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AWARDS & HONOURS

NAME OF THE AWARD	AWARD WINNER	KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER
Honorary Professorship By The Nanjing Audit University	Shashi Kant Sharma	The award presented by the first meeting of supreme audit institution (sais) of brics countries.
Queen Elizabeth's Young Leaders Award 2016	Kartik Sawhney and Neha Swain	—
2016 Bet Awards	Beyonce Knowles	The Singer took Home A Total Of Four Awards, Including Best Female R&B/Pop Artist.
International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Award	Freida Pinto	Slumdog millionaire star
Gd Birla Award For Scientific Research For 2016.	Sanjay Mittal	lit-kanpur professor in the department of aerospace engineering at indian institute of technology
Voices Of Our Future Award	Urmila Chanam	
Margaret Atwood	Pen Pinter Prize 2016	<i>He is</i> canadian poet, novelist, literary critic, essayist, and environmental activist
The Republic Of Ivory Coast	President Pranab Mukherjee	The highest civilian award of the west african country.
Data Journalism Awards 2016	Panama Papers Probe	For investigation of the year
Shanghai International Film Festival Award	Raam Reddy	Thithi won the best film and best script writers in the asia new talent awards at the festival in shanghai.
World Best Tourism Destination For 2016	Cambodia	Title "cambodia: the land of magic-the place where gods and kings build the world!"

The Highest Honour Of Cote d'ivoirie	President Pranab Mukherjee	D'ivoirieby its president Alassane Ouattara on his maiden visit to Abidjan.
People's Choice Prize	Sudarsan Pattnaik	At world championship festival of sand sculpting russe, 2016 in bulgaria.
The Prestigious Olympic Order	N Ramachandran.	The award honoured by international olympic committee
American Cinematheque Award	Ridley Scott	
Russia's Order Of Friendship	General Ban Ki-Moon	Russian president vladimir putin was published on the russian official legal information website.
Awarded The Regius Professorship (Royal Patronage)	Lord Kumar Bhattacharyya	Queen elizabeth ii has awarded this honour .
National Award For Best Performing Central Psu	Airports Authority Of India (Aai)	For roof top solar power initiatives
International Dublin Literary Award	Akhil Sharma	For a single novel, for his second novel 'family life'.
Amir Amanullah Khan Award	Prime Minister Narendra Modi	The highest civilian honour of afghanistan.
Green Economy Visionary Award	Dr. R Seetharaman,	Ceo of doha bank
Japan's Fukuoka Prize For The Year 2016.	A R Rahman	He is a legendary oscar winning indian music composer
Col Ck Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award	Syed Kirmani	He was a member of the indian team that won the world cup in 1983 for the first time
National Payments Excellence Awards 2015	Corporation Bank	For recognition of exceptional performance of member banks.
Costa Book Awards 2015	Kate Atkinson	She received this award for her book "god in ruins"
Costa Biography Award	Andrea Wulf	For the book of the invention of nature: the adventures of alexander von humboldt, the lost hero of science'

Costa Poetry Award	Don Paterson	For the book of '40 sonnets'
Costa Children's Book Award	Frances Hardinge	For the book of 'the lie tree'
Costa Debut Novel Award	Andrew Michael Hurley	For the book of 'the loney'.
People Choice Awards 2016	Priyanka Chopra	Hollywood actor vin diesel presented her the award
Most Generous Indian	Azim Premji	Awarded by the hurun india philanthropy list 2015
The Central Banker Of The Year	Rbi Governor Raghuram Rajan	The award (global and asia pacific) for 2016 by the financial times group's
Fifa Ballon d'or Award 2016	Lionel Messi	He has earned this title of world's best football player for record fifth time.
Fifa Puskas Award 2016	Wendell Lira	For his spinning bicycle kick while playing for goianesia
Fifa Women's World Player Of The Year	Carli Lloyd	United states
World Coach Of The Year (Men's)	Luis Enrique	Barcelona fc
World Coach Of The Year (Women's)	Jill Ellis	United staes
The First India Pharma Awards	Ananth Kumar (Union Minister For Chemicals And Fertilizers)	For outstanding pharma industries to motivate indian pharma
Honourable Cecil B Demille Award	Denzel Washington	Honours extraordinary contributions to the entertainment world, at the 2016 golden globes
Harikrishna Devsare Baalsahitya Award 2015	Poet Balkrishna Garg	For his collection of poems for children, titled 'baalgeet'
The National Award On E-Governance 2015-16	The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation	For launching the universal account number – UAN

The Danny Kaye Humanitarian Leadership Award	Football Player David Beckham	Sir Elton John and david furnish presented the award to beckham at the black-tie gala event
Neerja Bhanot Award	Subhashini Vasanth	For playing the lead role in biopic “neerja”.
9th Annual Cinema Eye Honours	Director Joshua Oppenheimer	His documentary “the look of silence” has won the award
Dsc Prize For South Asian Literature	Indian Writer Anuradha Roy	For her novel ‘sleeping on jupiter’
Scientific And Technical Achievement Award 2016	Richard Chuang	Given by academy of motion picture arts and sciences
Best Hockey Players 2015	Robert Van Der Horst And Lidewij Welten	Announced by the international hockey federation
Prince Mahidol Award	Morton M. Mower Sir Michael Gideon Marmot	The award was honoured for field of medicine
Yash Chopra Memorial Award	Veteran Bollywood Actress Rekha	Maharashtra governor c vidyasagar rao presented the award to the actress
Australia’s Highest Civilian Honour	Chennupati Jagadish Jay Chandra Sajeev Koshy	For their contribution in the fields of physics, engineering and medicine respectively.
The Amnesty International Human Rights Award 2016	Indian Activist And Lawyer Henri Tiphagne	For his “exceptional commitment to human rights”
Navlekhan Award Of The Bharatiya Jnanpith	Amlendu Tiwari Om Nagar	His novel ‘parityakt’ and on nagar for his non-fictional prose ‘nib ke cheere se’ respectively
The Diploma Of Honour By The International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF)	Olympic Champion <i>Abhinav Bindra</i>	He was honoured by issf president olegario vazquez rana
V Shantaram Life Time Achievement Award	Naresh Bedi	He is a veteran wildlife film maker
The Prestigious 2016 William E. Colby Award	Nisid Hajari	He has won for his book midnight’s furies: the deadly legacy of india’s partition.

