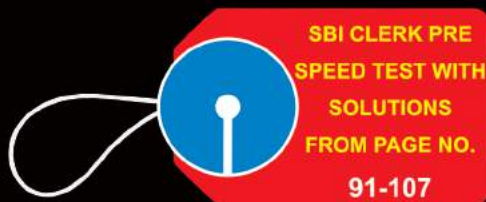


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# TOP NOTCH CAPTIVATORS OF THE MONTH



1

Real Estate Bill passed by Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha.

6

World Bank forecasted India's GDP growth 7.7% in 2017 and 7.5% in 2016.



2

Stand Up India scheme, launched on April 05.

7

West Indies beat England to win World Cup T-20 2016.



3

Mehbooba Mufti has been sworn as the 1st women chief minister of J&K.

8

China successfully launches retrievable satellite Beidou Navigation Satellite.



4

India to host 8th BRICS summit in Oct 2016 in Goa.

9

"PANAMA Papers" The Secrets of Dirty Money.



5

1st Bi monthly monetary policy review by RBI in 2016

10

Miss Delhi Priyadarshini Chatterjee crowned Miss India world 2016.



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### WORLD HAPPINESS INDEX 2016



### SUGAMYA BHARAT ABHIYAAN



### NATIONAL AWARDS 2016



### THE RAGHURAM RAJAN INTERVIEW



# EDITORIAL

**“ I AM RAGHURAM RAJAN I DO WHAT I DO “**

**RAGHURAM  
RAJAN**

**Dear Aspirants,**

This month saw the issuance of the 1st Bi-monthly Monetary Policy review that was “Intriguing” as well as “path-breaking” in its own little way.

Monetary Policy as we all know is the method of balancing the monetary supply and stability of an economy done by the Central Bank of a Country (Reserve Bank of India ).

**History of the Monetary Policy in India**

Monetary policy is the process by which the monetary authority of a country, generally the central bank controls the supply of money in the economy, by exercising its control over interest rates and other instruments, in order to maintain price stability and achieve high economic growth.

In India, the central monetary authority is the RBI, who maintains price stability in the economy. The RBI or the central bank of India was established in 1935. The RBI formulates and implements the government’s monetary policy, issues bank notes and coins, manages the country’s international payments and its foreign-exchange market, acts as an investment bank for the central and state governments, and maintains the accounts of, and extends credit to, commercial banks.

A central board of directors headed by a governor oversees the bank. In addition, four local boards, headquartered in Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, and New Delhi, advise the central board on regional issues and represent the interests of regional banks. All members of the central and local boards are appointed by the government for terms of four years.

The first Governor of the central bank was Sir Osborne Smith, appointed by the British. He was succeeded by another British and Indian Civil Services officer, Sir James Braid Taylor in 1937, after which C D Deshmukh took over.

Much like this Review, Every Aspirant shall keep a close look on his/her nature/behaviour and goals thereby adjusting, managing and excelling in his/her life.

**We wish you the Best of Luck and Keep up the Hard Work.**

***“YOUR SUCCESS IS OUR SUCCESS”***

**With Best Wishes**

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### PERSONAL DETAILS

**Name** : Laxmi  
**Father's Name** : Mr. Radhey Lal  
**Mother's Name** : Mrs. Kamla Devi  
**Education** : B.Tech in Computer Science  
**Hobbies** : Technical Book Reading  
**Final Selection** : SBI SO IT  
**Roll No. of Qualified Exam** : 2602090073  
**Roll No. of Mahendra Institute** : MAP1050812798



**MICA** : Mahendras family expresses its heartiest congratulations on your success as SO-IT in SBI.

**MICA** : To whom do you want to give the credit of your selection?

**Laxmi** : I would express my thanks to God, my family members and a Mahendras faculty members.

**MICA** : After how many attempts did you succeed in examination?

**Laxmi** : More than 2 attempts with respect to SBI.

**MICA** : Did you take help of any institute and if yes, what is the role of that institute in your selection?

**Laxmi** : Yes I joined Mahendra Institute. An institute with highly qualified and experience faculty members guide us towards perfection. This helps us to channelize our efforts efficiently in the right direction.

**MICA** : How did you prepare for the written examination?

**Laxmi** : I had devoted myself to the guidance of Mahendra Faculty Members, Study Material, Mahendra Guru Website, Smart Class, Speed Test and Problem Solving Sessions. The best part is it was present both in offline and online mode.

#### Quantitative Aptitude:

Mahendras study material

#### Reasoning Ability:

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#### English:

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#### General Awareness:

Mahendras study material

#### Computer & Marketing

B.Tech books like DBMS, Networking, (Frozen). Java (Black Book) also Mahendra study material

**MICA** : How do you take "Master in Current Affairs Magazine", and "Mahendra Guru" Website?

**Laxmi** : MICA and Mahendra guru website are specially for banking aspirants and highly student oriented site.

**MICA** : What is the best thing about your coaching institute, according to you?

**Laxmi** : The best thing about my institute is that it is highly student oriented and visionary. Its SPEED TEST is marvellous and so is its DIGI PAGES, VIDEO DIGI PAGES AND ONLINE DISCUSSIONS.

**MICA** : What is the role of "Time Management" in one's success?

**Laxmi** : Without Time Management, One's can never be succeed, so make it in habit.

**MICA** : How did you prepare for the Interview?

**Laxmi** : I attended MAHENDRAS PD & INTERVIEW CLASSES were I was trained by highly experience board members having expertise in banking sector.

**MICA** : Tell us about the Interview Board and the questions asked?

**Laxmi** : Through internet of course, I nearly cried.... I have done it... i have proved my worth....

#### The questions asked were:

- (I) Object cloning ?
- (II) Java virtual environment ?
- (III) Operations, loops? Why Java does not follow operator overloaded
- (IV) Garbage collection ?
- (V) Protocols, what is the difference between hacking and cracking?

**MICA** : By whom did you get information of your selection and what was your reaction?

**Laxmi** : From mahendraguru.com, I was extreamly exited and eager to know my result.

**MICA** : What message do you want to convey to other aspirants?

**Laxmi** : Always have faith in God, family, your faculty and always trust yourself.

**MICA** : Congratulations once again on your success... Your success is our success.

**Laxmi** : Thank You Mahendra for guiding me to Success.

- ✎ Headquarters of Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) located at \_\_\_\_\_  
**New Delhi**
- ✎ "National Institute of Bank Management" (NIBM) located at \_\_\_\_\_  
**Pune (Maharashtra)**
- ✎ Which organisation maintains the "Rural Infrastructure Development Fund" (RIDF)?  
**National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD)**
- ✎ Who formulates the "Fiscal Policy" in India?  
**Ministry of Finance**
- ✎ SDR is also known as the Paper Gold. "SDR" stands for \_\_\_\_\_  
**Special Drawing Rights**
- ✎ The Indian Rupee ₹ Symbol officially adopted in which year?  
**2010**
- ✎ A Bank included in 2nd Schedule of \_\_\_\_\_ is called as Scheduled Commercial Bank (SCB).  
**Reserve Bank of India Act 1934**
- ✎ Under the provision of which Act, KYC [Know Your Customer] Guidelines have been issued by RBI?  
**Banking Regulation Act 1949 & rule 7 of prevention of Money Laundering Rules 2005**
- ✎ The maturity period of commercial paper ranges between minimum of \_\_\_\_\_ days & maximum of \_\_\_\_\_ year(s) from the date of issue.  
**Minimum 7 days & Maximum upto 1 year**
- ✎ "GAAR" (General Anti Avoidance Rules) provisions to come into effect from \_\_\_\_\_  
**April 1st, 2017**
- ✎ "Dow Jones" is a stock market index of which country?  
**US**
- ✎ Who publish "World Economic Outlook" report biannually?  
**International Monetary Fund (IMF)**
- ✎ The book "Fault Lines: How hidden fractures still threaten the World economy" authored by \_\_\_\_\_  
**Dr. Raghuram Govind Rajan (23rd Governor of RBI)**
- ✎ What is the name of Stock Market Index of "Tokyo Stock Exchange" (Japan)?  
**Nikkei 225**
- ✎ Another major index for Tokyo Stock Exchange is the "Topix".
- ✎ What is the difference (in basis points) between Reverse Repo Rate & Marginal Standing Facility Rate as per latest RBI Monetary Policy?  
**100 basis points / 1% (as of 5th April, 2016)**
- ✎ Account maintained by Foreign Bank with Indian Bank in India is called as \_\_\_\_\_  
**Vostro Account**
- ✎ "Super Senior Citizens" (age 80years above) are exempted from Income Tax up to the limit of \_\_\_\_\_ ? ₹ 5 lakh
- ✎ What is the full form of "MICR"?  
**Magnetic Ink Character Recognition**
- ✎ What is the "Bank Rate" at present?  
**7.00% (as of 5th April 2016)**
- ✎ IFSC code needed in \_\_\_\_\_ transactions.  
**NEFT & RTGS**
- ✎ Headquarters of "Indian Bank" situated in \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chennai (Tamil Nadu)**
- ✎ "EPS" stands for \_\_\_\_\_  
**Earnings per Share**
- ✎ "Together We Can" is the tagline of which public sector bank?  
**Canara Bank (Bangalore)**
- ✎ What is the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) limit in "Multi Brand Retail"?  
**51%**
- ✎ Pre-Shipment & Post-Shipment finance related with \_\_\_\_\_  
**Export Finance / Trade Finance**
- ✎ Who is the President of New Development Bank (NDB)?  
**Shri. K V Kamath (5 years) He served as Chairman of Infosys & ICICI Bank**
- ✎ New Development Bank was established with the Authorised Capital of \_\_\_\_\_  
**\$ 100 Billion & Subscribed Capital \$ 50 Billion**
- ✎ What is the fee amount required to file a complaint to Banking Ombudsman?  
**No fee required**
- ✎ Commercial Paper is a short term money market instrument issued as an unsecured promissory note. It can be issued by \_\_\_\_\_  
**Corporate Companies, Primary Dealers (PD's) & All India Financial Institutions**
- ✎ Commercial Papers (CP) are issued in the denominations of \_\_\_\_\_  
**5 lakh & in the multiple of 5 lakh thereafter**

- ✎ Purpose of issue Commercial Paper (CP) is \_\_\_\_\_  
**To meet short term debt obligations**
- ✎ Bank Recapitalisation related with \_\_\_\_\_ norms  
**Basel – III**
- ✎ What does acronym “CDR” stands for?  
**Corporate Debt Restructuring**
- ✎ Regulatory authority for Housing Finance Companies is \_\_\_\_\_  
**National Housing Bank**
- ✎ “YogakshemamVahamyaham” (Your welfare is our responsibility) is a tagline / slogan of \_\_\_\_\_  
**Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)**
- ✎ “Bank for International Settlements” (BIS) headquarter located at \_\_\_\_\_  
**Basel (Switzerland)**
- ✎ How many central banks got membership in Bank for International Settlements (BIS)?  
**60 Central Banks & Monetary Authorities**
- ✎ “BCBS” stands for \_\_\_\_\_  
**Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS)**
- ✎ Basel – II norms introduced in 2004. These norms were based on how many pillars?  
**Three**
- ✎ What are the three pillars of Basel – II norms?
  1. Minimum Capital Requirements
  2. Supervisory Review
  3. Market Discipline
- ✎ Basel – I norms were introduced in which year?  
**1988**
- ✎ What is the Tagline /Slogan of “HDFC Bank”?  
**We Understand Your World**
- ✎ “CAC 40” is a stock market index of which country?  
**France**
- ✎ “Human Development Report” (HDR) is published by \_\_\_\_\_  
**United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**
- ✎ Who publishes “Ease of Doing Business Report” annually?  
**World Bank Group**
- ✎ The “Global Competitiveness Report” (GCR) is a yearly report published by \_\_\_\_\_  
**World Economic Forum**
- ✎ Indian Financial System Code (IFSC) consists of how many digits?  
**11 digit alpha numeric code Th e first four digits identifying the bank, fifth is numeric (kept 0 it is known as central code) and the last six digits represent the bank branch.**
- ✎ MTSS is a quick and easy way of transferring personal remittances from abroad to beneficiaries in India. “MTSS” stands for \_\_\_\_\_  
**Money Transfer Service Scheme (MTSS)**
- ✎ As per RBI guidelines, what is the minimum capital required for setting up a Private Sector Bank in India?  
**500 crore**
- ✎ Headquarters of “MUDRA Bank” located at \_\_\_\_\_  
**New Delhi**

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- ✎ \_\_\_\_\_ are eligible for refinance assistance from “MUDRA Bank”?  
**Regional Rural Banks (RRB's), MFI's, Banks & NBFCs**
- ✎ Maximum amount per transaction is limited to \_\_\_\_\_ for remittances to Nepal under the Indo-Nepal Remittance Facility Scheme?  
**₹50,000**
- ✎ “SBI Life Insurance” is a Joint Venture between SBI & \_\_\_\_\_  
**BNP Paribas Cardiff (France) SBI – 74% & BNP Paribas Cardiff – 26%**
- ✎ Headquarter of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) located at \_\_\_\_\_ **Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh)**
- ✎ “Red Herring Prospectus” is associated with \_\_\_\_\_  
**Initial Public Offer (IPO) Red Herring Prospectus is a document submitted by a company as a part of IPO of Securities (either Shares or Bonds).**
- ✎ The slogan for “Pradhan Mantri Jan DhanYojana” (PMJDY) is \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mera Khata Bhagya Vidhata (My bank account is creator of my good fortune)**
- ✎ Under “Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana”, Account holder will be provided Zero balance bank account with \_\_\_\_\_ .  
**RuPay Debit Card**
- ✎ Under “Pradhan Mantri Jan DhanYojana”, Account holder will get an accidental insurance cover of 1 lakh will be provided by \_\_\_\_\_ **The New India Assurance Co. Ltd.**
- ✎ Claim of Accidental Policy will be settled only if the RuPay debit card is active.  
**I.e. the card has been swiped within 90 days of making a claim.**
- ✎ What are the maximum & minimum limits of Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)?  
**Maximum – 40% & Minimum – No limit**
- ✎ “Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank” (AIIB) headquarters located at \_\_\_\_\_  
**Beijing (China)**
- ✎ Secretary General of “Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank” (AIIB) is \_\_\_\_\_  
**Jin Liqun (China)**
- ✎ The Authorised Capital Stock of the “Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank” (AIIB) is \_\_\_\_\_  
**\$ 100 Billion & paid up capital \$ 10 Billion**
- ✎ In 2010, “Bank of Rajasthan” got merged with \_\_\_\_\_  
**ICICI Bank**
- ✎ Equity of “Regional Rural Bank's” contributed by Central Government, Sponsor Bank & State Government respectively \_\_\_\_\_  
**50:35:15 Central Government- 50% Sponsor Bank - 35% State Government- 15%**
- ✎ Reserve Bank of India established on 1st April 1935, under the recommendations of which committee?  
**Hilton-Young Commission Also known as Royal Commission on Indian Currency & Finance**
- ✎ RBI's training centre “College of Agricultural Banking” located at \_\_\_\_\_  
**Pune (Maharashtra)**
- ✎ RBI's Institute for Development & Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT) located at \_\_\_\_\_  
**Hyderabad (Telangana)**
- ✎ What is the minimum & maximum limit for investment in Inflation Indexed National Savings Securities –Cumulative (IINSS-C)?  
**Minimum: 5,000 Maximum: 10 lakh per annum**
- ✎ Book “Saving Capitalism from the Capitalists” authored by \_\_\_\_\_  
**Dr.RaghuramRajan (23rd Governor of RBI)**
- ✎ “The Union Ministry of Finance” comprises how many departments? **Five (5)**
  - 1. Department of Economic Affairs**
  - 2. Department of Expenditure**
  - 3. Department of Revenue**
  - 4. Department of Financial Services**
  - 5. Department of Disinvestments**
- ✎ What does BSBDA means?  
**BSBDA stands for Basic Savings Bank Deposit Account**
- ✎ In Banking, Interest and or instalment of principal remain overdue for a period of more than \_\_\_\_\_ days called as Non-Performing Asset (NPA)  
**90 days (3 months)**
- ✎ Banks are required to classify Non – Performing Assets (NPA) into how many categories?  
**Three (3)**  
**Substandard Assets**  
**Doubtful Assets**  
**Loss Assets**

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- ✎ What is the full form of “KYC”?  
**Know Your Customer**
- ✎ Who introduced KYC guidelines for all banks in 2002?  
**Reserve Bank of India**
- ✎ What is the name of small deposit account for girl child, as a part of “Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao” campaign?  
**Sukanya Samriddhi Account**
- ✎ What is the objective of “Sukanya Samriddhi Account”?  
**To promote the welfare of girl child**
- ✎ “Sukanya Samriddhi Account” can be opened with a minimum deposit of ₹ \_\_\_\_\_  
**1000**
- ✎ What is the minimum & maximum amount can be deposited in a Financial Year (FY) in “Sukanya Samriddhi Account”?  
**Minimum: 1000**  
**Maximum: 1, 50,000**
- ✎ What is the tagline / slogan of “Allahabad Bank”?  
**A tradition of trust Allahabad Bank was established in 1865 & its headquarters located at Kolkata (West Bengal).**
- ✎ What is the tagline / slogan of “Syndicate Bank”?  
**Faithful & Friendly Syndicate Bank was established in 1925. Its headquarter located at Manipal (Karnataka)**
- ✎ “Bharatiya Mahila Bank’s” (BMB) headquarters located at \_\_\_\_\_  
**New Delhi**
- ✎ BMB was founded in 2013.  
**Tagline/Slogan is Empowering Women, Empowering India**
- ✎ Which UN organisation publishes “World Investment Report”?  
United Nations Conference on Trade & Development (UNCTAD) Its Headquarters located at Geneva, Switzerland
- ✎ Interest on “Savings Bank Account” is calculated on \_\_\_\_\_  
**Daily product basis**
- ✎ Expand the acronym “CIBIL” \_\_\_\_\_  
**Credit Information Bureau (India) Limited**  
**Headquarter: Mumbai (Maharashtra)**
- ✎ “HDFC Life” is a Joint Venture between HDFC & \_\_\_\_\_  
**Standard Life Plc. (United Kingdom)**
- ✎ “MAX Life Insurance” is a Joint Venture between India’s Max India & \_\_\_\_\_  
**Japan’s Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance Co. Limited**
- ✎ “APY” is applicable to all citizens of India aged between \_\_\_\_\_ years.  
**18 to 40 years**
- ✎ “Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana” (PMJJBY) is what kind of Life Insurance product?  
**Term Insurance Product**
- ✎ Who is eligible to subscribe “PMJJBY”?  
**People in the age group of 18 – 50 years can subscribe PMJJBY & all bank account holders.**
- ✎ What is the benefit under “PMJJBY”?  
**2 lakh is payable on a subscriber’s death due to any reason.**
- ✎ “PMSBY” subscriber will get the accidental insurance cover up to the age of \_\_\_\_\_.  
**70 years**
- ✎ What does “SWIFT” stands for \_\_\_\_\_  
**Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication**
- ✎ Kisan Vikas Patra’s are available in the denominations of \_\_\_\_\_  
**₹1000, ₹ 5000, ₹ 10000, ₹ 50000**
- ✎ Who headed the External Advisory Committee (EAC) to evaluate applications received for Small Banks?  
**Usha Thorat (former deputy governor of RBI)**
- ✎ Who headed the External Advisory Committee (EAC) to evaluate applications received for “Payment Banks”?  
**Dr. Nachiket MOR**
- ✎ What is the upper limit on withdrawals at Micro Automated Teller Machine (Micro ATM) at ₹ \_\_\_\_\_  
**₹ 10,000**
- ✎ If a loan is repaid by the borrower (customer), the banks are required to return the security maximum within a period of \_\_\_\_\_  
**7 days**
- ✎ Banking Codes and Standards Board of India (BCSBI) was set up on the recommendations of \_\_\_\_\_  
**Tara pore Committee BCSBI is an independent banking industry watchdog that protects consumers of banking services in India. It was established in 2006.**
- ✎ PAN (Permanent Account Number) is required to furnished, as per RBI’s KYC guidelines if the amount of transaction in cash is \_\_\_\_\_  
**₹ 50,000 or above**

**ABBREVIATIONS**

<b>CND</b>	Commission on Narcotic Drug
<b>NFC</b>	Near Field Communication
<b>RMBA</b>	Royal Monetary Authority of Bhutan
<b>NBHC</b>	National Bulk Handling Corporation Private Limited
<b>AIBC</b>	Australia India Business Council
<b>UPI</b>	Unified Payments Interface

**IMPORTANT DAYS AND DATES**

<b>April 02</b>	World Autism Awareness Day
<b>April 05</b>	Indian National Maritime Day
<b>April 07</b>	World Health Day
<b>April 17</b>	World Haemophilia Day
<b>April 22</b>	World Earth Day
<b>April 23</b>	World Book & Copyright Day
<b>April 25</b>	World Malaria Day
<b>April 26</b>	World Intellectual Property Day

**ECONOMIC GLOSSARY**
**External Debt**

It refers to money borrowed from a source outside the country.

**Trade Credits/Export Credits**

Trade credits/Export credits refer to loans and credits extended for imports directly by overseas supplier, bank and financial institution to sovereign and non-sovereign entities.

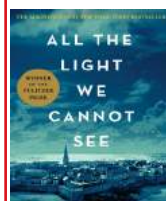
Depending on the source of finance, such credits can be either suppliers' credit or buyers' credit.

**Concessional Debt**

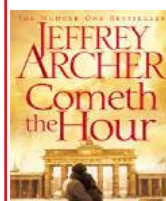
Generally, a loan is defined as 'concessional' when it carries a grant element of 25 per cent or more.

In India, loans from multilateral (the International Development Association (IDA), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

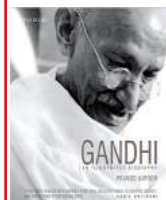
Bilateral sources (including rupee debt that is serviced through exports) is categorized as 'concessional', based long maturity and less-than-market rates of interest charged on them.

**BOOKS AND AUTHORS**
**All the light we cannot see**


Anthony Doerr


**Cometh the hour**


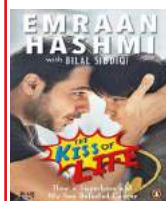
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Ashwin Sanghi


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Imran Hashmi &  
Bilal Siddique


**The Raven King**


Maggie Stiefvater



### APPOINTMENTS

#### Dhananjay Mungale

**M**ahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Ltd (Mahindra Finance) announced the appointment of Dhananjay Mungale, Independent Director, as the Chairman and Ramesh Iyer, Managing Director, as the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of the company, designated as Vice-Chairman & Managing Director, with immediate effect.



Dhananjay Mungale has been a member of the board of Mahindra Finance since March 1, 1999, and was also Chairman of the Audit Committee of the board from October 27, 2008, till date.

Mungale is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and has a Bachelor's Degree in Commerce and Law from Mumbai University.

Ramesh Iyer has been associated with the company since 1995 and was promoted to the position of Chief Executive Officer in May 1999. Iyer was then elevated as Managing Director with effect from April 30, 2001.

Iyer is a Member of the Banking & Finance Committee of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Core Committee of the Finance Industry Development Council (FIDC) and the Task Force of NBFCs of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).

#### Rumjhum Chatterjee

**R**umjhum Chatterjee has become the first woman chairperson of the Confederation of Indian Industry Northern Regional Council for the year 2016-17. Rumjhum Chatterjee is one of the co-founders of Feedback Infra Group and serves as the Group Managing Director-Human Capital Development (HCD) and is also the Chairperson of the Feedback Foundation Trust. CII Northern Region comprises eight states of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and the Union Territory of Chandigarh. A postgraduate in Psychology from Calcutta University, Rumjhum is a leading practitioner of the management of human capital in the infrastructure sector.



Women founders and startup leads in India face many challenges vis a vis venture capitalists and investors during funding. Equal access to funding bank loans,

venture capital, or private equity, can help put women entrepreneurs on an equal footing.

#### Ritu Beri

**F**ashion designer Ritu Beri was appointed advisor to the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) for promotion of khadi in India and across the world.



The commission appointed Beri as an advisor for a period of one year during which she will advise on ways to promote khadi.

#### About Khadi and Village Industries Commission

- ✎ The Khadi and Village Industries Commission is a statutory body formed by the Government of India, under the Khadi and Village Industries Commission Act of 1956.
- ✎ It is an apex organisation under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.
- ✎ It is charged with the planning, promotion, organisation and implementation of programmes for the development of khadi and other village industries in the rural areas in coordination with other agencies engaged in rural development wherever necessary.
- ✎ In April 1957, it took over the work of former All India Khadi and Village Industries Board.
- ✎ The First Director of KVIC was Sardar KA Venkataramaiah, a veteran freedom fighter from Karnataka.

#### Ali Mohamed Shein

**T**he electoral authority of Tanzania's semi-autonomous archipelago of Zanzibar, the ZEC, announced incumbent President Ali Mohamed Shein had won his re-election bid, after polls boycotted by the main opposition party.



- ✎ International observers, including the European Union and other international bodies, made clear their stand by condemning not only the election re-run, but also the nullification of the October election results.
- ✎ Since the multiparty system was re-introduced in the country in 1992, with the first multiparty general election in 1995, there has been no easy election for Zanzibar's ruling CCM.
- ✎ In some four consecutive presidential elections, Hamad claimed to be the winner, but was unrecognized as such by electoral authorities.



In 2010, the election in Zanzibar went smoothly following constitutional amendments which led to a government of national unity between the ruling CCM and the main opposition CUF, with Hamad appointed first vice president to Shain. Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and former Chief Justice of India HL Dattu was appointed as a member of the International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions (ICC) Bureau in Geneva.

No other NHRI from the Asia-Pacific region nominated a candidate against him to fill the position of a member vacated by the representative of NHRI of South Korea.

The NHRC said in a statement that Dattu's presence in the ICC Bureau will be aimed at strengthening the ICC and also enhancing the role of NHRIs in the UN mechanisms. It added that he will work towards the creation of new NHRIs in the countries that were yet to set up such bodies.

### Nandita Bakhshi

Indian-American Nandita Bakhshi was appointed as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Bank of the West, a unit of French banking giant BNP Paribas.



She will take over the roles of President and CEO-designate effective from 1 April 2016 and will assume the role on 1 June 2016.

Bakhshi succeeded Michael Shepherd who will take on the role of Chairman of BNP Paribas USA, the new holding company for all BNP Paribas subsidiaries in the US. Nandita Bakhshi earned a bachelor's degree in History at the University of Calcutta and masters in International Relations and Affairs at Jadavpur University. A New England News 'Woman of the Year' award recipient, Bakhshi also serves on the board of the Consumer Bankers Association. She previously held several leadership roles at different top Banks in US.

### About Bank of the West

Bank of the West is a regional financial services company chartered in California and headquartered in San Francisco with 75.7 billion dollar in assets as of 31 December 2015. Founded in 1874, Bank of the West provides a wide range of personal, commercial, wealth management and international banking services through more than 600 offices in 22 states and digital channels. Bank of the West is a subsidiary of BNP Paribas, which has a presence in 75 countries with 185000 employees.

### Surya Deva

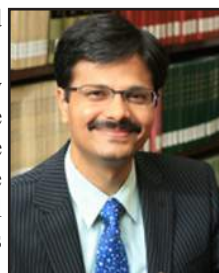
An India-born academician has been named by the UN Human Rights Council as an adviser to one of its working group on the issue of human rights

and transnational corporations and other business enterprises.

Surya Deva has been appointed by the Geneva-based UNHRC as the Asia-Pacific representative of the UN Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises.

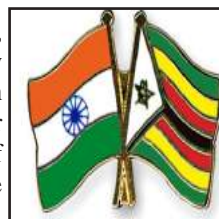
Mr. Deva is an associate professor at the School of Law of City University of Hong Kong and his research interests lie in Business and Human Rights, Corporate Social Responsibility, India-China Constitutional Law, and Sustainable Development.

He recently wrote a background paper for India's National Framework on Business and Human Rights and in 2014. He was elected a Member of the Executive Committee of the International Association of Constitutional Law.



### R. Masakui

Shri R. Masakui (IFS: 2001), presently Director in Ministry of External Affairs, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Zimbabwe. He is expected to take up his assignment shortly.



### K Nandini Singla

Senior IFS officer K Nandini Singla has been appointed India's next Ambassador to Portugal. Singla, a 1997-batch IFS officer, is currently posted as Joint Secretary (Europe Desk) in the Ministry of External Affairs here.

She is expected to take up her assignment shortly," the External Affairs Ministry said. Singla will succeed Jitendra Nath Misra.



### Shri Rajiv Gauba

Shri Rajiv Gauba, IAS (Jharkhand cadre-1982 batch) took over as Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Urban Development. He was Chief Secretary, Jharkhand for 15 months before joining the central government

Shri Gauba also served in the International Monetary Fund representing the Country for four years on the Board of IMF. Shri Gauba joined the Ministry of Urban Development on superannuation of Shri Madhusudhan Prasad on March 31, 2016.



### AWARDS/HONOURS

#### Chameli Devi Jain Award

**P**riyanka Kakodkar and Raksha Kumar were named as joint winners of the 2015-16 Chameli Devi Jain Award. They were awarded for their work that clubs social concern and compassion with pioneering reportage and analytical skills.



Kakodkar's reports, which targeted on the acute farming crisis in Maharashtra, were published on the front page of The Times of India in the year 2015. More than 50 of her reports were published in a year by the paper.

Independent journalist Raksha Kumar won the honour as her reports focused on the perilous features of the Union Government's proposal to amend the Land Acquisition Act, the Forest Rights Act and the Coal Act. The award will be presented by former Environment Minister Jairam Ramesh on 17 March 2016 at the India International Centre, Delhi.

#### About Chameli Devi Jain Award

- ✎ The annual Chameli Devi Award of The Media Foundation is the premier award for women media persons in India.
- ✎ It was first awarded in 1982.

#### Asians in America Award

**A**n Indian-American software executive, investor and philanthropist have been felicitated in the US with the inaugural Asians in America Award in recognition of his efforts to strengthen Indo-US ties. Silicon Valley-based Madhavan Rangaswami and a Chinese-origin Philanthropist, shipping magnate Dr James S C Chao were honoured by the US China Education Trust yesterday for their efforts to strengthen ties between US-China-India trilateral relationship.



Founder of Indiaspora, Rangaswami had organised the first Indian-American presidential ball in January 2013 before the second swearing of the US President Barack Obama.

He and his team have started preparation for the second Indian-American ball for the next president which is set for January 18, 2017, said community leader and

philanthropist Frank Islam in his introductory remarks. In 1997, Rangaswami co-founded the Sand Hill Group based in Silicon Valley. Sand Hill was one of the earliest software "angel investing" firms.

Because of his success there, Forbes has recognised him on its "Midas" list of investors. In 2007, he established a new venture called Corporate Eco-Forum a by-invitation only membership organisation for Global 500 companies that demonstrate a serious commitment to the environment as a business strategy.

Today, the Forum has 70 members.

#### French award

**T**ikka Shatrugit Singh, the royal scion of Kapurthala's Ahluwalia dynasty, has been conferred with the prestigious Knight of the Legion of Honour for his "extraordinary work in the exchanging the French lifestyle and Indian culture with each other."



French ambassador to India Francois Richier bestowed the honour on the 54-year-old Singh in a ceremony. The business journey with Tikka started with Louis Vuitton and he has been an incredible man of culture working tirelessly for promoting the French culture in India. Singh, known as the "guru of luxury," is the Advisor to the Chairman of multinational group Moët Hennessy-Louis Vuitton (LVMH).

The great-grandson and heir of Maharaja Jagatjit Singh of Kapurthala who was a celebrated Francophile, Singh got his understanding of French culture in legacy. A banker for almost 10 years after completing his education from Doon School and Delhi University, Singh joined LVMH as the Chief Representative in Asia in 1995. The Legion d'Honneur, created in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte, is the highest civilian award given by the French Republic for outstanding service to France, regardless of the nationality of the recipients.

#### TOIFA 2016

**T**he epic historical love story "Bajirao Mastani" has bagged as many as five awards at the the second edition of the Times Of India Film Awards (TOIFA) cornering the Best Director, Best Actor, Best Actor in a supporting role (female) and Best Playback singer (female) trophies. At a grand event, Filmmaker Sanjay Leela Bhansali



carried home the Best Director award while Ranveer Singh and Priyanka Chopra bagged the Best Actor and the Best Actor (female) trophies respectively.

### Skoch Lifetime Achievement Award

Union urban Development minister M Venkaiah Naidu conferred with the Skoch Lifetime Achievement Award at 43rd SKOCH summit held in New Delhi. He was selected for the award for his contributions to inclusive growth and towards poverty alleviation in India. Besides, IT minister of Telangana State KT Rama Rao was awarded the Skoch Award in the Startup India category for his initiative in establishing the path breaking tech incubator T-Hub.



### Skoch Challenger Awards

1. These awards were instituted in 2003 as the highest independently instituted civilian honours.
2. These were have been conferred on some of the best brains from across the country for their efforts in the area of digital, financial and social inclusion.

### CVKunhiraman literary prize

Noted Malayalam writer M Sukumaran has been chosen for the CV Kunhiraman literary prize. The prize consists of 10,001 in cash, a citation, and a statuette designed by artist BD Dathan.



### GALLANTRY AWARDS

The President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee presented Gallantry Awards and Distinguished Service Decorations at a Defence Investiture Ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Among the dignitaries present on the occasion were the Vice-President of India, Prime Minister of India and Union Minister for Defence.



### 5th National Photography Awards

The Union Minister for Finance, Corporate Affairs and Information & Broadcasting Arun Jaitley presented 5th National Photography Awards in New Delhi. The annual awards are meant to honour and recognize those creative professionals who defined moments in history

through their creative pictorial mastery. In addition to the Life Time Achievement Award, a total of 12 awards were presented on this occasion to various amateur and professional photographers. While awards in the amateur category were given for works on the theme – 'Save Mother Earth', the theme for professional photographers was 'festivals of India'.



### Recipients of major awards

- ✎ Bhawan Singh - Life Time Achievement Award
- ✎ Javed Ahmed Dar - Professional Photographer Award
- ✎ Himanshu Thakur - Amateur Photographer

### About the National Photography Awards

- ✎ They constitute a total of 13 awards in 3 categories.
- ✎ They are presented annually by the Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in 3 categories.
- ✎ The Awards conferred are an attempt to capture the growth of professionalism and creativity within the growing dimensions of photojournalism.
- ✎ The awards carry a cash prize and medals or Plaques and citations. The cash prize for Life Time Achievement Award is 150000 rupees. The cash prize for the Best Photographer of the year in Professional and Amateur category is 175000 rupees.
- ✎ The Special Mention Award carries a cash prize of 15 thousand rupees for each in professional category and 10 thousand rupees for each in Amateur category.

### Hockey India Annual Awards

P.R. Sreejesh and Deepika walked away with the Player of the Year honours at the second Hockey India Annual Awards ceremony for 2015.

Sreejesh had a memorable time under the bar last year, notably playing a starring role in India's shoot-out victory over Holland in the bronze-medal match at the HWL Final.

Sreejesh, a firm favourite with supporters as much for his enthusiasm as his heroics in goal, also picked up the Fan's Choice Award. The 27-year-old even danced on stage, showing admirable grace and vigour, to thunderous





applause from the gathering. The veteran Deepika was recognised for her work in defence as the Indian women's team qualified for the Olympic Games after a gap of 36 years. Both Sreejesh and she were given a cash prize of Rs. 25 lakh. The Late Capt.

Shankar Laxman was posthumously chosen for the Lifetime Achievement Award, which carried a purse of Rs. 30 lakh and was accepted by his son, Manohar Singh Shekhawat. Capt. Laxman, a goalkeeper, was part of the Olympic medal-winning teams of 1956 (Melbourne, gold), 1960 (Rome, silver), and 1964 (Tokyo, gold).

### Padma awards

President Pranab Mukherjee honoured 56 eminent personalities with Padma awards at the Civil Investiture Ceremony to be held at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The President presented five Padma Vibhushan, eight Padma Bhushan and 43 Padma Shri awards at the function.



### Here is the list of recipients:

#### Padma Vibhushan

- ✎ Founder of Reliance Industries late Dhirubhai Hirachand Ambani (posthumous)
- ✎ Former Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Jagmohan
- ✎ Art of Living founder Sri Sri Ravi Shankar
- ✎ Indian-American economist Avinash Kamalakar Dixit
- ✎ Renowned dancer Yamini Krishnamurti

#### Padma Bhushan

- ✎ Actor Anupam Pushkarnath Kher
- ✎ Badminton star Saina Nehwal
- ✎ Former CAG Vinod Rai
- ✎ Pallonji Shapoorji Mistry
- ✎ Hafeez Sorab Contractor
- ✎ Dr Barjinder Singh Hamdard
- ✎ Alla Venkata Rama Rao
- ✎ Duvvur Nageshwar Reddy

#### Padma Shri

#### The awardees who will receive the honour include:

- ✎ Actor Ajay Devgn
- ✎ Filmmaker Madhur R Bhandarkar
- ✎ Scientist Dr Mylswamy Annadurai

- ✎ Athlete Deepika Kumari
- ✎ Celebrated chef Mohammed Imtiaz Qureshi
- ✎ Classical musician Pandit Tulsidas Borkar
- ✎ Social worker Ajoy Kumar Dutta
- ✎ Folk tale artist Bhikhudan Govindbhai Gadhvi
- ✎ Dr Alla Gopala Krishna Gokhale
- ✎ Film director Naresh Chander Lal
- ✎ Ashok Malik
- ✎ Mahesh Chand Mehta
- ✎ Social worker Dr Sundar Aditya Menon
- ✎ Haldar Nag
- ✎ Social worker PP Gopinathan Nair
- ✎ Dr TV Narayana
- ✎ Professor Predrag K Nikic
- ✎ Subhash Palekar

The government had announced Padma awards for 112 eminent persons on the eve of Republic Day.

The rest of the awardees, including superstar Rajinikanth, actor Priyanka Chopra and tennis star Sania Mirza, will be given the honour at a separate function to be held next month.

### 63rd National Film Awards

Baahubali has won the Best Film award at 63rd National Film Award. Bollywood superstar Amitabh Bachchan won the Best Actor award for his role in 'Piku' while Kangana Ranaut won Best Actress for her role in 'Tanu Weds Manu Returns.'



Director Sanjay Leela Bhansali won the best director award for Bajirao Mastani, while S.S. Rajamouli's magnum opus Baahubali bagged the best picture award.

