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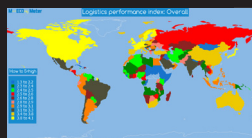
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**URJIT PATEL :
NEW RBI GOVERNOR**



IST BRICS FILM FESTIVAL



US OPEN 2016

EDITORIAL

THE EMERGENCE OF THE UNKNOWN

"GROWN-UP"

Dear Aspirants,

When we are adolescents raring to enter the "Grown-up" population we get an idea of an institution which though is a profit making organisation but works for the better good of the people. Such an institution is called a Bank, the "caretaker" of the bourgeoisie. With time we come across another big question that if a bank is the "facilitator" of People, then who does the same for countries.....??

Well the answer always has been "World Bank" not now as we have many competitors vying to catch that tag. One such institution is AIIB (Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank) based in Beijing which approved its first Loan and entered into the race of a Multinational Development Bank.

High Courts and Supreme Courts have always been in news whether it is consisting the grant of release to UDTA PUNJAB or the renaming of the three most important courts in India – Bombay, Madras and Calcutta. We wonder so has the examination changed with now being a time-based concept.

You, the Aspirant many of who are aficionados of the most followed sport – Football were in for a treat as the UEFA Euro Cup concluded and ironically the great colonisers of yesteryears and now merely known for its most famous son – Cristiano Ronaldo lifted the coveted trophy.

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PERSONAL DETAILS**Name** : KUSHAL SINGH**Father's Name** : Rajendra Singh**Mother's Name** : Suman Singh**Education** : MA (Literature)**Hobbies** : Walking early in the morning.**Prior Selection** : It was my 1st attempt.**Name of the Exam** : CGL-2014**Roll No. of Qualified Exam** : 3010513944**Roll No. of Mahendra Institute** : PDH0270368512**MICA** : Mahendras family expresses its heartiest congratulations on your success as Inspector, Central Excise & Customs in CGL-2014.**MICA** : To whom do you want to give the credit of your selection?**KUSHAL** : I would like to owe my success to God, my parents, brother, Mahendra's faculty and friends at Mahendra's.**MICA** : After how many attempts did you succeed in examination?**KUSHAL** : It was my first attempt.**MICA** : Did you take help of any institute and if yes, what is the role of that institute in your selection?**KUSHAL** : Mahendra Institute gave me proper idea how to prepare and in case of scarcity of time how to optimize your efforts.**MICA** : How did you prepare for the written examination?**KUSHAL** : 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:**

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Reasoning Ability:

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English:

Speed test were so helpful and read text book thoroughly for all subjects.

General Awareness:

Internet, for banking Mahendras, MICA & Monthly Boosters, GS Books

MICA : How do you take "Master in Current Affairs Magazine", and "Mahendra Guru" Website?**KUSHAL** : Specially Mahendra Guru website was full of content & helpful, Interview videos were also very helpful.**MICA** : What is the best thing about your coaching institute, according to you?**KUSHAL** : Inspiring faculties and so competitive ambience.**MICA** : What is the role of "Time Management" in one's success?**KUSHAL** : Time Management plays a very pivotal role in any competitions.**MICA** : How did you prepare for the Interview?**KUSHAL** : Joined Mahendra's Interview classes and regular Newspaper reading.**MICA** : Tell us about the Interview Board and the questions asked?**KUSHAL** : Very co-operative and all questions were pertaining to banking & studies.**The questions asked were:****(I)** Tell the story of Macbeth.**(II)** What is sonnet ?**(III)** What is epilogue & prologue ?**(IV)** What is photosynthesis?
Tell me about the respiration system in plant .**(V)** What is light year ? Tell me the speed of light .**MICA** : By whom did you get information of your selection and what was your reaction?**KUSHAL** : I myself was continuously online. It gave me a very soothing experience like all pressure was released.**MICA** : What message do you want to convey to other aspirants?**KUSHAL** : Be consistent and aspire to achieve bigger than what currently you have.**MICA** : Congratulations once again on your success. Your success is our success.**KUSHAL** : Thank You Mahendra for guiding me to Success.Get Free Study Material On - www.mahendraguru.com

- Q.1.** The first Indian-American who bag nomination for Emmy award 2016-
- Q.2.** The newly appointed Chairman of CBSE-
- Q.3.** Country became the first country to be officially acknowledged as being Yaws-free-
- Q.4.** A book titled “Who Moved My Interest Rate” authored by-
- Q.5.** New CM of Arunachal Pradesh?
- Q.6.** The city in which the 4th edition of the India International Coir Fair (IICF) was held-
- Q.7.** Sovereign Gold Bond is a-
- Q.8.** A metropolitan court in suburban Andheri has issued a non bailable warrant against business man-
- Q.9.** Khangchendzonga National Park is situated in-
- Q.10.** Recently the firm which tied up with DRDO to promote sustainable cultivation of high-altitude medicinal plants in Ladakh is-
- Q.11.** Dipika Pallikal Karthik is related with sport-
- Q.12.** For the fiscal year 2015-16, the amount which was contributed by the GOI under Atal Pension Plan was-
- Q.13.** Mubarak Begum was a famous-
- Q.14.** According to Morgan and Stanley, the expected GDP growth of India for current fiscal 16-17 is-
- Q.15.** Recently who sworn in as the new Prime Minister of Australia?
- Q.16.** Engineering Procurement and Construction Company Essar Projects has won a Rs 300-crore contract from _____
- Q.17.** According to IMF, the expected growth rate of India for current fiscal 16-17 is-
- Q.18.** The mobile based solution which was announced by GSMA that allows users to create and manage their digital identity across apps and services, using their mobile numbers is -
- Q.19.** Niti Aayog tied up with _____ to set up 10 laboratories under the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) to cultivate adaptive learning and innovation skills among young minds.
- Q.20.** The newly appointed chairman of Airports Authority of India (AAI) is-
- Q.21.** The country with which India signed an Air Services Agreement (ASA), a move that will promote first air connectivity between these two countries, is-
- Q.22.** The bank with which the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has joined hands to chalk out a detailed plan for promotion of rail ticketing activities, including internet ticketing and unreserved ticketing system is -
- Q.23.** The country with which the Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC), India’s largest export promotion council, signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to promote bilateral trade and industrial cooperation in the textile and fashion sectors is-
- Q.24.** The country in which the first annual general body and board of governors meeting of BRICS New Development Bank was held, is-
- Q.25.** The country which has topped the Sustainable Development Goals Index is-
- Q.26.** Dominique Arnaud hails from which country?
- Q.27.** The corporate body who launched a community safe drinking water project as part of its corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative and inaugurated Gurgaon’s first water ATM in Kasan village is -

Aziz Ansari

Rakesh Kumar Chaturvedi

India

Duvvuri Subbarao

Pema Khandu

Coimbatore

Government Security

Vijay Mallya

Sikkim

Dabur

Squash

99.57 Crore

Singer

7.7 %

Malcolm Turnbull

IFFCO

7.4 %

Mobile Connect

Intel India

Guruprasad Mohapatra

Mozambique

SBI

Tehran

China

Sweden

France

Maruti Suzuki

- Q.28.** The Person who has been chosen for the 'Dr. Ramvilas Sharma Alochna Award' for the year 2015 is-
- Q.29.** The Indian Arabic calligrapher, who won one of the top prizes at the Cairo International Festival for Arabic Calligraphy is-
- Q.30.** The State Government which will introduce the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System (CCTNS) is-
- Q.31.** The number of accounts that an individual can have as a 'Basic Savings Bank Deposit Account' in one bank is -
- Q.32.** Neeraj Chopra is related to which sports who has bagged the gold medal in the IAAF Under-20 World Athletics Championship in Poland ?
- Q.33.** The country which launched the world's largest amphibious aircraft was -
- Q.34.** Recently the Hungarian Grand Prix Formula One race, 2016 was won by-
- Q.35.** The first Indian woman violinist who get the award in the history of the Music Academy is-
- Q.36.** The IIT which has moved up to rank 13 in the prestigious Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) University Rankings BRICS is-
- Q.37.** E-classified player Quikr has acquired _____ an online hiring platform.
- Q.38.** Recently who has won her first WTA title in Stanford Open by defeating Venus Williams?
- Q.39.** Arundhati Ghose was a-
- Q.40.** The number of Indian men who was awarded with the Ramon Magsaysay Award for the year 2016 is-
- Q.41.** Recently elected President of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICAI) is-
- Q.42.** The present time president of CII (Confederation of Indian Industry) is-
- Q.43.** BBPOU stands for -
- Q.44.** The newly appointed Director General of the India Meteorological Department (IMD) is-
- Q.45.** The committee on GST is headed by-
- Q.46.** Recently on how many banks, did RBI impose Rs 27-crore penalty in a major crackdown for Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) violations and KYC lapses?
- Q.47.** The country in which the "Confluence Festival of India" is going to be held is-
- Q.48.** How many writers were given the Bharatiya Jnanpith's 11th Navlekhan award for the year 2015?
- Q.49.** The first woman chief of aviation regulator DGCA is -
- Q.50.** Pandit Lacchu Maharaj was a famous -
- Q.51.** The private bank with which India's largest insurer Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has signed an agreement as its bancassurance partner wherein the bank will distribute LIC's products to its customers is -
- Q.52.** The commerce minister of India is-
- Q.53.** The newly appointed Chairperson of CBDT is-
- Q.54.** The state's Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau implementing the programme to measure the level of corruption on a monthly basis in state -
- Q.55.** The bank which has won the National Tourism Awards 2014-15 instituted by the Ministry of Tourism for starting initiative related to tourism is -
- Q.56.** The first women governor of Tokyo is -

Gopeshwar Singh

Muqtar Ahmed

Odisha

Only one in one bank

Javelin Throw

China

Lewis Hamilton

A.Kanyakumari

IIT Bombay

Hiree

Johanna Konta

Diplomat

2

Manas Kumar Thakur

Naushad Forbes

**Bharat Bill Payment
Operating Units**

K.J.Ramesh

Amit Mitra

13

Australia

4

M Sathiyavathy

Tabla Maestro

Axis Bank

Nirmala Sitharaman

Rani Singh Nair

Kerala

Yes Bank

Yuriko Koike

- Q.57.** Gloria De Haven related with field -
- Q.58.** The team which bags Star Sports Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) title for the second consecutive time is -
- Q.59.** The newly appointed Global chief financial officer of Cipla is-
- Q.60.** The programme which was announced by Oracle India to support education and learning, women's empowerment and rural skills development in the country is-
- Q.61.** The bank which has raised Rs 30 billion by issuing the world's first ever 'Masala' or rupee-denominated bond outside India in London Stock Exchange is -
- Q.62.** The home loan scheme which was announced by Tata Capital Housing Finance Ltd (TCHFL) that will target low income group under the affordable housing plan is -
- Q.63.** The person who has been given the additional charge of Chairman and Managing Director of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) is -
- Q.64.** The state which bagged the 'Best Adventure Tourism Destination' award at the 10th Annual Today's Traveller Awards 2016 is-
- Q.65.** The winner of Best Foreign Journalist for India in National Tourism Award 2016 is -
- Q.66.** _____ and the Global Fund have joined hands to launch India Health Fund (IHF) aimed at addressing key health challenges in the country, starting with malaria and tuberculosis.
- Q.67.** Recently the person, who will be honoured with the Lifetime Achievement award during the 8th Goa State Film Festival is -
- Q.68.** The rate of interest for loans under priority sector, is decided time to time by -
- Q.69.** Newly elected PM of Nepal is -
- Q.70.** Recently, the web portal which has been launched by RBI governor Raghuram Rajan to curb illegal collection of deposits is -
- Q.71.** Number of Indian-origin persons who has been named among America's top wealth advisors in the Forbes 2016 'America's Top Wealth Advisors' list is -
- Q.72.** Ministry of _____ and Government of Chhattisgarh signed a Joint Venture Agreement for 'Formation of Joint Venture Companies'.
- Q.73.** The singer who shall be awarded with the 23rd Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award is -
- Q.74.** The state in which Patanjali Ayurveda Ltd will invest Rs 500-crore for setting up a food processing unit is -
- Q.75.** The Inflation which is targeted by GOI in 2016 for coming 5 Years is -
- Q.76.** According to London based risk analysis firm Verisk Maplecroft recent report, the country in which is at 1st position is-
- Q.77.** The currency of Vietnam is-
- Q.78.** The silver medal winner in event of 10 mt Air pistol at Rio Olympics 2016 is -
- Q.79.** The "Swachhata Helpline No." is-
- Q.80.** Motto of Rio Olympics 2016 is -
- Q.81.** The sport with which Virginia Thrasher belongs -
- Q.82.** The mission which is launched by PM Narendra Modi to provide safe drinking water to all is-
- Q.83.** Recently, the Commonwealth Chess Championship title in Colombo, Sri Lanka is won by-

Film
Patna Pirates
Kedar Upadhye
D-Change
HDFC Bank
Prapti
P.K.Purwar
Arunachal Pradesh
Stephanie Pearson
Tata Trusts
N Chandra
**Department of
Banking Regulation
of RBI**
**Pushp Kamal Dahal
Prachanda**
Sachet
4
Railways
Shubha Mudgal
Madhya Pradesh
4%
Syria
Dong
WU Felipe Almeida
1969
A new world
Shooting
Bhagirathi
Abhijeet Gupta

- Q.84.** The city which will host the men's hockey World Cup, 2018 is-
- Q.85.** Dipa Karmakar is a famous-
- Q.86.** The country from where, Michael Phelps hails from -
- Q.87.** The state whose Irrigation Department signed a memorandum of understanding with the ISRO for setting up a TWRIS is -
- Q.88.** The state with which IRCTC have joined hands to provide improved hospitality and tourism services to their customers by making joint use of their capabilities and facilities is -
- Q.89.** Recently a book titled "The Indian Parliament - Beyond the Seal and Signature of Democracy" is released by-
- Q.90.** Kalikho Pul was former CM of state-
- Q.91.** K M Hanumantharayappa assumed charge as the new Chairman of the Central Silk Board for a period upto-
- Q.92.** The company which signed a joint venture agreement with public sector MSTC Limited with an objective to set up the country's first auto shredding and vehicle recycling unit is -
- Q.93.** Jyothi Lakshmi was a famous --
- Q.94.** The state in which Railways Minister Suresh Prabhu inaugurated the nation's first Green Rail Corridor is -
- Q.95.** The Mobile Application which was launched in Delhi university, in order to aim the women safety is -
- Q.96.** The newly appointed Managing Director of State Bank of India (SBI) is-
- Q.97.** According to the Brand Finance survey 'Top 500 US Brands', IT services company Tata Consultancy Services has been ranked as-
- Q.98.** The newly appointed MD & CEO of United Bank of India is -
- Q.99.** The country to which the Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) gave an additional line of credit (LoC) of USD 23.50 million for construction of a new water supply management is -
- Q.100.** The name of the India's first Smart endoscopy technology is -

Bhubneswar

Gymnast

USA

Telangana

Manipur

Murli Manohar Joshi

Arunachal Pradesh

3 years

Mahindra Intertrade limited

Actress

Tamil Nadu

I Feel Safe

Dinesh Kumar Khara

58th

Pawan Kumar Bajaj

Malawi

G-EYE



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ABBREVIATIONS

POSCO	Protection of Children from Sexual Offences
AASSC	Aerospace & Aviation Sector Skill Council
UJALA	Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for all
SIEMAT	State Institute for Education Management and Training
GSLV	Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle
CBLO	Collateralised Borrowing and Lending Obligation
IVRS	Interactive Voice Response System
TFCI	Tourism Finance Corporation of India
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature

IMPORTANT DAYS AND DATES

5th Sept.	National Teacher's Day (Dr. Radhakrishnan's Birth Day)
8th Sept.	International Literacy Day
13th Sept.	Hindi Diwas World First Aid Day
15th Sept.	International Day of Democracy Engineers' Day (India)
16th Sept.	Ozone Day
21st Sept.	World Alzheimer's Day International Day of Peace
22nd Sept.	World Maritime Day World Cancer Free Day
27th Sept.	World Tourism Day
28th Sept.	World Rabies Day

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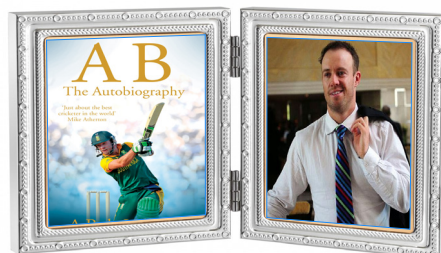
Priority Sector Lending Certificates (PSLCs)

Priority Sector Lending Certificates (PSLCs) are tradable certificates issued against priority sector loans of banks so as to enable banks to achieve their specified target and sub-targets for priority sector lending through purchase of these instruments in the event of a shortfall and at the same time incentivizing the surplus banks to lend more to these sectors.

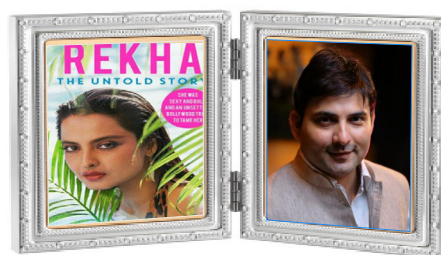
It is mandated in India that Priority sector lending (PSL) should constitute 40 percent of Adjusted Net Bank Credit [ANBC] or Credit Equivalent Amount of Off-Balance Sheet Exposure, whichever is higher.

Sub-targets are specified for certain sectors like 18% to agriculture with 8% to small and marginal farmers, 7.5% to micro units etc.

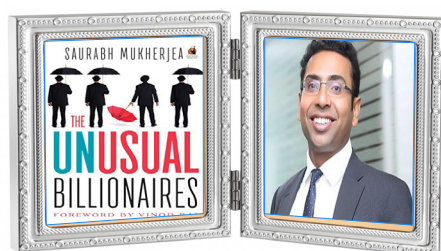
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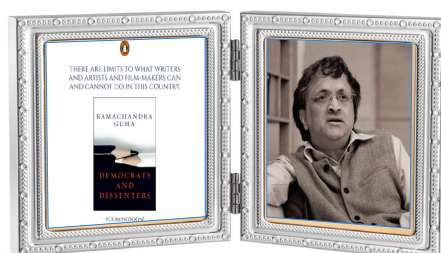
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Rekha: The Untold Story
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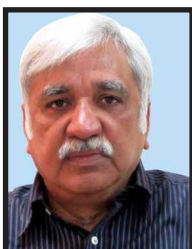
Najma Heptullah, V.P. Singh Badnore, Banwarilal Purohit, Jagdish Mukhi

Former Union Minister for Minority Affairs Najma Heptullah has been appointed as Governor of Manipur. BJP leader and former Rajya Sabha MP V.P. Singh Badnore will be the new Governor of Poll-bound Punjab.

- ✎ BJP leader and former Nagaur MP Banwarilal Purohit has been appointed as Governor of Assam, a State that the BJP swept months back.
- ✎ Delhi BJP leader Jagdish Mukhi has been appointed as Lieutenant Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- ✎ An official release announced that the President had made the appointments, adding, "The above appointments will take effect from the dates the incumbents assume charge of their respective offices."

Sunil Arora

Former Information and Broadcasting Secretary Sunil Arora has been appointed as an advisor in public broadcaster Prasar Bharati.



- ✎ A 1980-batch IAS officer of Rajasthan cadre, Arora was the I&B secretary before he retired earlier this year.
- ✎ It is learnt that the ministry had sent a proposal to Prasar Bharati some time back seeking that Arora be made an advisor, which has been accepted, sources said.

P D Gupta

Eminent scientist P D Gupta was appointed as Vice Chancellor of Mumbai-based Homi Bhabha National Institute (HBNI).



- ✎ After the order of Department of Personnel and Training, Mr. Gupta has been appointed to the post for five years.
- ✎ The HBNI is an aided institution of the Department of Atomic Energy and is a deemed university under the UGC Act.

- ✎ The institute is dedicated to encourage pursuit of excellence in sciences (including engineering sciences) and mathematics in a manner that has major significance for the progress of indigenous nuclear technological capability.

Manjula Chellur

The Ministry of Law and Justice has notified the appointment of Justice Manjula Chellur as the next Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court.



- ✎ Justice Chellur, who is currently the Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court, was taken charge of Bombay High Court in August 2016.
- ✎ This will be the second time when the Bombay High Court has a woman judge as the Chief Justice, the first being Justice Sujata Manohar, who served as Chief Justice in 1994.
- ✎ Born on December 5, 1955, Justice Chellur, was the first woman advocate to practice in Bellary. She was appointed as the first woman judge of Karnataka High Court, Bangalore, in February 2000. She became the Acting Chief Justice of the Kerala High Court in November 2011 and was sworn-in as the Chief Justice on September 26, 2012.

Jagdish Mukhi

Senior BJP leader Jagdish Mukhi assumed office as the 12th Lieutenant Governor of the union territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.



- ✎ He was administered the oath of office and oath of secrecy by Justice Girish Chandra Gupta, acting chief justice of Calcutta High Court at a formal swearing-in-ceremony held at Raj Niwas here.
- ✎ Mukhi took over from Lt General A K Singh (Retd) who was appointed in July 2013.
- ✎ Mukhi had been a minister and Leader of Opposition in the Delhi Assembly in the past.
- ✎ Mukhi was a professor in Delhi University and has authored a book titled 'Company Law and Secretarial Practice'.

Anjali Tripathi and Tina R Shah

Two Indian-American women have been selected for the prestigious White House Fellow programme that offers first hand experience of working at the highest levels of the US federal government.

- ✎ Astrophysicist Anjali Tripathi from California and physician Tina R Shah from Chicago are among the

16 White House Fellows appointed from across the nation for the year 2016-17, officials said.

- ✎ Shah is a Pulmonary and Critical Care physician-scientist focused on transforming healthcare delivery for patients with chronic diseases.
- ✎ She recently completed her clinical fellowship at the University of Chicago (UC), where she redesigned the care cycle for patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), dramatically reducing hospital readmissions.
- ✎ As the recipient of the inaugural UC Innovations Grant, Shah also led an inter-professional research team to evaluate this value-based care delivery programme.
- ✎ Shah was a trustee for the Chicago Medical Society and has held leadership positions in other medical societies to advocate for her patients and for a sustainable medical workforce. She received a BS and an MD from the Pennsylvania State University/Jefferson Medical College accelerated six- year medical program and MPH from Harvard.
- ✎ Tripathi, an astrophysicist recently at Harvard University, focuses on the formation and evolution of planets. She has pioneered the characterisation of planet forming environments and developed the first 3D simulations of planets evaporating due to extreme atmospheric heating.
- ✎ Tripathi has also been involved in modelling the Milky Way and the search for dark matter. Previously, she has conducted particle physics, seismology and engineering research at Fermilab, Caltech, MIT, and NASA JPL, as part of the mission operations team for the Mars Rovers, Spirit and Opportunity.
- ✎ Her commitment to improving her community has been recognised by Harvard, MIT, and the American Red Cross. Tripathi will receive her Ph.D. in Astronomy from Harvard, where she earned an AM in Astronomy as an NSF Graduate Research Fellow. She received M.Phil in Astronomy from Cambridge University as a Marshall Scholar and SB in Physics, with a minor in Applied International Studies, from MIT.
- ✎ The White House Fellows Program was created in 1964 by President Lyndon B Johnson to give promising American leaders “first hand, high-level experience with the workings of the Federal government and to increase their sense of participation in national affairs”.
- ✎ Selection as a White House Fellow is highly competitive and based on a record of professional achievement, evidence of leadership potential and a proven commitment to public service. Each Fellow



must possess the knowledge and skills necessary to contribute meaningfully at senior levels of the Federal government.

Rajesh Mokashi

CARE Ratings said Rajesh Mokashi will take charge as MD and CEO of the company with effect from August 22.

- ✎ Currently, Mokashi, who has been with the credit rating agency since inception in 1993, is the Deputy Managing Director.



- ✎ The tenure of the incumbent MD and CEO Dr Dogra ends on August 21. Mokashi's appointment, which is for a period of five years, is subject to approval at the company's ensuing Annual General Meeting.

Amit Sanan

YES BANK, India's new age private sector, announces the appointment of Amit Sanan as Group President & Country Head for Mid-Corporate Banking.

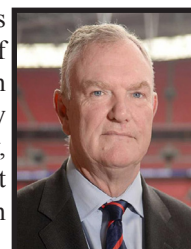
- ✎ Amit will be responsible for further developing and deepening key corporate relationships in the mid-corporate space covering more than 30 locations nationally, with a clear mandate to grow and scale up the 'Life-Cycle Banking Business' significantly vide granular revenue, assets and liabilities. The two existing teams of Emerging Corporate Banking and Commercial Business Banking of 300 Relationship managers nationally will now report to him. Besides a strong focus on granular transaction banking, cross sell and various digital banking solutions, Amit would also drive business development in the key knowledge banking sectors of the bank. Amit has more than 20 years of corporate banking experience in the areas of relationship management, structured financing and commercial banking.



Greg Clarke

The Football Association has confirmed the appointment of Greg Clarke as its chairman, in succession to Greg Dyke, at a specially convened council meeting at Wembley, with the new man to take up the post just before England's World Cup qualifier in Slovakia on 4 September.

- ✎ Clarke, whose business career has included spells at Cable & Wireless, Bupa, the Met Office and a FTSE



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250 company, Redefine International, is also a former chairman of Leicester City – the club he supports – where he worked alongside the FA's chief executive, Martin Glenn. During his time at the Football League, which ended when he stepped down in June, Clarke tried to overhaul its structure and make it more commercially successful.

- ✎ An FA nominations committee, chaired by the independent director Roger Devlin and including the acting chairman David Gill and leader of the council Barry Bright, recommended Clarke to the governing body's board for the leading position in July.
- ✎ Gill, the former Manchester United chief executive, will now resume his duties as vice-chairman for the organisation. Allardyce, who was appointed as successor to Roy Hodgson last month, will name his first squad on Sunday for the game in Slovakia.

Sharmila Tagore

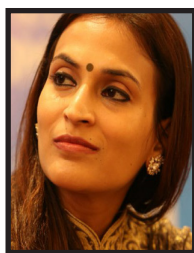
Film actress Sharmila Tagore, theatre activist Arundhati Nag and film studies academician Ira Bhaskar have been appointed new members of Broadcasting Content Complaints Council (BCCC), the self-regulatory body which hears complaints against TV content.



- ✎ According to a released statement, the Board of Directors of Indian Broadcasting Federation (IBF) headed by Star India chairman Uday Shankar has approved these appointments for a term of three years in the eminent persons' category in place.
- ✎ The tenure of three other members retired IAS officer Bhaskar Ghose, actor Shabana Azmi and journalist Vir Sanghvi, had drawn to a close recently. The three Members, associated with BCCC since its inception in 2011, were given a warm send-off at the Council's 58th meeting under the chairmanship of Justice (Retd) Mukul Mudgal.

Aishwaryaa Rajinikanth Dhanush

Noted filmmaker and actor Rajinikanth's daughter Aishwaryaa was appointed UN Womens Advocate for Gender Equality and Womens Empowerment in India.



- ✎ Aishwaryaa Rajinikanth Dhanush appointment was announced by Lakshmi Puri, UN Assistant Secretary General and UN Women Deputy Executive Director.

- ✎ Aishwaryaa will help raise awareness of UN Womens core message of gender equality and womens empowerment across India, boosting the organisations efforts to close the gender gap and achieve a more equal world -- a Planet 50-50, by the year 2030.

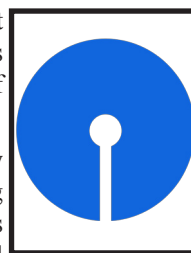
Bala Girisaballa

Microsoft stated Bala Girisaballa will be leading Microsoft Accelerator in India as CEO-in-Residence. Prior to this, Bala was with Globalisation and market expansion advisory Zinnov as Partner and Practice Head helping MNC R&D companies. He took charge of the Accelerator's India operations, with effect from August 1. Microsoft also announced that Ravi Narayan, Director, will now assume the role of Global Director at Microsoft Accelerator.



Anuradha Rao

SBI Mutual Fund stated that it has appointed Anuradha Rao as its Managing Director and chief executive.



- ✎ Prior to this, Rao was Deputy Managing Director at SBI handling New Business Portfolio. She has also worked as the Chief General Manager of personal banking at the bank. Some of the key assignments handled by her include developing the home loans and real estate businesses at SBI.
- ✎ She took charge from Dinesh Kumar Khara, who has been appointed Managing Director of State Bank of India (Associate & Subsidiaries).

Bipin Rawat

Lt Gen Bipin Rawat will take over as the VCOAS of the Indian Army on 01 September 2016. He was commissioned in the Fifth Battalion of the Eleven Gorkha Rifles in December 1978, from IMA, Dehradun, where he was awarded the 'Sword of Honour'. The General Officer has vast experience in high altitude warfare and counter insurgency operations. He commanded an Infantry battalion, along the Line of Actual Control in the Eastern Sector; a Rashtriya Rifles Sector and an Infantry Division in the Kashmir Valley. He has tenanted instructional appointments at Indian Military Academy, Dehradun and at Army War College, Mhow.

- ✎ Lt Gen Bipin Rawat has held important staff appointments at Directorate General of Military Operations and Military Secretary's Branch at Army HQ.

✎ He has also been Major General General Staff at HQ Eastern Command. The officer commanded a Multinational Brigade, in a Chapter VII mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUC).

✎ An alumni of Defence Services Staff College, Wellington, the Higher Command & National Defence College Courses, the General Officer, during the span of over 35 years' service in uniform, has been awarded for gallantry and distinguished service with the UYSM, AVSM, YSM, SM, VSM, COAS Commendation on two occasions and the Army Commander's Commendation. Whilst serving with the United Nations, he was twice awarded the Force Commander's Commendation.

✎ Prior to taking over as the VCOAS, Lt Gen Bipin Rawat tenanted the appointment of the GOC-in-C, Southern Command.



Deep Kumar Upadhyay

The Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda-led government in Nepal has decided to reappoint Deep Kumar Upadhyay as Nepal's new ambassador to India.

✎ Upadhyay, who had been serving as Nepal's ambassador to India since April 2015, was suddenly recalled by the erstwhile KP Sharma Oli-led government in May.

✎ The Oli government had alleged that he was "playing a role in toppling the government".

✎ A cabinet meeting decided to send Upadhyay again to India, government spokesperson Ram Karki said after the meeting.

✎ Nepal also recommended former chief secretary Leela Mani Paudyal as its ambassador for China.

✎ Upadhyay was recalled ahead of the visit of President of Nepal Bidhya Devi Bhandari, which was later cancelled by the government.



Urjit Patel

Urjit Patel has assumed charge as the 24th governor of the Reserve Bank of India, the central bank announced.

✎ He has taken over from Raghuram Rajan with effect effective September 4, 2016. The formal oath taking ceremony was held on September 4 was Sunday and September 5 was closed



on account of Ganesh Chaturthi.

✎ Patel was serving as RBI's deputy governor since January 2013 and was in charge of monetary policy.

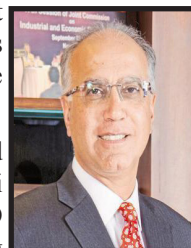
Sunil Godhwani

Religare Enterprises stated that it has appointed Sunil Godhwani as CEO and of the company for the remaining period of his tenure.

✎ In a Bsefiling, the company informed "re designation of Sunil Godhwani as Whole Time Director and CEO of the company for the remaining period of tenure."

✎ The decision was taken at the company's AGM, which was presided over by Malvinder Mohan Singh, Non-Executive Chairman, Religare Enterprises Ltd.

✎ The AGM also approved raising of funds through issue of non-convertible debentures on private placement basis, it said.



J Satyanarayana

Former IAS officer J Satyanarayana has been appointed as part-time chairperson of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), tasked with issuing Aadhaar numbers.

✎ The post has been lying vacant following resignation of Infosys co-founder Nandan Nilekani's resignation in 2014. The Appointments Committee of Cabinet has approved Satyanarayana's appointment as part-time chairperson of UIDAI, an order issued by Department of Personnel and Training.

✎ Satyanarayana, an IAS officer of 1977 batch belonging to Andhra Pradesh cadre, retired as Secretary, Department of Electronics and Information Technology.

✎ Besides him, technocrats Rajesh Jain and Anand Deshpande have been appointed as part-time members of the UIDAI.



R Gandhi

The senior most Deputy Governor in the Reserve Bank, R Gandhi, has been given the charge of monetary policy department, including forecasting and modeling unit, which was earlier under new Governor Urjit Patel.

✎ The Reserve Bank "revised the portfolios" of its Deputy Governor, on a day of handover of governorship from Raghuram Rajan to Patel. Government is yet to appoint a Deputy Governor in place of Patel, who

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has been elevated as the Governor. The Deputy Governor handling monetary policy department is also likely to be nominated to the new rate setting panel MPC (Monetary Policy Committee).

- ✎ The panel will also have three members to be appointed by the government, besides RBI Governor and one more person from the central bank.
- ✎ Other portfolios of Gandhi include currency management, economic policy and research, external investments and operations (DEIO), government and bank accounts, financial market operations, and foreign exchange. Deputy Governor S S Mundra will look after banking supervision, human resource management, financial inclusion and development, statistics and information management, and RTI. Deputy Governor N S Vishwanathans portfolio include banking regulation, communication, financial stability unit, corporate services, and risk monitoring department.

Abid Riaz Qureshi

President Barack Obama has nominated a Pakistani-American, the first Muslim on the federal judiciary bench for the US District Court of Columbia. Abid Riaz Qureshi is a partner in the Washington, DC office of Latham & Watkins LLP, where he specialises in cases involving the False Claims Act, health care fraud, and securities violations. He currently serves as the Global Chair of the firms Pro Bono Committee, a position he has held since 2012.

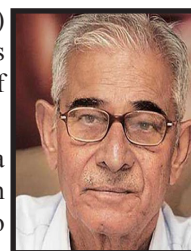


- ✎ From 2006 to 2011, he served as Co-Chair of the Litigation Department in the Washington, DC office. Qureshi has also served on the District of Columbia Bar Associations Legal Ethics Committee since 2015.
- ✎ Born in Pakistan, Qureshi earned his bachelor's degree in 1993 from Cornell University and his law degree in 1997 from Harvard Law School.

O.P. Kohli

Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Om Prakash Kohli was sworn in as the new governor of Madhya Pradesh.

- ✎ Acting Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court Rajendra Menon administered the oath of office to Kohli at a function in Raj Bhawan, officials said. Kohli, who is also the Gujarat Governor, has been given the additional charge of Madhya Pradesh after Ram Naresh Yadav's tenure in office got over.
- ✎ Kohli is the 26th Governor of Madhya Pradesh.



Srinivasan K Swamy

Srinivasan K Swamy has been elected as new Chairman of the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI).

- ✎ As a member of the Board of Governors for close to ten years, Swamy has been an advertising professional for nearly four decades, the ad regulator. Besides, Abanti Sankaranarayanan was elected Vice Chairman and Shashidhar Sinha was re-appointed as honorary treasurer.

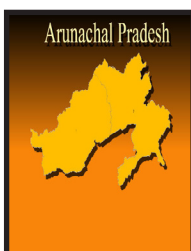


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AWARDS/HONOURS

Arunachal Ratna' award

Arunachal Pradesh government conferred the first 'Arunachal Ratna' award to Deputy Superintendent of Police Bomto Kamdak posthumously, who lost his life during exchange of fire with criminals in East Kameng district.



- ✎ The special award instituted on the occasion of Independence Day this year will carry a cash amount of Rs one lakh along with a gold medal and a roll of honour.
- ✎ Kamdak was a martyr who, despite all odds, stood against the 'evil' and valiantly fought the criminal forces till the end.
- ✎ The DSP and a civilian were killed in a firefight between police and anti-socials near Chayangtajo in East Kameng district. The incident occurred when Kamdak was leading a police team to the area to arrest an alleged rapist Togyung Yangfo, who escaped from jail a year ago.
- ✎ An ex-gratia payment of Rs 50 lakh would be given to the next of kin of Kamdak besides a suitable government job for his wife.

Lifetime achievement award

Santoor maestro Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma will be conferred upon with the annual Sangeet Martand Ustad Chand Khan Lifetime Achievement Award this year, Sursagar Society of Dilli Gharana has announced.



- ✎ The 23rd edition of the festival that celebrates Indian classical art is scheduled to be held on September 13 and September 14 with performances by some of the leading Hindustani classical vocal and instrumental maestros.
- ✎ A Padma Vibhushan recipient, Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma was born in Jammu in 1938, and is believed to be the first musician to have played Indian classical music on the santoor, a folk instrument from the state of Jammu and Kashmir.
- ✎ The maestro will also be performing at the festival.
- ✎ The society has been felicitating stalwarts of Indian classical music and dance with the award since 1986 to recognise their contribution towards enriching the art forms.
- ✎ While last year, the honour was conferred upon Kathak exponent Pandit Birju Maharaj, others who have

received the award in the past include Pandit Jasraj, Ustad Abdul Haleem Jaffar Khan, Ustad Amjad Ali Khan and a centenarian Ustad Abdul Rashid Khan.

- ✎ The award carries a cash prize of Rs 50,000, a memento and a citation.
- ✎ According to organisers, the festival aims to resonate a musical spirit among "music connoisseurs from far and wide" as well as offer them an opportunity to connect with the art form.

APJ Abdul Kalam award

Central Leather Research Institute's Principal Scientist P Shanmugam has bagged the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Award for meritorious services in the Higher Education Department of Tamil Nadu.



