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Awards and Honours

- Renowned Indian sand artist **SudarsanPattnaik** has won gold medal on in people's choice prize at world championship festival of sand sculpting Russe, 2016 in **Bulgaria**.
- The **International Olympic Committee (IOC)** has awarded the prestigious Olympic Order to Indian Olympic Association (IOA) president **N Ramachandran**.
- For the fifth consecutive year, Facebook COO **Sheryl Sandberg** has been named the most powerful woman in technology on the Forbes' 100 **Most Powerful Women** list, placing at No. 7 on the list overall.
- Four Indian women led by **Arundhati Bhattacharya**, Chairman of the country's largest lender, the State Bank of India (SBI), have been ranked in the latest Forbes list of 100 most powerful women in the world.
Others,
 ChandaKochhar of ICICI Bank (40th),
 KiranMazumdar-Shaw of Biocon (77th), and
 ShobhanaBhartia of HT Media, (93rd).
- Director **Ridley Scott** will be honored with the 30th **American Cinematheque award** during the organization's annual benefit gala October 14 at the Beverly Hilton.
- UN Secretary-General **Ban Ki-moon** has been honored with Russia's **Order of Friendship**. The respective decree of **Russian President Vladimir Putin** was published on the Russian official legal information website.
- **Queen Elizabeth II** has awarded the Regius Professorship (royal patronage) in Manufacturing to the department founded by Indian professor **Lord Kumar Bhattacharyya** in the University of Warwick.
- The **Airports Authority of India (AAI)** has been conferred the **National Award for Best Performing Central PSU** for Roof Top Solar Power initiatives.
- Indian-American author **Akhil Sharma** has won the prestigious 100,000-euro **International Dublin Literary Award**, the world's richest award for a single novel, for his second novel 'Family Life'.
- **Rocker Rod Stewart** has been knighted by **Queen Elizabeth II** in her annual Birthday Honors List, which also included recognition for astronaut **Tim Peake** and "Downton Abbey" star **Penelope Wilton**.
- **Prime Minister NarendraModi** was conferred with **Amir Amanullah Khan Award**, the *highest civilian honour of Afghanistan*.
- **Dr. R Seetharaman**, Group CEO of Doha Bank, has been honoured with the 2016 **Green Economy Visionary Award**.
- Legendary Oscar winning Indian music composer **A R Rahman** was awarded **Japan's Fukuoka prize for the year 2016**.

Appointments

- Former Delhi Police Commissioner **BS Bassi** has been appointed as a member of the **Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)**.
- **Rahul Johri** appointed as a first ever CEO of **BCCI**.
- Senior IPS officer **Navin Agarwal** has been appointed as the chief of **National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)**, working for dope-free sports.
- **Facebook India** has named **Umang Bedi** as its managing director. He will take over from **Kirthiga Reddy**.
- **N.K. Chari** has assumed office as the new **Managing Director of State Bank of Mysore**.
- **Major General Per Lodin** appointed Head of Mission for the **United Nations Military Observer Group (UNMOGIP)** in India.
- Congress president has appointed two veterans, **Ghulam Nabi Azad** and **Kamal Nath** as **AICC (All India Congress Committee) General Secretaries**.
- Former Uttarakhand chief minister **Vijay Bahuguna** has been inducted into **BJP's National Executive**.
- **Swedish General Per Lodin** has been appointed as the **head of UN India Pakistan military Observers (UNMOGIP)** replacing **Delali Johnson Sakyi**.
- **G Ragesh Chandra** has been appointed as secretary, **Puthucherry** Chief Minister **V Narayanaswamy**.
- The senior-most Judge of the **Manipur High Court Justice Rakesh Ranjan Prasad** has assumed charge of the Chief Justice of the High Court.

Banking and Economy

- The **Government of India** and the **World Bank** has signed a **US\$ 9.2 million** grant agreement under the **World Bank-Global Environment Facility (GEF) Program** for the **Efficient and Sustainable City Bus Service Project**.
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has given its approval for setting up the **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** as a **Public Limited Company**.
- **RBI** has asked banks to immediately put in place a **cyber security policy** to tackle internet-based threats to the banking system to specify potential risks as “low, moderate, high and very high” and said they must report all “unusual cyber-security incidents”.
- The **World Bank** has dropped the use of developing nation tag for **India** in its specialised reports and instead classifies it as a “**lower-middle-income**” economy in South Asia.

