. Thouless, F. Duncan M. Haldane and J. Michael Kosterlitz
Chemistry	Jean-Pierre Sauvage, Sir J. Fraser Stoddart and Bernard L. Feringa

Physiology or Medicine	Yoshinori Ohsumi
Literature	Bob Dylan
Peace	Juan Manuel Santos
Economic s	Oliver Hart and BengtHolmström
<b>BRICS Film Festival</b>	
Rishi Kapoor	Honoured at BRICS Film Festival
Best Film award	Raam Reddy's Kannada film Thithi
Best director award	JianqiHuo from China for XuanZang
World's largest LEGO ship	Jubilee Seaways - Denmark
<b>M.S. Subbulakshmi Award</b>	
Vocalists	Girija Devi, KishoriAmonkar, ArunaSairam and VishakaHari
Dancers	Yamini Krishnamurthy, Vyjayantimala Bali
Pandavani exponent	TeejanBai
<b>Indian Film Festival Melbourne 2016</b>	
Best Actor (Male)	Nawazuddin Siddiqui for Raman Raghav 2.0
Best Actor (Female)	Sonam Kapoor for Neerja
Best Indie Film	Thithi
Best Film Award	Kapoor & Sons
Diversity Award for Contribution in Indian Cinema	Fawad Khan
Indian Film Festival Excellence in Cinema Award(lifetime achievement award)	Rishi Kapoor
Best Director	ShakunBatra
<b>68th Annual Primetime Creative Arts Emmy Awards</b>	
Outstanding Drama Series	Game of Thrones (HBO)
Outstanding Comedy Series	Veep (HBO)
Outstanding Mini- Series or Movie	The People v. O. J. Simpson: American Crime Story (FX)
Outstanding TV Movie	Sherlock: The Abominable Bride (Masterpiece) (PBS)
Outstanding Variety Talk Series	Last Week Tonight With John Oliver (HBO)
Outstanding Variety Sketch Series	Key & Peele (Comedy Central)
Outstanding Actor in a Comedy Series	Jeffrey Tambor, Transparent
Outstanding Actress in a Comedy Series	Julia Louis- Dreyfus, Veep
Outstanding Actor in a Drama Series	Rami Malek, Mr. Robot
Outstanding Actress in a Drama Series	Tatiana Maslany, Orphan Black
Outstanding Actor in a Mini- Series or Movie	Courtney B. Vance, The People v. O. J. Simpson: American Crime Story
Outstanding Actress in a Mini-Series or Movie	Sarah Paulson, The People v. O. J. Simpson: American Crime Story
Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama	Ben Mendelsohn, Bloodline
Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama	Maggie Smith, Downton Abbey
Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy	Louie Anderson, Baskets
Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy	Kate McKinnon, Saturday Night Live

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Limited Series or Movie	Sterling K. Brown, The People v. O. J. Simpson: American Crime Story
Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Mini- Series or Movie	Regina King, American Crime
Outstanding Reality Competition Program	The Voice (NBC)
Outstanding Writing for a Comedy Series	Aziz Ansari and Alan Yang, Master of None (“Parents”)
Outstanding Writing for a Drama Series	David Benioff and D.B. Weiss, Game of Thrones (“Battle of the Bastards”)
Outstanding Writing for a Mini-Series or Movie	D.V. DeVincentis, The People v. O. J. Simpson: American Crime Story (“Marcia, Marcia, Marcia”)
Outstanding Writing for a Variety Special	Patton Oswalt, Patton Oswalt: Talking for Clapping
Outstanding Directing for a Comedy Series	Jill Soloway, Transparent (“Man on the Land”)
Outstanding Directing for a Drama Series	Miguel Sapochnik, Game of Thrones (“Battle of the Bastards”)
Outstanding Directing for a Mini-Series or Movie	Susanne Bier, The Night Manager
Outstanding Directing for a Variety Special	Thomas Kail and Alex Rudzinski, Grease: Live
<b>SiGNS 2016 award</b>	
Best Short Fiction.	RanduKurippukal (Two Notes, 2015), a Malayalam short film directed by Gireesh Kumar K.
Best documentary	Bengali entry Tender is the Sight helmed by TorshaBannerjee and Vanishing Glaciers, a production in Kashmiri by Raja Shabir Khan.
<b>Indian Film Festival Melbourne 2016</b>	
Best Actor (Male)	Nawazuddin Siddiqui for Raman Raghav 2.0
Best Actor (Female)	Sonam Kapoor for Neerja
Best Indie Film	Thithi
Best Film Award	Kapoor & Sons
Diversity Award for Contribution in Indian Cinema	Fawad Khan
Indian Film Festival Excellence in Cinema Award(lifetime achievement award)	Rishi Kapoor
Best Director	ShakunBatra
<b>Indo-American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston (IACCGH)</b>	
Young Professional of the Year	Malisha Patel
Woman entrepreneur award	RevatiPuranik
Business leader of the year	Bhavesh Patel
Lifetime Achievement awards	Marvin Odum, former Shell USA president, Richard Huebner, former president Houston Minority Supplier Development and Dr John Mendelsohn, former president M D Anderson
<b>Other Awards</b>	
Global Agriculture Leadership award 2016	Odisha
Best Horticulture State award	Haryana
US Tamil Ratna Award	Subramanian Swamy

Golden Lion at Venice festival	Philippine revenge drama :The Woman Who Left
Fellows of Nature South Asia Short Story Award	Meghna Pant
Historic Ice Limbo Skating Record	Nagpur Girl Shristisharma
prestigious Lemelson-MIT Prize worth \$500,000	Ramesh Raskar
Humanitarian Award at 2016 British Academy Britannia Awards	Ewan McGregor
Swachh Bharat Abhiyan mascot	KunwarBai
Humanitarian award by a Jewish human rights organisation	Sri Sri Ravi Shankar
Guru KelucharanMohapatra	Jharana Das
Miss Japan	Priyanka Yoshikawa, Indo Japanese
Pangkor Dialogue Award 2016	Nagaland CM T R Zeliang
MM Bennetts Award for historical fiction	Into the Hidden Valley by Stuart Blackburn
Youngest female with beard	UK Sikh Harnaam Kaur
45th Skoch Merit Award and Skoch Smart Governance Gold Award	Jharkhand
Business woman of the Year Award - Australia	Uppma Viridi
Award for outstanding work in the field of e-governance at the 'State of the States Conclave 2016	Haryana
Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Prize for Water	8 scientists are awarded by Saudi Arabia awarded
German Green Talent award	25 scholars include Shamik Chowdhury
Golden Globes lifetime achievement award	Meryl Streep
Ramnath Goenka Awards for excellence in journalism	Award was given by PM Modi
Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award	S Nihal Singh
39th Jamnalal Bajaj Foundation Award	Mohan HirabaiHiralal and BonBehari Vishnu Nimbkar from Maharashtra, Dr. Nannapaneni Manga Devi from Andhra Pradesh and Sheikh RachedGhannouchi from Tunisia.
Kalidas Samma	Professor Raj Bisaria –Madhya Pradesh
IGNITE Awards	Madhur Gupta from Chandigarh
Reporters without Borders (RSF)-TV5 Monde prize	Hadi Abdullah - Syria
Rs 100 crore club	Pulimurugan – First Malayalam Film
Golden Peacock Award for Corporate Governance	Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL).
Goldsmiths Prize	Solar Bones author Mike McCormack

## IMPORTANT APPOINTMENTS

New PM and Presidents	
Yousef Chahed	Prime Minister of Tunisia
Michel Aoun	President of Lebanon
AbdelilahBenkirane	Prime Minister of Morocco



Mariano Rajoy	Prime Minister (reelected) of Spain
Kersti Kaljulaid	President of Estonia
Theresa May	Prime Minister of Britain
Khadga Prasad Oli (resigned)	Prime Minister of Nepal
Bakytzhan Sagintayev	Prime Minister of Kazakhstan
Michel Temer	President of Brazil
Saad Hariri	Prime Minister of Lebanon
Kim Byong-Joon	Prime Minister of South Korea
Donald Trump	President of USA
<b>Banking Appointments</b>	
Indrajith coomaraswamy	New Governor to its central bank – CBSL ( Central Bank of Sri Lanka).
P V Sindhu and K Srikanth	Brand ambassadors of Bank of Baroda
Mr N S Vishwanathan	Reserve Bank of India's Deputy Governor
Ashok Kumar Pradhan	Chief General Manager of State Bank of Travancore
Vinao Rai (steps down)	IDFC bank board
Anand Sinha	IDFC Board as an independent director.
Ravindra Prabhakar Marat	CEO- Bank of Maharashtra.
Sushil Muhnot (Sacked)	Bank of Maharashtra's Chairman and Managing Director
Ravindra Marathe-Appointed	Bank of Maharashtra's Chairman and Managing Director
PV Bharathi	Canara Bank Executive Director
Mallikarjuna Rao	Syndicate Bank Executive Director
Atul Kumar Goel	Executive Director in Union Bank of India
VK Sharma	LIC chairman
Dilip Mandal	MD & CEO of IDBI AMC (Asset Management Company)
R Subramania Kumar	ED Of Indian Overseas Bank
Anuradha Rao	MD, CEO of SBI Mutual Fund
OP Singh	New Director General of CISF
Bangladesh's Junaid Ahmad	World Bank Head In India
Jim Yong Kim	Second term of World Bank President
Asha Kharga	Joins Axis Bank
Parvez Ahmed	J&K Bank Chairman & CEO
Ananthakrishna	Non -Executive Chairman Karnataka Bank (retires)
World Bank	First adviser to tackle LGBTI discrimination
Kristalina Georgieva	Chief executive officer of World Bank
Ashok Chawla	Non-Executive Chairman Of Yes Bank
Arundhati Bhattacharya (1 year extension)	SBI chief
Salim Gangadharan replaced Amitabha Guha	Executive Chairman of South Indian Bank
S Gopakumar	MD Of GIC Housing Finance
M Rajeshwar	Executive Director of RBI

Rao Ratnesh Kumar	MD & CEO of Bank of Baroda Capital Markets
R. Subramania Kumar	Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Indian Overseas
Vishal Kapoor	IDFC Mutual Fund-- chief executive officer
G Mahalingam	WholeTime Member of markets regulator SEBI.
Mr. Paul Romer	Chief Economist of the World Bank
<b>Government Appointments</b>	
<b>Central government —Reshuffle at the secretarial Level</b>	
Aruna Sharma	Secretary of Ministry of Steel
Aruna Sundarajan	Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information & Technology.
Bhanu Pratap Sharma	Department of Personnel and Training as Secretary.
AK Dubey	Department of Youth Affairs as Officer on Special Duty and will take
M Sathiavathy	Secretary in Ministry of Labour and Employment as Officer on Special
Dinesh Singh,	Department of Land Resources as Officer on Special Duty. Singh
Amarjit Singh,	Secretary of Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and
Rakesh Srivastava,	Secretary, National Commission for Backward Classes.
Latha Krishna Rao	Secretary, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment
C K Mishra,	Secretary– Department of Health and Family Welfare,
NS Kang	Secretary and Director General, National AIDS Control Organisation
B K Prasad	Secretary, National Commission for Denotified, Nomadic & Semi-Nomadic Tribes.
Smita Chugh	Secretary– Tariff Commission under Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion
Rajeev Kapoor	Secretary- Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie
Amarjeet Sinha	Secretary, Department of Rural Development
T Nanda Kumar (resigned)	chairman of Gujarat-based National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)
Anurag Thakur	Territorial Army Officer
Justice Iqbal Ahmed Ansari	Chief Justice Of Patna High Court
Satish Mathur	Maharashtra DGP
A K Mital(extended)	Railway Board Chairman
Dr. J.N. Singh	Chief Secretary of Gujarat
Lt Gen DevrajAnbu	Chief Of Northern Command
R Seshasayee (resigns)	Ashok Leyland non-exec vice chairman
Rani Nair	CBDT Chairperson
Yuriko Koike	Tokyo gets it first Woman Governor
Justice Dilip Babasaheb	CJ of Allahabad HC
Vishvas Vidu Sapkal	High Commissioner of India to the Cook Islands
B N Reddy	High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Cameroon
PrakashJavadekar	Promoted to HRD Minister, Replaces SmritiIrani
SmritiIrani	Textiles

ArunJaitley	Loses Information & Broadcasting retains Finance Ministry, Corporate Affairs
SadanandaGowda	Statistics and Programme implementation
SS Ahluwalia	MoS Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Parliamentary Affairs
Vijay Goel	MoS Youth Affairs, Sports
RamdasAthawale	Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry
M J Akbar	Minister of State for External Affairs
Ananth Kumar	Parliamentary Affairs Minister
Venkaiah Naidu	I&B Minister
Ravi Shankar Prasad	Law Minister
Anil Madhav Dave	Environment Minister
Babul Supriyo	Urban Development Minister
Nihal Chand, Ram Shankar	5 Ministers dropped from PM NarendraModi's council of Ministers.