- ✎ Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa presented the award comprising a certificate, Rs five lakh cheque and eight gram gold medal during the 70th Independence Day celebrations at Fort St George.
- ✎ The Kalpana Chawla Award for Courage and Daring Enterprise was presented to Jayanthi hailing from Namakkal District by Jayalalitha on the occasion. The award carries Rs five lakh cheque, certificate and gold coated medal.
- ✎ The Chief Minister's Best Practices Award was presented to Thanjavur District Collector N Subbaiyan and Superintendent of Police Mayilvahanan.
- ✎ Tamil Nadu Municipal Administration and Rural Development Minister S P Velumani and Rural Development, Principal Secretary, Hansraj Verma, received the award for solid waste management in rural areas, respectively.
- ✎ State Revenue Minister R B Udhayakumar, Revenue Department, Principal Secretary, B Chandramohan received the award for respectively in the field of online patta transfer.
- ✎ Dindigul Corporation received the Best Corporation Award while Pattukottai Municipality received the Best Municipality First Prize while Perambalur Municipality bagged the second prize.
- ✎ The Chief Minister's State Youth Award was presented to K Masha Nazeem in women's category while in Men's category, P Ruban Santhosh bagged the award which carries a certificate, Rs 50,000 cheque and a medal.

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Rani Laxmi Bai Award

The Uttar Pradesh government announced to honour Indian wrestler Sakshi Malik who won a bronze at the Rio Olympic Games with the prestigious Rani Laxmi Bai Award.



- ✎ Ms. Malik (23), who hails from Rohtak in Haryana, became only the fourth woman athlete from India to win an Olympic medal after she clinched a bronze in the 58-kg category.
- ✎ Congratulating her, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav said she had made the nation proud, as he decided to honour her with the Rani Laxmi Bai Award, meant to signify bravery and outstanding achievement of women.
- ✎ The award carries a cash prize of Rs 3 lakh

Frances Chevalier Award

Actor Kamal Haasan has been chosen for the coveted French honour of Chevalier Award.



- ✎ Kamal Haasan has been appointed Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et Lettres (Knight in the National Order Arts and Letters) by the Minister of Culture and Communication, France.
- ✎ The award will be conferred on the 61-year-old veteran star at a special ceremony.
- ✎ Haasan is the second Tamil star after thespian Sivaji Ganesan to be honoured with the French award, with the latter being chosen for it in 1995.

Senior fellow at Yale institute

Top economist and RBI's former deputy governor Rakesh Mohan has been named senior fellow at the prestigious Yale University's institute for global affairs.

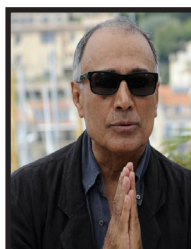


- ✎ Mohan will join the 2016-2017 class of 15 Senior Fellows at The Yale Jackson Institute for Global Affairs. Senior Fellows are leading practitioners in various fields of international affairs who spend a year or semester at Yale teaching courses and mentoring students. At Jackson, Mohan will teach courses on central banking and the Indian economy. The institute described Mohan as one of India's "senior-most economic policymakers" and an expert on central banking, monetary policy, infrastructure and urban affairs.

- ✎ Most recently he was executive director at the International Monetary Fund in Washington, representing India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Bhutan, and chairman of the Indian government's National Transport Development Policy Committee.
- ✎ Reserve Bank of India's deputy governor Urjit Patel has been appointed as the next Governor of the central bank after Rajan demits office on September 4. However, Mohan was reportedly among the front-runners to bag the coveted job.
- ✎ Mohan has previously taught at Yale as Professor in the Practice of International Economics of Finance at its School of Management. He has also been a past Senior Fellow at the Jackson Institute. As deputy governor of India's central bank from September 2002 to October 2004 and July 2005 to June 2009, he was in charge of monetary policy, financial markets, economic research and statistics.
- ✎ In addition to serving in various posts for the Indian government, including representing India at a variety of international forums such as G20, Mohan has worked for the World Bank and headed prestigious research institutes.
- ✎ He is also a Non Resident Senior Research Fellow of Stanford Centre for International Development, Stanford University, and Distinguished Fellow of Brookings India.
- ✎ Mohan holds a B Sc in Electrical Engineering from Imperial College, University of London, a B.A. From Yale University and a Ph.D in Economics from Princeton. During the period October 31, 2004, to July 2, 2005, he was Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs. He has held several positions in the Indian government and was Chief Economic Advisor in 2001-02.

Asian Filmmaker award

Late Iranian director Abbas Kiarostami has been selected for the Asian Filmmaker of the Year Award at the Busan International Film Festival beginning October 6.



- ✎ The 21st Busan International Film Festival (BIFF) has selected Kiarostami, who passed away on July 4 at the age of 76, for the award which is given to Asian cineastes or organisations that have shown the most outstanding contribution to developing the Asian film industry and culture.
- ✎ The award will be presented to the late filmmaker's son Ahmad Kiarostami during the opening ceremony of BIFF 2016.

- ✎ Kiarostami was one of the most influential directors in the world and debuted as a filmmaker with his short film 'The Bread and Alley' (1970). Pursuing innovative film aesthetics into the early 21st century, he was invited to the 2nd Busan International Film Festival with his work, 'The Taste of Cherry' (1997).

Young Scientist INSA Award 2016

The Indian National Science Academy in New Delhi is the apex body of Indian scientists representing all branches of science & technology.



- ✎ The INSA Young Scientists Award, considered to be the highest recognition of promise, creativity and excellence in a young scientist, is made annually to those whose research work carried out in India evinces these qualities. Until last year, 737 young scientists have been awarded by INSA.
- ✎ Dr. Askandar Iqbal had completed his Master's degree in Biotechnology from Aligarh Muslim University and Ph.D. from Jawaharlal Nehru University.
- ✎ Dr Iqbal's research work focuses on the metabolic behavior of cancer cells and the role of pyruvate kinase M2 in metabolic transformation.

SJAM awards

Maharashtra's sixth Chess GM Shardul Gagare, and steeplechase specialist Lalita Babar, who finished a creditable 10th in the Rio Olympics, have been chosen for the Sports Journalists Association of Mumbai's (SJAM) Golden Jubilee Annual Awards 2016.



- ✎ Ahmednagar-based Gagare will receive the Sportsman of the year award and the Satara-based Lalita, the Sportswoman of the year award.
- ✎ The awards presentation was held on September 3 in which former India fast bowler Zaheer Khan would be chief guest and present the trophies and certificates. Mumbai and India middle-order batsman Ajinkya Rahane has been chosen for the International Cricketer of the Year award, Rohit Sharma for a special award for making the highest ODI score at Kolkata in 2014 while Shardul Thakur and Shreyas Iyer would share the Ranji Trophy Cricketer of the year award.
- ✎ Mumbai Cricket Association has been chosen for the team of the year award. Mumbai won the Ranji Trophy for the 41st time, defeating Saurashtra in the final.
- ✎ Star Sports, IDBI Federal Life Insurance, Indian Oil

and Payyade Sports Club are supporting the awards programme.

Khel Ratna Award

It was a celebration of woman power in sports as Olympic stars P.V. Sindhu, Sakshi Malik and Dipa Karmakar conferred India's highest sporting honour — the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna — along with shooter Jitu Rai in a gleaming awards ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhawan.



- ✎ For the first time in the history of National Sports Awards, four athletes were chosen for the Khel Ratna honour, owing to the three girls' superlative show at the Rio Olympics.
- ✎ In 2009, three athletes — boxers Vijender Singh and M.C. Mary Kom and wrestler Sushil Kumar — had been given this award together.
- ✎ Shuttler Sindhu won a historic silver in the women's singles, Sakshi won India's first ever medal (bronze) in women's wrestling while Dipa grabbed a piece of history for herself with a fourth place finish in artistic gymnastics with her now famous Produnova vault.
- ✎ Shooter Jitu Rai was always a contender after consistently producing medal-winning performances in the last two years, including gold at the Asian and Commonwealth Games along with a silver at the World Championships.
- ✎ The four Khel Ratnas, who were greeted with a loud round of applause when they walked up to receive their awards from President Pranab Mukherjee, received a medal, certificate and cash prize of Rs. 7.5 lakh each.
- ✎ Also honoured were 15 Arjuna awardees who received statuettes, certificates and award money of Rs. 5 lakh each.

Saraswati Samman

Jammu-based poet and novelist Padma Sachdev was awarded the prestigious Saraswati Samman for the year 2015 for her autobiography Chitt-Chete in Dogri language.

The 76-year-old writer's autobiography, published in 2007, was shortlisted from 22 works written in as many languages published between 2005 and 2014.



Biju Patnaik Sports Award

Prominent woman athlete Purnima Hembram was conferred with the prestigious Biju Patnaik Sports Award while Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik

also felicitated six other Odia girls, who participated in the Rio Olympics, on the National Sports Day.

- While Purnima Hembram got Rs 2 lakh, citation for the Biju Patnaik Sports Award for the year 2015, Abinash Mishra received Rs 1 lakh as the winner of the Biju Patnaik Bravery Award.



- Four women hockey players from Odisha- Deep Grace Ekka, Namita Toppo, Lilima Minz and Sunita Lakra, two sprinters- Dutee Chand and Srabani Nanda, who participated in the Rio Olympics, were also felicitated by the Chief Minister on the occasion.
- All the six players were given Rs 5 lakh each by the state government.

Tenzing Norgay award

President Pranab Mukherjee awarded the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure award to ace mountaineer and senior ITBP officer Harbhajan Singh.



- Mukherjee presented the decoration to the officer during the presentation of the national sports and adventure awards at an event held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan here.
- Singh, an Inspector General-rank officer of the Sino-India border guarding force, is a veteran of three successful expeditions to the world's tallest summit Mount Everest and has led 16 other expeditions to various Indian peaks.
- The highly decorated officer, already decorated with the Padma Shri, joined the mountain-trained force in 1980 and apart from looking after the Operations charge of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) at its headquarters here, he also officiates as an advisor to the force Director General for "organising, monitoring and guiding various adventure activities in the force."
- On many occasions, risking his life and abandoning successful climbs, Singh carried out rescue operations, saving precious lives of fellow climbers and team members.
- The ITBP was raised in the aftermath of the 1962 Chinese aggression and the 80,000-personnel force guards the 3,488-km frontier with China apart from rendering a variety of duties in the internal security domain.

People's choice award

Renowned artist Sudarsan Pattnaik has won people's choice award for his sand sculpture made during an international championship in Russia.



- The art -- 'Mahatma Gandhi sculpture for non-violence and peace' -- was created in the contest in Moscow in April this year. After the competition, an exhibition is being held there since then.
- Pattnaik's sculpture has got 60,000 votes out of the total 80,000 votes from the visitors to the exhibition, according to a letter by the event's organiser Pavel Minilkov. The week-long competition had started on April 21 at Kolomenskoye, Moscow, where 20 top sculptors from across the world had displayed their craft, he said.
- Pattnaik has participated in more than 50 international sand sculpture championships across the world and won many awards for the country.

Nalco Guru Kelucharan Award, 2016

Eminent dance guru Kishore Kumar Mohanty and noted Odia cine actress Jharana Das would be honoured with the prestigious Nalco Guru Kelucharan Award for 2016 for their outstanding contribution.



- The annual award, instituted by Srjan in memory of the revered Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra, carries a cash prize of Rs one lakh and a citation.
- The Nalco Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra Yuva Pratibha Samman 2016 would be presented to Rajib Bhattacharya of Kolkata and Madhusmita Mohanty of Bhubaneswar for Odissi dance, P Praveen Kumar of Bengaluru for Bharatanatyam and Rupak Kumar Parida of Bhubaneswar for Odissi music.
- The award comprises a cash prize of Rs 25,000 each to four meritorious young artistes in the area of classical dances and Odissi music for outstanding continuous performance, said Srjan Director Ratikant Mohapatra.

'Knight of Legion of Honour'

Biocon chairperson and managing director Kiran Mazumdar Shaw has been appointed 'Chevalier de l'Ordre National de la Legion d'Honneur' (Knight of the National Order of the French Legion of Honour) for her outstanding contribution and dedication to Biosciences and Research field globally.

The award will be conferred on behalf of the President of the French Republic at a special ceremony later this year, Biocon said in a statement. Chevalier l'Ordre National de la Legion d'Honneur, created in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte, is the highest civilian award of the French Republic for outstanding contribution in diverse fields bestowed on citizens of the world.



The award is conferred by the President of the French Republic. Other Indians to have received this honour in the past include Yashwant Sinha, Narayana Murthy, Amitabh Bachchan, Aishwarya Rai, Nandita Das, Shah Rukh Khan, veteran musician Balamuralikrishna and the late actor Sivaji Ganesan, among others.

Literate Indian National Literacy Award

Chhattisgarh has once again been selected for the Literate Indian National Literacy Award.

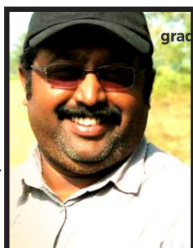


National Literacy Mission officials said that this award was presented by President Pranab Mukherjee on the International Literacy Day on September 8.

Besides, the President was honoured tribal-dominated Sarguja district for most significant contribution in the Literacy Mission and felicitate the Raipur State Resource Centre for providing academic support.

Heritage Heroes Award

Assam-based ecologist and conservation activist Bibhuti Lahkar has become the first Asian to be awarded the prestigious Heritage Heroes Award by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).



Lahkar received the award at the IUCN's ongoing World Conservation Congress in Honolulu. Lahkar was among five conservationists across the globe to be nominated for this year's Heritage Heroes Award, aimed at recognising "outstanding efforts" around the world in making a difference in the conservation of World Heritage sites in challenging situations. Lahkar has been working to save the grasslands, flora and fauna of Manas National Park area for the past two decades and is currently engaged as Manas Landscape Administrator for Aaranyak, an NGO working for biodiversity conservation in northeast India.

MCC Life Membership Honour

Former Indian women's team captain Anjum Chopra has been awarded a honorary life membership of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) along with former men's team stalwarts Zaheer Khan and Virender Sehwag.



She is the first Indian woman cricketer to get the prestigious life membership of MCC.

The 39-year-old Anjum played 12 Tests, 127 ODIs and 18 T20 Internationals for India. She scored 548 runs in Tests with 4 half centuries while in 50 overs format, she scored 2856 runs with a century and 18 half-centuries.

1st BRICS Film Festival Award

Raam Reddy's Kannada film Thithi was conferred the Best Film award by Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting Minister M. Venkaiah Naidu at the closing ceremony of the 1st BRICS Film Festival.



Thithi, which earlier won various honours at 68th Locarno International Film Festival, Marrakech International Film Festival, 19th Shanghai International Film Festival and 63rd National Film Awards.

It is a dramatic comedy about how three generations of sons react to the death of the oldest in their clan, a man named Century Gowda — a locally renowned, highly cantankerous 101-year-old man.

The festival featured 20 films in the competition section which focussed on a variety of issues and themes ranging from discrimination, love, history and relevant social challenges being faced by BRICS countries — Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

The next edition of the BRICS Film Festival will take place in Chengdu, China.

UNESCO literacy prize

Kerala-based NGO will receive the prestigious UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy for its literacy-linked skill development activities at a ceremony in Paris.



The Jan Sikshan Sansthan (JSS), based in states Malappuram, has bagged the award for its activities in the field of lifelong education and skill development programme in rural

areas - aiming to help underprivileged individuals achieve better livelihood.

- JSS Malappuram chairman and Rajya Sabha member PV Abdul Wahab and the unit's director V Ummerkoya will receive the award at the ceremony that will also mark 50th anniversary celebrations of UNESCO's literacy programmes, a statement said.

'India's Greatest Brands & Leaders 2015-16' Award

NTL Lemnis and its global LED lighting brand, Pharox were felicitated with India's Greatest Brands & Leaders 2015-16 award in the consumer electronics category at a glittering ceremony held at Mumbai by URS International, the leading media and research services organization.



- Consumers and industry chose the best brands and leaders. Research for the awards was undertaken by United Research Services International and PwC were the process reviewers for the awards.
- The award was conferred on NTL Lemnis at a well-appointed ceremony at Mumbai where Tushar Gupta, Executive Director, NTL Lemnis, received the citation and trophy from Alok Kumar Mehta, minister, Cooperative Department, government of Bihar. More than 300 business leaders, corporate honchos and distinguished guests were present on the occasion.
- NTL Lemnis is India's foremost LED Lighting solutions company and the company designs, manufactures and markets energy efficient LED lighting solutions for Indian as well as the global audience under its global brand "Pharox".

Young Professional of the Year Award

Four prominent Indian Americans and three Americans have been awarded by a Houston based chamber of commerce for their outstanding and tireless work as entrepreneurs and for "building bridges" between India and America. The awards were given by Indo-American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston (IACCGH) at a gala event here.



- The "Young Professional of the Year" was presented to Malisha Patel, 36, who is the Chief Operating Officer of Memorial Hermann Hospital Sugarland.
- Woman entrepreneur award was presented to Revati Puranik, CFO, Worldwide Oilfield Machine, a company that specialises in manufacturing oil and gas equipment.

- Bhavesh (Bob) Patel, CEO LyondellBasell was awarded Business leader of the year, while entrepreneur of the year was given to Abezaar S Tayabji, founder and CEO Shipcom Wireless.

FON South Asia Short Story Award

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



- The annual travelling literary festival gives this award in partnership with the French Institute of India and Wildlife Trust of India to "revive nature writing and bring the spotlight on critical environment issues like climate change through this form of literature."
- Nature writing was once considered to be the rock and roll of literature. In the last few decades, it has shown a steady decline. Like all extinctions, nature writing's gradual disappearance represents a profound loss. FON is our little effort to revive this art. The award was founded to build a community of writers who can become instrumental in reviving interest in nature writing and at the same time build awareness among public in order to facilitate the conservation of our surroundings.

National Humanities Medal

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

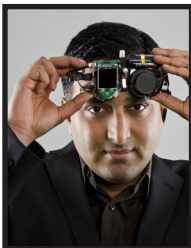


- US President Barack Obama would confer the honour upon Verghese, along with 11 others, and the recipients of 2015 National Medal of Arts at ceremony on September 21.
- Currently a professor of medicine at the Stanford School of Medicine, 61-year-old Verghese has authored several acclaimed books, including "My Own Country" and "Cutting for Stone".
- Inaugurated in 1997, the National Humanities Medal honours individuals or groups whose work has deepened the nation's understanding of the human experience, broadened citizens' engagement with history, literature, languages, philosophy, and other humanities subjects, according to the National Endowment for the Humanities website.

2016 Lemelson-MIT Prize

Indian American Ramesh Raskar won the 2016 Lemelson-MIT Prize.

Raskar is the co-inventor of radical imaging solutions including femtophotography, an ultra-fast imaging system that can see around corners, low-cost eye-care solutions for the developing world and a camera that allows users to read pages of a book without opening the cover.



Who is Ramesh Raskar?

- Ramesh Raskar is a Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Associate Professor.
- He is also the head of the MIT Media Lab's Camera Culture research group.

- He was born in Nashik.
- He finished his engineering education from College of Engineering, Pune.
- He finished his PhD at UNC Chapel Hill.
- He holds over fifty patents.
- About Lemelson-MIT Prize
- The Lemelson Foundation awards several prizes yearly to inventors in the United States. The largest is the Lemelson-MIT Prize which was endowed in 1994 by Jerome H. Lemelson.
- It is administered through the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- The winner receives 500000 US dollars, making it the largest cash prize for invention in the U.S

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B P Kesri

Notable educationist Prof B P Kesri has passed away at the age of 80s in Ranchi district.

- ✎ In his condolence message, Chief Minister Raghubar Das said Kesri, besides being an educationist, knew the plight of Jharkhand.
- ✎ The void created by his death would not be fulfilled.
- ✎ Das directed to accord state funeral to Kesri.
- ✎ In another message, Das mourned the martyrdom of Commandant Prabhat Kumar, who hailed from Jharkhand's Jamtara, in Jammu and Kashmir. His sacrifice would not go in vain.

Joao Havelange

Former Fifa president Joao Havelange has died at the age of 100.



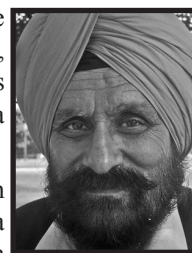
- ✎ The Brazilian was predecessor to Sepp Blatter at world football's governing body, serving from 1974 to 1998.
- ✎ He resigned as Fifa's honorary president in April 2013 following an investigation into bribery allegations and was admitted to hospital the following year with a lung infection.
- ✎ He was an International Olympic Committee (IOC) member from 1963 until 2011, resigning because of ill health.
- ✎ Havelange represented Brazil in swimming at the 1936 Olympics - the year he qualified as a lawyer - before his election to the IOC. As Fifa president he led the World Cup's expansion from 16 to 32 teams, with six competitions held under his tenure.
- ✎ However, his career was also mired in controversy over bribery allegations.
- ✎ In 2010, a BBC Panorama programme accused Havelange and son-in-law Ricardo Teixeira of taking millions of dollars in bribes from Swiss marketing agency International Sport and Leisure (ISL) to retain the company as Fifa's sole official marketer.

Gurdial Singh

Eminent Punjabi writer and novelist Gurdial Singh died in Bathinda after a brief spell of illness, his family said. He was 83.

✎ Mr Singh contributed towards the promotion of Punjabi language, literature and culture. One of his prominent works was 'Marhi da Deeva'.

✎ He was awarded Padma Shri in 1998, Jnanpith in 1999, Sahitya Akademi Award, Nanak Singh Novelist Award (1975), Soviet Nehru Award (1986), an award from Punjabi Sahitya Akademi, Bhasha Vibhag among others.



Subrata Banerjee

Bengal's leading international cricket umpire Subrata Banerjee died.

✎ Treasurer of the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) Biswarup Dey said Banerjee died at the age of 71 at a South Kolkata hospital after battling cancer.



George Curry

Prominent African-American journalist and publisher George Curry has died. He was 69.



- ✎ Charlotte Purvis says Curry died suddenly at Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, Maryland, after he was taken to the emergency room. Curry lived in Laurel, Maryland.
- ✎ Curry's syndicated column appeared in more than 200 African-American newspapers.
- ✎ He served as editor-in-chief of both Emerge magazine and the National Newspaper Publishers Association, a news service for black newspapers.
- ✎ He was also a frequent commentator on Black Entertainment Television and on the Rev. Al Sharpton's radio show.
- ✎ Within the past year, he had been raising money to relaunch Emerge as a digital magazine.
- ✎ Earlier in his career, he wrote for Sports Illustrated and the Chicago Tribune.

S R Nathan

Indian-origin former Singapore President S R Nathan died, days after suffering a stroke.

✎ A veteran public servant, 92-year-old Nathan passed away peacefully at Singapore General Hospital.

- ✎ He was also closely associated with the country's founding leader Lee Kuan Yew.
- ✎ He was the sixth and longest-serving President of Singapore and served two terms from 1999 to 2011.
- ✎ He officially stepped down as President on August 31, 2011 after announcing that he would not seek a third term. Nathan was succeeded by President Tony Tan Keng Yam.



A R Kidwai

The Haryana government has declared a three-day state mourning from August 24 to 26 as a mark of respect to former state Governor A R Kidwai, 96, who breathed his last at a private hospital in New Delhi.

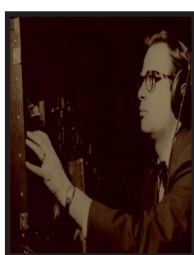
- ✎ During the state mourning, the national flag will fly at half mast and there would be no official entertainment during this period. Kidwai remained Governor of Haryana from July 7, 2004 to July 27, 2009.
- ✎ He also served as Governor of Bihar twice and once of West Bengal. He also served as Chairman of the Union Public Service Commission. Haryana Governor Kaptan Singh Solanki and Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar have expressed deep grief over the demise of the former Governor.
- ✎ He is survived by two sons and four daughters. Dr Kidwai was born in 1920 in Baragaon village of Barabanki district in Uttar Pradesh.



Rudy Van Gelder

Rudy Van Gelder, who recorded some of jazz's masterpieces starting in his parents' living room as artists took to his intimately precise sound, died. He was 91.

- ✎ Van Gelder supervised John Coltrane's spiritually rooted 1964 "A Love Supreme," often called the greatest jazz album of all time, as well as works by Miles Davis, Herbie Hancock, Thelonious Monk, Sonny Rollins and Horace Silver.
- ✎ His death was confirmed by Blue Note Records, where he spent decades as the key recording engineer, and by his nephew Gregg Van Gelder, who owns a music shop in upstate New York.
- ✎ An optometrist by training, Van Gelder in the 1940s became determined to be a recording engineer -- a profession that barely existed at the time -- as he discovered live jazz in New York and became fascinated by radio.



Juan Gabriel

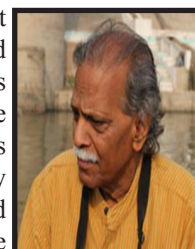
Mexican superstar Juan Gabriel, the bigger-than-life performer who at the age of 66 revamped his career in spectacular fashion, has died unexpectedly. The veteran crooner passed away from a suspected heart attack in Santa Monica, California, according to The Hollywood Reporter.



- ✎ Gabriel was in the middle of his massive MeXXico Es Todo Tour, and had just performed at the Forum in Los Angeles.
- ✎ Gabriel, also known as the El Divo de Juarez, released more than 35 albums throughout his 40-year career.

Dinanath Pathy

Eminent painter, writer and art historian Dinanath Pathy passed away. He was 74. Pathy was admitted to the private hospital after he complained of chest pain. Known for his versatility, Pathy was a former secretary of Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi and Bhubaneswar and is regarded as the pioneer of the art movement in Odisha.

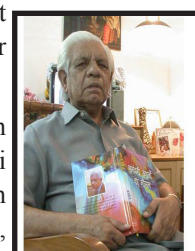


- ✎ Founder Principal of the prestigious B K College of Art and Crafts at Bhubaneswar, the distinguished painter dedicated his life to the promotion of Odia art across the globe through his art work, poetry and teaching.
- ✎ A recipient of several awards, Pathy had been honoured with President of India Silver Plaque for painting. He was also nominated for the prestigious international Rietberg Award of Switzerland-based Rietberg Society in 2014 in recognition of his contributions to research on Indian art history. He had also been conferred with Orissa Sahitya Akademi Award for creative literature for his autobiography Drawing Master of Digapahandi and Jawaharlal Fellowship for his research work.
- ✎ Pathy has more than 50 books to his credit in English, Odia and German on classical, traditional, tribal, folk, rural and contemporary art of Odisha. His works have been acclaimed within the country and abroad.

Kashmiri Lal Zakir

Noted poet, novelist and short story writer Kashmiri Lal Zakir passed away. He was 97.

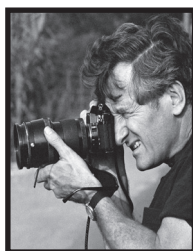
- ✎ Zakir's career, which started with his first ghazal published in Adabi Duniya in the 1940s a publication from Lahore, encompasses novels,



dramas, short stories and travelogues. He served the Punjab Education Department during British rule.

Marc Riboud

The portrait became iconic overnight. Photographed in Washington D.C. in 1967, it showed a Vietnam War protester, Jan Rose Kasmir, holding a flower as she confronted a row of National Guard servicemen outside the Pentagon.



The image became a symbol of the flower power movement and helped change public opinion against a war that had already lasted more than a decade.

- ✎ Its creator, the French humanist photographer Marc Riboud, died on Aug. 30. He was 93.
- ✎ Riboud was a photography giant. An early Magnum Photos member – he joined in 1953, before the prestigious agency even had a proper membership process – he was best known for his photographic explorations across China, Japan, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Iran, Afghanistan and Turkey, among many other countries.
- ✎ In 1963, he photographed Fidel Castro after the Cuban leader turned up in his hotel room. The resulting pictures were published around the world, cementing Riboud's reputation.

Nalini Dhar Bhattacharyya

Noted Assamese poet, literary critic and author and winner of the Sahitya Akademi award Nalinidhar Bhattacharyya passed away at a private hospital in Guwahati. Bhattacharyya, aged 95, was suffering from age-old ailments.

Born in 1921 at Meleng Kathgaon near Jorhat, Bhattacharyya began his literary career as a poet, but later also emerged as a leading literary critic and essayist, which brought him several laurels including the Soviet Land Nehru Award (1983), Bharatiya Bhasha Parishad Award (1991), Sahitya

Akademi Award (2002), and the Assam Valley Literary Award (2006), to name a few. Honoured by Asam Sahitya Sabha with the 'Sahityacharya' title in 2010, Bhattacharyya's best-known collections of poems include "Ei Kunwolite, Cherashalir Malita, Bidai Phular Din, Ahata Sapon and Noni Asane Gharat.



- ✎ While Bhattacharyya was a former principal of Arya Vidyapeeth College, Guwahati, his younger brother and another well-known Assamese litterateur Birendra Kumar Bhattacharyya had won the Jnanpith Award in 1979 and later also headed the Sahitya Akademi.

Islam Karimov

Uzbekistan's President Islam Karimov, who dominated the Central Asia's most populous nation for more than 25 years, has died at the age of 78 after suffering a stroke last week.



- ✎ The country's government and parliament also confirmed the death and said the funeral would take place in Karimov's hometown Samarkand.
- ✎ Karimov lacks a clear successor after being re-elected to a fifth term in 2015 with more than 90 percent of the vote. The country has never held an election judged free and fair by international monitors. Those tipped to rule after Karimov's death include Prime Minister Shavkat Mirziyoyev and Deputy Prime Minister Rustam Azimov, Kamoliddin Rabbimov, an independent Uzbek political analyst based in France, told the AFP news agency.
- ✎ Karimov's elder daughter Gulnara, a flamboyant figure formerly seen as a potential successor, was reportedly placed under house arrest in 2014 after she openly criticised officials and family members on Twitter.

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3. **Government Launches Toll Free No. for Postal Complaints.**

Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley to inaugurate the Conference on “International Arbitration in BRICS: Challenges, Opportunities and Road ahead, 24 AUGUST 2016



India has assumed the Chairmanship of BRICS for the year 2016 and a major political cum business engagement will be held in October 2016. As a lead up to this Summit, India has initiated a number of events within the spirit of the BRICS, one of which being the Conference on “International Arbitration in BRICS: Challenges, Opportunities and Road ahead” on August 27, 2016 at Vigyan Bhawan, in the national capital.

The Conference is being organized by the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India with the support of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) and Indian Council of Arbitration (ICA).

The Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs Arun Jaitley, was inaugurated the Conference and Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister of Law & Justice, Electronics & Information Technology was delivered the Valedictory address.

As of 2015, the five BRICS nations have an inter trading of US \$242 billion. It appears obvious that an efficient and effective measure for the resolution of any commercial or investment dispute by investors or trading entities between

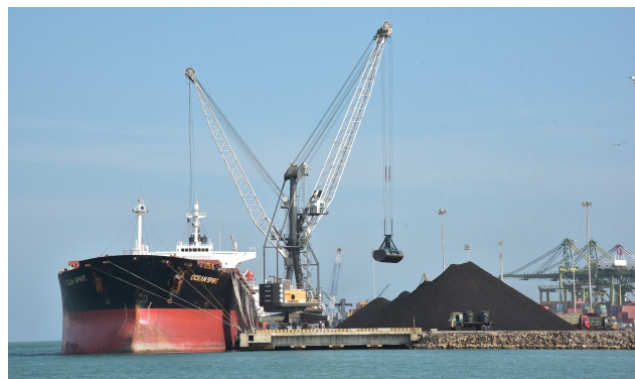
the BRICS nations is imperative to encourage further economic activity and cooperation.

The Conference brings together national and international experts from BRICS countries in the field of international arbitration, with an aim to assess, evaluate and debate ideas and insights regarding dispute resolution mechanism and arbitration which are integral to economic growth and stability. It outlined the necessary and latest developments in particular areas of arbitration in respective countries as on date, showcase related challenges and deliberate towards a stronger arbitration regime and culture in the BRICS countries.

All these issues and areas of concern were debated and deliberated in three technical sessions of the Conference, viz.:

- Arbitration and Dispute Resolution: Focus BRICS Countries
- Dispute Settlement and Enforcement of Treaty Awards
- Towards developing an International Arbitration Mechanism in BRICS

V.O.Chidambaranar Port Trust creates new Records, 24 AUGUST 2016



V.O.Chidambaranar Port Trust created new record by handling 14,590 tonnes of Wheat import on 05.08.2016 from the vessel MV. Dream Ocean at VI Berth, surpassing the previous record of 12,000 tonnes handled from the vessel MV. Lefkes on 10.07.2015. M/s. Aspinwall & Co Ltd is the Vessel Agent and M/s. Inter Ocean Shipping Pvt Ltd is the Stevedoring Agent.

The Port created new record by handling 22,055 tonnes of Copper slag on 09.08.2016 from the vessel MV. Ata-M at Berth No. II surpassing the previous record of 10,815 tonnes handled from the vessel MV. Oriente Prime on 08.07.2007. M/s. Navship Marine Services Pvt. Ltd is the Vessel Agent and M/s. Villavarayar & Sons is the Stevedoring Agent.

The Port created another new record by handling 15,735 tonnes of sulphur on 18.08.2016 from the vessel MV. Ken

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Moonys at Berth No.IV surpassing the previous record of 12,157 tonnes handled from the vessel MV. Maratha Prestige on 07.09.2011. M/s. Seatrans Ship management Services Pvt. Ltd is the Vessel Agent and M/s. Diamond Shipping Agencies Pvt. Ltd is the Stevedoring Agent.

S. Anantha Chandra Bose, V.O.Chidambaranar Port Trust while thanking the stake holder, officers and the employees of the Port who have contributed to achieve this record conveyed that this Port is continuously striving to achieve improvement in performance and productivity in order to attract more volume of traffic through the Port. The Chairman requested all the concerned to continue to improve the performance in future also.

**President inaugurates food park in Jangipur,
25 AUGUST 2016**



President Pranab Mukherjee inaugurated a Mega Food Park at Jangipur in Murshidabad, aimed at providing critical food processing infrastructure to the farmers of this backward belt in West Bengal.

The new food park will minimise the wastage of food products, Mukherjee said after inaugurating the Food Park in the presence of West Bengal Governor Keshari Nath Tripathi and union and state ministers.

The project, considered close to Mukherjee's heart, was accorded in-principle approval in December 2008 and final approval in March 2010. It will benefit the farmers of North 24 Parganas, Birbhum, Malda and Burdwan districts.

Noting that India is second in fruit production after Brazil and next only to China in vegetable production, the President hoped that India would minimise the wastage of food products through projects like this.

He added that the food park will help farmers of the area get better price for their produce. The Mega Food Park will leverage an additional investment of about Rs 250 crore in food processing units in the Park, generate a turnover of about Rs 500 crore annually and is expected to provide direct and indirect employment to 6,000 people and benefit about 25,000-30,000 farmers in the catchment areas.

Mega Food Park at Jangipur has been set up at a cost of Rs 132.71 crore approximately in an area of 82.11 acres with a grant of Rs 50 crore provided by my ministry.

Maneka Gandhi launches POCSO e-box for children to file complaints of sexual abuse, 27 AUGUST 2016



Women and Child Development Minister Maneka Gandhi launched a Protection of Children from Sexual Offences, POCSO e-box, in New Delhi.

POCSO e-box is a platform where a child victim of sexual abuse can report such cases online. It is initiative of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights for direct online reporting of child sexual abuse.

Maneka Gandhi said the idea of an e-Box came out of a police initiative in which physical complaint boxes were placed in schools.

She also said that this e-Box will make it possible to implement it on a large scale throughout the country. She added that e-Box is very simple to operate and will help to maintain the confidentiality of the complaint.

The Health Minister launches “Mera Aspataal / My Hospital” initiative, 30 AUGUST 2016



JP Nadda, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare launched the “Mera Aspataal / My Hospital” initiative at the third National Summit on Good and Replicable Practices and Innovations in Public Health Facilities at Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh. Speaking on the occasion, the Health Minister stated that for any innovation we must think

of scale, skill and speed as has been said by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi that Patient satisfaction is the ultimate test for assessing quality of services, provided by a healthcare facility.

Nadda while launching the new initiative stated that for further build upon the gains so far, we are now making a paradigm shift and expanding the programmes from grassroots upwards to build the continuity of care.

Faggan Singh Kulaste, Hon'ble Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Kamineni Srinivas, Minister of Health, Medical and Family Welfare, Government of Andhra Pradesh were also present at the occasion, along with other senior officials.

The Health Minister informed that the ICT-based Patient Satisfaction System (PSS) "Mera Aspataal / My Hospital" for implementation in public and empanelled private hospitals, is envisaged to empower the patient by seeking his / her views on quality of experience in a public healthcare facility. He further added that a multi-channel approach will be used to collect patients' feedback i.e. web portal, mobile application, Short Message Service (SMS), Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS).

NSDC, US-India ACP join hands for aviation skill development, 02 SEP. 2016



NSDC and US-India Aviation Cooperation Programme (ACP) have entered into a cooperation agreement for skill development in India's aviation sector.

A Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) was signed between National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and US-India ACP under which they will set up a Centre of Excellence focused on skill development programmes in aviation.

It is estimated that by 2035, India's civil aviation sector would employ 8-10 lakh personnel directly or indirectly.

The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has set up the Aerospace & Aviation Sector Skill Council (AASSC) with leading corporates to develop both domestic and transnational standards and capacity for training delivery in various areas of the sector.

Under the pact, ACP will work with the AASSC in developing standards, particularly in fire safety and rescue, and also undertake skill development programmes leveraging infrastructure in member companies.

Railway launches insurance scheme for passengers travelling on e-ticket, 02 SEP. 2016



Railway launched an insurance scheme for passengers travelling on e-ticket. The insurance cover will be upto Rs. 10 lakh.

Launching the scheme in New Delhi, Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu said, to avail the facility, train passengers have to pay 92 paise premium.

He said, a person booking a train ticket through the IRCTC website will be eligible for the travel insurance and it is optional.

The Minister said that the insurance cover will not be applicable for children upto 5 years of age and foreign citizens.

The facility will be available only for confirmed and RAC ticket passengers.