The Prestigious K Veeramani Social Justice Award	Nitish Kumar	For this award for his immense contribution for the cause of social justice
A Special Award On Yashwant International Film Festival	Veteran Actress Waheeda Rehman	For her contribution to the film industry
Best First Foreign Film Award	Indian Film “Titli”	Conferred by the french syndicate of cinema critics’ 2016 (fsc)
Lifetime Achievement Award	Megastar-Amitabh Bachchan	At ndtv indian of the year awards
Golden Conch Award	Manipuri Movie “Phum Shang”	For the best documentary film (up to 60 minutes)
Bharat Ratna Pandit Bhimsen Joshi Classical Music Award	Sarangi Maestro Pandit Ram Narayan	The annual award, instituted by the maharashtra government
‘Godavari Gaurav’ Award	Well-Known Actor Nana Patekar	Instituted by city-based ‘kusumagraj prathishthan’
Sets New World Record For Most Push-Ups In Minute	Kj Joseph	He is from kerala
La Liga’s Player Of The Month For January	Lionel Messi	This is the first time that the barcelona star has received the award
Hilton Asian Tour Golfer Of Year	Anirban Lahiri	By fans in an online poll
Behavioural Change Communication Award	Trichirapalli City	For that city’s cleanliness
Pride Of Kerala Award	Bollywood Actress Vidya Balan	Received from the world malayalee council and kairali tv
Best Film, Best Actor And Best Director Bafta Awards	The Revenant	The british academy film awards are presented in an annual award show hosted by the british academy of film and television arts (bafta).
Golden Beaver Best Film Award	Nagaland Is Changing, But...(A Documentary Film)	The film was also conferred with technical excellence award At 6th national science film festival in mumbai
Album Of The Year	Taylor Swift	At the 2016 grammy awards for her 2014

		album <i>1989</i>
Chevalier De La Legion d'honneur (Knight Of The Legion Of Honour)	Manish Arora	French ambassador francois richier presented the award to arora for his renowned and critically-acclaimed contribution to the fashion world
Entered The Guinness Book Of World Records	Sameer Anjaan	For writing lyrics to the most number of bollywood songs
Global Teacher Prize	Robin Chaurasiya	An indian teacher who runs a non-profit school in mumbai for girls from the city's red light areas
World Press Photo Of 2015	Warren Richardson	Richardson's picture—which also won first prize in the spot news category—shows refugees crossing the border from serbia into hungary
Israel Prize	David Shulman	For his breakthrough studies in fields like religion and philosophy
Game Of The Year At The Dice Awards	Bethesda's Fallout 4	The announcement was made at the pete holmes-hosted affair at the mandalay bay convention center in las vegas
France's Highest Civilian Honour Chevalier De La Legion d'honneur (Knight Of The Legion Of Honour).	Manish Arora	He was presented with this award by french ambassador to india francois richier for his contribution to the fashion world.
Aryabhata Award	Dr Avinash Chander	Former scientific adviser to defence minister and ex-drdo chief
Greenest School	Father Agnel School	School in greater noida's sector beta 2
Best Film By Children's Jury At The 66th Berlin International Film Festival	Ottaal	National award-winning malayalam film

Zee Cine Awards 2016	Bajirao Mastani	Awards in as many as 10 categories including the jury award for best film, best actor and best director and best actress (viewers' choice).
Remi Award	Kanavu Variyam	A tamil movie directed by a chennai-based techie arun chidambaram
Knighthood By The French Government	Ismail Mahomed	An indian-origin art lover and playwright in south africa
Sports Person Of The Year	Lalita Babar	Long-distance runner
Golden Reel Award	Resul Pookutty	Award for best sound for documentary "india's daughter"
Presidential Early Career Award	Milind Kulkarni Kiran Musunuru Sachin Patel Vikram Shyam Rahul Mangharam Shwetak Patel	To us government prize for young independent researchers
Infosys Prize 2015	Prof Umesh Waghmare Prof Jonardon Ganeri Dr Amit Sharma Prof Mahan Mj Prof G Ravindra Kumar Dr Srinath Raghavan	President pranab mukherjee conferred this prize
2015 Turing Award	Whitfield Diffie And Martin Hellman	They created the famous diffie-helman public-key exchange protocol
Airport Service Quality (Asq) Awards	Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport	Awarded the world's number 1 position for best airport for the second consecutive year.
Fmsci Motorsports Man Of The Year Trophy	Armaan Ebrahim	The ceremony was organised by the federation of motor sports clubs of India.
Brain Prize	Tim Bliss, Graham Collingridge And Richard Morris	Brain prize worth one million euros