**The entire list of the newly appointed ministers is listed below:-**

S No.	Minister's Name	State	Constituency
1	Mr. Ajay Tamta	Uttarakhand	Almora
2	Mr. Anil Madhav Dave	Madhya Pradesh	Rajya Shaba MP
3	Mr.Arjun Ram Meghwal	Rajasthan	Bikaner
4	Mr.Chottu Ram Chaudry	Rajasthan	Nagaur
5	Dr.SubhashBhamre	Maharashtra	Dhule
6	Mr.Faggan Singh Kulaste	Madhya Pradesh	Mandla
7	Mr.JasvantsinhSumanbhaiBhabhor	Gujarat	Dahod
8	Mrs. Krishna Raj	Uttar Pradesh	Shajahanpur
9	Mr.Mahendranathpandey	Uttar Pradesh	Chanduali
10	Mr.Manshuk L Mmandaviya	Gujarat	Rajya Shaba
11	Mr. MJ Akbar	Madhya Pradesh	Rajya Shaba
12	Mr. PP Choudhary	Rajasthan	Pali
13	Mr.ParshottamRupala	Gujarat	BJP's Vice President
14	Mr.RajenGohain	Assam	Nowgong
15	Mr. RC Jigajinagi	Karnataka	Bijapur
16	Mr. SS Ahluwalia	West Bengal	Darjeeling
17	Mr. Vijay Goel	Rajasthan	Rajya Shaba
18	Mr.RamdasAthawale	Maharashtra	Leader of RPI Party
19	Mrs.Anupriya Patel	Uttar Pradesh	Leader of Apna Dal

#### Other Appointments

Tathagata Roy	Acting Governor of Arunachal Pradesh. He is the Governor of Tripura.
Anandiben Patel (resigns)	Gujarat chief minister
Air Marshal S Neelakantan.	Southern Naval Command Chief
Rattan Kapur	New President of Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA)
Lt Gen Bipin Rawat	VCOAS of the Indian Army
Justice DilipBabasaheb Bhosale	CJ of Allahabad HC
Bhaskar Khulbe	PM Narendra Modi's Secretary
Karnal Singh	Chief of Enforcement Directorate
Tariq Hameed Karra's	LS Speaker PDP MP(Resigned)
Wrestler Geeta Phogat	DSP in Haryana Police
RoopaGanguly, Ganeshan	RajyaSabha MP

Lt Gen Satish Dua	Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee (CISC)
Mohandas Pai. Naved Masood Dinesh Kanabar	National Stock Exchange of India's 3 new public interest directors
Ajay Bhushan Pandey	Chief Executive Officer of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).
BJP leader in Punjab, Navjot Singh Sidhu( resigned)	Upper House-MP
Narayana Murthy	Director of Research Centre Imarat
Former Home Minister Chidambaram	Parliamentary panel on home affairs
Mukul Roy	Chairperson of the Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture.
SudipBandyopadhyay	Chairperson of the Committee on Railways.
Virender Kumar	Par.Committee on Energy
Somaiya	Par.Committee on Labour.
Lt Gen Surinder Singh	General Officer Western Command
AlkaSirohi	UPSC Chairman
Mohan M Shantanagoudar	Chief Justice of Kerala High Court
Girish Chandra Gupta J.	Chief Justice of Calcutta
Satish Kumar Agnihotri J	Chief Justice of Sikkim
TinlianthangVaiphei J	Chief Justice of Tripura
RakeshRanjan Prasad J	Chief Justice of Manipur
Vijay Kelkar	President of Indian Statistical Institute.
Madhusudan Sahoo	Bankruptcy board chief of India
ArunGoyal	Additional Secretary of GST Council
S Sivakumar	Full time member of 21st Law Commission
Justice Mohanty	CJ of Jharkhand HC
O. Panneerselvam	Tamil Nadu CM J. Jayalalithaa's portfolios
Sanjay Singh	Member Secretary, Law Commission

### Business Heads

Ravi Reddy	Head of the International Society of Blood Transfusion – ISBT
AnandiRamalingam	First woman director of Bharat Electronics Limited(BEL)
Sanjiv Singh	New Chairman of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd
Rajeev Sharma	Power Finance CMD
JawharSircar (resigns)	Prasar Bharati CEO
Sushil Chandra	Chairman of CBDT
S K Kohli	Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA).
NCP leader Ramraje Naik Nimbalkar	Chairman of Maharashtra Legislative Council.
Avinash Khanna	NHRC member
Parminder Singh	Twitter India MD(Resigned)
Pankaj Dubey	Polaris CEO
Rishi Jaitly	Twitter India resigned
Saptarshi Roy	Human Resource Director of NTPC
Lieutenant General J S Sandhu	GoC of Chinar Corps
Vani Venkatesh	New chief executive for Bharti Airtel Retail Operations.
Praveen Kumar Sharma	MD and CEO of Central Registry of Securitisation Asset Reconstruction and Security Interest of India (CERSAI)
Richard Rekhy	KPMG India CEO(retired)
Vinod Rai	Chairman FTAC, Kerela
Ishaat Hussai replaces cyrusmistry	Chairman of TCS

For Telengana - Devendra Surana For Andra Pradesh - M. Prabhakar Rao	Industry Body Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (FICCI) has appointed new Chairpersons for its Telangana and AP State Councils.
Juergen Hase	Reliance Group- CEO for its IoT Business.
Srini Gopalan (Resigns)	Bharti Airtel's Consumer business director
Phiroz Vandrevala (resigned)	Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has announced that its Non-Executive Director
Kevin Turner (resigns)	COO post at Microsoft
D Rajkumar &Utpal Bora	Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) and Oil India Ltd, respectively.
K V R Murthy	chairman-cum-managing director of the Jute Corporation of India Limited
Raghu Reddy	Xiaomi - online sales head for India
C. Vijay Kumar	HCL Technologies Ltd- president will take on additional responsibility as chief operating officer.
Sanjiv Puri	Chief Operating Officer, a newly created portfolio of ITC Limited.
Tetsuya Takano( resigned )	Ricoh India Chairman
Sohini Rajola	Regional Vice President-- Western Union
Ratan Tata replaces Cyrus Mistry	Tata Sons chairman
SN Subrahmanyam	Larsen & Toubro chief
Mukesh Mehta	President of bullion and jewellers body IJBA
Amit Chandra	Non-Executive director of Tata Sons Board
Usain Bolt	Digicel Caribbean Ltd-- Chief Speed Officer (CSO)
Sanjay Baweja	Flipkart CFO(resigns)
Anant Maheshwari	President of Microsoft India
Deepak Iyer	Mondelez India managing director
Sunil Munjal (Step Down)	Joint managing director of Hero MotoCorp
Michael Jopp.	Mercedes Benz India as vice president, sales and marketing
Manish Tandon	CSS corporarion- Chief Executive Officer
Charles Scharf	Visa CEO(Resigned)
Alfred Kelly	Visa CEO
AnandChandrasekaran	Facebook Messenger platform
Hiroshi Nakagawa	Chairman of Isuzu Motors India
Mohit Kampani	CEO of Aditya Birla Retail
Head Amit Singhal	Joins Paytm Board of Directors
BorjeEkholm	Ericsson's Board's new President and CEO
VinodSawhny (steps down)	Reliance Communications CEO
Ashish Vohra	CEO of Reliance Nippon Life Insurance

#### Other Appointments

India-born Rajesh Agrawal	London's deputy mayor for business.
Aniruddha Rajput	United Nations (UN) General Assembly elections for membership its top body of legal experts
Sarabjit Singh Marwah	Canada's first Sikh Senator
Linda Burney	First Indigenous woman elected to Australia's lower house
Eminent scientist Madhav Dhekane	Directorat ISRO Inertial Systems Unit (IISU), Department of Space, at Vattiyoorkavu in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

Sanjay Gupta	Chairman and Managing Director of Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL).
An Indian-American professor Dr. Kinshuk	Dean of University of North Texas College of Information in the U.S.
IPS officer Ashok Patnaik	Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of the National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID).
Rajesh Kumar Chaturvedi	Chairman of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) for a five-year term.
Guruprasad Mohapatra	New Chairman of the AAI – Airport Authority of India.
Former South Africa pacer Steve Elworthy	Managing Director of the ICC Cricket World Cup 2019
Sarvita Sethi	Vice-President – Finance for India and South West Asia -- Coca-Cola
BJP MP Ganesh Singh Singh	Chairperson of the Joint Committee of Parliament examining the Land Acquisition Bill.
Dr. Sanjiv Mishra	Additional Director and Non-Executive (part time) of the Axis Bank control board.
Sharad Pawar (to step down- within six months )	Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) president
Ghanshyam Singh	General Manager, Eastern Railway, Kolkata.
Dr Buddha Rashmi Mani,	Director General of the National Museum
Michel Barnier	EU's chief Brexit negotiator
Shambhu Singh Yadav	Deputy Lokayukta of the Uttar Pradesh
Nita Ambani	First Indian woman to be elected as IOC member
BardishChagger	Canada's 1st Woman House Leader
Shri VishvasViduSapkal	High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Kiribati
Sharmila Tagore, Arundhati Nag and Ira Bhaskar	Members of Broadcasting Content Complaints Council (BCCC)
Lt Gen P.M Hariz	General Officer Commanding in Chief of Southern Command
Angela Ruggiero	Chair person for the International Olympic Committee (IOC) athlete's commission
MarkandeyKatju	BCCI appointed to interact with Lodha Panel
Mr. D.K. Gayen	East Central Railway gets its new General Manager
V.S. Achuthanandan	Chairman of fourth Kerala Administrative Reforms Commission
Sudhansu Mani	General Manager of ICF, Chennai
Mr. Deepak Premnarayen	TATA International Limited --Non—Executive Director
Rajesh Mokashi	Credit Analysis and Research Ltd (CARE Ratings) MD & CEO
Vinod Sivappa	President of UPASI
Riyadh Mathew	Chairman of PTI
Shakti Sinha	Head of Nehru Memorial Museum and Library
Ashok Chawla	Chancellor at Teri university
K K Aggarwal	New National President of the Indian Medical Association.
Anil Khanna	Honorary Life President of the All India Tennis Association
Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project R S Sundar	Distinguished Scientist
MukundChaudhari (elevated)	Chairman and Managing Director of MOIL
Rio medallist Sakshi Malik	Wrestling Director of Rohtak University
Shri J Satyanarayana	Part-time Chairman of UIDAI
C.K Asnani	UCIL Chairman
Anoop K Sharma	CMD of Shipping Corporation
Sunny Verghese	Board member of Business Commission

Ajay Singh	Boxing Federation of India President
The Indians named Trisha Shetty , AnkitKawatra , Karan Jerath	For the UN Young Leaders for Sustainable Development Goals
Abid Qureshi	Obama nominates First Muslim-American Judge to federal judiciary
Alibaba's Chairman Jack Ma	Adviser to UN trade body
Deep Kumar Upadhyay	Nepal's Envoy To India
Jeffrey De Laurentis	US's -first Cuban Ambassador in 55 years
Nicholas Hopton	UK-first ambassador to Iran in five years
Jubilant FoodWorks	CEO Ajay Kaul resigns
K KPahuja	ISSDA president
Shilip Kumar	President of its India business of Henkel
Antonio Guterres	Secretary General for UN
P. S. Raman	World Free Zones Organisation (World FZO) Regional Representative for SAARC countries
Somesh Sharma	INS President
Dr.VinayaManchaiah	Class of Jerger Future Leaders of Audiology.
AnoyaraKhatun	International Child Rights Activist
B.V.R Mohan Reddy	Honorary consul of Germany
Rajeev Rishi	IBA Chairman
Rafeeqe Ahmed as President	South India Chamber of Commerce and Industry(SICCI)
Lieutenant General AK Sharma.	Command of the White Knight Corps (16 Corps)
Vazand and ShamiChakrabarti	UK shadow cabinet
Raghunathan	Elected National President Of AIMO
Ajay Kumar Bhalla	New Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT).
Rajeev Misra	Head of Softbank's S100 billion tech fund,
James Parker	President of global salesTata Communications
BCCI President Anurag Thakur	ICC's Finance and Commercial Affairs committee
SainaNehwal	IOC's Athletes' Commission
S.P Yadav	President of Urology Society of India
Morinari Watanabe	President of International Gymnastics Federation
Bilal Nazki	Chairperson of Jammu & Kashmir Human Rights Commission.
Sunil Bharti Mittal	First Indian to be Elected Chairman of GSMA
Jason McCracken	New CEO of International Hockey Federation (FIH)
Deep Kumar Upadhyayas	Nepal's envoy to India (re -appointed)
Kamala Harris	First Indian-American US Senator
<b>Brand Ambassadors</b>	
Madhuri Dixit	Brand Ambassador of Intex
P Kumaran	Ambassador to the State of Qatar
PV Sindhu	Brand ambassadorCRPF & honorary rank of Commandant
DeepikaPadukone	Vistara's New Brand Ambassador
DeepikaPadukone	Indian Psychiatric Society's new Brand Ambassador
Sakshi Malik	Haryana's BetiBachao, BetiPadhao Campaign Brand Ambassador
Sachin Tendulkar	Brand ambassador for anti- liquor & anti-drug campaign – Kerala
Australian cricketer Ricky Ponting	Brand ambassador of Tasmania
Vidya Balan	Brand ambassador of Samajwadi Pension Yojana
Nawazuddin Siddiqui	Brand ambassador of UP farmers' scheme
Young Yazidi	UN Ambassador for the Dignity of Survivors of Human Trafficking
Virat Kohli	Brand ambassador- Punjab National Bank
Sambhajiraje Bhosale	Tourism Brand Ambassador of Maharashtra
John Abraham	Arunachal Pradesh Tourism's brand ambassador