The scheme offers travellers or nominees a compensation of Rs. 10 lakh in the event of death or total disability, Rs. 7.5 lakh for partial disability, upto Rs. 2 lakh for hospitalisation expenses and Rs. 10,000 for transportation of mortal remains from the place of a train accident.

India Post to launch commemorative stamp on Mother Teresa, 03 SEP. 2016



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The Department of Posts will release a commemorative stamp in the city to mark Mother Teresa's canonisation in the Vatican on September 4.

Mother Teresa was declared a saint.

Minister of State for Communications (Independent charge) Manoj Sinha was released the stamp at a function organised at Divine Child High School auditorium, which was attended by the Chief Post Master General of Maharashtra and Goa circle.

He said issuing of the stamp is a gesture of respect and gratitude for the Nobel laureate nun for her exemplary humanitarian service towards the mankind.

A commemorative stamp is a postage stamp, often issued on a significant date, such as an anniversary, to honour or commemorate a place, event, person or object.

The decision to released a commemorative stamp on the canonisation for Mother Teresa has been taken by the advisory committee of Philately. September 4 was a special day for India too, the day several other countries are also honouring the great lady. Adding India has been the 'karmabhoomi' of Mother Teresa.

The Vatican had earlier chosen Mumbai-based graphic designer Karen Vaswani's logo as the official emblem for the canonisation ceremony.

Vaswani's design depicts the classic pose of Mother Teresa looking affectionately at a child whom she holds in her arms.

Health Ministry launches the biggest Leprosy Case Detection Campaign in the country,

06 SEP. 2016



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In line with the vision of Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to eradicate Leprosy from India, J P Nadda, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare reviewed the National Leprosy Eradication Programme and pursuant to that, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched the biggest Leprosy Case Detection Campaign (LCDC) in the country on 5th September 2016 across 149 districts of 19 states/UTs. This fortnight-long campaign will

cover 1656 blocks/urban areas of these districts and screen a total of 32 crore people for leprosy. For this purpose, 297604 teams comprising of one lady ASHA worker and one male volunteer each would visit every house in their allotted area and screen all the family members for leprosy.

The states and UTs covered in this campaign are Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Delhi and Lakshadweep. The districts having a prevalence rate of more than one case per 10,000 population in any of the last three years have been included in this campaign.

The Leprosy Case Detection Campaign is a unique initiative of its kind in the world where each and every member of the targeted population will be examined by the search team constituted of one male and one female volunteer at household level. House to house visits will be done by the search team as per the micro plan prepared for the local area to detect hidden and undetected leprosy cases. The objective of the campaign is the early detection of leprosy in affected persons so that they can be saved from physical disability and deformity by providing them timely treatment and thus also halting the transmission of disease at the community level.

The first LCDC was launched during March-April 2016 in 50 districts of 7 states namely Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh wherein a population of about 6.8 crores was covered. During this campaign 65427 suspected cases were identified out of which 4120 were later confirmed.

Dharmendra Pradhan launches Gas 4 India campaign to promote use of natural gas,

06 SEP. 2016



Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Petroleum and Natural Gas launched #Gas4India campaign.

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The campaign is aimed at promoting the use of gas in the country.

Public and private sector companies working in the sector have joined hands to promote the natural gas sector.

Pradhan also launched the website, Twitter handle, Facebook page and theme song of the campaign.

Key highlights of the campaign

- ✎ Gas4India is a unified cross-country, multimedia, multi-event campaign.
- ✎ It promotes the national, social, economic and ecological benefits of using natural gas as the fuel of choice.
- ✎ The campaign includes social engagement via social media sites such as Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, LinkedIn, and its official blog sites.

CBDT launches online 'nivaran' to resolve I-T grievances, 09 SEP. 2016



CBDT has launched the ambitious 'e-nivaran' facility for online redressal of taxpayers' grievances related to refunds, ITRs and PAN among others as part of its initiative to reduce instances of harassment of the public when it comes to complaints related to the I-T department.

An exclusive 'e-nivaran' (electronic resolution) link has recently been activated on the e-filing portal of the department—<http://incometaxindiaefiling.gov.in>—where taxpayers can register their complaints through their personal computer systems and receive a special PIN number on their registered mobile and email, as their unique number to keep track of the issue.

The 'e-nivaran' module, will work on the lines of the internet-based Income Tax Returns (ITRs) filing system and taxpayers can register all complaints related to delay in refunds, filing of e-returns, Tax Deducted at Source (TDS), PAN issues, and those pertaining to their Assessing Officer (AO).

People who do not have a Permanent Account Number (PAN) but have some problem in connection with their I-T case can also use the e-nivaran facility. Documents can be uploaded in a PDF format and clubbed as a ZIP file.

A special space has also been provided for 'grievance description' along with furnishing of details like mention of the Assessment Year (in case of individual) or the Financial Year (in case of deductor). Address, postal PIN code, mobile number and email are mandatory fields to be filled up.

India bans use of Samsung Galaxy Note 7 in airplanes, 10 SEP. 2016



The Director General of Civil Aviation, or DGCA issued an advisory prohibiting the use of the infamous Samsung Galaxy Note 7 on-board an aircraft. The Note 7, which has been in the news for all the wrong reasons lately, after having

received a string of positive critic reviews, has been termed a flight risk by the FAA in the US as well.

The Note 7 was supposed to go on sale starting from September 2 in India, before which it was available for pre-booking. After the global recall, Samsung India postponed the availability of the Note 7 for an undisclosed period.

The company explained - albeit briefly - why the Note 7 has been exploding, on its UK website. Calling it a very rare manufacturing process error, it said that "overheating of the battery cell occurs when the anode-to-cathode came into a very rare manufacturing process error" resulting in explosion. At the same time, Samsung's Australia subsidiary announced that the fixed Note 7 units will be available for buying in early October. Also "replacement stock of the Galaxy Note 7 will be available to customers from September 21," the company added.

Vidya Balan brand ambassador of Samajwadi Pension Yojana, 10 SEP. 2016



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Akhilesh has launched the scheme with an aim to provide Rs 500 per month to poor women and cover at least 50 lakh beneficiaries in the state.

Govt launches toll free number for postal complaints, 12 SEP. 2016



The government launched a toll free number 1924 to register postal complaints, over a month after introducing Twitter Sewa for redressal of telecom and postal grievances. Prime Minister has asked all departments to set up and strengthen public grievances redressal system. Moving on these lines, we started Twitter Sewa on August 2 and now we have issued a toll free number 1924 to address postal complaints.

The service will be operational initially for 12 hours on working days between 0800 hrs to 2000 hrs. Sinha said the complaints will be addressed in 24 hours unless they are related to policy matters. He said the Department of Posts (DoP) is 8th largest department in terms of number of complaints received. "We have been receiving average of 100 complaints in a day from across the country on Twitter Sewa and the resolution status is 97 per cent till date," Sinha said. The DoP will set up a nodal officer in all postal circles who will handle public complaints. The complaints received on the toll free number would be registered in Computerised Customer Care (CCC) Centre portal by the operators at the Dak Bhawan and the 11 digit ticket number would be provided to the complainants. If the complaint is already registered, the complainant would be informed about the status as viewed in CCC portal.

India Declares itself Free from Avian Influenza (H5N1), 14 SEP. 2016

The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries in the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers welfare has declared India free from Avian Influenza (H5N1) from 5th September, 2016. India had notified outbreak of Avian Influenza (H5N1) on 09.05.2016

at Humnabad, Bidar district, Karnataka. There has been no further outbreak reported in the country thereafter.

The control measures adopted in the radius of one Km around outbreak location included following:

- 1- Stamping out of entire poultry population including destruction of eggs, feed, litter and other infected materials, restriction on movement of poultry and poultry products to and from the area of outbreak, disinfection and cleaning up of infected premises and the Post Operation Surveillance Plan (POSP) from 6th June, 2016
- 2- Surveillance was carried out throughout the country. Surveillance around the areas of the outbreaks since completion of the operation (including culling, disinfection and clean-up)

Post the surveillance the state has shown no evidence of presence of Avian Influenza. India has declared itself free from Avian Influenza (H5N1) from 5th September, 2016 and notified the same to OIE.

Standing Committee for Tribal Welfare Re-constituted, 14 SEP. 2016

Standing Committee for Tribal Welfare (SCTW) of the Ministry of Tribal Welfare has been reconstituted with the Cabinet Minister as its Chairman and Minister of State as Vice Chairman. The other members of the committee are Ministers of Tribal Welfare of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Tripura. Finance Secretary, Home Secretary, Secretary Ministry of Environment & Forest, Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Secretary Ministry of HRD, Secretary Ministry of Rural Development, Secretary Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Secretary Ministry of Women and Child Development, Secretary Ministry of Culture will be the other members. Secretary Ministry of Tribal Affairs will be member Secretary. Prof. TV Kattimani, Vice Chancellor of Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh and Prof. (DR.) Karma Oraon, Head of Department of Anthropology, Ranchi University, Ranchi has been nominated as expert members for a period of two years. Standing Committee would deliberate and recommend agenda for discussion at National Council for Tribal Welfare to provide broad policy guidelines to bring about improvement in lives of Scheduled Tribes community in the country, Review implementation of Forest Right Act, Review implementation of Fifth Schedule and Sixth Schedule of Constitution, Monitor implementation of Tribal Sub Plan and Monitor programme aimed at protecting vulnerable tribal groups.

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Burning Topics of the Month

1. **Bikaner Police releases women helpline no. on Whats App.**
2. **South India's Ist Childrens court inaugurated in Hyderabad.**
3. **Gujarat becomes Ist state to distribute 2crore LED Bulbs.**

Railways starts roll on roll off service in Tripura to carry petroleum products, 16 AUGUST 2016



After successfully launching the Roll on Roll off service over the Ganga river, railways has started it in Tripura to transport petroleum products in the state. In order to help Tripura, reeling under a fuel crisis owing to deplorable condition of the road connecting the land-locked state with rest of the country, railways undertook RoRo service of POL (petroleum, oil and lubricants) to carry loaded trucks on flat-wagon goods train to the state.

The RoRo service was launched in May to carry loaded trucks on goods train in a bid to attract more loadings and reduce carbon emission. It was first launched across the Digha rail bridge between Bihta and Turki stations in Bihar as loaded trucks were moved on the flat rakes to avoid congestion on roads across Ganges.

The service is being introduced from Bihta to Turki station in Muzaffarpur district covering a distance of 88 km. In the northeast, tanker trucks were loaded from Bhanga in Assam to reach Churaibari in Tripura 44 km away. Since, the road connecting Tripura with Assam is in very poor shape creating serious bottleneck in transportation of commodities including fuel into Tripura which had resulted in serious fuel crisis in Tripura. The RoRo scheme will help the loaded trucks to piggyback on goods train bypassing the damaged national highway near Churaibari, the official said. The road condition in remote areas often gets affected

during inclement weather in Northeast and RoRo will prove to be a novel means to help continue supply lines in times of crisis.

Kiren Rijiju dedicates Pasighat ALG to nation, 19 AUGUST 2016



Union Minister Kiren Rijiju dedicated to the nation the Pasighat advanced landing ground (ALG) in Arunachal Pradesh which will allow fighter aircraft like Su 30 MKI to land and take off, in a major fillip to India's military capabilities along its border with China.

Terming it a red letter day in the history of the state, Rijiju said with the formal inauguration of the ALG that is capable of operating all types of aircraft and helicopters after Tezpur and Chabua, development process has started in the state which was lagging behind even after 70 years of independence. Air Marshal C Hari Kumar, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Eastern Air Command, who was present on the occasion said, "The ALG would enhance air support capability for the Army, paramilitary forces and the civil administration and would facilitate air connectivity for the people of Arunachal Pradesh with the rest of the country."

Bikaner police releases women helpline number on WhatsApp, 19 AUGUST 2016

Bikaner police released a helpline number for women on WhatsApp. Girls and women can seek police assistance in case of eve teasing, abuse, violence etc. By sending a text message to the service called 'Pukar' on WhatsApp number 8764852595, Bikaner IG Bipin Kumar Pandey said. "The objective is to provide instant police assistance to girls and women in such cases. The number will be circulated in schools, colleges and at other public places so that it reaches the maximum number of people," he said.

Naidu lays foundation stone for AP MedTech zone in Vizag, 20 AUGUST 2016



Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu laid foundation stone for the AP Med Tech Zone at Pedagantyada area here.

The facility, which will come up in 270 acres is likely to be operational in a year.

The Chief Minister said about 80 per cent of medical needs are being imported from other areas and establishing more such parks will definitely bring down the costs up to 40 percent.

He said 40 companies have already expressed interest before laying of the foundation stone.

“Around 200 companies would come in the park and could generate employment to around 25,000 persons”, Naidu added.

NFAI to support State Governments for safeguarding country's cinematic heritage: Secretary I&B, 24 AUGUST 2016



Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is exploring possibilities of extending financial and technical support to State Governments in their endeavor to safeguard the country's filmic heritage. The

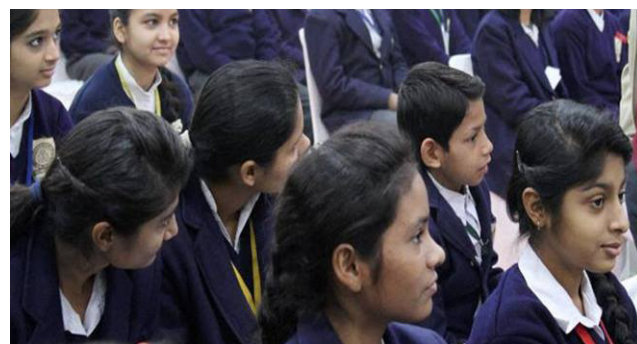
objective of preserving the country's cinematic heritage has to be achieved in collaboration with State Governments said Shri Ajay Mittal, Secretary, Information and Broadcasting Ministry, Government of India. He was speaking on the sidelines of a High Level Committee meeting on National Film Heritage Mission, held in NFAI Pune.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Mittal said that the High Level Committee has reviewed the progress of the National Film Heritage Mission and taken some major decisions to expand the horizons of the same. The mission would ensure not only the preservation of filmic heritage but also its dissemination and access to the last mile. This would enable awareness amongst youth and children about our rich cultural heritage.

Appreciating the efforts of officers at NFAI in implementing the Mission, Shri Mittal said, all necessary steps are being undertaken to involve International organizations and institutions to ensure project's implementation as per global standards. He further added that NFAI's facilities would be augmented by creating new state of the art vaults in its premises.

Speaking about the need of enhancing research on Indian cinema, Shri

South India's first Childrens Court inaugurated in Hyderabad, 25 AUGUST 2016



Giving a push to fast disposal of cases related to children, south India's first Children's Court was inaugurated in Hyderabad.

After Goa and Delhi, Telangana has become the third state to have a child friendly court and sixth in the country with features like separate waiting rooms for children and a video camera trial for the accused, mandated under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POSCO) Act-2012.

The 'child friendly' courtroom was jointly inaugurated at the Nampally Criminal Courts Complex in Hyderabad by Acting Chief Justice Ramesh Ranganathan of High Court of Judicature at Hyderabad and Director General of Telangana Police Anurag Sharma.

POCSO stipulates child-friendly court rooms be put in place across all states at the earliest in the interest of children in need of care. However, such courts are currently functional only in two states - Delhi and Goa.

A two-way video communication system, allows the child witness to identify the accused on camera. This also enables the judge to ask questions to the child and the accused without any physical interface.

The Nampally project was facilitated by NGO Justice and Care in collaboration with the state government and the judiciary.

Bombay HC allows women's entry into Haji Ali Dargah sanctum, 26 AUGUST 2016



In a landmark judgment, the Bombay High Court allowed women to enter inside the sanctum of the Haji Ali dargah.

A division bench of Justice V M Kanade and Justice Revati Mohite-Dere said the ban order by the Haji Ali Dargah Trust contravenes Article 14 (equality before law within India), 15 (prohibition of discrimination on grounds of religion, caste, sex), 19 (1)(d) (to move freely throughout the territory of India) and 25 (freedom of conscience and free profession, practice and propagation of religion) of the Indian Constitution.

However, the bench granted a stay on the order for six weeks on a plea by the Trust, which wanted to go on appeal in the Supreme Court.

The court was hearing a public interest litigation (PIL) filed by Noor Jahan of the Bharatiya Muslim Mahila Andolan in November 2014. The PIL states that women were going to the dargah since childhood, and suddenly in June 2012, the Trust restricted the entry of women to the sanctum of the dargah.

Earlier, the trustees of the dargah told the court that entry of women in close proximity to the grave of a male Muslim saint is considered a grievous sin in Islam. The existing arrangement provides for a secure place for women to offer prayers.

Himachal Health Minister launches ambulance mobile app, 29 AUGUST 2016



Himachal Pradesh Health Minister Kaul Singh Thakur launched a mobile app for availing immediate and easy access to ambulances in the state.

The app named '108 HP' can be downloaded on any smartphone.

The app will make the access to the National Ambulance Service (NAS) much faster and does not require sharing of information such as name and location. Himachal has become the first state in India to launch any such app.

The new ambulances under 108- National Ambulance Service would be serving at health centres of Jalog and Rampur in Shimla District, Chatari in Mandi District, Gagret in Una District and Bharari in Bilaspur District.

With this, the number of 108 ambulances which was just 50 in 2010 has increased to 199 and there is one ambulance for every 34,000 population and considering the tough topography of the state, this service has proved a boon for the people in the state.

The Health Minister said the state government was spending Rs 1 lakh per day on the ambulance services and till now 7.50 lakh emergency cases had been facilitated.

Besides, 102 Janani Express providing free services to pregnant women from home to hospital and back home after delivery was being provided and so far 82,000 women had benefited.

During the programme, HP health minister, Singh also distributed cheques of Rs 5 lakh each to the families of deceased in the 108 National Ambulance Service accidents.

Gujarat becomes first state to distribute 2 cr LED bulbs, 31 AUGUST 2016



Gujarat has become the first state to distribute 2 crore LED bulbs under the Centre's Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for all (UJALA) scheme.

Under the Government of India's Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for all scheme, Gujarat has become the first state to distribute 2 crore LED bulbs.

According to the statement, Gujarat has reached this milestone in just 96 days and over 42 lakh households have already benefited from the scheme.

State-run Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), under the administration of the Power Ministry, is distributing about 2 lakh bulbs daily in Gujarat.

Rajasthan launches e-stamping facility, 03 SEP. 2016



Rajasthan launched the e-stamping facility in the state.

Chief Justice of Rajasthan high Court Navin Sinha inaugurated the e-Court Fees Centre in Jaipur while in Jodhpur the facility was launched by high Court judge Govind Mathur. The facility is already available in Delhi, Chhattisgarh and Himachal Pradesh.

Puducherry Lt Governor Kiran Bedi launches Shramdaan movement in remote village, 03 SEP. 2016

Lt Governor Kiran Bedi launched 'Shramdaan movement' as part of Swachh Bharat and Swachh Puducherry initiative at a remote village. Shramdaan is a habit and a movement, and every one irrespective of status should be involved in the drive against garbage.

Later, Bedi also volunteered to remove the garbage close to the community hall which was the venue of the programme.

Earlier, addressing the gathering, she said that Let us all set the goal of Swachh Puducherry and if it is achieved by October next year, the Prime Minister would visit Puducherry to felicitate each volunteer.

She said Mahatma Gandhi was also involved himself in ensuring a clean environment and we all should adhere to the path shown by the Mahatma in depending upon ourselves. Cleanliness should be the concern of every individual and no one should pass the buck to others.

She claimed that more than 50,000 students from Pondicherry University and its affiliated colleges would soon join the shramdaan movement.

She later offered prayers at the 6th century temple of Moolanathar in Bahoor. She went round the temple where more than a 100 school children were carrying out a cleanliness drive removing bushes and other waste.

The Lt Governor, who was received with temple honours on arrival at the shrine, said that the Shramdaan movement is aimed at creating a disease-free environment.

Rajasthan partners with Cisco for connected learning solution, 06 SEP. 2016



Rajasthan's education department has partnered with US-based technology firm Cisco Systems to promote digital learning across the state using virtual digital room solutions.

This initiative aims to enhance the quality of education through digital learning for academia to connect, collaborate, create and share content across 12 centres of State Institute for Education Management and Training (SIEMAT) in the state.

The financial details of the partnership were, however, not disclosed.

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Under this association, Cisco and SIEMAT have committed to 50,000 manhours of training annually through the virtual digital classrooms.

Cisco has partnered with the Rajasthan government to establish Digital Learning Solution Rooms (DLSRs) which will deploy virtual digital classrooms across 12 institutes as part of the governments ongoing social initiatives programme locations in Rajasthan.

The partnership covers various initiatives of digitising the state, which include projects on urban development and accelerating local innovation.

UP police adopts Twitter service to address public issues, 09 SEP. 2016



Uttar Pradesh Police adopted Twitter service for “better redressal” of issues of the people.

Uttar Pradesh Police, the world’s largest police organisation serving almost 200 million people in India’s most populous state, deployed Twitters live customer service resolution solution Twitter Seva in the whole police department.

Twitter Seva will enable the states police to, among other things, strengthen its primary relationship with the citizens by providing fast, efficient and real-time public service.

This is one of the most comprehensive rollouts of the Twitter Seva customer service solution in the country by a public service department and will enable large scale police response to citizens tweets in real-time. Twitter Seva was launched by Uttar Pradesh DGP S Javeed Ahmad (@javeeddgup) to provide real-time service delivery and citizen interaction and improve overall civil safety and enhance law and order in the state.

Through this collaboration, Uttar Pradesh police (@Uppolice) is aiming to drive efficient and effective customer service for millions of Indian citizens through Twitters platform for live public conversations.

With this adoption, more than 120 verified accounts of the Uttar Pradesh police across districts and zones will be accessible to the public on Twitter.

Citizens can simply tweet with their query to the police account (@Uppolice) and the request will activate offices of the police department across the state.

Assam’s Majuli becomes first island district of India, 09 SEP. 2016



Assam’s Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated Majuli as the 35th district of Assam. With this, Majuli became India’s first island district.

The inauguration of Majuli as a district coincides with the 90th birth anniversary of music maestro Bhupen Hazarika.

Recently on 1 September 2016, Majuli replaced Brazil’s Marajo to become the world’s largest river island in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Key facts related to Majuli island

- ✎ Geographical features: It is a fluvial landform (a riverine delta), a unique geographical occurrence and a result of the dynamics of the Brahmaputra river system.
- ✎ It is bounded by the river Subanisri and her tributaries on the North West, the kherkatia Suli (a spill channel of the river Brahmaputra) in the northeast and the main Brahmaputra River on the South and the South west.
- ✎ It is the largest mid river delta system in the world. It is also comprised of many islets locally called the Chaporis.
- ✎ Its area has shrunk from about 1250 square kilometers in 1891 to about 352 square kilometers in 2014 due to the erosion of river-bank.

Andhra becomes second state to achieve 100% electrification, 13 SEP. 2016



Andhra Pradesh has become the second state in the country after Gujarat to achieve 100 per cent electrification of households, a latest report has said.

JM Financials published the report based on a national-level survey on electrification in various states.

Discussing this through a tele-conference with top officials of the Energy Department, Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu stated that they achieved 100 per cent electrification by June-end. Now, you have to set a target of ensuring uninterrupted world-class quality power supply.

He said access to electricity was a key socio-economic development indicator, but this was an area where there was still a significant gap in India.

About 35 per cent rural households in states like Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Odisha and Assam still lacked access to power supply.

The Chief Minister asked the Department officials to chalk out an action plan to be implemented from the grassroots level so as to make the power sector self-sufficient in the long run.

Nitish cabinet paves way for launch of student credit card, 15 SEP. 2016



The Bihar government gave its approval to the launch of student credit card scheme for the students passing Class 12th exam, under which they will get an interest free loan of Rs four lakh for pursuing higher studies.

The approval for the student credit card scheme was given at a meeting of the state cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. Bihar government is all set to launch the scheme from Gandhi Jayanti on October 2.

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INTERNATIONAL Burning Topics of the Month

1. **Indo-Canadian sikh MP is Ist Women leader of House.**
2. **Pakistan to host 19th SAARC summit on 9 -10 Nov, 2016.**
3. **Ist Commercial Flight in more than 50 years, departs for Cuba.**

New York's Plaza among top rated hotel residences globally, 17 AUGUST 2016



The iconic Plaza hotel of New York, owned by crisis-ridden Sahara group, has been named among the top rated hotel residences in the world.

According to New World Wealth's survey which focused on the preferences of the world's super-rich, The Plaza Pied-a-terre, New York has been ranked third in the list that was topped by St Regis Residences New York.

The Sahara group is trying to refinance its loans taken for three overseas hotels -- Grosvenor House Hotel in London, New York's Plaza and Dream New York hotels, while some bidders have expressed interest for the same.

Mandarin Oriental Residences (One Hyde Park) London has found second place in the list.

Four Seasons Private Residences Seychelles and Odeon Tower Residences Monaco ranked fourth and fifth, respectively.

New World Wealth interviews over 800 high net worth individuals (HNWIs) every year in order to determine their preferences.

Hotel residences refer to apartments/villas in existing hotels which can be purchased. They essentially allow owners to live in a hotel permanently and enjoy the same services as normal guests do (like room service, dining, cleaning and the like).

Originally a New York phenomenon, the hotel residence trend has now started to catch on in other major cities and holiday hotspots around the world, the report said.

The super-rich prefer hotel residences for a number of reasons, facilities are maintained whether one is there or not; it gives access to services like room service, cleaning; access to facilities such as pool, spa, entertainment, dining, bar; excellent security and reception facility.

India inks deal to ferry oil through Bangladesh, 17 AUGUST 2016



India signed a short-term route agreement with Bangladesh to allow transport of petroleum goods from Assam to Tripura through Bangladesh after heavy monsoon damaged roads and made the transportation between the two states difficult. This is a short-term deal and Bangladesh side agreed to the Indian proposal to grant validity of the MoU till September 30, officials in Dhaka said.

Based on the request by the Government of India, the Government of Bangladesh has granted permission for the movement of petroleum goods on humanitarian grounds through the territory of Bangladesh till September 2016. Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), a Public sector unit under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas of the Government of India, and the Roads and Highways Department of the Government of Bangladesh (RHD) signed the deal.

CCRAS inks MoU with Latvia varsity for ayurveda research, 20 AUGUST 2016

The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) signed an MoU with University of Latvia for establishment of an academic chair for ayurveda research in the European nation.

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed by CCRAS Director General Vaidya K S Dhiman and Valdis from University of Latvia in the presence of AYUSH Secretary



Ajit M Sharan and Stella Ankrava, first secretary, Latvia Embassy.

The MoU will provide a structured framework for taking forward academic and research activities in Ayurveda through deputation of an Ayurveda Professor to the University of Latvia.

Indo-Canadian Sikh MP is first woman Leader of House, 22 AUGUST 2016



An Indo-Canadian Sikh Cabinet Minister Bardish Chagger, was sworn in as the new leader of the government in the House of Commons, becoming the first woman to hold the position in the Canadian parliament, the media reported. Chagger, 36, replaces House leader Dominic LeBlanc.

Chagger, who is a rookie MP and is one of the four Sikhs -- Harjit Sajjan, Navdeep Bains, Amarjeet Sohi being the other three -- was elected to Trudeau's cabinet in 2015, in a move that drew worldwide attention.

After graduating with a Bachelor of Science she worked as an assistant to former Kitchener-Waterloo MP Andrew Telegdi for four years before becoming a community organiser in 2009. Chagger also worked as a volunteer on Trudeau's leadership campaign in 2013.

India, Germany sign pact on vocational training, 22 AUGUST 2016



Deepening collaboration on skill development, India and Germany signed an agreement that aims to foster conditions that will help create and improve workplace-based vocational training in India's industrial clusters. Under the pact, German technical assistance will be used to enhance industry institute partnerships between Indian and German organizations, build capacity of local training institutions and foster industry linkages which will help adapt elements of the German dual system into the Indian context.

The agreement was signed between the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and (German International Cooperation (GIZ) and will initiate a new project focused on adapting elements of the German dual system in select industrial clusters in India.

The project will run for three years starting August 2016 with a budget of EUR 3,000,000 (22.6 crore) - made available by the German Government and aims to foster conditions which will help create and improve cooperative workplace-based vocational training in India's industrial clusters.

It will be implemented in three selected clusters, which include the Automobile cluster in Maharashtra and Electronics cluster in Bangalore.

Ministry of AYUSH and US Pharmacopoeial Convention partner to strengthen quality of traditional medicine, 25 AUGUST 2016

The Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy (PCIM&H) under the Ministry of AYUSH and the United States Pharmacopoeial Convention (USP) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in New Delhi for cooperation in the field of Traditional medicine and to collaborate in the



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identification, development, and dissemination of science-based standards in this field at an international level. The aim of this historic MoU is to promote the safety, quality and integrity of traditional medicines and botanical dietary supplements.

The goal of the MoU is to enhance public health in India, USA, and globally by working together to:

- Increase the awareness and understanding of quality traditional /herbal medicines, botanical dietary supplements, and their products;
- Increase the availability and access to needed public standards for traditional / herbal medicines, botanical dietary supplements, and their products;

Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy (PCIM&H) is an autonomous organization under Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India with a primary mandate to develop pharmacopoeial standards for drugs/formulations used under Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani (ASU) and Homoeopathic systems of Medicine.

The U.S. Pharmacopoeial Convention (USP) is a global health organization that improves lives through public standards and related programs that help ensure the quality, safety, and benefit of medicines and foods. USP's public standards provide scientifically validated test methods and cover over 250 botanical ingredients and dosage forms including ashwagandha, turmeric, turmeric extract, and others. These globally-recognized standards are developed in a transparent process that reflects the input of a wide range of stakeholders, with the guidance of volunteer experts globally from regulators (like the FDA, USDA and State Boards of Pharmacy) as well as manufacturers, healthcare practitioners, academia and consumer groups.

On this occasion, Ajit Mohan Sharan, Secretary, AYUSH said that this is an historic MoU which will take forward common cooperation in the field of traditional medicine. The MoU will help to harmonize the Pharmacopoeia in

terms of International Conventions. There are one lakh different formulations listed by TDKL and listing them in an understandable and comprehensible form will go a long way in increasing the utility of these formulations internationally.

Dr. KV Surendranath, Senior Vice President, Global Sites, USP said that this collaboration will amplify the global public health impact of both organizations by leveraging mutual scientific resources to advance international standards.

Govt gives nod to signing of pact with Myanmar on traditional, 25 AUGUST 2016



The Government gave its nod to signing of a pact between India and Myanmar in the field of traditional system of medicines.

The pact aims to provide a structured frame work for cooperation between both the countries and for promotion of AYUSH and traditional systems of medicine in Myanmar.

It will boost the importance of AYUSH systems of medicine and conservation, production and standardisation.

The Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave its nod to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which will provide "structured frame work for cooperation" between the both the nations in this field.

Obama to create world's largest protected marine area off Hawaii, 27 AUGUST 2016

Barack Obama has created the world's largest marine protected area by expanding an existing ocean reserve off Hawaii to cover 582,578 square miles, providing what's likely to be the grandest, and final, chapter in the president's conservation legacy.

The sweeping move quadruples the size of the Papahānaumokuākea marine national monument, which was originally designated by George W Bush in 2006 and was declared a World Heritage site in 2010.

Pakistan to host 19th SAARC Summit on 9-10 November, 29 AUGUST 2016



Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif invited the leaders of SAARC Member States to grace the Summit with their presence and said that he is looking forward to welcome them at Islamabad.

Nine Observers of SAARC have also been invited to attend the Summit.

The preparations for successful holding of the Summit at Islamabad are being made by Pakistan and in order to give impetus to the process of preparations, Foreign Secretary Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry, inaugurated a SAARC Summit Cell at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The SAARC Summit Cell is headed by Ambassador Amjad Sial, who is a senior diplomat and nominee of the Government of Pakistan as the next Secretary General of SAARC.

The SAARC Summit Cell will closely work with all stakeholders and concerned authorities in Pakistan.

It will also liaise with the Member States, SAARC Observers and the SAARC Secretariat for organization of the Summit.

China to launch first driverless subway line in 2017, 29 AUGUST 2016

China's first driverless subway line in the capital city Beijing, is expected to start operations at the end of 2017.

Operations on the Yanfang line will be fully automatic, including train departures, door opening and closing, and cleaning.

The trains will only use domestic technology, state-run People's Daily reported.

China started developing its own fully automatic subway system in 2010 and has mastered the core technologies, the report said.

The development and use of domestic operation systems is part of the "Made in China 2025" initiative, which aims to comprehensively upgrade Chinese industry.

The move will also help strengthen China's presence in the global rail transport industry and ensure the security of the country's key infrastructure facilities.

Iran deploys S-300 missiles at Fordow nuclear facility - report, 29 AUGUST 2016

Iran has deployed a Russian-made S-300 surface-to-air missile defense system at its Fordow uranium enrichment facility, the country's state media have reported, as cited by Reuters.

The Fordow site, which is around 100km south of the capital Tehran, has not enriched any uranium since a nuclear deal between Iran and six international powers came into effect in January.

The deal was signed in 2015 and was aimed at curbing Iran's nuclear program. In return, Tehran saw the lifting of sanctions that had stifled economic growth.

The contract to deliver S-300s to Iran was put on hold in 2010 by then-President Dmitry Medvedev due to UN sanctions imposed on Iran.

India & US sign military logistics agreement, 30 AUGUST 2016



The US and India signed an agreement governing the use of each other's land, air and naval bases for repair and resupply, a step toward building defence ties as they seek to counter the growing maritime assertiveness of China.

The agreement, a relatively mundane one concerning day-to-day military logistics, is nonetheless a milestone in the US-India defence relationship because of the outsized political importance it had taken on in India, where it had touched on domestic sensitivities.

The signing of the agreement will “make the logistics of joint operations so much easier and so much more efficient,” US defence secretary Ash Carter said in a news briefing with Indian defence minister Manohar Parrikar.

The agreement will allow the Indian and US navies to have an easier time supporting each other in joint operations and exercises and when providing humanitarian assistance, Parrikar said.

Washington’s desire for deeper security cooperation with India had been complicated without the signing of the logistics agreement as well as two other pacts that would allow for secure communications and the exchange of nautical and other data. The agreements are considered routine between the US and its other defence partners.

The signing of the logistics agreement indicates the priority the government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi places on a closer defence relationship with the US, said Benjamin Schwartz, until last year the India country director at the Pentagon.

India & Myanmar join hands to promote traditional medicine, 30 AUGUST 2016



India and Myanmar have joined hands to enhance bilateral cooperation between the two countries in the field of traditional medicine.

Indian government signed an agreement with the Government of Myanmar to enhance bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

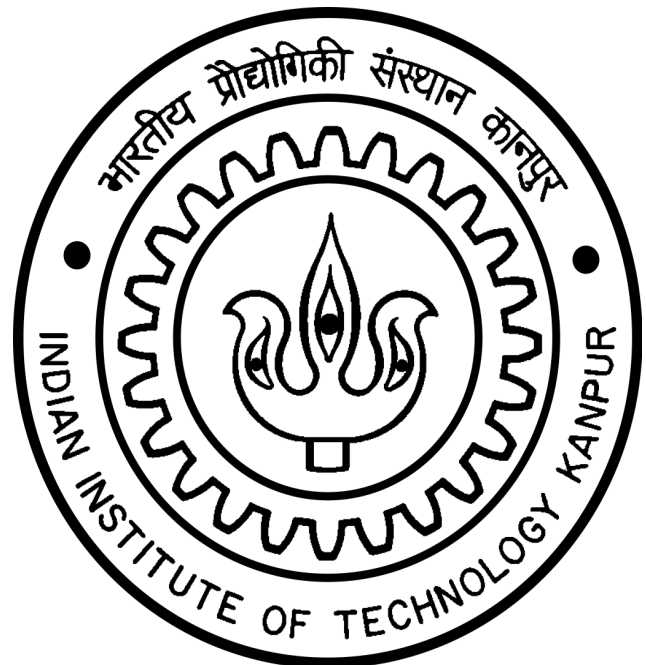
Secretary, Ministry of Ayush Ajit Mohan Sharan and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Myanmar, U Kyaw Tin signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President of Myanmar U Htin Kyaw were also present on the occasion.

“Myanmar is our gateway to South East Asia and ASEAN

with which India has been seeking greater economic integration through India’s ‘Look East and Act East’ Policy.

IIT Kanpur signs MoU with Tel Aviv University for cyber security, 30 AUGUST 2016



Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (IIT-K) is gradually ramping up its cyber security research work in the campus and meticulously forging alliances with top institutions in the world.

In the latest development, IIT-K has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Blavatnik Interdisciplinary Cyber Research Center (ICRC) of Tel Aviv University. This would facilitate bi-lateral academic relationships, cooperative research and teaching projects in selected fields.

Under the tie-up, several types of projects have been envisioned wherein graduate students, post doctoral researchers and faculty exchange would become a regular feature to stimulate mutually beneficial research.

Indian-origin software industry veteran Ajei Gopal named CEO of US firm, 30 AUGUST 2016

Ajei Gopal, 54 will become the CEO of Pennsylvania-based ANSYS with effect from January 1 next year.

An IIT Bombay alumnus and software industry veteran has been named CEO of a leading US company that produces engineering simulation software used for testing product designs across a wide spectrum of industries including rockets and wearable technology.

Gopal, a 25-year technology industry veteran who has served as a member of the ANSYS Board since 2011, has been appointed President and Chief Operating Officer of the company effective immediately and will continue to serve on the Board.

James Cashman, who has served as ANSYS' Chief Executive Officer since 2000, will become Chairman of the Board of Directors, effective from January 2017.

Chinese military commissions its 1st air ambulance, 31 AUGUST 2016



China has commissioned its first military air ambulance for cross-border army operations, naval missions and evacuation of wounded military personnel.