Bihari Puraskar	Poet Dr Bhagwati Lal Vyas	For his anthology of rajasthani poems 'katha sun aawe hai sabad'.
Dadasaheb Phalke Award	Actor Manoj Kumar	47th Dadasaheb Phalke Award For The Year 2015
Krutitava Smagra Samman	Padma Sachdev	Renowned dogri poetess and writer
Jawaharlal Nehru University (Jnu)	Visitor's Awards	President's awards for excellence
Anand Mahindra	France's Chevalier De La Legion d'honneur	Mahindra & mahindra chairman and managing director
Kerala Tourism Campaign	Golden City Gate Award	Titled "new worlds", the multimedia campaign containing three short films
Hanan Al Hroub	\$1m Global Prize	The winner was announced at an awards ceremony in dubai
Abdulqadir Rashik	United Nations #Linkssdgs Data Visualization Challenge	Entrepreneur and founder of india-based miavy systems
Sir Andrew Wiles	Abel Prize	British professor
Carol	Lgbt Film Of All Time	Todd haynes' atmospheric lesbian love story, carol
Tikka Shatrujit Singh	Knight Of The Legion Of Honour	The great-grandson and heir of maharaja Jagatjit singh of kapurthala
M Venkaiah Naidu	Skoch Lifetime Achievement Award	At 43 rd skoch Summit Held In New Delhi.
Datawind	Recognized For The Tablet Brand With Maximum Consumer Pull	The leader in delivering internet access to emerging markets
Cairn India	Ficci Excellence Awards	Top deciles of safety performance
Dlf Mall	Best Retail Project Of The Year	At cnbc awaaz real estate awards held in mumbai
Himachal Pradesh	Krishi Karman Award 2016	For its landmark achievement in showing highest production of food grains
Geetakshi Arora	Noor Inayat Khan Prize	Indian-origin student

M Sukumaran	Cv Kunhiraman Literary Prize	Renowned malayalam writer
Late Captain Shankar Laxman	Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award	
Pr Sreejesh And Deepika	Dhruv Batra Player Of The Year Award	
The Legion d'honneur(France's Highest Honour)	Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Nayef	President francois hollande has awarded this honour
Young Global Leaders Class Of 2016.	Kanika Dewan Dhivya Suryadevara Shaurya Veer Himatsingka Sheetal Amte Karajgi	Young global leaders recognised by the world economic forum.
2015-16 Chameli Devi Jain Award	Raksha Kumar Priyanka Kakodkar	For women journalists.
Life Time Achievement Award	Shri Bhawan Singh	5th National Photography Awards
Saudi Arabia's Highest Civilian Honour	Pm Narendra Modi	World leaders who have received the honour include japanese prime minister shinzo abe
Hridaynath Mangeshkar Award	Vishwanathan Anand	Maharashtra governor c. Vidyasagar rao presented the award in mumbai
UK's Prestigious Founders Award	Mother Teresa	
Unesco/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize 2016	Khadija Ismayilova	He is an investigative journalist from azerbaijan
Officer Of The Legion Of Honour (Highest French Civilian Honour)	Ex-Army Chief Gen Jj Singh	Officier De l'ordre National De La Legion d'honneur' Is The Highest Civilian Award Given By The French Republic
Global Indian Of The Year Award 2016	Actress Aishwarya Rai Bachchan	
Hilton Asian Tour Golfer Of The Month For March	India's Ssp Chawrasia,	
The Highest Awards Of Cyprus	Amitav Banerji	He is an indian diplomat in the UK

George Grierson Prize Hindi Sevi Samman Awards'	Chinese Professor Ge Fuping	
New York Festivals Medal	Miditech's <i>Undercover Asia: Girls For Sale</i>	Documentary Film Got Bronze Medal At The New York Festivals World's Best Film & Tv Awards In The Social Issues Category.
Best Actress Award At Tribeca Fest	Radhika Apte	
Fpai Player Of The Year	Mohun Bagan And Jeje Lalpekhlua	
International Plant Nutrition Scholar Award	lit Scholar K Ashok Kumar	He Is A Food Engineering Research Scholar From lit Kharagpur
International Sand Art Championship	Sudarsan Pattnaik	He Made Sand Art —“Mahatma Gandhi Sculpture For Non- Violence And Peace”— In The Contest.
Mongolia Confers Highest Civilian Honour “North Star”	Lokesh Chandra And Mansura Haider	This Honour Given For Their Mongolian Studies
Edgar Allen Poe Award	Neela Banerjee	The First Lady An Indian- American Journalist Who Conferred This Award
Fellow Of The Royal Society	Physicist Sriram Ramaswamy,	His Name Appeared On The List Out Of 50
Parashar Kulkarni	Commonwealth Short Story Regional Prize 2016	He Is A Social Science Professor From India
Revathi Balakrishnan	“State Teachers Of The Year”	She Is An Indian American Elementary Teacher
Dr. Manvendra K Singh	Sgd 3 Mn Grant From Singapore's Nrf	To Research In Congenital And Adult Cardiovascular Diseases
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Indian-American Rakesh K Jain	Indian-American Rakesh K Jain	He Is A Professor Of Tumor Biology At Massachusetts General Hospital In The Harvard Medical School
Former Isro Chairman Prof U R Rao	'Hall Of Fame' Award	He Award By The International Astronautical Federation (IAF)
South Korean Author Han Kang	Man Booker International Prize 2016	She Awarded For Her Book "The Vegetarian."
IIT Student Nandini Bhandaru	Young Scientist Award	A Doctoral Researcher At IIT-Kharagpur Has Bagged The European Materials Research Society's (E-MRS's) Young Scientist Award For Contribution To Materials Science.
Constable Shubhakaran Yadav, Rifleman Manish Malik, Havildar Amal Deka, Naik Rakesh Kumar And Gagan Punjabi.	Dag Hammarskjold Medal	U.N. Medal Awarded Posthumously For Their Courage And Sacrifice.
Othmer Gold Medal	Mukesh Ambani	Mukesh Ambani Is Reliance Industries Limited (Ril) Chairman And Managing Director
Harvard Business School Alumni Achievement Award.	Sunil Mittal	Sunil Mittal Is The Barti Enterprises Chairman
Millennium Technology Prize	Frances Arnold	An American Innovator Has Become The First Woman To Win A Usd 1.2 Million Technology Prize In Finland
National Geographic Bee Championship	Rishi Nair	Indian-American Students Have Secured The Top Three Spots In This Year