K J Yesudas	Brand ambassador of ‘Haritha Keralam’ project
Madhukar Jetley	UP Ambassador of Indian Diaspora Council (IDC)
Sri Lankan cricket skipper Jayasuriya	Brand ambassador of the Stairs School Football League (SSFL)
P V Sindhu	New Brand Ambassador Of Vizag Steel.
Virat Kohli	Brand Ambassador of Valvoline
NBA Player Yao Ming	Chinese Ambassador to Mars
Sunil Gavaskar	Stroke Ambassador for India
Comic book character	Honorary ambassador for the empowerment of women and girls, despite frustration from both inside and outside the world organisation Sexualised woman.
R Ashwin	Brand ambassador of Equitas SFB
Actor Ranveer	Indian Ambassador For Switzerland Tourism
Bindheswar Pathak	Swachh Rail Mission
Rahul Dravid	Brand Ambassador For T20 World Cup For Blind

## BUSINESS

### Business Initiatives

- Russia’s state atomic energy corporation Rosatom has invited India to join in developing next-generation nuclear reactors
- The tax department inked seven one-sided advance pricing agreements (APAs) with taxpayers in the various sectors of the Indian economy.
- India’s jet engine project France has decided to invest 1 Billion Euros.
- Petronet LNG Ltd is planning to set up Rs 5000 crore LNG import terminal at Kutubdia islands in Bangladesh.
- India is the partner country for ‘INNOPROM 2016’, one of the largest annual international industrial trade fairs of Russia.
- Haryana signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) with the US-based Apio Inc. for processing and packaging of horticultural products.
- Uber and Alibaba Group has announced a global partnership for payment platform Alipay
- Flipkart all set to launch its Maps service with Social Technology Lab by Dr. Ashwin Mahesh MapUnity.
- Government started the process for issuance of Unique Business Identification Number (UBIN) to entrepreneurs
- Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board and Solar Energy Corporation of India signed a pact to form a 50:50 Joint Venture for implementation of solar power projects
- FPL partnered with America based Nokero Solar Equipment maker to launch off-grid solar products and soon plans to manufacture in India
- NTPC signed a joint venture agreement with state-owned miner Coal India to revive plants of the Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCIL)
- GoAir announced an agreement with European plane maker Airbus to buy 72 A320neos in a deal worth about \$7.7 billion.
- Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) and Bell Helicopter has signed an agreement to manufacture helicopters under “Make in India” initiative
- National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) revised the ceiling prices of drugs used for cancer, HIV, bacterial infections, anxiety and cardiac conditions by 25% in average under Drugs (Price Control) Amendment Order, 2016
- E-rickshaws and E-cards are not required to get permission to ply on the roads
- Mahindra and Mahindra Limited launched DiGiSENSE, an integrated technology platform
- Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) entered into a Bilateral Advance Pricing Agreement (APA) with the Indian subsidiary of a Japanese trading company
- Infosys is investing \$4 million (Rs 27 crore) in Cloudyn, an Israeli corporation.



- IBM & Apple jointly launched a global development hub called Garage for iOS apps in Bengaluru
- NTPC entered into a collaboration with Australia’s Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research in low emission technologies.
- Ola launched Ola Rentals which will simplify intra city travel with affordable hourly packages
- Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd (ONGC) has launched Rs 100-crore start-up fund on its Diamond Jubilee year
- Alibaba Group launched a book donation drive named Mission Million Books in India
- e-commerce website AskMe has shut down and is in the process of which resulted its 4000 odd staff in jobless.
- PSU Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and Tech giant Microsoft India signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to provide telecom & IT solutions
- GAIL Ltd signed a MoU with California-based Bloom Energy for developing natural gas-based fuel cell power generation.
- Bharti Airtel and Vodafone has started rolling out Aadhaar based e-KYC solution
- MobiKwik & Samagra, launched “M-Gullak” in Pune to promote the habit of savings among Urban Poor
- Infosys announced the launch of Skava Commerce, a modern, mobile-first and modular e-commerce platform that delivers engaging omni-channel experiences.
- HCL and IBM have entered a 15-year partnership for automation and development and operations.
- Microsoft & Adobe announced a major partnership to promote the use of each other’s cloud-computing tools among their mutual customers.
- Sun Pharma signs deal with ICGEB to develop India’s first dengue vaccine
- Facebook, Amazon, Google, IBM and Microsoft— have joined hands to announce a historic partnership on AI and machine learning
- TCS unveils new unemployment insurance system to provide unemployment insurance
- The first Cyber security Index launched by Kaspersky La
- BankBazaar.com launched the world’s first multi-brand, paperless e-KYC platform for instant loan approval
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has been conferred the prestigious membership of the Asia-Pacific Aerospace Quality Group (APAQG)
- Government notified new import policy for marble & travertine blocks with effect from October 1, 2016
- NTPC has signed a pact with Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL) to implement energy efficient LED lighting solutions for all its projects
- Flipkart currently had 100 million registered users to becomes the first company to reach this milestone in a single country
- OPEC agreed on modest oil output cuts in the first such deal since 2008
- Dassault Aviation of France entered into a partnership with Reliance group to execute offsets for the recently concluded deal for 36 Rafale fighter jets
- Doordarshan and Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) had entered into an agreement for transmission of four Gyan Darshan educational channels.
- IndiGo introduced child-free zones on all of its flights
- India received the first parcel of Iranian oil to partly fill its strategic storage in southern India, Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd.
- Azure Power Global Limited become the first Indian solar company to be listed on NYSE
- Former HCL CEO Anant Gupta launched a Rs.100 crore investment fund TECHCELX
- Cofounder launches itself as India’s first startup magazine
- Aditya Birla Group Chairman Kumar Mangalam Birla pledged an investment of Rs. 20,000 crore for the state of MP
- Reliance Industries Ltd has received the delivery of world’s first very large ethane carrying ships Very Large Ethane Carriers (VLECs) from Samsung Heavy Industries’ shipyards in Korea.
- Pharmacy Major Sun Pharma introduced anti-cancer product named Gemcitabine InfuSMART
- Google’s video chatting app dubbed Duo launched

- Google has launched its messaging app ‘Allo’
- Google Capital changed its name as CapitalG.
- Google associated with Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) for 360 degree virtual tour of 280-odd monuments across the country
- Toyota Motor Corp unveiled a doe-eyed palm-sized robot named ‘Kirobo Mini’ designed as a synthetic baby
- Indian Immunological Ltd (IIL), a subsidiary of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has unveiled a vaccine to fight against tapeworms in pigs
- Hello Network, Inc which was founded by orkut creator Orkut Büyükkökten come up with new social network called Hello
- Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) launched ‘Startup Mentorship Circle’ in Mumbai
- Twitter India, along with website India Spend, launched #Breathe service to enable users to get real-time information about the pollution levels

### **Business Technology Centres**

- Auto Ingress set up its first assembly unit at Chennai with an investment of about Rs 12 crore.
- Mexico has set up consulate in Chennai to explore Free Trade Agreement with India
- Apple has opened a new development center in Hyderabad
- National Association of Software and Services Companies unveiled India’s first centre of excellence focused on Internet of Things (CoE– IoT).
- Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. and France’s Safran Helicopter Engines is set to jointly establish a helicopter engines maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) centre
- Indian smartphone brand Karbonn Mobiles has setup of a new mobile manufacturing plant in Bawal, Haryana.
- Hinduja Group’s Ashok Leyland to set up a bus assembly plant in Kenya with an investment of Rs 70 crore
- Carborundum Universal (CUMI) announced the inauguration of its Research and Development centre at its industrial ceramics division in Hosur Tamilnadu.
- Hindustan Copper Limited inaugurates India’s first facility in India to produce Nickel metal of LME grade from primary resource in Indian Copper Complex, Ghatsila, and Jharkhand
- IKEA laid the foundation in Hyderabad for its first store in India.
- Microsoft is setting up a cyber security centre in the heart of New Delhi
- Government formally granted a licence to BP, Europe’s third-biggest oil company, to set up 3,500 petrol pumps in India
- Microsoft has set up a cyber-cyber security engagement centre (CSEC) in New Delhi
- Boston Scientific Company has launched its first integrated facility in India
- Global drug maker Abbott is setting up an innovation and development center (I&D) in Mumbai
- Apollo tyres will start a manufacturing facility at Sri City in Andhra Pradesh with an investment of Rs.525 crore

### **Acquisitions & Mergers**

- National Film Archive of India – NFAI has acquired surviving footage of the Indian silent film Bilwamangal (1919) from the Cinema the que Francaise, France
- Avast Software will acquire AVG Technologies for \$1.3 billion
- cement producer Lafarge Holcim has entered into an agreement with Nirma Ltd to sell its entire 100% for \$1.4 billion
- Sony Pictures Networks India (SPN) on August 31 2016 acquire TEN Sports Network its subsidiaries for \$385 million
- Reliance Communications Ltd. (RCom) signed a non-binding term sheet with Canadian Brookfield Infrastructure Group (Brookfield) to sell a majority 51 per cent stake for Rs. 11,000 crores
- India is set to acquire a second Akula2 nuclear-powered attack submarine from Russia for \$2 billion

- Yatra merged its business with the Nasdaq-listed Terrapin 3 Acquisition Corporation (TRTL) for \$9.3 Billion.
- Cognizant Technology Solutions acquired Idea Couture to boost its digital technologies offering.
- Specialist A10 Networks acquired Appcito based in California will help the A10 to become a comprehensive secure application services provider.
- Google acquired Moodstocks, a startup that has developed machine learning technology to bolster the image recognition features on smartphones.
- SoftBank Group Corp acquired the global chip industry on July 18 with a whopping \$32 billion deal to acquire ARM Holdings PLC, the U.K.-based designer of the microprocessors that power more than 95% of the world's smart phones.
- Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail (ABFRL) acquire American fast fashion retailers Forever 21' for USD 26 million(Rs 175.52 crore)
- Verizon Communications Inc. and Yahoo! Inc. mutually declared that they have entered into a formularized agreement under which Verizon will acquire Yahoo's operating business for about approximately \$4.83 billion.
- Myntra acquired Jabong from Global Fashion Group (GFG) for\$70 million.
- Zydus group acquired Melgain from Issar Pharma
- Mahindra Inter trade Ltd.signed a formal joint venture agreement to set-up India's first-of-its-kind Greenfield auto shredding and recycling capability.
- Randstad has Monster Worldwide Inc for \$429 million in all cash deal which is likely to close in Q4 2016.
- TerraPay acquired UK-based Pay2Global for an undisclosed amount following regulatory approvals.
- Apple announced the purchase of US based machine-learning startup Turi for a reported \$200m to boost artificial intelligence.
- Intel Corporation announced to acquired Nervana Systems. The deal size but according to a Re/Code report, the software giant is paying more than \$400 million.
- Aditya Birla Nuvo to merge with Grasim Aditya Birla Nuvo Ltd tanked close to 24.63% during intraday trade as analysts and minority investors.
- Tech Giant Microsoft's Xbox Acquires seattle based Live Streaming Platform – Beam
- Tata AutoComp Systems acquire TitanX, a global engine-cooling solutions firm that caters to commercial vehicle manufacturers.
- Pfizer is all set buy a San Francisco-based Medivation a cancer drug firm for \$14bn (£10.7bn).
- Accenture is set to acquire Australia based security company Redcore for an undisclosed amount.
- Infosys entered into a joint venture with the Saudi Prerogative Company to offer IT services in the middle eastern country.
- Intel has acquired California based Movidius for an undisclosed amount
- The Cabinet gave its nod to a consortium of IOC, Oil India and BPCL buying stakes in two Russian oilfields for a total of USD 3.14 billion.
- HP Inc. agreed to buy Samsung Electronics Company's printer business for \$1.05 billion.
- PayU owned by South Africa's Naspers Group has agreed to buy Mumbai based rival Citrus Pay for \$130 million (Rs 865 crore).
- The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) has cleared proposals worth 1,900 crorerupees(close to \$3 billion). All these approved proposals would be executed under 'Buy India' by Indian contractors .
- Aircel to be Merged with Reliance Communications to create the country's 4th-biggest mobile phone operator - Rs 6,000 crore.
- Quikr has Staygand for an undisclosed sum announced on September 13,2016
- Bayer announced to acquire the U.S basedMonsanto for \$66 billion
- Ashok Leyland Board has approved a proposal to merge Hinduja Foundries Ltd (HFL)with itself.
- Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) arm APO acquire the Australian firm APB from Glencore Coal Queensland Pty Limited for AUD 19.25 million
- Apple has bought Tuplejump for an undisclosed amount.