The Military Transportation Institute under the Logistics Support Department of China's Central Military Commission (CMC) completed the final month-long environmental qualification test on China's first air ambulance jointly developed through military-civilian cooperation, state-run People's Daily reported.

As People's Liberation Army (PLA) troops carry out cross-border military operations, such as naval escort mission in the Gulf of Aden, international peacekeeping and joint military exercises, which has made it necessary to have its air ambulance instead of relying on civilian aviation rescue institutions to evacuate wounded and sick military personnel, the report said.

The Transportation Bureau signed a cooperation agreement with the Emergency Treatment Centre of the Red Cross Society of China, Beijing Branch in June, 2016 on using specialised medical rescue aircraft to implement transportation and transfer of the sick and wounded of the PLA

First commercial flight in more than 50 years departs from US for Cuba, 01 SEP. 2016



The first regularly scheduled commercial flight between the United States and Cuba in more than half a century departed, opening another chapter in the Obama administration's efforts to open trade and travel with the former Cold War foe.

The first of several U.S. carriers to begin serving Cuba in the coming months, Jet Blue Airways Corp took off from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, en route to Santa Clara, a central city known for its monument to revolutionary leader Ernesto "Che" Guevara.

Cuba and the United States began normalising relations in December 2014 after 18 months of secret talks and have since restored full diplomatic ties. The countries had been hostile for more than five decades, since Fidel Castro ousted U.S.-backed dictator Fulgencio Batista in a 1959 revolution that steered the island on a communist course and made it a close ally of the Soviet Union.

Despite the opening, which has included a landmark visit to the Caribbean island by Obama in March, the U.S. president has been unable to persuade Congress to lift a longstanding trade embargo on Cuba.

Brazil: Michel Temer sworn in as new president, 01 SEP. 2016



Michel Temer, Brazil's former vice president, has been sworn in as the country's new president, a few hours after the country's Senate voted to remove Dilma Rousseff from office.

Temer, 75, raised his hand and swore to uphold the constitution, drawing loud applause from his conservative supporters in a packed Senate chamber.

He is expected to stay in power until the next scheduled election in late 2018.

India & Egypt sign agreement in area of Maritime Transport, 02 SEP. 2016



India and Egypt signed an agreement on maritime transport following delegation-level talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and visiting Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El Sisi.

Stepping up co-operation on the seas. Agreement on Maritime Transport between India and Egypt.

Sisi arrived on a three-day visit to India at the invitation of President Pranab Mukherjee.

This is the first presidential visit from Egypt to India since the visit of then President Mohamed Morsi in 2013.

India & Vietnam sign 12 agreements, 03 SEP. 2016



India extended \$500 million Line of Credit to Vietnam for facilitating deeper defence cooperation with the south east Asian nation, as the two countries elevated

their ties to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership to respond to emerging regional challenges.

The decision to upgrade our Strategic Partnership to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership captures the intent and path of our future cooperation. It will provide a new direction, momentum and substance to our bilateral cooperation.

He said the two sides recognised the need to cooperate in responding to emerging regional challenges.

Vietnam had earlier Strategic Partnership only with Russia and China.

The two countries signed 12 agreements in a wide range of areas covering IT, space, double taxation and sharing white shipping information.

An agreement on construction of offshore patrol boats was also signed by the two sides, signalling a step to give concrete shape to defence engagement between the two nations.

India, Greece sign MoU for air services agreement, 07 SEP. 2016



India inked a preliminary pact with Greece for bilateral Air Services Agreement that proposes to allow unlimited points of call for domestic airlines in the European nation.

Civil Aviation Secretary R N Choubey said India and Greece have signed an MoU for Air Services Agreement (ASA) under the 'open sky' policy.

Once inked, it would be the first such ASA with Greece, which is known for its tourist spots and scenic beauty.

According to Choubey, this is also the first MoU with a country under the provisions of the new civil aviation policy. According to the policy, the government would enter into an 'open sky' air services agreement on a reciprocal basis with SAARC nations as well as countries with territory located entirely beyond a 5,000 kilometre radius from New Delhi.

Meanwhile, the ministry would hold discussions with local airlines on bilateral before starting negotiations with Dubai.

USAID announces five new partnerships in India, 08 SEP. 2016



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The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has announced five new partnerships, four of which are with the Government of India, to expand Indo-US cooperation on clean energy, environment and climate change.

During the US-India Joint Working Group on Combating Climate Change, USAID also announced its collaboration with the Forest Survey of India (FSI) to strengthen the latter's capacity to better predict forest fires.

This will also include using of high-resolution satellite imagery for forest resource assessment, and develop protocols for strengthening forest inventory.

The initiative will mobilise the scientific expertise of the US Forest Service.

Among other partnerships is Greening the Grid, a joint initiative between USAID and Ministry of Power initiative to strengthen India's power grid to manage large-scale integration of renewable energy.

The project will be undertaken between Bangalore power utility BESCOM and US-based company, Innovari.

Stivers is in Delhi to attend the second US-India Strategic and Commercial Dialogue.

Under the next partnership, the MNRE and USAID also agreed to expand their solar rooftop programme to an additional eight states and 15 utilities.

In support of efficient energy usage, USAID also announced a partnership with the Ministry of Powers PSU Energy Efficiency Services Limited, to transform India's markets for super-efficient air conditioners.

Currently, fewer than 5 per cent of households have ACs in India, but with rising demand for cooling and better comfort,

the growth rate of AC sales is expected to accelerate to 30 per cent per annum over the next five years.

To improve urban air quality through energy efficiency, USAID is also partnering with the University of Chicago to work with the Centre and Gujarat State Pollution Control Board to pilot a market instrument designed to reduce costs for industrial plants to comply with regulatory limits on emissions.

South-East Asian nations to set up fund to prepare for health, 10 SEP. 2016



India along with 10 other member countries of WHO's South-East Asian Regional Committee has decided to set up a dedicated fund aimed at building preparedness for health emergencies in the region.

Taking part in the 69th session of WHO Regional Committee Meeting at Colombo, they also passed a resolution for promoting physical activity and expanding health workforces across the region.

To date, post-disaster funding through South-East Asia Regional Health Emergency Fund has done an excellent job in helping countries respond to health emergencies once those have occurred, as we saw most recently in Nepal and Sri Lanka.

The new funding stream will allow countries to invest in infrastructure and human resources that will enhance preparedness.

In the recent years, earthquakes, cyclones and floods have caused health emergencies in south-east Asian region and it has also been threatened by a range of emerging diseases, including SARS, MERS CoV, pandemic influenza and Zika virus.

Establishing a joint funding stream under the South-East Asia Regional Health Emergency Fund (SEARHEF) to help countries better prepare for such events was seen by the countries as a key priority for the regional health agenda.

Indo-US Economic Summit from Sep 13, 10 SEP. 2016



Leaders from business, government and academia will deliberate on ways to enhance bilateral trade and investments between India and the US during a two-day summit New Delhi.

Starting from September 13, the Indo-US Economic Summit will deliberate on augmenting the existing two-way trade to \$500 billion and will focus on sectors that foster growth.

The chamber's North India council (NIC) is hosting the function.

It will be inaugurated by Richard Verma, the US ambassador to India, and will be addressed by Union Ministers — including Information & Broadcasting Minister Venkaiah Naidu and Food Processing Industries Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal — along with top global executives.

The summit will bring together more than 250 people, who are thought leaders from business, government, civil society and academia.

India, South Africa in ICT cooperation pact, 12 SEP. 2016



India and South Africa have signed a Memorandum of Understanding for promoting bilateral cooperation in the field of Information and Communication Technologies.

The MoU will help to establish inter-institutional cooperation and relations between the two parties in order to promote cooperation in the field of ICT.

The Cabinet has been apprised of the MoU which was signed on July 08, 2016. The agreement will also result in active cooperation and exchanges between the private entities, capacity building institutions, governments and other public organizations of the two countries in the field of ICT.

US, Israel sign massive military aid deal; \$38 bn over 10 years, 15 SEP. 2016



The United States signed an unprecedented new security agreement with Israel that will give the Israeli military USD 38 billion over 10 years.

The deal, the largest such agreement the US has ever had with any country, amounts to USD 3.8 billion a year beginning in budget year 2019, compared with USD 3.1 billion the US gave Israel annually under the current 10-year deal that expires in 2018.

President Barack Obama said in a statement that commitment to Israel's security has been unwavering and is based on a genuine and abiding concern for the welfare of the Israeli people and the future of the state of Israel. After months of negotiations that took place after a particularly tense time in the relationship amid disputes over the Iran nuclear deal, the memorandum of understanding was signed at the State Department by Israel's national security adviser, Jacob Nagel, and Thomas Shannon, the third-highest ranking US diplomat. Obama's national security adviser Susan Rice, who witnessed the signing, called it a sign of Washington's "unshakable commitment" to the security of the Jewish state.

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Burning Topics of the Month

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2. **RBI retains too big to fail tag for SBI, ICICI Bank.**
3. **Canara Bank launches UPI Mobile App.**

WPI inflation hits 23-month high of 3.55% in July, 16 AUGUST 2016



Wholesale inflation soared to a 23-month high of 3.55 per cent in July as vegetables, pulses and sugar turned costlier.

The wholesale price-based inflation, reflecting the annual rate of price rise, in June stood at 1.62 per cent. In July 2015, WPI inflation was (-)4.00 per cent.

The wholesale inflation last witnessed at a higher level than the July 2016 was in August 2014 at 3.74 per cent.

Wholesale price index (WPI) inflation in vegetables shot up by 28.05 per cent in July, while that in pulses rose 35.76 per cent.

Potato, a daily consumable vegetable, saw the price rise during the month at 58.78 per cent.

Among others, the rate of inflation in sugar was at 32.33 per cent and that for fruits rose by 17.30 per cent during the month.

Overall the food inflation basket showed double digit inflation of 11.82 per cent, according to the Commerce Ministry data. All items, barring onion, in the basket showed a rising price pressure.

WPI inflation, which was in the negative zone from November 2013 to March 2016, has been firming up for the last four months. However, deflationary trend continued in some items like onion at (-)36.29 per cent and petrol at (-)10.30 per cent.

The inflation print for manufactured articles read at 1.83 per cent in July, with the rate of price rise in sugar at 32.33 per cent.

The WPI inflation for May has been revised upwards at 1.24 per cent, against provisional estimate of 0.79 per cent.

An elevated wholesale inflation in July follows spike in retail inflation, that too hit a 23-month high of 6.07 per cent well above the RBI's comfortable level.

In its monetary policy, the RBI had maintained status quo on key rates citing upside risks to 5 per cent inflation target for March 2017.

Asia Index launches 'S&P BSE Liquid Rate Index, 17 AUGUST 2016



Asia Index, a joint-venture between S&P Dow Jones Indices and BSE, launched a new index to measure the performance of Collateralised Borrowing and Lending Obligation (CBLO) rate – one of most liquid rates in the country – over a period of time.

The new index – S&P BSE Liquid Rate Index – can be used to create exchange traded funds for both retail and institutional investors.

The index is designed to measure the returns from a daily rolling deposit at the CBLO rate, Asia Index said in a statement.

The new index would be calculated using the CBLO rate for transactions maturing on the following business day and with settlement T+0.

Rates used would be provided by the Clearing Corporation of India Ltd (CCIL).

The S&P BSE CBLO Index is calculated only on those days when both BSE and CCIL are open.

German wind turbine maker Senvion to acquire Kenersys India, 17 AUGUST 2016



German wind turbine maker Senvion has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire the business of windmill maker Kenersys India Pvt Ltd so as to increase its reach in “new core markets”.

“Senvion has signed definitive agreements to acquire the wind turbine nacelle production facilities and infrastructure, complete product portfolio suite, wind turbine inventory and the service operations of Kenersys India Pvt Ltd, in Baramati, India, in order to further move ahead with its market penetration of its new core markets,” the German firm said in press statement.

The production facility of nearly 250 megawatts (MW) of capacity has the potential to be expanded further, it added.

Tata Auto Comp to acquire TitanX, 17 AUGUST 2016



Tata AutoComp Systems, the Tata Group-owned auto-component conglomerate, will acquire TitanX, a leading global engine cooling supplier.

TitanX supplies engine and powertrain cooling solutions to the commercial vehicle industry having plants across North America, South America, Europe and China with sales of approximately \$200 million.

TitanX is currently owned by EQT Opportunity and Fouriertransform.

Praveen Kadle, Chairman Tata AutoComp Systems said, “TitanX represents state of the art powertrain cooling solutions with a global presence that fits perfectly into our future growth areas. We are confident that under the successful and experienced management in TitanX, it will be a great asset and will contribute to the growth of Tata AutoComp.”

Sellers were advised by BDA Partners and Tata AutoComp was advised by Tata Capital Investment Banking. Subject to customary regulatory approvals, the transaction is expected to be completed by the end of 2016.

TitanX supplies to Volvo Trucks, Scania, Daimler and Iveco. It has manufacturing plants in Sweden, USA, Mexico, Brazil and China.

Unilever to acquire Swedish firm Blueair, 17 AUGUST 2016



FMCG giant Unilever said it will acquire Sweden-based air purification solutions provider Blueair for an undisclosed sum.

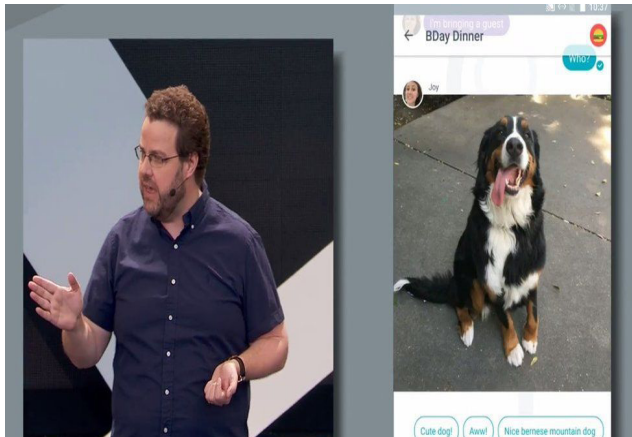
“Launched in 1996 in Stockholm, Blueair had a turnover of \$106 million in 2015 and is a leading player in the premium category of air purifiers in markets like China, the US, Japan, South Korea and India. This significant venture in air purification will further complement Unilever’s existing water purification business,” Unilever said in a statement.

Unilever’s Home Care business President Nitin Paranjpe said: “The Blueair brand and products are widely known and represent exceptional quality and design, as well as superior capacity and performance. Blueair was founded on the belief that business should be a force for good in society, which is shared by Unilever.”

Unilever said terms of the deal were not disclosed and the transaction is subject to customary regulatory and other approvals.

Blueair had launched its operations in India in May 2015 after testing the market for few years and aims to make India one of its top 3 markets globally in five years.

Google launches video chat app, Duo, to compete with FaceTime, Skype and Messenger, 17 AUGUST 2016



It represents Google's response to other popular video calling options, including Apple's FaceTime, Microsoft's Skype and Facebook's Messenger.

It's not that different from the other video chatting services, except that it gives users a glimpse at who's making the call, helping people decide whether to answer or not.

Google says it's calling the feature, "knock, knock".

The new app, originally announced in May, is being released as a free service for phones running on Google's Android operating system as well as Apple's iPhones.

Calls are encrypted and the video resolution changes depending on the speed of your connection.

Like FaceTime on iOS, Duo only requires a person's phone number to connect.

Many other services require both people to have account logins to use the video calling options.

Google's been offering video calling through Hangouts since 2013, but the company's now tailoring that service for business meetings and it won't plug into the new video chat service.

Duo is being billed as a simpler, more reliable way to see friends and family as you talk to them.

The app is rolling out around the world over the next few days.

It's the first of two new mobile apps that Google has planned for the next few months.

The US company is also preparing to unveil a new messaging app called Allo featuring a robotic assistant that will suggest automated responses to texts.

That includes commenting on pictures sent by friends, thanks to its use of image recognition algorithms.

Google announced a conversation-based tool - Google Assistant - to control smartphones, smartwatches and other devices earlier this year.

It can be used to find information, play media and carry out tasks via a chat between the user and the software.

The firm also announced a voice-activated device with a built-in speaker called Google Home to deliver the tech to living rooms.

IBM, IIT Bombay open high power computing facility on campus, 19 AUGUST 2016



Tech major IBM and IIT Bombay announced the opening of the first Open POWER Research Facility (OPRF) at the institute to help drive further education, innovation and research with the country's National Knowledge Network.

The network aims to interconnect all institutions of higher learning and research with a high-speed data communication network, facilitating knowledge sharing and collaborative research and innovation. OpenPOWER Foundation was born out of a collaboration by IBM, NVIDIA and Mellanox, and supports open development on the POWER architecture.

OPRF has been established to provide the country's large research and development community with technical assistance and infrastructure to further indigenous research

The Open POWER Foundation is a global, open development membership organization formed to facilitate and inspire collaborative innovation on the POWER architecture.

So far, it has 230 members across 24 countries, and is looking at aggressively expanding its network in top tier institutions in the country, Aggarwal said.

ICICI goes live with banking transaction product on mobiles, 19 AUGUST 2016

Private lender ICICI Bank went live with a product that was showcased first at a start-up competition which allows customers to do banking transaction while using other application on mobile phones.

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Customers can transfer money, pay bills and recharge from within any application or browser using smartphone keyboard which will reduce transaction time, the bank said in a statement today.

The bank claimed that it is the first lender in Asia to offer such a product under the label of 'iMobile SmartKeys', which has been developed by one of the winners at the ICICI Appathon, its mobile app development challenge organised earlier this year, it said.

The product has been introduced to customers within three months of the competition.

"We are delighted to introduce this product which is a testimony to our continuing co-creation initiatives with innovative technopreneurs," Group Executive and Chief Technology and Digital Officer B Madhivanan said.

He further said the bank will continue to rely on this model of "co-creating with quality start-ups and technology companies" for introducing innovative services.

Users will have to long press the 'globe' to launch the 'iMobile SmartKeys' and do the transaction, it said.

Ind-Ra upticks GDP forecast to 7.8%; growth on but not speedy, 23 AUGUST 2016

Ind-Ra has revised upwards India's economic growth forecast to 7.8 per cent for the ongoing fiscal on better monsoon, but said the economy is just "chugging along" despite the euphoria emerging after the formation of Modi government at the Centre.

"India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) has revised its gross domestic product estimate for 2016-17 upwards to 7.8 per cent from its earlier forecast of 7.7 per cent. The upward revision has been prompted by the progress of monsoon and the sowing of kharif crop so far," the ratings agency said in its research report on Review of the Economy.

With the area under kharif crop sowing 5.7 per cent higher than a normal area so far, it said the agency expects the farm gross value added to grow 3 per cent in the current fiscal as against 2.8 per cent forecasted earlier.

It said the positive impact of monsoon on agriculture will support the overall GDP growth with its backward and forward linkages.

On the macro economy, it said India's growth is in motion but not accelerating.

Even though services sector shows its resilience and continues to be bellwether of the economy, unsatisfactory progress on the industrial front is a cause of concern, it added.

India's GDP to expand by 7.9% this financial year: Goldman Sachs, 25 AUGUST 2016



Indian economy is expected to clock 7.9 per cent growth in the current fiscal driven by better monsoon, government pay hike, key reforms and FDI inflows, Goldman Sachs.

The global financial services major said the GDP is expected to improve gradually and for the April-June quarter it may slow a tad to 7.8 per cent, in part due to unfavourable base. It had grown at 7.9 per cent in the previous quarter.

According to Goldman Sachs research note for the fiscal year 2016-17, we forecast real GDP to grow by 7.9 per cent year-on-year, higher than consensus expectations of 7.5 per cent and up from 7.6 per cent in FY16.

It further noted that a better monsoon, civil service wage hike following 7th Pay Commission, a favourable fiscal monetary policy mix, the recent passage of key reforms and continued FDI inflows should all support growth.

It said key risks to India's growth trajectory include a faster pace of US Fed rate hikes than is currently priced in, concerns about Chinese growth and capital flows. Domestically, it cited aggravation of bad loans problem of state-owned banks or fiscal revenue slippage as potential risks.

The country's real GDP growth accelerated to 7.9 per cent year-on-year in the first quarter of this year and recorded a five-year high growth rate of 7.6 per cent for the 2015-16 fiscal on robust manufacturing growth.

RBI retains too big to fail tag for SBI & ICICI Bank, 26 AUGUST 2016



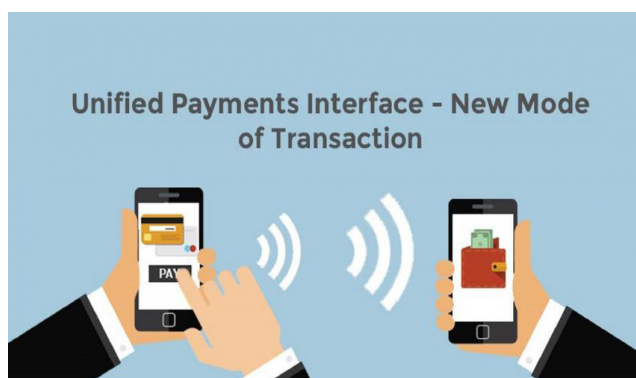
RBI retained 'too big to fail' tag for the state-owned SBI and private lender ICICI Bank for the second year in a row, calling them systemically important banks for 2016 requiring higher level of supervision.

In 2015, these two were identified for the first time as the domestic systemically important banks.

Systemically important banks are subjected to higher levels of supervision to prevent disruption to financial services in the event of any failure.

Based on the Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) Framework and data collected from lenders as on March 31, 2016, these two have again been declared D-SIBs in 2016.

Unified Payments Interface to go live for customers of 21 banks, 26 AUGUST 2016



In a push to a cash-less economy, National Payments Corporation of India's Unified Payments Interface is ready and customers of 21 banks will in a day or two be able to send and collect money via a smartphone.

A brainchild of RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan, the UPI, which works on single click two-factor authentication, will allow a customer to have multiple virtual addresses for accounts in various banks. The UPI app of 19 banks will be available on Google Play Store for download. The details of the service will be available on the websites of the 21 banks. The new payments interface will also provide an option for scheduling push and pull transactions, such as sharing bills among peers.

One can use the UPI app instead of paying cash on receiving a product from an online shopping website and also for making miscellaneous payments such as utility bills, school fees and over-the-counter/barcode-based payments. To ensure privacy of customer data, NPCI said, in a statement, that there is no account number mapper anywhere other than the customer's own bank. This means customers can freely share their financial address. A customer can also use the mobile number as the user-name instead of a virtual address like "1234567890@xyz".

After assessing the pilot run, the RBI had accorded final approval for public launch of the product. NPCI had decided that only banks with a thousand pilot customers, 5,000 transactions and success rate of around 80 per cent would be permitted to go live. Such a threshold criteria helped banks to refine their systems and procedures.

RBI lets banks to issue masala bonds to meet capital requirements, 26 AUGUST 2016



The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced a raft of measures to boost investor participation and market liquidity in both the corporate bond and currency markets.

The central bank will allow commercial banks to issue rupee bonds in overseas markets — known as Masala bonds, both for their capital requirement and for financing infrastructure and affordable housing, according to an RBI statement.

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Accepting many of the recommendations of the Khan Committee to develop the corporate bond market, it has been decided to enhance the aggregate limit of partial credit enhancement (PCE) provided by banks, permit brokers in corporate bond repos, authorise the platform for repo in corporate bonds and encourage credit supply for large borrowers through market mechanism.

Now it has been decided by the regulator that the aggregate PCE that will be provided by the financial system for a given bond issue will be increased from the present level of 20 per cent to 50 per cent of the bond issue size, subject to the PCE provided by any single bank not exceeding 20 per cent of the bond issue size and the extant exposure limits.

Hedge transactions

In order to ease access to the foreign exchange market for hedging in over the counter (OTC) and exchange-traded currency derivatives, the RBI has allowed entities exposed to exchange rate risk, both resident and non-resident, to undertake hedge transactions with simplified procedures, up to a limit of \$30 million at any given time.

The exposed person will be free to access any market (OTC or exchange) and use any of the permissible products at his discretion. Banks can also allow the customer an open position limit of up to \$5 million.

To enhance participation in the corporate bond market, the RBI has decided that brokers authorised as market makers will be allowed to participate in the corporate bond repo market.

Exposure norms

With an aim to reduce risk in banking sector, RBI has proposed to limit exposure of a bank to a business group to up to 25 per cent of its capital, down from the existing 55 per cent, the central banks said in a Draft Large Exposures (LE) Framework.

Finance Ministry sets up panel to suggest steps to promote card payments, 27 AUGUST 2016

With an aim to discourage cash transactions, the Finance Ministry has set up a high-level committee to suggest steps to promote card payments through incentives like tax rebates and cash back schemes.

The 11-member committee, headed by former Finance Secretary Ratan P Watal, will recommend various measures to “incentivise transactions through cards and digital means, e.g., through tax rebates/incentives, introduction of cash back/lottery,” the ministry said.

The panel, which will review the payments system in the country and recommend measures for encouraging digital



payments, has been set up following a decision taken by the Cabinet in February.

Payments history

It will also study feasibility of creating a payments history of all card/digital payments and ensure that merchants/consumers can leverage the data to access “instant, low cost micro-credit” through digital means and create necessary linkage between the payment history and credit information.

The panel will also study and recommend need for changes, if any, in the regulatory mechanism under various laws, relevant for the purpose of promotion of payments by digital modes.

“To study and recommend ways for leveraging Unique Identification Number or any other proof of identity for authentication of card/digital transactions and setting up of a centralised KYC Registry” is another key task given to it. The panel will study introduction of single window system of payment gateway to accept all types of cards/digital payments of government receipts and enable settlements via NPCI or other agencies.

Canara Bank launches UPI mobile app, 30 AUGUST 2016



Public sector Canara Bank has launched an Unified Payment Interface (UPI) app named “empower”.

The mobile app works on NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India) platform and enables bank customers pay and collect using this single app, the bank said. The mobile app is available for download from Google play store, the bank said in a release, adding it was launched at the Board of Directors conclave.

According to the release, the app helps customers create a virtual payment address to pay and collect money from anyone without disclosing their account related information, link their bank accounts across banks in a single app, among other things. Non-Canara Bank customers can also use this application to link accounts held in other banks and use it for a host of financial and non-financial services, the release said.

MobiKwik partners with 12 electricity boards in 8 states, 30 AUGUST 2016



Mobile payments company MobiKwik announced tie-up with 12 electricity boards in eight states to allow customers to pay their bills using its website or app. The electricity boards are in Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Tripura, Meghalaya, Calcutta, Rajasthan and union territory of Daman and Diu. According to the COO Mrinal Sinha, with these tie-ups, Mobikwik now provides electricity bill payment services for 25 power discoms in India. This development is in line with our vision to make digital payments ubiquitous.

The electricity boards that have been partnered with include Bhagalpur Electricity Private Limited, India Power Corporation Limited, DNHPD, Rajasthan Vidyut Vitran Nigam, Tripura State Electricity Board, Madhya Pradesh

Madhya Kshetra, Madhya Pradesh Paschim Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran, Madhya Pradesh Poorv Kshetra Jabalpur, Daman and Diu Electricity, Calcutta Electricity Supply, Meghalaya Electricity and Odisha Discom. The company already provides bill payment services for power discoms such as Reliance Energy, BSES Rajdhani, BSES Yamuna, Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd and Chhattisgarh electricity board.

Indian economy to grow at 7.8% in 2016-17: Ficci Survey, 31 AUGUST 2016



FEDERATION OF INDIAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

India's economy is likely to expand 7.8 per cent during the current financial year on the back of good monsoons, said economists polled by FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry).

Releasing the latest survey, FICCI said there has been a “marginal improvement” in growth estimate for 2016-17 as against the previous round and “this comes at the back of better performance of the agriculture and industry sector”.

The monsoon season has been good this year which is expected to support agricultural production.

Reserve Bank has also said the near-term growth outlook for India seems brighter than last fiscal and the economy is likely to expand at 7.6 per cent in 2016-17.

Ficci's Economic Outlook Survey puts across a median GDP growth forecast of 7.8 per cent for the current fiscal year. Further, the estimated median GVA (gross value added) growth for Q1 FY17 has been put at 7.6 per cent.

The survey was conducted during July-August among leading economists belonging to the industry, banking and financial services sector.

However, the survey results indicate a marginal decline in the service sector growth this year vis-a-vis the estimated growth in the previous survey round.

The participating economists also felt it will take time for the banks to make any further reduction in deposit rates.

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As per the survey, the median growth forecast for IIP has been put at 3.5 per cent for the year 2016-17, with a minimum and maximum range of 2 per cent and 4.3 per cent, respectively.

Ficci said the median inflation forecast for 2016-17 has noted a marginal increase in comparison to the previous round.

Max Life launches child plan for education, 31 AUGUST 2016



 A Max Financial Services and  MS Joint Venture

Max Life Insurance has launched 'Max Life Future Genius Education Plan' to make parents ready to meet money needs for children education.

It is a comprehensive non-linked participating Insurance plan designed to secure the future of your child by ensuring that his/her educational needs are met even in case of unforeseen events.

It will not only meet the financial protection to meet a child's academic potential, the plan also offers flexibility, it said.

NPCI launches Bharat Bill Payment System pilot project, 31 AUGUST 2016

National Payments Corporation of India said that it has launched the pilot project for Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) with 26 Bharat Bill Payment Operating Units. BBPS is the Reserve Bank mandated system which will provide interoperable bill payment services to customers.

In the first phase, BBPS will cover repetitive payments for everyday utility services such as electricity, water, gas, telephone and direct-to-home (DTH), NPCI said in a



statement. "BBPS, in due course of time, would link all major billers in the country with all their consumers which will simplify bill payments electronically," NPCI Managing Director and CEO A P Hota said.

Currently, the volume of bills being paid by cash is so large that even if 25 per cent of the bills get paid electronically, the impact would be visibly enormous, he said. Some of the banking entities which are participating in the pilot project include — AP Mahesh Co operative Urban Bank, Axis Bank, Gopinath Patil Parsik Janata Sahakari Bank, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank and IDBI Bank.

Besides, there are Indian Bank, IndusInd Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Punjab & Maharashtra Co operative Bank, Punjab National Bank, RBL Bank and State Bank of India.

LG Electronics Inc ties up with Amazon.com on smart-home services, 02 SEP. 2016



South Korea's LG Electronics Inc tied-up with Amazon.com Inc on smart-home services.

This tie-up will help enabling the services of Amazon such as the Alexa virtual assistant on some of the electronics maker's devices.

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COLLECTION OF INSTRUMENTS

Local Cheques

Local cheques are payable within the jurisdiction of the clearing house and will be presented through the clearing system prevailing at the centre.

- ✎ Credit arising out of local cheques shall be given to the customer's account as indicated in the Cheque Collection Policy (CCP) of the concerned collecting bank.
- ✎ Not with standing to the CCP of concerned collecting bank, ideally, in respect of local clearing, banks shall permit usage of the shadow credit afforded to the customers' accounts immediately after closure of the relative return clearing on the next working day or maximum within an hour of commencement of business on the third working day from the day of presentation in clearing, subject to usual safeguards.

Outstation Cheques

- ✎ Maximum timeframe for collection of cheques drawn on state capitals/major cities/other locations are 7/10/14 days respectively.
- ✎ If there is any delay in collection beyond this period, customer is entitled to receive compensation at the rate

specified in the Cheque Collection Policy (CCP) of the concerned bank.

- ✎ In case the rate is not specified in the CCP, interest rate on Fixed Deposits for the corresponding maturity to be paid.
- ✎ Banks' cheque collection policy also indicates the limit up to which outstation cheques are given immediate/instant credit.
- ✎ If cheques / instruments are lost in transit / in clearing process?
- ✎ If cheques are lost in transit or in the clearing process or at the paying bank's branch under physical instrument delivery clearing, the bank should immediately bring the same to the notice of the presenting customer (beneficiary)'s notice so that the customer can inform the drawer to record stop payment and can also take care that other cheques issued anticipating the credit arising out of the lost cheque are not dishonoured due to non-credit of the amount of the lost cheques / instruments.
- ✎ The customer is entitled to be reimbursed by banks for related expenses for obtaining duplicate instruments and also interest for reasonable delays in obtaining the same.

***CITY - AREA**

Uttar Pradesh

AGRA- KHANDARI CROSSING BYPASS
ALIGARH- SAMAD ROAD
ALLAHABAD- CIVIL LINES
AZAMGARH- PANDEY BAZAR
BUDAUN- CIVIL LINES
BAHRAICH- DIGIHA TIRAHA
BALLIA- CIVIL LINES
BANDA- CIVIL LINES
BAREILLY- J.J. MALL, CIVIL LINES
BASTI- FUWARA CHOWK
BIJNOR- SHAKTI CHOK, JAJI ROAD
BULANDSHAHR- OPP. D.A.V. COLLEGE, SHIVPURI
DEORIA- RAGHAW NAGAR
ETAH- RAILWAY ROAD
FAIZABAD- NEAR AGRASEN CHOWK, NAKA
FARRUKHABAD- LALBAGH
FATEHPUR- CIVIL LINES
FIROZABAD- SUHAG NAGAR CHAURAHA
GHAZIABAD- GHAZIABAD RAILWAY STATION
GHAZIPUR- MAHUABAGH
GONDA- LBS CHAURAHA
GORAKHPUR- GANDHI GALI GOLE GHAR
HARDOI- NAGHETA ROAD
JAUNPUR- HUSAINABAD, NEAR TD COLLEGE
JHANSI- B.K.D ROAD, NEAR KUNJ BIHARI MANDIR
KANPUR 1- KIDWAI NAGAR
KANPUR 2- MALL ROAD
KANPUR 3- KAKADEV
LAKHIMPUR- HOTEL K CONTINENTAL
LUCKNOW 1- KAPOORTHALA
LUCKNOW 2- PATRAKARPURAM, GOMTINAGAR
LUCKNOW 3- PURANIA, ALIGANJ
LUCKNOW 4- BHOOTNATH MARKET, 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- MUSSAFARGANJ
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 MAIN MARKET
ROHTAK- ASHOKA PLAZA

Rajasthan

AJMER- NEAR BOB, VAISHALI NAGAR
ALWAR- LAJPAT NAGAR
JAIPUR- LAL KOTHI OPP. APEX MALL
JODHPUR- MANJIKA HATHA PAOTA

Gujarat

AHMEDABAD- NAVRANGPURA
RAJKOT- WOCARD HOSPITAL
SURAT- OPP CIVIL HOSPITAL, RING ROAD
VADODARA- FATEHGANJ, MAIN ROAD

Maharashtra

MUMBAI- STATION ROAD, THANE (WEST)
NAGPUR 1- JHANSI RANI SQUARE, BULDI
NAGPUR 2- GANDHINAGAR
NASIK- OFF COLLEGE ROAD 422005
PUNE- LAW COLLEGE RD., ERANDAWANA

Karnataka

BENGALURU- JAYNAGAR

Kerala

ERNAKULAM- M.G. ROAD, RAVIPURAM
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM- VANCHIYOOR

OUT IN



Himachal Pradesh

SHIMLA- NEAR SECRETARIAT

Punjab

AMRITSAR- GT ROAD (J.K. ORCHID)
CHANDIGARH- SECTOR 34-A
JALANDHAR- GREEN PARK
LUDHIANA- LINK ROAD
PATIALA- CHOTTI BARADARI

New Delhi

DELHI- JANAKPURI
DELHI- LAXMI NAGAR
DELHI- KINGSWAY
DELHI- MUNIRKA
DELHI- ROHINI

Madhya Pradesh

BHOPAL 1- LALGHATI
BHOPAL 2- MP NAGAR
GWALIOR- OPP. G.D.A OFFICE KHEDAP
HOSHANGABAD- ANANDNAGAR
INDORE 1- BHAWARKUAN ROAD
INDORE 2- SAPNA SANGEETA RD., SNEH
JABALPUR- NAPIER TOWN
REWA- SUBHASH CHOWK
SAGAR- GOPALGANJ

Telangana

HYDERABAD 1- DILSUK
HYDERABAD 2- AMEER
WARANGAL- HANAMKOT

Andhra Pradesh

TIRUPATI- AIR B
VIJAYWADA- NE
VISHAKAPATNA

Tamil Nadu

CHENNAI- G.N. CHETTY
COIMBATORE- R.S. PUR

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Uttarakhand

RADUN- NEAR SARVE CHOWK
DWANI- NAINITAL ROAD
DWAR- RANIPUR MODH
RKEE- 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- INFRONT BOI, (BANK MORE) CHAURAHA
JAMSHEDPUR- TATANAGAR
RANCHI- H.B ROAD LALPUR CHOWK

West Bengal

ASANSOL- G.T ROAD (EAST) MURGASOL
DURGAPUR- BESIDE THE CITI RESIDENCI HOTEL
KOLKATA- NEAR MOULALI CROSSING
SILIGURI- SEVOKE ROAD

Chhattisgarh

AMBIKAPUR- GOVERNMENT P.G COLLEGE
BHILAI-DURG- ABOVE ICICI BANK, NEHRU NAGAR (E)
BILASPUR- NARAYAN PLAZA, LINK ROAD
RAIPUR- INFRONT OF LIC 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

Uttar Pradesh

ALIGARH- BYPASS ROAD, M.R. PALLI CIRCLE
FAIZABAD- NEAR KANDHARI BUS STAND
MEERUT- DWARIKA NAGAR

ALIGARH
FAIZABAD

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CO-OPERATIVE BANKS IN INDIA-I



- ✎ The co-operative banks are small-sized units which operate both in urban and non-urban centers.
- ✎ They finance small borrowers in industrial and trade sectors besides professional and salary classes.
- ✎ Regulated by the Reserve Bank of India, they are governed by the Banking Regulations Act 1949 and banking laws (co-operative societies) act, 1965.