Million Special Breakthrough Prize	Ligo Scientific Collaboration	Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (Ligo), Founded By A Group Of Silicon Valley Entrepreneurs
World Summit On The Information Society (Wsis) 2016 Prize	Andhra Pradesh Harita-Priya Agriculture Project Wins	For E-Agriculture Category
Japan's Fukuoka Prize 2016	Ar Rahman	The Fukuoka Prize Is An Award Established To Honour The Outstanding Work Of Individuals Or Organizations In Preserving Or Creating Asian Culture
'India Biodiversity Award 2016	Pakke Tiger Reserve, Arunachal Pradesh	The Prize Under The Category, "Conservation Of Threatened Species".
Harvard Business School Alumni Achievement Award	Sunil Mittal	Sunil Bharti Mittal Is An Indian Telecom Tycoon, Entrepreneur And Philanthropist
Pen/Barbey Freedom To Write Award	Ahmed Naji	Ahmed Naji, An Imprisoned Egyptian Author And Journalist
Saudi Arabia's Highest Civilian Honour	Pm Narendra Modi	World Leaders Who Have Received The Honour Include Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, British Prime Minister David Cameron, Us President Barack Obama, Russian President Vladimir Putin And Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi.
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Ceat T20 Player Of The Year	Virat Kohli	Ceat Cricket Awards 2016

Lifetime Achievement Award	Dilip Vengsarkar	Ceat Cricket Awards 2016
International Cricketer Of The Year	Joe Root	Ceat Cricket Awards 2016
International Batsman Of TheYear	Joe Root	Ceat Cricket Awards 2016
International Bowler Of The Year	Ravichandran Ashwin	Ceat Cricket Awards 2016
Test Cricketer Of The Year	Kane Williamson	Ceat Cricket Awards 2016
Odi Cricketer Of The Year	Martin Gupthill	Ceat Cricket Awards 2016
T20 Player Of The Year	Virat Kohli	Ceat Cricket Awards 2016
Indian Cricketer Of The Year	Rohit Sharma	Ceat Cricket Awards 2016
Domestic Cricketer Of The Year	Shreyas Iyer	Ceat Cricket Awards 2016
Young Player Of The Year	Rishabh Pant	Ceat Cricket Awards 2016

63rd National Film Awards : Complete List Of Winners

- Best Film: Baahubali
- Best Director: Sanjay Leela Bhansali, ‘Bajirao Mastani’
- Best Actor: Amitabh Bachchan, Piku
- Best Actress: Kangana Ranaut, Tanu Weds Manu Returns
- Best Hindi Film: Dum Laga Ke Haisha
- Best Choreography: Remo d’souza, Deewani Mastani Song In Bajirao Mastani
- Best Malayalam Film: Pathemari, Artistically Narrated Saga Of 2 Generations Of Malayali Workers Who Migrated To Gulf For Livelihood
- Best Tamil Film: Visaranai
- Best Telugu Film: Kanche
- Best Sanskrit Film: Priyamanasam
- Best Kannada Film: Thithi
- Best Konkani Film: Enemy
- Best Assamese Film: Kothanodi
- Best Haryanvi Film: Satrangi
- The Head Hunter Bags Best Wancho Film
- Best Khasi Film: Onaatah
- Best Manipuri Film: Eibusu Yaohanbiyu
- Best Mizo Film: Kima’s Lode Beyond The Class

List of Winners of The 10th Asian Film Awards

- Best Film: The Assassin
- Best Director: Hou Hsiao-Hsien For The Assassin
- Best Actor: Lee Byung-Hun For The Inside Men
- Best Actress: Shu Qi For The Assassin
- Best Newcomer: Jessie Li For Port Of Call
- Best Supporting Actor: Tadanobu Asano For Journey To The Shore
- Best Supporting Actress: Zhou Yun For The Assassin
- Best Screenplay: Jia Zhangke For Mountains May Depart

- Best Cinematography: Mark Lee Ping-Bing For The Assassin
- Best Production Design: Hwarng Wern-Ying For The Assassin
- Best Original Music: Lim Giong For The Assassin
- Best Editing: William Chang Suk-Ping, Chu Ka-Yat, Liao Ching-Sung, Wong Hoi, Philip Yung For Port Of Call
- Best Visual Effects: Prasad Sutar For Bajirao Mastani
- Best Costume Design: Lee Ji-Yeon And Shim Hyun-Seob For The Throne
- Best Sound: Chu Shih-Yi, Tu Duu-Chih And Wu Shu-Yao For The Assassin
- Lifetime Achievement Award: Yuen Wo-Ping And Kirin Kiki

Padma Awards 2016

Padma Bhushan

- Ania Mirza (Tennis Queen)
- Saina Nehwal (Badminton Ace)
- Udit Narayan (Singer)
- Ram Sutar (Sculptor)
- Vinod Rai (Former Cag)
- Anupam Kher (Bollywood Actor)
- Indu Jain (Bennett, Coleman & Co)
- Swami Tejomayananda (Spiritual Leader)
- Heisnam Kanhailal (Theatre Personality)
- Professor D Nageshwar Reddy (Gastroenterologist)
- Robert D Blackwill (Former Us Ambassador To India)
- Professor N S Ramanuja Tatacharya (Sanskrit Scholar)
- Barjinder Singh Hamdard (Managing Editor Of The Punjabi Newspaper 'Daily Ajit')

Padma Vibhushan

- Rajinikanth (Bollywood Actor)
- Yamini Krishnamurthi(Classical Dance)
- Girija Devi (Classical Singing)
- Shri Jagmohan (Public Affairs)
- Shri Shri Ravi Shankar (Spiritualism)
- Dr Viswanathan Shanta (Medicine-Oncology)
- Ramoji Rao (Literature And Education In Journalism)
- Dr Vasudeva Kalkunte Aatrrre (Science & Engineering)
- Reliance Industries Founder Late Dhirubhai Ambani Will Also Be Awarded.