### Here are the other winners:

#### Best Tamil Film goes to Visaranai

- ✎ Best Sanskrit Film goes to Priyamanasam
- ✎ Best Hindi Film goes to Dum Laga Ke Haisha
- ✎ Best Background score goes to Ilayarajaa for Thara Thappattai
- ✎ Special Jury Award goes to Kalki Koechlin for playing a girl with cerebral palsy in 'Margarita With A Straw'

- Best Song: "Kaathirunnu" by Jayachandran in Ennu Ninte Moideen
- Best Choreography Award goes to Remo D'Souza for Bajirao Mastani
- Special Mention for Ritika Singh for her role in Irudhi Suttru
- Best popular film goes to Bajrangi Bhaijaan starring Salman Khan
- Indira Gandhi Award for Best Debut Director goes to Neeraj Ghaywan for Masaan
- Best Film on Social Issues is Nirnayakam

### Maharashtrian Of The Year

Bollywood star Ranveer Singh, who brought alive the role of Maratha warrior Peshwa Bajirao II on the silver screen through Sanjay Leela Bhansali's "Bajirao Mastani", will be feted with the 'Maharashtrian Of The Year' It will be bestowed on the talented actor by Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis at a ceremony here later in the day.



The 'Lokmat Maharashtrian of The Year' award recognises and honours the individuals that have risen above the rest, who have positively impacted the state and have put Brand Maharashtra on the Indian and global radar.

### Commonwealth 2016 Short Story Prize

Four authors and a translator from India are in the running for the 2016 Commonwealth Short Story Prize, which has shortlisted 26 "fresh and unexpected" stories by writers from 11 countries. Currently in its 5th year, the Commonwealth Short Story Prize is awarded for the best piece of unpublished short fiction (2,000-5,000 words) in English. Short stories that are translated into English from other languages are eligible too. The stories by the 4 shortlisted Indian writers include 'Cow and Company' by Parashar Kulkarni, 'Dirty White Strings' by Kritika Pandey, 'Girdhar's Mansion' by Sumit Ray and 'Instant Karma' by Vinayak Varma. Additionally, noted Indian translator Arunava Sinha is also shortlisted for his translation of Bangladeshi writer Sumon Rahman's short story 'Niroporadh Ghum' (Innocent Sleep).



**There were nearly 4000 entries from 47 countries for the 2016 prize.**

Each year, five winning writers from five different Commonwealth regions are selected. Regional winners who will be announced on May 4 will receive 2,500 pounds and the overall winner, to be announced in September will receive a Prize money of 5,000 pounds. The global judging panel, representing each of the five regions of the Commonwealth comprises Helon Habila (Africa), Firdous Azim (Asia), Pierre Mejlak (Canada and Europe), Olive Senior (Caribbean) and Patrick Holland (Pacific).



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### OBITUARY

#### Frank Sinatra Junior

American singer, Frank Sinatra Jr, who carried on his father's legacy with his own career in music, has died at the age of 72. He suffered a heart attack in Daytona Beach in Florida where he was due to give a concert. He followed his father in the music business as a teenager, and later became his father's musical director and conductor.



#### Meir Dagan

Former Director of Israel's intelligence agency Mossad Meir Dagan passed away due to liver cancer. He was 71. Dagan had served as Director General of the Mossad from 2002 until his retirement in 2011. He was widely credited for covertly disrupting Iran's nuclear program.



#### Anker Joergensen

Former Prime Minister of Denmark Anker Joergensen passed away. He was 93. Joergensen served as the Prime Minister of the country from 1972 to 1973 and again from 1975 to 1982. In 1950, Joergensen became a member of a trade union. He led the Danish Workers Union, between 1968 and 1972. While he served as the chairman of the Danish Workers Union, he was elected to the Parliament of Denmark for the first time in 1964.



#### Garry Shandling

Comedian, actor, writer and producer Garry Shandling, known for "It's Garry Shandling's Show" and "The Larry Sanders Show," died. He was 66.

The influential comedian was known for his neurotic observational humor, particularly about romantic relationships, and his no-holds-barred skewering of showbiz in his inventive TV shows. Born in Chicago, Shandling was raised in Tucson, Ariz., and started



out majoring in electrical engineering before completing a marketing degree at the University of Arizona.

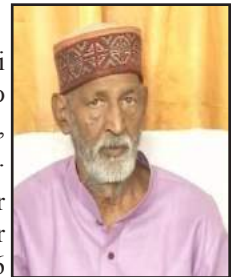
In 1986, he created his own sitcom "It's Garry Shandling's Show," also an early original series effort for Showtime. The show was noted for being one that often broke the fourth wall, with Shandling speaking directly to the audience, and he played a version of himself: a stand-up comedian aware of the fact that he is a sitcom character. Even the theme song was self-referential from the opening line: "This is the theme to Garry's show..."

Among his film and voice acting appearances were "Iron Man 2," "Captain America: The Winter Soldier," "Dr. Dolittle," "Zoolander" and "Over the Hedge." The notorious flop "Town and Country," in which he co-starred with Warren Beatty and Diane Keaton, was a big disappointment for Shandling in 2001.

#### Lal Muni Chaubey

Former BJP MP Lalmuni Chaubey died due to prolonged illness at AIIMS, family sources said at the age of 73.

Chaubey represented Buxar parliamentary constituency four times in Lok Sabha from 1996 to 2009.



He had also been an MLA from Chainpur seat of Kaimur district thrice in the Assembly. "Chaubey's death has caused an irreparable loss to Bihar and the party.

His death caused a void in state's politics which will be difficult to fill up.

He was a source of inspiration for party workers for his honesty and simple life style, stated by Bihar BJP chief Mangal Pandey said.

Chaubey, who hailed from Kaimur district, was elected for the first time from Buxar Lok Sabha constituency in 1996. He represented the seat continuously till 2009, when he lost to RJD leader Jagadanand Singh by 2,000 votes.

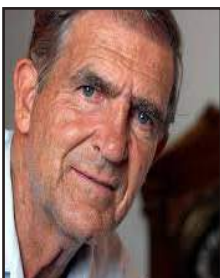
Chaubey, who was considered close to former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, had raised a banner of revolt against the party after he was denied ticket in 2014 Lok Sabha elections.

#### Cardenas

The coach of the Mexican national football team that reached the quarter-finals of the 1970 World Cup, Raul Cardenas, has died aged 87. "Guero" Cardenas, who passed away, had a successful career as a player, competing as a defender for Mexican teams Real



Club Espana, Guadalajara, Marte, Puebla and Zacatepec and winning two league titles (in 1954-55 and 1957-58) with that latter club. He also was a member of Mexico's national squads at World Cups in Switzerland, Sweden and Chile, which were played in 1954, 1958 and 1962, respectively.



Cardenas also was a successful head coach at the club level between 1968 and 1974, winning five league titles at the helm of Cruz Azul and one more as the coach of Club America.

Those five titles are second-most in league history behind 99-year-old Ignacio Trelles's seven.

His death came just hours after the sport lamented the passing of one of its greatest stars, Dutchman Johan Cruyff.

### Patty Duke

Patty Duke, the teen who won an Oscar for *The Miracle Worker* and later played "identical cousins" in her own TV sitcom, has died.



She was 69. Her cause of death was sepsis from a ruptured intestine.

She was a wife, a mother, a grandmother, a friend, a mental health advocate and a cultural icon. She will be missed." Duke really impressed herself in American pop culture in 1963

### Ronnie Corbett

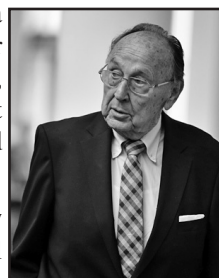
Ronnie Corbett, one of Britain's most popular entertainers, who was a regular television fixture for more than 50 years, has died aged 85.

He was best known as one half of *The Two Ronnies* with his comedy partner, Ronnie Barker



### Genscher

Germany's Cold War-era veteran foreign minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, who was the country's top diplomat when the Berlin Wall fell, has died at age 89, his office.



Genscher was among a select few politicians who left a strong personal mark on the course of postwar European history, and tributes poured in immediately.

Genscher's marathon 1974-92 tenure as foreign minister broke longevity records in Europe and spanned some of the continent's most dramatic moments. He strongly favoured dialogue over demonising the Soviet Union, an approach known in Germany as "Ostpolitik", and argued early that Mikhail Gorbachev's glasnost and perestroika (openness and restructuring) reforms presented a historic opportunity for detente. Genscher is credited with negotiating Germany's peaceful 1990 reunification and the withdrawal of Soviet forces with his US and Russian counterparts James Baker and Eduard Shevardnadze.



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### NATIONAL

Burning Topics of the Month

- ✍ 112,
- ✍ Real State Bill
- ✍ Standup India Scheme
- ✍ Gatiman Express
- ✍ Arihant



### LOK SABHA PASSED CONSTITUTION (SCHEDULED CASTES) ORDER (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2016, 2016 MARCH 16



**L**ok Sabha passed Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

The bill seeks to amend the Constitution Scheduled Castes Order 1950.

The bill was passed on proposals of five states, namely Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Kerala, Odisha and West Bengal, to modify the list of Scheduled Castes in their states.

The proposal relates to the inclusion of certain communities, modification and removal of area restriction in respect of certain communities and exclusion of certain communities in the case of State of Odisha.

### LOK SABHA CLEARS REAL ESTATE BILL PASSED BY RAJYA SABHA, 2016 MARCH 16

**L**ok Sabha approved the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Bill, 2016.

The bill seeks to create a set of rights and obligations for both the consumers and developers and encourage both of them to live up to the expectations of each other as per the agreement entered into by both of them.

### REAL ESTATE BILL



#### Requirement to deposit 70% of collections:

- ✍ The account to be maintained by the promoter is a separate bank account and not an escrow account.
- ✍ Also, the deposit of 70% is for both construction cost and land cost, and if the land cost has already been incurred the promoter can withdraw to that extent
- ✍ Requirement to be met for such withdrawals is provided in the act.
- ✍ This provision has only been provided to ensure that project funds are not diverted and projects are completed on time.

#### Ongoing Projects:

- ✍ Upon passage of this Bill existing/ongoing projects would not come to a standstill, as is being made out by some respondents from the industry.
- ✍ The Bill does not provide that the existing projects should stop all operations until complied with the provisions of the Bill.
- ✍ The Bill only provides that upon the formation of the Regulatory Authorities all promoters of existing projects, coming within the ambit of the Bill, would need to register and provide and upload all project details on the website of the Authority.
- ✍ A window of 3 months from the date of commencement of the said clause/section has been given to the promoters for registration.
- ✍ The developers need to specify the project details of such apartments so that prospective buyers will make informed choices, project status is known to all and to ensure that the projects are completed on time.

#### Imprisonment Provision:

- ✍ Regarding the provision of imprisonment for any violations of the orders of the regulatory authorities or the Appellate Tribunal, it is certainly not a first option but only the last option.
- ✍ There are many regulatory laws in the country with imprisonment provisions under which 3 to 10 years of imprisonment is provided for. Under Securities



Act, Insurance Act and Pension Fund Act, 10 years of imprisonment is provided. Food security Act has 7 years provision while it is 5 years under Electricity Act and Reserve Bank of India Act.

- There can't be a consumer without a developer and vice versa. Keeping in mind the importance of developers for mobilization of land and resources for housing projects, the last option of imprisonment has been kept at 3 years.

### DR JITENDRA SINGH LAUNCHES NEW PORTAL OF COMMUNITY RADIO, 2016 MARCH 18



Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space.

Dr Jitendra Singh formally launched the new portal of community radio network during the inaugural session of one-day seminar organized by "Federation of Community Radio Stations".

While complimenting Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Dr Jitendra Singh said the regular monthly broadcast "Mann ki Baat" has not only contributed to an upsurge in radio listenership but has also compelled the television channels to broadcast "Mann ki Baat" live.

### PM NARENDRA MODI INAUGURATED WORLD SUFI FORUM IN NEW DELHI, 2016 MARCH 18

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated World Sufi Forum in New Delhi. The four-day event is being organized by All India Ulama and Mashaikh Board (AIUMB), the apex body of Sufi Dargahs in India.

#### Key facts

- More than 200 Indian and International delegates, including Sufi Shuyukh, scholars, academicians, spiritual leaders and masters of Sufism are going to participating at the event.



- The meeting is expected to debate on how Sufi teaching can prevent global terrorism.
- It will also debate on how to guide the Muslim community away from sectarian division.
- The debate on role of women in Islam will be also conducted in the international conference.
- In this conference it is expected to come out with a declaration against extremism and Wahabism.

### UNION GOVERNMENT NOTIFIED NEW PLASTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT RULES TO CURB 6000 TONNES OF PLASTIC WASTE, 2016 MARCH 18



Union Environment Ministry notified new Plastic Waste Management Rules to curb over 6000 tonnes of uncollected plastic waste generated daily by industries. Rules related to plastic waste management to give thrust on plastic waste minimization, source segregation, recycling, involving waste pickers, recyclers and waste processors in collection of plastic waste were also reviewed and revised.

### Key aspects of the new rules

- ✎ Rural areas have been included and Gram Panchayats were given responsibility and the concept of extended producer responsibility (EPR) is introduced.
- ✎ It also banned plastic carry bags thinner than 50 microns and the producers are asked to keep record of vendors to whom they supply raw material for manufacturing carry bags, plastic sheets and multilayered packaging to curb manufacturing of the products in the unorganized sector
- ✎ The rules also have the provision to fine retailers and street vendors who provide their products in plastic packaging which do not conform to the new rules.
- ✎ Individual and bulk (waste) generators like offices, commercial establishments, industries are to segregate the plastic waste at source and should handover the segregate waste and pay user fee as per bye-laws of the local bodies,
- ✎ Introduction of collect back system of plastic waste by the producers/brand owners as per extended producers' responsibility, Plastic bags will be available only with shopkeepers pre-registered with local bodies.
- ✎ The Plastic Waste Management (PWM) Rules 2016 are issued by the Union environment ministry will replace the Plastic Waste (Management and Handling) Rules 2011. Under the new EPR concept, producers are responsible for collecting waste generated from their products.

### UNION GOVERNMENT LAUNCHED PUSA KRISHI MOBILE APP TO HELP FARMERS TO TAKE THE TECHNOLOGY TO FARM FIELDS, 2016 MARCH 22



Union Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh launched a new mobile app Pusa Krishi at the valedictory session of the three-day Krishi Unnati Mela in New Delhi. It will help the farmers to take the technology to farm fields.

The Mobile app will help the farmer to find easy solutions to the problems in their farm fields and also helps to get information about weather and accordingly they take measures to save crops.

The app will provide farmers with information related to new varieties of crops developed by Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR), resource conserving cultivation practices as well as farm machinery and its implementation will help in increasing returns to farmers.

Besides, PM Narendra Modi had launched Kisan Suvidha mobile app during the inaugural function of the mela, which aims at providing information to farmers on weather, market prices, farm machinery as well as identification and management of crop pest and diseases.

### DEFENCE MINISTRY TO FAST-TRACK ARMS ACQUISITION, 2016 MARCH 22



The Ministry of Defence is looking at implementing a fast-track mechanism even during peacetime for acquiring defence equipment if a certain armament is facing depletion. This provision has been introduced in the revised Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP), 2016, to be released on March 28. Although the DPP has been given a final shape, the chapter on strategic partners is expected to take some more time.

Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar stated that the "DPP will have a fast-track mechanism which can be used during peacetime. This will be based on need and urgency of operation. The reasoning of the fast track has been clearly spelt out (in the new DPP). This will help in some urgent requirements,".

### Panel to decide

- ✎ The fast-track decision will be handled by a committee of the Defence Ministry empowered to take this decision.
- ✎ The committee can select a specific partner for particular equipment with proven results, depending on the requirement.



- ✎ The Defence Procurement Policy is expected to be officially released on March 28, and come into effect from April 2.
- ✎ On some of the ongoing projects, he said the financial layouts have to be worked out. He added that the timeline to go for strategic partners will be by 2016 end.

### NEW DEFENCE PROCUREMENT POLICY IS ABOUT TRANSPARENCY, SPEED: PARRIKAR, 2016 MARCH 28

Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar announced the new defence procurement policy (DPP) which he said embodies transparency, speed and the 'Make in India' concept.

It is a new top priority category had been introduced in the policy in order to encourage defence equipment designed, developed and manufactured in India. The final version of the policy document will be uploaded in 15 days after incorporation of "small annexures and corrections".

Parrikar said a new top priority concept called "Indian-designed developed and manufactured" (IDDM) had been included in the DPP, which he said would help indigenise the industry.

### PM NARENDRA MODI TO LAUNCH 'STAND UP INDIA' SCHEME ON APRIL 5, 2016 MARCH 29



Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Stand Up India initiative which is aimed at creating jobs and promoting entrepreneurs among SC, ST and women by extending loans at cheaper rates. The programme will be launched by Modi at a function to be held at Noida. The Cabinet, headed by Modi, had in January approved 'Stand up India' scheme for providing credit to SC, ST and women entrepreneurs at lower rates.

Under the scheme, which will be implemented through 1.25 lakh bank branches, banks will give loans at the

"least applicable rate" of interest. Also every bank branch, including private sector, will give loans between Rs 10 lakh and 1 crore to at least one SC/ST and one woman entrepreneur under the scheme.

### '112' TO BE SINGLE NUMBER FOR ALL EMERGENCIES, 2016 MARCH 29



Indian citizens in distress will soon be able to get help using a single number, '112', for all emergency services in the country, including the police, fire brigade and ambulance.

At present, such callers need to dial different numbers for different emergencies like 100 for police, 101 for fire, 102 for ambulance and 108 for emergency disaster management.

The move, recommended by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India in April 2015, was approved by the Telecom Commission.

### DELHI BUDGET: MANY ITEMS TO GET CHEAPER, 2016 MARCH 29

The Aam Aadmi Party government presented what it called a 'tax-free' budget, levying no new taxes and rationalising the Value Added Tax structure which will result in reduction in the cost of ready-made garments, shoes, watches, sweets and snacks (namkeen), and electric and hybrid vehicles.

A Rs. 46,600 crore annual budget for 2016-17, pegging the plan outlay at Rs. 20,600 crore

While VAT constitutes almost 65 per cent of the total tax revenue and collections in the current fiscal have touched Rs. 20,000 crore, this is still short of the revised target of Rs. 21,000 crore, which itself had been lowered from Rs. 24,000 crore.

Education got Rs. 10,690 crore, a rise of 8.68 per cent over last year. Of this, Rs. 4,645 crore is for plan expenditure (23 per cent), highest among all heads.

The government also earmarked Rs. 1,068 crore for women's safety, security and empowerment.



### DR. NAJMA HEPTULLA LAUNCHES INNOVATIVE ENTREPRENEURSHIP & SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME OF MANAS, 2016 MARCH 30



Dr. Najma Heptulla, the Union Minister for Minority Affairs launched innovative entrepreneurship and skill development programme of Maulana Azad National Academy for Skills (MANAS)– through leading national/ international experts in different skill sets here.

Ms. Shahnaz Hussain will impart training to aspirants at Daryaganj centre in the area of natural care and cure. Traditional Educational Institutions of Minorities like Madrasas/Makhtabs and others, have been linked to Skill Development Programme of Ministry of Minority Affairs(MOMA) through Maulana Azad National Academy for Skills. Maulana Azad National academy for Skills (MANAS) was established under the aegis of Ministry of Minority Affairs (MOMA) by National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) on 11th November, 2014, in order to fulfil the vision of “Skill India” and also achieve the over-riding goal of the Government of India “SabkaSaath – SabkaVikas”.

### SHRI J P NADDA LAUNCHES GISENABLED HMIS APPLICATION, 2016 MARCH 30

Shri J P Nadda, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare launched two major Digital initiatives to provide easy access to health services to the public: GIS-enabled HMIS application and the self-printing of e-CGHS cards.



Health Management Information System (HMIS) is a web-based monitoring system that has been put in place by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) to monitor its health programmes and provide key inputs for policy formulation and interventions. It was launched during October, 2008

### GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES ‘INCLUSIVENESS AND ACCESSIBILITY INDEX’ FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, 2016 MARCH 31



Government launches ‘Inclusiveness and Accessibility Index’ to mark the next chapter of its flagship Campaign, the ‘Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan’. The ‘Inclusiveness and Accessibility Index’ helps the industries and corporates to participate in the Accessible India Campaign (AIC) by voluntarily evaluating their readiness for making the workplace accessible for Persons with Disabilities. The Prime Minister made a call to the Corporate Sector to come forward and support the Campaign during his speech on the occasion of the launch of AIC on 3rd December 2015, which also marked the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

### INDIA NOW 6TH LARGEST MANUFACTURER IN WORLD, 2016 APRIL 02

After improving its manufacturing economy in the domestic market, India has now considerably risen to 6th position in the global rankings after China, US, Japan, Germany and Republic of Korea, according to the International Yearbook of Industrial Statistics 2016. Previously, India held the 9th rank. The



Yearbook, published by the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) pointed out that the Manufacturing Value Added (MVA) in India grew by 7.6 per cent in 2015 as compared to 2014.

### **IAF TO TAKE PART IN RED FLAG EXERCISE IN US WITH NATO MEMBERS, 2016 APRIL 04**



**A**mid growing bonhomie between India and the US, 12 IAF aircraft, including the Russian origin Su30 MKI, will fly to Alaska this month to take part in the prestigious 'Red Flag' air exercise that will see them in action alongside NATO forces during war games.

The aircraft - four each of Sukhoi and deep penetration Jaguars, two C17 transport plans and two mid air refuellers IL 78 - will travel through Bahrain, Egypt, France, Portugal and Canada before finally reaching Alaska.

- Due to high costs, the IAF had decided to take part in the exercise once every five years.
- It was scheduled to take part in the 2013 edition but the exercise was cancelled by the US following budget cuts.

- According to an estimate, it will cost India over Rs 100 crore. It will also see over 150 IAF personnel in action.
- "Crawl, walk and run" is the term used for the format of deployment for systematically increasing pace and scope of the exercise and combat maneuvers during 'Red Flag'.

### **GATIMAAN EXPRESS REACHES AGRA WITHIN TARGETED 100 MINUTES, 2016 APRIL 05**



**T**he train is India's first semi-high speed train and according to Indian Railways, will cruise at a top speed of 160 km per hour.

Gatimaan Express, Indian Railways first semi-high speed train, completed its maiden 200 km journey to Agra, Uttar Pradesh from Delhi within the targeted 100 minutes.

The train was today flagged off by Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu with aims to attract tourists who wish to visit the iconic Taj Mahal.

Railways plans to roll out such trains on nine more routes including Kanpur-Delhi, Chandigarh-Delhi, Hyderabad-Chennai, Nagpur-Bilaspur, Goa-Mumbai and Nagpur-Secunderabad.

### **PM TO LAUNCH STAND UP INDIA SCHEME FOR SC/STS, WOMEN IN NOIDA, 2016 APRIL 05**



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**P**rime Minister Narendra Modi will launch the 'Stand up India' scheme under which banks will give loans of up to Rs 1 crore to SC/ST and women entrepreneurs.

The 'Stand up India Scheme' is aimed at promoting entrepreneurship among Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and women by giving loans in the range of Rs 10 lakh to Rs 1 crore for setting up a new enterprise.

SC/ST and women entrepreneurs who avail loan would be given a RuPay Debit Card for withdrawal, besides comprehensive support like pre-loan training, facilitating loan, factoring and marketing.

There would be a Rs 10,000 crore refinance window through Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Ltd (NCGTC) will create a corpus of Rs 5,000 crore.

The government will create a web portal for online registration and support services and also prepare a credit history of borrowers.

During the launch, 5,100 e-rickshaws would be distributed by Bhartiya Micro Credit (BMC) under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojna scheme.

In addition, the recipients will also be covered under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojna, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jivan Jyoti Yojana, Atal Pension Yojana and eight other significant schemes.

#### **RAJIV PRATAP RUDY LAUNCHES "TRANSNATIONAL SKILL STANDARDS" IN INDIA, 2016 APRIL 06**



**I**n the quest to align to skill standards which are recognised globally, Union Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Minister, Rajiv Pratap Rudy along with National Skill Development Corporation and UK-India Education and Research Initiatives announced the launch of "Transnational Skill Standards" in India. These standards in skill development are benchmarked to

United Kingdom across 82 identified job roles. The event saw signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) that will enable sharing of best practice, staff exchange, and development of new models to increase employer engagement and investment in skills.

#### **SHRI NITIN GADKARI INAUGURATES MANESAR-PALWAL SECTION OF WESTERN PERIPHERAL EXPRESSWAY, 2016 APRIL 06**



**T**he Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways and Shipping Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the Manesar-Palwal section of the Kundli-Manesar-Palwal Expressway in the presence of Haryana Chief Minister Shri Manohar Lal Khattar and Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Shri Krishna Pal Gurjar in Palwal

The Manesar-Palwal section of the Expressway has been built at a cost of Rs 457.81 Crores.

It is an access controlled, six-lane, divided road with 1.5 metre wide paved shoulder on each side. It intersects with Delhi-Jaipur NH8 near Manesar, Palwal-Sohna-Rewari NH 919, Sohna-Nuh-Alwar Road NH 248A and finally joins NH2 near Palwal. The road will provide uninterrupted high speed link for traffic, especially commercial traffic from Haryana to neighbouring states.

#### **GANGWAR INAUGURATES 3 MEGA PROJECTS IN NAGALAND, 2016 APRIL 06**





**U**nion Minister Santosh Kumar Gangwar inaugurated three mega textile projects in Nagaland.

These three projects included Apparel and Garment Making Centre in Dimapur, Muga P3 Basic Seed Station Kobulong in Mokokchung district and newly approved Integrated Eri Silk Development Project under North East Textile Promotion Scheme (NERTPS).

The Union Minister of State for Textiles formally launched the three mega projects at District Industries Centre Complex in Dimapur district in the presence of Nagaland Chief Minister T R Zeliang.

The newly approved Integrated Eri Silk Development Project under NERTPS will aid in women empowerment and sustainable livelihood for Kohima district.

### INDIA AMONG TOP 10 COUNTRIES IN DIGITAL DIPLOMACY, 2016 APRIL 07



**I**n a resounding testimonial to the government's public diplomacy efforts, India has been ranked among the top 10 countries in terms of its digital diplomacy performance, according to a global research and advocacy platform.

India and Mexico are the only two countries from the developing world in this list

The ministry's mobile app has seen over 150,000 downloads on Android and iOS platforms.

Over 95 percent of India's mission and posts abroad are available on Facebook and 60 percent on Twitter.

### PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS MINISTER DEDICATES 36 NEW CNG STATIONS IN DELHI & NCR, 2016 APRIL 07

**T**he Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Petroleum & Natural Gas Shri Dharmendra Pradhan dedicated 36 new CNG stations located in Delhi and NCR to the public.



30 out of these stations have been installed by Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) at the retail outlets of Oil Marketing Companies like Indian Oil, BPCL and HPCL. 3 stations by Haryana City gas in Gurgaon, 1 station by GAIL Gas in Sonapat and 2 stations by Adani gas – one each in Faridabad and Khurja (Bulandshahar) have been set up. While 25 out of these 36 CNG stations are located in NCT of Delhi, 11 are located in NCR - Ghaziabad, Greater Noida, Gurgaon, Faridabad, Sonipat and Khurja.

Inaugurating the CNG dispensing at the retail outlet of Indian Oil located in Gole Market, New Delhi, Shri Pradhan underlined the commitment of the central government to make CNG available across the country so that clean fuel is accessible at doorsteps for all. He said that CNG corridors across Delhi – Mathura – Agra – Lucknow – Bareilly, Delhi – Chandigarh, Delhi - Jaipur and Delhi – Haridwar would be operational shortly so that the vehicles can run long distances on CNG. He reiterated that CGD industry has been given top priority in natural gas allocation.

Out of the 1026 CNG stations currently in operation in the country, about 34% are located in Delhi and adjoining NCR towns. Delhi/NCR is having 347 CNG stations of about 77 lakh kg per day CNG dispensing capacity. All 4 CGD companies operating in Delhi/NCR have planned to augment the existing CNG dispensing capacity to 88 lakh kg per day by developing additional 104 CNG stations in Delhi/NCR.

The actual CNG consumption in Delhi/NCR is around 25 lakh kg/day. With the focussed approach of the central government for augmenting CNG capacity in Delhi/NCR, 36 new CNG stations with the total capacity of about 2.3 lakh kg/day have been commissioned today. The new dispensing capacity will increase the availability of CNG to the people of Delhi and NCR. Also present on the occasion were Ms Meenakshi Lekhi, Member of Parliament, Shri B.C. Tripathi, CMD, GAIL (India) Ltd., Shri B. Ashok, Chairman, Indian Oil, Shri Ashutosh Jindal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Ms Sunita Narain, DG, Centre for Science & Environment and Mr Narendra Kumar, MD, IGL.

**UNION HRD MINISTER SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI LAUNCHES ISBN PORTAL, 2016 APRIL 08**

**T**he Union Minister of Human Resource Development Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani launched a portal for registration and allotment of International Standard Book Number (ISBN) at a function held in New Delhi. The Union Minister said that the ISBN portal has been created in a short period of time, to facilitate publishers as well as the authors to register for ISBN online. This interactive automated system would provide fast and efficient services in a stipulated time frame to the Publishers and Authors as well.

Raja Rammohun Roy National Agency for ISBN, (Book Promotion and Copyright Division), under Department of Higher Education had organized the event for launch of ISBN portal. ISBN is a unique number used to identify monographic publications. Displayed in barcode format, ISBN is a 13 character identification allotted by International ISBN Agency based in UK through the National ISBN Agency. It provides access to bibliographic data bases used by the book industry and libraries to provide information.

Raja Ram Mohan Roy National Agency for ISBN is responsible for ISBN registration in the country and is affiliated to UK based International Agency. The ISBN Nos. are allotted free of cost.

**GOVT SIGNS UP SACHIN TO ENDORSE SKILL INDIA CAMPAIGN, 2016 APRIL 09**

**G**overnment has roped in cricketing legend Sachin Tendulkar to endorse the 'I Support Skill India' campaign, in an attempt to reach out to the youth and build awareness on the importance of skill development.

"Sachin is one of the greatest Indian stories of our times and someone who resonates the best with skills. He is a true global icon and brand that disrupted the game of cricket through his skill sets and inspired generations," minister of state (independent charge) skill and entrepreneurship Rajiv Pratap Rudy said.

The campaign of the ministry of skill development and entrepreneurship (MSDE) is an endeavour to galvanize stakeholders across states, organizations and industries to bring value and respect to skills and standardize the ecosystem to meet human resource requirements nationally and globally.

**SURESH PRABHU INAUGURATES FIRST CCTV IN SHAN-E-PUNJAB EXPRESS, 2016 APRIL 09**

**I**n keeping with the budgetary proposal to step up security measures in Railways, Minister for Railways Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu inaugurated the fitment of CCTV in Train No.s 12497/12498 Shan-e-Punjab Express.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister of Railways Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu said that the agenda of passengers' safety has always been on priority of Indian Railways and to ensure safety of all rail passengers, various steps such as helplines, CCTVs, sensitization of RPF, integrated security system etc. have been introduced by the Railways. He said that CCTV Surveillance Cameras in Shan-e-Punjab is a one more step towards improving



security in Indian Trains. Referring to the Shan-e-Punjab train becoming the first train fitted with surveillance security cameras, Shri Suresh Prabhu pointed out that it will prove to be an example of Shan-e-Safety also. The installation of surveillance systems was done through Ms/ A-Paul Instrument Company at an approximate cost of Rs. 36.71 lakhs for 02 nos.

Sleeper coaches, 03 AC Chair Car & 16 nos. non-AC Chair Car coaches of the 12497 Shan-e-Punjab Express. Without compromising on privacy of rail passengers, the CCTV system includes 4 to 6 Cameras per coach strategically located so that entire area of coaches can be covered. The other features DVR (Digital video recorder) for recording and with HDD & SD Card, Software, Display Monitor for observations, interconnecting cables, 12 V power supply and accessories.

### **CCRH HAS SIGNED TWO MOUS WITH CANADA AND ARMENIA DURING TWO DAY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON WHD, 2016 APRIL 09**

**C**entral Council for Research in homoeopathy (CCRH) has signed two MOUs with institutions of higher education of Canada and Armenia.

These MOUs between CCRH and College of Homeopaths of Ontario, Canada and another between CCRH and Yerevan State Medical University, Armenia, were signed during two day International Convention on World Homoeopathy Day organized at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Shri Shripad Yesso Naik, Honble Minister of State (IC) for AYUSH in his valedictory address greeted the people of India on the occasion of World Homoeopathy Day and appreciated that Homoeopathy has taken major scientific leaps in the past and its body of evidence is growing by the day.

### **TIGER NUMBERS SEE GLOBAL INCREASE FIRST TIME IN 100 YEARS, 2016 APRIL 12**

**I**ndia leads global count with 2,226 tigers ahead of tiger conservation summit. The number of wild tigers across the world has increased for the first time in over a century, growing to an estimated 3,890 as compared to 3,200 in 2010, a report by Global Tiger Forum (GTF) and World Wildlife Fund (WWF)

The report showed India tops the list, with the highest population of wild tigers at 2,226. Russia comes a distant second, with 433 tigers, followed by Indonesia, 371, and Malaysia, 250. While tigers are classified as an endangered species, the WWF estimates the size of the

global black market for tiger products including skin, bones and whiskers at a staggering \$ 19 billion annually. India had in January 2015, published its tiger population census revealing the number of tigers in the country increased by 30 per cent since 2010 to 2,226 in 2014.

### **INDO GERMAN AGREEMENT ON NAMAMI GANGE SIGNED, 2016 APRIL 13**



**A**n Implementation Agreement for Ganga Rejuvenation under the Namami Gange Programme was signed in New Delhi between the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation and German International Cooperation (GIZ) of Germany.

The objective of the agreement is to enable responsible stakeholders at National and State level to apply integrated river basin management approach for the rejuvenation of the river Ganga. The project will closely cooperate with other National and international initiatives including Indo-German bilateral projects like Support to National Urban Sanitation Policy (SNUSP) and 'Sustainable Environment-friendly Industrial Production' (SEIP)

The project duration is three years i.e. from 2016 to 2018 and the German contribution in the project will be to the tune of Rs. 22.5 crore.

The agreement was signed in the presence of the German Ambassador to India, Dr. Martin Ney and Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Shri Shashi Shekhar

'Namami Gange' Programme, is a flagship programme of Government of India with a renewed impetus to decrease river pollution and conserve the revered river 'Ganga'. In this connection, the Indian Government solicited support from various countries to rejuvenate the Ganga.



**INDIA TESTS N-CAPABLE MISSILE FROM ARIHANT SUBMARINE, 2016 APRIL 14**

**A**rihant, the lead ship of India's Arihant-class of nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarines, has been designed based on the Russian Akula-1 class submarines.

Nuclear capable ballistic missile K-4 was test-fired from nuclear submarine Arihant, both of which have been indigenously developed

According to sources, the test was conducted on March 31 from Arihant in the Bay of Bengal. The missile was fired from around 20 metres under water, and covered a distance of 700 km before hitting the target.

Both the missile and the submarine have been developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

The K-4 is part of the K-family of missiles, a series of submarine-launched ballistic missiles (SLBM), named after former president and scientist APJ Abdul Kalam.

The missile was developed specifically for Arihant, as the nuclear capable Agni-III could not be compacted to fit in the submarine. Arihant has a 17 metre diameter hull.

**INDIA AND SOUTH KOREA SIGN MOU FOR COOPERATION AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPMENT OF PORTS, 2016 APRIL 15**

**A**n MoU was signed by Shri Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Road, Transport and Highways and Shipping, Government of the Republic of India and Mr. Kim Young Suk, Minister of Oceans and Fisheries, Government of the Republic of Korea in Mumbai. This MoU is for cooperation and mutual assistance between India and Republic of Korea in port related matters.

The signing of the MoU is expected to help both countries to encourage and facilitate the development of ports, port related industry, maritime relationship and cooperate in the tasks of sharing of technology, experiences in the fields of port development and operation, exchange of information on construction, building, engineering and related aspects in the field of port development, Joint participation in port-related construction, building and engineering projects that both parties are interested in, exchange of experts including officials from the relevant ministries of each country in the field of port, and related education and training, other types of cooperation that may be mutually agreed upon between the two countries.

**PM INAUGURATES FIRST-EVER MARITIME INDIA SUMMIT, 2016 APRIL 15**

**P**rime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first-ever three-day Maritime India Summit (MIS) here, aimed at attracting global investors to the huge opportunities in the maritime sector.

Modi said the country has inherited a glorious maritime heritage and is now the government's endeavour to revive and restore her position of eminence in the global maritime sector.

"Maritime transport can be the most extensive mode of transport. It is also the most eco-friendly mode of transport," Modi said.

Earlier, Modi inaugurated a maritime exhibition at the Ship Museum showcasing the glorious Indian heritage in the sector and its future potential.

The MIS will showcase to a global audience sectors like existing port development and modernisation of berths and terminals, Greenfield ports, port-led development under 'Sagarmala', shipbuilding, repairs and breaking, coastal shipping, inland water transport, cruises, lighthouse tourism, hinterland connectivity and logistics handling.

Deals worth over Rs.82,000 crore are expected to be signed during the event, in which delegates, CEOs and experts from 41 countries will participate, in which South Korea is a partner.

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### INDIAN NAVY, JAMIA INK PACT FOR IN-SERVICE TRAINING OF NAVAL TRAINEES(BUSINESS), 2016 APRIL 15



**T**he Indian Navy has tied up with Jamia Millia Islamia for awarding graduation degrees to naval personnel for their in-service training.

Navy conducts training programmes for its sailors at centres across the country.

Jamia Milia Islamia to give degrees for naval trainees. Reuters

A Joint-Equivalence Committee, with members both from Jamia and Navy, was constituted for credit determination for

all theoretical and practical components of academic-cum-training programmes in the Indian Navy.

The admission to Jamia courses would be through the Centre for Distance and Open Learning that will lead to awarding of degrees on fulfilment of statutory requirements.

The recommendations of JEC were approved by Vice Chancellor Talat Ahmad, in his office, in the presence of Vice

Admiral AR Karve, Chief of Personnel.

The eligible sailors would now be able to enroll in the programmes from 16 July for academic year 2016-17.

### THE PRIME MINISTER LAUNCHED NATIONAL AGRICULTURE MARKET, 2016 APRIL 15

**T**he Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, launched the pilot of e-NAM - the e-trading platform for the National Agriculture Market. On the occasion he said that the initiative will usher in transparency which will greatly benefit the farmers. Shri Narendra Modi said this is a turning point for the agriculture community and



the agriculture sector has to be looked at holistically, and it is only then that maximum benefit of the farmer can be ensured.