Functions of Co-operative Banks

- ✎ Co-operative banks also perform the basic banking functions of banking but they differ from commercial banks in the following respects
- ✎ Commercial banks are joint-stock companies under the companies' act of 1956, or public sector bank under a separate act of a parliament whereas co-operative banks were established under the co-operative society's acts of different states.
- ✎ Commercial bank structure is branch banking structure whereas co-operative banks have a three tier setup, with state co-operative bank at apex level, central / district co-operative bank at district level, and primary co-operative societies at rural level.
- ✎ Only some of the sections of banking regulation act of 1949 (fully applicable to commercial banks), are applicable to co-operative banks, resulting only in partial control by RBI of co-operative banks and
- ✎ Co-operative banks function on the principle of cooperation and not entirely on commercial parameters.

CO-OPERATIVE BANKS IN INDIA-II

Types:

1. Primary Co-operative Credit Society

The primary co-operative credit society is an association of borrowers and non-borrowers residing in a particular locality.

The funds of the society are derived from the share capital and deposits of members and loans from central co-operative banks.

The borrowing powers of the members as well as of the society are fixed.

The loans are given to members for the purchase of cattle, fodder, fertilizers, pesticides, etc.

2. Central Co-operative Banks

These are the federations of primary credit societies in a district and are of two types-

1. Those having a membership of primary societies only
2. Those having a membership of societies as well as individuals.

The funds of the bank consist of share capital, deposits, loans and overdrafts from state co-operative banks and joint stocks.

These banks provide finance to member societies within the limits of the borrowing capacity of societies.

They also conduct all the business of a joint stock bank.

3. State Co-operative Banks

The state co-operative bank is a federation of central co-operative bank and acts as a watchdog of the co-operative banking structure in the state.

Its funds are obtained from share capital, deposits, loans and overdrafts from the Reserve Bank of India.

The state co-operative banks lend money to central co-operative banks and primary societies and not directly to the farmers.



Coins and Currencies-I**Coins:**

Coins in India are presently being issued in denominations of 50 paise, one rupee, two rupees, five rupees and ten rupees. Coins up to 50 paise are called 'small coins' and coins of Rupee one and above are called 'Rupee Coins'.

Coins in the denomination of 1 paise, 2 paise, 3 paise, 5 paise, 10 paise, 20 paise and 25 paise have been withdrawn from circulation with effect from June 30, 2011 and are, therefore, no more legal tender.

Currency:

Banknotes in India are currently being issued in the denomination of ₹ 10, ₹ 20, ₹ 50, ₹ 100 ₹ 500, and ₹ 1000.

These notes are called banknotes as they are issued by the Reserve Bank of India (Reserve Bank).

The printing of notes in the denominations of ₹ 2 and ₹ 5 has been discontinued as these denominations have been coined.

However, such banknotes issued earlier can still be found in circulation and these banknotes continue to be legal tender.

Re. 1 was also not being printed since long due to coinisation.

However the Central Government has , recently reintroduced this note.

Re. 1 notes issued in the past also continue to be legal tender for transactions.

Demonetization of higher denomination banknotes:

₹ 1000 and ₹ 10000 banknotes, which were then in circulation were demonetized in January 1946.

The higher denomination banknotes in ₹ 1000, ₹ 5000 and ₹ 10000 were reintroduced in the year 1954, and these banknotes (₹ 1000, ₹ 5000 and ₹ 10000) were again demonetized in January 1978.

Meaning of "I promise to pay" clause:

As per Section 26 of Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, the Bank is liable to pay the value of banknote.

This is payable on demand by RBI, being the issuer.

The Bank's obligation to pay the value of banknote does not arise out of a contract but out of statutory provisions.

The promissory clause printed on the banknotes i.e., "I promise to pay the bearer the sum of Rupees ..." is a statement which means that the banknote is a legal tender for the specified amount.

The obligation on the part of the Bank is to exchange a banknote with bank notes of lower value or other coins which are legal tender under the Indian Coinage Act, 2011, of an equivalent amount.

Coins and Currency-II**Legal tender:**

The coins issued under the authority of Section 6 of The Coinage Act, 2011, shall be legal tender in payment or on account i.e. provided that a coin has not been defaced and has not lost weight.

Why is One Rupee liability of the Government of India?

The One Rupee notes issued under the Currency Ordinance, 1940 are also legal tender and included in the expression Rupee coin for all the purposes of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. Since the rupee coins issued by Government constitute the liabilities of the Government, one rupee is also liability of the Government of India.

Role of RBI in issue of coins:

The role of RBI is limited to distribution of coins that are supplied by Government of India. The responsibility for coinage vests with the Government of India on the basis of the Coinage Act, 2011, as amended from time to time.

Where are notes and coins produced?

Notes are printed at four printing presses located at Nashik, Dewas, Mysore and Salboni. Coins are minted at the four mints at Mumbai, Noida, Kolkata and Hyderabad.

Currency chest:

To facilitate the distribution of banknotes and rupee coins, the Reserve Bank has authorized select branches of scheduled banks to establish currency chests. These are actually storehouses where banknotes and rupee coins are stocked on behalf of the Reserve Bank.

Soiled and Mutilated Banknotes:

Soiled note: means a note which, has become dirty due to usage and also includes a two piece note pasted together wherein both the pieces presented belong to the same note, and form the entire note.

Mutilated banknote is a banknote, of which a portion is missing or which is composed of more than two pieces.

Imperfect banknote means any banknote, which is wholly or partially, obliterated, shrunk, washed, altered or indecipherable but does not include a mutilated banknote.

Counterfeit note: A suspected counterfeit note, forged note , or fake note is any note which does not possess the characteristics of genuine Indian currency note.

How many languages appear in the language panel of Indian banknotes?

There are fifteen languages appearing in the language panel of banknotes in addition to Hindi prominently displayed in the centre of the note and English on the reverse of the banknote.

Highlights of the Partnership

- ✎ Alexa will work with its SmartThinkQ Hub, an LG device used to connect with home appliances over the internet.
- ✎ It will allow users to control the South Korean firm's home appliances via voice-recognition technology.
- ✎ It would add Amazon.com's Dash feature on its SmartThinQ Sensors, which enabled smart features on appliances to allow users to quickly order household items such as laundry detergent or drinks.

Dell to acquire EMC Corporation for USD 67 bn, 02 SEP. 2016



In one of the mega acquisitions in the global IT space, PC maker Dell Inc will acquire EMC Corporation for about USD 67 billion to create the "world's largest privately-controlled, integrated technology company".

Under the definitive agreement, Dell along with its owners -- Founder & Chairman Michael S Dell MSD Partners and Silver Lake, the global leader in technology investing -- will acquire EMC Corporation. The EMC Board of Directors approved the merger deal and intends to recommend that stockholders of EMC approve the agreement.

Sun Pharma ropes in Mitsubishi Tanabe to distribute products in Japan, 06 SEP. 2016



Sun Pharma has formed an alliance with Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma Corporation to market its 14 established brands, which were acquired by the Mumbai-based pharma major from Novartis for \$ 293 million in March this year, in Japan, the world's second largest pharmaceutical market.

Under this alliance, following the transfer of manufacturing & marketing rights to Sun Pharma's subsidiary in Japan, Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma Corporation will market and distribute all the 14 brands as well as provide information on their proper use to healthcare professionals.

Federal Bank launches Digital Personal Loans, 07 SEP. 2016



Federal bank has launched 'Digital Personal Loan' service for its customers, under which customers can log into bank's website and avail personal loans in a minute.

Upon the acceptance of the offer by the customer, the loan money is credited to his account immediately. This facility neither requires the customer to visit the branch nor does he have to put his manual signature on any document. The facility can be accessed round the clock.

Speaking on the launching of the Digital Personal Loan, K A Babu, Head, Digital Banking, pointed out that Digital personal loans comes as third in the series of BYOM (Be Your Own Master) digital retail loans the bank has rolled out, previous offerings being digital car loans and loan against term deposit.

Mr Babu said that they remain committed to the vision that banking should be a joyful experience. Digital personal loans is an end to end paperless product. The first phase of the launch will see this product being rolled out to our existing select customers pan India. We will roll out this product to all our customers with the product being available on mobile and ATM platforms.

Bank has already seen 75 per cent annualized growth in digital channels usage this financial year. With such convenient products and a host of other digital innovations in the pipeline, we expect 200 per cent growth in digital penetration this year.

Just Dial gets RBI's in-principle nod for its prepaid wallet, 08 SEP. 2016



Local search engine Just Dial said that it has got in-principle nod from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for launching its prepaid wallet.

The company has received a letter dated September 6, 2016, from Reserve Bank of India granting in-principle approval for issuing and operating payment system for semi closed pre-paid payment instrument service.

Elaborating on the relevance of the approval, it said that the Company will be in position for providing payment solution to our users, which is integral part of our transaction services and JD prepaid wallet will help to provide a seamless payment experience to users.

Just Dial added that it needs to submit certain reports to RBI up to March 05, 2017 for final authorisation.

ICICI Bank deploys 'software robots', 09 SEP. 2016



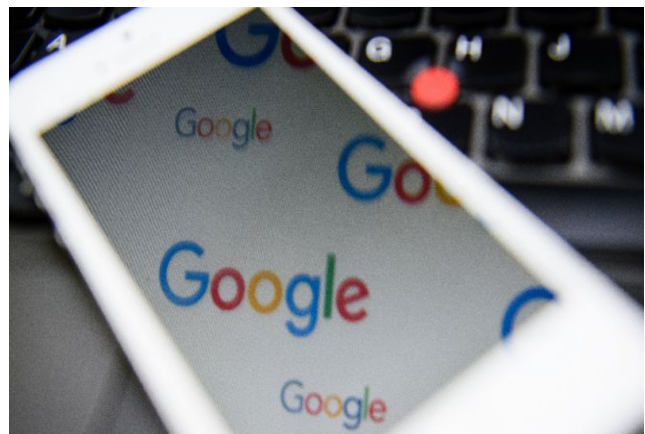
The country's largest private lender ICICI Bank became the first bank in India to deploy 'software robots' that emulate human action, in its over 200 business processes, thereby reducing the response time to

customers by up to 60%. The bank is the first in the country and among few, globally, to deploy 'software robotics' that emulates human actions to automate and perform repetitive, high volume and time consuming business tasks cutting across multiple applications.

Chanda Kochhar, MD and CEO, ICICI Bank stated that they have re-engineered over 200 business processes which are powered by software robots across various functions of the bank. We plan to more than double the software robots to over 500 by end of this fiscal. This initiative marks a milestone in the banking innovation in the Indian banking industry as it joins a selected group of overseas organizations which have deployed this unique state-of-the-art robotic technology in such a large way.

The software robots are processing over 10 lakh transactions daily, bringing in operational efficiency, accuracy and a massive reduction in processing time for customer services.

Sanofi, Google launch diabetes joint venture, 12 SEP. 2016



Google and French pharmaceutical giant Sanofi announced a new joint venture focused on diabetes care.

The tie up between the drug maker and Verily, the health subsidiary of Google's parent company Alphabet, will focus on treatments for people living with the chronic disease.

Details on what the company's products will look like -- or when they will reach the market -- were scant, but they will combine the drugmaker's clinical know-how with the tech company's background in analytics and mini devices.

The venture, called Onduo, will initially focus on type two diabetes, the more common form of the disease. The prevalence of type two diabetes is soaring globally as obesity rates also rise. Eventually, Onduo plans to expand its business to type one diabetes, an autoimmune disorder that requires daily insulin, and eventually those at risk of developing the disease.

Retail inflation cools to 5-month low of 5.05% in August, 13 SEP. 2016



Retail Inflation eased to a five-month low of 5.05 per cent in August, mainly because of a slower rate of price increase in vegetables as well as food and beverages.

The rate of price growth, based on the consumer price index (CPI), was the lowest since March 2016 when it stood at 4.83 per cent.

In the preceding month July, CPI Inflation was at a nearly two-year high of 6.07 per cent. In August 2015, the rate of price rise was 3.74 per cent.

Lower Inflation in vegetables in August helped as the rate of price rise stood at a mere 1.02 per cent against 14.06 per cent in July, government data showed.

Food and beverage prices remained sticky as they grew 5.83 per cent in August in comparison to 7.96 per cent in July.

However, the overall consumer food Inflation in August fell to 5.91 per cent as against 8.35 per cent in July.

Pulses roiled the scene at an Inflation print of 22.01 per cent against 27.53 per cent in July.

However, a majority of food items covered by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI) to measure retail Inflation showed a firm trend during the month.

Cereals and products turned costlier, with Inflation at 4.11 per cent. The readings for eggs came in at 9.58 per cent, milk and products 4.36 per cent and oil and fat 4.94 per cent.

Among others, the rate of price rise in fruits was at 4.46 per cent.

CPI Inflation in August for the urban segment was 4.22 per cent while that of rural areas read 5.87 per cent.

OVL, Rosneft sign pact for 11% stake in Vankorneft, 15 SEP. 2016

ONGC Videsh Ltd signed an agreement to raise stake in Russia's Vanok oil field by 11 per cent to 26 per cent for about USD 930 million.



OVL, the overseas arm of state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC), had last year bought 15 per cent stake in the field for USD 1.268 billion. It paid an additional USD 930 million for another 11 per cent stake.

The firm and its wholly-owned subsidiary ONGC Videsh Vankorneft Pte Ltd, Singapore "jointly signed definitive agreements with Rosneft, the national oil company of Russia for acquiring additional 11 per cent shares in JSC Vankorneft, a company organized under the law of Russian Federation which is the owner of Vankor Field and North Vankor license," the company said in a statement.

After the closing of the present transaction, OVL will raise its participation share in Vankorneft to 26 per cent. The acquisition is subject to relevant Board, Government and Indian and Russian regulatory approvals and is expected to close by end of 2016.

Naspers-owned PayU buys rival Citrus for \$130m in all-cash deal, 15 SEP. 2016



The Netherlands-based global online payments service provider PayU has acquired Citrus Pay in an all-cash deal, valuing the Indian startup at \$130 million (around Rs 830 crore). PayU is part of South African internet and media conglomerate Naspers, which is one of the largest technology investors in the world.

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The freshly merged entity will operate under the PayU brand in India and will have a customer base of more than 30 million with over 200,000 merchants. The deal will strengthen Naspers' payments division and is expected to support its strategy to grow its financial services footprint across emerging markets, said PayU global's CEO Laurent le Moal.

Citrus and PayU focus on providing payments solutions to a growing tribe of merchants who operate online and will together take on the likes of Paytm, backed by Alibaba, as well as players like Snapdeal-owned Freecharge.

Reliance Communications and Aircel to be merged to create 4th largest telco, 15 SEP. 2016

Anil Ambani-led Reliance Communications and Maxis Communications Berhad (MCB), promoters of Aircel, agreed to merge their wireless businesses to form the fourth-largest telecom operator in the country.

The merger is termed as the biggest consolidation deal in India's telecom sector.

Key highlights of the merger

- ✎ R-Com will demerge its wireless business and transfer it to the new entity. Its standalone business will focus on the enterprise segment and data centre businesses.
- ✎ Sistema will continue to hold 10 per cent in standalone R-Com.
- ✎ Both R-Com and Maxis will hold 50 per cent each in the new entity.
- ✎ The merged company will be one of India's largest private sector companies. It will have an asset base of over 65000 crore rupees and net worth of 35000 crore rupees.
- ✎ The entity will enjoy substantial benefits of scale driving significant revenue growth, and capex and opex synergies with a net present value of 20000 crore rupees.
- ✎ The company will be managed by an independent professional team under the supervision of the board.
- ✎ After completion of the merger in 2017, RCom's overall debt will reduce by 20000 crore rupees or over 40 per cent of its debt.
- ✎ Aircel's debt will reduce by 4000 crore rupees.
- ✎ The entity will have the second-largest spectrum holding amongst all operators, aggregating 448 MHz across the 850, 900, 1800 and 2100 MHz bands.
- ✎ It will enjoy enhanced business continuity through extended validity of spectrum holdings till 2033-35.



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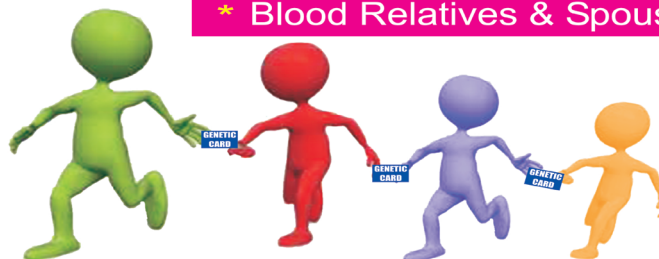
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Burning Topics of the Month

1. **Rio 2016 : Argentina wins their 1st ever hockey gold medal.**
2. **Gujarat to host 2016 Kabaddi World Cup.**
3. **Shahan becomes 1st Indian to win Asian Karting Championship.**

Usain Bolt wins gold in men's 100 meters in Rio Olympics, 16 AUGUST 2016



Jamaica's Usain Bolt became the first athlete to win three Olympic 100 m titles by beating American Justin Gatlin to gold at Rio 2016. Bolt, 29, ran 9.81 seconds in his final Olympics to replicate his success at Beijing 2008 and London 2012.

Twice banned for doping offences, Gatlin was 0.08 seconds behind Bolt, with Canada's Andre de Grasse in third.

De Grasse took bronze in a personal best of 9.91, ahead of Bolt's Jamaican team-mate Yohan Blake.

There was no British interest in showpiece as CJ Ujah and James Dasaolu were eliminated in the semi-finals. Bolt remains on target to leave Rio with a third successive Olympic treble, having won the 100m, 200m and 4x100m relay titles in 2008 and 2012.

Bolt was slower out of the blocks than 34-year-old Gatlin, who was aiming to regain the title he won at Athens 2004.

But the Jamaican surged through from 60 metres to pass Gatlin and comfortably win his seventh Olympic gold.

Bolt received a hero's reception as he walked out into Rio's Olympic Stadium before the race - and the crowd chanted his name after his victory, too. Bolt, who said in February he would retire from athletics after the 2017 World Championships, competes in qualifying for the men's 200, with the 4x100m relay beginning.

Jerome Boateng voted as Germany's footballer of the year, 16 AUGUST 2016



Bayern Munich defender Jerome Boateng has been voted the German footballer of the year by sports journalists in Germany, German magazine kicker said. Boateng won the vote by a landslide after getting 163 votes, far more than fellow Bayern players Thomas Müller (95) and Robert Lewandowski (90). Boateng is the first defender to win the accolade since Bayern Munich and Borussia Dortmund stalwart Jürgen Kohler.

I cannot describe what is going through my mind at the moment. I am naturally proud that I was able to achieve this.

This personal achievement seals an impressive season for Boateng, having won the double in Germany, and having performed for his country during this summer's Euro 2016. Meanwhile, calls for him to be appointed Germany's national team captain are ever growing.

ICC rankings: India displace Australia as No 1 Test team, 17 AUGUST 2016



The Indian cricket team has moved back to No 1 on the ICC table for Test teams, following Sri Lanka's 163-run win over Australia in Colombo. India can hold onto their numero uno status with victory over West Indies in the fourth and final Test starting tomorrow in Port of Spain, which would give them a 3-0 series win and keep them on 112 points.

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Should India draw the Test, they will slip to second with 110 points and a defeat will push them to fourth with 108 points which means that second-ranked Pakistan would displace them at the top. Pakistan had moved up the ladder following their ten-wicket win over England at The Oval this week, which drew that series 2-2. Pakistan have 111 points, one less than India with 112. They had earlier been at second place after beating England in the UAE late last year.

Sri Lanka's 3-0 whitewash of Australia means that Steven Smith's team has fallen from No 1 to third, with 108 points. They lost each of their matches by big margins - 106 runs, 299 runs and 163 runs - for their ninth consecutive Test defeat in Asia after 4-0 in India in 2013 and 2-0 to Pakistan in the UAE in 2014.

South Africa have plummeted to the depths at No 7, having been at the top as recently as November.

Rio 2016: Usain Bolt wins third successive 200m Gold, 19 AUGUST 2016



Usain Bolt's only real competition was the clock. He couldn't beat it. Another gold medal isn't such a bad consolation prize. Bolt romped in what he says is his last Olympic 200-meter race, but finished in 19.78 seconds, more than a half-second short of his own world record – the one he said he really wanted to break.

A win is a win, and Bolt has gold medal No. 8. But his expression as he crossed the finish line told the real story of this one.

The field running far behind him through the thin mist – Andre de Grasse of Canada finished .24 behind and Christophe Lemaitre of France took bronze – Bolt was giving every ounce of effort, grimacing as he approached the line.

His record in his favorite race still stands, though, at 19.19. He set it in 2009 at world championships, breaking the mark he'd previously set the year before (19.30) when he made his debut in Beijing.

Narsingh Yadav ousted from Olympics, banned for 4 years, 19 AUGUST 2016



Indian wrestler Narsingh Yadav has been ousted from Olympics as the CAS slapped him with a four-year ban, while hearing into the World Anti-Doping Agency's appeal against the clean chit given to him in a dope scandal by NADA.

Narsingh's name appeared in the official schedule released after he underwent the regular weigh-in. He was scheduled to take on France's Zelimkhan Khadjiev in the qualification round.

The embattled 74kg category grappler has maintained that his scandalous dope test was a result of conspiracy by rivals who spiked his food or drinks.

Rio 2016: Argentina wins their first ever hockey gold medal, 19 AUGUST 2016



Argentina won their first Olympic men's hockey gold with a 4-2 victory over Belgium.

The title also allowed the South Americans to match their best gold haul at a Games of three which was last achieved in 1948.

But the South Americans hit back with Pedro Ibarra, Ignacio Ortiz and Peillat scoring in quick succession in the first quarter. Gauthier Boccard hit a sensational second for Belgium when he dribbled the ball past three defenders before finding the corner of the goal.

But Augustin Mazzilli guaranteed the gold when he was allowed to tap into an empty net. "I think maybe it's going to help a lot in men's hockey in Argentina," said Mazzilli. "The women's team did everything really, really good the whole time (they won four gold medals).

Belgium's New Zealander coach Shane McLeod said his team made too many errors at crucial times. "I think later on we'll reflect a bit more and be very proud of what we've done but you always wanna win that last game and we just did too many things wrong today," he said.

Bolt gets 9th gold with another runaway win, 20 AUGUST 2016



Usain Bolt went on his knee, gave the track one final kiss, flattened his hand, then reached down and slapped the white number "3" painted at the starting line. The relay which was his last race in the 2016 Rio Olympics ended with another Gold medal, making it his 9th Gold Olympic medal.

He turned a close 4×100 relay race against Japan and the United States into a typical, Bolt-like runaway, helping Jamaica win the relay in 37.27.

After the race he said: "There you go, I am the greatest."

Guwahati to Host ISL 2016 Opening Ceremony, 20 AUGUST 2016

North East United FC and Kerala Blasters FC will kick off the third season of the Indian Super League (ISL) in Guwahati, which will also host the opening ceremony.



By awarding Guwahati the rights to host ISL 2016 opening ceremony, Football Sports Development wishes to celebrate North East's contribution to the development of Indian football and recognise the potential it has in shaping the future of the game in the country.

On October 1, Indira Gandhi Stadium, Sarusajai, with a capacity of 30,000, will witness ISL teams, owners, celebrities and performers put up a visual extravaganza at the opening ceremony.

Gujarat to host 2016 Kabaddi World Cup, 23 AUGUST 2016



The International Kabaddi Federation (IKF) announced that the 2016 Kabaddi World Cup will be hosted in Gujarat's leading city, Ahmedabad. The tournament is set to take place from October 7th and will conclude on 22nd of the same month.

Gujarat will play host to 12 Kabaddi teams from around the world including India, USA, Canada, UK, Australia, Iran, Poland, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Korea, Japan and Kenya. A special consideration of the IKF in inviting these countries is to make the Kabaddi World Cup representative of all the five geographies of the Olympic Games.

The Kabaddi World Cup matches will be held in Ahmedabad's upcoming state-of-the-art stadium, The Arena by TransStadia.

IKF's decision to conduct the Kabaddi World Cup has received strong encouragement from the state government in Gujarat.

In a statement, Chief Minister of Gujarat, Vijay Rupani has said that they are delighted that the city of Ahmedabad will host the 2016 Kabaddi World Cup conducted by the International Kabaddi Federation. Our state extends enthusiastic support for showcasing this World Cup as a truly world class sports event, and draws inspiration from our Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call to take our nation ahead in every sport. As the world is witnessing the year of Olympics, Gujarat will like to lead this way for India in this objective.

A senior IKF official points out that the international kabaddi body is under considerable pressure from many more of its 32 member countries who wish to participate in the 2016 World Cup. Other than the 12 countries invited, countries like Argentina, Denmark, and Thailand are especially keen to attend.

Sports Minister Constituted Two Member Committee to inquire into the allegations of Marathon runner O.P.Jaisha, 24 AUGUST 2016



It has been widely reported in the media that Ms. O.P. Jaisha, Marathon runner collapsed at the end of the marathon run in Rio Olympics 2016, as there were no Indian officials present to provide her water and energy drinks at refreshment points and that there were officials from all other countries to provide refreshments to their runners at designated points after every 2.5 km.

The Minister of State (I/C) Youth Affairs & Sports Vijay Goal has constituted a two-member Committee consisting of Onkar Kedia, Joint Secretary (Sports) and Vivek Narayan, Director (Sports) to enquire into the allegations of Ms. O.P. Jaisha.

The two member committee will submit its report in 7 days.
*Result is awaited.

Vizag to host national Table Tennis tourney from Oct 19, 25 AUGUST 2016

The National Table Tennis tournament will be held at the Port Indoor Stadium from October 19 to 25.

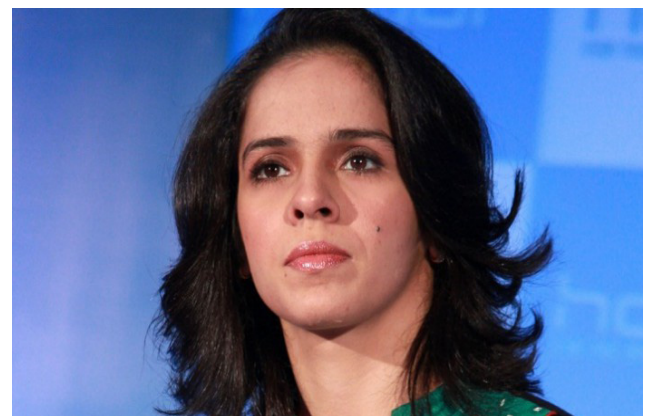
Andhra Pradesh Human Resources Minister Ganta Srinivasa Rao released the brochure of the tournament.

He said after division of Andhra Pradesh, Vizag has been hosting various sporting events and TDP government is committed to develop the sporting infrastructure across the state.

Top players Sharath Kamal, Saumyajit Ghosh, Manika Batra among others will take part in the tournament.

An office-bearer of the Visakhapatnam District Table Tennis Association (VDTTA) said over 700 players (men, women, boys and girls) from 29 states and Union Territories will participate in various categories like senior, junior, sub-junior.

Saina drops to 9th spot, Sindhu remains 10th-ranked shuttler, 25 AUGUST 2016



India's Saina Nehwal dropped four points to be ninth, while compatriot P.V. Sindhu remained in the 10th spot in the Badminton World Federation (BWF) rankings despite getting a silver in the women's singles competition at the recently-concluded Olympics.

In another bad news for Indian badminton, the women's doubles pair of Jwala Gutta and Ashwini Ponnappa dropped four places to the 26th spot following their failure to reach the knock-out stage in the Rio Games.

However, men's singles shuttler Kidambi Srikanth, who reached the Olympics quarter-finals, jumped a place to be 10th, while Ajay Jayaram improved his 22nd rank by a position.

Saina, the 2012 London Games bronze medallist, failed to come out of the group stage competition at the Rio Games. And her poor performance led her to move down four places

to be ninth as the Rio bronze medallist Nozomi Okuhara of Japan and Shixian Wang of China moved up three places each to be third and sixth respectively.

Rio semi-finalist Li Xuerui moved up a place to be second, while her compatriot Yihan Wang, who lost to Sindhu in the quarter-finals, dropped two places to be fourth.

Former world champion Ratchanok Intanon of Thailand moved down a place to be fifth and Tai Tzy Ying of Chinese Taipei gained a place to be seventh. Sung ji Hyun of South Korea lost her seventh spot by a position.

In the men's singles, Srikanth, who took legendary Lin Dan to the task in the quarter-finals, moved into the 10th spot following his impressive show at Rio. Malaysian Lee Chong Wei, who finished runner-up at Rio to Chen Long, kept his place at the top-ranked shuttler, while Dan was also stagnant at No.3.

Ronaldo crowned UEFA Best Player in Europe, 26 AUGUST 2016

Cristiano Ronaldo has beaten off Gareth Bale and Antoine Griezmann to be crowned UEFA's Best Player in Europe for the 2015/16 season.

The announcement was made in Monaco following the draw for the Champions League.

The shortlisted trio received the most votes from journalists from each of UEFA's 55 member associations, finishing ahead of Barcelona duo Luis Suarez and Lionel Messi, as well as Juventus goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon who were among the original list of six.

PM Narendra Modi announces task force to prepare for next three Olympics, 27 AUGUST 2016



With India getting only two medals in the Rio Olympics, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the decision to set up a task force

to prepare a comprehensive action plan for effective participation in the next three Olympics.

According to the announcement made by Modi at the meeting of Council of Ministers, the Task Force comprising experts will be set up over the next few days.

The task force will be set up to prepare a comprehensive action plan for effective participation of Indian sports persons in the next three Olympic games 2020, 2024 and 2028.

The task force will prepare overall strategy for sports facility, training, selection procedure and other related matters.

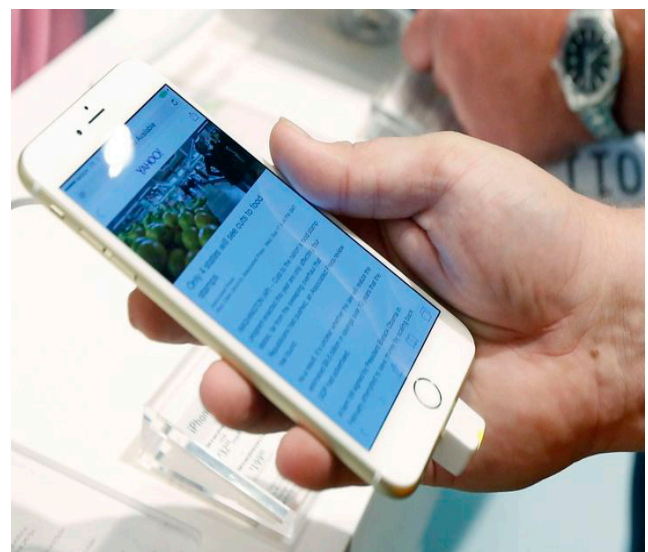
It said the task force will comprise members who are in-house experts as well as those from outside.

The next Olympic Games will be held in Tokyo in 2020.

The decision to set up the task force comes against the backdrop of India's dismal performance in Rio Olympics as the country won only one silver (PV Sindhu in badminton) and one bronze (Sakshi Malik in wrestling) even after sending its biggest contingent of 118 athletes.

India finished 67th in the medal tally.

Sports Flashes: A sports app was launched in India, 27 AUGUST 2016



Sports Flashes, a first-of-its-kind app which will give all the sports fans a staple diet of sports news, views, trivia, gossip, tips in just 70-words a story, was launched.

The Sports Flashes app provides crisp news of current sports events from all across the globe while the detailed news can be found by clicking on the link of the leading publisher from where the news has been sourced.

The app has an exhaustive list of more than 31 categories in sports to choose from. To keep the interest of every sports fan alive, the app covers events like Premier league, La Liga, European football, Tennis Grand Slams, Formula 1, Motogp, Golf and Cricket to name a few.

The app also covers topics such as Health & Fitness, Mixed Martial Arts, Match-Odds and for the first time in Indian sports industry - sports Astro predictions.

The users can also look for health & fitness tips from top athletes of the country like Wrestler Sushil Kumar.

Sania Mirza wins Connecticut Open doubles title ahead of US Open, 29 AUGUST 2016



Indian tennis ace Sania Mirza received a confidence booster ahead of the US Open Grand Slam tournament with a doubles title victory at the Connecticut Open with Monica Niculescu of Romania.

Sania and Niculescu capped off their newly rekindled doubles partnership with their first title together with a straight set victory over the duo of Kateryna Bondarenko of Ukraine and Chuang Chia Jung of Taiwan in the final.

The Indo-Romanian pair won 7-5, 6-4 in the summit clash that lasted one hour and 30 minutes.

After pocketing a tough first set 7-5, Sania and Niculescu won a tightly contested second set 6-4 en route to lifting the trophy.

The last time Sania and Niculescu partnered up was way back in 2010, where they joined forces to reach the quarterfinals at the Western and Southern Open. They played that one tournament together before calling time on the partnership.

Kohli retains top spot; Ashwin back in top five, 31 AUGUST 2016



India's star batsman Virat Kohli has maintained his number one position in the ICC T20 batsmen rankings, while off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin returned to the top five in the bowlers' list, climbing up to fourth spot from seventh.

Meanwhile, KL Rahul has moved up as many as 67 places to be at 31st spot, riding on his unbeaten century during the two-match series against the West Indies in Lauderhill, USA.

The first match of the T20 series, in which a T20I record aggregate of 489 runs were scored, saw Rahul scoring an unbeaten 110 in India's reply of 244 for four to West Indies' 245 for six.

With the second match of the series being called off due to wet conditions, the West Indies won the two-T20 series 1-0 on the basis of their thrilling one-run win in the opening game and that helped the Caribbean side narrow the gap with India in the team rankings.

Two-time ICC World Twenty20 champion West Indies, which was six points behind second-placed India's 128 points before the series, is now just one point adrift at 125 with India on 126. New Zealand lead the table with 132 points.

West Indies' Evin Lewis' 49-ball 100 in the first T20 has helped him move up 288 slots to reach 51st position.

Meanwhile, India's Rohit Sharma has moved up five places to reach 17th following knocks of 62 and 10 not out.

In the bowlers' ranking, Ashwin, who enjoyed a career-high rank of second in February and March this year, grabbed two for 11 in the second match to earn three places and be back in top five.

Bhuvneshwar Kumar (67th) and Mohammad Shami (82nd) were the others to move up the bowlers' rankings for India.

Leg-spinner Amit Mishra, playing his first match since the ICC World Twenty20 in 2014, has re-entered the rankings at 104th position with three for 24 in the second match.

Zaheer Khan made honorary life member by Marylebone Cricket Club, 02 SEP. 2016



Former pacer Zaheer Khan has been made an honorary life member of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), becoming the 24th Indian cricketer to be bestowed the honour.

MCC has elected Zaheer Khan as an Honorary Life Member of the Club.

Zaheer is the second former India international to be elected in recent weeks following Virender Sehwag, who became an Honorary Life Member last month. The list also includes the likes of Sunil Gavaskar and Sachin Tendulkar, who were inducted in previous years.

Zaheer played 92 Test matches for India during a successful career, taking 311 wickets at 32.94 runs apiece.

The 37-year-old was also a mainstay in the One-Day International side. Making his debut in 2000, Zaheer took 282 wickets in 200 ODIs at an average of 29.34.

He played three Tests at Lord's, and narrowly missed out on a place on the Lord's Honours Board when he took 4/79 in the drawn Test match between England and India in 2007.

He also played three ODIs at the Home of Cricket, including the famous NatWest Series Final in 2002, in which he took 3/62.

Having retired from international and first class cricket in 2015, Zaheer remains highly sought after in the Indian Premier League, after successful spells with Delhi Daredevils, Mumbai Indians and Royal Challengers Bangalore.

Shahan becomes first Indian to win Asian Karting Championship, 05 SEP. 2016

Indian racer Shahan Ali Mohsin created history by clinching the Micro Max title in the final weekend of the Asian Karting Championship.



Agra native Mohsin managed to thwart off his main championship rival Hayden Haikal in a tough battle, while recovering from a massive bout of food poisoning which forced him to miss two full days of track time.

Ricky Ponting appointed brand ambassador for Tasmania, 05 SEP. 2016



Former Australian cricket captain Ricky Ponting has been appointed brand ambassador of his home state Tasmania and will join a government-led trade mission to the subcontinent that will explore export opportunities.

Ponting has been given the role of Ambassador for Tasmania for the trip from September 2 to 11 in India, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Singapore. The delegation will involve representatives from the state's education, energy, tourism and hospitality sectors. Premier Will Hodgman said,

Ricky is also head coach of the IPL Mumbai Indians, which won the championship in 2015, so he has an enormous profile that will attract great interest in Tasmania and the trade mission.

International cricket referee David Boon, and Tasmanian IPL players James Faulkner and George Bailey, will join the delegation when it heads to Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Sikki and Pranaav win Brazil Open Grand Prix, 05 SEP. 2016

Indian mixed doubles pair of Sikki Reddy and Pranaav Jerry Chopra clinched their maiden Grand Prix title, bagging the Brazil Open with a straight game victory over Canadian combo of Toby Ng and Rachel Honderich in the finals.



The top seeded Indian pair, who are ranked World No. 65, prevailed 21-15 21-16 over second seeds Toby and Rachel in a 37-minute summit clash at Costa Cavalcante.

Sikki, who has been a part of the bronze medal winning Indian team at the 2014 and 2016 Uber Cup, has so far played with six mixed doubles partners, including V Diju, Alwin Francis, Tarun Kona, Manu Attri and K Nandagopal.

The 23-year-old won as many as five international challenger titles last year which includes two mixed doubles and three women's doubles crowns.