Padma Shri

- Ujjwal Nikam (Senior Lawyer)
- Ajay Devgn And Priyanka Chopra (Bollywood Actors)
- Ss Rajamouli (Director)

- Malini Awasthi (Bhojpuri Singer)
- Deepika Kumari (Archer)
- Saeed Jaffrey (Actor)
- Dr Mayilsamy Annadurai (Isro Scientist And Director)

Time Magazine released list of most influential people in India

Dr. Raghuram Rajan,	RBI Governer
Sunita Narain,	New Delhi-based environmentalist
Sania Mirza	Tennis player
Priyanka Chopra	Bollywood actress
Binny Bansal and Sachin Bansal.	Founders of the e-commerce website Flipkart

Others in the Time Magazine’s 100 most influential people are include

- Barack Obama (President of United States),
- Xi Jinping (President of the People’s Republic of China),
- Donald Trump (presidential candidate of United States),
- Mark Zuckerberg (Facebook),
- Sundar Pichai (Google),
- Tim Cook (Apple),
- Russian billionaire Yuri Milner,
- Pope Francis,
- WWE star turned Hollywood actor Dwayne Johnson, etc.

Golden Globe Award 2016: The Complete List

Best motion picture, drama	The Revenant
Best motion picture, musical or comedy	The Martia
Best performance by an actress in a motion picture, drama	Brie Larson, “Room”
Best performance by an actress in a motion picture, musical or comedy	Jennifer Lawrence, “Joy
Best performance by an actor in a motion picture, drama	Leonardo dicaprio, “The Revenant”
Best performance by an actor in a supporting	Sylvester Stallone, “Creed”

role in a motion picture	
Best performance by actress in a supporting role in a motion picture	Kate Winslet, "Steve Jobs"
Best director, motion picture	Alejandro González Iñárritu, "The Revenant"
Best performance by an actor in a motion picture, musical or comedy	Matt Damon, "The Martian"
Best screenplay, motion picture	Aaron Sorkin, "Steve Jobs"
Best original score, motion picture	Ennio Morricone, "The Hateful Eight"
Best motion picture, animated	"Inside Out"
Best original song, motion picture	"Writing's on the Wall," "Spectre"
Best motion picture, foreign language	"Son of Saul"
Best television series, drama	"Mr. Robot," USA
Best television series, musical or comedy	"Mozart in the Jungle," Amazon Video
Best television limited series or motion picture made for television	"Wolf Hall," PBS
Best performance by an actor in a television series, drama	Jon Hamm, "Mad Men"
Best performance by an actor in a television series, musical or comedy	Gael García Bernal, "Mozart in the Jungle"
Best performance by an actor in a leading role in a series, limited series or motion picture made for television	Oscar Isaac, "Show Me a Hero"
Best performance by an actor in a supporting role in a series, limited series or motion picture made for television	Christian Slater, "Mr. Robot"
Best performance by an actress in a TV series, drama	Taraji P. Henson, "Empire"
Best performance by an actress in a supporting role in a series, limited series or motion picture made for television	Maura Tierney, "The Affair"
Best performance by an actress in a leading role in a series, limited series or motion picture made for television	Lady Gaga, "American Horror Story: Hotel"
Best performance by an actress in a television series, musical or comedy	Rachel Bloom, "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend"

Grammy Awards winners

CATEGORY	ALBUM	ARTIST
Best Album Of The Year	1989	Taylor Swift

Best Record Of The Year	Uptown Funk	Mark Ronson Featuring Bruno Mars
Best Song Of The Year	Thinking Out Loud	Ed Sheeran & Amy Wadge
Best New Artist	–	Meghan Trainor
Children’s Album	Home	Tim Kubart
Best Pop Solo Performance	Thinking Out	Loud Ed Sheeran
Best Pop Duo/Group Performance	Uptown Funk	Mark Ronson Featuring Bruno Mars

The 2016 Oscars Winners

Best Picture	“Spotlight”
Best Actor	Leonardo Dicaprio, “The Revenant”
Best Actress	Brie Larson, “Room”
Best Supporting Actor	Mark Rylance, “Bridge Of Spies”
Best Supporting Actress	Alicia Vikander, “The Danish Girl”
Best Director	“The Revenant,” Alejandro G. Iñárritu
Best Original Screenplay	“Spotlight,” By Josh Singer And Tom Mccarthy
Best Adapted Screenplay	“The Big Short,” Charles Randolph And Adam Mckay
Best Costume Design	“Mad Max: Fury Road,” Jenny Beavan
Best Production Design	“Mad Max: Fury Road,” Production Design By Colin Gibson; Set Decoration By Lisa Thompson
Best Cinematography	“The Revenant,” Emmanuel Lubezki
Best Film Editing	Mad Max: Fury Road,” Margaret Sixel
Best Sound Editing	“Mad Max: Fury Road,” Mark Mangini And David White
Best Sound Mixing	“Mad Max: Fury Road,” Chris Jenkins, Gregg Rudloff And Ben Osmo
Best Visual Effects	Ex Machina,” Andrew Whitehurst, Paul Norris, Mark Ardington And Sara Bennett
Best Animated Short Film	“Bear Story,” Gabriel Osorio And Pato Escala

Best Animated Feature Film	“Inside Out,” Pete Docter And Jonas Rivera
Best Documentary, Short Subject	“A Girl In The River: The Price Of Forgiveness,” Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy
Best Documentary Feature	“Amy,” Asif Kapadia And James Gay-Rees
Best Live-Action Short Film	“Stutterer,” Benjamin Cleary And Serena Armitage
Best Foreign-Language Film	“Son Of Saul,” Hungary
Best Original Song	“Writing’s On The Wall” From “Spectre” Music And Lyric By Jimmy Napes And Sam Smith
Best Original Score	“The Hateful Eight,” Ennio Morricone
Best Makeup And Hairstyling	“Mad Max: Fury Road,” Lesley Vanderwalt, Elka Wardega And Damian Martin