- **HDFC ERGO General Insurance Co. Ltd** acquired **L&T General Insurance** in an all-cash deal worth Rs.551 crore.
- The **Income Tax department** has launched an **ATM-based validation system** for filing-ITRs by taxpayers as part of its measure to enhance the paperless regime of filing the annual IT returns.
- **India** and the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** have signed a **USD 120 million loan pact** to improve irrigation and water management infrastructure in Odisha under the **Orissa Integrated Irrigated Agriculture and Water Management Investment Program**.
- Online retail giant **Amazon** is investing **\$3 billion** into its India operations this year, according to founder **Jeff Bezos**, who was speaking at the U.S.-India Business Council Annual Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C.
- MadRat Games, has raised fresh funds from a consortium of investors including **Ratan Tata**, Ola's founders Bhavish Aggarwal and Ankit Bhati, Flipkart's founder Binny Bansal, and Girish Mathrubootham of Freshdesk
- China has expressed serious concern over India initiating an anti-dumping probe against Chinese steel products as it sought a 'fair' and 'transparent' investigation in line with WTO rules.
- The **World Bank** has lowered its global growth forecast the world economy will grow at **2.4% in 2016** and at **2.8% in 2017**, the World Bank said global economic prospects, lower than the earlier forecast of 2.9% and 3.1%, respectively,
- **Axis Bank** has raised \$500 million at the **London Stock Exchange** after it launched India's first internationally-listed certified green bond to finance climate change solutions around the world raised \$500 million.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued guidelines called Scheme for **Sustainable Structuring of Stressed Assets (S4A)** for **Strengthen the lenders' ability** to deal with stressed assets and Put real assets back on track of entities facing genuine difficulties by providing an avenue for reworking financial structure.
- The **New Development Bank (NDB)** of the BRICS countries is set to issue its **first yuan-denominated bonds** to finance sustainable development projects.

National Round-Up

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the **National Disaster Management Plan (NDMP)**. This is the first ever national plan prepared in the country.
- The government of India has signed an agreement with the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** for the latter to loan \$200 million to upgrade 176 km of state roads in **Jharkhand**.
- The Union Ministry of Railways launched three passenger service initiatives viz.

a **JananiSewa** for mothers, optional catering in **Rajdhani** and **Shatabdi** trains on a pilot basis and a **children's menu** on trains.

- Railway Minister **Suresh Prabhu**, Power Minister **PiyushGoyal** and senior Congress leader **P Chidambaram** were today elected unopposed to the RajyaSabha.
- **India** will not have a **power deficit** this year, a first time in history. The situation officials say is an outcome of the current government's initiatives to resolve burning issues like **fuel scarcity**.
- **India Post** has released a Rs.5 stamp to mark the third anniversary of **Amazon India's** services in the country. Called **My Stamp**,
- **Guwahati**, the Assam state capital has become the first city in the country to have its own **City Animal** with the Kamrup the **Gangetic River Dolphin** as the mascot.
- Under **Swachh Rail-Swachh Bharat**(Clean Rail-Clean India) programme, **Indian Railways** will fit **bio-toilets** on all its coaches by 2019 .All 55,000 coaches of Indian Railways would be fitted with 1,40,000 bio-toilets.
- Railway minister **Suresh Prabhu** announced a number of major railway projects for **Andhra Pradesh**, including a high-speed rail line between new capital **Amaravati** and **Bengaluru**.
- The sprawling and picturesque coastline of **Kerala** will soon become a "**plastic and garbage-free**" zone with the state government.
- **Kerala** is all set to become **open defecation-free** with the state-run **Suchitwa Mission** aiming to achieve the goal by November 1 this year.
- **India** has been ranked 141 on a **Global Peace Index** — making it less peaceful than countries like *Burundi, Serbia and Burkina Faso*
- **Iceland** was ranked as the world's most peaceful country, followed by *Denmark* and *Austria*.
- **Syria** has been named the least peaceful, followed by *South Sudan, Iraq, Afghanistan and Somalia*.
- **Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh** has announced that a new **Indian Reserve Battalion** in **Rajasthan** will be named after **MaharanaPratap**, the great warrior of **Mewar** region.
- Laboratory testing of two popular baby care products of **US firm Johnson & Johnson** has been alleged over lack of warning about health risks of its talc-based products.
- The **National Green Tribunal (NGT)** has directed the **Delhi government** register conforming to **BS-IV norms** used for garbage disposal and handling of municipal waste generated in **New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) area**.
- The **Assam** government has set up a **single window clearance system** at all district headquarters to help potential **investors** and to eradicate corruption.
- The new government has introduced the **Assam Ease of Doing Business Bill 2016** in the House on June 3 this year, which was passed subsequently.