On the occasion Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister, Shri Radha Mohan Singh said that the Government is working hard for the welfare of the farmers and launch of National Agriculture Market is a step in this direction. Shri Singh said that 21 mandis in 8 states have been linked to National Agriculture Market today. By September, 2016 two hundred mandis will be included and by March, 2018 five hundred eighty five mandis. Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister said that Baba Saheb Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar dedicated his life to the poor, down trodden section of the people as well as farmers.

That is why the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi made up his mind to launch National Agriculture Market for the farmers on 125th birth anniversary of Baba Saheb. The Agriculture Minister extended his gratitude to the Prime Minister for the able guidance meant for this project.

Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister, Shri Radha Mohan Singh informed that this project will operate through an online portal which is being linked to the mandis of the States. Its software will be provided to all the willing states without cost. A knowledgeable person is being deployed for one year in every sharing mandi so as to facilitate the smooth functioning of the portal. Under this Project, Government of India is providing a grant of Rs. 30 lacs to the proposed agriculture mandis of the states. The farmers will be provided "farmer helpline services round the clock" for obtaining information related to this portal.

Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister said that the Ministry of Agriculture has adopted a concept- "agriculture development tree". The Ministry of Agriculture has initiated a number of projects for overall development of the farmers within the same tree.

### STATE

Burning Topic of the Month

- ✎ President's Rule - Uttarakhand
- ✎ Chandigarh - 1st Kerosene free city
- ✎ Mehbooba Mufti- 1st Woman C.M., J&K



### TELANGANA, FRENCH AVIATION COMPANIES SIGNED MOU TO SET UP TRAINING CENTRE IN HYDERABAD, 2016 MARCH 22

The Government of Telangana signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Aero Campus Aquitaine and Bordeaux Metropole to set up aviation training institute in Hyderabad.

The MoU was signed on the sidelines of the India Aviation Show 2016 and in the presence of Jupally Krishna Rao, Minister for Industries and the representatives of the two companies.

#### Features of the MoU

- ✎ As part of the MoU, the two French firms will set up an aviation training institute at the Begumpet Airport in Hyderabad.
- ✎ The facility will be used to train in aviation and aerospace sectors.
- ✎ In a year, at least 1000 students will be offered courses that will be of various durations from few weeks to one year. The students will be offered residential facilities also.

#### About Aero Campus Aquitaine

- ✎ It aims to offer comprehensive training for professional skills in defence and aerospace industry with EASA certification.
- ✎ It has presence in Turkey, Malaysia and many other countries.
- ✎ It was established with an investment of outlay of 26 million euros.
- ✎ The centre in France is catering to the professional skill training for the pilots and technicians.

### HIMACHAL, MUMBAI TO HAVE ELECTRIC BUSES, 2016 MARCH 25



The department of heavy industry has granted in-principle approval to Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) and Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) to introduce zero-emission retrofitted electric buses under its flagship scheme FAME India (faster adoption and manufacturing of hybrid & electric vehicles in India).

According to sources in the know, HRTC and MMRDA will roll out 25 electric buses each.

Under FAME India, the department will fund up to 75 per cent cost of the buses.

A senior official in the department said pilot projects worth Rs 100 crore were in-principle approval and Rs 75 crore would be disbursed soon under the scheme.

The chief minister also announced exemption from token tax, registration charges and value-added tax on all electric vehicles for five years to promote eco-friendly transport services in the state.

While HRTC is the state transport corporation of Himachal Pradesh, MMRDA is responsible for preparing plans, formulating policies and programmes, implementing projects and directing investments in the Mumbai metropolitan region.

The flagship scheme was announced in April 2015 with a total capital outlay of Rs 795 crore in the first two financial years starting with the current year.

With this, the government hopes to save Rs 60,000 crore annually on the country's oil import bill by 2020. The minister said the government would gradually convert two-, three-, and four-wheelers as well as commercial vehicles and buses to hybrid and electric vehicles.

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### ANDHRA PRADESH GOVERNMENT INAUGURATES COUNTRY'S FIRST LIFT IRRIGATION PROJECT, 2016 MARCH 28



Andhra Pradesh government inaugurated India's first river linking project viz. Pattiseema lift irrigation project connecting Godavari River with Krishna River from the ongoing Polavaram Multi-purpose Irrigation Project.

The project has been completed in a record time of one year by the Hyderabad-based Megha Engineering and Infrastructure Limited (MEIL).

#### Key facts-

- ✎ The project has capacity to lift 80 tmc (trillion metric cubic feet) of flood water from Godavari River in a span of 110 days during the flooding season between July and October.
- ✎ Water is pumped up to a nearby point and discharged into Polavaram Right Main Canal that flows under gravity to a tributary of River Krishna about 170 km.
- ✎ The project contains 24 pumps and 24 motors of 5,300 HP and 6,300 HP respectively with a combined capacity to discharge 8,500 cusecs of water.
- ✎ The project requires 113 mw of power to run all the 24 pumps as each motor require 4.7 mw of power to lift the water.

It will benefit the people especially farmers in the Krishna delta in terms of timely availability and adequate quantities of water. Polavaram project:

It was declared as a national project under the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 and was being funded by the Union Government. It is being built on Godavari River.

### CABINET NOD TO ORDINANCE FOR UTTARAKHAND EXPENDITURE, 2016 MARCH 31

Union Cabinet cleared Ordinance to authorize use of funds by state administration beyond 1st of April in centrally-ruled Uttarakhand.



Talking to reporters after the Cabinet meeting in New Delhi, Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said an appropriation ordinance for the state has been recommended for consideration of President so that valid withdrawal of revenue can be done.

### RAJ BALA VERMA IS NEW CHIEF SECRETARY OF JHARKHAND, 2016 MARCH 31

Raj Bala Verma, a 1983 batch IAS officer, was today appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Jharkhand. She succeeded Rajiv Gauba. Gauba will join as the Secretary, Union Urban Development Ministry, the officials said. PTI PVR NN DIP

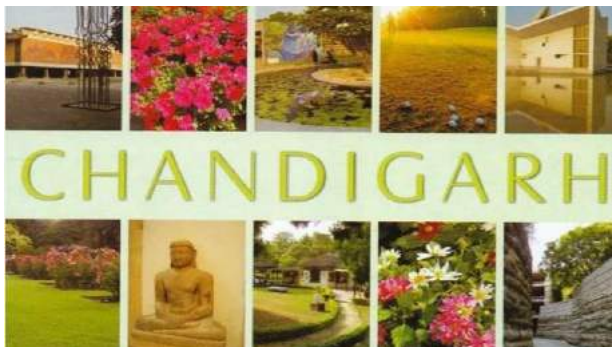
### BHEL COMMISSIONS THERMAL POWER UNIT IN MAHARASHTRA, 2016 APRIL 01



State-owned power equipment maker Bhel said it has commissioned its 5th 500 MW unit at Chandrapur Super Thermal Power Project (STPP) in Maharashtra. With this, 9 coal-based sets aggregating to 3,340 MW, all supplied and commissioned by Bhel, are now operational at Chandrapur STPP of Maharashtra State Power Generation Company Ltd (MAHAGENCO).

The commissioned unit is the second 500 MW unit of Stage-III (2x500 MW) of the project being executed by Bhel. Bhel has been a major partner in the power development programme of the state of Maharashtra. The company has contributed more than 15,500 MW of generating capacity to the state, which is the highest capacity added by Bhel in a single state. It has supplied over 85 per cent of the coal-based sets installed by state utility. Bhel had commissioned the first set of this project in March, 2015. Bhel-make 500 MW sets of this rating class today form the backbone of the Indian power sector and have been performing much above the national average as well as the international benchmarks.

### CHANDIGARH BECOMES FIRST KER- OSENE-FREE CITY, 2016 APRIL 02



**F**or the first time, a city has been declared kerosene free with sale of subsidised cooking and lighting fuel being stopped in Chandigarh from today completely. Households have been shifted to LPG to help declare Chandigarh kerosene free.

Thus, no further distribution of subsidised kerosene will be done in Chandigarh from the month of April, 2016 onwards.

The Petroleum Ministry with the help of Chandigarh Administration has been working for the last few months to make Chandigarh 'a Kerosene Free City'.

To facilitate the kerosene beneficiaries getting LPG connections, enrolment camps were organised by state-owned fuel retailers to provide hassle-free LPG connections. Also, deposit-free LPG connections were provided to BPL households and interest free loan scheme was launched for APL households.

During this campaign, a total of 15,249 LPG connections were provided in Chandigarh city, including 1574 for BPL households.

### MEHBOOBA MUFTI SWORN IN AS JAMMU AND KASHMIR CHIEF MINISTER, 2016 APRIL 04



**M**ehbooba Mufti, chairperson of Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has been sworn in as the first woman chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir. N N Vohra administered the oath of office to Mufti, 56, as the 13th chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir at state Raj Bhawan in Jammu.

### MUMBAI GETS ITS FIRST-EVER AC LOCAL TRAIN, 2016 APRIL 06



**T**HE FIRST-EVER air-conditioned suburban train for Mumbai rolled into the city. The blue-grey train rake with a stainless steel body has 12 coaches with a capacity to seat 5,964 passengers, as opposed to 4,984 in the old Siemens rake.

The train is parked at the Kurla car shed of Central Railway, and officials said considerable work is yet to be done on its interiors. Chief Public Relations Officer (CPRO) of the Central Railway A K Singh said no date has been fixed yet for its trials and eventual deployment.

### JHARKHAND GOVERNMENT LAUNCHED BHIMRAO AMBEDKAR AWAS YOJANA FOR WIDOWS, 2016 APRIL 14

**J**harkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das on 14 April 2016 launched the Bhimrao Ambedkar Awas Yojana for widows. Its objective of the scheme is to create equality and harmony in society, ensuring all round development

#### Salient Features :

- ✎ The programme is with a budget allocation of 80 crore rupees and a target of 11000 units (houses) for widows was set in 2016-17 financial year.
- ✎ An amount of 75000 rupees would be granted to build a house in districts in hilly terrains and 70000 rupees in plains and the amount would be distributed among the beneficiaries in three installments in their bank accounts.
- ✎ The widows would also get pension.



### INTERNATIONAL Burning Topics of the Month

- ✍ Mother Teresa
- ✍ Aung Sang Suu Kyi
- ✍ India Maldives MoU



#### 59TH SESSION OF COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS INAUGURATED IN VIENNA, 2016 MARCH 16



The 59th Session of Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) was inaugurated in Austria's capital Vienna. The 9-day long session seeks to promote a comprehensive understanding of the world drug problem and evolve appropriate strategies to deal with it.

During the session, the Commission will discuss 10 draft resolutions and hold 74 side events and over 25 exhibitions. Among other things, the session's work includes preparations for the UN General Assembly Special Session on the World Drug Problem (UNGASS 2016) to be held in April 2016. The focus of the UNGASS 2016 will be on what actions Member States can take by 2019 to achieve the goals set forth in a policy document titled - Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem.

#### About Commission on Narcotic Drugs

- ✍ It was established by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in 1946, to assist the ECOSOC in supervising the application of the international drug control treaties.
- ✍ It is also mandated to approve the budget of the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, which accounts for over 90 per cent of the resources available to the United Nations for drug control.
- ✍ As per the UNODC, some 27 million people suffer from drug use disorders worldwide that include 12 million people who inject drugs.

#### MOTHER TERESA TO BE CANONISED ON SEPTEMBER 4: POPE FRANCIS, 2016 MARCH 16



Mother Teresa's canonisation was announced as September 4, which this year will also mark a special jubilee for workers and volunteers of mercy, Catholic News Agency cited Pope Francis as saying. Mother Teresa was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu on August 26, 1910, in Skopje, Macedonia. After joining the Sisters of Loretto at the age of 17, she was sent to Calcutta, where she later contracted tuberculosis, and was sent to rest in Darjeeling. On the way, she felt what she called an order from God to leave the convent and live among the poor. She died on September 5, 1997, and was beatified just six years later by Pope John Paul II on October 19, 2003.

#### INDONESIAN GOVT, JOINT VENTURE INK DEAL ON HIGH-SPEED RAILWAY CONCESSION, 2016 MARCH 17

The Indonesian Ministry of Transportation and an Indonesia-China joint venture firm for the Jakarta-Bandung high speed railway signed a concession agreement. Under the deal, the government gave a 50-year concession period to the PT Kereta Cepat Indonesia-China (KCIC), starting from May 31, 2019 when the high-speed railway is expected to be ready for operation, Indonesian Minister of Transportation Ignasius Jonan said.

With the signing of the agreement, the transportation ministry would immediately issue a business permit and a license for the construction of the railway, the minister said. The concession agreement is one of the ministry's requirements for issuing the license. Acco Hanggoro Budi Wiryan, president director of PT KCIC, "that the construction of the railway would create many jobs and include a transfer of technology."

The 5.5-billion-US-dollar railway project links Indonesia's capital Jakarta and the fourth largest city of Bandung with a distance of about 150 km.



### PM OLI INAUGURATES SAARC MINISTERIAL MEET IN POKHARA , 2016 MARCH 17



**P**rime Minister KP Sharma Oli inaugurated the 37th Ministerial Meeting of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC).

Nepal's Minister for Foreign Affairs Kamal Thapa is chairing the meeting.

During the meeting, Indian and Pakistani foreign ministers held informal talks for five minutes. According to sources, the Indian and Pakistani ministers discussed the site for the formation of SAARC level Natural Disaster Mgmt Centre.

Indian Minister for External Affairs Sushma Swaraj and her Pakistani counterpart is scheduled to hold official meet.

The meeting would dwell on the agendas set by the SAARC Standing Committee for the ministerial meeting and matters concerning regional cooperation, shared Nepal's Foreign Affairs Secretary.

### BRAZIL'S EX-PREZ LULA SWORN IN AS ROUSSEFF'S CHIEF OF STAFF, 2016 MARCH 18



**B**razil's former president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva was sworn in as chief of staff to his embattled successor Dilma Rousseff amid angry protests from opponents who accuse him of trying to dodge corruption charges.

Lula, the once wildly popular president who led Brazil from 2003 to 2011, is facing corruption charges and a request for his arrest in connection with an explosive scandal centered on state oil company Petrobras.

The Sao Paulo stock market, meanwhile, shot up five per cent at the opening on optimism that the controversial appointment marks the beginning of the end for the leftist government, which is presiding over the worst recession in 25 years.

### CHINA, US N-SECURITY CENTRE STARTS OPERATION, 2016 MARCH 18



**T**he largest nuclear security centre in the Asia-Pacific region, which was financed by China and the US, started operations.

The centre, constructed by the China Atomic Energy Authority (CAEA) and the US Department of Energy, is capable of training about 2,000 nuclear-security staff for China and other nations in the Asia-Pacific region every year. Construction of the centre, which is the largest nuclear programme to have direct Chinese and US government investment, began in December 2013.

### SINGAPORE'S CHANGI AIRPORT VOTED WORLD'S BEST, 2016 MARCH 18



**S**ingapore's Changi Airport has been voted the World's Best Airport for the fourth year in a row at the 2016 World Airport Awards. This is the seventh time that Changi Airport has picked up this title at the World Airport Awards.

The 2016 World Airport Awards are based on a survey of 13.25 million customer nominations across 106 nationalities of air travelers and covered 550 airports worldwide.

The survey, conducted by global aviation research firm Skytrax, evaluates customer satisfaction across 39 key performance indicators for airport service and product.

South Korea's Incheon International Airport ranked the second place, followed by Germany's Munich Airport and Japan's Tokyo International Airport, or Haneda Airport.

### U.S. GENERAL LORI ROBINSON TO BECOME FIRST WOMAN TO LEAD COMBATANT COMMAND, 2016 MARCH 21



President Barack Obama will name the first woman to head a U.S. combatant command, selecting Air Force General Lori Robinson as the next head of the military's Northern Command, Defense Secretary Ash Carter said.

The position, which is subject to Senate confirmation, is one of the most senior in the U.S. military and would make Robinson - who now leads U.S. air forces in the Pacific the top general overseeing activities in North America.

Carter said "That shows yet another thing - which is that we have, coming along now, a lot of female officers who are exceptionally strong. And Lori certainly fits into that category,"

Carter also announced Army General Vincent Brooks, the commanding general of U.S. Army Pacific, would be nominated to become the next commander of U.S. Forces in South Korea.

### NEPAL SEALS TRANSIT TREATY WITH CHINA; TO BUILD NEW RAIL LINK, 2016 MARCH 22

China promised "non- interference" in Nepal's internal affairs as the two sides signed 10 agreements including a landmark transit treaty to end the land-locked country's total dependence on India while Beijing agreed to extend the strategic Tibet rail link



to Nepal to boost connectivity.

On his maiden visit to China close on the heels of his recent visit to India, Nepalese Prime Minister K P Oli held wide-ranging talks with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang and called on President Xi Jinping.

China firmly supports Nepal's efforts to safeguard sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity as well as the Nepali people's choice of development path, and will not interfere in Nepal's internal affairs. Premier Li's strong backing to Nepal comes in the backdrop of a chill in its relations with India following the months-long crippling blockade by Madhesis, mostly of Indian-origin, demanding amendments to the newly-enacted Constitution to ensure adequate political representation and reorganisation of the federal boundaries.

### INDIA TO HOST 8TH BRICS SUMMIT IN OCTOBER IN GOA, 2016 MARCH 23



India will host the eighth annual Summit of BRICS from October 15-16 in Goa in its capacity as chair of the influential bloc comprising five countries with 42 per cent of the world population and combined GDP of over \$16 trillion.

External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj made the announcement today during a function where she also unveiled a logo and a website of the Summit.



**INDIA, FRANCE SIGN MOU FOR 6  
JAITAPUR NUCLEAR REACTORS, 2016  
MARCH 24**

**I**ndia and France have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for construction of six nuclear reactors at Jaitapur in Maharashtra .

The pact was inked at the end of the two-day visit of a high-level delegation of Electricite de France (EDF) — French public utility — to Mumbai for holding discussions with the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd (NPCIL) on the construction of the plants, diplomatic sources said.

French Ambassador to India Francois Richier reiterated his country's commitment to working seamlessly with India through a collaborative approach to enable both sides to contribute collectively to the development of nuclear energy in India in the most economical manner.

**THALES, INDIA FIRM SIGN DEAL TO DEVELOP  
FIRE CONTROL RADAR, 2016 MARCH 29**

**T**hales and BEL-Thales Systems Limited (BTSL), a joint venture between Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) and Thales signed an agreement to jointly develop the PHAROS fire control radar. The agreement on strategic cooperation is expected to allow Thales and BTSL to develop the radar for both gun and missile systems PHAROS provides defence against small, fast-moving and highly manoeuvrable air and surface targets that may also be encountered in littoral missions. Thales

will be responsible for the overall system design while BTSL will develop the mechanical design and radar processing modifications. Thales will also be responsible for the design and production of the radar antenna.

**AUNG SAN SUU KYI APPOINTED AS  
MYANMAR'S FOREIGN MINISTER,  
2016 MARCH 30**

**C**hairperson of Myanmar's ruling National League for Democracy (NLD), Aung San Suu Kyi was appointed as the country's new minister of foreign affairs. Suu Kyi will concurrently hold three other portfolios in the new government led by President-elect U Htin Kyaw

Approved by the Union Parliament, the three other ministries to be headed by Aung San Suu Kyi are the Ministry of President Office, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Electricity and Energy.

**U HTIN KYAW SWORN IN AS MYANMAR'S  
PRESIDENT, 2016 MARCH 30**

**U**Htin Kyaw of the National League for Democracy (NLD), led by Aung San Suu Kyi, was sworn in as Myanmar's new president

Military-assigned first vice president U Myint Swe and elected second vice president of the NLD U Henry Van Thio were also sworn in to office.



### VIETNAM'S PARLIAMENT ELECTS FIRST FEMALE SPEAKER, NGUYEN THI KIM NGAN, 2016 MARCH 31



Vietnam's National Assembly (NA) elected Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan as the country's first female house speaker.

Nguyen has been elected and sworn in as the NA Chairperson with 472 "yes" votes out of 481 valid ballots at the ongoing 11th session of the 13th NA

### FAUSTIN ARCHANGE TOUADERA TOOK OATH AS CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC'S PRESIDENT, 2016 MARCH 31



Faustin Archange Touadera was sworn-in as President of Central African Republic at the main stadium in the capital Bangui. 58-year-old Touadera became the first elected President of the country in three years, since Muslim rebel alliance Seleka overthrew the government in 2013.

### VIETNAM ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT, TRAN DAI QUANG, 2016 APRIL 02

Vietnam's National Assembly elected Tran Dai Quang as the country's new president.

Quang has been elected and sworn in as the president with 452 "yes" votes out of 481 valid ballots at the ongoing 11th session of the 13th NA. Prior to the



election, Quang served as the public security minister since 2011. The newly-elected NA Chairwoman Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan delivered a proposal on the nomination of a candidate for the position of president. Quang, member of the 12th Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam (CPVCC) and member of the 12th CPVCC Politburo, was the sole nominee to the post. Truong Tan Sang was relieved from duty as the president. In January, Sang was not elected to be among 200 members of the new CPVCC.

### STAMPS ISSUED TO MARK 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF OMAN-INDIA DIPLOMATIC TIES, 2016 APRIL 07



Marking the 60th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations with India, Oman has issued special postal stamps depicting the Taj Mahal and the Gulf country's iconic Grand Mosque.

Oman Post issued the stamps in a ceremony at the Indian Embassy in Muscat. The First Day Cover of the Stamp depicts historical Muscat Gate and Mumbai's Gateway of India. The Stamp was unveiled by Indian Ambassador to Oman, Indra Mani Pandey, and Chief Executive Officer of Oman Posts Abdul Malik Abdul Karim Al Balushi.

The Guest of Honour was Under Secretary for Diplomatic Affairs at Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Oman, Ali bin Ahmed Al-Isa'eei.

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### PANAMA PAPERS: GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES CREATION OF 'PANEL OF EXPERTS', 2016 APRIL 07



**P**anama is creating an international panel to help improve transparency in its offshore financial industry.

The move follows the leak of millions of documents from law firm Mossack Fonseca, showing it helped some clients evade tax and avoid sanctions.

### ICELAND APPROVED A NEW PRIME MINISTER, SIGMUNDUR DAVID GUNNLAUGSSON, 2016 APRIL 07



**T**he ruling center-right coalition of Iceland approved a new Prime Minister, the Minister of fisheries of Sigurdur Inga Johannsson. The former Prime Minister left the position after 'offshore scandal' and thousands of demonstrations in the capital, Reykjavik.

53-year-old Johannsson, in addition to working in the

government, also occupies the post of the Deputy of the Progressive party of Iceland. Presidency of the government he changed Sigmundur David Gunnlaugsson, who left after published 'the Panama papers' it became obvious that he and his wife are the owners of an offshore company Wintris.

### CHINA PROVIDES BANGLADESH FUND FOR EIGHTH FRIENDSHIP BRIDGE, 2016 APRIL 08



**T**he Chinese government will provide Bangladesh grant assistance of about \$50 million for construction of the eighth Bangladesh-China Friendship Bridge.

In this connection an agreement was signed between Bangladesh and China in capital Dhaka, Xinhua reported.

Bangladesh's Economic Relations Department (ERD) Secretary Mezbah Uddin and Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Ma Mingqiang signed the agreement on behalf of their respective sides.

According to an ERD statement, the eighth friendship bridge will be constructed on Kocha river in Bangladesh.

The length of the bridge will be 1,400 metres and Bangladesh roads and highway department will carry out the project.

The bridge will play an important role in accelerating movement of people and goods of Barisal and Khulna divisions

### HASHIM THACI SWORN-IN AS KOSOVO'S PRESIDENT, 2016 APRIL 08





**K**osovo's new president, Hashim Thaci, has assumed his post in a swearing-in ceremony at the Parliament that the opposition boycotted.

Thaci, 47, who replaces Atifete Jahjaga, was elected in Parliament in the absence of nearly all opposition lawmakers who earlier tried to disrupt the voting with tear gas.

Earlier the Constitutional Court turned down an opposition request to void Thaci's election, saying it had found no evidence of irregularities.

Posters against his election were put up by the opposition in many cities.

The opposition has been disrupting the chamber since last September to protest a deal between Kosovo and Serbia that gives more powers to ethnic Serbs in Kosovo and another on a border demarcation pact with Montenegro.

**INDIA, MALDIVES INK 6 AGREEMENTS; VOW TO FIGHT TERROR, RELIGIOUS EXTREMISM, 2016 APRIL 11**



**I**ndia and Maldives signed six agreements, including one on Defence Cooperation and avoidance of double taxation, after delegation-level talks with visiting Maldivian President Abdulla Yameen Abdul Gayoom and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The other agreements inked were for exchange of information regarding taxes, space cooperation and conservation of historical monuments and tourism.

After signing the agreements, Mr Modi and Mr Gayoom in their statements underscored the need and significance.

**KYRGYZSTAN PRIME MINISTER TEMIR SARIYEV RESIGNS, 2016 APRIL 12**

**A**fter several parliament members accused his cabinet of corruption. Kyrgyz Prime Minister Temir Sariyev resigned, after several parliament members accused his cabinet of corruption. "Squabbles, rumours and gossip have upset the balance within the



government," Mr. Sariyev said. "The government's work has stalled at such a difficult time."

**PAKISTAN, CHINA KICK OFF JOINT AIR EXERCISE, 2016 APRIL 15**



**P**akistan and China began their fifth joint air exercise, Shaheen-V, at an operational base in Pakistan.

The last such exercise between Pakistan and China -- Shaheen-IV -- was conducted in Beijing in October 2015.

The exercise saw participation of three different types of frontline fighter aircraft belonging to various PAF squadrons for the first time.

PAF has been a regular participant in a number of international air exercises with various air forces, including the US Air Force (USAF), Italian Air Force, Turkish Air Force and other allied countries.

The spokesman said Pakistan and China enjoy very close relationship spanning over six decades.

The strategic partnership has been further strengthened through the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, infrastructure development and routine joint military exercises, he added.



### ECONOMY

Burning Topics of the Month

- ✎ Touch & Pay
- ✎ Interest Rates Cut, PPF, 100% FDI in E-commerce
- ✎ 1st Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Review
- ✎ IMF GDP forecast



#### ICICI BANK LAUNCHED NFC-BASED MOBILE PAYMENT SOLUTION TOUCH & PAY, 2016 MARCH 16



ICICI Bank announced a new mobile payment solution Touch & Pay. This solution is based on Near Field Communication (NFC) technology and will enable the bank's customers to make secure contactless payments at retail stores using smartphones.

#### Features of Touch & Pay

- ✎ The feature will be incorporated into the existing Pockets application of the bank.
- ✎ Customers can make payment by tapping smart phone at a NFC enabled merchant terminal and make the payment through account linked ICICI Bank Debit/Credit Card.
- ✎ To ensure security of the card details, for every payment done at a merchant store using this service, a one-use unique token is created by the Bank's server and will be sent via encryption to the merchant,
- ✎ The facility will be available in the last week of March 2016 at more than 60000 merchants across the country.

#### TCS LAUNCHES PEER-TO-PEER LENDING SOLUTION FOR NORWEGIAN BANK DNB(DEN NORSKE BANK), 2016 MARCH 17

TCS India's largest IT service company, said it launched a peer-to-peer lending solution in Norway for its client DNB, the largest financial services group in that country.



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- ✎ TCS said 25% of Norway's population was using the solution, called Vipps, within six months of launch, and that the payment solution had helped DNB become a significant player in the mobile payments space.
- ✎ This peer to peer solution help the Indian IT companies to burnish their 'digital' credentials, especially in sectors like banking and financial services.

#### RBI & ROYAL MONETARY AUTHORITY OF BHUTAN INK CURRENCY SWAP PACT, 2016 MARCH 18



The Reserve Bank signed a SAARC currency swap agreement with the Royal Monetary Authority of Bhutan (RMBA).

- ✎ Under the arrangement, RMBA can make withdrawals of US dollar, euro and rupee in multiple tranches of up to a maximum of USD 100 million or its equivalent, RBI said in a release & the agreement is valid for three years from the date of signing.
- ✎ RBI also offers an aggregate amount of USD 2 billion both in foreign currency (USD and euro) and rupee to SAARC member countries -- Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.
- ✎ The swap arrangement is intended to provide a backstop line of funding for the SAARC member countries to meet any balance of payments and liquidity mismatches till longer term arrangements are made. It is also offered to take care of short-term liquidity due to market turbulence.

### INDIAN COMPANIES IN 25 BEST LARGE WORKPLACES IN ASIA, 2016 MARCH 18



India offices of MNCs like DHL, Google and Marriott ranked among the top workplaces in Asia, while as many as 10 Indian companies including Lupin, M&M and InterGlobe Enterprises made it to the list under the '25 Best Large Places to Work' category.

- According to the 2nd annual list of the Best Workplaces in Asia-Pacific, DHL took the top slot among multinationals, while Salesforce led the Small & Medium list and Atlassian, the Large Companies segment.
- The best multinational workplaces in Asia include - DHL, Omnicom, Google, EMC, Marriott, NetApp, Hyatt, MARS, American Express and SAP. Interestingly, the Indian offices of 8 out of these 10 MNCs made it to the list. In the best large workplaces list had as many as 10 Indian companies including Godrej Consumer Products, Lupin and InterGlobe Enterprises.
- Other Indian company on this list were RMSI Private Ltd, Forbes Marshall, Lifestyle International, Bajaj Finance, Silver Spark Apparel, Ujjivan Financial Services and Mahindra & Mahindra Automotive & Farm Equipment Sectors. Moreover, the India office of Intuit was also featured in the list.

### INTEREST RATES ON PUBLIC PROVIDENT FUND, KISAN VIKAS PATRA SLASHED, 2016 MARCH 18



The government has lowered the rate of interest of small saving schemes from April 1 in line with the lower market rates, cutting returns on

some of the schemes over 100 basis points. The popular Public Provident Fund (PPF) will yield 8.1% from April 1 compared with 8.7% at present. The Kisan Vikas Patra will fetch 7.8% against 8.7% now while five-year National Savings Certificate (NSC) will offer an annual return of 8.1% against 8.5%

- The reduction in rates would provide further comfort to the Reserve Bank of India to cut rates in its monetary policy review on April 5. One basis point is one hundredth of a percent. Rates of interest on small savings are reset at the beginning of every year in line with the yields on government securities of comparable maturity.
- The rates will now be reset every quarter to more closely align them with the market rates. These rates will be applicable till June 30. Even after the cut, investors will make real return of around 3% considering that retail inflation is about 5%. The rate of interest on small savings are currently much higher than those offered by banks, causing a distortion in the interest rate structure that is coming in the way of interest rates declining.

### FIPB CLEARS 15 FDI PROPOSALS WORTH RS 7,262 CR, 2016 MARCH 22



Based on the recommendations of the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) in its meeting, the government has approved 15 FDI proposals involving Rs 7,261.6 crore and recommended one proposal for approval of CCEA involving FDI of Rs 6,885 crore, a Finance Ministry statement said.

#### Proposals that are Approved Under FIPB :

- The proposal of YES Bank to hike foreign investment limit to 74 per cent from 41.87 per cent has been referred to the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)
- The proposal of Nippon Life to hike stake in Reliance Life Insurance from 26 per cent to 49 per cent for Rs 2,265 crore.
- Tata AIA Life Insurance Company's proposal to increase AIA International's stake from 26 per cent to 49 per cent for Rs 2,055 crore.

- ✎ Besides, Aviva Life Insurance's Rs 940 crore proposal to hike Aviva International's stake to 49 per cent.
- ✎ Birla Sun Life Insurance Company's proposal worth Rs 1,664 crore for hiking foreign equity in the company to 49 per cent.
- ✎ Raheja QBE General Insurance Co's Rs 102 crore proposal for increasing foreign shareholding to 49 per cent also got the nod.
- ✎ The FIPB, headed by the Economic Affairs Secretary, is an inter-ministerial panel and can approve foreign investment proposals of up to Rs 5,000 crore.

**CORE BANKING AT 25K POST OFFICES BY APRIL: RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD, 2016 MARCH 23**

**M**inister of Communications and Information Technology Ravi Shankar Prasad stated that the Department of Posts will offer core banking solutions (CBS) to its customers at 25,000 post offices by April, against 20,494 CBS-enabled branches.

- ✎ CBS-enabled post offices allow customers to access their postal savings from any of the branches where the facility is available. It is an initiative towards Digital India.
- ✎ Under this initiative the core banking linkage of post offices was bigger than that of State Bank of India, which has 16,333 CBS-enabled branches.
- ✎ Implementation of CBS is part of the government's plan for IT Modernisation Project of the Department of Posts, which aims to bring in various IT solutions with the required IT infrastructure to the post offices.
- ✎ In September 2015, the postal department received an in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India to set up a payments bank within 18 months.

**AKHILESH RANJAN COMMITTEE ON TAXATION OF E-COMMERCE SUBMITTED REPORT TO UNION GOVERNMENT, 2016 MARCH 23**

**A** Committee on Taxation of e-commerce constituted by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) to examine the business models for e-commerce submitted its report. The Report of the Committee was received by the Government of India and taken into consideration in the preparation of Finance Bill, 2016.

The Report provides the view of the Committee on issues related to taxation of e-commerce and recent international developments in this area. The Committee included officers of the CBDT, representatives from the industry, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and tax experts. The 8-member committee was headed by Akhilesh Ranjan, Joint Secretary (FT&TR-I), CBDT, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance.

**Key recommendations of the committee are:**

- ✎ Equalization Levy may be imposed on payments to non-residents for specified services by a separate chapter in the Finance Act, 2016.
- ✎ The rate of Equalization Levy may be between 6 to 8 percent of the gross sum received.
- ✎ Equalization Levy should not be charged unless the consideration received for specified services in a year from a person in India is more than one lakh rupees.
- ✎ Equalization Levy should also not be charged on payments received by a permanent establishment of a non-resident in India, which are attributable to that permanent establishment and taxable under Income-tax Act, 1961.
- ✎ Every person that has received any sum chargeable to Equalization Levy, would be required to file a return of Sum chargeable to Equalization Levy as prescribed, if such total sum received by that person in a year exceeds ten crore rupees.
- ✎ Any income arising from a transaction on which Equalization Levy has been paid should be exempted from income-tax, by necessary amendment in Section 10 of the Income-tax Act, 1961.

**RUPAY TO LAUNCH CREDIT CARDS IN SEPT, 2016 MARCH 25**

**A**fter increasing its market share to 38 per cent in the debit card segment, RuPay, domestic card payment service provider, will be venturing into





the credit card space this September.

- ✎ It plans to issue 100,000 such cards in the first year of its launch. It will initially focus on two variants of a credit card — Regular and Platinum — and gradually extend its portfolio to offer co-branded cards.
- ✎ Dilip Asbe, chief operating officer at National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
- ✎ RuPay is a brand owned and developed by NPCI (from 2012) to compete against global payment schemes of the likes of Visa and MasterCard. NPCI was promoted by 10 Indian banks.
- ✎ RuPay is targeting to capture 10 per cent of the entire credit cards market in India in a two to three-year timeframe & from 2017, the target is to issue 500,000 to a million such credit cards every year.

**HERO CYCLES ACQUIRES 60% STAKE IN SRI LANKA'S BSH VENTURES, 2016 MARCH 25**

**H**ero Cycles announced picking up of 60 per cent stake in Sri Lankan bicycle manufacturer BSH Ventures which is its third major acquisition within six months, for an undisclosed sum.

This acquisition comes in line with the company's aggressive intent to strengthen its global presence and to spruce up its manufacturing proficiency to feed a rapidly rising global demand.

**ALIBABA'S FORMER EXECUTIVE JOINS PAYTM AS PRESIDENT, 2016 MARCH 25**



**E**yeing overseas expansion, mobile commerce firm paytm today appointed ex-head of Alibaba Group Holding's wholesale business, Bhushan Patil, as its new president. Paytm CEO and Founder Vijay Shekhar Sharma .

**CAD NARROWS TO 1.3% OF GDP IN DEC QTR: RBI, 2016 MARCH 25**



**I**ndia's current account deficit (CAD) narrowed to 1.3 per cent of GDP in third quarter of the fiscal as against 1.5 per cent in the same period last year, mainly on account of lower trade deficit.

On a cumulative basis, the CAD narrowed to 1.4 per cent of GDP in April-December from 1.7 per cent in the corresponding period of 2014-15, on the back of the contraction in the trade deficit.

- ✎ Foreign exchange reserves (on a BoP basis) increased by USD 4.1 billion in third quarter of 2015-16.
- ✎ RBI also said there has been a marginal net outflow of USD 0.2 billion in portfolio investment in third quarter of 2015-16 as against net outflow of USD 3.5 billion in the preceding quarter and "equity outflows in Q3 were almost offset by inflows into the debt segment".

**BHUTAN TELECOM SELECTS ERICSSON AS BSS TRANSFORMATION PARTNER, 2016 MARCH 25**



**E**ricsson (NASDAQ: ERIC) has signed a Business Support Systems (BSS) transformation contract with Bhutan Telecom which is Bhutan's largest telecom service provider.

Point at a glance:

- ✎ Ericsson to transform Bhutan Telecom's billing systems into a convergent environment supporting mobile, fixed line and broadband subscribers
- ✎ Partnership enables Bhutan Telecom to design and launch promotions and campaigns in real time
- ✎ Transformation also supports product and service cross-bundling, cost-control for postpaid subscriptions and service personalization
- ✎ Tshewang Gyeltshen, CEO, Bhutan Telecom.

**OLA, MAHARASHTRA GOVERNMENT  
SIGN MOU TO SKILL ONE LAKH YOUTH,  
2016 MARCH 25**

**O**la, India's largest taxi aggregator recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Maharashtra government, to skill, develop and create opportunities for entrepreneurship for 1,00,000 youth in the state.

The MoU, which will also take into consideration the employment of women.

- ✎ The company will work closely with the Maharashtra government to expand its network of driver owned cabs across multiple categories like Micro, Mini, Prime etc.
- ✎ The government will also work with Ola towards making concerted efforts in providing the right training infrastructure and technology framework to make a meaningful difference in the current employment scenario.
- ✎ According to Pranay Jivrajka, chief operating officer at Ola.

**INDIAN ECONOMY TO GROW AT 7.2% IN  
2016-17: BMI RESEARCH,  
2016 MARCH 26**

**T**he Indian economy is expected to grow at 7.2 per cent in 2016-17, which is lower than Central Statistics Office's advance estimates of 7.6 per cent in the current fiscal due to weak investments and external headwinds.

Indian economy continues to face multiple challenges, and this is being reflected in high frequency data such as industrial production and trade, it added.