The 2016 Pulitzer Prize Winners

JOURNALISM

- Public Service – Associated Press
- Breaking News Reporting – *Los Angeles Times* Staff
- Investigative Reporting – Leonora Iapeter Anton and Anthony Cormier of the *Tampa Bay Times* and Michael Braga of the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*
- Explanatory Reporting – T. Christian Miller of propublica and Ken Armstrong of The Marshall Project
- Local Reporting – Michael Iaforgia, Cara Fitzpatrick and Lisa Gartner of the *Tampa Bay Times*
- National Reporting – *The Washington Post* Staff
- International Reporting – Alissa J. Rubin of *The New York Times*
- Feature Writing – Kathryn Schulz of *The New Yorker*
- Commentary – Farah Stockman of *The Boston Globe*
- Criticism – Emily Nussbaum of *The New Yorker*
- Editorial Writing – John Hackworth of Sun Newspapers, Charlotte Harbor, FL
- Editorial Cartooning – Jack Ohman *The Sacramento Bee*
- Breaking News Photography – Mauricio Lima, Sergey Ponomarev, Tyler Hicks and Daniel Etter of *The New York Times*
- And

- Photography Staff of Thomson Reuters
- Feature Photography – Jessica Rinaldi of *The Boston Globe*

LETTERS DRAMA AND MUSIC

- Fiction – *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen (Grove Press)
- Drama – *Hamilton* by Lin-Manuel Miranda
- History – *Custer’s Trials: A Life on the Frontier of a New America* by T.J. Stiles (Alfred A. Knopf)
- Biography – *Barbarian Days: A Surfing Life* by William Finnegan (Penguin Press)
- Poetry – *Ozone Journal* by Peter Balakian (University of Chicago Press)
- Nonfiction – *Black Flags: The Rise of ISIS* by Joby Warrick (Doubleday)
- Music – *In for a Penny, In for a Pound* by Henry Threadgill (Pi Recordings)

APPOINTMENTS

NAME OF THE PERSONS	POST/DEPARTMENT
Sujoy Bose	Chief executive officer (CEO) of National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) Ltd.
Sunil Mittal	Chairman of International Chamber of Commerce
NS Vishwanathan	RBI’s new Deputy Governor
Sanjay Malik	Nokia India Head
Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria	Deputy Chief of the Air Staff
Abidali Neemuchwala	CEO of wipro
RK Mathur	Chief Information Commissioner
Kunal Shah	Chairman of Industry body the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI)
Suresh Sharma	Director General Border Roads (DGBR)
Gajendra Chauhan	Chairman of Film and Television Institute of India (FTII)
Satyanarayan Gangaram Pitroda	Technology advisor to the Odisha Government.
Gurbir Grewal	Top prosecutor in US County
Filippo Grandi	UN High Commissioner for Refugees
AB Khare	Chairman and Managing Director of the state-run Madras Fertilizers
Pavan Kapoor	India’s ambassador to Israel
Mr. Sailesh	Registrar General and Census Commissioner
Devender Kumar Sikri	Chairman of Competition Commission of India
Amitabh Kant	CEO of Niti Aayog
Vikas Thapar	Vice President of Micromax
Stephen Fleming	Coach of Pune IPL team
Srinivas Kandula	CEO of India , French IT services firm Capgemini
Ken Lee	New Asia Pacific CEO, DELL

Kamal Hassan and Gautam Ghosh	Shyam Benegal committee
Dinesh Sharma	Board of directors of AIIB
Guenter Butschek	Tata Motors CEO & MD
Laurent Le Moal	New global CEO, payu
Actors Amitabh Bachchan and Priyanka Chopra	As new ambassadors of the Incredible India
Atulesh Jindal	New CBDT chief
Sachin Tendulkar	The brand ambassador of a newly-launched pleasure cruise
Leslie Berland	CMO of Twitter Inc
Gurdeep Singh	Chairman and MD of NTPC
Kamlesh Kumar Pandey	Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities
Muktesh Kumar Pardeshi	India's next Ambassador to Mexico.
P Harish	India's next Ambassador to Vietnam
Archana Ramasundram	Director-General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)
Virender Sehwag	Mentor of the Kings XI Punjab for IPL
Saroj Kumar Jha	Senior Director for the Fragility, Conflict and Violence Group at the World Bank
Sanjay Gupta	Chief Marketing Officer of Urban Ladder
Sachin Tendulkar	Joined UNICEF's 'Team Swachh' initiative
Ambiga Dhiraj	Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Mu Sigma Inc.
Mrs. Aruna Sethi	Head of Indian Cost Accounts Service (icoas)
DJ Pandian	Vice-president and chief investment officer of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
Major General Jai Shanker Menon	Head of UN Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF)
RK Pachauri	Executive Vice Chairman of The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)
Ashok Chawla	Chairman of TERI
Harinder Sidhu	Australia Envoy to India
Davinder Singh	Vice-Chairman of ICC commission
Tamar Hahn	Director of United Nations Information Centre
Piruz Khambatta	Ambassador for Make in India
Dr. Vilas A Tonapi	Director of Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR)
Jayant Misra	DG of Directorate of Revenue Intelligence
Amit Mitra	Chairman of the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers on Goods and Services Tax (GST)
Kajol and Shashi Shekhar Vempati	Prasar Bharti Board part time member
Gianni Infantino	FIFA President
Vinay Kumar Singh	Managing Director of the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC)
Amar Singh	Police Commissioner of Kuala Lumpur
Udai Kumar	MD & CEO of Metropolitan Stock Exchange of