- Gov gave its nod to the acquisition of 11 per cent stake in Russia’s Vankor oil fields by ONGC Videsh Ltd(OVL) from Rosneft Oil Company for \$930 million.
- MakeMyTrip announced to acquired rival Indiantravel company Ibibo at an undisclosed amount
- Freshdesk has announced to acquire a social chat platform Chatimity at an undisclosed amount.
- Wipro Ltd will spend \$500 million to buy Appirio Inc., an Indianapolis, US-based cloud services firm. .
- HCL Technologies announced to acquire Butler America Aerospace for USD 85 million
- Mahindra & Mahindra has acquired UK-based two-wheeler maker BSA Company for Rs 28 crore.
- AT&T agreed to buy Time Warner for about \$85.4 billion
- IBM has acquired home-grown Sanovi Technologies to support its cloud offerings for an undisclosed sum.
- Sun Pharma acquired 100 per cent equity in the US-based eye care specialist Ocular Technologies for a front payment of \$40 million
- Tesla bought German automation firm Grohmann

### Anti-Dumping Duty :

- India imposed anti-dumping duty on certain hot-rolled steel products from six nations including China and South Korea
- Gov extended anti-dumping duty on import of certain Chinese products, used in garment, footwear and toys manufacturing, for another five years
- Revenue Department slapped anti-dumping duty of up to USD 168.76 per tonne on import of a chemical used in textile industry from five countries( China and Iran)
- Centre has levied anti-dumping duty on imports of steel wire rods from China to protect domestic manufacturers from cheap in-bound shipments.
- Ministry of Commerce had imposed anti-dumping investigation on import of low ash met coke from Australia and China last year.

## **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

### Satellites In News

- China successfully tested its largest solid-fuel motor that can be used in heavy space rockets for future deep space missions in the northwest city of Xian
- China launched its second Shijian-16 series satellite for space research and experiments
- China successfully launched the first satellite for mobile telecommunication named the Tiantong-01 satellite at Southwestern China’s Xichang Satellite Launch Center
- China launched a new high-resolution Synthetic Aperture Radar imaging satellite from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in northern Shanxi Province.
- China launched the world’s first quantum satellite, which will help it establish “hack-proof” communications between space and the ground
- China’s online marketing giant Alibaba planned to launch the world’s first e-commerce satellite next year
- China’s space lab Tiangong-2 orbiting the Earth with two astronauts on board has successfully launched a micro-satellite
- China launched Tiangong-2 from its space lab to establish a manned space station around 2022.
- China, has taken a step forward to increase its charisma in space research segment by launching an X-Ray Pulsar Navigation satellite ‘XPNAV-1’ into space
- SpaceX rocket blasted off from Florida to direct a cargo ship to the International Space Station, then returned around and landed itself at the launch site.
- SpaceX’s Falcon 9 rockets successfully landed on a floating drone ship, after the vehicle launched a Japanese communications satellite into orbit

- An unmanned SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket busted out on the launch pad during a trail destroying a satellite in Florida
- Japan launches next-generation geostationary meteorological satellite Himawari-9
- The landing module of the Russian spaceship Soyuz MS-01 successfully placed in the steppes of Kazakhstan
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Chairman A S Kiran Kumar inaugurated the C Band Polari metric Doppler Weather Radar to be installed in the southern states at the Vikram Sarabahi Space Centre in Thiruvananthapuram
- The PSLV C35 Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle, carrying three satellites from India, three from Algeria, and one each from Canada and the US, lifted off from Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh
- ISRO successfully placed INSAT-3DR, an advanced weather satellite in the GSLV-F05 rocket into the intended orbit from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.
- India's latest communication satellite GSAT-18 was successfully launched from Kourou, Guiana.
- Indian Space Research Organization started a series of ground and aerial tests linked to the critical Moon landing of Chandrayaan-2 at Challakere in Chitradurga district

### Others :

- Facebook has successfully tested the first flight of a high-altitude solar plane
- China brings out an amphibious aircraft cum seaplane which is the largest of its kind in the world, used for marine rescues and to prevent forest fires. This double character airplane named AG600
- Chinese scientists have discovered a small molecule, XMU-MP-1 that can regenerate tissue
- For the first time scientists have developed laser from fluorescent jellyfish proteins that were grown in bacteria.
- Solar Impulse 2, the first plane powered by renewable energy has completed the first round world trip.
- Digital Attic – a new masterpiece in the field of Data Storage revealed by a Scientist in Washington.
- MIT scientists have discovered a new 'green' and less expensive method to produce metals without causing air pollution
- CSIR with Bengaluru based Oleome Biosolutions and M/s Dairy Classic Ice Creams Pvt. Ltd., has developed Nutrice Cream.
- Indian researchers have found that mice and rats exposed to endosulfan suffer from DNA damage and genomic instability and impaired DNA damage response.
- NASA Scientist discovered young cryovolcano in isolated mountain Ahuna Mons
- Scientists have for the first time discovered tiny magnetic particles from air pollution lodged in human brains
- A team of researchers at Jadavpur University developed a green energy from raw fish scales that possess a piezoelectric property
- Scientists including those of Indian origin had successfully grown three-dimensional (3D) lungs in the lab, using stem cells.
- NCL & IISER used a simple, cost-effective and quick process to convert sugarcane bagasse into anode-grade porous
- Researchers have developed the smallest transistor reported to date, breaking a major size barrier with a gate only one nanometre long.
- Pune's Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) successfully produced a stable, high-efficiency, all-inorganic perovskite nanocrystal solar cells.
- A new high-tech material named polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF) or electroactive bandage developed by NASA
- IISER in Kolkata used human hair to produce cost-effective, metal-free cathodes for use in solar cells
- Scientists from Delhi's National Physical Laboratory (NPL) developed a novel way of producing electricity from water.

- Mother’s milk from the marsupials known as Tasmanian devils could help the global fight against increasingly deadly “superbugs”
- TRAI, has made it mandatory for all the Broadband providers to at least give a minimum speed of 512Kbps
- Archaeologists in India are planning to use exclusively high-end scanning lasers on airborne platforms to conduct survey of the archaeological evidence

### Missiles In News :

- India successfully blasted off twice a medium-range surface-to-air ballistic missile, developed in collaboration with Israel at Chandipur-on-sea in Balasore district off the coast of Odisha.
- DRDO successfully test fired the purely indigenous 155 mm x 52 caliber Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System (ATAGS).
- North Korea blasted off a ballistic Missile for the first time that landed in Japanese-controlled waters posing a grave threat to the Japan.
- The Indian Navy launched an advanced indigenously built guided-missile destroyer, Mormugao, in financial capital of the country (Mumbai).
- India successfully test fired a new surface-to-air missile – ‘Barak-8’, from a defense base in its eastern state of Odisha
- The Indian Air Force had successfully fired recently acquired long range air-to-air MICA missile on a maneuvering target from Mirage-2000 Upgrade combat aircraft.
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully tested its own scramjet engines from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) in Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh
- China’s unmanned submersible drones-vehicles named Haidou-1 set the record at the Mariana Trench in the West Pacific
- China has launched its first Tibetan-language search engine

### Space News:

- Nasa’s Juno space probe – embraced yet another milestone in space exploration.
- NASA’s solar-powered Juno mission has successfully executed first of 36 orbital flybys of Jupiter
- An international team of astronomers have announced the discovery of a strange planet in a faraway solar system that contains not just only one sun, but three. The distant planet, named HD 131399Ab
- Astronomers discovered a new dwarf planet dubbed 2015 RR245 in the icy realms of space beyond Neptune
- Astronomers has confirmed a treasure trove of new worlds with over 100 new planets by the help of Nasa’s Kepler spacecraft on its K2 mission.\
- NASA announced that 40 years ago spacecraft of it named Viking 1 landed on the surface of Mars
- Astronomers have discovered an Earth-like planet that orbiting the star closest to our sun using instruments such as the Ultraviolet and Visual Echelle Spectrograph (UVES) and the High Accuracy Radial velocity Planet Searcher (HARPS).
- Singapore based NuTonomy announced the first autonomous vehicles available for public hire in Singapore starting on 25 August 2016.
- NASA’s Hubble Space Telescope (HST) has detected Great Balls of Fire (GBF), a mysterious super-hot blobs of gas seen near a dying star
- The glaciological research lab inaugurated by M. Rajeevan, Secretary to the Ministry of Earth Sciences at Himansh
- China successfully launched a spacecraft carrying two astronauts, in its longest-ever manned space mission.
- A Venus-like exoplanet GJ 1132b, located 39 light-years from Earth may have atmosphere with oxygen but not life
- Magnetospheric Multiscale mission (MMS) has set the Guinness World Record for highest altitude fix of a GPS signal at 70,000 kilometres above the surface of the Earth by NASA

- Scientists have indicated the presence of water on Psyche, the largest metallic asteroid in our solar system

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### Species/Discoveries

- A new species of tarantula has been identified near the home town of Gabriel Garcia Marquez.
- A new species of millipede found lurking in the unexplored dark marble caves of Sequoia National Park in California
- One of the world's largest one-horned rhino horns was found in central Assam's Nagaon treasury
- Legal protection has been provided to wild animals against hunting and commercial exploitation under the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
- In to check genuineness and updating the complete inventory of horns, verification of rhino horns which were kept in various treasuries in the custody of Assam government since 1980 has started in Golaghat, Assam.
- Scientists from have discovered *Gymnothorax indicus*, a new species of eel (a snake-like fish) in the northern Bay of Bengal region along the West Bengal coast.
- A team of scientists from Fauna and Flora International spotted a new group of critically endangered primates in Vietnam
- New lizard species named as *Cyrtodactylus Varadgirii* discovered in Mumbai.
- A tiny fish species discovered near Hawaii has been named after President Obama.
- Nishma Dahal from Sikkim Discovers a New Pika Species in Himalayan.
- The world's largest gorillas are included in the IUCN Red list
- Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has discovered an ancient camping site dating 8500 BC in Ladakh in Jammu and Kashmir
- A team of Scientists led by the University of Wollongong's (UOW) Professor Allen Nutman have discovered the world's oldest fossils which is about 3.7 billion years old.
- Machli tigress known popularly as the Queen of Ranthambore died at Ranthambore National Park
- A team of scientists has discovered a new species of pterosaur which is an extinct group of flying reptiles from the early Jurassic period
- Scientific Researchers have identified a new species of extinct reptiles that lived 212 million years ago in US.
- Invasive Giant African Land Snail(GALS)(Scientific name – *Achatina fulica*) was sighted at Goa University campus.
- Scientists discovered a bunch of ancient Roman and Ottoman coins from the ruins of an old castle in Japan
- Australian Scientists have discovered a new species of green treefrog named *Litoria bella*, or the Cape York Graceful
- A new species of fish named *Scomber Indicus* in Kerala waters by a team of CMFRI
- A new termite species, *Glyptotermes Chiraharita*, has been discovered at Kakkayam in the Malabar Wildlife Sanctuary
- The magnificent Kashmiri Red Stag or Hangul could finally get some protection with the IUCN
- A protein-enriched rice variety has been developed by the Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalay (IGKV), Chhattisgarh.
- Smooth-coated otter was sighted for the first time in the mangrove forest near the Krishna wildlife sanctuary (KWS) in Krishna district, Andhra Pradesh.
- A fishing cat (*Prionailurus viverrinus*) was identified walking through the moderately dense mangrove surrounding the Gilalalandi harbour near Machilipatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- Scientists at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) have developed a new arhar (pigeon-pea) variety that matures in 120 days
- A new variety of rice seed that is light green in colour was discovered in Chhattisgarh

### Environmental Issues :

- The Bornean Orangutan (*Pongo pygmaeus*) has been declared as the critically endangered according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
- Environment Ministry of the central government has allowed companies located in Special Economic Zones (SEZs) to import solid plastic waste
- Many mammoth animals will go extinct by 2100 – BioScience
- Legal protection provided to wild animals against hunting and commercial exploitation under the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
- Scientists and wildlife conservationists were seeing red over the threat posed to Gangetic river dolphins by the National Waterways project
- Tamil Nadu accounts for the highest number of species with 410, followed by Kerala with 357 and Maharashtra with 278 in a recent Publication by the Botanical Survey of India (BSI).
- The Supreme Court stayed the commercial release of the genetically modified (GM) variety of mustard till October 17
- India will eliminate the use of HFC-23, a greenhouse gas that harms the ozone layer, by 2030.
- According to data provided by the Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS), under the United States' National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa), the month of September 2016 was the hottest September on record.
- Globally averaged concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere reached 400 parts per million for the first time in 2015
- Bangladesh has introduced temporary ban on catching Hilsa Fish
- India NGT Defined Environmental Emergency For 5 States; Limits PM 10 & 2.5 Marks.