According to Japanese financial services major Nomura, India's GDP growth is likely to pick up to 7.8 per cent in fiscal 2016-17 from 7.6 per cent this year, largely driven by higher discretionary demand.

**WORLD BANK APPROVED \$100 MILLION****LOAN TO JORDAN FOR CREATING JOBS  
FOR JORDANIANS, SYRIAN REFUGEES,  
2016 MARCH 28**

**BMI Research**  
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**T**he World Bank agreed to provide concessional 100 million US dollar loan to Jordan for creating one lakh jobs for Jordanians and Syrian refugees. The loan will be provided at rates usually reserved for the poorest countries.

The announcement was made by World Bank President Jim Yong Kim during a joint visit of Kim and United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon to Jordan.

**Usability of the Loan**

- ✎ The long-term loan is part of an attempt by the international community to improve conditions for refugees in overburdened host countries Jordan and Lebanon.
- ✎ More than 4.8 million Syrians have fled their country since the start of the Syria conflict in 2011. Jordan hosts about 640000 registered Syrian refugees and Lebanon more than one million.
- ✎ The financing will be used to develop and strengthen existing special economic zones to attract international and domestic investments. Additional details of the job-creation plans will be announced in coming months.

The concessional loan was announced three days after Lebanon was also awarded 100 million US dollar to ensure universal school enrolment for Lebanese and Syrian refugee children by 2017.

- ✎ The concessional loan is a part of World Bank Group's strategy in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region to promote peace and stability as the necessary conditions for development. The strategy is aimed at focusing directly on the causes of conflict, while helping countries address its consequences and to recover and rebuild. The new strategy is built on four main pillars:
- ✎ Restore trust between citizens and their governments with greater accountability and improved services

- ✎ Promote increased regional cooperation around the shared priorities of education, energy and water
- ✎ Support countries and communities hosting large numbers of refugees, to strengthen their resilience
- ✎ Prepare for reconstruction whenever and wherever peace emerges
- ✎ To raise the volume of financing needed to implement the new strategy, and to rally the international community around the common goal of promoting peace and stability in the region, the World Bank Group has partnered with the United Nations and the Islamic Development Bank Group.

### WORLD BANK OPENS COUNTRY OFFICE IN MALAYSIA, 2016 MARCH 29



**T**he World Bank opened its office in Malaysia which will also serve as a global knowledge and research hub.

World Bank said its new office will facilitate its partnership with Malaysia, in areas such as financial intermediation and inclusion, and to support the bank's twin goals of ending extreme poverty and boosting shared prosperity.

- ✎ World Bank chief economist Kaushik Basu expected the new office would help Malaysia share its experience in transforming itself from a poor, commodity-exporting nation to a modern, diversified economy.

### CLEAN ENERGY: ADB, US AGENCY TO SUPPORT INDIA'S AMBITIOUS PLANS (BUSINESS), 2016 MARCH 29

**T**he Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate on supporting India's expansion plans for clean energy infrastructure.



- ✎ Under the terms of the MoU, USAID will align the components of its technical assistance with ADB's current and planned investments in renewable energy.
- ✎ Teresa Kho, Country Director for ADB in India, signed the MoU for ADB.
- ✎ ADB welcomes this collaboration with USAID that brings together our respective strengths, expertise and resources to the common objective of supporting India's targets for clean energy expansion.

### RELIANCE DEFENCE TO FORM VENTURE WITH ISRAEL'S RAFAEL, 2016 MARCH 29



**R**eliance Defence, a part of the Anil Ambani-led group, on Tuesday said it is forming a joint venture in India with Rafael of Israel for air-to-air missiles, air defence systems and large aerostats, with a seed capital of over Rs.1,300 crore.

- ✎ Rafael Advance Defence Systems will mark the entry of Reliance Defence in the complex field of air-to-air and air defence systems manufacturing in India,
- ✎ Reliance and Rafael will have 51:49 holding in the venture as per the current guidelines of the government of India.
- ✎ The project will have an initial capital outlay of more than Rs.1,300 Crore, without including the cost of technology.



**FINANCE MINISTER CALLS FOR IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION BY BANKS IN ACHIEVING HIGHER GROWTH RATE, 2016 MARCH 29**

**T**he Union Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley said that the banks have to play an important role in achieving the higher growth rate in the country. He said that the banks would be provided sufficient funds to recapitalise them.

**TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES PARTNERS WITH SWEDEN'S LANSFOR-SAKRINGAR BANK, 2016 MARCH 29**

**T**ata Consultancy Services announced that Sweden's Lansforsakringar Bank has selected its TCS Banks platform as the engine to power its future growth and transformation.

- ✎ In addition, TCS will also provide system integration and support services to ensure a smooth transition for Lansforsakringar Bank's current environment.

**ADB CUTS INDIA'S GROWTH FORE-CAST TO 7.4 % FOR 16-17, 2016 MARCH 30**

**T**he Asian Development Bank's (ADB) growth forecast of 7.4 per cent for 2016-17 is substantially lower than its earlier projection of 7.8 per cent. ADB's flagship publication Asian Development Outlook (ADO) also projected rise in consumer inflation, mainly on account of the impact of salary hike of government employees and a likely mild pick up in global oil prices.

ADB projects India's gross domestic product (GDP) to grow 7.4 per cent in FY 2016, slightly below the FY 2015 estimate of 7.6 per cent. In FY 2017 growth is forecast to reach 7.8 per cent

**GOVT PERMITS 100 PC FDI IN ONLINE MARKET PLACES, 2016 MARCH 30**

**T**he government today permitted 100 per cent FDI in the market place format of e-commerce retailing with a view to attract more foreign investments.

- ✎ To bring clarity, the DIPP has also come out with the definition of 'e-commerce', 'inventory-based model' and 'market place model'.
- ✎ At present, global e-tailer giants like Amazon and Ebay are operating online marketplaces in India while homegrown players like Flipkart and Snapdeal have foreign investments even as there were no clear FDI guidelines on various online retail models.

**EIB ANNOUNCED LOAN OF 33 BILLION RUPEES FOR LUCKNOW METRO, 2016 MARCH 31**

**E**uropean Investment Bank (EIB) on 30 March 2016 announced that it will invest 33 billion rupees (450 million Euros) for the first metro line in Lucknow

This investment will be EIB's largest ever financing in India. The announcement was made by President of the bank, Werner Hoyer at the 13th India-EU summit held in Brussels. The 450 million Euros long-term loan will be used to finance the first metro line in Lucknow, including both construction of the 23km long new metro line and a fleet of metro trains. The EIB is the European Union's bank. It is the only bank owned by and representing the interests of the European Union Member States.

**CGN COMPLETES DEAL WITH CZECH COUNTERPART, 2016 MARCH 31**


**C**hina General Nuclear Power Corporation (CGN) announced Wednesday that it had reached deal with the CEZ group. The energy group signed a Memorandum of Understanding in Prague with the Czech energy group on nuclear energy, including procurement, construction, operations and maintenance of power plants. CGN is one of the largest nuclear power reactor operators in China. He Yu, chairman of CGN, said, "CGN is very keen to forge partnerships with leading businesses like CEZ in the Czech Republic to support the country's national new energy strategy."

**JAPAN TO PROVIDE OVER RS 14K CR LOANS FOR INFRA PROJECTS, 2016 APRIL 01**


**J**apan will provide Rs 14,251 crore in loans to finance power, rail, road, sanitation and irrigation projects.

Loan documents were exchanged between the two sides.

The list of projects which will get financing from Japan are-

- ✎ a transmission system strengthening scheme in Madhya Pradesh,
- ✎ Odisha Integrate Sanitation Improvement project,
- ✎ dedicated freight corridor phase I,

North East Road Network Connectivity Improvement project and Jharkhand Horticulture Intensification

**FICCI, AIBC SIGN MOU TO STRENGTHEN BUSINESS TIES, 2016 APRIL 01**

**I**n a bid further strengthen and promote business ties with Australia, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) announced inking



an MoU with Australia India Business Council (AIBC). The agreement was signed in the presence of the visiting Finance Minister Arun Jaitley during the 'Invest in India Round Table Conference'. The agreement reinvigorates the ongoing relationship between the two organisations to further promote, facilitate and grow the trade and investment relationship between Australia and India. The MoU also solidifies the partnership for the upcoming "Engaging with India" conference being held on 16 and 17 May, for which AFR is also a partner, AIBC said. The pact is a move to further increase work in and with the Australian side, Ficci President Harshavardhan Neotia said. Acknowledging the huge potential that exists between the businesses of the two sides, Neotia announced of launch Ficci office in Australia to be represented by the CEO of Rio Tinto India, Nik Senapati.

**GERMANY'S KFW TO GIVE 500 MILLION EURO LOAN TO NAGPUR METRO, 2016 APRIL 02**


**G**erman Government's Development Bank KfW will provide a loan assistance of EUR 500 million (about Rs.3,750 cr) for the modern and sustainable metro system for Nagpur city being executed by Nagpur Metro Rail Corporation Limited (NMRCL).

An agreement in this regard was signed today in New Delhi by the Department of Economic Affairs and KfW. Shri S.Selvaraj, Joint Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs and Shri Roland Siller, Director General of KfW. The loan period is 20 years with a moratorium of five years and disbursement will be based on the progress of the project over three years. Costing Rs.8,680 cr (EUR 1,240 million), Nagpur Metro is the first metro to be financed under the Indo German partnership for clean, socially inclusive and climate friendly mobility for people in cities. German Ambassador Dr.Martin Ney, OSD (Urban Transport) in the Ministry of Urban Development Shri Mukund Sinha, Managing Director of Nagpur Metro Shri Brijesh Dixit and others were present on the occasion of signing of agreement. Physical works commenced in May, 2015 and the whole Metro would be operational by March, 2019.

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**FLIPKART ACQUIRES PAYMENT FIRM  
PHONEPE, 2016 APRIL 02**

**F**lipkart announced the acquisition of PhonePe, a city-based mobile payments company co-founded by the e-commerce giant's two former employees.

PhonePe, co-founded by Sameer Nigam and Rahul Chari, is building India's first Unified Payments Interface (UPI) based product. UPI, planned to go live in April, will allow users to transact using their unique identification and mobile phone number or virtual payments address without sharing any other bank details.

In contrast to the present payments process, which involves entering numerous account/card details and multi-level interventions, UPI will provide a highly secure hassle-free digital payments experience, Flipkart said. Anyone holding an active bank account can easily perform instant transactions by simply using their mobile phone, it said in a release.

Flipkart CEO Binny Bansal said payments has been one of the biggest hurdles for mass adoption of online shopping in India, adding, UPI has the potential of transforming the entire payments ecosystem in the country.

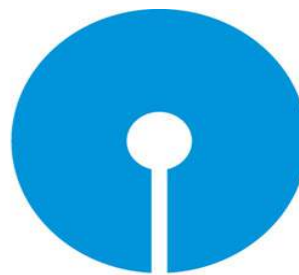
The acquisition of PhonePe is in line with Flipkart's focus on driving innovation on the payments front, he said.

Nigam said PhonePe's mission is to significantly improve the online and offline digital payments experience for millions of Indian customers. "We are really excited to merge with Flipkart and get access to one of the largest consumer bases in the country, which will allow us to realize our vision at a much larger scale," he said.

The PhonePe team will transition to Flipkart but will function as an independent business unit, the release said.

**SBI LAUNCHES NO QUEUE APP FOR  
CUSTOMERS TO SAVE ON TIME,  
2016 APRIL 04**

**T**he country's largest lender, State Bank of India, has launched a virtual queuing mobile application that will help customers save on time.

**State Bank of India**

State Bank of India launched 'State Bank of India NO Queue' mobile application to save the valuable time of its esteemed customers for availing of banking services

The application is a mobile-based virtual queuing application for customers to book an instant queue ticket for selected services at selected branches.

Based on the services selected, the list of branches with addresses providing those services within a configured radius of 15 kms will be populated in the application

The application, which can be downloaded from Google Play and Apple app stores, was launched by SBI Chairman Arundhati Bhattacharya.

**RBI CUTS REPO RATE BY 25 BASIS  
POINTS, 2016 APRIL 04**

**T**he Reserve Bank cut the key interest rate by 0.25 per cent and introduced a host of measures to smoothen liquidity supply so that banks can lend to the productive sectors and indicated accommodative stance going ahead.

On the basis of an assessment of the current and evolving macroeconomic situation, it has been decided to:

- ✎ reduce the policy repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) by 25 basis points from 6.75 per cent to 6.5 per cent;
- ✎ reduce the minimum daily maintenance of the cash reserve ratio (CRR) from 95 per cent of the requirement to 90 per cent with effect from the fortnight beginning April 16, 2016, while keeping the CRR unchanged at 4.0 per cent of net demand and time liabilities (NDTL);
- ✎ continue to provide liquidity as required but progressively lower the average ex ante liquidity deficit in the system from one per cent of NDTL to a position closer to neutrality; and
- ✎ narrow the policy rate corridor from +/-100 basis points (bps) to +/- 50 bps by reducing the MSF rate by 75 basis points and increasing the reverse repo





rate by 25 basis points, with a view to ensuring finer alignment of the weighted average call rate (WACR) with the repo rate;

Consequently, the reverse repo rate under the LAF stands adjusted to 6.0 per cent, and the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate to 7.0 per cent. The Bank Rate which is aligned to the MSF rate also stands adjusted to 7.0 per cent.

CRR	-	4%
SLR	-	21.25%
Repo Rate	-	6.5%
Reverse Repo Rate	-	6%
MSF	-	7%

### NITA AMBANI MOST POWERFUL BUSINESS WOMAN IN ASIA: FORBES, 2016 APRIL 07



**R**eliance Industries director Nita Ambani and State Bank of India chairman Arundhati Bhattacharya have been ranked top two in Forbes' "Asia 50 Power Businesswomen 2016" list, which acknowledges the inroads women are making in the business world, despite gender inequalities.

Including Ms. Ambani and Ms. Bhattacharya, eight Indian businesswomen have made the cut in the latest list who among them bring to the table representations from diverse business fields — banking, bio-tech, data analytics, textiles, pharma and even wellness and beauty.

Here's what Forbes said on other Indian women on the list:

Ms. Bhattacharya: State Bank of India

Ambiga Dhiraj, chief executive, Mu Sigma

Dipali Goenka, chief executive, Welspun India

Vinita Gupta, chief executive, Lupin

Chanda Kochhar, managing director, ICICI Bank

Vandana Luthra, vice chairman, VLCC Health Care

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, chairman, Biocon

### WORLD BANK LAUNCHES AMBITIOUS CLIMATE ACTION PLAN, 2016 APRIL 08



**T**he World Bank has unveiled an ambitious climate action plan that will help developing countries add 30 gigawatts of renewable energy, bring early warning systems to 100 million people and develop climate- smart agriculture investment plans for at least 40 nations.

The World Bank has set the target for achieving this by 2020, officials said as they released details of the Climate Change Action Plan, which comes just two weeks before world leaders officially sign the landmark Paris Agreement in New York.

"Following the Paris climate agreement, we must now take bold action to protect our planet for future generations," World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim said.

To maximise impact, the World Bank Action Plan is focused on helping countries shape national policies and leverage private sector investment.

International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group, aims to expand its climate investments from the current \$2.2 billion a year to a goal of \$3.5 billion a year and lead on leveraging an additional \$13 billion a year in private sector financing by 2020.

**INDIA'S RANK UNCHANGED AT 19TH  
AMONG TOP 30 EXPORTERS, 2016 APRIL 09**

**I**ndia's rank remained unchanged at 19th in 2015 in the list of top 30 merchandise exporters of the world, according to a WTO report.

China continues to hold the top position in the list.

However, India's ranking among top importers slipped by one notch to 13th in 2015, from 12th in previous year. In imports, the US topped the list.

**MICROMAX PARTNERS VISA, TRANSERV  
FOR PUSHING M-COMMERCE,  
2016 APRIL 11**

**D**omestic handset maker Micromax will now integrate a new wallet offering, powered by Visa and TranServ, for its smartphone users as it looks to beef up its services business. The Gurgaon-based firm, which had partnered TranServ in December last year, is relying heavily on payments as part of its overall service strategy.

Micromax co-founder Vikas Jain stated that "Payment is very critical to the overall service strategy for Micromax... Almost all the new smartphone products will have this wallet as natively integrated in them. Existing users of Micromax smartphones will also get this upgrade,".

Using the proposed payment solutions, Micromax users will be able to use mobile-based push payments using mVisa and make eCommerce payments on merchant

and social media applications as well as interpersonal payments to personal contacts.

"The payment solutions will soon be available to Micromax smartphone users through the Udio app,"

TranServ co-founder and CEO Anish Williams said the company is building solutions that will contribute towards a holistic and secure payments ecosystem.

**Dhoni Named Handset-maker Lava's Brand Ambassador**

India's limited-overs cricket captain M.S. Dhoni has been signed up as brand ambassador by handset manufacturer Lava International in a move to strengthen its brand in India,

Company differentiates itself through a compelling story, a commitment to stay relevant and high quality products and services.

"I am very happy to associate with Lava and look forward to working with them closely," Mahendra Singh Dhoni said.

Lava International, founded in 2009, achieved revenues of \$1.2 billion in fiscal 2014-15.

12 April 2016

**INDIA'S GDP TO BE 7.7 PC IN 2017 AND 7.5  
PC IN 2016: WB, 2016 APRIL 12**

**D**riven by India's expected GDP growth of 7.7 per cent in 2017 and 7.5 per cent in 2016, the World Bank forecasted gradual acceleration in South Asia's economic growth from 7.1 per cent in 2016 to 7.3 per cent in 2017.

India's economic activity is expected to accelerate from 7.5 per cent in FY 2016 to 7.7 per cent in FY 2017 based on the expectation of strong private investment, a push in infrastructure spending, an improved investment climate, and improved corporate and financial balance sheets

In neighbouring Pakistan, growth is projected to accelerate modestly from 4.5 per cent in 2016 to 4.8 per cent in 2017. In Sri Lanka the economic growth is expected to grow at 5.3 per cent in 2016 and 2017.

**IMF RETAINS INDIA'S GROWTH FORECAST, CUTS GLOBAL PROJECTION, 2016 APRIL 13**

**I**ndia's growth pegged at 7.5% for 2016-17; global economic expansion estimated at 3.2%

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) retained India's growth projections for 2016-17 at 7.5 per cent, while it cut global economic expansion by two percentage points to 3.2 per cent for 2016 and one percentage point to 3.5 per cent in 2017. In its World Economic Outlook, IMF, however, cautioned India that sustaining growth would require labour reforms as well as reducing infrastructure bottlenecks.

In 2016-17, India's growth would be higher than China's by 1.3 percentage points. The country has overtaken China since 2014-15, becoming the fastest growing large economy in the world. For 2015-16, India's growth was pegged at 7.5 per cent, a shade lower than official estimate of 7.6 per cent.

RBI gave in-principle approval to Airtel payments bank

Airtel M Commerce Services (AMSL), a subsidiary of Bharti Airtel, on 11 April 2016 was granted the first payments bank license from Reserve Bank of India (RBI). AMSL is a wholly owned subsidiary of Airtel, which offers mobile money services under the brand name Airtel Money. It proposes to convert the existing pre-paid payment instrument license into a Payments Bank license as per the guidelines prescribed by the Reserve Bank of India.

**INDIA WORLD'S LARGEST REMITTANCE RECIPIENT IN 2015: WORLD BANK, 2016 APRIL 14**

**I**ndia was the world's largest remittance recipient in 2015 despite experiencing a \$1 billion drop from the previous year, the first decline in its remittances since 2009, the World Bank said. India retained its top spot in 2015, attracting about \$69 billion in remittances,



down from \$70 billion in 2014, the World Bank said in its annual report "Migration and Development Brief". Other large remittance recipients in 2015 were China, with \$64 billion, the Philippines (\$28 billion), Mexico (\$25 billion) and Nigeria (\$21 billion).

Remittances to India, the (South Asian) region's largest economy and the world's largest remittance recipient, decreased by 2.1 per cent in 2015, to \$68.9 billion. This marks the first decline in remittances since 2009," the World Bank report said.

**PNB LAUNCHES SMS ALERT SERVICE IN REGIONAL LANGUAGES, 2016 APRIL 14**

**S**tate-owned Punjab National Bank today said it has launched many services, including SMS alert in Hindi and other languages and Indo-Nepal Remittance. Other services include Unified Payment Interface, Launch of Mahila Kaushal Vikas Yojna and Housing Finance Scheme on the occasion of 122nd Foundation Day, PNB said in a statement.

The bank was established on April 12, 1895, in Lahore, Pakistan, by freedom fighter Lala Lajpat Rai.

**STAR INDIA GOES IN FOR TOP-LEVEL REJIG, ELEVATES UDAY SHANKAR, 2016 APRIL 14**

**T**he Indian entertainment arm of 21st Century Fox, STAR India, has announced a restructuring, elevating chief executive officer Uday Shankar to chairman and CEO. Sanjay Gupta will assume the role of managing director (MD); his erstwhile post of chief operations officer (COO) has been scrapped. To sharpen focus on the business in the four southern states, K Madhavan has been appointed MD, South. Both Gupta and Madhavan will report to Shankar.



### SPORTS

Burning Topics of the Month

- ✎ Shane Watson
- ✎ Miami Open
- ✎ T-20 WC
- ✎ Yogeshwar Dutt



#### INDIA BEAT BANGLADESH BY 72 RUNS IN WOMEN'S WORLD T20 OPENER, 2016 MARCH 16



Indian women's cricket team thrashed their Bangladeshi counterparts by 72 runs in the opening group 'B' league fixture of the ICC World T20. Batting first, India scored a healthy 163 for five with skipper Mithali Raj scoring 42 off 35 balls and Harmanpreet Kaur smashing 40 off 29 balls.

V R Vanitha made 38 and Veda Krishnamurthy was unbeaten on 36. In reply, Bangladesh could only manage 91 for five in 20 overs. Veda Krishnamurthy, who remained not out on 36 off 24 balls, walked in at 95 for three in 13.3 overs and stitched a useful 45 run partnership for fourth wicket in the company of Harmanpreet. In the 19th over, Krishnamurthy hammered two sixes of Fahima Khatun to post the India's total past 150 runs. The Scores: India - 163 for 5 in 20 overs.

#### YOGESHWAR BAGS OLYMPICS BERTH, 2016 MARCH 19



Star wrestler Yogeshwar Dutt has bagged an Olympic quota in the men's 65 kg freestyle category at ongoing Asian qualifying tournament. In the first

round, Yogeshwar overpowered Korea's Ju Song Kim 8-1 before defeating Xuan Dinh Nguyen of Vietnam by technical superiority in the quarter-finals. The Indian had opened up a huge 12-2 lead over his Vietnamese opponent. In the semi-final, Yogeshwar overcame Seungchul Lee of Korea 7-2. He thus bagged an Olympic spot as the top two wrestler in each category are being awarded Olympic quotas.

This is the second quota place that Indian wrestlers have bagged for the Rio Olympics to be held later this year. Narsingh Pancham Yadav had bagged a quota place in the men's 74kg freestyle division last year.

#### CHINA'S WANDA SIGNS SPONSORSHIP CONTRACT WITH FIFA, 2016 MARCH 19

World football governing body, FIFA has announced that it signed a highest-level sponsorship contract with Chinese company Wanda Group.

FIFA president Gianni Infantino stated that "We are pleased to welcome the Wanda Group to FIFA. A company that has a long affiliation with football, has been an active supporter of the game for many years and shares our enthusiasm to develop and strengthen football. As part of their agreement, Wanda will have rights to all FIFA competitions and corporate activities up to and including the 2030 FIFA World Cup.

Wanda Group chairman Wang Jianlin said he hoped their cooperation with FIFA will enhance the development of soccer in China.

#### DONG BIN WINS MEN'S TRIPLE JUMP AT WORLD INDOOR ATHLETICS, 2016 MARCH 21

China's Dong Bin won the men's triple jump gold at the athletics World Indoor Championships and became the third Chinese athlete ever to win a world indoor title.

Dong, world leader in the season with 17.41 metres, took an early lead with 17.18m and then extended his lead with a 17.29m effort in the third attempt, before he leaped 17.33m in the penultimate round to grab the title.

Germany's Mex Hess took silver with a personal best of 17.14m, while France's European champion Benjamin Compaore trailed at the third spot with 17.04m.

Dong joins sprint hurdler Liu Xiang (2008) and shot putter Sui Xinmei (1991) as the only Chinese athletes to reach the top of the podium in the history of the championships.

**WRESTLER HARDEEP BOOKS RIO OLYMPIC QUOTA IN GRECO-ROMAN, 2016 MARCH 21**

**H**ardeep sprang a surprise by booking an Olympic quota place for India in Greco-Roman wrestling, which is not the country's forte, after finishing with a silver medal in the 98kg category on the last day of the Asian Olympic Qualification championship. This is the first time that an Indian Greco-Roman wrestler has secured an Olympic berth after 2004 Athens Games, when Mausam Khatri had made the cut. In fact, in a heavyweight category, this is the first time that an Indian Greco-Roman grappler has ensured a place in the Games.

Overall, three Indian wrestlers have so far qualified for the Olympics - two (Yogeshwra Dutt and Narsingh Yadav) in men's freestyle and one in greco-roman. Even before Hardeep clinched the silver, he had qualified for the Olympics by virtue of reaching the final. The top two finishers in each weight category here are assured of a Rio berth.

In the final bout, Hardeep lost on the account of injury default to his opponent Di Xiao of China, and had to be satisfied with a second-place finish.

**HS PRANNOY CLINCHES SWISS OPEN GP GOLD BADMINTON TITLE, 2016 MARCH 21**

**H**S Prannoy clinched his second Grand Prix Gold badminton tournament title by notching up a straight game victory over Marc Zwiebler of Germany in the summit clash of the Swiss Open. Seeded 13th in the USD 120,000 tournament, Prannoy outclassed seventh seeded Zwiebler 21-18, 21-15 in a 45-minute final.

The 23-year-old Prannoy, who had won the Indonesia Open Grand Prix Gold in 2014, had been in fine touch with wins over higher ranked players, including Rajiv Ouseph of England, in this tournament. Prannoy began the match on a confident note and surged to a 7-4 lead in the first game before the German, ranked 19th as compared to the Indian's 27th, fought his way back into the match. The two rivals were tied at 18-18 and it was from there that the Indian took three straight points at a crucial juncture to take the opening game 21-18.

**NOVAK DJOKOVIC WIN INDIAN WELLS TITLE, 2016 MARCH 21**

**W**orld number one Novak Djokovic produced sublime form to clinch an unprecedented fifth men's title at Indian Wells with a 6-2 6-0 demolition of big-serving Canadian Milos Raonic in the men's final. The 28-year-old Serb broke his out-of-sorts opponent twice in the first set and three times in the second to wrap up victory in one hour. Australian Open champion Djokovic improved his stellar record for the year to 22-1 as he tied Rafael Nadal with a record-equalling 27th ATP Masters 1000 crown.

**AUSTRALIA'S SHANE WATSON TO RETIRE FROM INTERNATIONALS AFTER WORLD TWENTY20, 2016 MARCH 24**

**T**he Australia all-rounder Shane Watson will quit international cricket after the World Twenty20 in India. The 34-year-old retired from Tests last year after Australia's unsuccessful Ashes campaign in England but opted to continue playing in the limited-overs formats. He is also likely to be involved in the must-win fixtures against Pakistan and India on Sunday as Australia seek to join New Zealand in the semi-finals from Group Two of the Super 10 stage.

Watson was dogged by fitness problems for much of his career but still managed 59 Tests, 190 one-day internationals and currently has 56 T20 caps before the Pakistan clash. He was a World Cup winner in 2007 and on home turf in 2015 and player of the tournament at the World T20 in 2012.

**DJOKOVIC WINS MIAMI OPEN,  
2016 MARCH 26**

**T**op-ranked Novak Djokovic made a strong start in his quest for a third consecutive Miami Open title.

Djokovic, seeking his sixth Miami crown overall and the first “three-peat” since Andre Agassi in 2001-2003, opened by defeating Britain’s 87th-ranked Kyle Edmund 6-3, 6-3 in the ATP and WTA hardcourt event. Djokovic, who captured his 11th Grand Slam singles crown at the Australian Open two months ago, will face Portugal’s Joao Sousa in the third round as he tries to add to a 2016 trophy haul that also includes Doha and Indian Wells.

The 28-year-old Serbian is 23-1 this year and has 25 of his past 26 Miami matches, including 11 in a row.

**INDIA STORMS INTO SEMIFINALS OF  
WORLD T-20; BEATS AUSTRALIA BY 6  
WICKETS, 2016 MARCH 28**

**I**ndia stormed into the semifinals of World Twenty-20 as they defeated Australia by 6 wickets in a do or die match at Mohali. Young Virat Kohli was the main architect for India’s victory yet again, as he played another defining knock of 82 runs in 51 balls under immense pressure.

After that Virat Kohli and Yuvraj Singh calmed the innings but required run rate climbed to 12 over mark.

Yuvraj departed on the last ball of 14th over as scoreboard read 94 for 4, leaving 67 runs required of just 36 balls for victory. Earlier, batting first Australia were off to a flier but was contained later by Ravindra Jadeja and Ashish Nehra’s tactical bowling to restrict the side to 160 for 6 in stipulated 20 overs.

**CANDIDATES CHESS : ANISH GIRI DRAWS  
WITH VISWANATHAN ANAND,  
2016 MARCH 28**

**F**ive-time world champion Viswanathan Anand played out a thrilling draw with Anish Giri of Holland and inched himself up to seven points after his 13th and penultimate round game in the Candidates



Chess tournament. The draw might just be the end of Anand’s aspirations for the next World Championships as the Indian may not have theoretical chances of winning the Candidates that would have ensured another world title clash with Magnus Carlsen of Norway.

While the important games of the penultimate round were still in progress, Fabiano Caruana of Italy made a strong case for himself as he stood a pawn plus in the endgame against Russian Peter Svidler. With just one round remaining, Anand will take on Svidler and the permutation and combinations will give the Indian chances only if both Karjakin and Caruana lose this round. If they both draw, the showdown between them in the final round will decide the winner.

**RAVICHANDRAN ASHWIN CLAIMS 50 T20  
1st WICKETS DURING T20 WORLD CUP,  
2016 MARCH 28**

**I**ndian off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin claimed his 50th wicket in Twenty20 Internationals (T20Is), against Australia in the Super 10 Group 2, Match 31 of the ongoing ICC World T20 2016 at the Punjab Cricket Association (PCA) Stadium. He achieved the feat, after dismissing David Warner for mere six.

He also became the first Indian to achieve the feat. Meanwhile, Australia and India are fighting it out in the middle as the match turn out to be a thriller so far.





Name of Event	Gold Medal (In Rupees)	Silver Medal (In Rupees)	Bronze Medal (In Rupees)
Olympic Games (Summer & Winter)	75 Lakh	50 Lakh	30 Lakh
Paralympic Games (Summer & Winter)	75 Lakh	50 Lakh	30 Lakh
Asian Games	30 Lakh	20 Lakh	10 Lakh
Commonwealth Games	30 Lakh	20 Lakh	10 Lakh
Para Asian Game	30 Lakh	20 Lakh	10 Lakh
Commonwealth Games (Para Athletes)	30 Lakh	20 Lakh	10 Lakh
World Championship or World Cup (conducted in Four Year Cycle) / All England Championship of Badminton	40 Lakh	25 lakh	15 lakh
World Championship / World Cup (Held once in two years)	20 Lakh	14 Lakh	8 Lakh
World Championship / World Cup (Held annually)	10 Lakh	7 Lakh	4 Lakh
Asian Championship (Held once in Four years)	15 Lakh	10 Lakh	5 Lakh
Deaflympics	15 Lakh	10 Lakh	5 Lakh
Asian Championship (Held once in Two years)	7.5 Lakh	5 Lakh	2.5 Lakh
Asian Championship (Held Annually)	3.75 Lakh	2.5 Lakh	1.25 Lakh
Commonwealth Championships (Held once in Four years)	15 Lakh	10 Lakh	5 Lakh
Commonwealth Championships (Held once in Two years)	7.5 Lakh	5 Lakh	2.5 Lakh
Special Olympics (Summer & Winter)	5 Lakh	3 Lakh	1 Lakh
Commonwealth Championships (Held annually)	3.75 Lakh	2.5 Lakh	1.25 Lakh
World University Games	3.75 Lakh	2.5 Lakh	1.25 Lakh

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## Uttar Pradesh

AGRA - KHANDARI CROSSING, NH-02 BY PASS  
ALIGARH - SAMAD ROAD  
ALLAHABAD - CIVIL LINES  
AZAMGARH - PANDEY BAZAR  
BUDAUN - CIVIL LINES  
BAHRAICH - DIGHIA TIRHA  
BALLIA - CIVIL LINES  
BANDA - CIVIL LINES  
BAREILLY - J J MALL, CIVIL LINES  
BASTI - FUWARA CHOWK  
BIJNOR - SHAKTI JUDGI ROAD  
BULANDSHAHR - OPP. DAV, SHIVPURI  
DEORIA - RAGHAW NAGAR  
ETAH - RAILWAY ROAD  
FAIZABAD - NEAR AGRASEN, CHOWK, NAKA  
FARRUKHABAD - LALBAGH  
FATEHPUR - CIVIL LINES  
FIROZABAD - SUHAG NAGAR CHURAHA  
GHAZIABAD - GHAZIABAD RAILWAY STATION  
GHAZIPUR - MAHUABAGH  
GONDA - LBS CHURAHA  
GORAKHPUR - GANDHI GALI GOLE GHAR  
HARDOI - NAGHETA ROAD  
JAUNPUR - HUSAINABAD, NEAR T.D. COLLEGE  
JHANSI - NEAR ELITE CHAURAH, B.K.D. ROAD  
KANPUR-1 - KAKADEV  
KANPUR-2 - KIDWAINAGAR  
KANPUR-3 - MALL ROAD  
LAKHIMPUR - HOTEL K CONTINENTAL  
LUCKNOW-1 - KAPOORTHALA  
LUCKNOW-2 - PATRAKARPURAM, GOMTINAGAR  
LUCKNOW-3 - PURANIA, ALIGANJ  
LUCKNOW-4 - BHOOTNATH MKT., INDIRA NAGAR  
LUCKNOW-5 - RAM NAGAR, ALAMBAGH - SSC  
LUCKNOW-6 - OPP. PHOENIX MALL, KANPUR RD.  
LUCKNOW-7 - RAJAJIPURAM  
MAINPURI - STATION ROAD  
MATHURA - CHOWKI BAGH BAHADUR  
MEERUT - BACHCHA PARK  
MIRZAPUR - MUSAFFARGANJ  
MORADABAD - CIVIL LINES  
MUZAFFARNAGAR - CIVIL LINES  
NOIDA - SECTOR 18, OCEAN HEIGHTS  
ORAI - KERMER ROAD  
PILIBHIT - GANDHI STADIUM ROAD  
PRATAPGARH - BHAGWA CHUNGI  
RAEBARELI - CANAL ROAD  
RAMPUR - CIVIL LINES  
SAHARANPUR - GHANTA GHAR  
SHAHJAHANPUR - CIVIL LINES  
SITAPUR - CIVIL LINES  
SULTANPUR - CIVIL LINES  
UNNAO - AWAS VIKAS COLONY  
VARANASI - BARHAR KOTHI DURGA KUND

## Jammu and Kashmir

JAMMU - CANAL ROAD

## Haryana

AMBALA - RAI MARKET  
FARIDABAD - NEELAM PETROL PUMP  
GURGAON - BHIM NAGAR CHAWK  
HISAR - RED SQUARE MARKET SCF -2  
KARNAL - DAV COLLEGE ROAD  
KURUKSHETRA - SCF 38 MAINMARKET  
ROHTAK - ASHOK PLAZA DELHI ROAD

## Rajasthan

AJMER - VAISHALI NAGAR  
ALWAR - LAJPAT NAGAR  
JAIPUR - TONK ROAD  
JODHPUR - MANJIKA HATHA PAOTA

## Gujarat

AHMEDABAD - NAVARANGPURA  
BARODA - FATEHGANJ MAIN ROAD  
RAJKOT - WOCARD HOSPITAL  
SURAT - ICC BUILDING, RING ROAD

## Maharashtra

MUMBAI - STATION ROAD, THANE (W)  
NAGPUR-1 - GANDHINAGAR  
NAGPUR-2 - JHANSI RANI SQUARE, BULDI  
NASIK - BYK COLLEGE, COLLEGE ROAD  
PUNE - ERANDAWANA, LAW COLLEGE RD.