- **Sikkim** to become the first state in India to have an **open government data portal**. Lok Sabha MP, **P D Rai** launched the open government data portal '**Sikkim.data.gov.in**' and Open Government Data Platform.
- Residents of **Shiyal Bet**, a non-descript island in **Gujarat's Amreli district** woke up to cherish a moment they had been waiting for nearly **seven decades** after the country's Independence — electricity supply in their homes.
- **Telangana** has the highest proportion of meat-eaters in the country with almost 99% of its residents being non-vegetarians, a **Registrar General of India** survey.
- With the birth of a baby girl in Nagpur, India has reportedly recorded its first ever case of a baby born with **a rare genetic disorder** called '**Harlequin Ichthyosis**'. The disease, which affects 1 out of 3 lakh babies.
- **President Pranab Mukherjee** has rejected a Bill passed by the **Delhi government** that sought to exempt the post of **parliamentary secretary** from the dual office of profit law.
- The Indian unit of search giant **Google Inc** and **Tata Trusts** launched '**Internet Saathi**' program in **West Bengal**.
- The CM launched '**Immersive Tele-presence with Integrated Water Management Command Centre**' by reviewing the progress of Polavaram irrigation project's spillway works on Godavari river

International Round-Up

- The world's longest and deepest tunnel **Gotthard Base** officially opened with the trailblazing rail passage under the **Swiss Alps** aiming to ease transit through the heart of **Europe**.
- The tunnel has overtaken **Japan's 53.9km Seikan rail tunnel** as the longest in the world.
- Goa-born **Sayonara Luxton** has taken charge as the mayor of the **Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead** in southeast England.
- **Sweden** has been voted as the **best country** in the world to serving the interests of its people and contributing to the common good of humanity.
- China said that it will ignore the decision of an international arbitration panel in the Philippines' lawsuit against Beijing's sweeping territorial claims in the South China Sea.
- **Switzerland** has promised to work with Indian authorities to tackle tax dodgers who stash money in Swiss bank accounts to avoid Indian taxes. The two countries had agreed to make combating **tax evasion and "black money"** a shared priority.
- In 2016 rankings, **Walmart** is the top dog on the **Fortune 500** list for the fourth consecutive year based on total revenues for their fiscal years, Apple, which was the most profitable company on the list.
- June 5th celebrated across the globe, this year's theme for World Environment Day is '**Join the race to make the world a better place**'.

- **Hillary Clinton** has cemented her position as the presumptive **Democratic nominee**, seizing her place in history as the first woman to contest a US presidential election.
- The **World Health Organization** has announced that **Thailand** became the first Asian country to eliminate **mother-to-child transmission of HIV**, a milestone in the fight against the disease.

India and the World

- The PM **Narendra Modi** has given its approval for signing of a MoU between **United States of America** and **India** to enhance **wildlife conservation and combating wildlife trafficking**.
- The **India-Morocco Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IMCCI)** was launched by visiting **Vice President Hamid Ansari** and Moroccan Prime Minister **Abdelilah Benkirane**.
- The bilateral trade between the two countries stood at USD 1.26 billion in 2015 with Indian exports forming roughly 25 per cent of the trade volume.
- **India's Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)** and the French civil aviation authority to implement technical cooperation programme of the **International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO)**.
- **India** has inked a pact with the **US** to enhance cooperation in **energy security and climate change** with an aim to promote **sustainable growth**.
- Defence Minister **Manohar Parrikar** and his Singaporean counterpart **Ng Eng Hen** marked rising of bilateral defence cooperation to the highest level.
- The strategically important **Chabahar Port in Iran**, the government is looking eastwards and is in discussions with Bangladesh to develop a similar facility in **Payra**.

Science and Technology

- TRAI, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India is now taking more steps to bring the pesky call menace under control. An app named '**DND Services**' that will help mobile users to manage unsolicited commercial communications (UCC).
- Drug firm **Jubilant Life Sciences** has received final approval from the US health regulator for generic **Levetiracetam** injection, used for treatment of **epilepsy**, in the American market.
- India's **telemedicine** market which has been growing at a **compounded annual growth rate (CAGR)** of over 20 per cent holds the potential to cross **\$32 million (mn) mark by 2020** from the current level of over \$15 mn.
- Dwarfed by huge jets all around, the mini-plane **Thor** was nonetheless an eye-catcher at the Berlin Air Show – the small Airbus marvel is the world's first 3D-printed aircraft.