### Cyclones/Earthquakes :

- Typhoon Nida batters southern China after shutting down Thailand
- Typhoon Megi made landfall in eastern China, a day after carrying strong winds over Taiwan
- Typhoon Chaba battered South Korea with strong winds and heavy rain.
- Typhoon Sarika battered wide areas of the Philippines's main island of Luzon.
- Typhoon Haima hit southern China on Friday after hammering the northern Philippines.
- Typhoon Malakas Makes Landfall and flooding in Japan.
- A powerful earthquake hit the Central Italy Amatrice overnight with a magnitude 6.2
- Indonesia volcano erupted at Mount Barujari in Lombok island.
- Mexico's Colima volcano, one of the most active volcanoes in the country and Central America has erupted

## **DEFENCE NEWS**

### Defence Exercise

- Indo-Thailand Military Exercise Maitree-2016 is came to end at Krabi, Thailand.
- World's largest international Biennial maritime exercise named RIMPAC (Rim of the Pacific) 2016 kicked off in Pacific Ocean at Hawaii, United States.
- US and Vietnam navies began their 7th annual Naval Engagement Activity NEA, Vietnam 2016 at Tien Sa Port in Da Nang
- Chinese navy conducted combat drills near its southern island province of Hainan and the Paracel islands in the South China Sea.
- China has held its first comprehensive nuclear security emergency drill Code-named as Fengbao-2016
- National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) named 'Prakampana'-the first Joint Disaster Management Exercise was inaugurated in Visakhapatnam



- Indo-US defence co-operation, a joint military training exercise, ‘YudhAbhyas 2016’ in Uttarakhand from September 14 to 27
- India Kazakhstan Joint Exercise, “PRABAL DOSTYK-16” was conducted in Karaganda region of Kazakhstan.
- Chinese and Russian naval forces began joint naval exercises in the South China Sea
- 8<sup>th</sup> edition of India-Russia Joint Military Exercise Indra-2016 Begins in Vladivostok, Russia
- The two Cold War enemies Russia and Pakistan joined together for their first-ever joint military exercise called ‘Friendship 2016’ in Pakistan
- Disaster Relief Exercise ‘Ex SAHAYATA’ was inaugurated by Air Marshal RK Dhir AVSM VM ADC Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, South Western Air Command in Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- India and Indonesia commenced their second coordinated patrol and bilateral maritime exercise in the Andaman Sea.
- Sixteen countries are slated to participate in the 5th Physical Agility and Combat Efficiency System military exercises began on October 18, 2016 in Lahore.
- India and Chinese armies held Second Joint Exercise “Sino India Cooperation 2016”, as a sequel to the first Joint Exercise held in the area of Border Personnel Meeting Hut at Chushul Garrison of Eastern Ladakh
- The fourth edition of the India-Sri Lanka Joint Military Exercise ‘MITRA SHAKTI 2016’ is being conducted at Sinha Regimental Centre in Ambepussa, Sri Lanka
- A 14-day India-Nepal joined military exercise, named Surya Kiran IX, began at Pithoragarh
- India and Bangladesh defence cooperation, a joint military training exercise SAMPRITI 2016 held in Dhaka, Bangladesh

### Defence Operation :

- Indian Army has set up Army Design Bureau (ADB) with an aim to indigenize procurements and reduce dependence on imports
- Government has given its approval for operation of helicopter services in the State of Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh on a pilot basis in 10 sectors
- India Army team has won a gold medal at Exercise Cambrian Patrol which was organised by the British Army in Wales.
- After ‘Operation Calm down’ in South Kashmir, Army is now aiming on another operation ‘School Chalo’, under which it identifies areas and provides students with free coaching
- The Indian Army successfully completed the task of laying an irrigation pipeline for the villagers in Demchok region of Eastern Ladakh.

### Commissioned/Decommissioned

- India’s majestic aircraft carrier, INS Viraat aka “Grand Old Lady” of Indian Navy Decommissioned
- Indian Navy launched a dedicated base for its Special Operation Forces – MARCOS (Marine Commandos) named INS Karna was commissioned in Visakhapatnam
- Light Combat Aircraft(LCA) Tejas was inducted into Indian Air Force (IAF).
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- Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh commissioned Coast Guard ship ‘Sarathi’ in Goa
- Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE) handed over the Water Jet Fast Attack Craft (WJFAC), “TIHAYU” to Indian Navy

- Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar commissioned the 105 metre vessel ICGS Sarathi into the force in Goa
- India is finally close to operationalizing its long-awaited nuclear weapons triad — the capability to launch nukes from land, air and sea. India has recently become a nuclear triad with INS Arihant.
- Fast Patrol Vessel ICGS Rani Gaidinliu was commissioned into the Indian Coast Guard by Director-General of Coast Guard Rajendra Singh
- The Indian Coast Guard Ships ‘Aryaman’ and ‘Atulya’, the eighteenth and nineteenth in the series of twenty Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs) commissioned at Kochi
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- The Indian Navy commissioned the newest Car Nicobar-class fast attack craft INS Tihayu at the Eastern Naval Command
- US Navy has commissioned its largest, most expensive and technologically advanced destroyer, Zumwalt.
- China has inducted its largest indigenously-built transport aircraft Y-20
- China displayed its Chengdu J-20 stealth fighter in public for the first time
- China has developed a high-speed, intelligent unmanned sea vessel
- SeaFly-01
- Indo-Mauritius defence co-operation got another fillip with the delivery of first fast patrol vessel, Mcgs Victory, designed and built in-house by Goa Shipyard Ltd for Mauritius Coast Guard GSL
- Hindustan Aeronautical Limited (HAL) successfully conducts test flight of Light Utility Helicopter

## SPORTS

### Rio Medal Tally-2016

Country	G	S	B	Total
United States(1)	46	37	38	121
Great Britain(2)	27	23	17	67
China (3)	26	18	26	70
Russia (4)	19	18	19	56
Germany (5)	17	10	15	42
India (67)	0	1	1	2
India's first medal at the Rio Olympics bronze in the 58kg category	Sakshi Malik			
First Indian woman to win an Olympic silver medal in the Women Singles badminton Event	Pusarla Venkata Sindhu			
Dipa Karmakar	First Indian to qualify for the apparatus finals of artistic Gymnastics at the Rio 2016 Olympics			
Women's double title at Connecticut Open in the U.S	Sania Mirza with Monica Niculescu of Romania			
82nd All India Railway athletic Championship	Western Railway			
Task force formed by PM Modi	To make various suggestions to the roadmap for the next three quadrennial Games 2020 (Tokyo), 2024 and 2028			
Indian Men Hockey Team slipped to sixth	First – Australia, Fifth –Brazil			
Retire from illustrious international career after ongoing ODI series against Australia	Tillakaratne Dilshan			
Chairman of a five-member National Rifle Association of India review committee to probe the shooters' dejected show in the Rio Games	Abhinav Bindra			
Banned four-year by Court of Arbitration for Sports following an appeal by WADA	Narsingh Yadav			

Official nutritional partner for Rio-Olympics	HERBALIFE teams up with IOA
Official sponsor for the Indian contingent to the Rio Olympics 2016.	Amul
Paralympic Committee of India	Recognised by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Rio 2016 Olympics will be graded with 500 gms Sovereign Gold Bonds and silver	India Bullion and Jewellers Association (IBJA)
Indian Railways announces cash awards for its athlete who wins medal at Rio Olympics	The gold Medalist – 1 crore The silver medallist – Rs 75 lakh Bronze winner – Rs 50 lakh. Athletes who manages a top-8 finish – Rs 30 lakh For mere participation Rs 5 lakh.
IOA announces cash award for winning athlete in Rio Olympics	50 lakh - gold medal Rs 30 lakh – silver Rs 20 lakh – bronze
271 Russian athletes to compete in Rio Games	120 athlete, finally 118 athlete went for Rio Olympics
Banned a four-year by Court of Arbitration for Sports following an appeal by WADA	Narsingh Yadav
<b>Rio Paralympics 2016 - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from September 7 to 18, 2016</b>	
Top 3	1.China 2.Great Britain 3.Ukraine
Ankur Dhama	India's first blind athlete
T42 high jump event	Mariyappan Thangavelu - gold, Varun Bhati- bronze
29th spot in Women's Individual Recurve event	Pooja Khanna
First Indian women to win medal	Deepa Malik – Silver
Men's javelin throw F46 event	Devendra Jhajharia – Gold
Iranian Para-cyclist has died at the last day	Golbarnezhad
<b>Cricket</b>	
ICC Test rankings:	India backed to No 1 after beating New Zealand at Eden Garden 2.Pakistan 3.Australia 4.England
Retired from International cricket after World T20	Shane Watson
First Indian Test Captain to Score Two Double Centuries	Virat Kohli
ICC Test Championship mace	Virat Kohli
ICC Test rankings for bowlers	Ravichandran Ashwin – First
50 ODI wickets in India's 900th One Day International match	Amit Mishra
Fifth Indian to cross 9000 runs, breaks Sachin Tendulkar's record of 195 sixes in ODIs	MS Dhoni
Englishman to reach 10,000 Test runs	Alastair Cook
World number 1 women bowler	Jhulan Goswami
First Indian woman cricketer for honorary life membership of the MCC	Anjum Chopra
Hoogeveen International chess tournament	Abhijeet Gupta First player ever to win the title twice in a row in the FIDE Open that concluded at the Dutch hamlet.
First team to play 900 ODIs	India

First Indian captain to score double century outside India	ViratKohli
First Indian captain to lead the team in three ODI series whitewashes	MS Dhoni
Fastest ever hundred by an Indian in a Ranji Trophy	Rishabh Pant
World of digital gaming with the proposed launch of his official game named Sachin Saga.	Sachin Tendulkar
ICC Permanent member status	India, England and Australia (removed)
7000 ODI runs after AB de Villers	ViratKohli
T20 Fifty Record	Chris Gayle
Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy	Uttar Pradesh
Life time ban by ICC	IPL player AjitChandila
First England bowler in ICC top Bowler	Stuart Broad after Steve Harminson
ICC suspended for three months	Yasir Shah
Ritu Rani	Retires from international hockey
India's selection panel chairman	MSK Prasad
England women's cricketer of the year award for the maiden time	England Cricketer Anya Shrubsole
England's Test and One Day International Cricketer of the year award	England Cricketer Batsman Joe Root
England women's Cricket captain	Charlotte Edwards retired
Australia's bowling coach	Allan Donald – South Africa
New Zealand's captain	Kane Williamson
Sri Lanka Cricket's Chief Selector	SanathJayasuria
Cricket Association of Nepal	Suspended by ICC
ShahidAfridi	Pakistan's T20 captain
Retired from international cricket	Australia Cricketer Clint McKay
Retired from international cricket	England Cricketer James Taylor
Retired from ODIs, T20Is	Sri Lankan veteran cricketer RanganaHerath
Hong Kong all-rounderIrfan Ahmed	Suspended by the International Cricket Council (ICC) for two and a half years
First Day /Night Test	India 7 New Zealand
BCCI decided to waive off the financial penalty of USD 97 million	West Indies Cricket Board
India made a historic win in the 500th test match against New Zealand at Kanpur	
Second fastest bowler to claim 200 Test wickets	Ravichandran Ashwin
First-ever womens World T20	2020, host by Australia
World record by scoring 1009 runs at school level tournament	PranavDhanawade
Retired from International Cricket	Pakistan - Imran West Indies Chanderpaul(all form)
No 1 batsman in T20 Internationals	ViratKohli
First English batsman to score 10,000 runs in test matches	England Test captain Alastair Cook
Manager of Pakistan team	Wasim Bari
Suspended from bowling in international cricket	Sri Lanka Pacer Shaminda Eranga
Goa Cricket Officials	BCCI Suspends officialsfor Financial Bungling
First day-night Test in India	Indore – India VsNewzealand