At Uganda Open, Sikki won both the women's doubles and mixed doubles titles, partnering Poorvisha Ram S and Tarun respectively, while at Romanian Open she clinched the mixed doubles title with Tarun.

With Pradnya Gadre, Sikki clinched two titles in women's doubles at Polish Open and Laos International last year.

Pranaav and his men's doubles pair of Akshay Dewalkar had created a flutter at the Syed Modi Grand Prix Gold this year when they reached the finals after defeating Korean combo of Kim Gi Jung and Kim Sa Rang in a gruelling semifinals.

A national champion in the mixed doubles in 2010, Pranaav had started in Sutlej club in Ludhiana before moving to Mumbai where for two years he trained under Uday Pawar. In 2008, he joined Gopichand Badminton Academy and started competing on the international circuit.

Abhinav Bindra announces retirement from Shooting, 05 SEP. 2016

Abhinav Bindra, India's lone individual Olympic gold medallist, officially announced his retirement from shooting. He announced his retirement after playing for almost two decades. In Rio Olympics 2016, Bindra nearly missed a second Olympic medal by a whisker and came fourth.

Presently, he is the Chairman of a review committee formulated by the NRAI to examine and identify in a cold and ruthless manner the reason as to why shooting failed to secure any medal at Rio Olympic Games.

About Abhinav Bindra



- ✂ Abhinav Bindra is the first Indian to win an individual Gold medal in Olympic since 1900 the year our country participated in the Olympic Games.
- ✂ Having started his Olympic journey in Sydney back in 2000, he qualified in three Olympic finals including his golden journey of Beijing in 2008 in his pet 10m air rifle, while he missed out in Sydney and London.
- ✂ In 2001, he was awarded with the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award and Maharaja Ranjit Singh Award.
- ✂ He won the Uttaranchal Praman Patra Award in 2003.
- ✂ He was conferred with the Madhya Pradesh Khel Ratna in 2006.
- ✂ In 2006, he received Punjab Praman Patra Award.
- ✂ He won Padma Bhushan in 2009, the same year he was also conferred with Rajiv Gandhi Award, Bharat Shiromani Award and India Youth Sports Icon.

Serena Williams overtakes Roger Federer for most Grand Slam match wins, 06 SEP. 2016



Serena Williams now owns more victories in Grand Slam matches than anyone else in tennis' Open era, surpassing Roger Federer with her 308th.

Serena defeated Yaroslava Shvedova in US Open quarterfinals by 6-2, 6-3 to claim her 308th grand slam win.

Federer turned 35 on August 8. Williams turns 35 on September 26. Williams' very first win at a Grand Slam tournament came way back when she was 16, a 6-7 (5-7), 6-3, 6-1 victory over Irina Spirlea in the first round of the Australian Open on Jan. 19, 1998. Williams' first loss at a major came in her next match, which happened to come against older sister Venus.

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Sushil Kumar nominated for Padma Bhushan, 09 SEP. 2016



Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) nominated the two-time Olympic-medallist wrestler Sushil Kumar for the Padma Bhushan, India's third-highest civilian honour.

The Federation also recommended female wrestler Alka Tomar and Dronacharya awardee Yashvir Singh, Sushil's coach, for the honour. These three names were recommended for the honour in August 2016.

Earlier, Sushil's name was recommended for the honour two years ago but was rejected.

Sushil is the only Indian athlete to have won two individual Olympic medals -- a bronze in the 2008 Beijing Games and a silver in the 2012 London Games.

Already bestowed with the Khel Ratna award -- the country's highest sporting honour -- Sushil is also a World Championships gold-medallist, a two-time Commonwealth Games gold-medallist, four-time Commonwealth champion.

Pankaj Advani takes historic bronze at 6 Red Snooker World Championship, 10 SEP. 2016

Pankaj Advani became the first cueist from India to win a medal at the prestigious Sangsom 6 Red Snooker World Championship as he settled for a bronze after losing the semifinal to Chinese Ding Junhui.

In the quarterfinals, the Indian received a walkover from Michael Holt who withdrew due to personal reasons.

Rio Paralympics: Mariyappan Thangavelu wins gold, Varun Bhati clinches bronze in men's high jump, 10 SEP. 2016

It was double jubilation for India when Mariyappan Thangavelu soared to a gold medal and compatriot Varun Singh Bhati clinched the bronze medal in the



men's high jump T-42 event at the Rio Paralympics. Thangavelu made history by becoming the first Indian high-jumper to win a gold at the Paralympics, with a leap of 1.89 metres. Bhati jumped his personal best of 1.86 metres to finish third. While initially at the first spot, India's other medal prospect Sharad Kumar finished at number six.

The Sports Ministry had earlier announced that Indian gold medallists from the Paralympic Games will be awarded Rs 75 lakh, the silver medallists will get Rs 50 lakh while Rs 30 lakh will be given to the bronze medallists.

Railways crowned champions with 2-1 win over IOC, 12 SEP. 2016



Indian Railways regained the Murugappa Gold Cup, getting the better of defending champions Indian Oil Corporation Limited 2-1 in the final.

The match seemed to be a fight among equals right up to the half-time with one goal to each side. IOC drew the first blood with VR Raghunath sounding the board following a penalty corner in the 16th minute.

Malak Singh (42nd min) neutralised the IOC lead with his superb effort

Kush sealed it off for the Railways with his goal in the 60th minute.

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Wawrinka stuns Djokovic to clinch US Open, 12 SEP. 2016



Stan Wawrinka became the oldest US Open men's champion in 46 years when he defeated world number one Novak Djokovic to claim a third Grand Slam title.

Wawrinka, the 31-year-old third seed, triumphed 6-7 (1/7) 6-4 7-5 6-3 after almost four hours of high intensity tennis.

Wawrinka is the oldest winner of the men's tournament since 35-year-old Ken Rosewall in 1970 and the first over 30 to take the title since Pete Sampras in 2002.

It was the Swiss player's first New York title, following his breakthrough 2014 Australian Open triumph and 2015 Roland Garros crown.

Djokovic, the 2011 and 2015 champion, had been seeking a third Slam of the year and 13th major of his career.

Deepa scripts history, wins silver in Paralympics, 13 SEP. 2016



India's Deepa Malik created history by becoming the first-ever woman from the country to win a medal at the Paralympics when she bagged a silver in the shotput F-53 event. Deepa's best throw of 4.61m from her six

attempts was enough to clinch the silver medal. India, thus, now have secured three medal from the Rio Paralympics. Deepa will receive a cash award of Rs 4 crore under Haryana Sports Scheme for her feat. Bahrain's Fatema Nedham won the gold medal with a best throw of 4.76m, while Dimitra Korokida of Greece bagged the bronze medal with a throw of 4.28m. Deepa is a paraplegic, paralysed from waist down and mother of two and wife of an Army officer.

Life took a twist when a spinal tumour made walking impossible for her 17 years ago. The spinal tumour had to be operated and 31 surgeries were conducted on Deepa which was healed after 183 stitches between her waist and legs.

Besides shotput, Deepa has participated in javelin throw, swimming and has also been a motivational speaker.

She has also won medals in swimming at international competitions. She holds the Asian record in javelin throw, and also has World Championships silver medals in shot put and discus in 2011. Deepa's silver is India's third medal of the Games after Mariyappan Thangavelu and Varun Singh Bhati won gold and bronze respectively in men's high jump.

Indian Railways Men Hockey Team Wins MCC Murugappa Gold Cup Hockey Tournament For The First Time, 14 SEP. 2016



Indian Railways Men Hockey Team has won MCC Murugappa Gold Cup Hockey Tournament 2016 for the first time held at Chennai from 1st September - 11th September 2016. In the finals Indian Railways Hockey Team beat Indian Oil Corporation Team by 2 - 1.

Minister of Railways Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu has congratulated Indian Railways Hockey Team for this achievement. Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Communication and Minister of State for Railways Manoj Sinha and Minister of State for Railways Rajen Gohain have also commended their achievement.

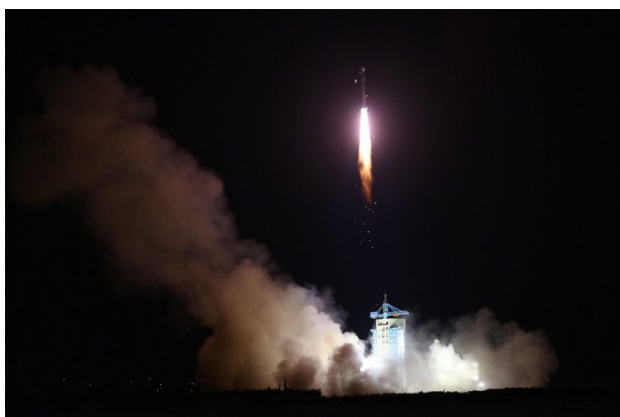
Before finals Indian Railways Hockey Team defeated the Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited Team by 3 - 2 in the semi finals. In the pool matches Indian Railways team played against Army XI, Punjab & Sind Bank, Oil & Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Karnataka. After winning three matches against Army XI by 4 - 1 ONGC by 7 - 2 and Karnataka by 8 - 2 Indian Railways Team entered into semi finals.

SCIENCE

Burning Topics of the Month

1. **China Launches world's 1st quantum communications satellite.**
2. **Record breaking galaxy cluster discovered.**
3. **ISRO to launch advanced weather satellite INSAT-3DR.**

China launches world's 1st quantum communications satellite, 16 AUGUST 2016



The world's first quantum communications satellite has been launched into orbit aboard a Long March-2D rocket. The main task of the Chinese satellite is to potentially secure communications in an age of cyber attacks and global electronic surveillance.

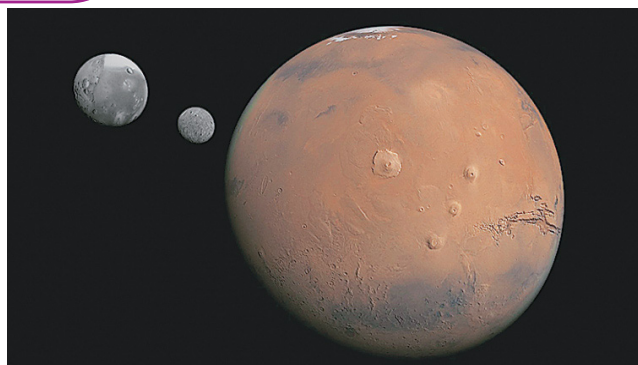
The 600+kg Quantum Experiments at Space Scale (QUESS) satellite took off from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in Gobi Desert at 1:40am local time on a two-year mission.

Nicknamed 'Micius', in honor of the 5th century BC Chinese philosopher and scientist.

The satellite has been tasked with testing out a potentially uncrackable communications system. QUESS will explore quantum teleportation by sending out keys from space to ground command using the principle of 'quantum entanglement', an act of fusing two or more particles into complementary 'quantum states'.

NASAs asteroid mission to test concepts for journey to Mars, 17 AUGUST 2016

In a bid to validate concepts for the future manned journey to Mars, NASA has approved the Asteroid Redirect Mission (ARM) to proceed to the next phase of design and development for the mission's robotic segment.



ARM is a two-part mission that will integrate robotic and crewed spacecraft operations in the proving ground of deep space to demonstrate key capabilities needed for NASA's journey to the red planet.

The robotic component of ARM will demonstrate the world's most advanced and most efficient solar electric propulsion system as it travels to a near-Earth asteroid (NEA).

NEAs are asteroids that are fewer than 194 million km from the Sun at the closest point in their orbit.

Although the target asteroid is not expected to be officially selected until 2020, NASA is using 2008 EV5 as the reference asteroid while the search continues for potential alternatives.

A target asteroid such as 2008 EV5 is particularly appealing to the scientific, exploration, and industrial communities because it is a primitive, C-type (carbonaceous) asteroid, believed to be rich in volatiles, water and organic compounds, NASA said.

The ability to extract core samples from the captured boulder will allow us to evaluate how its composition varies with depth and could unlock clues to the origins of our solar system.

Astronaut sampling and potential commercial activities could indicate the value of C-type asteroids for commercial mining purposes, which in turn could have significant impacts on how deep space missions are designed in the future.

After collecting a multi-tonne boulder from the asteroid, the robotic spacecraft will slowly redirect the boulder to an orbit around the Moon, using its gravity for an assist, where NASA plans to conduct a series of proving ground missions in the 2020s.

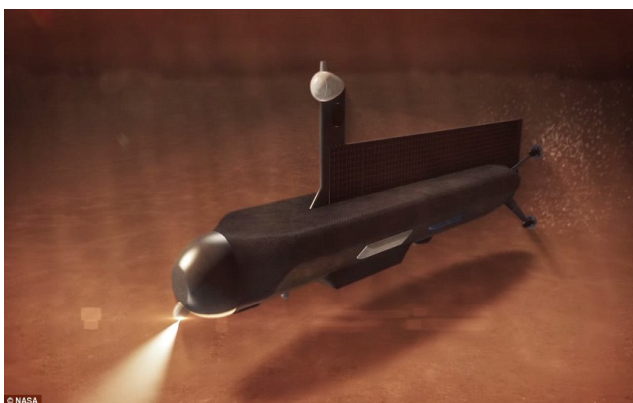
There, astronauts will be able to select, extract, collect and return samples from the multi-tonne asteroid mass, and conduct other human-robotic and spacecraft operations in the proving ground that will validate concepts for NASA's journey to Mars.

The crewed segment, targeted for launch in 2026, remains in an early mission concept phase, or pre-formulation.

ARM will demonstrate advanced, high-power, high-throughput solar electric propulsion; advanced autonomous high-speed proximity operations at a low-gravity planetary body; controlled touchdown and liftoff with a multi-tonne mass from a low-gravity planetary body.

It will also demonstrate astronaut spacewalk activities for sample selection, extraction, containment and return; and mission operations of integrated robotic and crewed vehicle stack - all key components of future in-space operations for human missions to Mars.

NASA plans to send submarine to Saturn's moon Titan, 27 AUGUST 2016



NASA is planning to send a submarine to Saturn's moon Titan in a bid to explore the depths of its largest ocean and search for signs of life.

Researchers proposed that the submarine would carry instruments to measure the chemical composition of the ocean, the currents and tides and the structure of the ocean floor.

The mast at the top would allow the submarine to communicate with Earth when it resurfaces.

Since it would not be able to communicate when underwater, its search for life is planned to be fully autonomous.

"There are really two big reasons why we want to go to Titan," Jason Hartwig, a NASA cryogenics engineer, said at the NASA Innovative Advanced Concepts Symposium in the US.

First, is "to determine if hydrocarbon based life is possible on Titan," Hartwig was quoted as saying by 'Inverse.Com'.

Also, as the only moon in our solar system with clouds and an atmosphere, Titan is very similar to Earth - apart from the extreme cold and oceans of liquid methane.

The hidden in the methane sea may hold clues to how life evolved, and possibly even extraterrestrial microbes.

The mission is still in its conceptual stages.

Record-Breaking Galaxy Cluster Discovered, 31 AUGUST 2016



A new record for the most distant galaxy cluster has been set using NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory and other telescopes. This galaxy cluster may have been caught right after birth, a brief, but important stage of evolution never seen before. The galaxy cluster is called CL J1001+0220 (CL J1001 for short) and is located about 11.1 billion light years from Earth. The discovery of this object pushes back the formation time of galaxy clusters – the largest structures in the Universe held together by gravity – by about 700 million years.

The core of CL J1001 contains eleven massive galaxies – nine of which are experiencing an impressive baby boom of stars.

Javelin JV, Tata Power to develop, produce missile system, 01 SEP. 2016



Javelin Joint Venture team, a partnership between Raytheon and Lockheed Martin which lost out on a lucrative deal with Indian Army, has joined hands with Tata Power Company to co-develop and produce the Javelin anti-armour missile system.

As part of the agreement, the Javelin Joint Venture (JJV) and Tata Power SED will create a strategy to co-develop and produce the Javelin missile system and integrate platform mounts to meet Indian requirements, which includes ground combat vehicle, dismounted infantry and rotorcraft applications.

India, in late 2014, had decided to buy 8,356 Spike anti-tank guided missile and 321 launchers from Israel for Rs 3,200 crore, rejecting the US offer of Javelin missiles that Washington was lobbying hard for.

This, according to sources, was to be followed by transfer of technology (ToT) to defence PSU Bharat Dynamics Limited for large-scale manufacture.

Asked about the number of missiles the Indian army would need to fully equip its 382 infantry battalions and 44 mechanised infantry units, they put the figure at about 40,000.

However, the deal for Spike had run into rough weather over cost escalation.

ISRO to launch two satellites in September, 06 SEP. 2016



Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) that had braced itself for one satellite launch every month is planning two launches this month.

“INSAT-3DR is scheduled for September 8 and by end of September we will have ScatSat along with an Algerian satellite as its co-passenger,” ISRO chairman A S Kiran Kumar told reporters on the sidelines of Bangalore Space Expo-2016 (BSX-2016).

The launch of GSLV (Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle) Mark II carrying the geostationary weather satellite INSAT-3DR was earlier postponed due to a technical issue found in a satellite component while carrying out tests. It was earlier scheduled for launch on August 28.

INSAT-3DR is a follow-on to INSAT-3D which entered space in 2013 from French Guiana.

The spacecraft was flagged off to Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota on August 5 from ISRO Satellite Centre.

To be launched by the end of this month, ScatSat is an indigenously developed weather forecasting satellite.

ISRO launched advanced weather satellite INSAT-3DR, 06 SEP. 2016



ISRO launched the GSLV-F05 carrying advanced weather satellite INSAT-3DR from the spaceport of Sriharikota on September 08.

GSLV-F05/INSAT 3DR mission is scheduled to be launched on September 8 at 1610 hours from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota.

The previous launch by ISRO on Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) was launch of GSLV-D6 carrying communication satellite GSAT-6 on August 27, 2015.

GSLV-F05 in its 10th flight would launch the 2,211 kg advanced weather satellite INSAT-3DR into Geostationary Transfer Orbit (GTO).

INSAT-3DR will provide a variety of meteorological services to the country.

GSLV-F05 is the flight in which the indigenously developed Cryogenic Upper Stage (CUS) will be carried on-board for the fourth time during a GSLV flight.

GSLV-F05 flight is significant since it is the first operational flight of GSLV carrying CUS. It would be launched from the second launch pad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota.

MISCELLANEOUS Burning Topics of the Month

1. **Deepika becomes brand ambassador of Indian Psychiatric Society.**
2. **Guinness world records declare Majuli as the largest river Island.**
3. **Sikkim cleanest state, Gujarat at 14th: NSSO sanitation survey.**

Cipla, Godrej Consumer Products in Change the World list, 19 AUGUST 2016



Two Indian companies -- Cipla and Godrej Consumer Products -- have been named in Fortune magazine's list of top 50 companies that are addressing global social problems as part of their core business strategy. The second annual 'Change the World' list is topped by UK's Glaxo Smithkline, followed by Israel-based IDE Technologies and American conglomerate General Electric at the second and third positions, respectively. Drug major Cipla is ranked 46th while Godrej Consumer Products is placed at the 48th spot. Other companies in the list include Gilead Sciences (4th rank), Nestle (5), Nike (6), MasterCard (7), United Technologies (8), Novozymes (9) and First Solar (10). Coca-Cola (11), Walmart (15), LinkedIn (35), PepsiCo (38) and Starbucks (45). For the list, companies with annual revenues of USD 1 billion or more were prioritised and then they were assessed on the basis of various factors including 'measurable social impact' and 'business results'. About Cipla, the magazine said that more than two decades ago, a Mumbai-based 80-year-old pharmaceutical company developed a revolutionary anti-AIDS cocktail and stunned the world by offering it for as low as a dollar a day. The move may have pushed the envelope in patent law, but it proved to be a turning point in the battle against the killer disease. One in three people living with HIV across 115 countries are taking a Cipla drug. Regarding Godrej Consumer Products, Fortune said a 119-year-old conglomerate whose businesses span from appliances to aerospace, Godrej gets nearly a quarter of its revenue from its "Good and Green" products. Since 2010,

the company has flooded the market with eco-friendly products, taken giant strides in a carbon neutral, zero waste, and a renewable energy effort, and imparted skills training to more than 200,000 youth from marginalised communities in 142 cities. For Godrej, it's been a growth story: Revenue from its Good and Green portfolio has grown 140 percent annually for the past 5 years.

Deepika becomes brand ambassador of Indian Psychiatric Society, 25 AUGUST 2016



Bollywood actress Deepika Padukone, who herself battled depression, has joined hands with the Indian Psychiatric Society as its brand ambassador to spread awareness about mental health and help reduce the stigma associated with its ailments. The Society, founded in 1947, said it recently entered into a partnership with Deepika's Bengaluru-based non-profit foundation, the Live Love Laugh Foundation (TLLLF), and they would jointly develop outreach programmes to highlight the urgent mental health challenges that India faces.

Vice President releases the book 'Patriots, Poets and Prisoners: Selections from Ramananda Chatterjee's The Modern Review, 1907-1947', 25 AUGUST 2016

The Vice President of India, M. Hamid Ansari has said that a publication of this vintage is absolutely delectable and brings back memories of days gone by giving a peep into a past that will not return. He was addressing the gathering, after releasing the book 'Patriots, Poets and Prisoners: Selections from Ramananda Chatterjee's The Modern Review, 1907-1947' edited by Anikendra Sen, Devangshu Datta and Ms. Nilanjana S. Roy.

The Vice President congratulated the editors for the selection undertaken, and the publisher for bringing this anthology to the notice of the present generation of citizens. The founder-editor, Ramananda Chatterjee was a man of vision.

The Vice President said that the contents of the volume testifies to the intellectual stature, and vigour, of the contributors and of their times, and includes a debate between Lala Lajpat Rai and Gandhi ji on Ahimsa; a scintillating essay by Rabindranath Tagore on nationalism; translation of a classic short story by Munshi Prem Chand and a cheeky piece on Jawaharlal Nehru by someone who called himself 'Chanakya' among others.

SRK, Akshay, Salman, Amitabh in Forbes list of highest paid actors, 26 AUGUST 2016



Bollywood stars Shah Rukh Khan, Amitabh Bachchan, Salman Khan and Akshay Kumar are among the world's highest paid actors of 2016, raking as many dollars as Hollywood heavyweights Robert Downey Jr and Brad Pitt, according to a Forbes list topped by wrestler-turned-actor Dwayne Johnson.

Shah Rukh, whose repertoire contains films from 'Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge' to 'Chak De India', is ranked 8th on the list of 20 of the 'World's Highest Paid Actors 2016', tied with 'Iron Man' Downey Jr with earnings of \$33 million.

Akshay is tied with Hollywood heartthrob Pitt for the 10th position with earnings of \$31.5 million.

'Bajrangi Bhaijaan' Salman is ranked 14th on the list with earnings of \$28.5 million, ahead of Oscar-winning actor Leonardo DiCaprio, who is ranked 15th with earnings of \$27 million and 'Independence Day' star Will Smith who comes in on the 17th spot with \$20.5 million.

Bachchan is on the 18th rank with earnings of USD 20 million, ahead of Oscar-winner Matthew McConaughey (19) and 'Star Wars' legend Harrison Ford (20).

The list of the top-earning actors comes days after Forbes released the list of the highest-paid actresses in the world.

Deepika Padukone, 30, made her debut among world's top 10 highest paid actresses, with earnings of \$10 million. She was the only Indian actress and the sole newcomer in the list, coming in at the 10th spot.

On Shah Rukh, Forbes said he continues to rule Bollywood box office, and earns multimillion-dollars upfront fees and a cut of the back end for his efforts.

It described the 'Sultan' superstar as "one of Bollywood's leading men," who makes top rupee from films such as 'Bajrangi Bhaijaan' and numerous endorsements.

Forbes also noted Salman's 2015 sentence of five years, which was later suspended, in a hit-and-run case.

On Bachchan, Forbes said the 73-year-old is "busy as ever" and the stalwart has starred in more than 150 movies in a career that spans five decades.

Johnson, also known as 'The Rock', elbowed out reigning Downey Jr to become the world's highest-paid actor and scored his biggest ever annual paycheck in the process.

Iran partner country at India Chem petro-chemicals expo next month, 27 AUGUST 2016



Iran will be the partner country at India's largest chemicals and petrochemicals event - India Chem 2016 - to be held here September 1-3, industry chamber FICCI said.

India Chem, the ninth edition of which will be held at the Bombay Exhibition Centre, is a joint initiative of the Union Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, while the theme this year is "Exploring Opportunities".

A host of other countries such as China, Japan, Turkey, Singapore, Vietnam, Britain, South Korea, Belgium and Taiwan will also be participating.

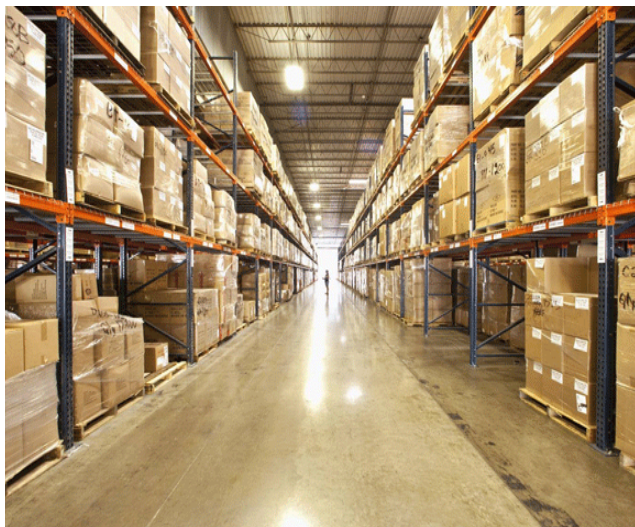
While more than 15 countries are expected to participate, Gujarat, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh will take part as partner states in the event, which is "expected to attract big ticket investments from foreign shores to boost India's chemical industry".

Iran's participation here assumes significance following the signing earlier this year between India, Iran and Afghanistan of the Chabahar trilateral transit and trade corridor deal that will ensure easy movement of goods between the three countries, bypassing Pakistan.

India is to invest up to \$500 million in the project to develop Iran's Chabahar port, located on the coast of Gulf of Oman and over 70 km from Pakistan's Gwadar port that China is developing.

The Chabahar port transport and transit corridor would help link trade routes from the Indian Ocean to Afghanistan, Central Asia and beyond.

India rises in rank to 35 on World Bank Logistics Index 2016, 01 SEP. 2016



Rising 19 places over its previous ranking, India has been ranked 35 among 160 countries in World Bank's recently-released Logistics Performance Index (LPI) for 2016, the government said.

LPI is an interactive benchmarking tool created to help countries identify the challenges and opportunities they face in their performance on trade logistics and what they can do to improve their performance.

The LPI is based on a worldwide survey of stakeholders providing feedback on the logistics "friendliness" of the countries in which they operate and those with which they trade.

Dubai Opens the World's Largest Indoor Theme Park, 01 SEP. 2016



Always pushing the boundaries, Dubai is turning heads this month with its record-shattering indoor theme park. The largest of its kind, IMG Worlds of

Adventure opened to the public in the city's southern limits, along the E311 highway that joins Dubai and Abu Dhabi. Measuring some 1.5 million square feet, and costing \$1 billion to build, the attraction is home to diversions aplenty, including areas and rides devoted to characters from Marvel Comics, Cartoon Network, and other entertainment franchises.

In true Dubai fashion, typical amusement park offerings are merely one function of the complex. Worlds of Adventure will also feature spaces dedicated to dining, movie theatres, and even shopping. But perhaps the most appealing feature for local families and tourists alike is the venue's epic air-conditioned interior, a welcome oasis in Dubai's scorching climate, particularly so in brutal summer months.

Israel, Pak, UAE take part in joint military exercises in US, 02 SEP. 2016



Israeli Air Force pilots held a joint military exercise with fighter pilots from Pakistan and the UAE last month in the US, even though the countries do not share diplomatic ties with Israel.

The website of the Nellis Air Force base in Nevada said air force pilots from the US, Israel, Pakistan, the UAE and Spain participated in the 'Red Flag' advanced combat training exercise, considered to be the biggest and best war simulation exercises in the world.

The head of the Israel Air Force's training department, Colonel Amit, while talking to military correspondents refused to discuss the identity of the nations that participated in Red Flag but confirmed that it was done jointly with other countries, Ha'aretz reported.

Earlier in response to a question on Israel's participation in the prestigious exercise alongside Pakistan, an Israel Defence Forces spokesperson had said that "the IDF trains regularly to maintain operational competency and be prepared for any potential challenge".

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All the squadrons participating in the exercise are said to be assigned to 'red' and 'blue' forces.

The exercise involves intercepting other aircraft, attacking targets, rescuing pilots and engaging in aerial activity under the ostensible threat of ground-to-air missiles.

Col. Amit said the exercise, which ended on August 26, lasted for two weeks and included daily flights, in daylight as well as at night.

Some 50 warplanes from the five countries participated in the exercise, alongwith helicopters, aerial defence units, and intelligence and special forces units.

Guinness World Records declare Majuli as the largest river island, 03 SEP. 2016



The Guinness World Records declared Assam's Majuli as the largest river island in the world. The island is in the Brahmaputra River.

Majuli has a total area of 880 km² (340 miles²) and the dwellers are mostly of the Mising tribes from Arunachal Pradesh who immigrated centuries ago. Apart from them, the inhabitants are from the Deori and Sonowal Kacharis tribes.

Languages spoken are Mising, Assamese, and Deori. The island has 144 villages with a population of over 160,000 and a density of 300 individuals per square km. Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal had contested the 2016 Assembly election from Majuli.

According to earlier records, Brazil's Marajo was the world's largest river island.

The beautiful riverine island is a tourist destination in Assam and the government is working on connecting it to the rest of the mainland. The island has reportedly lost around 400 km² in the last 100 years. It is accessible from Jorhat, a major city in Assam, through ferries.

Majuli has a rich and diverse agricultural tradition, with as many as 100 varieties of rice grown, all without pesticides or artificial fertilisers.

India's 54 per cent wealth controlled by millionaires, most unequal country after Russia: Report, 05 SEP. 2016



India is the second most 'unequal' country in the world after Russia, with millionaires controlling more than half of its total wealth, a report by Johannesburg-based wealth research firm New World Wealth said in a report.

In India, 54 per cent of its wealth is controlled by millionaires. While India is among the 10 richest countries in the world with a total individual wealth of \$5,600 billion, the average Indian is quite poor, the report said.

"The higher the proportion the more unequal the country is. For instance, if millionaires control over 50 per cent of a country's wealth, then there is very little space for a meaningful middle class," the report said.

Worldwide, Russia is the most unequal country where millionaires control over 62 per cent of the nation's total wealth.

Instead, Japan showed up as the most equal country, with millionaires controlling only 22 per cent of total wealth.

The report also found the US to be 'surprisingly' equal, with millionaires controlling around 32 per cent of the nation's total wealth.

"This is surprising low considering all the negative press that the US gets in terms of income inequality," it added.

Britain was found to be slightly less equal than the US, with its millionaires controlling around 35 per cent of the total wealth there.

Russia also tops the list of a country's wealth held by billionaires (with net assets of \$1 billion or more) with 26 per cent of the total Russian wealth held by this category of high net worth individuals.

Japan again is the most equal in this category, with billionaires controlling only three per cent of the total wealth of the country.

WHO declares Sri Lanka malaria free, 06 SEP. 2016



Sri Lanka was declared malaria-free by the World Health Organisation which called it a “remarkable public health achievement”.

WHO certified the tropical island nation of having eliminated malaria - a life-threatening disease caused by mosquito bites.

Sri Lanka is the second country in the WHO South-East Asia Region to eliminate malaria after Maldives.

The Regional Committee has eleven member countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Timor Leste. It meets annually to discuss its programmes and budget which is hosted by a member country.

Sri Lanka's road to elimination was tough and demanded well calibrated responsive policies, the WHO said.

The decision to declare Sri Lanka malaria-free was taken after WHO's East Asia regions annual committee meeting.

First Ever 'Incredible India Tourism Investment Summit' being organized by M/O Tourism to attract investors across the globe, 06 SEP. 2016

“Incredible India Tourism Investment Summit (IITIS) - 2016” is being organized by the Ministry of Tourism in New Delhi's Vigyan Bhawan from

September 21 to 23, 2016. It is an initiative of the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, in association with Tourism Finance Corporation of India (TFCI) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

IITIS is a platform for domestic and international investors to meet project owners from across Indian states and the private sector.

Highlights of this summit will be State Presentations encompassing all investible Properties, Session on Why Invest in India, MSME in tourism sector, Panel discussions on core infrastructure for tourism, Session on Start-ups, digital India, Investing into Swadesh Darshan, PRASAD, MICE and Niche Tourism Products, B2B meetings and signing of MoUs.

The Summit will have dedicated space for Seminars, Business to Business meetings and Roundtables around focus themes.

There will be participation from major stakeholders including States/UTs with their ready investible projects, Banks & Financial Institutions, Business Developers, Cruise liners, Domestic Investors, Entertainment Companies, Global Investors, Helicopter Services, Hoteliers, Infrastructure-Developers, International Associations, Restaurateurs, Spa and Yoga Centers, Tour and Travel Operators, Urban Developers, Venture Capitalist, Civic Amenity Providers.

The Confederation of Indian Industry and Tourism Finance Corporation of India Ltd are principal partners of this summit.

Four Knowledge Partners i.e. Ernst & Young, KPMG, Yes Bank and Invest India will assist States and UTs for identifying projects, Suggesting Tourism Policy updates and presenting these to the potential investors during the summit.

Highlights of the Incredible India Tourism Investors' Summit (IITIS) are as follows:

1. Participation from more than 27 Indian states
2. Around 600 investable projects from across the country and from across various sectors of Tourism.
3. Participation from 140 investors from 70 companies
4. There will be 21 seminars across the two days with some leading industry leaders and covering states presentations and thematic sessions.
5. B2B-B2G meetings pre-fixed online
6. Event Road Shows done- USA, UAE, Thailand, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Singapore, Gujrat, Mumbai, Bhopal.
7. Active and updated website, www.incredibleindiatis.in for all information related to the Summit.

Seven Indian institutes listed in top 400 in world: survey, 07 SEP. 2016



Seven Indian institutes have been listed in the top 400 educational institutions in the world by a UK survey which saw Cambridge slipping out of the top three global universities for the first time.

According to 'QS World University Rankings 2016' survey, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) hold on to the top spot, followed by two other American universities – Stanford at second position and Harvard at third position.

Indian universities continue to lag behind in the global top 200, with Indian Institute of Science dropping five notches to 152 from 147 last year and Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi at 185 from 179 in 2015, the survey said,

Other Indian universities that make the cut within the top 400 on the list are the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) — Bombay (219), Madras (249), Kanpur (302), Kharagpur (313) and Roorkee (399).

Cambridge University has fallen out of the global top three for the first time in the latest university rankings released.

Cambridge, which was ranked a joint third with Harvard last year, slips to fourth with British competitor Oxford retaining its sixth rank.

Experts believe the exact post-Brexit impact on UK universities will become clearer next year as bulk of the research for this year's rankings was conducted before Britain voted to leave the European Union (EU) on June 23.

The rankings include 916 universities from 81 countries, with 33 countries featured in the Top 200.

The US dominate, with 48 institutions, ahead of the UK (30), Netherlands (12), Germany (11), Canada, Australia (9), Japan (8), China (7), France, Sweden and Hong Kong (5).

Reliance rated among top 10 global companies: Survey, 08 SEP. 2016



India's Reliance Industries has been ranked 8th among top 10 global oil companies, according to a new survey released.

Reliance Industries was ranked 8th this year, improving from 14 position a year ago and being among the top 10 of the 250 global energy businesses in a new survey by 'Platts Top 250 Global Energy Company Rankings 2016'.

Refiners Indian Oil Corporation and Hindustan Petroleum Corp Ltd moved to 14th from 66th and to 48th from 133rd, respectively, lifted by access to cheaper crude. Heavyweight, Oil & Natural Gas Corp Ltd, however, slipped to 20 position this year from 17 a year ago.

Platts attributed the refining sector strength to improved margins.

Adani Power Ltd, an Independent Power Producer was ranked at 250th. With a 3-year compound growth rate of 54.9 per cent the company is the fastest growing energy company in Asia-Pacific and the second fastest in the world.

Sikkim cleanest state, Guj ranks 14th: NSSO sanitation survey, 09 SEP. 2016



Sikkim has been adjudged the cleanest state while Jharkhand comes last in the list on the condition of sanitation in rural areas of 26 states in which Prime Minister Narendra Modi's home state Gujarat is ranked 14th.

The results of survey carried out last year by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) was released by Union Rural Development Minister Narendra Singh Tomar.

It has listed Kerala, Mizoram, Himachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Haryana, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Manipur and Meghalaya among the top 10 states.

The states which fared poorly in the NSSO study include Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Jammu and Kashmir. NDA major BJP is ruling or sharing power in five of the states that have been placed at the bottom of the list.

Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh, where BJP is sharing power with other parties, have been placed at 15th and 16th positions respectively.

The NSSO conducted the survey in May-June 2015 covering 73,176 households in 3,788 villages across the country. The ranking given on the basis of percentage of households having sanitary toilets and using them (either household or community toilets).

PepsiCo's Nooyi 2nd most powerful woman in Fortune list, 09 SEP. 2016



PepsiCo CEO and Chairman Indra Nooyi is the only Indian origin woman in Fortunes 51 Most Powerful Women list that is topped by Mary Barra, CEO and Chairman of General Motors.

Nooyi was ranked second on the list, same as 2015. In 2014, she was ranked third.

The list comprises 22 CEOs of major companies and many

more corner office contenders across industries. The 2016 list has nine newcomers and one return candidate.

On Nooyi, who is now in her 10th year as CEO, Fortune said she "shows no signs of slowing down".

Over the past 12 months, PepsiCo's market capitalisation has increased 18 per cent to USD 155 billion, even as international volatility hit 2015 earnings. PepsiCos 2015 sales dropped 5 per cent, while its profits declined 13 per cent.