## Karnataka

BENGALURU - JAYNAGAR

## Kerala

ERNAKULAM - MG ROAD, RAVIPURAM  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - VANCHIYOOR

## Himachal Pradesh

SHIMLA - NEAR SECRATARIAT

## Punjab

AMRITSAR - JT ROAD, JK ORCHID,  
CHANDIGARH - SECTOR 34 - A  
JALANDHAR - MOTA SINGH NAGAR  
LUDHIANA - LINK ROAD  
PATIALA - CHOTTI BARADAN

## New Delhi

DELHI-1 - GTB NAGAR  
DELHI-2 - JANAKPUR  
DELHI-3 - LAXMI NAGAR  
DELHI-4 - MUNIRKA  
DELHI-5 - ROHINI

## Madhya Pradesh

BHOPAL-1 - MP NAGAR  
BHOPAL-2 - LALGHATI  
GWALIOR - OPP. GDA OFFICE,  
HOSHANGABAD - ANANDNAGAR  
INDORE-1 - SAPNA SANGITA RD  
INDORE-2 - BHAWARKUAN RD  
JABALPUR - NAPIER TOWN  
REWA - SUBHASH CHOWK  
SAGAR - GOPALGANJ

## Telangana

HYDERABAD-1  
HYDERABAD-2  
WARANGAL -

## Andhra Pradesh

VIJAYA  
TIRUPATI  
VISAKHAPATNAM

## Tamil Nadu

CHENNAI - G. I. T.  
COIMBATORE



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DEHRADUN - NEAR SARVE CHOWK  
HALDWANI - NAINITAL ROAD  
HARIDWAR - RANIPUR MODH  
ROORKEE - NAGAR CHOWK

## Bihar

BHAGALPUR - TILKAMANJHI  
DARBHANGA - NEAR MALECHH MARDANI TEMPLE  
GAYA - SWARAJ PURI ROAD  
MUZAFFARPUR - CLUB ROAD MITHANPURA  
PATNA-1 - BOARING ROAD  
PATNA-2 - FRAZER ROAD

## Assam

GUWAHATI - G.S. ROAD

## Jharkhand

DHANBAD - BANK MORE CHAUHARA  
JAMSHEDPUR - NEAR SHEETLA MANDIR, SAKCHI  
RANCHI - LALPUR CHOWK

## West Bengal

ASANSOL - G T ROAD (EAST) MURGASOL  
DURGAPUR - OPP. CENTRAL LIBRARY, CITY CENTRE  
KOLKATA - NEAR MOULALI CROSSING  
SILIGURI - SEVOKE ROAD

## Chhattisgarh

AMBIKAPUR - GOVT. P.G. COLLEGE, M G ROAD  
BHILAI-DURG - ABOVE ICICI NEHRU NAGAR (E)  
BILASPUR - NARAYAN PLAZA, LINK ROAD  
RAIPUR - OPP. LIC BUILDING, PANDRI

## Odisha

BALASORE - POLICE LINE SQUARE, O T ROAD  
BERHAMPUR - PANI TANK ROAD  
BHUBANESWAR - FIRE STATION, BARMUNDA  
CUTTACK - ABOVE KARNATAKA BANK, LINK ROAD  
SAMBALPUR - CHRISTIAN PARA

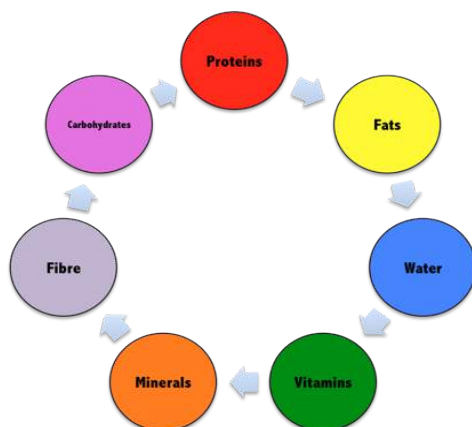
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ATI - NEW BALAJI COLONY, M R PALLI  
HAPATNAM - DWARKA NAGAR

N. CHETTY ROAD  
- R.S. PURAM

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NUTRIENTS	FUNCTION	SOURCE	DEFICIENCY CAUSE
Proteins	Build and repair tissues, supply energy	Egg, meat, milk, pulses, butter, etc	Retards growth
Carbohydrates	Main source of Energy	Starch food, e.g. Rice, Potato, Bread, Sugar, Honey, etc.	Loss of weight and weakness
Fats	Store Energy, Protect, give warmth	Ghee, Butter, Oils, Meat, Milk, Nuts, etc.	Weakness and Dullness
Water	Digestion, metabolism of food	Direct intake	Dehydration
Vitamins			
A	Health Skin and eyes	Milk, fish, egg, green and yellow vegetables, etc.	Night blindness, dry skin and keratinization of cornea
B-complex	Formation of enzymes and blood, improvement of appetite, toning of nervous system	Seeds, grains, nuts, eggs, liver of animals, milk, green vegetables, etc.	Beriberi, pellagra, loss of appetite, unhealthy skin
C (Ascorbic acid)	Resists infection	Citrus fruits (orange, lemon), leafy vegetables, etc.	Scurvy, loss of appetite, delayed healing.
D	Formation of bones and teeth in children, regulation of metabolism of calcium and phosphorus	Formed from oils on body in presence of light, shark liver oil	Rickets, weak bones
E	Assists cell development	Vegetable leaves, milk, wheat etc.	Sterility, muscular weakness
K	Helps clotting of blood	Green vegetables, soybean, tomatoes, carrots	Haemorrhage
Minerals			
Iron	Health complexion, formation of red blood corpuscles	Liver, eggs, green vegetables, leafy vegetables, fruits, etc.	Unhealthy growth of bones
Calcium	Healthy bones, teeth, nails	Milk, seeds, cereals, vegetables, etc.	Unhealthy growth of bones
Phosphorus	Good teeth, bones, muscle	Fish	Metabolic malfunction
Iodine	For thyroid function and stamina	Seafood, water	Enlargement of thyroid (goitre)
Fluorine	Healthy teeth	Water, seafood, tea	Tooth decay

**SERGEY KARJAKIN WON 2016 WORLD CHESS CANDIDATES TOURNAMENT, 2016 MARCH 29**

**R**ussian grandmaster Sergey Karjakin won the FIDE World Chess Candidates Tournament held in Moscow. In the final Round 14, the Russian grandmaster defeated American grandmaster Fabiano Caruana.

Karjakin will now play with the incumbent world champion, Norwegian Grandmaster Magnus Carlsen, in a match for the world chess crown in the United States in November 2016.

Sergey Alexandrovich Karjakin is a Ukrainian-born Russian chess grandmaster.

He is a former chess prodigy and holds the record for the world's youngest Grandmaster ever, having qualified for this title at the age of 12 years and 7 months. He won the 2012 World Rapid Chess Championship and the Chess World Cup 2015.

**LIONEL MESSI BECOMES SECOND PLAYER TO SCORE 50 GOALS FOR ARGENTINA, 2016 MARCH 30**

**L**ionel Messi has become just the second Argentina player in history to score 50 international goals after netting against Bolivia

Messi, 28, struck in the 30th minute of the 2018 World Cup qualifier at the Estadio Mario Alberto Kempes to reach the half-century for the Albiceleste -- a feat only ever achieved before by Gabriel Batistuta.

The Barcelona star, who has helped Argentina to World Cup and Copa America finals over the past two years, found his 50th goal in his 107th appearance for his national side

**KOHLI CLIMBS TO TOP IN ICC T20 RANKINGS, INDIA REMAINS NO.1, 2016 MARCH 30**

**P**owered by his magnificent knocks in the World Twenty20 so far, Indian batsman Virat Kohli became the top-ranked batsman in the ICC rankings India remained static at the No.1 spot in the team list.

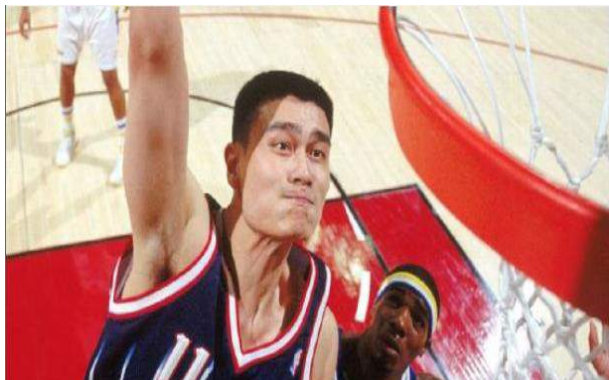
**BRAZIL SPORTS MINISTER RESIGNS, 2016 MARCH 31**

**B**razil's sports minister resigned amid a raging political crisis, five months before Rio de Janeiro hosts the Olympic Games. Hilton, who had been in the post since 2014, will be replaced on an interim basis by Ricardo Leyser, who has long been the federal government's point man for the organization of the Games, the first in South America. It was not clear how long Leyser would be in the job. Rousseff's government is on the brink of a major shake-up after her coalition's main partner, the PMDB, voted to go into opposition and support an attempt to impeach the leftist president. The Olympics open August 5 so preparations for the Games have largely fallen from the spotlight in Brazil as Rousseff fights for her political survival.

**AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE DISAPPOINTED BY ADAM SCOTT'S DECISION NOT TO PLAY 2016 GAMES, 2016 APRIL 01**

**A**DAM Scott announced he wasn't going to play in the Olympics next year and nobody batted an eyelid. Yet there is something that rankles about his decision not to be bothered to represent his country.

### YAO MING TO BE INDUCTED INTO NAISMITH MEMORIAL BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME, 2016 APRIL 01



**F**ormer Houston Rockets center Yao Ming has been elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame,

The 7-foot-6 Yao, whose career started in Shanghai in the Chinese Basketball Association, was the first pick in the 2002 draft and is given much of the credit for bringing the NBA to China.

Yao, 35, was an eight-time NBA All-Star selection, averaging 19 points, 9.2 rebounds and 1.9 blocks per game in eight seasons. He retired in 2011 following a series of foot and ankle injuries.

### OLYMPIC-BOUND SHIVA SIGNS OFF WITH SILVER AT ASIAN QUALIFIERS, 2016 APRIL 01



**A**n Olympic quota place pocketed, Indian boxer Shiva Thapa (56kg) ended his campaign with a silver medal after losing in the final of the Asian/Oceania Qualifying Tournament. The 22-year-old Assamese, who is a World Championship bronze-medallist, went down 0-3 to Thailand's Chatchai Butdee in the summit clash. But he is the reigning Asian

champion. Shiva had booked his ticket to Rio de Janeiro by making the finals yesterday after beating Kazakhstan's Kairat Yeraliyev.

Meanwhile, it was a heartbreak once again for L Devendro Singh (49kg), who missed a second opportunity to qualify for the Olympics.

The Commonwealth silver-medallist, who lost in the semifinals yesterday, today went down in the box-off for the Olympic slot.

### WEST INDIES BEAT ENGLAND TO WIN WORLD TWENTY20, 2016 APRIL 04



West Indies created history by becoming the first nation to win the ICC World T20 twice with a dramatic four-wicket victory over England riding on Carlos Brathwaite four consecutive lusty sixes in the final over of the innings.

Chasing a tricky target of 156, it was Marlon Samuels, who did an encore of the 2012 final that Darren Sammy's men had won, hitting a magnificent 85 not out off 66 balls with nine boundaries and two huge sixes. However it was the unheralded giant Brathwaite, who scored 34 off only 10 balls as he hit the four most important maximums of his short cricketing career.

### WEST INDIES WON WOMEN'S TITLE OF ICC WORLD T20 2016, 2016 APRIL 04





**W**est Indies converted their maiden appearance in a World Twenty20 final into a historic victory in Kolkata, beating three-time defending champions Australia for the first time in a T20 international by pulling off the second highest chase in the tournament's history.

The heroes of the daunting pursuit were 18-year old Hayley Matthews and the captain Stafanie Taylor, whose half-centuries and 120-partnership came at more than a run a ball.

#### **NOVAK DJOKOVIC WINS MIAMI OPEN, 2016 APRIL 04**



**W**orld number one Novak Djokovic surpassed Roger Federer as the highest-earning player in ATP Tour history on Sunday after capturing a third consecutive Miami Open crown with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over Japan's Kei Nishikori.

Djokovic's win -- his sixth career victory in Miami to equal Andre Agassi's record -- saw him pocket \$1.028 million (902,000 euros), taking him past Federer as the all-time ATP earnings leader with \$98,199,548 to the Swiss great's \$97,855,881.

#### **CHINA OPEN: JUDD TRUMP BEATS RICKY WALDEN TO TAKE SECOND TITLE, 2016 APRIL 04**



**J**udd Trump beat fellow Englishman Ricky Walden to win the China Open for the second time in his career.

The world number seven claimed eight consecutive frames on his way to a 10-4 victory over Walden, 33, who

is three places below him in the rankings. Trump claimed the £85,000 top prize, while Walden picked up £35,000.

The China Open is the penultimate event of the season, and builds up to World Snooker Championship which starts on 16 April in Sheffield.

#### **PAKISTAN COACH WAQAR YOUNIS RESIGNED, 2016 APRIL 05**



**U**nderfire Waqar Younis resigned as Pakistan's head coach in the wake of team's early exit from the World Twenty20 in India.

Shahid Afridi had quit T20 team's captaincy due to their poor performance at the prestigious event, where they managed just one win at the Group stage.

The 44-year-old, who first coached the side in 2010-11, wants his recommendations to be implemented by the Pakistan Cricket Board.

"I want my recommendations to be implemented. They were not acted on when I first made them in 2015."

#### **AUSTRALIA TO SET UP GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL PROGRAMME IN INDIA, 2016 APRIL 05**

**A**ustralia's football federation has announced a collaboration with the Australian government to provide a number of football-based grassroots development programmes in India. The FIFA has said it had held talks with the All India Football Federation (AIFF) and the Sports Authority of India to secure access to national facilities in the event that the programme expands beyond the state of Kerala.

The objective of the program is to give children aged six to 12 years a positive first experience with football while also teaching lessons about important social issues, such as gender equality and sanitation

"Just Play" is a joint venture between the Australian government, the Oceania Football Confederation (OFC), Unicef and UEFA Foundation. FFA has been an official partner since the programme was inaugurated in 2009.'

**INDIAN MEN STRIKE GOLD IN ASIAN NATIONS CHESS, 2016 APRIL 05**

**T**he Indian men won the Asian Nations Cup chess championship while the women's team just missed out on a podium finish to finish fourth in Abu Dhabi. India won 3-1 to annex the title for the third time with a tally of 17 points.

Eight-time champions China blanked hosts UAE 4-0 in the last round, but could not dislodge India from the top and had to settle for second place with 15 points. Except drawing unexpectedly versus Mongolia, India won all their matches, including against a strong Chinese side.

**SAINA SINKS TO WORLD NO. 8, SRIKANTH OUT OF TOP 10, 2016 APRIL 08**

**F**ailure to defend their individual titles at the India Open Super Series last week cost Saina Nehwal and Kidambi Srikanth dearly as the top Indian shuttlers slipped down the order in the latest BWF World rankings. Saina, who had to deal with a nagging ankle injury, lost two places to sink to World No. 8 in women's singles after losing in the semifinals of India Open, while Srikanth dropped four spots to be placed at the 14th spot in men's singles. Srikanth suffered a narrow defeat against China's Tian Houwei in the opening round here to lose a lot of ranking points. The Indian is likely to slip further when the next ranking list is out after failing to cross the opening hurdle at the ongoing Malaysia Super Series Premier.

**LEE CHONG WEI WINS 11TH MALAYSIA OPEN TITLE, 2016 APRIL 11**

**M**alaysia's badminton star Lee Chong Wei won his 11th Malaysian Open title, a much-needed boost for his pursuit of a still-elusive Olympic gold medal.

Lee cruised to victory with a flurry of devastating smashes against world number one Chen Long from China, beating him 21-13, 21-8 in a match that lasted 42 minutes.

**INDORE: INDIAN TEAMS CLINCH ASIAN KHO KHO CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE, 2016 APRIL 11**

**U**nbeaten throughout the championship, Indian men's and women's kho-kho teams won both the category's championship titles at the third Asian Kho-Kho championship organised in Indore.

In both the finals, the hosts scored victory against Bangladesh teams. The three-day championship was organised at a newly-constructed state-of-the-art indoor kho-kho stadium in Indore. In the men's final, India scored an 11-point victory (27-16) over their Bangladeshi counterparts. Both the match winners from India won a cash prize of Rs 51,000 each for their outstanding performances in the championship.



### DWAYNE BRAVO BECOMES FIRST BOWLER TO TAKE 300 WICKETS IN T20S, 2016 APRIL 12



With his four wickets for 22 runs in the match, Bravo became the first bowler in T20s to reach the milestone of 300 wickets. He went past Lasith Malinga's 299 wickets in T20s as the Sri Lankan bowler has been lying low due to injuries in the past few months. Here is the list of top five wicket-takers in T20s.

### VISHWANATHAN ANAND CONFERRED WITH HRIDAYNATH AWARD, 2016 APRIL 13



Chess wizard Vishwanathan Anand was conferred with the prestigious Hridaynath Award, which recognises individuals for success in various walks of life.

The honour comprises a cash award of Rs 2 lakh and a memento.

Maharashtra Governor C Vidyasagar Rao presented the award to the 46-year-old grandmaster here.

The guest of honour for the ceremony was Pandit Hridaynath Mangeshkar while Bollywood superstar Aamir Khan, too, attended the event.

### KANE WILLIAMSON NAMED WISDEN ALMANACK'S CRICKETER OF THE YEAR, 2016 APRIL 14



New Zealand's Kane Williamson was named the Wisden's Leading Cricketer in the World for the year 2015. On the other hand, White Ferns captain Suzie Bates was named the Leading Women's Cricketer in the World for 2015.

For the first time two New Zealand players - Williamson and Brendon McCullum - were named among the Wisden Almanack's Five Cricketers of the Year. England's Ben Stokes and Jonny Bairstow, and Australia's Steve Smith completed the list of Five Cricketers of the Year.

Williamson and Bates were chosen by Wisden editor Lawrence Booth for the award, which has been handed out in various formats since 1889.

The principal criterion is excellence or influence on the previous English summer. No one can be chosen more than once, although exceptions were made for Englishmen Plum Warner and Jack Hobbs early in the 20th century.

In 2014, Sri Lanka's Kumar Sangakkara was the winner of the prestigious accolade.

#### About Kane Williamson

- ✎ Kane Stuart Williamson is currently the captain of New Zealand. He is a right-handed batsman and occasional off-spinner.
- ✎ As of April 2016, he is the number third ranked batsman in Test cricket.
- ✎ He made his first-class debut in December 2007.
- ✎ He made his U-19 debut against the touring Indian U-19 team the same year and was named captain of the New Zealand U-19 team for the 2008 U-19 Cricket World Cup.
- ✎ He made his international debut in 2010.



### SCIENCE

Burning Topics of the Month

- ✎ Beidou Navigation Satellite
- ✎ Private Space Habitat



#### OXFORD PROFESSOR WINS £500000 FOR SOLVING 300-YEAR-OLD MATHEMATICAL MYSTERY, 2016 MARCH 17

An Oxford University professor has won a £500,000 prize for solving a three-century-old mathematical mystery that was described as an “epochal moment” for academics.

Sir Andrew Wiles, 62, has been awarded the Abel Prize by the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters and almost half a million pounds - for his proof of Fermat’s Last Theorem, which he published in 1994. He will pick up the award and a cheque for six million Norwegian Krone (£495,000) from Crown Prince Haakon of Norway in Oslo in May. The academy said Sir Andrew was awarded the prize “for his stunning proof of Fermat’s Last Theorem by way of the modularity conjecture for semistable elliptic curves, opening a new era in number theory.” Cambridge-born Sir Andrew made his breakthrough in 1994, while working at Princeton.

First formulated by the French mathematician Pierre de Fermat in 1637, the theorem states: There are no whole number solutions to the equation  $x^n + y^n = z^n$  when  $n$  is greater than 2. His previous accolades include the Rolf Schock Prize, the Ostrowski Prize, the Wolf Prize, the Royal Medal of the Royal Society, the US National Academy of Science’s Award in Mathematics, and the Shaw Prize. He was knighted in 2000.

#### BIOCON SIGNS PACT WITH MEXICAN FIRM FOR RH-INSULIN, 2016 MARCH 17

Biotechnology major Biocon said its wholly-owned subsidiary has entered into a co-development and commercialisation agreement with Mexico’s Laboratories PiSA SA de CV for generic recombinant human insulin for the US market.

Biocon said “The company has, through its wholly owned subsidiary Biocon SA, entered into a co-development and commercialisation agreement with Laboratories PiSA SA

de CV of Mexico for generic recombinant human insulin (rh-Insulin) for the US market. This is a cost sharing and profit sharing agreement with Biocon SA being responsible for clinical development, regulatory approvals and commercialisation of the product in the US.

The drug substance will be made by Biocon while the drug product will be made by PiSA at its facility in Mexico.

#### NASA PAPERS REVEAL DETAILS OF PLUTO’S MOONS, 2016 MARCH 21



Nasa scientists associated with interplanetary space probe New Horizons have revealed the former “astronomer’s planet” and its “intriguing system of small moons” in a comprehensive set of papers describing results from last summer’s Pluto system flyby.

These five detailed papers completely transform the view about Pluto revealing the former ‘astronomer’s planet’ to be a real world with diverse and active geology, exotic surface chemistry, a complex atmosphere, puzzling interaction with the Sun and an intriguing system of small moons.

After a 9.5-year, three-billion-mile journey - launching faster and traveling farther than any spacecraft to reach its primary target New Horizons zipped by Pluto on July 14, 2015.

New Horizons’ seven science instruments collected about 50 gigabits of data on the spacecraft’s digital recorders, most of it coming over nine busy days surrounding the encounter.

The first close-up pictures revealed a large heart-shaped feature carved into Pluto’s surface, telling scientists that this “new” type of planetary world - the largest, brightest and first-explored in the mysterious, distant “third zone” of our solar system known as the Kuiper Belt would be even more interesting and puzzling than models predicted.

### AGASTHYAMALA LISTED AMONG 20 WORLD BIOSPHERE RESERVES 2016 MARCH 21



**I**ndia's "unique" Agasthyamala Biosphere Reserve is among 20 new sites added by the UN's top cultural body UNESCO to its World Network of Biosphere Reserves. The International Co-ordinating Council added the new sites during a two day meeting on Saturday in Lima, capital of Peru, bringing the total number of biosphere reserves to 669 sites in 120 countries, including 16 transboundary sites.

Located in the Western Ghats, in the south of India, the Agasthyamala biosphere reserve includes peaks reaching 1,868 metres above sea level. Consisting mostly of tropical forests, the site is home to 2,254 species of higher plants including about 400 that are endemic. It is also a unique genetic reservoir of cultivated plants especially cardamom, jamun, nutmeg, pepper and plantain.

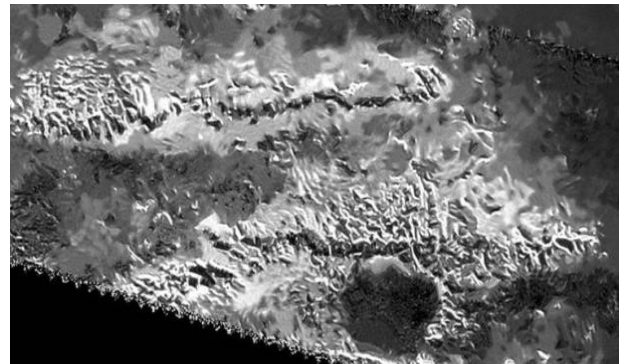
Three wildlife sanctuaries, Shendurney, Peppara, Neyyar and Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger reserve are included in the site. The Agasthyamala Biosphere Reserve (ABR) was established in 2001 and is spread across the two states of Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

New reserves are designated each year by the International Co-ordinating Council of the UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme, which brings together elected representatives of 34 UNESCO Member States.

There are 18 biosphere reserves in India out of which only nine, including the Nilgiris, Nanda Devi, Nokrek, Gulf of Mannar, Sundarban, and Great Nicobar, had been included in the network.

Biosphere reserves in India protect larger areas of natural habitat and often include one or more National Parks and/or preserves, along with buffer zones that are open to some economic uses.

### NASA'S CASSINI MISSION REVEALS TALLEST PEAK ON SATURN'S MOON TITAN, 2016 MARCH 26



**I**n a nod to extraterrestrial mountaineers of the future, scientists working on NASA's Cassini mission have identified the highest point on Saturn's largest moon Titan.

Titan's tallest peak is 10,948 feet high and is found within a trio of mountainous ridges called the Mithrim Montes. The researchers found that all of Titan's highest peaks are about 10,000 feet in elevation.

The study used images and other data from Cassini's radar instrument, which can peer through the obscuring smog of Titan's atmosphere to reveal the surface in detail.

The researchers identified other peaks of similar height within the Mithrim Montes, as well as in the rugged region known as Xanadu.

But Titan's extremes also tell us important things about forces affecting its evolution.

6. World's largest \$1.47-billion 'Thirty Meter Telescope' may be set up in Ladakh

The 1.47-billion dollar Thirty Metre Telescope (TMT) International Observatory, which the largest telescope project in the world, may be set up in India.

The Supreme Court of Hawaii had in December 2015 cancelled the permit issued to TMT to construct the International Observatory after it was claimed that the plot in Mauna Kea was sacred.

As the Hawaiian authorities work towards re-issuance of permit, the TMT Board is looking for alternatives to avoid delay.

India is already contributing to the software of TMT apart from building edge sensors, actuators and system support assemblies.

### CHINA LAUNCHED 22ND BEIDOU NAVIGATION SATELLITE, 2016 MARCH 30



China on 30 March 2016 launched its 22nd satellite for its BeiDou Navigation Satellite System (BDS).

The satellite was launched aboard a Long March-3A carrier rocket from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center in the southwestern province of Sichuan.

The BeiDou system will be completed in 2020 and will comprise over 30 satellites.

It was the 225th launch of the Long March carrier rocket.

BeiDou currently provides navigation services within China and the neighboring regions.

### LIGO PROJECT: 2 INDIAN SCIENTISTS IN US EXCITED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF RETURNING HOME, 2016 APRIL 01



Nancy Aggarwal and Karan P. Jani, two Indian student scientists who work with the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) project that recently proved the existence of gravitational waves envisaged by Albert Einstein a

century ago, are excited about the possibility of returning to India. The Union Cabinet had recently approved Rs 1200 crore for the project, and this will be the third LIGO observatory, and the first one outside of U.S that will come up.

India will join an elite league of countries that support research on gravitational waves with the new project. Besides the U.S, U.K, Italy, Germany and Japan have ongoing research in the area.

### CHINA DEVELOPS 300-MEGAWATT NUCLEAR REACTOR COOLING PUMP, 2016 APRIL 04



Expanding its nuclear power generation in a big way, China has developed the country's first 300-megawatt nuclear reactor cooling pump, a critical component.

The cooling pump has been tested for 200 hours of continuous operation under automated high-temperature and high-pressure conditions

According to China's first white paper on nuclear emergency preparedness issued in January, the Chinese mainland had 27 nuclear power generating units in operation as of the end of October 2015, with a total installed capacity of 25.5 gigawatts (GW), while another 25 units with a total installed capacity of 27.51 GW were under construction.

### DR. HARSH VARDHAN SAYS THE LOW COST MICRO SOLAR DOME SURYA JYOTI WOULD LIGHT UP HOMES WITHOUT ELECTRICITY AND SAVE MILLIONS OF UNITS OF POWER, 2016 APRIL 06

Union Minister for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, launched the Low Cost and Environment-friendly solar lighting device, which would prove to be a boon for the





urban and rural households in the country that do not have reliable access to electricity. The device has been developed under the aegis of the Department of Science & Technology.

Describing the salient features of the device, the Minister said that the potential users of this device are 10 million households.

According to preliminary estimates, if this technology is adopted in 10 million households only, it has the potential of saving 1750 million units of energy. It would also lead to an emission reduction of about 12.5 million ton of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent, hence giving a fillip to the mission of 'Clean India, Green India'. The manufacturing process, being labour-intensive, would also generate huge job opportunities in the economy.

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, while explaining the working of the device, said that the Micro Solar Dome captures sunlight through a transparent semi-spherical upper dome and concentrates it inside a dark room.

The light passes through a sun-tube having a thin layer of highly reflective coating on the inner wall of the passage. It also contains a lower dome having a shutter at the bottom that can be closed if light is not required in the daytime. It is leak proof and works for almost 16 hours daily i.e. throughout the day and 4 hours after sunset.

### CHINA SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHES RETRIEVABLE SATELLITE, 2016 APRIL 06



China launched a retrievable scientific research satellite in a bid to aid scientists to study microgravity and space life science.

SJ-10 was put into orbit by Long March 2-D rocket from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in north-western China's Gobi desert.

### SECOND SCIENTIFIC SATELLITE, 25 RETRIEVABLE ONE, 2016 APRIL 06

SJ-10 is the second of four scientific satellites under a CAS space program. Unlike the others, SJ-10 is returnable.

It is the 25th such retrievable satellite launched by China in the past decades.

### NASA PLANS MISSION TO EXPLORE LIFE ON JUPITER'S MOON, 2016 APRIL 08



US space agency NASA is planning an ambitious mission involving international scientists to explore the possibility of life on Europa, the moon of planet Jupiter.

"We don't care where we find life elsewhere in Europa, but just imagine what that says about us and life, if we found out whether life exists at other places in (the solar system)," NASA administrator Charles Frank Bolden said.

Europa is the sixth closest moon of Jupiter, and the smallest of its four satellites, and the sixth largest moon in the solar system.

The NASA chief said they are also hopeful of finding life on Mars.

"I hope we can go find single-cell organism. The reason we are looking at Mars is because it appears to most scientists that it is the most likely planet in our solar system that once harboured life, does harbour life or can support life.

### NORTH KOREA CLAIMS SUCCESSFUL ENGINE TEST FOR BALLISTIC MISSILE, 2016 APRIL 09



North Korean leader Kim Jong-un supervised a successful test of a new engine for an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM), its state media has claimed.

According to KCNA, Kim Jong-un said: “Now we can mount an ever more powerful nuclear warhead on a new intercontinental ballistic rocket and put the den of evil in the United States and all over the world within our strike range.”

It was conducted at the country’s missile station near its west coast where in February it launched a long-range rocket that put an object into space orbit and was also supervised by Kim, it said.

The North conducted its fourth nuclear test in January and the rocket launch in February in defiance of international warnings and past UN sanctions, triggering a new security council resolution that imposed more punishment.

### INDIA SUCCESSFULLY TEST FIRES SURFACE-TO-AIR AKASH MISSILE, 2016 APRIL 12



India test fired its indigenously developed surface-to-air Akash missile from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur near Balasore.

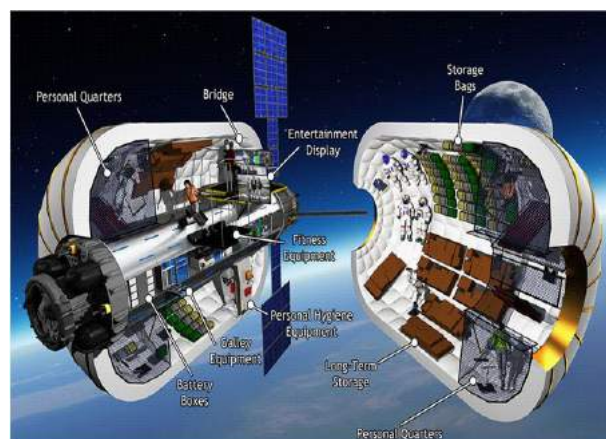
The missile targeted an unmanned air vehicle (UAV) named ‘Banshee’, an official of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) said.

The missile, with a strike range of 25 km and capability to carry warhead of 60 kg, was test fired from the launch complex-3 of the ITR.

Akash is powered by Ramjet-rocket propulsion system which renders thrust for the missile to intercept the target at supersonic speed without any retardation.

It can fly at a supersonic speed ranging from Mach 2.8 to 3.5 and can engage aerial targets upto a range of approximately 25 km, the official said.

### PRIVATE SPACE HABITAT TO LAUNCH IN 2020 UNDER COMMERCIAL SPACEFLIGHT DEAL, 2016 APRIL 14



This cutaway shows a concept B330 space habitat for astronauts designed by Bigelow Aerospace. The private spaceflight company has teamed up with launch provider United Launch Alliance to put a huge private space habitat.

Bigelow Aerospace will loft its giant, expandable B330 modules — each of which will provide one-third as much usable volume as the entire International Space Station (ISS) — aboard United Launch Alliance (ULA) Atlas V rockets, representatives from both companies announced

Two B330s should be ready to go by 2020, and the goal is to launch at least one of the modules that year. The first B330 would ideally be attached to the ISS, which would require NASA’s approval

This first orbiting B330 — which is so named because it contains 330 cubic meters, or about 11,650 cubic feet, of internal volume — could house visiting space tourists and accommodate a variety of scientific experiments.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Burning Topic of the Month

- ✍ World Happiness Index
- ✍ World's 50 Greatest Leaders
- ✍ World Health Day
- ✍ Miss India 2016



#### INDIA RANKS LOW AT 118TH ON UN'S WORLD HAPPINESS INDEX, 2016 MARCH 17

India did not make any improvement in its happiness quotient, ranking 118th out of 156 countries in a global list of the happiest nations, down one slot from last year on the index and coming behind China, Pakistan and Bangladesh. Denmark takes the top spot as the happiest country in the world, displacing Switzerland, according to The World Happiness Report 2016, published by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), a global initiative for the United Nations.

- ✍ The report takes into account GDP per capita, life expectancy, social support and freedom to make life choices as indicators of happiness.
- ✍ The report said that India was among the group of 10 countries witnessing the largest happiness declines along with Venezuela, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Yemen and Botswana.
- ✍ India comes below nations like Somalia (76), China (83), Pakistan (92), Iran (105), Palestinian Territories (108) and Bangladesh (110)
- ✍ The US is ranked 13th, coming behind Australia (9) and Israel (11).
- ✍ The report, released in advance of UN World Happiness Day on March 20, for the first time gives a special role to the measurement and consequences of inequality in the distribution of well-being among countries and regions.

#### MODI ON TIME'S MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE ON INTERNET FOR 2ND YEAR, 2016 MARCH 17

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is among the most influential people on the Internet, TIME magazine said, describing the Indian leader as an "Internet star" who often uses social media to "conduct diplomacy". The list includes US presidential hopeful Donald Trump, reality TV star Kim Kardashian and her husband Kanye

West, author J K Rowling, former Olympic athlete Caitlyn Jenner and soccer star Cristiano Ronaldo.

- ✍ For its second annual roundup of the most influential people on the Internet, TIME said it looked at the contenders' global impact on social media and their overall ability to drive news.
- ✍ On Modi, Time said the leader of the world's largest democracy is also an "Internet star", boasting more than 18 million Twitter followers and over 32 million Facebook likes. It also cited Modi's use of social media to break news and conduct diplomacy.
- ✍ Time also stated that Mr Modi is unlike some of his contemporaries, he often uses social media to break news and conduct diplomacy. On Christmas Day, for example, Modi tweeted that he would visit the Pakistani city of Lahore to wish Nawaz Sharif, the leader of India's chief regional rival, a happy 66th birthday.

#### MODI TO INAUGURATE KRISHI UNNATI MELA, 2016 MARCH 21



Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurate three-day 'Krishi Unnati Mela' providing information on new farm schemes and technologies that will help farmers double their incomes within the next few years. The mela is being held at the Pusa campus in the national capital. Modi will give away 'Krishi Karman Awards' to states and progressive farmers who have made outstanding contribution in the field of agriculture. He will also visit the theme pavilion and address farmers.

- ✍ Krishi Karman Awards would be given away to eight states Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Meghalaya, Haryana, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal -- for 2014-15. The commendation awards would be given to three states -- Himachal Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh and Goa.
- ✍ Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh said :To reach out to farmers at the block level across the country, the whole event would be telecast live at block panchayat level for the first time.

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- ✎ The national fair will have separate workshops on key schemes like Pradhan Mantri Fasal Beema Yojana, e-agriculture marketing, integrated farming system, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sicai Yojana for soil health and livestock issues.
- ✎ There will be live demonstration of agriculture and horticultural crops, animal husbandry, innovative technologies and farm mechanisation in big plots.
- ✎ Both public and private companies will display their farm inputs and technologies in over 500 stalls.

## AROGYA FAIR TO BE COMMENCE IN GOA ON MARCH 26, 2016 MARCH 24



Union AYUSH Minister Shripad Naik said-The four-day national AROGYA fair will be held in Goa from March 26-29. AROGYA, organised by AYUSH Ministry and Confederation of Indian Industry, will promote and popularise Indian medicinal system.

- ✎ The objective of the national level AROGYA fair in Goa this year is to promote and popularise Indian Medicine Systems to the general public and update industry of the latest developments in the sector, to promote and propagate the Indian Medicine systems namely Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, Sowa-Rigpa and Homeopathy.
- ✎ Free medical check-ups, distribution of medicines and technical sessions will be organised during the fair.
- ✎ Approximately, 15,000-20,000 people are expected to attend the four-day event.
- ✎ The minister said the fair would be an excellent platform to promote Indian medicine systems and healthy living to the general public as well as sharing the latest research work in sector and showcase the true potential of state in the sector.
- ✎ Ayurvedic, Unani medicines for common ailments would be some of the attractions for all the visitors.

## ARVIND KEJRIWAL AMONG WORLD'S 50 GREATEST LEADERS BY FORTUNE, PM MODI NOT ON LIST, 2016 MARCH 25



47 year old Aam Aadami Party Chief is ranked 42nd on the list and is the sole leader from India.

47 year old Arvind Kejriwal has been named among the world's 50 greatest leaders by Fortune magazine and the list is topped by Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos and became the sole indian from india.

Fortune's third annual 'World's 50 Greatest Leaders' list features men and women from across the globe from the fields of business, government, philanthropy and the arts who are "transforming the world and inspiring others to do the same."

Another Indian-American Resham Saujani is at the 20th spot. Fortune credits Kejriwal for his efforts to curb pollution in New Delhi through the scheme of allowing vehicles of odd and even numbers on alternate days on the city's roads.

A key component: an 'odd-even' pilot project in which vehicles were allowed on the roads only on alternate days.

Bezos, who topped the list this year, has been on the list all three times, along with Pope Francis who comes in at the 4th position followed by Apple CEO Tim Cook.

Giving company to Kejriwal from South Asia is Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on the number 10 spot. Fortune said the 68-year -old politician, the only female leader among the Organization of Islamic Cooperation member states, has "defly navigated the competing demands of Islamic tradition and women's rights".

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### INDIA HAS THE LOWEST INTERNET CONNECTION SPEED IN ASIA-PACIFIC: REPORT, 2016 MARCH 28



The global average internet connection speed increased 23 percent to 5.6 Mbps in the quarter ended December 2015 compared to the same period of 2014. "Fourth Quarter, 2015, State of the Internet Report" was released by Akamai Technologies Inc., a global leader in content delivery network services.

From a global perspective, the average connection speed increased 8.6 percent quarter-over-quarter (QoQ) and 23 percent year-over-year (YoY) to 5.6 Mbps, while the global average peak connection speed increased 1 percent QoQ, and increased 21 percent YoY to 32.5 Mbps. South Korea had the highest average connection speed in Asia-Pacific region at 26.7 Mbps, while India had the lowest at 2.8 Mbps.

The report also showed each of the top 10 countries/regions saw double-digit growth in 25 Mbps broadband adoption except Hong Kong, which posted a 9.8 percent change quarter-over-quarter. Norway and Denmark saw the greatest yearly gains, the report cited.

### WORLD HEALTH DAY, 2016 APRIL 07



The World Health Day is a global health awareness day celebrated every year on 7 April, under the sponsorship of the World Health Organization (WHO).

In 1948, the WHO held the First World Health Assembly. The Assembly decided to celebrate 7 April of each year, with effect from 1950, as the World Health Day.

The WHO is focusing this year's World Health Day, on 7 April 2016, on diabetes - a largely preventable and treatable non-communicable disease that is rapidly increasing in numbers in many countries, most dramatically in low- and middle-income countries.

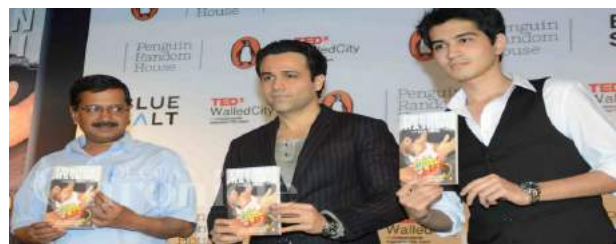
### UMA BHARTI INAUGURATES WATER FILMS FESTIVAL, 2016 APRIL 07



Union Minister for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Sushri Uma Bharti inaugurated Water Film Festival at Water Expo-2016 in New Delhi

The Films festival was organized by Water and Power Consultancy Services (WAPCOS) Limited, a PSU under Ministry of Union Minister for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation as part of the ongoing India Water Week 2016 celebrations.