T20 Series	India defeated Zimbabwe	
Fifth-wicket stand in Twenty 20 cricket of 150 in 92 balls for the Trinbago Knight Riders	Proteas Opener HasimAmla West Indies All-rounder Dwayne Bravo	
Oldest player to score a Test century for 82 years	Misbah-ul-Haq – Pakistan	
ICC Hall of fame Inductees	MuttiahMuralitharan Arthur Morris Karen Rolton George Lohmann	
Honorary life membership of the Marylebone Cricket Club	VirenderSehwag	
39th Associate Member of the International Cricket Council (ICC)	Saudi Arabia	
Retirement from Test cricket	Sri Lankan pace bowler Nuwan Kulasekara	
Honorary life member of the Marylebone Cricket Club	Zaheer Khan	
Bangladeshbatting guru	Thilan Samaraweera	
Inducted into Indian cricket team	Nuzhat Parveen aka Khushboo(Madhya Pradesh)	
<b>Tennis</b>		
<b>Wimbledon 2016 Championships</b>		
Men's Singles	Andy Murray (Britain)	
Women's Singles	Serena Williams (US)	
Men's Doubles	PierreHugues Herbert (France) and Nicolas Mahut (France)	
Women's Doubles	Serena Williams (US) and Venus Williams (US)	
Mixed Doubles	Henri Kontinen (Finland) and Heather Watson (UK)	
<b>2016 US Open</b>		
Men's Singles		
Winner – Stan Wawrinka,	Runner – Novak Djokovic	
Women's Singles		
Winner – Angelique Kerber	Runner – Karolina Pliskova	
Men's Doubles		
Winner – Jamie Murray, Bruno Soares	Runner – Garreno busta, Garcia-lopez	
Women's Doubles		
Winner – Mattek-sands, Lucia Safarova	Runner – Caroline Garcia, Kristina Madenovic	
Mixed Doubles		
Winner –Laura Siegemund Croatia Mate Pavić	Runner – Coco Vandeweghe United States Rajeev Ram	
<b>2016 Rogers Cup</b>		
Men singles	Novak Djokovic defeated K. Nishikori	
Women Singless	S. Halep defeated M. Keys	
Men Doubles	I. Dodig and M. Melo defeated J. Murray and B. Soares	
Women Doubles	E. Makarova and E. Vesnina defeated S. Halep and M. Niculescu	
<b>2016 China Open</b>		
Men's Singles	Andy Murray	Grigor Dimitrov
Women's Singles	Agnieszka Radwańska	Johanna Konta
Men's Doubles	Pablo Carreño Busta / Rafael Nadal	Jack Sock / Bernard Tomic,
Women's Doubles	Bethanie Mattek-Sands / Lucie Šafářová	Caroline Garcia / France Kristina Mladenovic
<b>Rome title 2016 – UK</b>		
Men's singles final	United KingdomAndy Murray	

Women's Signles final	United StatesSerena Williams
Men's doubles finals	United States Bob Bryan United States Mike Bryan
Women's doubles finals	Switzerland Martina Hingis India SaniaMirza
<b>2016 Mutua Madrid Open</b>	
Serbia Novak Djokovic	Men's Singles
Netherlands Jean-JulienRojer / Romania HoriaTecău	Men's Doubles
Romania SimonaHalep	Women's Singles
France Caroline Garcia / France Kristina Mladenovic	Women's Doubles
<b>WTA Toray Pan Pacific Open</b>	
Women's Single title	Caroline Wozniacki beat Japan's Naomi Osaka
Women's Double Title	India's Sania Mirza with Czech partner Barbora Strycova defeating Chinese pair of Chen Liang and Zhaoxuan Yang.
<b>St Petersburg Open 2016</b>	
Men's Single	A. Zverev defeated S. Wawrinka
Mens's Double	D. Inglot / H. Kontinen defeated A. Begemann / L. Paes
Suspended after failing drug test at Australian Open	Maria Sharapova(Russia)
Men's singles title - Swiss Open	HS Prannoy
<b>ATP title 2016(Mexico)</b>	
Men's doubles pair	DivijSharan and Purav Raja defeated Israeli-British pair of Jonathan Erlich and Ken Skupski
Men's Singles	Ivo Karlović defeated Spain'sFelicianoLópez,
<b>Football</b>	
U-17 World Cup host cities	Kochi, Navi Mumbai, Goa,Guwahati and New Delhi
FIFA Rankings	Top 3: Argentina,Germany and Brazil India – 137
BRICS U-17 Football Tourney, Goa	Brazil defeated South Africa
2016 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup	North Korea
BRICS football tournament logo	Union Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs Vijay Goel unveiled logo in Goa
2016 FIA Asia Pacific Rally Championship	Gaurav Gill -4 <sup>th</sup> time
2016 Calcutta Football League	East Bengal
Durand Cup Football Title	Army Green beat Neroca FC
The Europa League	Football club Sevilla
2015 South Asian Football Federation	India
2015 England Player of the Year	Wayne Rooney
2016 UEFA Champions League	Real Madrid FC
Premier League title	English football club Leicester city FC
Retirement from International Football	Lionel Messi Announces
2017 FIFA Under-17 World Cup	India
Santosh Trophy football title 2016 –Nagpur	Services

### HOCKEY

26th LalBahadurShastri Hockey tournament	Oil and Natural Gas Corporation(ONGC)
Promoted as International Umpire (FIH)	Napoleon Singh

Indian men's hockey team Enter Final for 1st Time in 36 Years at 36th Hero Champions Trophy Hockey		
Gold medal	Australia	
Silver medal	India	
Bronze medal	Germany	
Dhyanchand Hockey Ground in Rajkot	Recognised by the International Hockey Federation (FIH).	
Obaidullah Khan Heritage Cup Hockey Tournament	BPCL defeated Railway	
33rd Indian Oil Servo Surjit Hockey Tournament, Jalandhar.	Mumbai's Western Railways women's team defeating Haryana XI 4-2	
<b>BADMINTON</b>		
<b>Polish Open 2016</b>		
Men's Single	Rituparna Das	
Women's Single	Rasika Raje	
Women's doubles	Sanjana Santosh and Arathi Sara Sunil defeating Natalya Voytsekh and Yelyzaveta Zharka l	
<b>Russian Open badminton 2016</b>		
Men's singles	Zulfadli Zulkifli	Siril Verma
Women's singles	Gadde Ruthvika Shivani	Evgeniya Kosetskaya
Men's doubles	Vladimir Ivanov/ Ivan Sozonov	Abramov K./Zinchenko A.
Women's doubles	Anastasia Chervyakova/ Olga Morozova	Kosetskaya E./Polikarpova K.
Mixed doubles	Pranaav Jerry Chopra /N. Sikki Reddy	Ivanov V./Sorokina V.
<b>2016 Chinese Taipei Open</b>		
Men's Single	Sourabh Varma	Daren Liew
Women's Single	Ayumi Mine	Saena Kawakami
Men's Double	Fajar Alfian/Muhammad Rian Ardianto	Hung Ling /Chen Chi-Lin Wang
Women's Double	Yuki Fukushima /Japansayaka Hirota	Shiho Tanaka / Japankoharu Yonemoto
Mixed	Chun Man Tang/Hong Kongying Suet	Ryota Taohata/Koharu Yonemoto
<b>Brazil Open Grand</b>		
Men's Double title	Sikki Reddy and Pranaav Jerry Chopra defeated the Canadian pair of Toby Ng and Rachel Honderich	
Men's Single Title	Anand Pawar defeated Zulfadli Zulkifli of Malaysia	
<b>Canada open Grand Prix badminton 2016</b>		
Men's Single Title	B SaiPraneeth	
Men's Doubles Title	Manu Attri and Sumeethreddy	
Bahrain International Challenge badminton tournament at Segayya in Bahrain.	Pratul Joshi defeated Aditya Joshi	
<b>BNP Paribas Open</b>		
Men's Single	A. Murray defeated J. Isner	J. Isner
Men's Double	H. Kontinen / J. Peers defeated	P. Herbert / N. Mahut
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
Hilton Asian Tour Golfer of the Month	Miguel Tabuena	
2016 with Brisbane title	Sania Mirza (India) and Martina Hingis (Swiss)	

2021 World Aquatics Championships	Fukuoka
2015 MRF Challenge Formula 2000	PietroFittipaldi
World Boxing Organization welterweight title for the third time	Manny Pacquiao
Asian Federation Cup	Air Force Club, Iraq defeated Bengaluru Football Club
South Asian Aquatic Championship (SAAC) in Sri-Lanka	Bastab Tapan Bordoloi(Assam) - 5gold medals and a silver
2022 National Games	Meghalaya
Official tech partner for London Marathon	TCS
world title with record free skate score	EvgeniaMedvedeva– Gold
40th Paris Aprathon 2016	Kenya’s VisilineJepkesho and Cyprian Kotut
WLBS World snooker championship	ChitraMagimairaj - Gold VarshaaSanjeev – Gold
Asian Nations Cup Chess tournament, Abu Dhabi	India
Hawke’s Bay Cup, New Zealand	India beat Canada
world International Boxing Federation title	Anthony Joshua, America
US Masters golf 2016	Danny Willett - First Briton
Hilton Asian Tour Golfer of Month	S.P. Chawrasia of India
Asian KhoKho Championship Title, MP	India’s men’s and women’s teams
Sultan Azlan Shah Cup, Malaysia.	Australia
Monte Carlo Masters title	Rafael Nadalfrom Spain
withdraw from Sultan of Johor Cup	Hockey India
First champion of the Asian Tennis Tour (ATT) SidharthRawat	Vishnu Vardhan
Rio shooting World Cup	JituRai – 6 <sup>th</sup> Spot OlehOmelchuk of Ukraine Gold Wang Zhiwei of China – Bronze
First Indian participant at World Kickboxing Championship	Tajamul Islam
2016 Asia Kabaddi Championship Cup	Pakistan defeated India
World Snooker Championship	Mark Selby defeated Ding Junhui
NBA’s Most Valuable Player	Stephen Curry
Bats for 51 hours straight - Guinness record	Rwanda captain Eric Dusingizimana
IAAF World Challenge(China)	Women’s 4x100m relay team breaks national record – 4 <sup>th</sup> position China Team - First
AIBA Women’s World Championships	Sonia Lather(57kg) – Gold
First professional tennis player to earn \$100 million in prize money in French Open quarter-finals	Novak Djokovic
Queen’s title (London)	Andy Murray – 5 <sup>th</sup> time
Archery World Cup (Antalya)	South Korea – Gold India – Silver
Affiliation from Commonwealth Boxing Council	Indian Boxing Council ( <b>IBC</b> )
Josef Odlozil Memorial Athletics Meet(Czech Republic)	Track and field athlete Tintu Luka - Silver
US Open golf tournament title	Dustin Johnson(US)



win the 100m in 9.88 seconds at Racers Grand Prix 2016	Usain Bolt
FINA women water polo world league (China)	USA – First Spain – Second
2016 Copa America Football tournament	Chile beat Argentina
7 <sup>th</sup> FIH Champions Trophy title (London)	Argentina defeated Netherland
NHL Calder Memorial Trophy	Artemi Panarin (Russia)
New national record, clocking 3:02.17 International Sprint and Relay Teams Cup (Turkey)	Indian men’s 4x400m relay team
Best womens player award in the Eurasian Blitz chess tournament(Kazakhstan)	Harika Dronavalli (India)
International Boxing Association’s (AIBA) World Qualifying Tournament (Azerbaijan)	Vikas Krishan (75kg)– Bronze
ISSF World Cup(Azerbaijan)	Felipe Almeida Wu(Brazil) - Gold Jitu Rai(India)– Silver Sanjeev Rajput(men’s 50-metre rifle) – Silver
Racketlon Competitions(Denmark)	Navy Officer and Commodore Ashutosh Pednekar - first Indian – Gold medal
Highest-paid female athlete	Serena Williams(USA) Maria Sharapova(Russia) Ronda Rousey(USA)
2016 World’s 100 Highest-Paid Athletes	Cristiano Ronaldo– Soccer Lionel Messi - Soccer LeBron James– Basketball
Oldest Olympic torch bearer(Macapa)	Aida Gemanque – 106yr
7 <sup>th</sup> World Carrom Championship	Host – Birmingham
Spanish Grand Prix Wrestling championship (Madri)	ErdenebatBekhbayar of Mongolia – Gold(57kg) SandeepTomar – Silver (74 kg) NarsinghYadav – Bronze(57 kg)
Fide Women’s Grand Prix trophy(Chendu, China)	HarikaDronavalli
Euro 2016 football championship	Portugal
EurAsia Hockey Cup 2016	Indian Junior Men’s Team
WBO Asia Pacific title(New Delhi)	Vijender Singh
73rd Senior National Squash Championship(Mumbai)	DipikaPallikalKarthik
First Indian to clinch the most desired Mr World title	RohitKhandelwal
1st Indian to set world record in Junior Athletics Championship	Neeraj Chopra
Junior World Cup in Porpetto, Italy	ManavadityaRathore - bronze medal
First clay court singles title by defeating Netherland’s Robin Haase	Feliciano Lopez
100m hurdles world record of 12.20 seconds at the London Diamond League meeting	Kendra Harrison