"Investors seem to have faith that Nooyi's push towards healthier food and drink offerings will pay off, and they like the USD 63 billion company's USD 3 billion cost cut over the past three years too," Fortune said adding that some think more acquisitions in the health space may come

soon, as Nooyi further diversifies out of the declining soda category.

Mary Barra retained the Fortunes Most Powerful Woman tag after a year of "dramatic improvement" at the USD 152.4 billion in revenues of the auto giant.

The top 10 most powerful women in the list also include, Marillyn Hewson of Lockheed Martin at the third place; Ginni Rometty of IBM (4th); Abigail Johnson of Fidelity Investments (5th); Facebooks COO Sheryl Sandberg (6th); Meg Whitman of Hewlett Packard Enterprise (7th); General Dynamics Phebe Novakovic (8th); Irene Rosenfeld of Mondelez International (9th) and Safra Catz Co-CEO, Oracle at the 10th place.

Singing diva Beyonce was ranked at the 51st place on the coveted list.

Zara co-founder Amancio Ortega becomes world's richest, 10 SEP. 2016

The Spanish founder of the Zara fashion chain has overtaken Bill Gates to become the world's richest man.

Amancio Ortega's personal fortune leapt by \$1.7billion this week to \$79.5billion - taking the Inditex owner past the Microsoft co-founder's estimated \$78.5billion.

Already Europe's richest man, the 80-year-old - whose glamorous daughter Marta is expected to take over management of the business - now tops the global list.

Roshmitha Harimurthy to represent India at Miss Universe 2017, 12 SEP. 2016



Roshmitha Harimurthy has been crowned Miss Diva 2016 and she will represent India at the Miss Universe pageant next year.

The 22-year-old girl from Bangalore saw off competition from 15 girls to win the title.

Pakistan- Russia military to hold first ever joint drills, 12 SEP. 2016



Pakistan and Russia are set to hold their first-ever joint military exercises later this year, reflecting increased military cooperation between the two former Cold War rivals.

Around 200 military personnel from the two sides would take part in the joint military exercises, The Express Tribune quoted a senior Pakistani official as saying.

The move comes amidst increasing defence ties between Moscow and Islamabad as the latter was also thinking to buy advanced Russian warplanes.

Pakistan's Ambassador to Moscow Qazi Khalilullah told the newspaper that this is the first time that military personnel from the two countries would be taking part in joint military drills called 'Friendship-2016'

Arundhati Bhattacharya, Chanda Kochhar, Shikha Sharma among most powerful women outside US in Fortune list, 13 SEP. 2016



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

Bhattacharya, 60 is ranked second on the list, while Kochhar comes in on the fifth spot and Sharma on the 19th position in the Fortune's '50 Most Powerful Women International' list, which has ranked the women based outside the US.

Botin, Group Executive Chairman of Banco Santander, Eurozone's largest bank by market value, repeats as No. 1, in a time of economic and political volatility for all. The 2016 list spans 19 countries.

SBI Chairperson Bhattacharya, who was widely speculated to succeed Raghuram Rajan as Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, has continued her "high-profile battle with the bank's bad loans, while courting overseas partners to invest in the stressed assets.

ICICI Bank Managing Director and CEO Kochhar, 54, is regarded even by rival bankers as a "visionary", Fortune said.

Sharma, 57, has grown Axis from an underrepresented bank to the nation's fastest growing private sector lender, with revenue up 15 per cent to \$7.9 billion in 2015 and nearly 3000 branches across 1,800 cities and towns, Fortune said.

Joint Indian-US army exercise 'Yudh Abhyas 2016' to begin in Uttarakhand, 13 SEP. 2016



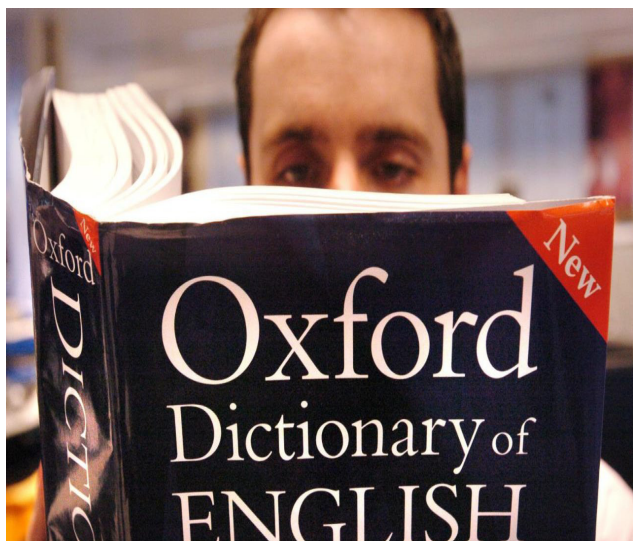
As part of the ongoing Indo-US defence cooperation, a joint military training exercise, 'Yudh Abhyas 2016' is set to be conducted in Uttarakhand from September 14 to 27.

The exercise in Chaubattia was being conducted by the headquarter Central Command.

"It is a series of one of the longest running joint military training and a major ongoing bilateral defence cooperation endeavours between India and the US. It is the 12th edition of the joint military exercise hosted alternately by the two countries" the official said.

The exercise is aimed at stimulating a scenario where both nations were working together to counter insurgency and terrorism in mountainous terrain under UN charter

Yogalates among 1200 new words in Oxford dictionary, 13 SEP. 2016



Yogalates, the trend of combining Pilates exercises with the postures and breathing techniques of Yoga, is among 1,200 new entries unveiled in the latest edition of the Oxford English Dictionary (OED).

As September marks the centenary of the birth of British author and screenwriter Roald Dahl, the edition also contains a range of revised and newly-drafted entries connected to Dahl and his writing.

Revised entries in this range include those for words which many of us encountered for the first time in his books for children such as the adjectives frightsome, scrummy, scrumptious, splendiferous and splendiferousness.

Other unusual entries include moobs, used to describe unusually prominent breasts on a man, typically as a result of excess fat, and gender-fluid, which refers to a person who doesn't identify with a single fixed gender.

Further to a number of food-related terms - including the Malaysian or Indonesian dish, rendang - social media expressions have also made an appearance.

YOLO, an acronym meaning you only live once, has been included in the latest edition.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory character Willy Wonka's team of Oompa Loompa workers finds an entry for the first time as well as Westminster Bubble the term used to describe an insular community of politicians, journalists, and civil servants, who appear to be out of touch with the experiences of the wider British public.

Michael Proffitt, the chief editor of the OED, said the latest update "confirms the OED as one of the largest and longest-running language research projects in the world."

India, 21 others designated as major illicit drug producers, 13 SEP. 2016



India along with 21 others have been designated as major illicit drug producing countries by US President Barack Obama.

Other countries are Afghanistan, the Bahamas, Belize, Bolivia, Myanmar, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Laos, Mexico, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Panama, Peru and Venezuela.

In a notification, Obama further designated Bolivia, Myanmar and Venezuela as countries that have failed demonstrably during the previous 12 months to adhere to their obligations under international counter-narcotic agreements and take measures against them.

However, Obama determined to continue aid to Myanmar and Venezuela arguing that this is in the national interest of the US.

Priyanka Chopra among world's highest paid TV actresses, 15 SEP. 2016

Priyanka Chopra has become the first Indian star to enter the Forbes list of highest paid television actresses in the world, after starring on American series "Quantico".

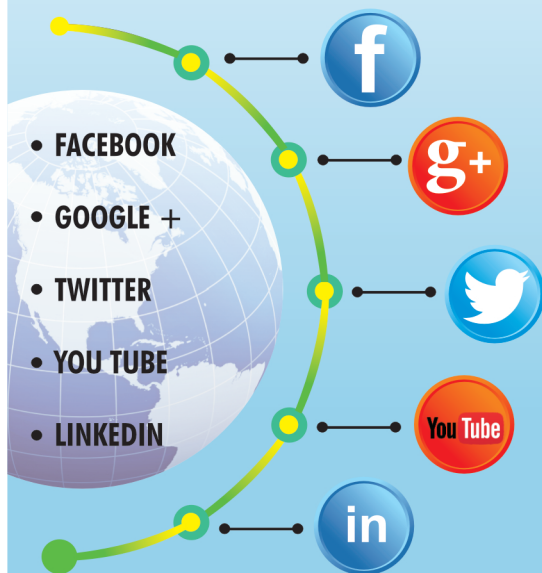
Priyanka ranks eighth in the coveted list, which has retained American actress Sofia Vergara at the first position fifth year in a row.

Vergara has an impressive array of endorsement deals as well as her line of products.

Priyanka, meanwhile, has earned USD 11 million. She made her international acting debut last year with ABC's "Quantico" and now is gearing up for its second season.

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24th Governor of Reserve Bank of India

Incumbent

Assumed office : 6 September 2016

Preceded by : Raghuram Rajan

Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India

In office : 11 January 2013 – 4 September 2016

Personal details

Born : 28 October 1963 (age 52)

Nationality : Indian

Education : Yale University, Oxford University,
University of London

Occupation : Banker, Economist

Introduction

Urjit R. Patel (born 28 October 1963) is an Indian economist, consultant and banker, currently serving as Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). As the Deputy Governor of RBI, he looked after monetary policy, economic policy research, statistics and information management, deposit insurance, communication and Right to Information. On 20 August 2016, he was named as the governor of RBI to succeed Raghuram Rajan when the latter's term expired in 4 September 2016. On 6 September 2016 he took charge as the Governor of Reserve Bank of India, since September 4 was a Sunday and Monday was a holiday due to Ganesh Chaturthi.

Early life and education

Patel obtained his Bachelor's in Economics from the London School of Economics, M. Phil. degree from Oxford University in 1986. He received his doctorate in Economics from Yale University in 1990. He was at IMF India desk during the 1991–94 transition period. He was posted to IMF country mission in India 1992–95. He has also been a non-resident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution since 2009.

Professional career

After obtaining his PhD, Dr. Patel joined the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in 1990 worked on the USA, India, Bahamas and Myanmar desks at IMF till 1995. Thereafter he went on deputation the IMF to the Reserve Bank of India, where he played an advisory role in the development of the debt market, banking sector reforms, pension fund reforms, targeting of real exchange rate. After the two-year deputation with RBI, Patel became a Consultant to the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs - a position he held from 1998 to 2001.



Between 2000 and 2004, Dr. Patel worked with several High Level Committees at both Central and State Government level, including Competition Commission, Task Force on Direct Taxes, Prime Minister's Task Force on Infrastructure, Group of Ministers on Telecom Matters, Advisory Committee on Research Projects and Market Studies, Committee on Civil Aviation Reforms, Expert Group on State Electricity Boards and High Level Expert Group on Civil & Defence Services Pension System.

On 11 January 2013, Urjit Patel was appointed as Deputy Governor of RBI for a period of three years. He took over charge of the vital Monetary Policy Department, succeeding Subir Gokarn to the post.

On 20 August 2016, he was appointed as the governor of Reserve Bank Of India(RBI) succeeding Raghuram Rajan.

Important positions

- ✎ Advisor, Boston Consulting Group
- ✎ President (Business Development), Reliance Industries
- ✎ Executive Director, Infrastructure Development Finance Company (1997-2006)
- ✎ Member, Integrated Energy Policy Committee, Government of India (2004-2006)
- ✎ Non-Executive Director, Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation
- ✎ Non-Executive Director, Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited
- ✎ Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India.
- ✎ Governor, Reserve Bank of India (from 4 September 2016)

Other contributions

When the UPA Government in India came into power for a second term in 2009, it announced a '100-day' action plan, which became a hot topic for media discussion. Surprisingly, Urjit Patel was the expert commentator on UPA's first 100 days on Hindi News Channel, although he had no prior media exposure in India.

1st BRICS Film Festival (2nd Sep-6th Sep,2016)

The film festival will showcase an amalgamation of culture, films, song, dance and food of the 5-member countries including Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

JURY MEMBERS

India: Mr. T S Nagabharana (CHAIRPERSON)
Brazil: Mr. Francis Vogner do Reis (MEMBER)
Russia: Mr. Kirill Razlogov (MEMBER)
China: Mr. Hou Keming (MEMBER)
South Africa: Ms. Xoliswa Sithole (MEMBER)

COMPETITIONS FILMS

Brazil	Russia	India	China	South Africa
Between Valleys Director: Philippe Barcinski	14+ Director: Andrei Zaitsev	Baahubali- the Beginning Director: S.S. Rajamouli	Book of Love Director: Xiaolu Xue	Free State Director: Sallas De Jager
Road 47 Director: Vincenle Ferraz	About Love Director: Anna Melikyan	Bajirao Mastani Director: Sanjay Leela Bhansali	Go Away Mr. Tumor Director: Han Yan	Kalushi Director: Mandla Dube
The History of Eternity Director: Camilo Cavalcante	The Battle of Sevastopol Director: Sergey Mokritsky	Cinemawala Director: Kaushik Ganguly	Songs of the Phoenix Director: Tian-Ming Wu	Mrs. Right Guy Director: Adze Ugah
They'll Come Back Director: Marcello Lordello	Very Best Day Director: Zhora Krizovnicka	Thithi Director: Raam Reddy	Xuan Zang Director: Jianqi Huo	Tess Director: Meg Rickards

Opening Ceremony

The Grand Opening Ceremony of the much awaited first BRICS Film Festival was held on 2nd September at the Siri Fort Auditorium Complex.

In the BRICS Summit 2015 held in Russia, Prime Minister Narendra Modi introduced the idea of having a BRICS Film Festival, that would connect masses through the exchange of culture and art.

A step towards strengthening relationship between the five nations through this cultural extravaganza.

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting through Directorate of Film Festivals have organized this

1 st official BRICS Film Festival.

Started on September 2, the 1st BRICS Film Festival was inaugurated by General Vijay Kumar Singh (Retd) PVSM, AVSM, YSM, Honourable Minister of State for External Affairs, in the gracious presence of Honourable Minister of State for Information on Broadcasting, Col. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore (Retd), AVSM.

Bollywood actor Rishi Kapoor was attended the Opening Ceremony of the 1st BRICS Film Festival as a special guest.

One of the main attractions of this glorious evening was the world premiere of magnum opus 'Veeram', a creation of well-known director Shri Jayaraj.

Around 20 movies was screened in the competition section — four from each of the countries.

Veteran actor Rishi Kapoor was felicitated at the opening ceremony of the 1st BRICS Film Festival by Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting Rajyavardhan Singh Rathod and Minister of State for External Affairs

V.K. Singh for his and the Kapoor family's contribution to the field of cinema.

Main Event

M. Venkaiah Naidu Honorable Minister for Information & Broadcasting, Urban Development, Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation was there to felicitate the Winners of the BRICS Film Festival. The award winners was felicitated with BRICS Gold Medals and Certificates for the Best Film, Best Actor-Male, Best Actor-Female, Best Director and Special Jury award.

The festival featured 20 films in the competition section which focussed on a variety of issues and themes ranging from discrimination, love, history and relevant social challenges being faced by BRICS countries – Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

The jury was gave their recommendation for an award, which includes a BRICS Gold Medal and certificate of excellence under several categories.

Winners:

- A Special Jury award was given to Phillipe Barcinski for Brazilian film "Between Valleys", and Special Mention was given to Songs of the Phoenix from China and "14+" of Russia.
- South African actor Thabo Rametsi won the Best Actor (Male) award for his role in Kalushi.
- Russian actress Yulia Peresild was given the Best Actor (Female) honour for her film "The Battle for Sevastopol".
- Chinese director Huo Jianqi was announced as the Best Director for helming Indo-Chinese co-production film, Xuan Zang.

- ✎ Raam Reddy's Kannada film Thithi was conferred the Best Film award by Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting Minister M. Venkaiah Naidu .
- ✎ Thithi is a dramatic comedy about how three generations of sons react to the death of the oldest in their clan, a man named Century Gowda — a locally renowned, highly cantankerous 101-year-old man.

Closing Event:

This grand event was finally closed at September 6th, 2016 with an exquisite closing ceremony at the Siri Fort Auditorium-I, New Delhi. Chief Guest for the evening was M. Venkaiah Naidu, the Honorable Minister for Information & Broadcasting, Urban Development, Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, was presented awards to the winners of

the competing films at the Closing Ceremony. In addition to this, the closing ceremony was followed by the screening of Chinese film Skiptrace, a directorial by Renny Harlin, starring Jackie Chan, Damien Saccani and Charlie Coker.

The next edition of the BRICS Film Festival will take place in Chengdu, China.

Film lovers have enjoyed every bit of this festival and the Directorate of Film Festivals on behalf of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting thanked to all the International & Indian Film Delegates for attending the festival and bringing their stories and experiences to the people of India.

Starts On...92

- ✎ The 'e-nivaran' form will be also provided at the Aaykar Sampark Kendras (ASK) (tax facilitation centre) in a physical form .
- ✎ The submitted Documents by taxpayer can be uploaded in a PDF format and clubbed as a ZIP file.
- ✎ Address, postal PIN code, mobile number and email are mandatory fields to be filled up.
- ✎ For future communications with the taxman and also to track the progress of the complaint the taxpayer will get acknowledgment number after registration of complaint.

Central Board of Direct Taxes

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) provides essential inputs for policy and planning of direct taxes in India and is also responsible for administration of the direct tax laws through Income Tax Department. The CBDT is a statutory authority functioning under the Central Board of Revenue Act, 1963. It is India's official FATF unit.

Organisational Structure

- ✎ The CBDT is headed by CBDT Chairman and also comprises six members, all of whom are Special Secretary to Government of India.
- ✎ Member (Income Tax)
- ✎ Member (Legislation and Computerisation)
- ✎ Member (Revenue)
- ✎ Member (Personnel & Vigilance)
- ✎ Member (Investigation)
- ✎ Member (Audit & Judicial)
- ✎ The CBDT Chairman and Members of CBDT are selected from Indian Revenue Service (IRS), a premier civil service of India, whose members constitute the top management of Income Tax Department.

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CBDT has launched the ambitious 'e-nivaran' facility

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), policy-making body of the I-T department, had launched the unique 'e-nivaran' module which aims to "fast track taxpayers grievance redressal, ensure early resolution by integrating all the online and physical grievances received by the department and keeping track of it until it reaches its logical conclusion".

It started work on this front after Prime Minister Narendra Modi had himself flagged the issue of unresolved taxpayer grievances during his review of the department and had asked authorities to ensure that steps should be urgently taken in this regard so that honest tax paying people do not suffer.

As a result, CBDT has launched the ambitious 'e-nivaran' facility for online redressal of taxpayers' grievances related to refunds, ITRs and PAN among others as part of its initiative to reduce instances of harassment of the public when it comes to complaints related to the I-T department.

An exclusive 'e-nivaran' (electronic resolution) link (<http://incometaxindiaefiling.gov.in>) has recently been activated on the e-filing portal of the department where taxpayers can register their complaints through their personal computer systems and receive a special PIN number on their registered mobile and email, as their unique number to keep track of the issue.

The 'e-nivaran' module, a senior official said, will work on the lines of the internet-based Income Tax Returns (ITRs) filing system and taxpayers can register all complaints related to delay in refunds, filing of e-returns, Tax Deducted at Source (TDS), PAN issues, and those pertaining to their Assessing Officer (AO).

People who do not have a Permanent Account Number (PAN) but have some problem in connection with their I-T case can also use the e-nivaran facility.

Documents can be uploaded in a PDF format and clubbed as a ZIP file.

A special space has also been provided for 'grievance description' along with furnishing of details like mention of the Assessment Year (in case of individual) or the Financial Year (in case of deductor).

Address, postal PIN code, mobile number and email are mandatory fields to be filled up.

The new system will ensure, like e-filing, that the taxpayer gets his grievance redressed by just using an internet-enabled computer and does not require them to travel to a tax office.

The 'e-nivaran' has been now connected to all electronic databases and the modern business application software platform of the department to ensure quick resolution.



The 'e-nivaran' form is also expected to be provided at the Aaykar Sampark Kendras (ASK) (tax facilitation centre), located in over 300 cities, in a physical form which will later fed into the system by tax officials.

Once the grievance is registered, the system will also issue an acknowledgment number which can be quoted by the taxpayer for all his future communications with the taxman and also to track the progress of the complaint.

The Income Tax Department is one of the 20 government organisations' against whom maximum grievances are received on the Centre's online public grievances resolution portal called the Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS).

As part of these measures, CBDT has also made some changes in I-T department's establishment recently and nominated officials to specifically look into the issues of grievances even as the post of Member (Revenue) in the Board has been re-designated as Member (Revenue and Taxpayer Services).

Highlights:

- ✎ An exclusive e-nivaran (electronic resolution) link has recently been activated on the e-filing portal of the department--<https://incometaxindiaefiling.gov.in>.
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HISTORY

The United States Open Tennis Championships is a hardcourt tennis tournament. The tournament is the modern version of one of the oldest tennis championships in the world, the U.S. National Championship. The US Open is held annually, starting on the last Monday in August, and lasting for two weeks into September, with the middle weekend coinciding with the Labor Day holiday. The US Open is the only Grand Slam that employs tiebreakers in every set of a match.

US Open

Founded	1881; 135 years ago
Editions	136th (2016)
Location	New York City, New York, United States
Venue	USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center
Surface	Grass - outdoors (1881–1974) Clay - outdoors (1975–1977) Hard (DecoTurf)-outdoors (1978–present)
Prize money	\$ 46,300,000 (2016)

US Open 2016

The 2016 US Open was a tennis tournament played on outdoor hard courts. It was the 136th edition of the US Open, the fourth and final Grand Slam event of the year. It took place at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center.

TOURNAMENT

The 2016 US Open was the 136th edition of the tournament and it was held at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows–Corona Park of Queens in New York City, New York, United States. The tournament was an event run by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) and was part of the 2016 ATP World Tour and the 2016 WTA Tour calendars under the Grand Slam category.

The tournament consists of both men's and women's singles and doubles draws as well as a mixed doubles event. There are also singles and doubles events for both boys and girls (players under 18), which is part of the Grade A category of tournaments. The tournament was played on hard courts and takes place over a series of 16 courts with DecoTurf surface, including the three main showcourts – Arthur Ashe Stadium, Louis Armstrong Stadium and Grandstand. It was the first US Open played on courts with operational roofs, on centre court and on the newly built Grandstand stadium.

BROADCAST

In the United States, the 2016 US Open was the second under a new, 11-year, \$825 million contract with ESPN, in which the broadcaster holds exclusive rights to the entire tournament and the US Open Series.

PRIZE MONEY

The total prize-money compensation for the 2016 US Open will be \$46.3 million. Of that total, a record \$3.5 million will go to both the men's and women's singles champions.

Singles	\$3,500,000
Doubles	\$625,000
Mixed Doubles	\$150,000

WINNERS of US Open 2016

SENIORS

Men's Singles

Champion	Switzerland, Stan Wawrinka
Runner-up	Serbia, Novak Djokovic
Women's Singles	

Champion	Germany, Angelique Kerber (and became the first German player to win the tournament since Steffi Graf in 1996.)
Runner-up	Czech Republic, Karolína Plíšková

Men's Doubles

Champions	United Kingdom, Jamie Murray Brazil, Bruno Soares
Runners-up	Spain, Pablo Carreño Busta Spain, Guillermo García-López

Women's Doubles

Champions	United States, Bethanie Mattek-Sands Czech Republic, Lucie Šafářová
Runners-up	France, Caroline Garcia France, Kristina Mladenovic

Mixed Doubles

Champions	Germany, Laura Siegemund Croatia, Mate Pavić
Runners-up	United States, Coco Vandeweghe United States, Rajeev Ram

JUNIORS

Boys' Singles

Champion	Canada, Félix Auger-Aliassime
Runner-up	Serbia, Miomir Kecmanović

Girls' Singles

Champion	United States, Kayla Day
Runner-up	Slovakia, Viktória Kužmová

Girls' Doubles

Champions	United States, Jada Hart United States, Ena Shibahara
Runners-up	United States, Kayla Day United States, Caroline Dolehide

Boys' Doubles

Champions	Bolivia, Juan Carlos Aguilar Brazil, Felipe Meligeni Alves
Runners-up	Canada, Félix Auger-Aliassime Canada Benjamin Sigouin

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Because logistics has many dimensions, measuring and summarizing performance across countries is challenging. Examining the time and costs associated with logistics processes—port processing, customs clearance, transport, and the like—is a good start, and in many cases this information is readily available. But even when complete, this information cannot be easily aggregated into a single, consistent cross-country dataset, because of structural differences in countries' supply chains.

Even more important, many critical elements of good logistics—such as process transparency and service quality, predictability, and reliability—cannot be assessed using only time and cost information.

The Logistics Performance Index is an interactive benchmarking tool created to help countries identify the challenges and opportunities they face in their performance on trade logistics and what they can do to improve their performance. The LPI 2016 allows for comparisons across 160 countries. The LPI is based on a worldwide survey of operators on the ground (global freight forwarders and express carriers), providing feedback on the logistics "friendliness" of the countries in which they operate and those with which they trade. They combine in-depth knowledge of the countries in which they operate with informed qualitative assessments of other countries where they trade and experience of global logistics environment. Feedback from operators is supplemented with quantitative data on the performance of key components of the logistics chain in the country of work.

The LPI consists therefore of both qualitative and quantitative measures and helps build profiles of logistics friendliness for these countries. It measures performance along the logistics supply chain within a country and offers two different perspectives: international and domestic.

LPI Methodology:

LPI is measured on the basis of survey in two specific field & this survey is based on some specific parameters.

The specific fields are:-

1. International LPI
2. Domestic LPI

1. International LPI

Provides qualitative evaluations of a country in six areas by its trading partners—logistics professionals working outside the country.

The six core components are:

- 1 The efficiency of customs and border clearance, rated from "very low" to "very high".
- 2 The quality of trade and transport infrastructure, rated from "very low" to "very high".

- 3 The ease of arranging competitively priced shipments, rated from "very difficult" to "very easy".
- 4 The competence and quality of logistics services, rated from "very low" to "very high".
- 5 The ability to track and trace consignments, rated from "very low" to "very high".
- 6 The frequency with which shipments reach consignees within scheduled or expected delivery times, rated from "hardly ever" to "nearly always".

Domestic LPI

Provides both qualitative and quantitative assessments of a country by logistics professionals working inside it. It includes detailed information on the logistics environment, core logistics processes, institutions, and performance time and cost data.

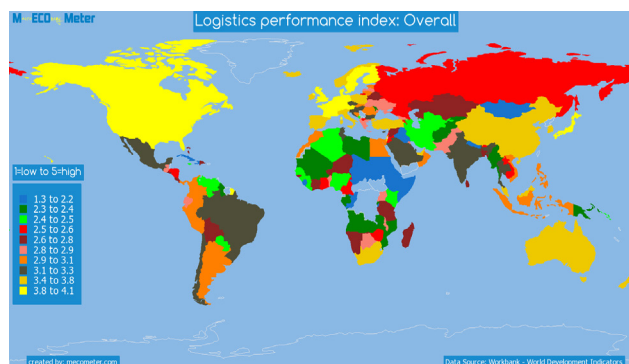
RANK of 2016

Top Ten

Germany	1	(1st in 2014)
Luxembourg	2	
Sweden	3	
Netherlands	4	
Singapore	5	
Belgium	6	
Austria	7	
United Kingdom	8	
Hong Kong, China	9	
United States	10	

India & Its Neighbours

India	35	(54th in 2014)
Pakistan	68	(72nd in 2014)
Nepal	124	(105th in 2014)
Bangladesh	87	(108th in 2014)
Afghanistan	150	(158th in 2014)
Bhutan	135	(143rd in 2014)



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- Q.1.** Who awarded Certificate of Honour and Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman to Sanskrit, Pali, Prakrit, Arabic and Persian Scholars?
- 1) Pranab Mukherjee
 - 2) Narendra Modi
 - 3) Jitendra Singh
 - 4) Ravi Shankar Prasad
 - 5) DV Sadananda Gowda
- Q.2.** Who amongst the following is the head of Boachasanvasi Akshar Purushottam Sanstha (BAPS) who died recently?
- 1) Batuk Maharaj
 - 2) Swami Maharaj
 - 3) Purshottam Maharaj
 - 4) Dev Acharya
 - 5) Acharya Dayanand
- Q.3.** What is the current rank of India in Bank index of World Bank?
- 1) 100
 - 2) 110
 - 3) 120
 - 4) 130
 - 5) 140
- Q.4.** In which state India's first facility to produce nickel was launched by the Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL)?
- 1) Bihar
 - 2) Jharkhand
 - 3) Uttarakhand
 - 4) Tamil Nadu
 - 5) Gujarat
- Q.5.** Recently which country has launched the world's first quantum communication satellite?
- 1) India
 - 2) USA
 - 3) China
 - 4) Japan
 - 5) North Korea
- Q.6.** Which service was launched by Indian Railways in Tripura?
- 1) RORO
 - 2) BORO
 - 3) DORO
 - 4) TORO
 - 5) MORO
- Q.7.** Famous writer B.P. Kesri belongs to which state?
- 1) Bihar
 - 2) Jharkhand
 - 3) Odisha
 - 4) Madhya Pradesh
 - 5) Nagaland
- Q.8.** The first 'Arunachal Ratna Award' has been conferred to-
- 1) Nirbhay Sharma
 - 2) Mrinal Awasthi
 - 3) Joko Vidodo
 - 4) Bomto Kamdak
 - 5) K. Sankaranarayanan
- Q.9.** Which of the following IIT has adopted five villages in Uttar Pradesh under the Namami Gange programme?
- 1) IIT Kanpur
 - 2) IIT Roorkee
 - 3) IIT Delhi
 - 4) IIT Bombay
 - 5) IIT Banaras
- Q.10.** Freestyle wrestler Sakshi Malik (23) won India's first medal at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games by clinching the bronze in the ____ category.
- 1) 52kg
 - 2) 58kg
 - 3) 62kg
 - 4) 68kg
 - 5) 70kg
- Q.11.** Which ministry has launched a mobile app that integrates various social media handles of over 170 Indian missions on a common platform?
- 1) Commerce Ministry
 - 2) Human Resource and Development Ministry
 - 3) Textile Ministry
 - 4) Ministry of External Affairs
 - 5) Civil Aviation Ministry
- Q.12.** Gobind Tej related to-
- 1) Film industry
 - 2) Literature
 - 3) Sports
 - 4) Teaching
 - 5) Politics
- Q.13.** Which of the following player became the first Indian player to reach the Rio Olympic badminton women's singles final?
- 1) Sania Mirza
 - 2) Ashvini Ponnappa
 - 3) Saina Nehwal
 - 4) Jwala Gutta
 - 5) P.V.Sindhu
- Q.14.** Technology major IBM announced the opening of the first Open Power Research Facility (OPRF) in-
- 1) IIT Kanpur
 - 2) IIT Roorkee
 - 3) IIT Delhi
 - 4) IIT Bombay
 - 5) IIT Banaras
- Q.15.** Who will not participate at the Rio Olympics after getting a four-year ban from the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS) for doping?
- 1) Abhinav Bindra
 - 2) Babita Kumari
 - 3) Narsingh Yadav
 - 4) Vinesh Phogat
 - 5) Srikant Kidambi
- Q.16.** What does UDAY stands for?
- 1) Uttteern Double Decker Air Conditioned Yatri Express
 - 2) Uttkrisht Double Decker Air Conditioned Yatri Express
 - 3) Uttar Double Decker Air Conditioned Yatri Express
 - 4) Uttam Double Decker Air Conditioned Yatri Express
 - 5) Udbhav Double Decker Air Conditioned Yatri Express
- Q.17.** How many Indian companies have been named in Fortune magazine's "Change the World" list of top 50 companies?
- 1) 1
 - 2) 2
 - 3) 3
 - 4) 4
 - 5) 5
- Q.18.** Recently who has been appointed as an advisor in Prasar Bharati?
- 1) Vikas Aggarwal
 - 2) Shashi Kant Sharma
 - 3) Sunil Arora
 - 4) Sukesh Batham
 - 5) Rajendra Jain

- Q.19.** Usain Bolt hails from which country?
1) Uganda 2) Kenya
3) USA 4) Nigeria
5) Jamaica
- Q.20.** Noted politician Ram Charit died. He belongs to which party?
1) TMC 2) Akaali Dal
3) Janta Dal 4) BJP
5) Congress
- Q.21.** Who was the 1st Indian Governor of RBI ?
1) C D Deshmukh
2) D Subbarao
3) H VR Iyenger
4) L K Jha
5) None of these
- Q.22.** Who is present chairman of TRAI ?
1) V S Sharma
2) R S Sharma
3) R N Mani
4) B S Das
5) R M Sharma
- Q.23.** Who has been named as the "Father of India's booming IT sector" by Times Magazine?
1) Satya Nadella
2) N R Narayana Murthy
3) Azim Premji
4) Sundar Pichai
5) Indra Nooyi
- Q.24.** Who has topped Fortune's 2016 "Change the World" list?
1) Godrej
2) Cipla
3) Walmart
4) GlaxoSmithKline
5) Tesla
- Q.25.** Name the first woman to hold the position in the Canadian parliament?
1) Shikha Khanna
2) Runa Wadhwa
3) Dasmeet Aaluhwalia
4) Neeru Bajwa
5) Bardish Chaggar
- Q.26.** Which country defeated Germany to win their first gold medal in the men's football at Rio Olympics?
1) England 2) Brazil
3) Argentina 4) France
5) Bolivia
- Q.27.** Dr. Najma Heptulla was sworn-in as the 18th Governor of-
1) Manipur
2) Assam
3) Himanchal Pradesh
4) Odisha
5) Sikkim
- Q.28.** Recently Scientists from have discovered *Gymnothorax indicus* in the Bay of Bengal, which is a new species of-
1) Octopus 2) Star Fish
3) EEL 4) Shark
5) Jelly Fish
- Q.29.** President Pranab Mukherjee launched _____ channel, an initiative which will provide a platform for blending content both from India and Bangladesh and preserving Bengali culture.
1) Akashvani Maitree
2) Bangla Maitree
3) Bangla Bandhu
4) Akash Bandhu
5) Maitree Bandhu
- Q.30.** Noted director Abbas Kiarostami hails from which country?
1) UAE 2) Turkey
3) Afghanistan 4) Iran
5) Mongolia
- Q.31.** The International Kabaddi Federation (IKF) announced that the 2016 Kabaddi World Cup will be hosted in-
1) Delhi 2) Mumbai
3) Ahmedabad 4) Pune
5) Gurugram
- Q.32.** Recently who launched a mobile app "Kisan Suvidha" for farmers?
1) J Jayalalitha
2) Prakash Singh Badal
3) Nitish Kumar
4) Devendra Fadnavis
5) Arvind Kejriwal
- Q.33.** Which state became the first state in the country to launch DNA Index System (DIS) for DNA profiling of criminals?
1) Andhra Pradesh
2) Odisha
3) Assam
4) Delhi
5) Tamil Nadu
- Q.34.** Recently who was conferred with the prestigious 25th Vyas Samman 2015?
1) Shushma Rawat
2) Ankita Acharya
3) Sunita Jain
4) Shilpy Bose
5) Monica Gupta
- Q.35.** Who was announced as the Brand Ambassador of 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' initiative?
1) Susheel Kumar
2) Dipa Karmarkar
3) Jitu Rai
4) P.V.Sandhu
5) Sakshi Malik
- Q.36.** On which of the following company, the National Green Tribunal imposed a ₹100 crore fine over environmental damages in a 2011 oil spill case?
1) Sahara Enterprises
2) Adani Enterprises
3) Reliance Enterprises
4) Aditya Birla Enterprise
5) Hindalco
- Q.37.** Which of the following became the Brand Ambassador of the Indian Psychiatric Society?
1) Kangna Ranaut
2) Sakshi Malik
3) P.V.Sindhu
4) Deepika Padukone
5) Raveena Tandon

- Q.38.** "Genome Savior Award" is given in the field of-
- 1) Cinema
 - 2) Literature
 - 3) Agriculture
 - 4) Science
 - 5) Maths
- Q.39.** Which is a first state to have a child friendly court?
- 1) Delhi
 - 2) Goa
 - 3) Telangana
 - 4) Jharkhand
 - 5) Odisha
- Q.40.** Who has been appointed by the YES bank as Group President & Country Head for Mid-Corporate Banking?
- 1) Vikas Goswamy
 - 2) Sachiv Kumar
 - 3) Rakesh Gangwar
 - 4) Amit Sanan
 - 5) Rahul Chaudhry
- Q.41.** Which of the following person released a book "Patriots, Poets and Prisoners: Selections from Ramananda Chatterjee's The Modern Review, 1907-1947"?
- 1) Pranab Mukherjee
 - 2) Hamid Ansari
 - 3) Sumitra Mahajan
 - 4) Narendra Modi
 - 5) T.S.Thakur
- Q.42.** Which of the following bank has been declared as D-SIB by RBI?
- 1) Axis Bank
 - 2) ICICI Bank
 - 3) HDFC Bank
 - 4) Kotak Mahindra
 - 5) Ratnakar Bank Limited
- Q.43.** According to Forbes the list of "Highest paid actors of 2016" is topped by-
- 1) Leonardo Di Caprio
 - 2) Bradd Pitt
 - 3) Robert Downey Jr.
 - 4) Dwayne Johnson
 - 5) Christian Bale
- Q.44.** For how many banks, NPCI said that its Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has started?
- 1) 19
 - 2) 21
 - 3) 27
 - 4) 46
 - 5) 57
- Q.45.** Which of the following person was awarded with the first IET-IEEE Award for Engineering Excellence-2015?
- 1) Rajesh Gulati
 - 2) K. Sungarkar
 - 3) G. Satheesh Reddy
 - 4) Mahesh Lal
 - 5) Vinay Dobra
- Q.46.** With regards to T.V. Content, what is the full form of BCCC?
- 1) Broadcasting Content Complaints Council
 - 2) Broadcast Content Complaints Council
 - 3) Broadcaster's Content Complaints Council
 - 4) Broadcasting Content Complaints Committee
 - 5) Broadcasting Content Complaint Council
- Q.47.** Which of the following has won the prestigious "Young Scientist Medal" Award?
- 1) Shankar Tyagi
 - 2) Askandar Iqbal
 - 3) Mahesh Singh
 - 4) Ramesh Chand
 - 5) Mohit Singh
- Q.48.** Who launched 'POCSO e-box' in New Delhi for the Protection of Children from Sexual Offenses?
- 1) Narendra Modi
 - 2) Rajnath Singh
 - 3) Jitendra Singh
 - 4) Maneka Gandhi
 - 5) Arun Jaitley
- Q.49.** Who is founder of Amazon company ?
- 1) Anny Dey
 - 2) Michael Johnson
 - 3) Jeff Bezos
 - 4) Tom Crook
 - 5) None of these
- Q.50.** How much cash prize is given in Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award 2016?
- 1) 7.5 Lakh
 - 2) 1.95 Lakh
 - 3) 8.25 Lakh
 - 4) 7.4 Lakh
 - 5) None of these
- Q.51.** Sania Mirza with Monica Niculescu of Romania defeated which pair in women's double to win the Connecticut Open doubles title?
- 1) Bethanie Mattek sands & Lucie Safarova
 - 2) Sara Erran & Roberta Vinci
 - 3) Kateryna Bondarenko & Chuang Chia-jung
 - 4) Liezel Huber & Lisa Raymond
 - 5) None of these
- Q.52.** Who is at 3rd position in Belgium Grand Prix Formula-1 race?
- 1) Nico Rosberg
 - 2) Kevin Magnussen
 - 3) Sebastian Vettel
 - 4) Lewis Hamilton
 - 5) None of these
- Q.53.** India has been ranked _____ according to the World Risk Report 2016 released by the United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security.
- 1) 70th
 - 2) 74th
 - 3) 56th
 - 4) 77th
 - 5) 42nd
- Q.54.** Jammu-based poetess and novelist Padma Sachdev has been awarded with the prestigious Saraswati Samman for the year 2015 for her autobiography _____.
- 1) Chitt-Chete
 - 2) Meri Kavita, Mere Gita
 - 3) Mitava ghara
 - 4) Sabada milawa
 - 5) Amrai
- Q.55.** Who has been appointed as the UN Women's Advocate for Gender Equality and Women Empowerment in India?
- 1) Shruti Haasan
 - 2) Aishwaryaa Rajinikanth
 - 3) Dia Mirza
 - 4) Kangana Ranaut
 - 5) Deepika Padukone

Q.56. Who has been conferred with the prestigious Biju Patnaik Sports Award?