### ARVIND KEJRIWAL LAUNCHES EMRAAN HASHMI'S BOOK ON SON DEFEATING CANCER, 2016 APRIL 08



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal launched actor Emraan Hashmi's book "The Kiss of Life: How a superhero and my son defeated cancer".

The book, which Emraan has co-written with author Bilal Siddiqi, tells about his struggle with his six-year-old son Ayaan's cancer treatment. The book has been published by Penguin Books India in three languages. Born in February 2010, Ayaan, who is Emraan and wife Parveen Shahani's first child, was diagnosed with first stage cancer at the age of four in early 2014.



## KATHMANDU GIRL ASMI SHRESTHA WINS MISS NEPAL CROWN, 2016 APRIL 09



In the first beauty pageant held after the devastating earthquake of April last year, Asmi Shrestha was crowned Miss Nepal 2016.

The 22-year-old business administration graduate, from the capital city, defeated 19 contestants in the final round.

Asmi received a cash prize of Rs 100,000 and a scooter along with other gift hampers.

Roshani Khatri, 20, has been declared the first runner up and she will represent Nepal in the Miss Earth beauty pageant. Barsha Lekhi, 22, is the second runner up. The first and second runner ups have received Rs 50,000 and Rs 25,000 respectively, along with gift hampers. The show was choreographed by Rachna Gurung Sharma.

## MISS DELHI PRIYADARSHINI CHATTERJEE CROWNED MISS INDIA WORLD, 2016 APRIL 11



The winners of this year's FBB Femina Miss India have been announced--after a glorious ceremony night--and Delhi girl Priyadarshini Chatterjee has bagged the crown for FBB Femina Miss India World;

she will now go on to represent India at the Miss World 2016 pageant.

Bangalore girl Sushruthi Krishna emerged as the 1st runner-up and Lucknow girl Pankhuri Gidwani was the 2nd runner-up of the contest.

## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON WORLD HOMOEOPATHY DAY INAUGURATED ON 9 APRIL 2016, 2016 APRIL 09



Shri Shripad Yesso Naik, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH inaugurated the International Convention on World Homoeopathy Day.

While inaugurating a Homoeopathic International Convention, Shri Naik, greeted the people of India on the occasion of World Homoeopathic Day.

Shri Naik said that India have signed Memoranda of Understanding with Sri Lanka, Mexico, Cuba, Nepal, Mauritius and Mongolia.

A MoU on cooperation in research and education has been signed between the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) and Royal London Hospital for Integrated Medicine, he added.



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Panama Papers explained: They went looking for secrecy and an identity mask. What do The Panama Papers reveal?

Individuals who have set up offshore entities through the Panama law firm. Some of the

Indians floated offshore entities at a time when laws did not allow them to do so; some have taken a technically convenient view that companies acquired is not the same as companies incorporated; some have bunched their annual quota of remittances to subscribe to shares in an offshore entity acquired at an earlier date. Still, some others have received income earned abroad and deposited it in the entity to avoid tax. Some have opened a bank account to keep payoffs in government contracts, or held “proceeds of crime” or property bought with money made illegally in Trusts/ Foundations.

Why float a foreign company, why go all the way to Panama to register it? The two big draws that offshore entities in jurisdictions such as British Virgin Islands, Bahamas, Seychelles and more specifically Panama, offer are: secrecy of information relating to the ultimate beneficiary owner and zero tax on income generated. In fact, in Panama, individuals can ask for bearer shares, where the owner’s name is not mentioned anywhere. Besides, it costs little or nothing to set up an entity abroad. The Registered Agent charges a few hundred dollars to incorporate an entity. It doesn’t take much time to incorporate one either. Companies are available off-the-shelf and can be registered in a couple of days. Will regulators be interested in this information? How does it affect NRIs? Non-disclosure of an overseas asset (in this case the company acquired or floated) will be of interest to authorities and regulators here. Floating these companies and depending on the reason for which they are put to use, could also violate, individually or jointly, the Foreign Exchange Management Act, the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, the Black Money (Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets) and Imposition of Tax Act, the Prevention of Corruption Act and the Income-Tax Act. NRIs do not have to report their offshore entities to Indian authorities.

But any income earned by them in India has to be filed with regulators in the country. What’s the kind of secrecy that the Panama agent offered? The offshore entity need not appoint natural persons as directors or have individuals as shareholders. The Registered Agent, Mossack Fonseca in this case, offers its own executives to serve as shareholders or directors. Sometimes, an intermediary law firm or a bank acts as a director or a nominee shareholder. So the real beneficiary remains hidden. The registered agent provides an official overseas address, a mail box, etc, none of which traces back the entity to the beneficial owner. In many cases, the shareholding of these entities is vested

in a Panamanian Trust or Foundation. The Foundation further masks beneficial ownership. A professional trustee is often the nominee shareholder of the Foundation. The beneficiaries of the Foundation’s assets are mentioned in the Regulations, and these Regulations do not form part of the Public Deed executed by the trustee. Couldn’t those in the list argue that when they set up these companies, FERA was a draconian law and they had to do this to go around it? Foreign Exchange Regulation Act severely restricted even current account transactions, forget those on capital account. Since India’s foreign exchange holdings were low or inadequate in the 1980s and 1990s, the law was aimed at preventing an outflow of foreign exchange.

In those days of controls, many secretly opened Swiss bank accounts and offshore entities by sending money abroad through hawala. It was to these offshore accounts that money flowed in several cases of over invoicing or under-invoicing of trade transactions. But progressively, after liberalisation in 1991, and with an improvement in macro economic indicators, FERA was replaced with FEMA in 1999. And as India’s foreign exchange reserves rose and topped \$100 billion in 2004, in January 2004, RBI allowed companies to invest up to 100 per cent of their net worth (now it’s 400 per cent of net worth) abroad by doing away with the \$100 million cap and started its experiment with limited capital account convertibility by introducing the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) in February 2004 which permitted resident individuals to remit up to \$25,000 a year. This was increased in phases to \$200,000 by September 2007, but was reduced to \$75,000 in August 2013 to arrest a sharp slide in rupee. The LRS limit was subsequently increased again in phases and now stands at \$250,000 a year. This means, an Indian resident individual can invest \$250,000 abroad in buying shares or property or gift or donate to anyone living abroad up to this limit every year. But RBI’s intent and internal understanding in opening the LRS windows was to allow resident individuals in the spirit of liberalisation to diversify their assets, promote trade and boost exports and earnings, but not to let them set up companies, which could be put to misuse. So what’s the next step once these names are out?

For the Reserve Bank of India, this issue has been work-in-progress. It will have to take a call whether they can allow compounding (recognising that an individual has erred bona fide and regularising the investment in the offshore entity post facto by imposing a penalty) or insist that individuals wind up these investments made prior to August 2013. The Income Tax department will have to probe if there has been ‘round tripping’ of funds i.e. routing of funds invested in offshore entities back to India, and where required, refer the cases to the Enforcement Directorate. It will also have to see if the offshore entities have declared all their incomes and assets to the Income Tax department.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the much awaited “Accessible India Campaign” or “Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan” the day designated as the “International Day of Persons with Disabilities”.

This is a bid by the government to make India more friendly towards the differently abled.

The campaign has been launched with the sole objective to empower the differently-abled people to move about and travel easily in public places.

### Objectives

“Making public space, transport, tourist places, airports, railway stations and information and communication technology in the country differently-able friendly”.

The campaign emphasizes that all persons with disabilities (PwDs) should have equal opportunities to live independently and participate in all aspects of life as every other in the society so as to make their lives productive, safe and dignified.

A nation-wide awareness campaign in creating a barrier-free environment and for attaining universal accessibility for all PwDs was long pending.

With this intention in mind, the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, has come up with this “Accessible India Campaign (Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan)” as a nation-wide flagship drive.

### Action Plan

- ✎ The campaign targets three verticals in the first phase. These include the built-up environment, information & communication eco-system, and transportation eco-system.
- ✎ The campaign has stipulated timelines and will make use of social media and IT for creating awareness among the masses.
- ✎ The campaign has also been seeking commitment and engagement of various partners like government officers, professionals, students and others.
- ✎ State governments have to select about 50 to 100 public buildings in big cities and shortlist citizen-centric public websites that have to be converted to disabled friendly after proper auditing by professional agencies. All these will be supported by the Scheme of Implementation of Persons with Disabilities Act (SIPDA), a subsidiary scheme under DEPwD.

✎ In collaboration with the Ministry of Home, the Family Welfare and Ministry of Tourism, and the Ministry of Health, DEPwD will create ‘accessible police stations’, ‘accessible hospitals’ and ‘accessible tourism’ across the country.

✎ Ministry of Information and Broadcasting will also incorporate features like captioning, audio description for enhancing accessibility to television broadcasts.

### Creation of web portal and mobile app

- ✎ The department will create a web portal along with a mobile app in English, Hindi and all Regional languages to comprehensively obtain information of nearby accessible places across the country and also about inaccessible places.
- ✎ The mobile app will also allow any person to click a photograph or video of any public place that is inaccessible and upload the same on the portal so that necessary steps can be taken to make it accessible.
- ✎ The mobile app will also have the provision of evaluating the accessible place by the users.

### Indian Acts

- ✎ Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) PwD Act, 1995 provides for non-discrimination in transport, on the road and in-built environment under Sections 44, 45 and 46, respectively. As per Section 46 of the PwD Act, the States are required to provide for :
  - ✎ Ramps in public buildings
  - ✎ Availability of toilets for wheelchair users
  - ✎ Braille symbols and auditory signals should be available in lifts
  - ✎ Ramps should be available in hospitals, primary health centres and other rehabilitation centres.

India is already a signatory of United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) under Article 9 which make it the Governments’ responsibilities for ensuring PwDs easy access to transportation, information, physical environment, communication technology services as well as emergency services.

### Will the campaign be successful?

The Modi Government has launched a number of campaigns, most of them with a deadline of 5 years. Even Accessible India Campaign is an initiative of 5 years. Immediately after the launch, DEPwD **continued on pg. 78...**





Capping a nine-day high-voltage political drama, the Centre on Sunday brought Uttarakhand under President's rule citing a constitutional breakdown in the wake of a rebellion in the ruling Congress, which slammed the decision calling it a "murder of democracy" and a "black" day.

President Pranab Mukherjee signed the proclamation under Article 356 of the Constitution dismissing the Congress government headed by Harish Rawat and placing the Assembly under suspended animation this morning on the recommendation of the Union Cabinet.

The Centre was of the view that continuance of the Rawat government was "immoral and unconstitutional" after the March 18, 2016, when the Speaker declared the Appropriation Bill "passed" in controversial circumstances without allowing a division pressed for by 35 MLAs, including 9 rebel Congress legislators.

The Cabinet considered several reports received from Governor K.K. Paul, who had described the political situation as volatile and expressed apprehensions over possible pandemonium during the scheduled trial of strength in the State Assembly.

The purported CD of the sting operation conducted against the Chief Minister that was in public domain on Saturday was understood to have been factored into the decision of the Cabinet which found it as a case of horse trading. The

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has set a 7-month period to audit different government buildings all over the country and to gauge as to how they can be reconverted to make them accessible to the differently-abled population. It has estimated that 27 international airports, 75 railway stations and about 5,000 public buildings would be retrofitted by July 2016. During the same time, all major government websites will be made W3C compliant.

As seen above, we already have Laws and Acts passed earlier which had given emphasis on universal accessibility to disabled people. But, unfortunately, it was not taken up in a serious manner. Whether Accessible India Campaign will be successful or not, only time will

Congress denounced the decision calling it a "murder of democracy" and said it showed that the BJP did not believe in democracy.

Among other reasons cited for dismissing the Rawat government were attempts to "change the composition of the Assembly", "allurements" allegedly offered by the Chief Minister and long time given to him to prove his majority.

### **27 BJP MLAs leave for Delhi**

Twenty seven Uttarakhand BJP MLAs, who were in Jaipur in the wake of a political crisis there, left for Delhi. The MLAs were in Jaipur for 3 days following the crisis triggered by a rebellion in the Congress.

### **BJP behind move, says Rawat**

Mr. Rawat condemned imposition of President's rule, alleging that the BJP-led central government was after his government since day one.

The BJP-led central government was after my government blood from day one, the Congress leader said.

### **Congress rebels welcome President's rule**

Former Chief Minister and leader of the rebel group Vijay Bahuguna on Sunday welcomed the development, saying the Centre was forced to take this decision because there was "murder of democracy" in the State.

He added the State was in the grip of mafias and there was high-level corruption in excise and other government departments.

Mr. Bahuguna, however, was of the view that the central rule should not be in force for a long period. Satpal Maharaj, senior BJP leader from Uttarakhand, welcomed the imposition of President's rule and said the sting operation against Mr.

Rawat was the last nail in the coffin of the Congress government in the State.

tell. But, with the successful launch of the campaign, India has joined the rest of the world as a society which cares for all its citizens, providing them universal accessibility, accessibility rights and independent living. According to 2011 census, total households in India having disabled persons was 207.8 lakhs, which showed an increase of 20.5 lakhs when compared to 2001.

So, there is no denying the fact that with the success of the campaign, it will be make this section of the society more independent. It has been evaluated that almost 6% to 10% of the disabled population with universal accessibility will be able to contribute to the growth of the economy, instead of being a burden to family and society.

**Here's the complete list of winners of National Awards 2016.**

Baahubali has won the Best Film award at 63rd National Film Award. Bollywood superstar Amitabh Bachchan won the Best Actor award for his role in 'Piku' while Kangana Ranaut won Best Actress for her role in 'Tanu Weds Manu Returns'.

<b>Best Film</b>	Baahubali
<b>Best Director</b>	Sanjay Leela Bhansali, Bajirao Mastani'
<b>Best Actor</b>	Amitabh Bachchan, Piku

This is Amitabh Bachchan's fourth national award. The actor first won a national award for best actor for Agneepath in 1990. His next two national award wins happened in 2005 and 2009 for Black and Paa respectively.

<b>Best Actress</b>	Kangana Ranaut, Tanu Weds Manu Returns
<b>Best Supporting Actor</b>	Samuthirakani for Visaranai
<b>Best Supporting Actress</b>	Tanvi Azmi, Bajirao Mastani
<b>Best Hindi Film</b>	Dum Laga Ke Haisha
<b>Indira Gandhi Award for Best Debut Film Of A Director</b>	Neeraj Ghaywan, Masaan
<b>Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment</b>	Bajrangi Bhaijaan
<b>Best Choreography</b>	Remo D'Souza, Deewani Mastani song in Bajirao Mastani
<b>Best Female Playback Singer</b>	Monali Thakur, Moh Moh Ke Dhage
<b>Best Cinematography</b>	Sudeep Chatterjee, Bajirao Mastani
<b>Nargis Dutt Award for Best Feature Film on National Integration</b>	Nanak Shah Fakir
<b>Best Screenplay Writer (Original):</b>	Juhi Chaturvedi (Piku) and Himanshu Sharma (Tanu Weds Manu Returns)
<b>Best Screenplay – Dialogues</b>	Juhi Chaturvedi (Piku) and Himanshu Sharma (Tanu Weds Manu Returns)

<b>Best Malayalam Film</b>	Pathemari, Artistically narrated saga of 2 generations of Malayali workers who migrated to gulf for livelihood
<b>Best Film on Social Issue</b>	Niranayakam
<b>Best Music Direction</b>	M Jayachandran for Song Kaathirunnu Kaathirunnu for the Ennu Ninte Moideen
<b>Best Music Direction-Background Score</b>	Ilaiyaraaja, Thaaraai Thappattai
<b>Best Film on Environment Conservation/Preservation</b>	Valiya Chirakulla Pakshikal
<b>Best Children's Film</b>	Duronto
<b>Best Tamil Film</b>	Visaranai
<b>Best Telugu Film</b>	Kanche
<b>Best Sanskrit Film</b>	Priyamanasam
<b>Best Kannada Film</b>	Thithi
<b>Best Marathi Film</b>	Ringan
<b>Best Maithili Film</b>	Mithila Makhaan
<b>Best Punjabi Film</b>	Chauthi Koot
<b>Best Bengali Film</b>	Sankhachil
<b>Best Konkani Film</b>	Enemy
<b>Best Assamese Film</b>	Kothanodi
<b>Best Haryanvi Film</b>	Satragi
<b>Best Wanchi Film</b>	The Head Hunter bags
<b>Best Khasi Film</b>	Onaatah
<b>Best Manipuri Film</b>	Eibusu Yaohanbiyu
<b>Best Mizo Film</b>	Kima's Lode Beyond the Class
<b>Best Odiya Film</b>	Pahada Ra Luha
<b>Special Mention</b>	Ritika Singh for the film Irudhi Suttru
<b>Best Editing</b>	Late Kishore T.E for Visaranai
<b>Best Costume Designer and Best Make-up Artist for film</b>	Nanak Shah Fakir.

The World Happiness Report is a composite statistic of real GDP per capita social support healthy life expectancy freedom to make life choices generosity perceptions of corruption which is used to calculate the happiness of the population in a country.

It is published by the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network.

In July 2011, the UN General Assembly passed a resolution inviting member countries to measure the happiness of their people and to use this to help guide their public policies.

On April 2, 2012, this was followed by the first UN High Level Meeting on "Happiness and Well-Being: Defining a New Economic Paradigm," which was chaired by Prime Minister Jigme Thinley of Bhutan, the first and so far only country to have officially adopted gross national happiness instead of gross domestic product as their main development indicator. The first World Happiness Report was released on April 1, 2012 as a foundational text for the meeting. It drew international attention as the world's first global happiness survey[

The report outlined the state of world happiness, causes of happiness and misery, and policy implications highlighted by case studies.

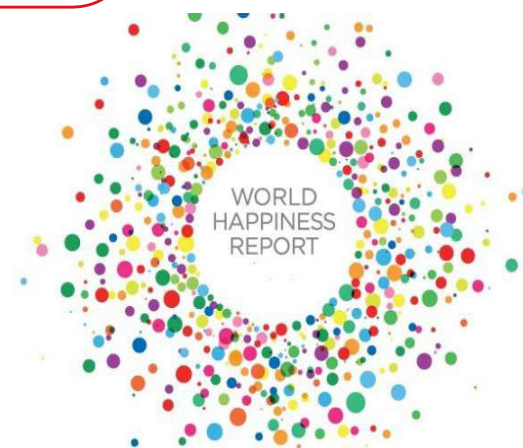
In September 2013 the second World Happiness Report offered the first annual follow-up and reports are now issued every year.

The report uses data from the Gallup World Poll. Each annual report is available to the public on the World Happiness Report website.

In the reports, leading experts in several fields--economics, psychology, survey analysis, national statistics, and more--describe how measurements of well-being can be used effectively to assess the progress of nations. Each report is organized by chapters that delve deeper into issues relating to happiness, including mental illness, the objective benefits of happiness, the importance of ethics, policy implications, and links with the OECD's approach to measuring subjective well-being and the Human Development Report.

### International rankings

Data is collected from people in over 150 countries. Each variable measured reveals a populated-weighted average score on a scale running from 0 to 10 that is tracked over time and compared against other countries. These variables currently include: real GDP per capita, social support, healthy life expectancy, freedom to make life



choices, generosity, and perceptions of corruption. Each country is also compared against a hypothetical nation called Dystopia. Dystopia represents the lowest national averages for each key variable and is, along with residual error, used as a regression benchmark.

### 2016 ranking

#### Legend:

Explained by: GDP per capita

Explained by: Social support

Explained by: Healthy life expectancy

Explained by: Freedom to make life choices

Explained by: Generosity

Trust or absence of corruption, as explained by the absence of corruption in government and business.

With 118 India comes below Somalia (76), China (83), Pakistan (92), Iran (105), Palestinian Territories (108) and Bangladesh (110).

The U.S. is ranked 13th, coming behind Australia (9) and Israel (11)

### Top 10 Ranks

- 1- Denmark
- 2- Switzerland
- 3- Iceland
- 4- Norway
- 5- Finland
- 6- Canada
- 7- Netherlands
- 8- New Zealand
- 9- Australia
- 10- Sweden



In an interview to Bloomberg TV India, RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan says the central bank has used up whatever room it had with the 25 bps repo rate cut and has not held back anything.

The changes in liquidity measures, which were part of the continuous monetary reforms, will help lower lending rates going forward.

Citing historical instances, he said it would have been a “mistake” to do a big rate cut, as the RBI is not sure whether aggressive cuts really work if banks don’t cut lending rates. He ruled out the notion that the RBI has been conservative, and said the policy aggression was not on rate cuts but on rate transmission by banks.

This has been a decisive shift on the liquidity front, reversing the norm for almost five to six years. Can we expect more rate cuts in the current year?

You should see this as a continuous path of reform, where we move from what was a monetary policy system having certain peculiarities relevant to the Indian situation, to something of a monetary policy framework that is more tuned to the open economy. Of course, our blue print has been the Urjit Patel Committee report.

But this is just an extension of that process. To some extent, the shift in philosophy is significant, but it is part of the continuous process. The Urjit Patel Committee report suggested that we move away from facilities to lend to market-based auctions.

We have been doing that steadily – overnight repo auctions, overnight reverse repo auction, and term repo auctions. What that does is it allows us to set the rate in the market closer to the policy rate.

Could it be inflationary because you will see more money coming into the market? Some people are calling it a sort of quantitative easing...

It’s interesting, but the answer is no. We are replacing one form of liquidity with another. We are providing more durable liquidity. That means it is less temporary in nature.

And that also means no more money creation. QE is about creating excess reserves and forcing it on banks. We are not creating excess reserves but are accommodating demand for reserves.

While balance sheets continue to be impaired, what do you hope to achieve from the broad fundamental macroeconomic point of view?

The single biggest change that has happened is the move towards the marginal cost pricing (marginal cost of fund based lending rate or MCLR). That will, to some extent,

put pressure on banks as the marginal costs falls to pass it through to the lending ways.

Even before the policy rate cut, the median marginal costs have come down by 25 bps; overall tenors and overnight rates have come down by 50 bps. As banks will revise the MCLR every month, you will see this rate cut feed in going forward.

Do you think all the conditions have been met on transmission front?

Everything is moving in the right direction. More transmission will take place. Transmission also takes place as a result of competition between banks, and between banks and money markets. There is fair amount of liquidity in the money markets with the start of new fiscal year. My sense is that rates will drop.

We have already seen overnight rates and commercial paper rates fall on Tuesday. Some people asked me if I worry about market reactions. Markets were reacting to global as well as local factors. I don’t worry too much. The broader point is to get the economy going over the next few quarters.

Has that optimal monetary stimulus setting been achieved because some move has been made in the small savings rates as well?

We still have one of the highest inflation rates. There are countries which are in deflation and that’s reflected in our WPI. But CPI is still 5.0-5.5 and there are other elements that are stubborn.

To the extent that our inflation goes closer to the world inflation rate, room will obviously build up for more policy rate cuts. It depends on a variety of circumstances, including the fact that the capacity constraints that is important in our economy is not manufacturing capacity constraint but in services, as well as food. My hope is as the lower inflationary expectations build in, some of those price increases will abate.

In this particular policy, economists were placing a 20-30 per cent probability of 50 bps rate cut. Did you opt to wait for the monsoon data instead?

We have always used whatever room we have had. We are not holding back rate cuts for any reason. We do what we can because we are aware that the economy is still somewhat below capacity. People may call it conservative. But I would say given our past history and given the fact that we are building credibility and given the fact that we have delivered so far, it would be a mistake to throw it all away on a wild aggressive move. Two, I am not sure the aggressive moves pay off if there is no transmission.



In Tuesday's policy, you should see the aggression on the transmission that we are trying to make the transmission happen. So don't call us conservative. The moves were pretty bold given the past framework. We do not think there are big risks in the move. The industry and markets will over time see the larger effects of this. You did not get to meet bankers on Tuesday. Have you heard from them in terms of transmission?

My sense is banks will say they will transmit as things happen. All the conditions are in place – both on fiscal and monetary side – and there is no further impediments and we should see things happening.

Can I disagree to say bank balance sheets are the biggest impediments? There is no impediment that monetary policy and liquidity management can do something about. Risk aversion and capabilities are things we do not have much control over, because we regulate but

don't own banks. If you look at credit growth, one of our worries was that public sector banks were falling behind credit growth. I don't think it is bad if banks are repairing their balance sheets. It is not about liquidity or monetary policy and need not hamper the transmission.

The fear psychosis is that it is easy to get a loan for a fridge or washing machine but when it comes to industry, things are not moving. Is it correct? I don't think fully. So far, investment demand from the private sector has not picked up strongly. When it does, we will be able to test your proposition whether credit growth is being hampered because people are not willing to lend.

Hopefully, some of the slack in the public sector is being picked up by the private sector. There have been loans that have been made without appropriate diligence, where you can question the circumstances in which they were made. What an appropriate view will be is to put yourself in the shoes of the bankers at that time and ask if under those circumstances this was a reasonable loan to give — did you take additional precautions, did you do appropriate due diligence, did you take the collateral and did you take proper care of public money? In some cases the answer will be yes and in some cases it will be no.

Always, when industry is going through a bad time, there are a whole lot of suggestions that it is a temporary downturn, and it is a matter of time before it strengthens, and also that there are so many jobs at stake. The same thing has happened in the past, and it is unfair to apply a 20-20 hindsight to that.

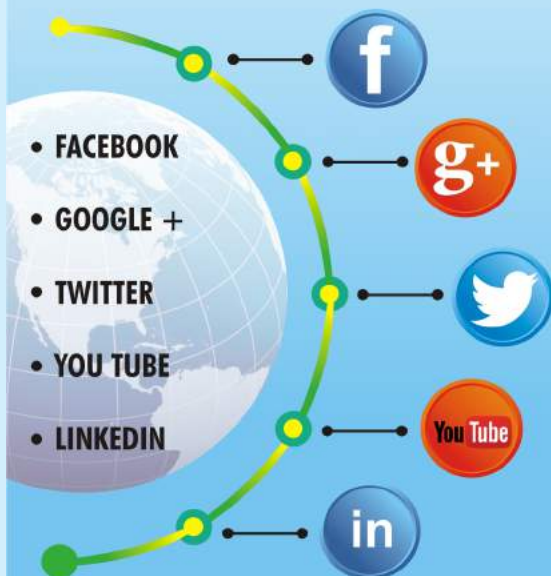


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**Q.1.** Who has been elected as the new president of Myanmar?

- (1) Ne Win
- (2) U Htin Kyaw
- (3) Ba U
- (4) Sao Shwe Thaik
- (5) Win Maung

**Q.2.** Cuban and \_\_\_\_\_ telecom firms have signed an agreement to establish direct international voice traffic, basically in incoming and outgoing calls?

- (1) Australia
- (2) Germany
- (3) U.S.
- (4) Iceland
- (5) Africa

**Q.3.** Who is appointed as the first woman Chief Justice of Nepal?

- (1) Astha Tamang Maskey
- (2) Anju Pant
- (3) Sujata Koirala
- (4) Gauri Malla
- (5) Sushila Karki

**Q.4.** Which leading IT company has appointed technologist and venture capitalist Patrick J. Ennis as an independent director to its board?

- (1) Wipro
- (2) Tata Consultancy Services
- (3) Accenture
- (4) Infosys
- (5) Convergys

**Q.5.** According to Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development survey Corporate giants like RIL, Vedanta, Mahindra & Mahindra, \_\_\_\_\_ and Wipro are among the top 10 companies which have emerged as India's most sustainable firms.

- (1) Hero Motor Corp
- (2) Ashok Leyland

- (3) Tata Motors
- (4) Yamaha Motors
- (5) Bajaj Motors

**Q.6.** Reserve Bank Governor Atiur Rahman has resigned following a \$ 80 million cyber theft from the Bank's Reserve Fund Account at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. He belongs to which country?

- (1) Afghanistan
- (2) Iraq
- (3) Iran
- (4) Bangladesh
- (5) Syria

**Q.7.** Which Indian-origin Sikh has become the Police Commissioner of Malaysia's capital Kuala Lumpur, the first Sikh to achieve the top police post in the Muslim-majority country?

- (1) Harendra Singh Bhalla
- (2) Jaspal Singh
- (3) Amar Singh
- (4) Amarjyot Singh
- (5) Jaspreet Singh Chaddha

**Q.8.** Indian women's cricket team thrashed which team by 72 runs in the opening group 'B' league fixture of the ICC World T20?

- (1) Zimbabwe
- (2) Bangladesh
- (3) Scotland
- (4) Afghanistan
- (5) Hong Kong

**Q.9.** The 59th Session of Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) was inaugurated in Austria's capital \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Vienna
- (2) Canberra
- (3) Moscow
- (4) New York
- (5) Monaco

**Q.10.** Whom is to be canonized on September 4 as per Pope Francis, while this will also mark a special jubilee for workers and volunteers of mercy?

- (1) Joseph Vaz
- (2) Pope John
- (3) Laura Montoya Upegui
- (4) Mother Teresa
- (5) Louis Martin

**Q.11.** Which Bank announced a new mobile payment solution Touch & Pay?

- (1) IDBI
- (2) YES Bank
- (3) HDFC
- (4) Axis Bank
- (5) ICICI

**Q.12.** United Nations development programme has suspended \_\_\_\_\_ as its Goodwill Ambassador.

- (1) Ronaldo
- (2) Didier Drogba
- (3) Maria Sharapova
- (4) Zinedine Zidane
- (5) Sania Mirza

**Q.13.** Which Technology sector consultant under its Corporate social responsibility has announced that it shall provide digital infrastructure to government schools?

- (1) ABC
- (2) BRILIO
- (3) PwC
- (4) TCIL
- (5) MTC

**Q.14.** Recently Lok Sabha passed Constitution \_\_\_\_\_ Order (Amendment) Bill, 2016?

- (1) Senior Citizen
- (2) OBC
- (3) Scheduled Caste
- (4) Minor
- (5) Women

**Q.15.** According to Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), a global initiative for the United Nations, what is India's rank in a global list of the happiest nations?

- (1) 115
- (2) 116
- (3) 117
- (4) 11
- (5) 119

**Q.16.** Which Magazine said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is among 'The 30 Most Influential People on the Internet' for the second year in a row in this year's unranked list?

- (1) Times
- (2) Forbes
- (3) Outlook
- (4) Business Today
- (5) Money Today

**Q.17.** Which Public sector lender has tie-up with taxi-aggregator Uber to provide instant vehicle finance to 'driver-partners' on the latter's platform?

- (1) ICICI
- (2) SBI
- (3) IDBI
- (4) PNB
- (5) BOB

**Q.18.** Which Private Sector Bank has launched SmartUp Banking Service, a dedicated solution for startups, to fulfill all their banking needs?

- (1) ICICI
- (2) Axis
- (3) HDFC
- (4) Kotak Mahindra
- (5) YES

**Q.19.** Who has been awarded the Abel Prize by the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters for solving a three-century-old mathematical mystery?

- (1) Endre Szemerédi
- (2) Pierre Deligne
- (3) Louis Nirenberg
- (4) John Forbes Nash
- (5) Andrew Wiles

**Q.20.** IRCTC and \_\_\_\_\_ have joined hands under an agreement that would allow flyers to book tickets through IRCTC website?

- (1) Lafarge India

- (2) Pawan Hans
- (3) Gladys Knight
- (4) AAI
- (5) Kingfisher

**Q.21.** India's which IT service company announced that it has launched a peer-to-peer lending solution 'Vipps' in Norway for its client DNB, the largest financial services group in that country?

- (1) Tech Mahindra
- (2) Accenture
- (3) Infosys
- (4) Wipro
- (5) TCS

**Q.22.** The Reserve Bank signed a SAARC currency swap agreement with the Royal Monetary Authority of \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) Sri Lanka
- (2) Myanmar
- (3) Bhutan
- (4) Nepal
- (5) Russia

**Q.23.** North Korea launched which new medium range ballistic missile into the east sea?

- (1) Rodong
- (2) Typang
- (3) Typaei
- (4) Taepodong
- (5) Moksong

**Q.24.** Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) \_\_\_\_\_ formally launched the new portal of community radio network.

- (1) Vivek Singh
- (2) Kaushalendra Singh
- (3) Vijendra Singh
- (4) Rajendra Singh
- (5) Jitendra Singh

**Q.25.** Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff appointed Brazil's former president \_\_\_\_\_ as chief of staff.

- (1) José Sarney
- (2) Fernando Collor
- (3) Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva
- (4) Nilo Peçanha
- (5) Afonso Pena

**Q.26.** Recently who was felicitated in the US with the inaugural Asians in America Award in recognition of his efforts to strengthen Indo-US ties?

- (1) Sunder Pichai
- (2) Satya Nadella
- (3) Sanjay Kumar Jha
- (4) Madhavan angaswami
- (5) Shantanu Narayan

**Q.27.** Who has picked up the title at the World Airport Awards 2016?

- (1) Changi Airport
- (2) Maya Maya Airport
- (3) Zenata Airport
- (4) Luxor International Airport
- (5) Norman Manley International Airport

**Q.28.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the World Sufi Forum in which city in India?

- (1) Aligarh
- (2) Lucknow
- (3) Muradabad
- (4) Ajmer
- (5) New Delhi

**Q.29.** 'Global Trends in Renewable Energy Investment' report is given by-

- (1) World Trade Organisation
- (2) International Labour Organisation
- (3) United Nations Environment Programme
- (4) World Bank
- (5) World Health organisation

**Q.30.** According to BMI Research, growth of Indian Economy for the year 2016-17 is-

- (1) 7.1 %
- (2) 7.2 %
- (3) 7.3 %
- (4) 7.4 %
- (5) 7.5 %

**Q.31.** Which country has launched its first cyber security public organisation aimed at better safeguarding national cyber security and guiding internet companies in perform their duties?

- (1) China
- (2) Bangladesh
- (3) Pakistan
- (4) Bhutan
- (5) Sri Lanka

**Q.32.** Recently Union Health Minister JP Nadda launched Rota Virus vaccine free of cost in which city?

- (1) Lucknow
- (2) Gandhi Nagar
- (3) Nagpur
- (4) Hyderabad
- (5) Bhubaneswar

**Q.33.** Recently which country's first modern stock exchange, Yangon Stock Exchange was officially opened for trading?

- (1) Thailand (2) Korea
- (3) Burma (4) Myanmar
- (5) Singapore

**Q.34.** Recently former MP Lal Muni Chaubey died due to prolonged illness in New Delhi. He belongs to which party?

- (1) PDP (2) BSP
- (3) Janta Dal (4) Congress
- (5) BJP

**Q.35.** Scientists working on NASA's Cassini mission have identified the highest point on Saturn's largest moon Titan. Titan's tallest peak is \_\_\_\_\_ meter high.

- (1) 3,337 (2) 4,337
- (3) 5,337 (4) 6,337
- (5) 7,337

**Q.36.** Who has been appointed the President and Chief Executive Officer of Bank of the West, a unit of French banking giant BNP Paribas?

- (1) Nandita Chatterjee
- (2) Nandita Bakshi
- (3) Nandita Ghosh
- (4) Nandita Rai
- (5) Nandita Acharya

**Q.37.** Who has been appointed by the Geneva-based UNHRC as the Asia-Pacific representative of the UN Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises?

- (1) Surya Deva
- (2) R.K. Singh
- (3) K. Hari Babu
- (4) O. Hav
- (5) L.A. Heber

**Q.38.** President Pranab Mukherjee honoured 56 eminent personalities with Padma awards at the Civil Investiture Ceremony to be held at \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) Central Secretariat
- (2) Indira Awaas
- (3) Jawahar Bhawan
- (4) Shastri Bhawan
- (5) Rashtrapati Bhawan

**Q.39.** According to the report "Fourth Quarter, 2015, State of the Internet Report" which was released by Akamai Technologies Inc., a global leader in content delivery network services. Which country had the slowest average connection speed in the Asia region in the last quarter of 2015?

- (1) Pakistan
- (2) Bhutan
- (3) India
- (4) Sri Lanka
- (5) Myanmar

**Q.40.** Former Mexican national football team coach \_\_\_\_\_ died.

- (1) Carlos Salcido
- (2) Pável Pardo
- (3) Ramón Ramírez
- (4) Raul Cardenas
- (5) Jorge Campos

**Q.41.** Which state has been selected by the Centre as a pilot state for universal ID for persons with disability?

- (1) Uttarakhand
- (2) Uttar Pradesh
- (3) Bihar
- (4) Jharkhand
- (5) Haryana

**Q.42.** A huge bow mounted Sonar Dome designed & developed by Research & Development Establishment (Engineers) [R&DE (E)]; a DRDO laboratory based in Pune will be flagged off by \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) Rajnath Singh
- (2) Manohar Parrikar
- (3) Nitin Gadkari
- (4) Narendra Modi
- (5) Arun Jaitley

**Q.43.** \_\_\_\_\_ and the US Agency for International Development (USAID) will assist India in developing the clean energy infrastructure by collaborating on design and development of public private partnership (PPP) investment models for solar parks.

- (1) UN (2) AIIB
- (3) World Bank (4) ADB
- (5) NDB

**Q.44.** Recently which bank opened its office in Malaysia which will also serve as a global knowledge and research hub?

- (1) Swiss Bank
- (2) AIIB
- (3) New Development Bank
- (4) Asian Development Bank
- (5) World Bank

**Q.45.** First direct container MV Harbour-1 Vessel between India and Bangladesh flagged off from which place?

- (1) Nhava Sheva
- (2) Krishnapatnam
- (3) Ennore Port
- (4) Kandla Port
- (5) Haldia Port



**Q.46.** The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is all set to script history by launching a record number of 22 satellites on board \_\_\_\_\_ in May this year.

- (1) PSLV C32 (2) PSLV C33  
(3) PSLV C34 (4) PSLV C35  
(5) PSLV C36

**Q.47.** Reliance Defence, a part of the Anil Ambani-led group said that it is forming a joint venture in India with Rafael belongs to which country, for air-to-air missiles, air defence systems?

- (1) Israel (2) Japan  
(3) Russia (4) France  
(5) U.S

**Q.48.** Recently who has launched the project of construction of a special Home for one thousand widows at Vrindavan, Mathura?