Second Rio Olympics-bound athlete to fail a dope test after wrestler Narsingh Yadav	Inderjit Singh
International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) ban on the weightlifters to compete in the Rio Olympics.	Russia
10th Davis Cup	Rohan Bopanna
National record with a massive 59.87m throw at the 56th National inter-state Senior Athletics Championships	Javeline thrower Annu Rani
Olympians Association of India (OAI)	Shiva Keshavan (luge), Viren Rasquinha (hockey), Malav Shroff (sailing), Adille Sumariwalla (athletics), Ashwini Nachappa (athletics), Saina Nehwal (badminton), Hakimuddin Habibulla (swimming) and MC Mary Kom (boxing)
New record by diving from 25 000 feet without parachute	Luke Aikins
Season 4 Pro Kabaddi League	Patna Pirates defeating Jaipur Pink Panthers.
World Karate Champion (Australia)	Vivek Teja
MRF Formula 1600 category	Vikash Anand
Bronze upgrade to silver for London Olympic	Wrestler Yogeshwar Dutt
20 <sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Chess championship	Abhijeet Gupta
PSG Trophy in Basketball	ONGC team beat the Tamil Nadu
64th Nehru Trophy	Karichal Chundan
Hilton Asian Tour Golfer of the Month for July, 2016	Thongchai Jaidee
Gold medal in the 100-metre dash at the American Masters Games in Vancouver Canada	Mann Kaur from Chandigarh - 100 year old

### Squash - Australian Open Crowns 2016

Men's Australian Open 2016	Abdulla Mohd Al Tamimi (Qatar) defeated Campbell Grayson (New Zealand)
Women's Australian Open 2016	Dipika Pallikal Karthik (India) defeated Mayar Hany (Egypt)
Asian Tennis Tour 2016	Hos – Bhutan
ISL 2016 Opening Ceremony	Host - Guwahati
Kabaddi World Cup-2016- Ahmadabad	India Crowned Champion. Iran were the Runners.
ITF events 2016	Sriram Balaji from India defeated Seong Chan Hong of Korea
Asian Karting Championship	Shahan Ali Mohsin – First Indian
Record in the Women's Hammer Throw at the 65th All India Police Athletics Championship in Hyderabad.	Minakshi of CISF
6 Red Snooker World Championship	Pankaj Advani - bronze medal
World Martial Arts Mastership 2016	Sushmita Rai - bronze
MCC Murugappa Gold Cup Hockey Tournament	Indian Railways Team defeated champion Indian Oil Corporation
1st World Deaf Shooting Championships - Kazan, Russia	Priyasha Deshmukh - Bronze
FIBA Asia Challenge	India – 7 <sup>th</sup>

ITF women's doubles title	Ankita Raina with Emily Webley defeating Hanyu Guo and Xinyu Jiang of China
U-19 Asian Junior Individual squash championship - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Velavan Senthilkumar
13th leg of the womens Professional Golf Tour	Vani Kapoor
30th World Amateur Team Championship (WATC)	1.Australia 2.US Indians finished 31st
Belgium Open , Belgium	Men's singles title Sathiyam Gnanasekaran defeated Nuytinck Cedric
International Thailand Open	ChavviKohli defeated Thai fencer
<b>ITTF Junior and Cadet Open TT Championships</b>	
Junior Boys singles	Manav Thakkar, Varuni Jaiswal and Ishhita Gupta
Junior Boys doubles	Ananth Devarajan and Manav Thakkar combined to outwit Taipei's LaiChi-Chien and Tai Ming-Wei.
<b>6th Asian Championship - Taoyuan, Taiwan</b>	
Silver	L Budha Chandra Singh (56Kg), Praveen Kumar (48Kg), Rajinder Singh (90Kg), K Arunpama Devi (60Kg).
Bronze	Y Santhoi Devi (52Kg), Pooja Kadian (65Kg), Vishakha Malik (70Kg), Rajani Deori (75Kg).
<b>Track Asia Cup 2016 - Indoor Cycling Velodrome at IG Sports Complex</b>	
Hong Kong (18)	11 Gold 4 Silver and 3 bronze.
India 16 medals)	5 gold 4 Silver and 7 bronze
ISSF Junior World Cup 2016	1.RUSSIA – 25 2.INDIA - 24 3.NORWAY – 5
<b>70th Senior National Aquatic Championship</b>	
Overall championships	Karnataka followed by Maharashtra
<b>Swimming</b>	
Women's championship	Maharashtra
Men's championship	Railways
<b>Diving championships</b>	
Men's championships	Services team
women's championship	Railways
<b>water polo events</b>	
Men's category	Railways
women's championship	Kerala
Banned for 10 months by USOC	US swimmer Ryan Lochte
Rs 75 lakh cash reward – Maharashtra Gov	Lalita Babar
Rs 50 lakh cash reward - Maharashtra Gov	Ayonika Paul, Prarthana Thombare, Dattu Bhonkanal, Devraj Walmiki and Kavita Raut.
Banned for 10 months by USOC	US swimmer Ryan Lochte
Indian shooter Abhinav Bindra	Retirement from shooting after 2016 Summer Games
Chief coach of the national Tennis team	Massimo Costantini
2026 Asian Games	Host : Japan
<b>Sports Sector got the Infrastructure Status</b>	
Sports Sector got the Infrastructure Status	Now eligible for obtaining long term financial support from banks and other financial institutions
First Indian woman javelin thrower to cross the 60m mark at the 56th Open National Athletics Championships	Annu Rani

Under-18 Asia Cup hockey trophy in Dhaka	India defeating Bangladesh
IFSC Para Climbing Cup, UK	Manikandan Kumar - Gold
First Indian to complete World's toughest race, Spartathlon	Kieren Dsouza
<b>5th Asian Beach Games – Vietnam</b>	
Top 3 :	Vietnam , Thailand and China
India at	16th place with 24 medals(2 Gold, 4 Silver , 18 Bronze)
Women's 52kg Kurash category	Pinky Balhara - Bronze medal
Men's middleweight Muay	Harish Banghel - Silver
Women's single, Long Ho Quyen, Vovinam event	Deepa Gawale - silver medal
Kabaddi	India defeated Thailand - Gold
<b>ISSF World Cup 2016, Italy</b>	
50m pistol event	Jitu Rai – Silver
International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Champions Trophy	Jitu Rai defeated Serbia's Damir Mikec
First gold in Wushu after 30 years	Yengkhom Jason (52 Kg category)
First female Indian golfer to record 3 consecutive top 10 European Tour finishes	Aditi Ashok
Kabaddi World Cup 2016, Ahmedabad	Pakistan not participated India beat Iran
U-16 World Chess Championship, Russia	Aakanksha Hagawane
2016 NCC National Games	Punjab Directorate
WBC Asia welterweight title, New Delhi	Neeraj Goyat out punched Australia's Ben Kite
India's first ever senior international roller skating medal in the Asian Championship in China.	Dhanush Babu, Vikram Ingale and Nikhilesh Tabhane
Asian billiards 2016	Siddharth Parikh
Korea Open 2016	Gaganjeet Bhullar
Asian Champions Trophy	India beat Pakistan (Men's) India beat South Korea(Women's)
World Railway Shooting Championship Cup, France	Western Railways Team
IWF World Weightlifting c'ships	IWF Youth (Boys & Girls) won silver and a bronze medal in the 56kg weight category
World No.1 status for second successive year	Sania Mirza
2024 Olympics	Italy withdrawn its bid to stage the 2024 Games in Rome
First Bionic Olympics	Host – Switzerland
Duck Boats – Goa	To boost tourist football
World Boxing Organisation (WBO)	Indian Boxing Council Inducted
2016 world cup mascot	Zabivaka(Russia)
Two-year doping ban has been reduced to 15 months following her appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.	Maria Sharapova
Suspended for two matches following a deliberate foul during the game against Malaysia.	Surender Kumar
Former Formula One driver would retire from professional racing	Mark Webber
Retired from athletics	Jessica Ennis-Hill
Retirement after 2017 world championships in London	Usain Bolt
<b>Commonwealth Wrestling Championships</b>	

India	29 medals
Asian Champions Trophy in Singapore	Women's hockey team
German soccer retire	Miroslav Klose
Eighth Sanda World Cup held at Xian, China	Indian wushu team won five medals( four silver and one bronze)

Grand Prix Title	Winner	Constructor
Australian Grand Prix	Nico Rosberg	Mercedes
Bahrain Grand Prix	Nico Rosberg	Mercedes
Chinese Grand Prix	Nico Rosberg	Mercedes
Russian Grand Prix	Nico Rosberg	Mercedes
Spanish Grand Prix	Max Verstappen	Red Bull
Monaco Grand Prix	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes
Canadian Grand Prix	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes
European Grand Prix	Nico Rosberg	Mercedes
Austrian Grand Prix	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes
British Grand Prix	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes
Hungarian Grand Prix	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes
German Grand Prix	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes
Belgian Grand Prix	Nico Rosberg	Mercedes
Italian Grand Prix	Nico Rosberg	Mercedes
Singapore Grand Prix	Nico Rosberg	Mercedes
Malaysia Grand Prix	Daniel Ricciardo	Red Bull
Japanese Grand Prix	Nico Rosberg	Mercedes
United States Grand Prix	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes
Mexican Grand Prix	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes

## OTHERS

### BOOKS & AUTHORS IN NEWS

Name of the Books	Name of the Authors/Publishers
Ringside With Vijender	RudraneilSengupta
Autobiography 'Ace Against Odds'	SaniaMirza
Who moved my interest rate ?	Mr.Subbarao
Autobiography "Courage & Commitment"	Margaret Alva
The Great Derangement: Climate Change and the	AmitavGhosh
India's most Powerful Women	Mrs.PremAhluwalia
Harry Potter and the Cursed Child	JK Rowling
Grassroots Innovation	Prof. Anil K. Gupta
Uttarakhand: Fifteen Years of Development	Edited by former state chief secretary R S Tolia
One Indian Girl	ChetanBhagat
The Ocean of Churn: How the Indian Ocean Shaped	SanjeevSanyal
AB: The Autobiography	AB de Villiers
The Grolier Codex	Josue Saenz
Six Machine	Chris Gayle
Shanti ki Talaash mein Zindagi	Radhika Nagrath
Sai Charitra Granth	Ganpatrao Dattatreya Sahasra-buddhe
North Eastern Council: A Story of Sagacity and	Union Minister of State (Independent
Citizen and Society	Mohd Hamid Ansari
Modi's Midas Touch in Foreign Policy	Surendra Kumar
The Ministry of Utmost Happiness	Arundhati Roy

Mahatma – Gandhi’s Life in Colour	Gandhi Serve India
e-book on RTI	Shailesh Gandhi
Philosophy of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay	Launched by PM Modi
The Legend Of Lakshmi Prasad	Twinkle Khanna
25 Years Of A Life	Shah Rukh Khan's biography
The Sleepwalker’s Dream	Dhrubajyoti Borah
Driven: The Virat Kohli Story	Vijay Lokapally
Andhere se Ujale ki Aur	Arun Jaitley
An Era of Darkness: The British Empire in India	Shashi Tharoor
CHARAIVETI, CHARAIVETI	Ram Naik, Governor of Uttar Pradesh
‘Back To The Roots, A definitive Guide To Grassroots & Football Development’	Shaji Prabhakaran