- The world's first passenger drone capable of autonomously carrying a person in the air for 23 minutes has been given clearance for testing in **Nevada** at Chinese firm **Ehang**.
- The **French government** has launched a **smartphone app** that would alert users to possible **terror attacks** and provide them with information on how to stay safe.
- International team of astronomers found an alien world named **HATS-18b**. It is a giant hot Jupiter exoplanet tidally spinning up its parent star. The team led by **Kaloyan Penev** of Princeton University.
- Piyush Goyal, Minister of State (IC) for Power, Coal and New & Renewable Energy launched "**Surya Mitra**" **mobile App** at National Workshop on Rooftop Solar Power.
- The members of the **34-nation Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR)**, an international anti-proliferation group, have agreed to admit India.
- The **United Launch Alliance (ULA)**, a joint space delivery service by aerospace giants Lockheed Martin and The Boeing Company, carried out the launch of a **Delta IV Heavy rocket**.
- **Iceland scientists turned CO2 into Stone under CarbFix Project** Such carbon capture and storage (CCS) is thought to be essential to halting **global warming**, but existing projects store the CO2 as a gas and concerns about costs and potential leakage.
- The **International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry**, the gatekeeper to the **periodic table**, announced the proposed names for elements 113, 115, 117 and 118: **nihonium, moscovium, tennessine and oganesson**.
- China has successfully launched 23rd satellite to support its global navigation and positioning network which is being developed to rival the US Global Positioning System **BeiDou Navigation Satellite System (BDS)**.
- **Apple** has now unveiled the latest version of its **OS X desktop operating system**; it's now called macOS, with the latest version dubbed **macOS Sierra**.
- The U.S. has recognised India as '**major defence partner**, U.S. move will be complemented by India's entry into the **Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR)**, an exclusive club that restricts trade in sensitive defence technologies.
- A fleet of **U.S., Japanese and Indian warships** will hold a large-scale joint naval exercise over eight days in the Western Pacific, China pushes its territorial claims in the in the neighboring **South China Sea**, Tokyo and Washington.
- **India and Qatar** have signed seven agreements, including one on finance intelligence to check money laundering and terrorism financing and another to woo foreign investment in the infrastructure sector from the gas-rich Gulf state.
- The head of a U.N. human rights inquiry into Eritrea said an estimated 300,000-400,000 people had been enslaved over the past 25 years in Eritrea's system of indefinite "national service".
- **Pakistan** tops the list of countries figuring in the **Malware Infection Index 2016**, **India** ranks **8th** on the list.

- A large-scale **military training exercise** involving more than 20 **NATO** and partner countries has kicked off in **Poland**, reassure east European nations rattled by **Russia's** actions in nearby **Ukraine**.
- The **WHO** has declared that **Liberia** has reached the end of active **Ebola virus transmission**.
- Peru's elections authority announced that **Pedro Pablo Kuczynski** had defeated **Keiko Fujimori** in the 2016 presidential election.
- **Norway** has become the first country to stop clear-cutting of trees, a huge step toward curbing global **deforestation**.
- **NATO** announced that the alliance will deploy four multinational battalions to **Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland**.
- Goa-born **Sayonara Luxton** has taken charge as the mayor of the **Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead** in southeast England.

Snippets from the States

- The Indian unit of **search giant Google Inc** and **Tata Trusts** have jointly launched '**Internet Saathi**' program in **Purulia district of West Bengal**.
- The multilateral lending agency **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has approved 100 million dollars loan to strengthen a **key irrigation system and improve water management** in the **Vennar sub-basin of Cauvery Delta in Tamil Nadu**.
- Multilateral lending agency **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has signed a loan agreement with India for providing new loan of **200 million dollars** to upgrade 176 km of roads in **Jharkhand**.
- **Rajasthan Government** has launched **mobile application RajVayu** for **sharing information about air quality index of Jaipur, Udaipur and Jodhpur**.
- The **Gujarat government** has announced its **first ever IT and Electronics Start-up Policy** which will be applicable only to IT and electronics related start-ups.
- Ruling **AIADMK P Dhanapal** was unanimously re-elected as Speaker of the **15th Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly**.
- Ruling **Left Democratic Front's (LDF)** candidate **P Sreeramakrishnan** was elected as **speaker of the 14th legislative assembly of Kerala**.
- **Odisha** became the **first state in the country to give transgender people social welfare benefits** – such as a housing, pension and food grains.
- Union Road Transport and Highways Minister **Nitin Gadkari** has launched 20 **Nirbhaya buses** of **Rajasthan State Transport Corporation (RSTC)**.
- **Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu** has launched an **IT-enabled management system** for irrigation projects in the state.