- 1) Sunita Lakra
- 2) Dutee Chand
- 3) Srabani Nanda
- 4) Purnima Hembram
- 5) Devani Kaushal

Q.57. The US and India signed an important agreement which will allow both the countries to use each other's bases as well as assets for replenishment of supplies and refueling. The agreement called as-

- 1) Logistics External Memorandum of Agreement'
- 2) Logistics Exchange Momentum of Agreement'
- 3) 'Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement'
- 4) Logistics Exterior Memorandum of Agreement'
- 5) Logistics Exterior Momentum of Agreement'

Q.58. SBI Mutual Fund has appointed _____ as its Managing Director and Chief Executive.

- 1) Anuradha Rao
- 2) Dinesh Kumar Khara
- 3) Shishir Joshipura
- 4) Madhu Dubhashi
- 5) Om Prakash Gahrotra

Q.59. Which state became the first state to distribute 2 crore LED bulbs under the Government of India's Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for all (UJALA) scheme?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Jharkhand
- 3) Karnataka
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) Uttarakhand

Q. 60. For plan 'Max Life Future Genius Education Plan' which is runned by Max Life Insurance, what is the minimum age to enter?

- 1) 22 Years 2) 23 Years
- 3) 25 Years 4) 21 years
- 5) 20 Years

Q.61. "Connecting to complete" report is related to which international organisation?

- 1) IMF 2) World Bank
- 3) ADB 4) NDB
- 5) UNO

Q.62. Kishore Kumar Mohanty and _____ will be honoured with the prestigious Nalco Guru Kelucharan Award for 2016.

- 1) Debina Mukherjee
- 2) Malti Das
- 3) Jharana Das
- 4) Supriya Jha
- 5) Rupal Tyagi

Q.63. Which ministry has signed a MoU with Amar Chitra Katha to publish and distribute a special edition of the comic book, focusing on Swachh Bharat Mission?

- 1) Ministry of Consumer Affairs
- 2) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- 3) Ministry of Agriculture
- 4) Ministry of Urban Development
- 5) Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation

Q.64. The first regular commercial flight in more than ____ years from the US to Cuba has been started.

- 1) 10 2) 20
- 3) 30 4) 40
- 5) 50

Q.65. Renowned artist Sudarsan Pattnaik has won people's choice award for his _____ sand sculpture made during an international championship 2016 in Russia.

- 1) Population Control
- 2) Pollution Control
- 3) AIDS Awareness
- 4) Mahatma Gandhi
- 5) Anti Terrorism

Q.66. With which country NSDC has entered into a cooperation agreement for skill development in India's aviation sector?

- 1) USA 2) France
- 3) Australia 4) China
- 5) Vietnam

Q.67. Who has been unanimously elected as the National President of the Indian Medical Association for the year 2016-17?

- 1) Raghvendra Jaiswal
- 2) Sandeep Kumar
- 3) Biswajeet Rana
- 4) K.K. Aggarwal
- 5) Sudarshan Lal

Q.68. Who will be awarded with a lifetime achievement Oscar, according to the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences?

- 1) Tom Hanks
- 2) Jackie Chan
- 3) Tom Cruise
- 4) Amitabh Bachchan
- 5) Arnold Schwarzenegger

Q.69. BRICS group Film Festival of five countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) started in-

- 1) Cape Town 2) Brasilia
- 3) Beijing 4) Moscow
- 5) Delhi

Q.70. Which of the following has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) for effectively monitoring of environment related issues?

- 1) BHEL 2) SAIL
- 3) BEL 4) CIL
- 5) IOCL

Q.71. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee belongs to which party?

- 1) BJP
- 2) TMC
- 3) INC
- 4) CPI
- 5) RJD

Q.72. Which bank has launched a card-less mobile-based payment solution 'mVisa', to make payments at retail outlets easier?

- 1) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- 2) ICICI Bank
- 3) DCB Bank
- 4) Axis bank
- 5) RBL Bank

Q.73. Which company has built the world's largest OLED tunnel in Berlin to mark the 50th anniversary of the first TV it produced?

- 1) LG
- 2) Sony
- 3) Samsung
- 4) Philips
- 5) Haier

Q.74. Who has become the first Asian to be awarded with the prestigious Heritage Heroes Award by the IUCN?

- 1) Bibhuti Lahkar
- 2) Subhash Rai
- 3) Narayan Lal
- 4) Deepankar Muni
- 5) Mohit Basu

Q.75. Urjit Patel has assumed charge as the _____ Governor of the Reserve Bank of India.

- 1) 23th
- 2) 24th
- 3) 25th
- 4) 26th
- 5) 27th

Q.76. According to the wealth research firm New World Wealth, which country is the most 'unequal' country in the world?

- 1) India
- 2) USA
- 3) Russia
- 4) China
- 5) Japan

Q.77. Which country won the Brazil Open badminton tournament of the year-2016?

- 1) France
- 2) Canada
- 3) India
- 4) USA
- 5) Japan

Q.78. Recently which country was declared malaria-free by the World Health Organisation which called it a 'remarkable public health achievement'?

- 1) Bangladesh
- 2) India
- 3) Sri Lanka
- 4) Bhutan
- 5) Nepal

Q.79. What is the name of the satellite that ISRO launched on 8 Sept?

- 1) INSAT-1DR
- 2) INSAT-2DR
- 3) INSAT-3DR
- 4) INSAT-4DR
- 5) INSAT-5DR

Q.80. Who has been awarded with the "Bharatshree Alankaran" this year?

- 1) Gyan Sudha Mishra
- 2) Digvijay Sharma
- 3) Sudhakar Rai
- 4) Surendra Nath
- 5) Vinoda Bhawe

Q.81. According to the latest QS World University Rankings 2016-17, what is the global ranking of the Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore?

- 1) 151
- 2) 152
- 3) 153
- 4) 154
- 5) 155

Q.82. Who became the first Indian woman cricketer to get the prestigious life membership of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)?

- 1) Soniya Dabir
- 2) Anjum Chopra
- 3) Mithali Raj
- 4) Jhulan Goswami
- 5) Latika Kumari

Q.83. Which of the following film has been awarded with the best film at the 1st BRICS film festival?

- 1) Skiptrace
- 2) Ottal

- 3) Cinemawala
- 4) Thithi
- 5) Veeram

Q.84. What is the name of the campaign launched by Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Dharmendra Pradhan which aimed at promoting the use of gas in the country?

- 1) GAS4All
- 2) LPG4Nation
- 3) LPG4India
- 4) Gas4Nation
- 5) Gas4India

Q.85. The 14th ASEAN-India Summit will be held in-

- 1) Vietnam
- 2) Laos
- 3) Brazil
- 4) South Africa
- 5) Nigeria

Q.86. Which of the following NGO will receive the prestigious UNESCO Confucius Prize this year?

- 1) HelpAge India
- 2) Praytn
- 3) Jan Sikshan Sansthan
- 4) Care India
- 5) Goonj

Q.87. "Bharat Bharti Samman" is the biggest literature prize of which state?

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) Himachal Pradesh
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Q.88. Which of the following company is among the top 10 of the 250 global energy businesses, according to the 'Platts Top 250 Global Energy Company Rankings' 2016?

- 1) NTPC
- 2) Coal India Ltd.
- 3) Reliance Industries
- 4) Tata Industries
- 5) Aditya Birla Industries

Q.89. Recently who has taken charge as Chairman and Managing Director of Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL)?

- 1) Ashok Lavasa
- 2) C.K.Asnani
- 3) R.K.Mathur
- 4) A.K.Mittal
- 5) P.K.Mehta

Q.90. According to the 'Swachh Survekshan' for rural India, which district bagged the cleanest districts in India?

- 1) Kanpur
- 2) Mandi
- 3) Sultanpur
- 4) Firozabad
- 5) Shravasti

Q.91. Who is the only Indian origin woman in Fortunes 51 Most Powerful Women list 2016?

- 1) Nita Ambani
- 2) Arundhati Bhattacharya
- 3) Chanda Kochhar
- 4) Indra Nooyi
- 5) Kiran Mazumdar Shaw

Q.92. For online redressal of taxpayers' grievances, which facility was launched by Central Board Direct Taxes?

- 1) e-shikayat
- 2) e-nivaran
- 3) e-samadhaan
- 4) e-santushth
- 5) e-tax

Q.93. Which Bank became the first bank in India to deploy "software robots" ?

- 1) ICICI bank
- 2) HDFC Bank
- 3) Axis Bank
- 4) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- 5) RBL Bank

Q.94. The world's first driverless bus service has started in which country?

- 1) France
- 2) Turkey
- 3) USA
- 4) Russia
- 5) China

Q.95. The Union Government has launched Urja Mitra Helpline through which customers can get information on power outages from distribution companies by dialing-

- 1)14301
- 2)14401
- 3)14501
- 4)14601
- 5)14701

Q.96. Which state has won 'Best Horticulture State' award of the Indian Council of Food and Agriculture (ICFA)?

- 1) Himachal Pradesh
- 2) Punjab
- 3) Haryana
- 4)Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Bihar

Q.97. Recently who announced to launch 'Paridhaan', an apparel

brand that'll include jeans and office wear in the market?

- 1) Narendra Modi
- 2) Mukesh Ambani
- 3) Ratan Tata
- 4) Baba Ramdev
- 5) None of these

Q.98. Indo-American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston awarded _____ with the 'Young Professional of the Year' award.

- 1) Revati Puranik
- 2) Malisha Patel
- 3) Bhavesh Patel
- 4) Abezaar Tayabji
- 5) Harman Gada

Q.99. Who has won the Murugappa Gold Cup Hockey Tournament this year?

- 1) Indian Oil Corporation
- 2) NTPC
- 3) Indian Railways
- 4) Coal India Limited
- 5) BHEL

Q.100. 'Friendship-2016' is a joint military exercise between-

- 1) Pakistan and China
- 2) Pakistan and Russia
- 3) India and Russia
- 4) India and America
- 5) India and Pakistan

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Q.1. With which telecom operator Reliance Communications (RCom) has signed a definitive agreement to merge its wireless business marking the largest-ever consolidation in the Indian telecom sector?

- 1) Airtel 2) Vodafone
- 3) Idea Ltd 4) Aircel Ltd.
- 5) Docomo

Answer-4

Source: The Hindu

Q.2. Who became the first Indian to win two gold medals at the Paralympics?

- 1) Mariyappan Thangavelu
- 2) Devendra Jhajharia
- 3) Deepa Malik
- 4) Varun Singh Bhati
- 5) Pooja Khanna

Answer-2

Source: The Hindu

Q.3. According to CSO the WPI and CPI inflation in the month of August is stood at-

- 1) 3.74 , 5.05 2) 3.55 , 5.42
- 3) 3.20 , 5.61 4) 2.65 , 4.46
- 5) 1.99 , 3.61

Answer-1

Source: The Hindu

Q.4. _____, the second largest hotspot for birds on the banks of Chilika Lake in Odisha, is set to be developed into an ecotourism destination.

- 1) Sattal
- 2) Lava
- 3) Bharatpur
- 4) Banni Grasslands
- 5) Mangalajodi

Answer-5

Source: The Hindu

Q.5. Name the Indian-origin scientist has bagged the prestigious Lemelson-MIT Prize worth \$500,000 for his groundbreaking work to improve lives globally?

- 1) Ankit Chaddha
- 2) Arun Mathur
- 3) Ramesh Raskar
- 4) Sudhanshu Sharma
- 5) Vivek Shivdesani

Answer-3

Source: The Hindu

Q.6. According to the Supreme court regarding the consumption of "Mind Boggling" funds, which state has the highest number of NGO's working?

- 1) Uttar Pradesh 2) Kerala
- 3) Punjab 4) Tamil Nadu
- 5) West Bengal

Answer-1

Source: The Hindu

Q.7. To which country India is likely to offer help in building an east-west railway line?

- 1) China 2) Nepal
- 3) Bhutan 4) Bangladesh
- 5) Sri Lanka

Answer-2

Source: The Hindu

Q.8. Recently the largest batch of military assistance from the U.S worth \$38 billion during the next 10 years will be given to-

- 1) Pakistan 2) France
- 3) Israel 4) India
- 5) China

Answer-3

Source: The Hindu

Q.9. Recently which Indian-American woman was nominated by Barak Obama as the woman attorney to the U.S. District Court bench in New York?

- 1) Anjali Jain
- 2) Kavita Ramdas
- 3) Sruthi Palaniappan
- 4) Diane Gujarati
- 5) Sapna Majumdar

Answer-4

Source: The Hindu

Q.10. Which of the following tyre company had entered the two-wheeler tyre segment in India?

- 1) Michelin Tyres
- 2) JK Tyres
- 3) Ceat Tyres
- 4) Bridgestone Tyres
- 5) Apollo tyres

Answer-5

Source: The Hindu

Q.11. Former MP Tariq Hameed Karra, resigned from PDP as well as the Lok Sabha. He belongs to which constituency?

- 1) Kupwara 2) Kathua
- 3) Bhaderwah 4) Baramulla
- 5) Srinagar-Budgam

Answer-5

Source: Times of India

Q.12. With which country National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL), a fully owned company of road transport ministry ink a pact to develop Postal roads in the country?

- 1) Bangladesh 2) Myanmar
- 3) Bhutan 4) Nepal
- 5) Pakistan

Answer-4

Source: Times of India

Q.13. In an initiative to improve the railway travel experience of elderly, differently-abled and ailing passengers, which service was announced by Ministry of Railways to simplify access to wheelchairs, battery operated cars and porter services?

- 1) Shravan 2) Sarthi
- 3) Yatri Mitra 4) Mitra
- 5) Sathi

Answer-3

Source: The Hindu

Q.14. Recently which of the following fighter plane landed in Tripura after 45 Years?

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- 1) Tejas
- 2) Sukhoi
- 3) Rafael
- 4) Mig-21
- 5) None of these

Answer-2

Source: The Hindu

Q.15. The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) CEO _____ warn Agencies in possession of Aadhaar number of an individual not to post the information publicly ?

- 1) Ajay Bhushan Pandey
- 2) Rakesh Sethi
- 3) Suresh Basu
- 4) Anand Tomar
- 5) Shivpal Tiwari

Answer-1

Source: The Hindu

Q.16. Which country is strongly supporting India's NSG membership and expects India to ratify Paris agreement this year?

- 1) USA
- 2) Russia
- 3) China
- 4) France

- 5) Japan

Answer-1

Source: The Hindu

Q.17. According to the Inter Governmental Agreement (IGA) between India and France, how many Rafael fighter Jets would be purchased?

- 1) 24
- 2) 36
- 3) 48
- 4) 12
- 5) 8

Answer-2

Source: The Hindu

Q.18. Which of the following company has decided to merge loss-making Hinduja Foundries Ltd. (HFL) with itself?

- 1) Tata Motors
- 2) Bajaj Motors
- 3) Ashok Leyland
- 4) Hero Moto Corp
- 5) Maruti Suzuki

Answer-3

Source: The Hindu

Q.19. The committee on irrigation, hydrology and hydel power experts to suggest effective functioning of river Krishna will be headed by?

- 1) Sumesh Chauhan
- 2) Vijay Kelkar
- 3) D. Yadurao
- 4) A.D. Mohile
- 5) R.K. Jain

Answer-4

Source: The Hindu

Q.20. What is the name of the space lab which was recently launched by China to establish a manned space station around 2022?

- 1) Sichuan 2
- 2) Shenzhou 5
- 3) Tainzhou-1
- 4) Shenzhou-11
- 5) Tiangong-2

Answer-5

Source: The Hindu

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Headquarters	Athens, Greece
Membership	185 national associations
President:	
First	Alexander Rueb (1924–1949)
Current	Kirsan Ilyumzhinov (1995–present)
Website	www.fide.com
Role	Governing body of international chess competition
Publication	Kazic
	Bozidar
	Keene
	Raymond
	Lim
	Kok Ann (1985)
	The Official Laws of Chess
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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ATHLETICS FEDERATIONS



Abbreviation	IAAF
Formation	17 July 1912
Formerly Known As	International Amateur Athletics Federation
Type	Sports federation
Headquarters	Monaco
Membership	215 member federations
President	
First	Sigfrid Edstorm (Sweden)
Present	Sebastian Coe (UK)
Website	www.IAAF.org
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INTERNET CORPORATION FOR ASSIGNED NAMES AND NUMBERS


Abbreviation	ICANN
Founded	September 18, 1998
Focus	Manage Internet protocol numbers and Domain Name System root
Type	Non- Profit Organisation
Location	Playa Vista, Los Angeles, California, United States
Key people	Göran Marby (CEO and President), Steve Crocker (Chairman of the Board)
Slogan	One World. One Internet.
Website	www.icann.org
	Kirsan Ilyumzhinov (1995–present)
Members	16 member Board of Directors
Activity	Uniform Domain-Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP)
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Abbreviation	ISA, or, the Authority
Formation	16 November 1994
Purpose	Organize and control all mineral-related activities in the international seabed area beyond the limits of national jurisdiction
Headquarters	Kingston, Jamaica
Location	New York (Office of the Permanent Observer for the ISA to the UN)
Membership	The Authority has 167 members and the European Union, composed of all parties to the Law of the Sea Convention
Affiliations	Observer status to the United Nations
Website	www.isa.org.jm www.icann.org
Fund	Endowment Fund (2006) to Support Collaborative Marine Scientific Research on the International Seabed Area.
	ISA Promotes and Encourages two main activities-
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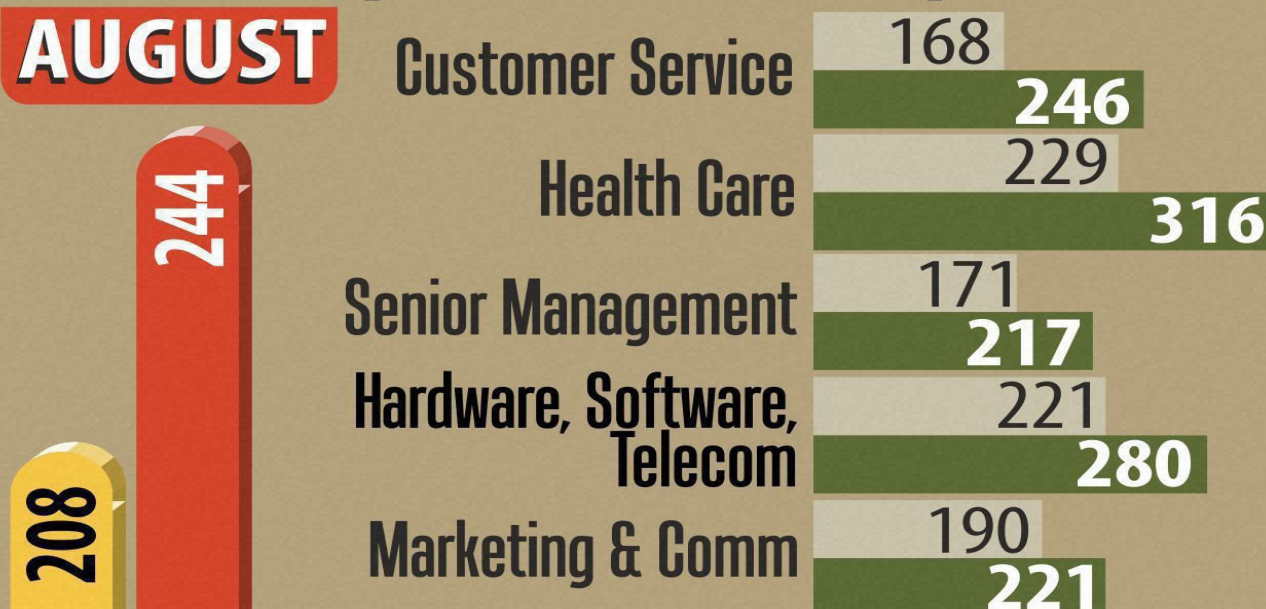


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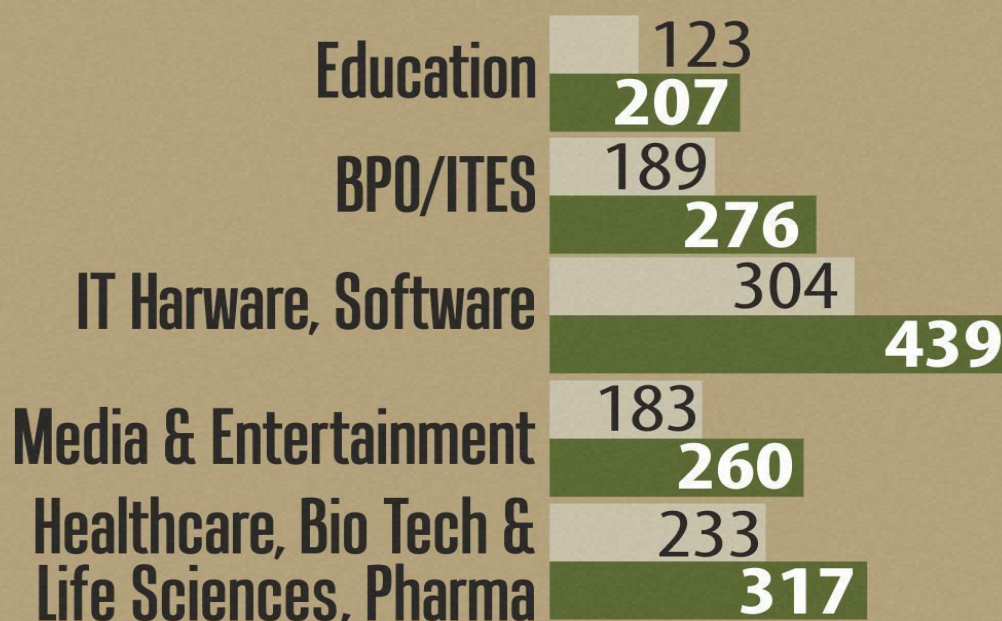
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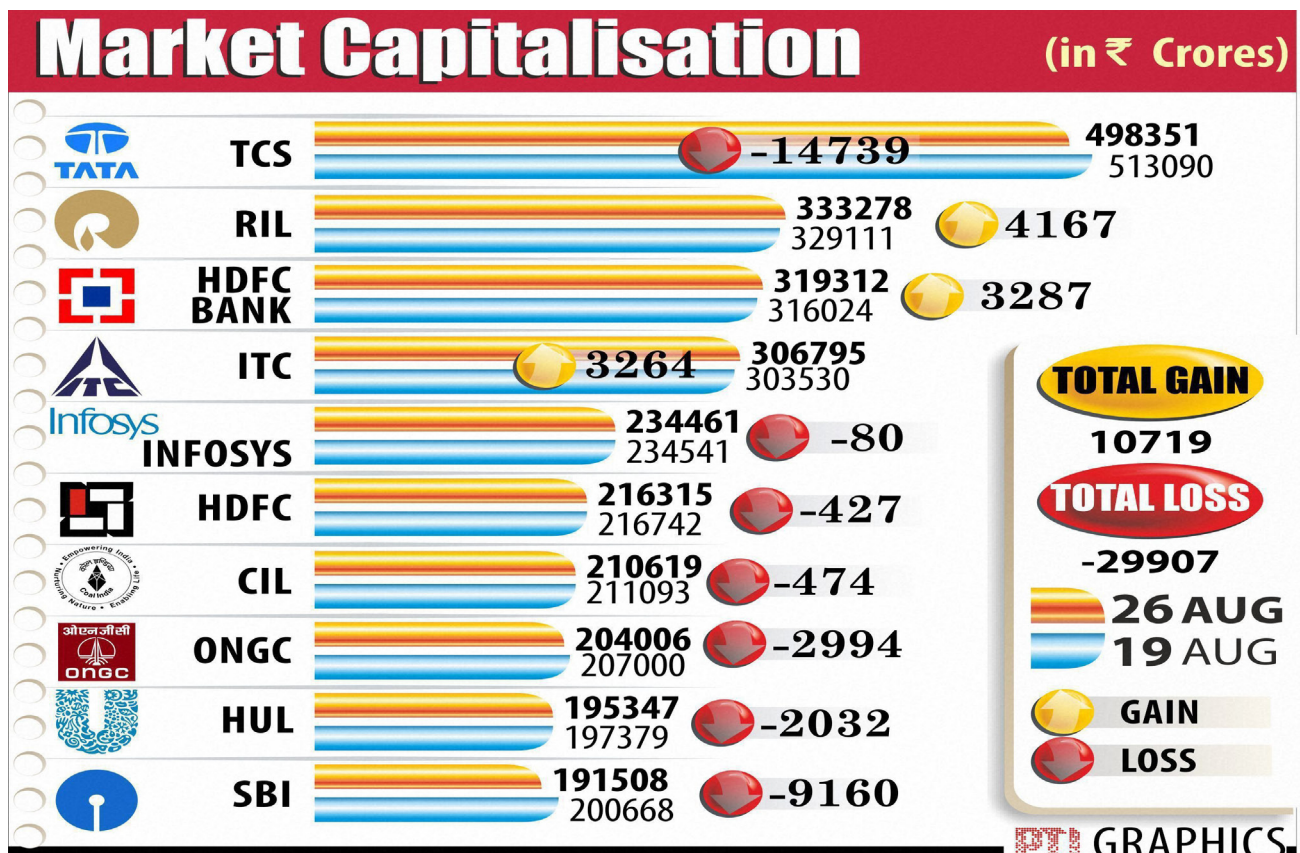


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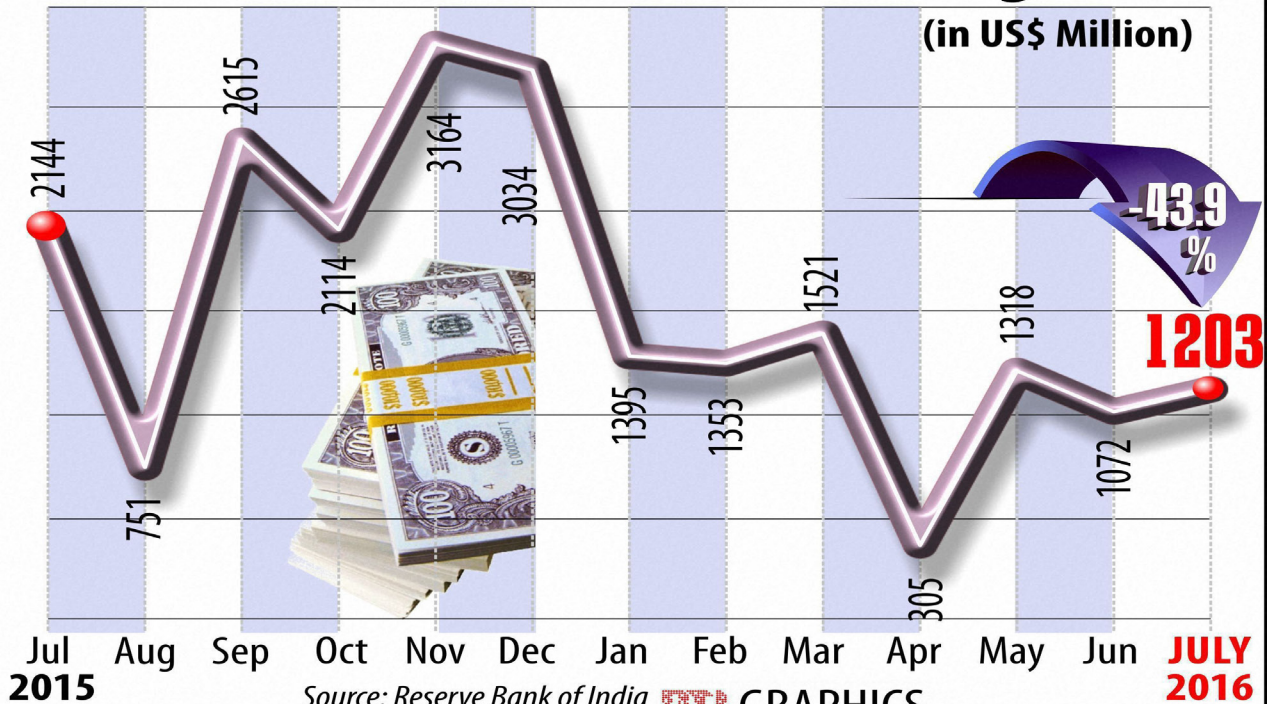
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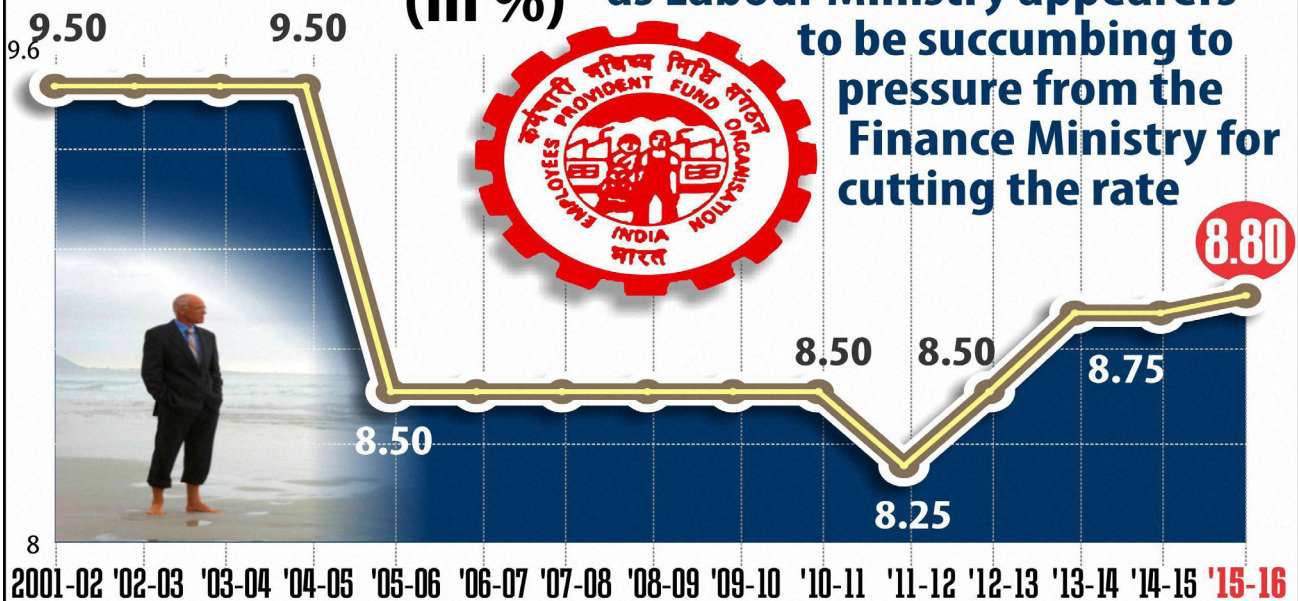


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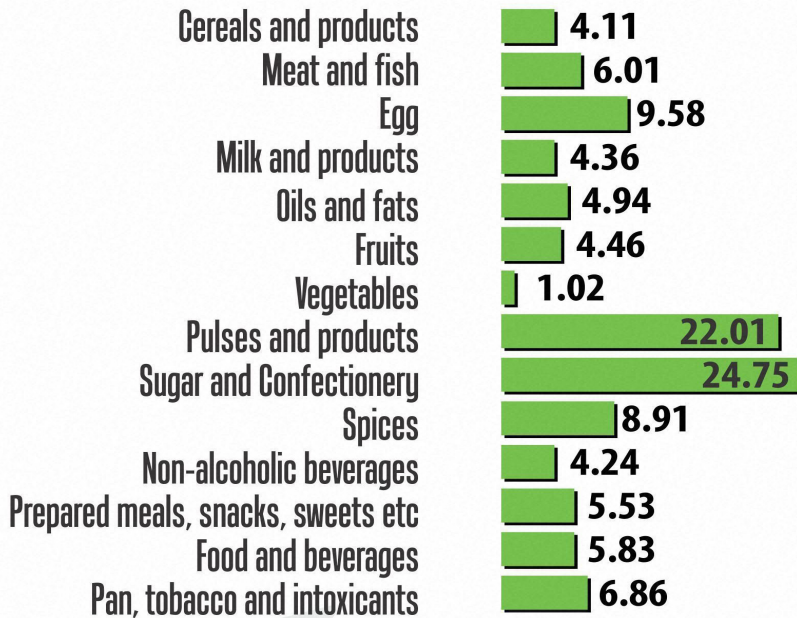
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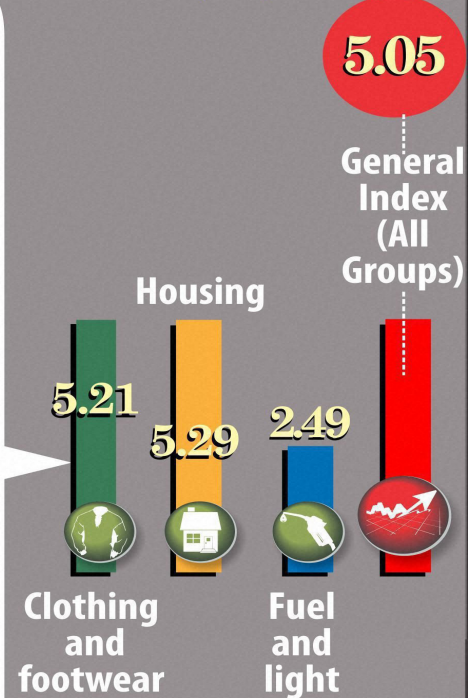
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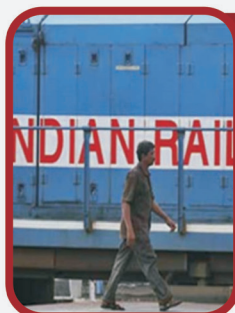


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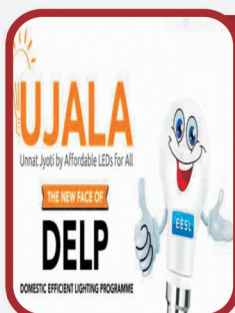


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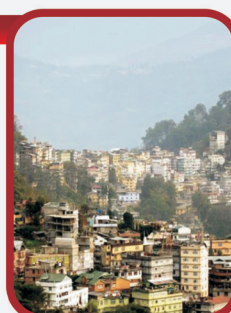


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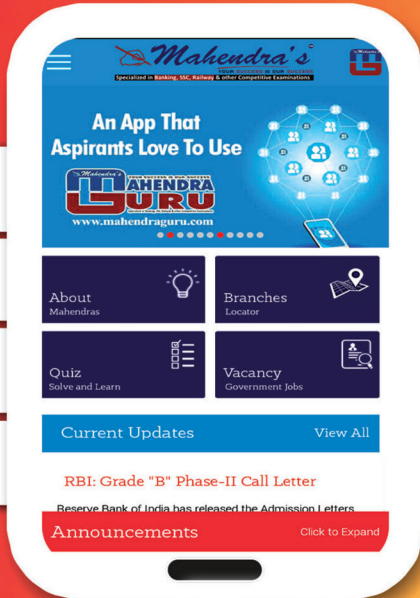
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