**OBITUARY**

Name of the person	Profession	Country
Alvin Toffler	Writer	USA
Noel Neill	First actress to play the role Lois Lane on the Adventures of Superman television series	USA
James Alan McPherson	Writer	USA
Michel Rocard	Former French Prime Minister & Socialist	France
Dominique Arnaud	Cyclist	France
Neelamraju Ganga PrasadaRao	Father of Hybrid Sorghum	India
Mahasweta Devi	Bengali writer	India
Banaras gharana	Table Player	India
AmalDutta	Footballer	India
Om PrakashSonik aka Omi	Music director	India
Romesh Chandra	Former President of World Peace Council	India
R C Dhere	Maharathi Writer	India
Joe Antic	Hockey Player	India
Mohammed Shahid	Hockey Player	India
Mubarak Begum	Singer	India
S.H.Raza	Artist	India
Braj B Kachru	Indian-American Professor	USA
Gloria DeHaven	Actor and singer	USA
AhemdZewail	Father of Femto Chemistry	USA
Arthur Hiller	Director and former Academy president	USA
Joyce Carol	Children’s author and champion of multiculturalism	USA
George Curry	Journalist and publisher	USA
SellapanRamanathan	Former Singapore President	Singapore
JoãoHavelange	Former FIFA President	Brazil
Chris Amon	F1 legend	New Zealand
Bernard Farrelly	Surfing champion	Australia
Ignacio Padilla	Writer	Mexico

Hanif Mohammad	Former Cricket batsman	Pakistan
Mahim Bora	Assam litterateur	India
JibanMaitra	Politician – Wes Bengal	India
SankethKashi	Kannada comedy actor	India
Vietnam Veedu Sundaram	Tamil Script writer and director	India
KalikhhoPul	Former Arunachal Pradesh CM	India
BarendraKrushna Dhal	Odisha's legendary Journalist and Columnist	India
SudhanshuBhusan Mi shra	Odisha chief secretary	India
Na Muthukumar	Tamil lyricist-poet-columnist	India
T A Razzaq	Malayalam scriptwriter	India
ChartiLalGoel	First Speaker of Delhi Assembly	India
Gurdial Singh	Punjabi writer	India
GobindTej	Odia filmmaker, actor and director	India
Subrata Banerjee	Bengal's International cricket umpire	India
K KSreedharan Nair	Journalist and former editor of Malayalam daily "Mathrubhumi"	India
A R Kidwai	Former Governor of Bihar, West Bengal and Haryana	India
Mohammad Shafi Qureshi	Former Governor of Madhya Pradesh	India
Dinanath Pathy	Eminent painter, writer and art historian	India
Len Maddocks	Wicketkeeper & Batsman	Australia
Islam Karimov	Former President	Uzbekistan
Vera Caslavka	Gymnast	Republic of Czech
Carlo Azeglio Ciampi	Former President	Italy
Lindsay Tuckett	World's oldest cricketer	South Africa
Shimon Peres	Former President	Israel
Syed Shamsul Haq	Eminent litterateur	Bangladesh
Max Walker	Former cricketer	Australia
Jon Raymond Polito	Actor and voice artist	USA
Jerry Heller	Former N.W.A Manager	USA
Hugh O'Brian	Legend of Wyatt Earp	USA
Edward Albee	Playwrighter	USA
Curtis Hanson	Filmmaker	USA
Arnold Palmer	Golfer	USA
Herschell Gordon Lewis	Horror filmmaker	USA
Nalinidhar Bhattacharya	Assamese Eminent Poet	India
Arif Baig	Former union minister and senior BJP leader, Madhya Pradesh	India
Sachin Kheda	Television journalist, Haryana	India
Ramsewak Shrivastava	Veteran journalist, New Delhi	India
Ayub Khan	Former Union Minister and Captain, Rajasthan	India
Narottam Mohanty	First ever football referee, Odisha	India
Reoti Saran Sharma	Eminent Hindi and Urdu writer, New Delhi	India
SK Mahajan	Chairman of FCAT and Retd Justice of Delhi High Court	India
K Madhavan	Freedom fighter and communist leader, Kerala	India
Yuvraj Singh	Veteran socialist leader and former MP	India

	of Bihar	
Bhumibol Adulyadej	King	Thailand
Kigeli V	King	Rwanda
Vladimir Zeldin	Actor	Russia
Shahlyla Baloch	Women's football team striker	Pakistan
Mewa Ramgobin	Former president of the National Indian Congress & South African Struggle	South Africa
Junko Tabei	First woman to climb Everest	Japan
Lucia Perillo	Author	USA
Aaron Pryor	Former boxing champion	USA
Prince Mikasa	World's Oldest Royal	Japan
Carlos Alberto	Footballer	Brazil
Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad al-Thani	Former ruler	Qatar
Pen Sovann	First post-Khmer Rouge prime minister	Cambodia
Yusuf Arakkal	Painter, sculptor and veteran of the contemporary art, Bengaluru	India
Heisnam Kanhailal	Theater legend, Manipur	India
Ram Ekbal Singh	Veteran socialist leader and freedom fighter, Bihar	India
Parmeshwar Godrej	Philanthropist, Business Women, Mumbai	India
Mohammad Shafi Bhat	Former MP, Srinagar	India
Dayanand Anan	Writer and litterateur, Uttarakhand	India
Jhanwar Lal Harsh	Freedom fighter, Rajasthan	India
N Kumar	Coal India Limited Director , New Delhi	India
Tilak Hazarika	Journalist	India
Mehar Mittal	Comedian, Punjab	India
Ashwini Ekbote	Dancer, Mahasrahtra	India
Chandrakant Kenkre	Freedom fighter	India
Raj Begum	Nightingale of Kashmir	India
Rajpati Devi	Congress MLA from Gauriganj	India
Shashikala Kakodkar	First woman CM of Goa	India
Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay	Actor, West Bengal	India
Prodyut Burman	Former India football goalkeeper	India
Yawar Hayat Khan	TV producer	Pakistan
Kanubha	NASA scientist	India
Mangat Ram Sharma	Former J&K Deputy CM	India
Pandit Amaradeva	Music Legend	Sri Lanka
Silvio Gazzaniga	Football World Cup trophy designer	Italy
Hridyesh Mehrotra	Hindi Writer, Uttar Pradesh	India
Janet Reno	First female Attorney-General	USA
Jayawantiben Mehta	Former Union minister of state, Maharashtra	India



## IMPORTANT DAYS

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July 01	National Doctors' Day (India)	
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July 02	World Sports Journalists Day	
July 04	International Day of Cooperatives	
July 06	World Zoonosis Day	
July 11	World Population Day	Investing in teenage girls'
July 12	Malala Day	
July 15	World Youth Skills Day	Skills Development to Improve Youth Employment
July 17	World Day for International Justice	
July 18	Nelson Mandela International Day	
July 26	Kargil Vija Divas (India)	
July 28	World Nature Conservation Day	
July 28	World Hepatitis Day	Prevent Hepatitis: It's up to you
July 29	Global Tiger Day	
July 30	International Day of Friendship	
July 30	World Day against Trafficking in Persons	
July 31	136th Birth Anniversary of eminent writer Munshi Premchand being celebrated	
August 1-7	World Breast Feeding week	on raising awareness of the links between breastfeeding and the Sustainable Development Goals
August 6	Hiroshima Day, Anti Nuclear Day	
August 8	World Senior Citizen Day	
August 9	International Day of the World's Indigenous People	Indigenous Peoples' Right to Education
	Nagasaki Day	
	Quit India Day	
August 12	International Youth Day	The Road to 2030: Eradicating Poverty and Achieving Sustainable Consumption and Production
August 13	International Left Handers Day	
August 14	Pakistan's Independence Day	
August 15	India's Independence Day, International Mourning Day	
August 19	World Humanitarian Day	One Humanity
August 20	National Sadbhavna Divas or Birthday of Rajiv Gandhi, World Mosquito Day, Indian Akshay Urja Diwas or day	
August 21	National Senior Citizen Day	
August 23	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition	
August 29	National Sports Day or Dhyan Chand's Birthday	
August 30	International day of the victims of enforced Disappearances	
Sep 1-7	National Nutrition Week	Poshak Aahar, Desh ka Aadhar'
September 2	World Coconut Day	Coconut for Family Nutrition, Health and Wellness

September 5	National Teacher's Day or Dr. Radhakrishanan's Birth Day, Sanskrit Day	
September 5	International Day of Charity	
September 8	World Literacy Day	Reading the Past, Writing the Future
September 10	World Anti-Suicide Day, World First Aid Day	
September 12	South-South Cooperation	
September 14	Hindi Diwas or Hindi Day	
September 15	International Day of Democracy, International Engineer's Day	
September 16	World Ozone Day	Ozone and climate: Restored by a world united
September 20	RPF Foundation day	
September 21	World Peace Day or International day for Peace and Non-violence (UN)	The Sustainable Development Goals: Building Blocks for Peace
September 21	World Alzheimer's Day	Remember Me
September 22	World Cancer Free Day or Rose Day	
September 25	International Day of the Deaf	
September 25	World Rivers Day	
September 25	World Pharmacists Day	Pharmacists: Caring for you
September 26	World Contraception Day	
September 26	World Environmental Health Day	Tobacco Control... a response to the global tobacco pandemic
September 26	International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons	
September 27	World Tourism Day	Tourism for All – promoting universal accessibility
September 28	World Rabies Day	Rabies: Educate. Vaccinate. Eliminate.
September 28	109th birth anniversary of revolutionary socialist Shaheed Bhagat Singh	
September 29	World Heart Day	Light Your Heart, Empower Your Life
September 29	World Maritime Day	Shipping: indispensable to the world.
September 30	International Translation Day	Translation and Interpreting: Connecting Worlds
Oct 1	International Day of Older Persons	Take A Stand Against Ageism
	World Vegetarian Day	
Oct 2	International Day of Non-Violence	
Oct 3	World Habitat Day (First Monday of October)	Housing at the Centre

Oct 4	World Animal Day	
Oct 4 to 10	World Space Week	Remote sensing: Enabling Our Future
Oct 5	World Teachers Day	Valuing Teachers, Improving their Status
Oct 7	World Smile Day(First Friday of October)	
Oct 8	84th Air Force Day	
Oct 9	World Post day	Innovation, Integration and Inclusion
Oct 10	World Day Against the Death Penalty	Terrorism
	World Mental Health Day	Dignity in Mental Health – Psychological & Mental Health First Aid for All.
Oct 11	International Day of the Girl Child Girls’	Progress = Goals’ Progress: A Global Girl Data Movement
Oct 13	World Sight Day	Stronger Together
	International Day for Disaster Reduction	Live To Tell: Raising Awareness, Reducing Mortality
Oct 14	International standards day	Standards Build Trust
Oct 15	International Day of Rural Women	Climate is changing. Food and agriculture must too
	World Student’s Day	
Oct 15-21	Safe Motherhood’ Week	
Oct 16	World Food Day	Climate is changing. Food and agriculture must too
Oct 17	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	Moving from humiliation and exclusion to participation: Ending poverty in all its forms.
Oct 20	World Statistics Day	Better Data, Better Lives
	World Osteoporosis Day	Love Your Bones – Protect your Future
Oct 21	Police Commemoration Day	
Oct 24	United Nations Day	Freedom First
	World Development Information Day	
	World Polio Day	
	55th raising day of Indo Tibetan Border Police	
Oct 27	World Day for Audiovisual Heritage	It’s Your Story – Don’t Lose It
Oct 28	National Ayurveda Day	Ayurveda for Prevention and Control of Diabetes.
Oct 29	International Internet Day	

	World Stroke Day	Face the Facts: Stroke is Treatable with the tagline of: Livescan improve with better awareness, access, and action.
Oct 31	Rashtriya Ekta Diwas(National Unity Day)	Integration of India
	World Savings Day or World Thrift Day	Grabbing Hold of Your Financial Future
	World Cities Day	Inclusive Cities, Shared Development
Oct 31 to Nov 6	Global Media and Information Literacy Week 2016	Media and Information Literacy: New Paradigms for Intercultural Dialogue.
Nov 1	No Tobacco Day – Punjab World Vegan Day	
Nov 2	International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists	Effective Education and Evacuation Drills
Nov 5	World Tsunami Awareness Day	
Nov 6	International Day for Preventing Exploitation of Environment in War and Armed Conflict	
Nov 7	National Cancer Awareness Day 128th birth anniversary of CV Raman	
Nov 8	International Day of Radiology	Breast Imaging
Nov 10	World Science Day for Peace and Development	Celebrating Science Centres and Science Museums

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