	India (formerly MCX Stock Exchange)
KN Vyas	Director Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)
Mortaza	United Nations Development Programme's (UNDP) "national goodwill ambassador
Rohit Sharma	Global ambassador of Nissan
MK Sharma	The Diageo-controlled United Spirits USL) Chairman
Ratan Tata	Head of Indian Railways' innovation committee
Rajendra Singh	Director general of the Coast Guard
Former CAG Vinod Rai	Chairman of the Banks Board Bureau
Rozle Prezelj	Chairman of the IAAF Athletes' Commission
Sunil Sabharwal	Alternate Executive Director at IMF
Mrugank Paranjape	MD & CEO of the exchange
TCS chief N Chandrasekaran	Non-official director to the board of Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
MS Dhoni	Revital H brand ambassador
Kangana Ranaut	Reebok India's brand ambassador
BS Chauhan	Law Commission Chairman
Ahmed Abul Gheit	Secretary General of Arab League
NPS Hira	Deputy Chief of Army Staff
Saini	VC of Canberra University
Ashley Judd	UN Goodwill Ambassador
Michelle Yeoh	UNDP goodwill ambassador
Amar Abrol	CEO of airasia India
Fazle Kabir	Governor of Bangladesh's Central Bank
Ritu Beri	Advisor for Khadi promotion
Gautam Sinha	CEO of Times of India Group's digital wing, Times Internet
Messi	Huawei global ambassador
S Sridhar	MD of Pfizer India
HL Dattu	Member of International Human Rights body
Mukund Padmanabhan	New editor of The Hindu
Justice Permod Kohli	Chairman of Central Administrative Tribunal
Bhushan Patil	Paytm's President
Surya Deva	UN Human Rights Commissioner
Nandita Bakshi	CEO of Bank of the West
Rajiv Gauba	Secretary of Urban Development Ministry
Kallol Roy	CMD of Bhartiya Nabhikiya Vidyut Nigam
Sharad Agarwal	Head of Lamborghini India Pvt Ltd
CP Gurnani	Chairman of Nasscom
Virat Kohli	Brand ambassador of Futsal league
Tran Dai Quang	9th President of Vietnam
PC Thakur	As Director General, Fire Services, Civil Defence and Home Guards

Deepak Mishra	Additional Director General in the Central Reserve Police Force(CRPF).
Rahul Johri	First CEO of BCCI
Meeran Borwankar	Director General in the Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D)
Susmita Pande	Chairperson of National Monument Authority
Justice PK Mishra	Lokayukta, Goa
Salman Khan named	Indian contingent's Goodwill Ambassador for 2016 Rio Olympics
Bhupendra Kainthola	Director of Film and Television Institute of India (FTII)
Durga Thakur	International Hockey Umpire
Lobsang Sangay	Prime minister of Tibetan government-in-exile
Ban Ki-moon	UN University Council
Surender Kumar Bhagat	DG of Railways Protection Force
Bhupendra	Film and Television Institute of India (FTII)
Vice Admiral Sunil Lanba	Chief of the Naval Staff
Harmeet Kaur Dhillon	A key position in the Republican party
Vice Admiral Sunil Lanba	Chief of the Naval Staff
Kumar Rajesh Chandra	Chief of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS)
Atma Ram Nadkarni	Additional Solicitor General
Mrugank Paranjape	Managing Director and chief Executive Officer of the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX)
Shashank Manohar	ICC's first independent chairman
Anil Kumble	Re-appointed ICC Cricket Committee chairman
Fatma Samba Diouf Samoura	United Nations Development Programme Resident Representative
Dr. Radha Binod Barman	Chairperson of the National Statistical Commission
Philip Abraham	Deputy Mayor in UK
Ratan P Watal	Niti Aayog's Principal Adviser
Anurag Thakur	BCCI President
Kiran Bedi	Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry
SK Sharma	CMD of Nuclear Power Corporation of India
Lt General S K Saini	Commandant of Indian Military Academy
Rakesh Kumar Mishra	Director of Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology
Jose Mourinho	Manager of Manchester United
Mary Robinson of Ireland Macharia Kamau of Kenya	Special Envoys onel Niño and Climate
Fatma Samba Diouf Samoura	First female secretary general of fifacouncil
Shashank Manohar	ICC's first independent Chairman
Atma Ram Nadkarni	Additional Solicitor General
Harmeet Kaur Dhillon	Elected to as a key position in the Republican Party

BS Bassi	A member of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).
Rahul Johri	CEO of BCCI
Navin Agarwal	The chief of National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)
Umang Bedi	MD of Facebook India
N.K.Chari	Managing Director of State Bank of Mysore.
Major General Per Lodin	Head of Mission for the United Nations Military Observer Group (UNMOGIP) in India
Ghulam Nabi Azad and kamal Nath	AICC(All India congress Committee) General secretaries
Vijay bahuguna	BJP's National Executive
V Narayanaswamy	CM of puthucherry
Rakesh Ranjan Prasad	The Chief Justice of the High Court of Manipur
Virginia Raggi	Rome's first female mayor.
Sunil Bharti Mittal	Chairman of the International Chambers of Commerce (ICC).
Kamala Shirin Lakshdhir	Next US ambassador to Malaysia.
Anne Hathaway	The Global Goodwill Ambassador for UN Women.
Peter Thomson	President of 71st session of United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).
Soram Sunil	The first mayor of Imphal
Supriya Sahu	Doordarshan's Director General
Major General Per Gustaf Lodin	Head of Mission for the United Nations Military Observer Group (UNMOGIP) in India and Pakistan.
Satya Pal Jain	Part-time Member of the Law Commission of India. Additional Solicitor General of India.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

1. The World Bank in its latest once-in-two-year Logistics Performance Index (LPI) said India is now ranked 35th as against the 54th spot it occupied in the previous 2014 report.
2. Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) has entered into a strategic partnership with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) for two years to work jointly for the achievement of common goals and objectives related to energy efficiency in India and abroad.
3. Indigenously developed heavyweight torpedo Varunastra, which was showcased for the first time on the Republic Day Parade at Rajpath this year, was inducted in the Indian Navy.
4. To increase the level of clean energy, the Centre has asked the states/uts to set up one lakh biogas plants. The plants should be of one to six cubic meter capacity this fiscal, which will save 21.90 lakh LPG cylinders every year.