Sports Point

- Five sports, including **baseball, skateboarding and surfing**, are set to feature at the **2020 Tokyo Olympics**. The inclusion of skateboarding, surfing, sports climbing and karate plus the joint baseball/softball bid at its session in **Rio de Janeiro** in August.
- Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's wife **Nita Ambani** has been nominated for membership in the **International Olympic Committee (IOC)** and will become the first Indian woman to be on the apex sporting body if she gets elected at the IOC Session.
- **Shubham Jaglan**, India's 11-year-old golf prodigy, bagged his first-ever European Junior Championship, by a massive 13 strokes, at the **Craigielaw Golf Club in Longniddry, Scotland**.
- The **International Olympic Committee (IOC)** has unveiled its first ever **team of refugees** which will compete at the **2016 Rio de Janeiro Games** under the **Olympic flag**.
- **Argentina** have retained their **number one spot in FIFA's rankings** ahead of Belgium and **Colombia** with Copa America and Euro 2016 soon to get underway.
- **Cristiano Ronaldo** has been named as the world's most famous athlete ahead of his great rival **Lionel Messi**.
- **Garbine Muguruza** defeated **Serena Williams** to claim her maiden grand slam title with a 7-5 6-4 win over the world number one and defending champion in the **French Open final**.
- Asian Games discus throw gold medal winner **Seema Punia** has been qualified for the **Rio Olympics**
- World number one **Novak Djokovic** beat Britain's **Andy Murray** to win his first **French Open title** and complete the career Grand Slam.
- **Maria Sharapova** has been banned for two years by the **International Tennis Federation** for using a prohibited drug.
- The venerable **Eden Gardens** ground will host the first ever day-night Test in the country when **India** take on **New Zealand** later this year.
- **International para-olympics body lifts Indian athletes banned**. **International Paralympic Committee**, decided to lift the ban on the **Paralympic Committee of India (PCI)** with the sole purpose of allowing Para-athletes of the country to compete at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games under the tri-colour.
- **Real Madrid star Ronaldo** tops the list having earned \$88 million (£60.9m) over the past 12 months, with Barcelona talisman Messi in second with earnings of \$81.4m (£56.3m).
- **Shuttler Saina Nehwal** received a huge boost ahead of the **Rio Olympics** as she clinched her second **Australian Open Super Series title** after defeating China's **Sun Yu**.

- India's **Leander Paes** will become the only tennis player in the world and the first Indian to make a seventh appearance at the Olympics.
- **Lewis Hamilton** enhanced his impressive personal record at the **Canadian Grand Prix** to claim pole position ahead of Mercedes team-mate **Nico Rosberg**.

Environment

- Scientists at NASA's **Environment and Climate Change Canada** and researchers at **University of Maryland, College Park** and **Dalhousie University** discovered 39 unreported "major" sources of toxic air pollution.
- **Haryana Government** has launched Asia's first '**Gyps Vulture Reintroduction Programme**' at the **Jatayu Conservation Breeding Centre** at **Pinjore**.
- The **Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority (GCZMA)** has called for a complete ban on tourism activity at **Galjibag beach in South Goa** to protect the **turtle nesting spots**.
- The **Arctic** is on track to be free of sea ice this year or next for the first time in more than **100,000 years**, a leading scientist has claimed.
- **The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development**, air pollution could cause 6-9 million premature deaths by **2060**, with the biggest mortality rate spike forecasted in India.

Obituary

- Noted comedian **Razak Khan** passed away
- Boxing legend **Muhammad Ali** died at 74
- Veteran theatre and film actor **Sulabha Deshpande** passed away
- Veteran Journalist **KK Katyal** passed away
- India's first Mr Universe **Manohar Aich** passed away
- Veteran journalist **Inder Malhotra** died at 86
- Legendary Canadian ice hockey player **Gordie Howe** passed away
- Veteran theatre personality **Achyut Lahkar** passed away
- **Donald Carr**, former England Cricket captain, died aged 89

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Important Days

June 1	Global Day of Parents World milk day
June 3	UNESCO world Heritage Day Cancer Survivors Day
June 4	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
June 5	World Environment Day
June 6	Russian Language Day at the UN
June 8	World Oceans Day
June 12	World Day Against Child Labour / Child Labour Prohibition Day
June 14	World Blood Donor Day

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