- (1) Sindhushree Khullar  
(2) Arundhati Bhattacharya  
(3) Nazma Heptullah  
(4) Uma Bharti  
(5) Meneka Gandhi

**Q.49.** Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley inaugurated which Indian bank's branch in Sydney?

- (1) SBI  
(2) Union Bank Of India  
(3) PNB  
(4) Allahabad Bank  
(5) Indian Bank

**Q.50.** Who has been sworn in as Myanmar's new president?

- (1) Thein Sein  
(2) Ne Win  
(3) Maung Maung  
(4) U Htin Kyaw  
(5) Aung San Suu Kyi

**Q.51.** The government permitted how much percent FDI in the market place format of e-commerce retailing?

- (1) 25% (2) 49%  
(3) 50% (4) 75%  
(5) 100%

**Q.52.** According to the ADB the growth rate projected for India in the FY 2016-17 is-

- (1) 7.3 % (2) 7.4 %  
(3) 7.5 % (4) 7.6 %  
(5) 7.8 %

**Q.53.** Recently Who has launched innovative entrepreneurship and skill development programme of Maulana Azad National Academy for Skills (MANAS)?

- (1) Najma Heptulla  
(2) Uma Bharti  
(3) Sushma Swaraj  
(4) Meneka Gandhi  
(5) Smriti Irani

**Q.54.** Who has been appointed as the Myanmar's new minister of foreign affairs?

- (1) Thein Sein  
(2) Ne Win  
(3) Maung Maung  
(4) U Htin Kyaw  
(5) Aung San Suu Kyi

**Q.55.** Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare \_\_\_\_\_ launched two major Digital initiatives to provide easy access to health services to the public: GIS-enabled HMIS application and the self-printing of e-CGHS cards.

- (1) Harshvardhan  
(2) Jai Prakash Nadda  
(3) Jual Oram  
(4) Nitin Gadkari  
(5) Ram Vilas Paswan

**Q.56.** Recently who Oscar winning US actress died in Idaho?

- (1) Angella Watson  
(2) Lucy Weger  
(3) Patty Duke  
(4) Maggie  
(5) Kate Winslet

**Q.57.** Which country's National Assembly (NA) elected Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan as the country's first female house speaker?

- (1) Malaysia  
(2) Nagaland  
(3) North Korea  
(4) Vietnam  
(5) Thailand

**Q.58.** Who sworn-in as President of Central African Republic?

- (1) Yayi Boni  
(2) Blaise Compaore  
(3) Elie DOTE  
(4) Francois BOZIZE  
(5) Faustin Archange Touadera

**Q.59.** Who has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to Zimbabwe?

- (1) R. Masakui  
(2) Meera Shankar  
(3) Nirupama Rao  
(4) Arun Kumar Singh  
(5) Nirmala Sitaraman

**Q.60.** How much loan World Bank sanctions for "First Programmatic Electricity distribution Reform Development Policy Loan For Rajasthan"?

- (1) USD 150 Million  
(2) USD 250 Million  
(3) USD 350 Million  
(4) USD 450 Million  
(5) USD 550 Million

**Q.61.** The term LIGO stands for-

- (1) Light Interferometer Gravitational- Wave Observatory  
(2) Laser Interferometer Gravitational- Wave Observatory  
(3) Light Intensity Gravitational- Wave Observatory  
(4) Laser Intensity Gravitational- Wave Observatory

- (5) Light Intent  
Gravitational- Wave  
Observatory
- Q.62.** Which minister addressed scientists on the occasion of the 'Remote Technical Activation' of the 3.6m diameter Devasthal Optical Telescope (DOT) at Manora Peak near Nainital?
- (1) Rajnath Singh  
(2) Ravi Shankar Prasad  
(3) J.P.Nadda  
(4) Harsh Vardhan  
(5) Nitin Gadkari
- Q.63.** Who has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Portugal?
- (1) Shiv Kumar  
(2) Anand Chandel  
(3) Rahul Roy Chaudhry  
(4) Jitendra Nath Misra  
(5) K Nandani Singla
- Q.64.** The book "Jihadist threat to India", written by-
- (1) Nawab Ali Shah  
(2) Aman Hussain  
(3) Tufail Ahmad  
(4) Sultan Raza Ali  
(5) Adnan Sami
- Q.65.** What is India's position according to the International Yearbook of Industrial Statistics 2016?
- (1) 3 (2) 4  
(3) 5 (4) 6  
(5) 7
- Q.66.** Who has been elected as the new President of Vietnam?
- (1) Tôn Đức Thắng  
(2) Trường Chinh  
(3) Nguyễn Minh Triết  
(4) Trương Tấn Sang  
(5) Trần Đại Quang
- Q.67.** The Development Bank of which country will provide a loan assistance of EUR 500 million to Nagpur Metro Rail Corporation Limited

(NMRCL) for building modern and sustainable metro system in the city?

- (1) Germany (2) France  
(3) Greece (4) Italy  
(5) Spain
- Q.68.** How many authors and translators from India are in the race for the '2016 Commonwealth Short Story Prize', which has shortlisted 26 "fresh and unexpected" stories by writers from 11 countries?
- (1) 2 (2) 3  
(3) 4 (4) 5  
(5) 6
- Q.69.** Recently who sworn in as chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir?
- (1) Mufti Mohammad Sayed  
(2) Mehbooba Mufti  
(3) Omar Abdullah  
(4) Tariq Hameed Karra  
(5) Tareekh Mohammad
- Q.70.** Who was conferred with Saudi Arabia's highest civilian honour, the King Abdulaziz Sash?
- (1) Rajnath Singh  
(2) Suresh Prabhu  
(3) Arun Jaitley  
(4) Manohar Parrikar  
(5) Narendra Modi
- Q.71.** Recently which bank launched "NO QUEUE" Mobile App for its customers?
- (1) Axis Bank  
(2) ICICI Bank  
(3) SBI  
(4) HDFC Bank  
(5) Bank of Baroda
- Q.72.** Which of the following institutions topped the University rankings 2016 in India?
- (1) JawaharLal Nehru University  
(2) Hyderabad Central University

- (3) IIM Bangalore  
(4) IIT Madras  
(5) IIM Allahabad

- Q.73.** According to the 1st Monetary Policy of the FY 2016-17, now the Repo Rate is?
- (1) 6.0% (2) 6.25%  
(3) 6.5% (4) 6.75%  
(5) 7%
- Q.74.** Recently which train completed its maiden 200 km journey to Agra, Uttar Pradesh from Delhi within the targeted 100 minutes?
- (1) Swarn Shatabdi  
(2) Gatimaan Express  
(3) Dibrugarh Rajdhani  
(4) Tejas  
(5) UDAY
- Q.75.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the 'Stand up India' scheme under which banks will give loan up to which limit to SC/ST and women entrepreneurs?
- (1) 1 Crore  
(2) 75 Lakhs  
(3) 50 Lakhs  
(4) 25 Lakhs  
(5) 10 Lakhs
- Q.76.** In a View of the rapid increase in the amount of Smartphone users which channel shall start a free T.V. service for free on mobile phones?
- (1) Star Sports  
(2) Colors  
(3) Starplus  
(4) Doordarshan  
(5) India News
- Q.77.** Who took over as the first woman Secretary-General of the 53-member Commonwealth, succeeding India's Kamallesh Sharma?
- (1) Arnold Smith  
(2) Sir Don McKinnon  
(3) Chief Emeka Anyaoku  
(4) Patricia Scotland  
(5) Sir Shridath Ramphal

**Q.78.** What is the name of the Low Cost and Environment-friendly solar lighting device which was recently launched by Union Minister for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, Dr. Harsh Vardhan?

- (1) Solar Light
- (2) Surya Jyoti
- (3) Solar Peripheral
- (4) Solar Bright
- (5) Surya Prakash

**Q.79.** Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship \_\_\_\_\_ launched the "Transnational Skill Standards" in India.

- (1) Jual Oram
- (2) Ram Vilas Paswan
- (3) Nitin Gadkari
- (4) Rajnath Singh
- (5) Rajeev Pratap Rudy

**Q.80.** The Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways and Shipping Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the Manesar-Palwal section of the Kundli-Manesar-Palwal Expressway. The town Manesar belongs to which which state?

- (1) Delhi
- (2) Punjab
- (3) Haryana
- (4) Bihar
- (5) Jammu and Kashmir

**Q.81.** Who has topped in Forbes' "Asia 50 Power Businesswomen 2016" list?

- (1) Dipali Goenka
- (2) Ambiga Dheeraj
- (3) Arundhati Battacharya
- (4) Nita Ambani
- (5) Vinita Gupta

**Q.82.** According to a study by the Institute of Global research, consulting and training by Diplomacy live which other country along with India is in the list of developing countries

on various digital platforms active in various departments of the foreign country.

- (1) Pakistan
- (2) Mexico
- (3) Brazil
- (4) South Africa
- (5) Sri Lanka

**Q.83.** Which country has issued special postal stamps depicting the Taj Mahal and the Gulf country's iconic Grand Mosque?

- (1) Oman
- (2) Iran
- (3) Tehran
- (4) Afghanistan
- (5) Kazakhstan

**Q.84.** Which country has announced the launch of "Just Play" programme for Kerala?

- (1) South Africa
- (2) Netherland
- (3) England
- (4) New Zealand
- (5) Australia

**Q.85.** Recently who will be conferred with the highest French civilian distinction, Officer of the Legion of Honour?

- (1) J.J.Pandey
- (2) J.J.Gupta
- (3) J.J.Mishra
- (4) J.J.Singh
- (5) J.J.Kaushik

**Q.86.** Recently who has been appointed as Executive Deputy Attorney General for Economic Justice by New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman?

- (1) Jacob Javits
- (2) Eliot Spitzer
- (3) Robert Abrams
- (4) Carl Sherman
- (5) Manisha Sheth

**Q.87.** The Union Minister of Human Resource Development Smt.

Smriti Zubin Irani launched a portal for registration and allotment of ISBN in New Delhi. What does ISBN stands for?

- (1) Institutional Standard Book Number
- (2) International Standard Book Number
- (3) Indian Standard Book Number
- (4) International Standard Bank Number
- (5) Indian Standard Bank Number

**Q.88.** Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal launched the book "The Kiss of Life: How a superhero and my son defeated cancer" is written by which celebrity?

- (1) Akshay Kumar
- (2) Aamir Khan
- (3) Emraan Hashmi
- (4) Shahrukh Khan
- (5) Irfaan Khan

**Q.89.** Who has been posthumously conferred with the UK's prestigious Founders Award this year which is given to recognize and reward exemplary achievements of people within the global Asian community?

- (1) Asif Kapadia
- (2) Kunal Nayyar
- (3) Mother Teresa
- (4) Son Heung-Min
- (5) Vikram Patel

**Q.90.** What is India's rank in 2015 in the list of top 30 merchandise exporters of the world, according to a World Trade Organisation (WTO) report?

- (1) 17th
- (2) 19th
- (3) 21th
- (4) 23rd
- (5) 25th

**Q.91.** Government has roped which cricketer to endorse the 'I Support Skill India' campaign,



in an attempt to reach out to the youth and build awareness on the importance of skill development?

- (1) Sachin Tendulkar
- (2) Virat Kohli
- (3) Yuvraj Singh
- (4) M.S.Dhoni
- (5) Saurav Ganguly

**Q.92.** Recently which country successfully tested an engine designed for an inter-continental ballistic missile (ICBM)?

- (1) India (2) U.S.
- (3) Russia (4) China
- (5) North Korea

**Q.93.** Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) has signed two MOUs with institutions of higher education of \_\_\_\_\_ and Armenia.

- (1) New Zealand
- (2) Scotland
- (3) South Africa
- (4) England
- (5) Canada

**Q.94.** Dadasaheb Phalke Film Foundation announced that \_\_\_\_\_ to be conferred with

Dadasaheb Phalke Film Foundation Award 2016 in 'Best Actress of the Year' category.

- (1) Deepika Padukone
- (2) Priyanka Chopra
- (3) Vidya Balan
- (4) Sonakshi Sinha
- (5) Rekha

**Q.95.** Which Domestic handset maker will now integrate a new wallet offering, powered by Visa and Transrv, for its Smartphone users as it looks to beef up its services business?

- (1) Micromax (2) Lava
- (3) Videocon (4) Jivi
- (5) M-Tech

**Q.96.** Who among the following has won FBB Femina Miss India World 2016?

- (1) Priyadarshini Chatterjee
- (2) Urvashi Rautela
- (3) Komal Rana
- (4) Ankita Acharya
- (5) Kajal Agarwal

**Q.97.** World Bank forecasts India's expected Growth Rate for the year 2016 to be-

- (1) 7.1% (2) 7.2%
- (3) 7.3% (4) 7.4%
- (5) 7.5%

**Q.98.** India test fired its indigenously developed surface-to-air \_\_\_\_\_ missile from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur.

- (1) Agni (2) Barak
- (3) Akash (4) Prithvi
- (5) Trishul

**Q.99.** According to a report by Global Tiger Forum (GTF) and World Wildlife Fund (WWF), which country tops the list, with the highest population of wild tigers at 2,226?

- (1) Africa (2) India
- (3) Russia (4) Australia
- (5) Bangladesh

**Q.100.** Recently Prime Minister of \_\_\_\_\_, Temir Sariyev resigned from his post.

- (1) Kazakhstan
- (2) Turkmenistan
- (3) Afghanistan
- (4) Kyrgyzstan
- (5) Pakistan

## ANSWER - GENERAL AWARENESS

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## ENGLISH

**Q.1-10** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it certain words are given in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.

The coffee Board of India is an autonomous body, functioning under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India. The Board serves as a friend, philosopher and guide of the coffee industry in India. Set up under an act of the Parliament of India in the year 1942, the Board focuses on research, development, extension, quality up gradation, market information, and the domestic and external promotion of Coffees of India.

Till 1995, the coffee Board had a pool (controlled) marketing system of coffee in India. However, the winds of liberalization swept the Indian coffee industry and since 1995, marketing of coffee is strictly a private sector activity. In fact the Coffee Board went through a massive downsizing and two-thirds of its employees were retired under a voluntary retirement scheme.

The coffee board conducts basic and applied research on coffee and can boast of 75 glorious years in coffee research. The central coffee Research Institute in the Chikmagalur District, Karnataka State has been in the forefront of coffee research over the years and continues to remain one of the premier institutes of the world as far as coffee research is concerned. The Research Department publishes various journals and periodicals. It also offers various services to growers and exporters.

The Board also has a vast extension network spread over the three main producing states of Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu, as well as in the non – traditional areas of Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and the seven North-Eastern states. The extension set up provides the day-to – day link with the grower community and this wing facilitates the transfer of technology from lab to land.

The board also encourages the consumption of coffee in India and abroad. Towards this end, the board participates in coffee centric/food and Beverages exhibitions in India and abroad. The board also runs 12 India coffee houses/depots in the country. The India coffee brand of coffee powder is well known in India for its quality and aroma.

The Board has for long years worked on the quality of Coffee of India. The Board runs two quality control laboratories in Bangalore and Chimagalur and one quality testing centre in Chettalli, which control and advise the industry on quality issues.

The labs are equipped with the best roasting and brewing machines. The best cup- tasters and quality evaluators keep a strict vigil on the pre and post harvest processes with a view to ensure that the quality of Indian coffee is maintained.

The Board has a Market Intelligence & Statistical Unit functioning from its head office at Bangalore. The unit undertakes various activities related to market information & intelligence, market research studies, crop forecasting and coffee economics aspects. The unit also undertakes studies on research related to the coffee trade including WTO issues. Notable publications include the daily market intelligence report and a comprehensive database on coffee (bi-monthly). The periodical reports that are already completed include Coffee Consumption in India 2001, 2003, 2005 and 2008 and Attitude towards coffee drinking 2007. The unit coordinated studies on (i) logistics and competitiveness of coffee producing countries (India, Vietnam & Brazil) (ii) MAI Scheme on promotion of Indian Coffee exports to Russia and CIS countries and a manual on coffee retailing. The unit also coordinates the implementation of Price Stabilization Fund Scheme of Govt. of India and Rainfall Insurance Scheme for Coffee growers.

**Q.1** Which of the following countries, according to the passage, are coffee producing countries for which the Board coordinated studies?

(A) India (B) Venezuela  
(C) Brazil (D) Vietnam

01. Only A
02. All except B
03. Both B & C
04. Only B
05. Both A & D

**Q.2** The Marketing Intelligence & Statistical Unit does not undertake which of the following ?

01. Implementation of price stabilization fund scheme of Govt of India.
02. Implementation of Rain fall Insurance Scheme for coffee growers.
03. Providing coffee to coffee – deficient countries like Russia.
04. Studies on research related to the Coffee trade.
05. Crop forecasting and coffee economics aspects.

**Q.3** Choose the word which is most nearly the OPPOSITE in meaning as the word printed in bold as used in the passage. Vigil

01. check
02. attention
03. unobservance
04. patrol 05. notice

**Q.4** Give a suitable title to the passage.

01. Coffee consumption in India.

02. Globalization of Indian coffee

03. Coffee Board of India

04. Coffee- National Beverage of India.

05. Expansion of Coffee shops

**Q.5** Choose the word which is most nearly the SAME in meaning as the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

### Downsizing

01. cutting in
02. cutting back
03. extending
04. prolonging
05. increasing

**Q.6** Choose the word which is most nearly the OPPOSITE in meaning as the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

### Premier

01. leading
02. principal
03. beginning
04. premises
05. minor

**Q.7** Choose the word which is most nearly the OPPOSITE in meaning as the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

### Facilitates

01. assists 02. helps
03. guides 04. hinders
05. simplifies

**Q.8** How long, according to the passage, has the Coffee Board been conducting

basic and applied research on coffee?

01. 50 years
02. 60 years
03. 45 years
04. 75 years
05. 100 years

**Q.9** Which of the following statements is TRUE is context of the passage?

01. Coffee Board of India serves as a friend, philosopher and guide of the coffee industry in India.
02. Coffee Board of India functions under the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India.
03. The Production Department of the coffee Board publishes various Journals and periodicals.
04. The Coffee Board of India has no Market Intelligence & Statistical Unit functioning within the company but outsources the services.
05. The Board encourages the consumption of coffee in India only.

**Q.10** How many India coffee house/depots are run by the Coffee Board in India?

01. 15 02. 12
03. 14 04. 20
05. 16

**Q.11-15** Rearrange the following sentences (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph, then answer the questions given below them.



- A. The Coimbatore Literary Festival was organised by 'Sahitya', a students' initiative of Kumaraguru College of Technology.
- B. It was two days of literature, with animated conversations about poetry, novels, short stories, biography, wildlife writing.
- C. The Coimbatore Literary Fest created a buzz over poetry, prose and drama.
- D. with energy as writers, readers, book buyers and book sellers interacted and filled the air with literature.
- E. Kasthuri Sreenivasan Auditorium where the event was held buzzed
- F. Editing and publishing. It was perhaps for the first time such an event was held in the city.

**Q.11** Which of the following will be the THIRD sentence after rearrangement?

01. E                      02. B  
03. A                      04. D  
05. F

**Q.12** Which of the following will be the SECOND sentence after rearrangement?

01. E                      02. B  
03. A                      04. D  
05. F

**Q.13** Which of the following will be the FIFTH sentence after rearrangement?

01. E                      02. B

**Q.14**

03. A                      04. D  
05. F

**Q.15**

Which of the following will be the FIRST sentence after rearrangement?

01. E                      02. B  
03. A                      04. C  
05. F

**Q.16**

Which of the following will be the SIXTH (last) sentence after rearrangement?

01. A                      02. D  
03. B                      04. C  
05. F

**Q.17**

Read each sentence to find out if there is any error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is (5).

Globalization is commonly used as a (1)/ short hand way of describe the (2)/ spread of production, communication (3)/ and technologies across the world (4)/ No error (5).

01. 1                      02. 2  
03. 3                      04. 4  
05. 5

**Q.18**

Read each sentence to find out if there is any error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is (5).

Pakistan Foreign Minister (1)/ and ambassador to the US (2)/ were present at the meeting (3)/ at the UN General Assembly (4)/ No error (5).

01. 1                      02. 2  
03. 3                      04. 4  
05. 5

**Q.19**

Read each sentence to find out if there is any error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is (5).

The essays present a wide spectrum of opinions (1)/ on subjecting which are (2)/ of interest to every (3)/ well-bred, intelligent human being (4)/ No error (5).

01. 1                      02. 2  
03. 3                      04. 4  
05. 5

**Q.20**

Read each sentence to find out if there is any error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is (5).

Pre-order sales have reportedly (1)/ topped a million copies (2)/ and British booksellers expect the book (3)/ to be the best-selling fiction titled of the year (4)/ No error (5).

01. 1                      02. 2  
03. 3                      04. 4  
05. 5

**Q.21** In each of the following sentences there are two blank spaces. Below each five pairs of words have been denoted by numbers (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5). Find out which pair of words can be filled in the blanks in order to make a meaningful sentence.

The state has failed to ----  
-----Rs 100 crore grants  
-----to it for the want  
of important historical  
monuments.

01. Handle, assign  
02. Exercise, markets  
03. Utilize, released  
04. Devote, rejuvenated  
05. Assume, cautioned

**Q.22** In each of the following sentences there are two blank spaces. Below each five pairs of words have been denoted by numbers (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5). Find out which pair of words can be filled in the blanks in order to make a meaningful sentence.

BSNL is unable to -----  
-----or improve its cell  
phone services in various  
parts of the state as its

new towers do not have  
electricity-----.

01. Expand, connections  
02. Bloat, connections  
03. Unfurl, connections  
04. Heighten, connections  
05. Swell, connections

**Q.23** In each of the following sentences there are two blank spaces. Below each five pairs of words have been denoted by numbers (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5). Find out which pair of words can be filled in the blanks in order to make a meaningful sentence.

During interrogation, the  
accused denied having ----  
-----with any politician  
or political party but the  
city police -----that  
the extortion was being  
done to arrange funds for  
some poll candidate.

01. Elements, problematic  
02. Associated, unlikely  
03. Hitch, question  
04. Links, suspected  
05. Bonded, uncertain

**Q.24** In each of the following sentences there are two blank spaces. Below each five pairs of words have been denoted by numbers (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5).

Find out which pair of  
words can be filled in the  
blanks in order to make a  
meaningful sentence.

Thousands of -----zardozi  
workers in the city are -----  
-----to other professions to  
earn their living.

01. Able, vibrating  
02. Skilled, turning  
03. Experience, weaving  
04. Clumsy, swaying  
05. Effective, negotiation

**Q.25** In each of the following sentences there are two blank spaces. Below each five pairs of words have been denoted by numbers (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5). Find out which pair of words can be filled in the blanks in order to make a meaningful sentence.

In an effort to attract and  
-----high-skill workers  
from abroad and create its  
own economy and create  
more jobs, The U.S. is  
planning to allow spouses  
of H1-B visa -----to work  
there.

01. Preserve, holders  
02. Reminisce, holders  
03. Recognizes, holders  
04. Recalled, holders  
05. Retain, holders

**Q.26-30** In the following passage there are blanks each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each five words have been suggested, one of which fits the blanks appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

Banks are typically seen as resistant to any change be it technology or otherwise. Part of the reason is cultural banks are supposed to be risk \_26\_ and conservative. The other is driven by the fact that banks have a strong line of defence from \_27\_ they have a strong distribution channel, a large set of captive customers (and their money) and a complex regulatory framework among other things.

However, it is also true that the threat of technology disruption today is at its highest since the dotcom era. In the context of banking, the evolution of smartphones, social media, the rising value of customer experience, service

expectations and lower switching costs for customers are changing the way banks function. The \_28\_ comes not just from smartphones (and easier customised access) but also from the accessibility/availability of data that wasn't possible earlier. Moreover, the regulatory moats are getting diluted the RBI recently allowed 11 entities to open payment banks in India. Public cloud has also helped banks cut down infrastructure cost substantially.

Banks that \_29\_ this new digital world will have a better chance to survive and emerge stronger and more profitable. Many banks think that incentivising their customers to use internet banking and mobile banking is good enough. For others, being on social media completes their digital journey. The more 'advanced banks' are trying to build their own mobile wallets to supplement their mobile apps. Sadly, all this isn't enough. Banks that go beyond these obvious actions stand a better chance to acquire the best (most profitable) customers and retain the \_30\_ parts of their business.

**Q.26** Choose the correct option for (26).

01. averse 02. agreeable  
03. ready 04. loving  
05. willing

**Q.27** Choose the correct option for (27).

01. soldiers 02. guards  
03. directors 04. incumbents  
05. peons

**Q.28** Choose the correct option for (28).

01. block  
02. ongoing  
03. disruptions  
04. commencement  
05. begin

**Q.29** Choose the correct option for (29).

01. exclude 02. shun  
03. unfasten 04. unwrap  
05. embrace

**Q.30** Choose the correct option for (30).

01. unprofitable  
02. lucrative  
03. hateful  
04. harmful  
05. lost

## MATHS

**Q.31** What should come in place of the question mark (?) in the following number series?

10 42 58 66 ? 72

01. 68 02. 67  
03. 71 04. 70  
05. 68

**Q.32** What should come in place of the question mark (?) in the following number series?

55000 ? 2200 440 88 17.6

01. 1200 02. 11000  
03. 12000 04. 1100  
05. None of these

**Q.33** What should come in place of the question mark (?) in the following number series?

2 30 130 ? 738

01. 260 02. 290  
03. 310 04. 340  
05. 350

**Q.34** What should come in place of the question mark (?) in the following number series?

433 432 424 397 333 ?

01. 196 02. 228  
03. 208 04. 298  
05. 212

**Q.35** What should come in place of the question mark (?) in the following number series?

25 36 49 64 81 ?

01. 120 02. 100

03. 150 04. 160  
05. None of these

**Q.36** What will come in place of question mark (?) in the following questions?

$$14\frac{4}{5} + 15\frac{5}{4} + ? = 17\frac{4}{3} + 21\frac{3}{4}$$

01.  $7\frac{1}{16}$  02.  $10\frac{1}{60}$

03.  $9\frac{1}{60}$  04.  $10\frac{1}{30}$

05.  $9\frac{1}{30}$

**Q.37** What will come in place of question mark (?) in the following questions?

$$120 \times 3.5 + 66 \times .5 - .5 \times 24 + 6.7 \times 0.3 = ?$$

01. 435.61 02. 462.81  
03. 455.62 04. 432.66  
05. 443.1

**Q.38** What will come in place of question mark (?) in the following questions?

$$5\frac{3}{4} + 4\frac{2}{3} - 6\frac{2}{3} = 3\frac{?}{60}$$

01. 20 02. 30  
03. 40 04. 45  
05. 50

**Q.39** What will come in place of question mark (?) in the following questions?

$$\sqrt{39.69} = ?$$

01. 3.7 02. 6.3  
03. 7.3 04. 4.7  
05. None of these



**Q.40** What will come in place of question mark (?) in the following questions?

$$(92.5)^2 = ?$$

01. 8700.25    02. 8675.25  
03. 8556.25    04. 8758.25  
05. 4564.25

**Q.41** What will come in place of question mark (?) in the following questions?

$$15 \times 625 \div 25 = ?$$

01. 375    02. 250  
03. 125    04. 50  
05. 100

**Q.42** What will come in place of question mark (?) in the following questions?

$$814296 \times 36 = 29314000 + ?$$

01. 746    02. 566  
03. 656    04. 946  
05. None of these

**Q.43** What will come in place of question mark (?) in the following questions?

$$(725\% \text{ of } 383) \div 625 = ?$$

01. 44.428    02. 4.4428  
03. 444.28    04. 0.44428  
05. None of these

**Q.44** What will come in place of question mark (?) in the following questions?

$$453 - 336 + 110 = ? + 31$$

01. 194    02. 196  
03. 186    04. 256  
05. None of these

**Q.45** What will come in place of question mark (?) in the following questions?

$$1600 \div 64 + 11 = (?)^2$$

01. 49    02. 7  
03. 36    04. 64  
05. 6

**Q.46-50** In each of the following questions two equations are given you have to solve them and Give answer -

01. If  $p < q$     02. If  $p > q$   
03. If  $p < q$     04. If  $p > q$   
05. If  $p = q$  relationship can't be established

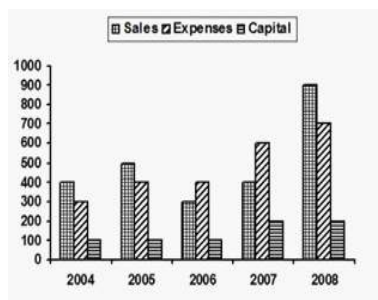
**Q.46** I.  $6p^2 - 7p + 2 = 0$   
II.  $12q^2 - 7q = -1$

**Q.47** I.  $2p^2 - 22p + 56 = 0$   
II.  $q^2 + 12q + 35 = 0$

**Q.48** I.  $p^2 - 6p + 5 = 0$   
II.  $q^2 - 7q = -12$

**Q.49** I.  $p^2 = 25$   
II.  $2q^2 + 20q + 50 = 0$

**Q.50** The following graph gives sales, expense and capital of a company for a period of five years 2004 to 2008



**Q.50** What is the average capital in the given years?

01. 100    02. 120  
03. 130    04. 140  
05. None of these

**Q.51** In which year was the sales-to-expenses ratio the lowest?

01. 2008    02. 2006  
03. 2007    04. 2004  
05. None of these

**Q.52** In which year was the ratio of sales to capital the lowest?

01. 2004    02. 2005  
03. 2006    04. 2007  
05. None of these

**Q.53** What is the average expenses over the years?

01. 440  
02. 380  
03. 400  
04. 420  
05. 480

**Q.54** Capital in year 2004 is what percent of the sale in year 2008?

01. 10%    02. 9(1/11)%  
03. 11(1/9)%    04. 20%  
05. None of these

**Q.55** A train crossed a platform in 25 seconds. The length of the platform is 240 metres.

What is the length of the train?

01. 140 metres  
02. 200 metres  
03. 180 metres  
04. Cannot be determined  
05. None of these

**Q.56** If Rs. 5075 is to be divided among 29 people, how much amount will each person get?

01. Rs. 195  
02. Rs. 165  
03. Rs. 155  
04. Rs. 175  
05. None of these

**Q.57** The average speed of a bus is three fifth of the average speed of a car which covers 3250 km. in 65 hours. What is the average speed of the bus?

01. 30 km./hr.  
02. 20 km./hr.  
03. 35 km./hr.  
04. 36 km./hr.  
05. None of these

**Q.58** The sum of five consecutive odd numbers is equal to 245. What is the difference between twice the largest odd number and small odd number?

01. 63                      02. 71  
03. 51                      04. 65  
05. None of these

**Q.59** Seema sold a mobile phone at the cost of Rs. 1950 at a loss of 25%. At what cost will she have to sell it to get a profit of 30%?

01. Rs. 3300  
02. Rs. 2600  
03. Rs. 2535  
04. Rs. 3380  
05. None of these

**Q.60** If 3 men or 9 boys can finish a piece of work in 12 days. In how many days can 6 men and 6 boys together do the same work?

01. 12 days  
02. 8 days  
03. 4.5 days  
04. Cannot be determined  
05. 9 days

**Q.61** What is the compound interest accrued on a sum of Rs. 1800 at the rate of 6 percent per annum in 2 years?

01. Rs. 146.88  
02. Rs. 1946.88  
03. Rs. 156.84  
04. Rs. 1846.84  
05. 222.48

**Q.62** In how many different ways can the letters of the word 'PAPERS' be arranged?

01. 80                      02. 120  
03. 60                      04. 720  
05. 360

**Q.63** The salary of a man increases by 20% every year in the month of January. His salary was 5000 in the month of February in year 2015. What will be his salary in the month of February in year 2017?

01. Rs. 7200  
02. Rs. 6200  
03. Rs. 7800  
04. Rs. 6800  
05. Rs. 7000

**Q.64** In a test Rajesh got 112 marks which is 32 more than the passing marks. Sonal got 75% marks which is 70 more than the passing marks. What is the minimum passing percentage in the test?

01. 35                      02. 45  
03. 40                      04. 30  
05. None of these

**Q.65** The question given below contain two statements giving certain data. You have to decide whether the data given in the statements are sufficient for answering the question? Mark answer -What is the speed of a train?

I. The train crosses a pole in 25 seconds.

II. The train crosses a 200 m long platform which is equal to its length in 10 seconds.

01. If statement I alone is sufficient but statement II alone is not sufficient.  
02. If statement II alone is sufficient but statement I alone is not sufficient.

03. If each statement alone (either I or II) is sufficient.

04. If statement I and II together are not sufficient. 05. If both statement together are sufficient, but neither statement alone is sufficient.

## REASONING

**Q.66-70** Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below-

Twelve people H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R and S are sitting in a row and all of them facing towards north but not necessarily in the same order.

H and O are not at any ends of the row and both are not neighbour of R. K is sixth to the left of Q who is not neighbour of S and M. N is third to the right of I who is third to the right of M. K is neighbour of I and J.

Only one person is to the left of H. J is sixth from the left end. There are five people between J and R and one person between S and O. According to alphabetical series, an opposite letter of S and O are neighbour of each other but not neighbour O and S.

**Q.66** Which of the following is true regarding K?

01. K is third to the right of M.  
02. K is sitting between I and P.  
03. K is neighbour of O.  
04. K is fourth to the right of M.  
05. None of these

**Q.67** How many people are sitting between L and O?

01. Four      02. Six  
03. Three    04. Five  
05. None of these

**Q.68** Who is second to the left of S?

01. M      02. H  
03. J      04. L  
05. None of these

**Q.69** What is the position of H with respect to P?

01. Third to the left  
02. Fourth to the right  
03. Sixth to the left  
04. Sixth to the right  
05. None of these

**Q.70** Which of the following options represents those people who are sitting at the both ends?

01. QM      02. KJ  
03. MR      04. LQ  
05. HR

**Q.71-75** Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below-

Five different colour of cars like Red, Yellow, Blue, Green and Black are participating in a car road show. All cars are standing in a certain manner which is described as follows:

✎ The red car is standing at a distance of 5 meter from green car and is in the south direction of the green car.

✎ Yellow car is standing 10 meter away from green car.

✎ Blue car is standing 2 meter away from the red car in the east direction.

✎ Black car is in the North direction of the green and Red cars.

✎ Black car is standing at a distance of 10 meter from the Red car.

✎ Yellow car is standing in the west direction of green car.

**Q.71** Which colour's car is the nearest in North-West direction from the blue car?

01. Yellow    02. Red  
03. Green    04. Black  
05. None of these

**Q.72** All the cars are moving in which direction?

01. South  
02. North  
03. West  
04. Can't be determined  
05. None of these

**Q.73** Which colour's car is standing in the south east direction of the green colour car?

01. Blue  
02. Black  
03. Yellow  
04. Can't be determined  
05. None of these

**Q.74** What is the minimum distance (in meter) between yellow and red cars?

01.  $\sqrt{125}$     02. 125  
03. 25      04. 36  
05. None of these

**Q.75** Yellow car is standing in which direction from the black car?

01. North-East  
02. South-East  
03. South-West  
04. North-West  
05. None of these

**Q.76-80** Following questions are based on the given below six-three digit numbers .

652 369 972 852 456 196

**Q.76** If the second and third digit of each number are interchanged then which number will be fourth highest number?

01. 196      02. 852  
03. 369      04. 456  
05. 972

**Q.77** Following questions are based on the given below six-three digit numbers .

652 369 972 852 456 196

If the first and second digit of each number are interchanged then which number will be the second smallest?

01. 369      02. 972  
03. 652      04. 456  
05. 196

**Q.78** Following questions are based on the given below six-three digit numbers .

652 369 972 852 456 196

If in each of the numbers given below, each digit is changed to the previous digit according to the numerical series, then how many number/numbers will begin with an even digit?

852 659 756 865 432

01. None      02. One  
03. Two      04. Three  
05. More than three

**Q.79** Following questions are based on the given below six-three digit numbers .

652 369 972 852 456 196



If all digits of each number are arranged in ascending order within the number, then which number will be second highest number?

01. 972            02. 456  
03. 852            04. 196  
05. 369

**Q.80** Following questions are based on the given below six-three digit numbers

652 369 972 852 456  
196

If the first and third digits of each number are interchanged then which number will be the third lowest number?

01. 972            02. 652  
03. 369            04. 196  
05. 456

**Q.81** The question given below contain two statements giving certain data. You have to decide whether the data given in the statements are sufficient for answering the question ?

What is the birth date of Reena?

- I. Reena's birthday come after every four years.  
II. Date of her birthday comes just before 1st March.

**Mark answer -**

01. If statement I alone is sufficient but statement II alone is not sufficient.  
02. If statement II alone is sufficient but statement I alone is not sufficient.  
03. If each statement

alone (either I or II) is sufficient.

04. If statement I and II together are not sufficient.  
05. If both statement together are sufficient, but neither statement alone is sufficient.

**Q.82**

The question given below contain two statements giving certain data. You have to decide whether the data given in the statements are sufficient for answering the question ?

**What is the age of Ram?**

- I. The age of Raman is 21 years.  
II. Raman is two years older than Ram.

**Mark answer-**

01. If statement I alone is sufficient but statement II alone is not sufficient.  
02. If statement II alone is sufficient but statement I alone is not sufficient.  
03. If each statement alone (either I or II) is sufficient.  
04. If statement I and II together are not sufficient.  
05. If both statement together are sufficient, but neither statement alone is sufficient.

**Q.83**

The question given below contain two statements giving certain data. You have to decide whether the data given in the statements are sufficient for answering the question ?

How is 'X' related to 'Y'?

- I. 'X' is mother of 'Z'.  
II. 'Y' is brother of 'X'.

01. If statement I alone is sufficient but statement II alone is not sufficient.  
02. If statement II alone is sufficient but statement I alone is not sufficient.  
03. If each statement alone (either I or II) is sufficient.  
04. If statement I and II together are not sufficient.  
05. If both statement together are sufficient, but neither statement alone is sufficient.

**Q.84**

The question given below contains two statements giving certain data. You have to decide whether the data given in the statements are sufficient for answering the question? Mark answer -

How many students are there in the class?

- I. Rahul rank's 25th from the top and 18th from the bottom.  
II. Rahul rank's 11th from the top and Pooja rank's 11th from the bottom

01. If statement I alone is sufficient but statement II alone is not sufficient.  
02. If statement II alone is sufficient but statement I alone is not sufficient.

03. If each statement alone (either I or II) is sufficient.
04. If statement I and II together are not sufficient.
05. If both statement together are sufficient, but neither statement alone is sufficient.

**Q.85** The question given below contains two statements giving certain data. You have to decide whether the data given in the statements are sufficient for answering the question? Mark answer - Who amongst A, B, C, D, E and F are shortest?

- I. A is only taller than E but smaller than C.
- II. B and D are not the tallest one.

01. If statement I alone is sufficient but statement II alone is not sufficient.
02. If statement II alone is sufficient but statement I alone is not sufficient.
03. If each statement alone (either I or II) is sufficient.
04. If statement I and II together are not sufficient.
05. If both statement together are sufficient, but neither statement alone is sufficient.

**Q.86-90** Read the following information carefully and answer the questions given below:

Seven persons M, N, O, P, Q, R

and S reside in an seven floor's apartment numbered from first to seven. Only one person resides at each floor. P does not reside at odd number's floors. S resides at exactly middle floor of apartment. Two persons reside between N and P. R does not reside at first and seven floors. Q resides at fifth floor.

**Q.86** Who among the following resides at sixth floor ?

01. N                      02. P  
03. R                      04. O  
05. None of these

**Q.87** Who among the following resides at second floor ?

01. P                      02. N  
03. R                      04. M  
05. can't be determined

**Q.88** Who among the following resides at third floor ?

01. M                      02. O  
03. P                      04. R  
05. N

**Q.89** Which of the following lives on top most floor?

01. M                      02. O  
03. R                      04. P  
05. Either (1) or (2)

**Q.90** If all of them are arranged from Top to bottom in alphabetical order then which of them will remain unchanged according to their position?

01. P                      02. N  
03. O                      04. R  
05. None of these

**Q.91-95** In the given questions, assuming the given statements to be true. Find which of the given four

conclusions numbered I, II, III, and IV is/ are definitely true and give your answer accordingly.

**Q.91** **Statement:**  
 $H > N \geq W > S \leq I \leq G < D$

**Conclusions:**

- I.  $H > S$                       II.  $D > S$   
III.  $I < D$                       IV.  $N > G$

01. Only either II or III is true.
02. Only IV and either I or III are true.
03. Only IV is true.
04. Only II is true.
05. None of these.

**Q.92** **Statement:**  
 $H > F > O \leq M; O \geq B > Z$

**Conclusions:**

- I.  $B < M$                       II.  $F > M$   
III.  $M = B$                       IV.  $F > Z$

01. Only either II or III is true.
02. Only IV and either I or III are true.
03. Only IV is true.
04. Only II is true.
05. Only III is true.

**Q.93** **Statement:**  
 $J > D > H < Y < R < I$

**Conclusions:**

- I.  $J < R$                       II.  $D > Y$   
III.  $J > H$                       IV.  $I > H$

01. Only either II or III is true.
02. Only IV is true.
03. Only III and IV are true.
04. Only II is true.
05. Only III is true.

**Q.94** **Statement:**  
 $W < Q < U < T < G < C$

**Conclusions:**

- I.  $C < W$                       II.  $C > W$   
III.  $G > U$                       IV.  $U > W$

01. Only either I or II is true.
02. Only IV is true.
03. Only III and IV are true.
04. Only I and III are true.
05. None of these.

**Q.95 Statement:**

$N > D > P = K = B > X$

**Conclusions:**

- I.  $D > X$       II.  $D = B$   
III.  $N > K$       IV.  $P = X$

01. Only either II or III is true.
02. Only IV is true.
03. Only III and IV are true.
04. Only I and III are true.
05. Only III is true.

**Q.96-100** In each question given below four statements are followed by two conclusions numbered I and II. You have to take the four given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from the commonly known facts. Read the conclusions and decide which logically follows from the four given statements disregarding commonly known facts :

**Q.96 Statements:**

All league are grant.  
Some grant are reply.  
No moment is a earn.  
All earns are rubric.

**Conclusions :**

- I. Some grant being rubric is a possibility.  
II. Some league not being earn is a possibility
01. If only conclusion I follows.
  02. If only conclusion II follows.

03. If either conclusion I or II follows.
04. If neither conclusion I nor II follows.
05. If both conclusions I and II follow.

**Q.97 Statements:**

All league are grant.  
Some grant are reply.  
No moment is a earn.  
All earns are rubric.

**Conclusions :**

- I. No grant is a reply  
II. Some reply not being grant is a possibility.
01. If only conclusion I follows.
  02. If only conclusion II follows.
  03. If either conclusion I or II follows.
  04. If neither conclusion I nor II follows.
  05. If both conclusions I and II follow.

**Q.98 Statements:**

All league are grant.  
Some grant are reply.  
No moment is a earn.  
All earns are rubric.

**Conclusions :**

- I. All moment being rubric is a possibility.  
II. Some league not being moment is a possibility.
01. If only conclusion I follows
  02. If only conclusion II follows
  03. If either conclusion I or II follows
  04. If neither conclusion I nor II follows

05. If both conclusions I and II follow.

**Q.99 Statements :**

Some flight are stem  
Some stem are lanky.  
All lanky are demo.  
All demo are explore.

**Conclusions :**

- I. Some demo being stem is a possibility.  
II. Some lanky are flight
01. If only conclusion I follows.
  02. If only conclusion II follows.
  03. If either conclusion I or II follows.
  04. If neither conclusion I nor II follows.
  05. If both conclusions I and II follow.

**Q.100 Statements :**

Some flight are stem  
Some stem are lanky.  
All lanky are demo.  
All demo are explore.

**Conclusions :**

- I. All demo are flight.  
II. Some stem not being lanky is a possibility.
01. If only conclusion I follows.
  02. If only conclusion II follows.
  03. If either conclusion I or II follows.
  04. If neither conclusion I nor II follows
  05. If both conclusions I and II follow.



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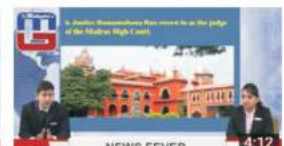
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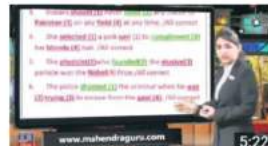
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**Q.1 (2)**

**Q.2 (3)** Providing coffee to coffee-deficient countries like Russia.

**Q.3 (3)**

**Q.4 (3)** Coffee Board of India.

**Q.5 (2)** cutting back - clipping, decreasing, reducing.

For other options:

cutting in - interrupting, intervening.

extending - making larger, longer.

prolonging- delaying, continuing.

**Q.6 (5)** Premier-leading original.

minor - insignificant, inconsequential.

**Q.7 (4)** facilitates-assists progress of hinders-prevent, slowdown.

**Q.8 (4)** 75 years.

**Q.9 (1)**

**Q.10 (2)**

**Q.11(5)** The correct rearrangement is CBFAED.

C. Independent sentence. Opens the paragraph.

B. Continues the meaning of sentence 'C' stating that it was a two day fest and the issues that were discussed there.

F. States that it was the first time such a fest was held.

A- It tells about 'Sahitya', which is a students' initiative, which organized the event.

E- Tells us where the event was held.

D- Completes the paragraph.

**Q.12 (2)** The correct rearrangement is CBFAED.

C- Independent sentence. Opens the paragraph.

B- Continues the meaning of sentence 'C' stating that it was a two day fest and the issues that were discussed there.

F- States that it was the first time such a fest was held.

A- It tells about 'Sahitya', which is a students' initiative, which organized the event.

E- Tells us where the event was held.

D- Completes the paragraph.

**Q.13 (1)** The correct rearrangement is CBFAED.

C- Independent sentence. Opens the paragraph.

B- Continues the meaning of sentence 'C' stating that it was a two day fest and the issues that were discussed there.

F- States that it was the first time such a fest was held.

A- It tells about 'Sahitya', which is a students' initiative, which organized the event.

E- Tells us where the event was held.

D- Completes the paragraph.

**Q.14 (4)** The correct rearrangement is CBFAED.

C- Independent sentence. Opens the paragraph.

B- Continues the meaning of sentence 'C' stating that it was a two day fest and the issues that were discussed there.

F- States that it was the first time such a fest was held.

A- It tells about 'Sahitya', which is a students' initiative, which organized the event.

E- Tells us where the event was held.

D- Completes the paragraph.

**Q.15 (2)** The correct rearrangement is CBFAED.

C- Independent sentence. Opens the paragraph.

B- Continues the meaning of sentence 'C' stating that it was a two day fest and the issues that were discussed there.

F- States that it was the first time such a fest was held.

A- It tells about 'Sahitya', which is a students' initiative, which organized the event.

E- Tells us where the event was held.

**Q.30 (2)**

D- Completes the paragraph.

**For Other Options:**

**Q.16 (2)** use 'describing' instead of 'describe'

unprofitable – not causing profits

**Q.17(1)** used 'with' in place of 'to'

harmful – gives harm

**Q.18 (5)**

**Q.31 (4)**

**Q.19 (2)**

$10 + 32 = 42$

**Q.20 (4)** 'title' is to be used here in place of 'titled'.

$42 + 16 = 58$

**Q.21 (3)** Utilize, released HI Solution Utilize, released

$58 + 8 = 66$

**Q.22 (1)** For other options:

$66 + 4 = 70$

Bloat (v)- increase in size

$70 + 2 = 72$

Unfurl (v)- spread

**Q.32 (2)**  $\div 5, \div 5, \div 5, \div 5$

**Q.23 (4)** Links, suspected

**Q.33 (5)**

**For other options:**

$(1)^3 + 1 = 2$

Hitch (n)- difficulty

$(3)^3 + 3 = 30$

Bonded (adj)- connected

$(5)^3 + 5 = 130$

**Q.24 (2)**

$(7)^3 + 7 = 350$

**Q.25 (5)**

$(9)^3 + 9 = 738$

Retain- keep, holders

**Q.34 (3)**  $433 - (1)^3 = 432$

**For other options:**

$432 - (2)^3 = 424$

Reminisce (v)- remind

$424 - (3)^3 = 397$

**Q.26 (1)**

$397 - (4)^3 = 333$

**For Other Options:**

$333 - (5)^3 = 208$

loving - caring

**Q.35 (2)**

willing - ready

$5 \times 5 = 25$

**Q.27 (4)**

$6 \times 6 = 36$

**For Other Options:**

$7 \times 7 = 49$

directors – the one who directs

$8 \times 8 = 64$

peons– helping staff

$9 \times 9 = 81$

**Q.28 (3)**

$10 \times 10 = 100$

**For Other Options:**

**Q.36 (5)**

block – stop permanently

**Q.37(5)**

begin – start

$420 + 33 - 12 + 2.01 = ?$

**Q.29 (5)** exclude – leave out

$455.01 - 12$

shun – ignore

$? = 443.01$



**Q.38(4)**  $(5+4-6) (3/4+2/3-2/3) = 3 \frac{?}{60}$

$? = 45$

**Q.39 (2)**  $\sqrt{39.69} = 6.3$

**Q.40 (3)**

$(92.5)^2 = 8556.25$

**Q.41 (1)**

$15 \times 25 = (?)$

$? = 375$

**Q.42 (3)**

$29314656 = 29314000 + ?$

$? = 29314656 - 29314000$

$? = 656$

**Q.43 (2)**

$2776.75 \div 625 = 4.4428$

**Q.44 (2)**  $? = (453+110 - 336 - 31)$

$= 563 - 367 = 196$

**Q.45 (5)**

$25+11 = (?)^2$

$36 = (?)^2, x = 6$

**Q.46 (2)** I.  $6p^2-4p-3p+2=0$

$2p(3p-2)-1(3p+2)=0$

$b = \frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{2}$

II.  $12p^2-4q-3q+1=0$

$4q(3q-1)-1(3q-1)=0$

$q = \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}$

$p > q$

**Q.46 (2)** I.  $6p^2-4p-3p+2=0$

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$4q(3q-1)-1(3q-1)=0$

$q = \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}$

**Q.47 (2)** I.  $2p^2-14p-8p+56=0$

$2p(p-7)-8(p-7)=0$

$p = 7, 4$

II.  $q^2+7q+5q+35=0$

$q(q+7)+5(q+7)=0$

$q = -7, -5$

$p > q$

**Q.48 (5)**  $p=1,5$  and  $q=4,3$

relation can't be established.

**Q.49 (4)**  $p = \pm 5$

$2q^2+10q+10q+50=0$

$2p(q+5)+10(q-5)=0$

$p = -5, -5$

$p \geq q$

**Q.50 (4)** Req. Average capital =  $\frac{700}{5} = 140$

**Q.51(3)** 2007

**Q.52(4)** 2007

**Q.53 (5)** 480

**Q.54 (3)** Req. % =  $\frac{100 \times 100}{900} = 11\frac{1}{9}\%$

**Q.55 (4)** Cannot be determined

**Q.56 (4)** Each person will get =  $\frac{5075}{29} = \text{Rs. } 175$

**Q.57 (1)** Speed of bus =  $\frac{3}{5} \times \text{speed of car.}$

Speed of car =  $\frac{3250}{65} = 50 \text{ km/hr.}$

Speed of bus =  $\frac{3}{5} \times 50 = 30 \text{ km/hr.}$

**Q.58 (5)**

Let the first odd numbe be x.

$$\text{Then } x+x+2+x+4+x+6+x+8 = 245$$

$$5x+20 = 245, \quad 5x + 20 = 245$$

$$5x = 245 - 20 = 225, \quad x = 45$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Required difference} &= 2 \times (45+8) - 45 \\ &= 106 - 45 = 61 \end{aligned}$$

**Q.59 (4)**

$$\text{Cost price of mobile} = \frac{1950}{75} \times 100$$

$$\text{Selling price of mobile} = \frac{1950}{75} \times 100 \times \frac{130}{100}$$

$$= \text{Rs } 3380$$

**Q.60 (3)** Required Number of Days

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{3 \times 9 \times 12}{6 \times 3 + 9 \times 6} \\ &= \frac{3 \times 9 \times 12}{18 + 54} \\ &= 4.5 \end{aligned}$$

**Q.61 (5)** C.I. FOR 2 YEARS =  $1800 \times \frac{12.36}{100} = \text{RS.} 222.48$

**Q.62 (5)** Number of ways =  $\frac{6!}{2!} = 360$

**Q.63 (1)**

Salary at the end of February 2016

$$= 5000 + 1000 = 6000$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Salary at the end of February 2017} &= 6000 \\ &+ 1200 = 7200 \end{aligned}$$

**Q.64 (3)**

$$\text{Passing marks} = 112 - 32 = 80$$

$$\text{So } 75\% \text{ of total marks} = 80 + 70 = 150$$

$$\text{Total marks} = \frac{150}{75} \times 100 = 200$$

$$\text{Then required \%} = \frac{80}{200} \times 100 = 40\%$$

**Q.65 (2)**  $S = \frac{200+200}{10} = 40\text{m/s}$

**Q.66-70**

M H L I K J N S P O Q R  
↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ NORTH

**Q.66 (4)**

**Q.67 (2)**

**Q.68 (3)**

**Q.69 (5)**

**Q.70 (3)**

**Q.71 (3)** Green

**Q.72 (4)**

**Q.73 (2)**

**Q.74 (1)**  $\sqrt{125}$

$$\text{H.P} = \sqrt{10^2 + 5^2} = \sqrt{125}$$

**Q.75 (3)** S.W

**Q.76 (4)**

**Q.77 (3)** 562 639 792 582 546 916

**Q.78 (2)** 741 548 645 754 321

**Q.79 (5)** 256 369 279 258 456 169

**Q.80 (1)** 256 963 279 258 654 691

**Q.81 (1)** 29 Feb from (I)

29 or 28 Feb from (II)

so only (I) is sufficient

**Q.82 (5)**

Raman -21 years(I)

Ram -21-2=19 years (I) and (II) together

Both together are sufficient.

**Q.83 (5)** Brother

X is sister of Y

**Q.84 (1)**

**Q.85 (1)**

**Q.86-90**

FLOOR NO.	PEOPLE
7	O/M
6	P
5	Q
4	S
3	N
2	R
1	O/M

Q.86 (2) Q.87 (3) Q.88 (5) Q.89 (5) Q.90 (4)

Q.91(5) Statement:  $H > N \geq W > S \leq I \leq G < D$

Conclusions:

I.  $H > S$  (True) II.  $D > S$  (True)

III.  $I < D$  (True) IV.  $N > G$  (False)

HI Solution

Q.92 (2) Statement:  $H > F > O \leq M$

$O \geq B > Z$

Conclusions:

Either  $\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{I. } B < M \text{ (False)} & \text{II. } F > M \text{ (False)} \\ \text{III. } M = B \text{ (False)} & \text{IV. } F > Z \text{ (True)} \end{array} \right.$

Q.93(3) Statement:  $J > D > H < Y < R < I$

Conclusions:

I.  $J < R$  (False) II.  $D > Y$  (False)

III.  $J > H$  (True) IV.  $I > H$  (True)

Q.94 (5) Statement:  $W < Q < U < T < G < C$

Conclusions:

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III.  $G > U$  (True) IV.  $U > W$  (True)

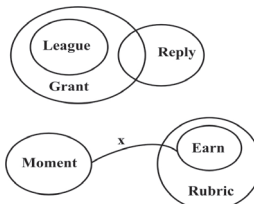
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Conclusions:

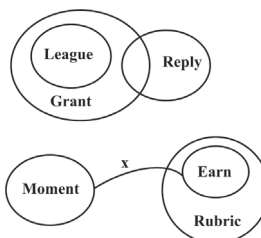
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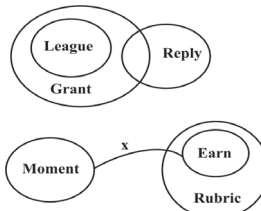
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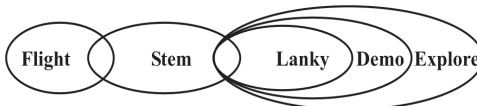
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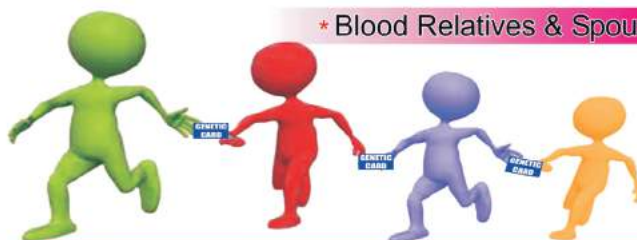


Q.100 (2)



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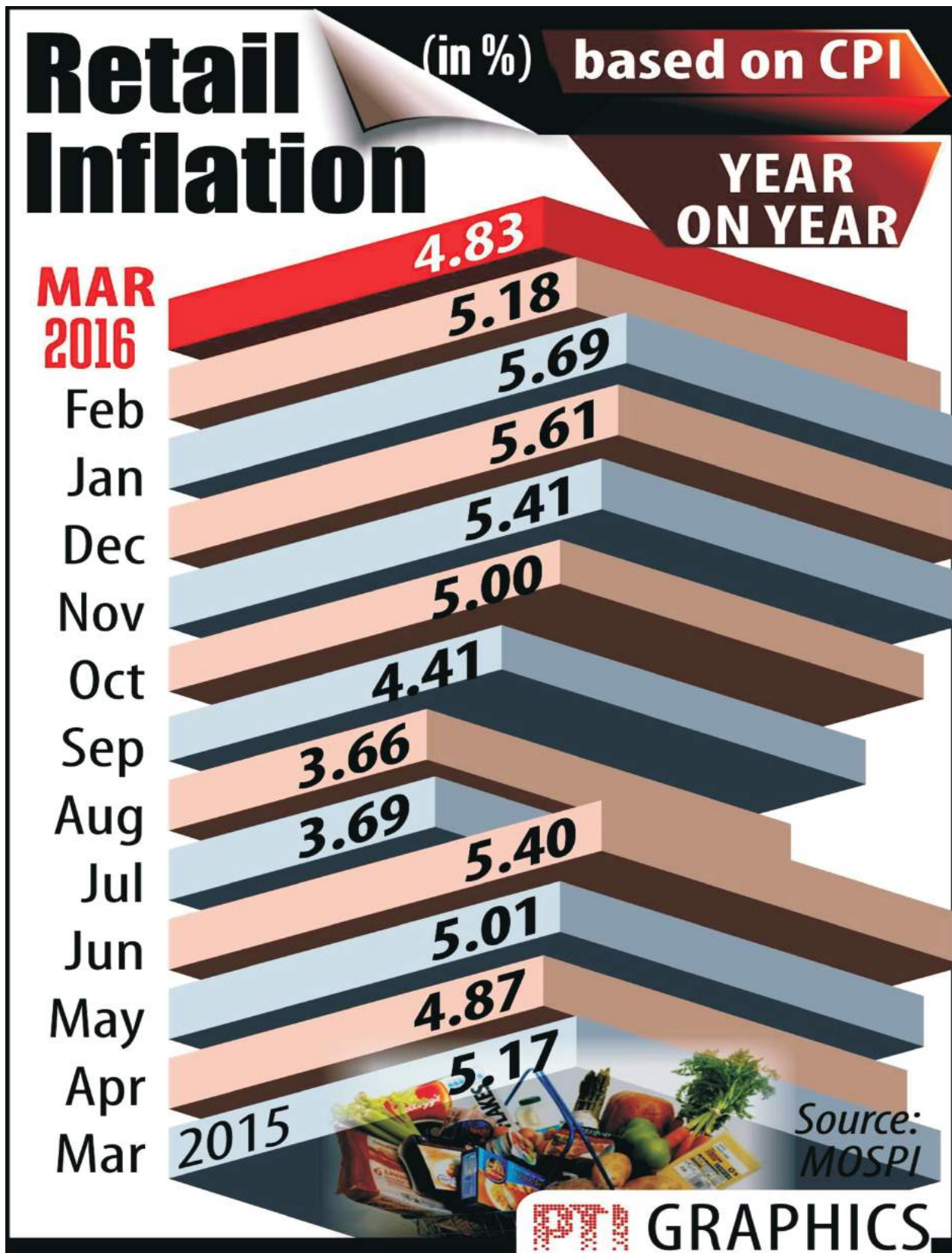
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- Government adhering to fiscal consolidation path will help lower inflation
- Proposes custodian banks; banks focusing on wholesale and long term financing

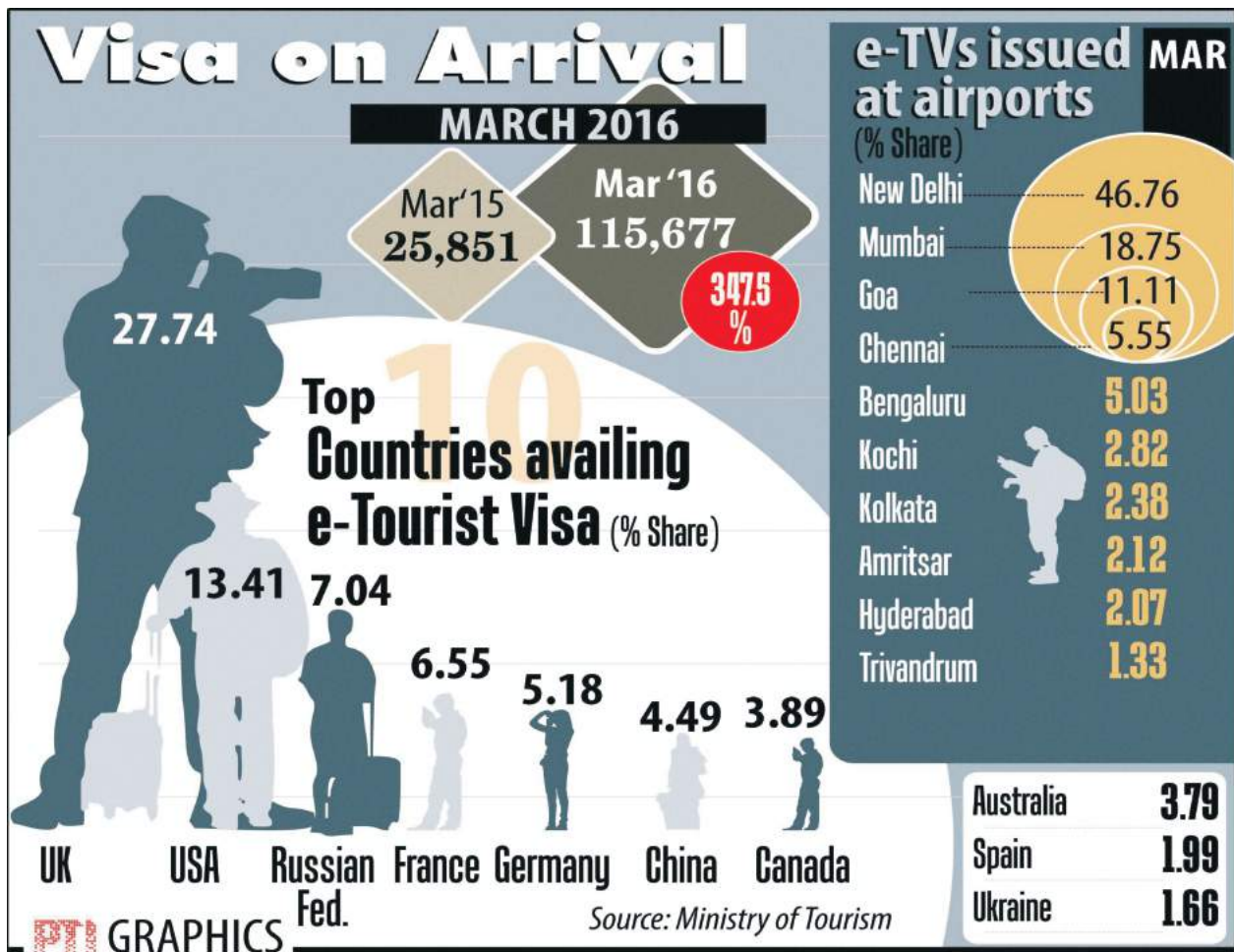
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### First woman Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir

## Mehbooba Mufti

**Born:** 22 May 1959 (age 56) Bijbehara, Jammu and Kashmir  
**Political party:** J&K People's Democratic Party  
**Education:** Law degree from University of Kashmir

- Succeeded her father Mufti Mohammad Sayeed in the role, a few months after his death in January 2016
- President of PDP
- 1996: One of the most popular members elected in the Assembly Elections from Bijbehara on a Congress ticket, became Leader of the opposition in the assembly
- 1999: Resigned from her assembly seat, contested the parliamentary elections in 1999 from Srinagar. Lost to the sitting member Omar Abdullah
- 2002 Assembly Polls: Won Pahalgam seat
- 2004 and 2014: Elected to Lok Sabha from Anantnag seat

After her father Mufti Mohammad Sayeed's death who was heading the coalition government in J&K, she founded the same alliance with Bhartiya Janata Party

Source: Wikipedia

## Forbes 8 Indians in 50 Power Businesswomen

<b>Arundhati Battacharya</b> Chairman and MD, SBI <b>2</b>	<b>Ambiga Dhiraj</b> CEO, Mu Sigma <b>14</b>	<b>Dipali Goenka</b> CEO, Welspun India <b>16</b>
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## Panama Papers by the numbers

The publication of 11.5 million leaked records from Mossack Fonseca reveals that some offshore companies are being used for suspected money laundering, arms and drug deals, and tax evasion



**1. Mossack Fonseca:** Panamanian law firm which sells anonymous offshore companies around world

**2. Law firm:** Sets up shell company for client registered in tax haven such as British Virgin Islands. Company can be set up for as little as \$1,000



**214,488** Number of offshore companies, trusts, and foundations incorporated by Mossack Fonseca over past 40 years



**3. Nominee service:** Fake director appointed so owner's name does not appear in paperwork



**500+** Number of banks and subsidiaries that created 15,000 offshore companies through Mossack Fonseca

**4. Shell company:** Appears to be legitimate business but secrecy enables owner to cover up origin of money and avoid paying tax



**12** Number of national leaders among 143 politicians, their families and associates, revealed to have used offshore tax havens

**5. Layering:** Owner funnels money through multiple shell companies in different havens, each time making it more difficult to trace – process known as “layering”

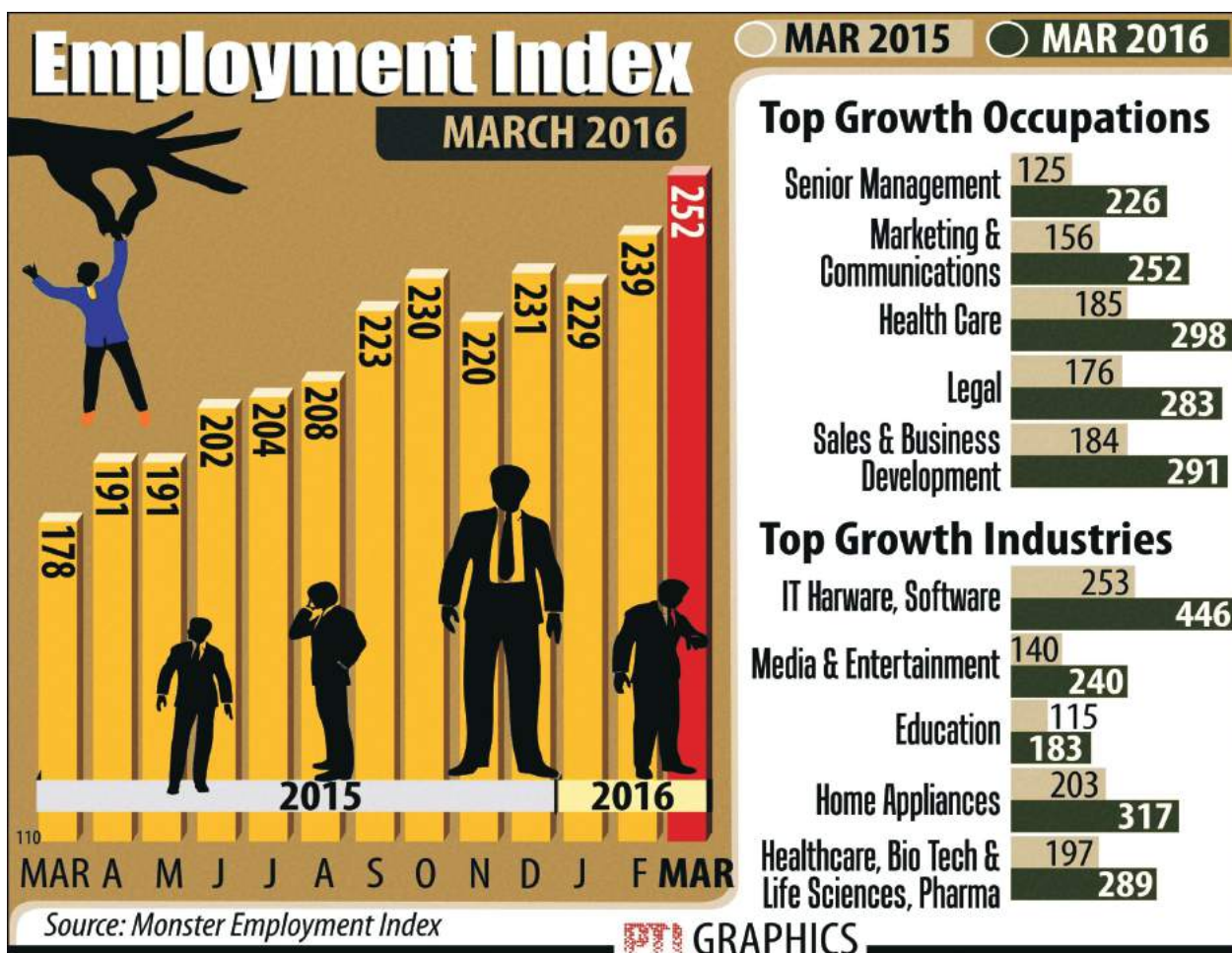


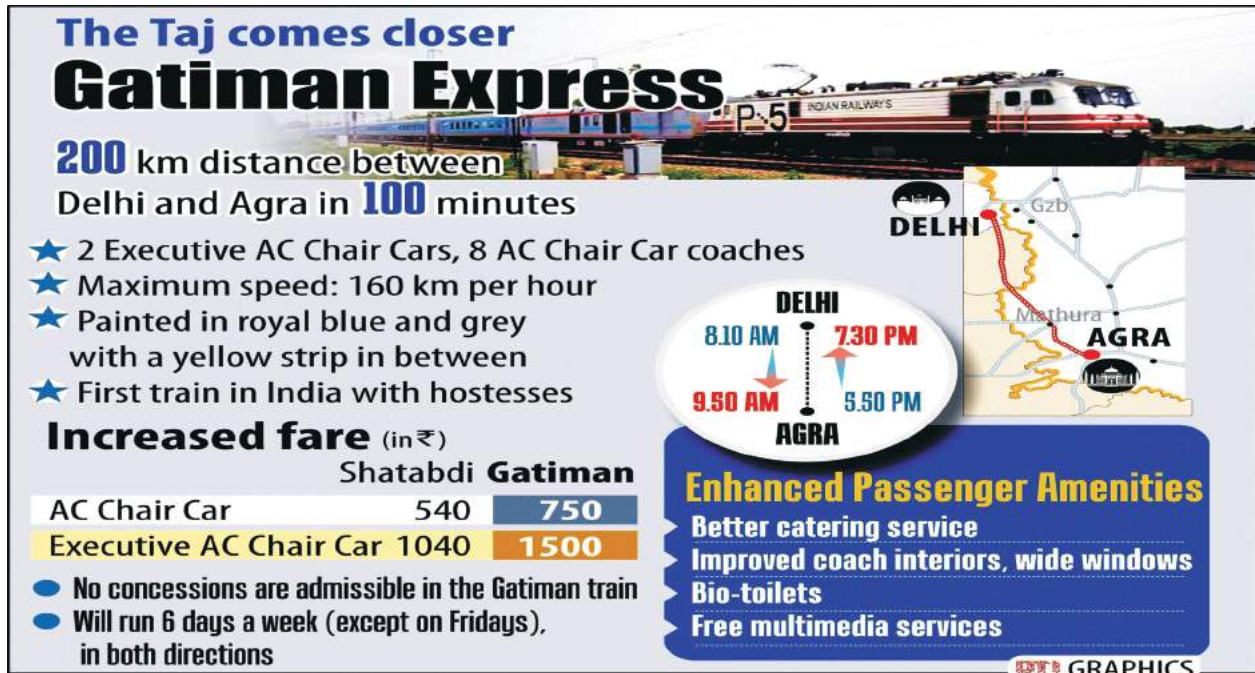
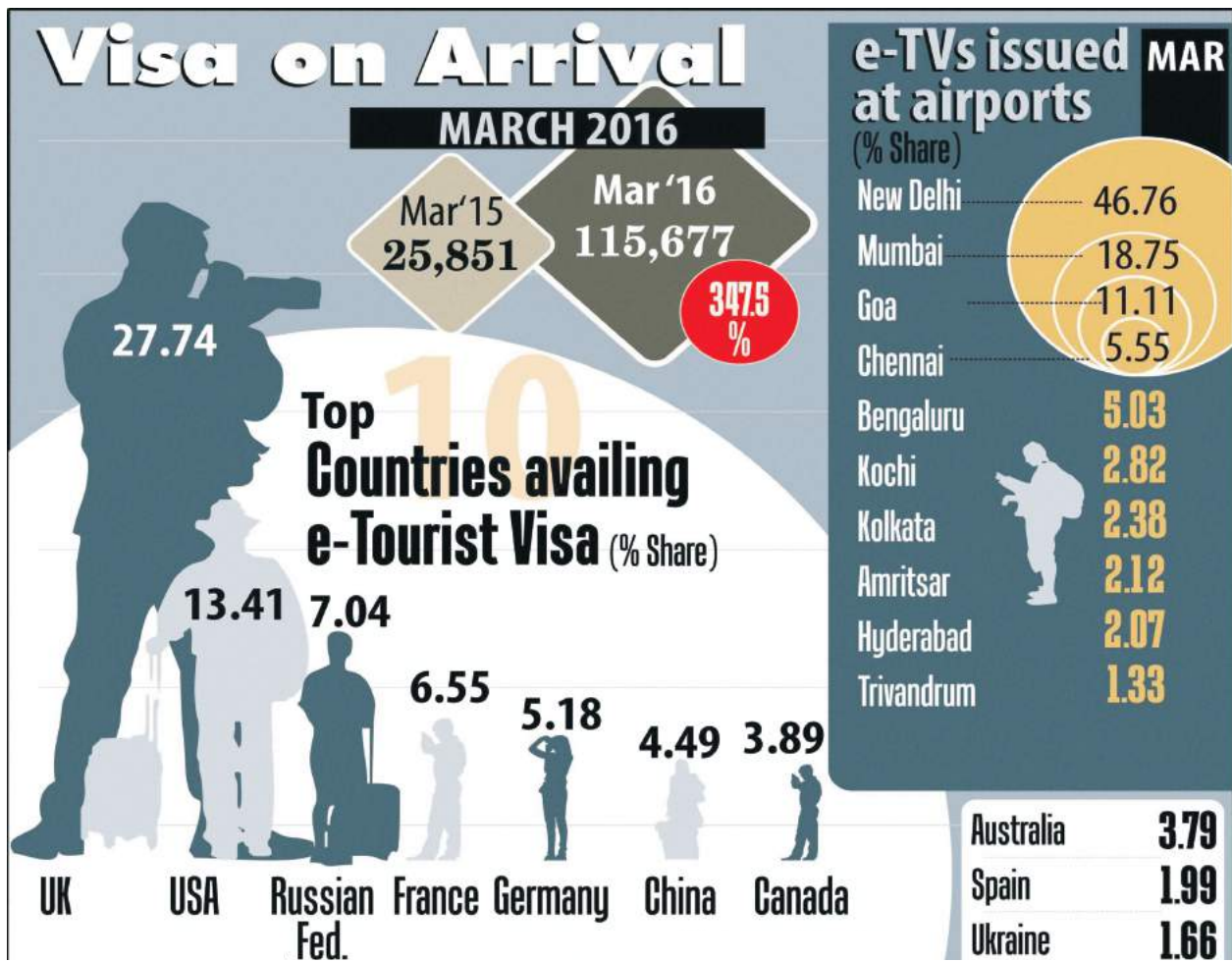
**6. Integration:** Dirty money transferred to shell company is now laundered. Money is re-introduced into economy as legitimate and used to buy high-value items

**\$22.9 trillion**

Total sum estimated hidden away in tax havens globally – equivalent to annual economic output of United States and Japan combined









WHO'S WHO		
S.No.	DESIGNATION	NAME
1.	Chairman, Rajya Sabha	Mohd.Hamid Ansari
2.	Chairperson of Lok Sabha	Sumitra Mahajan
3.	Chairman, Planning Commission	Narendra D Modi
4.	Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha	Gulam Nabi Azad
5.	Leader of House in Lok Sabha	Narendra D Modi
6.	Leader of Congress in Lok Sabha	Mallikarjun Kharge
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9.	Election Commissioner	Achal kumar jyoti
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