5. The NDA government relaxed foreign direct investment (FDI) norms in single brand retail, civil aviation, airports, pharmaceuticals and animal husbandry and food products.
6. PM Modi releases book titled “The Birds of Banni Grassland”. The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi released a book titled “The Birds of Banni Grassland” in New Delhi.
7. India has been ranked low at 105th position globally on a worldwide Human Capital Index, which measures countries’ ability to nurture, develop and deploy talent for economic growth and was topped by Finland.
8. The Supreme Court refused to stay Centre’s notification allowing culling of nilgai, wild boar in Bihar, and monkey in Himachal Pradesh. It also declined to stay killing of wild boar in Uttarakhand.
9. The government has made its draft National Forest Policy, to replace the one crafted in 1988. The policy continues with the national goal of a minimum of one-third of the geographical area under forest or tree cover.
10. All State governments are asked to link Aadhaar with caste and domicile certificates to be issued to school students.
11. Indian Railways is all set to change many rules and facilities from July 1. People, who are planning to book tickets, should know these rules and regulations.
12. The Food Safety Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) had recommended to The government of India has banned use of potassium bromate as a food additive following a CSE study that found its presence in bread as causing cancer.
13. The President of India, as advised by the Prime Minister, has accepted the resignation of Sarbananda Sonowal, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, from the Council of Ministers, with immediate effect on May 22.
14. To boost community participation in government schools, HRD ministry has launched Vidyanjali scheme inviting volunteers to hold public speaking, story-telling, play acting sessions and participate in other co-scholastic activities.
15. As advised by the Prime Minister, the President has directed that Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State, shall be assigned the Independent charge of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, in addition to his existing portfolios.
16. The social justice ministry is all set to launch colour-coded unique identity card for registration of disabled persons as a legal document and for easy linkage to the government’s schemes and services on a centralized e-platform to issue Unique Disabled Identity (UDID) cards.

17. Microsoft has been selected as the technical partner to build a mobile application for Union Human Resources Development Ministry's SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds) platform.
18. The Union Ministry of AYUSH Ministry has released a Yog Geet (Yoga song) for celebrating the second International Yoga Day on 21 June 2016. The Yoga song was selected from the 1,000 entries were received through a national-level competition organised by the AYUSH Ministry.
19. Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH Shripad Yesso Naik launched the new website of the Ministry of AYUSH and web portal for International Day of Yoga (IDY) in New Delhi on May 26.
20. The Indian Navy has commissioned the highly maneuverable Fast Attack Craft INS Tarmugli at the hands of Vice Admiral HCS Bisht AVSM, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command at a formal ceremony held at Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam.
21. The website <http://ayush.gov.in> has been developed as part of digital India programme, using content management framework (CMF) approach.
22. PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the two-day 'Rajasva Gyan Sangam', the first joint annual conference of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) and the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC).
23. The Union Finance Ministry has announced that non-resident Indians (nrIs) can now open National Pension Savings (NPS) accounts online i.e. Through enps if they have Aadhaar Card or Permanent Account Number (PAN) card.
24. The Union Cabinet has given its approval for signing of 15 years contract for undertaking exploration and other developmental activities related to Poly-Metallic Sulphides (PMS). The contract was approved between the Union Ministry of Earth Sciences and the International Seabed Authority (ISA).
25. The Union Cabinet has given its approval for enhancement of retirement age of government doctors' to 65 years to strengthen the healthcare sector in the country.
26. The Union Cabinet has given its approval for the Civil Aviation Policy 2016 to boost the domestic aviation sector and provide passenger-friendly fares.
27. The Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has launched a scheme for setting up of 1000 Mega Watt (MW) Wind Power Project connected to transmission network of Central Transmission Utility (CTU).

28. Public Sector Power equipment manufacturer Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has commissioned 195 MW unit at Muzaffarpur Thermal Power Station in Bihar.
29. The world's most expensive luxury train 'Maharaja Express' will be introduced in southern India en-route Goa, Maharashtra and Kerala from the monsoon season next year.
30. Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh has approved Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis's proposal to set up a Central Marine Police Force to protect sea, coasts, ports and vital institutions along 7,516-km national coastline.
31. BSNL has extended its free roaming service by one more year enabling its mobile customers to receive calls at no extra cost while roaming.
32. According to WHO, nearly five women die every hour in India from complications developed during childbirth, with heavy blood loss caused by haemorrhage being a major factor.
33. The FCRA (Foreign Contribution Regulations Act) licence of an NGO run by activist Teesta Setalvad was cancelled by the government for alleged violation of various provisions of law.
34. To cultivate scientific temperament and a spirit of innovation in young minds, the NITI Aayog has decided to set up 500 Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) in schools across the country.
35. Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, and four Indian Institutes of Technology – Mumbai, Delhi, Madras and Kanpur – have made it to the top 50 in the Quacquarelli Symonds University Rankings Asia 2016.
36. According to a report on global nutrition, the percentage of Indian children (38.7%) suffering from stunted growth due to malnutrition is higher than that of the world average (23.8%).
37. Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has framed a New Print Media Advertisement Policy for Directorate of Advertising & Visual Publicity (DAVP). The key objective: To promote transparency and accountability in issuing of advertisements in print media.
38. Social networking giant Facebook has introduced tools and educational resources to help people in India who may be struggling with self-injury or experiencing suicidal thoughts which was launched by Film actress Deepika Padukone, the founder of the Live Love Laugh Foundation.
39. 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.
40. The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has asked five states — Gujarat, Jharkhand, Assam, Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh — to collect the samples of Johnson & Johnson baby powder and shampoo for testing.

41. India has been ranked 141 on a Global Peace Index; the world's most peaceful country was Iceland, followed by *Denmark* and *Austria*; Syria has been named the least peaceful, followed by *South Sudan, Iraq, Afghanistan and Somalia*.
42. Indian Railways will fit bio-toilets on all its coaches by 2019, two years ahead of schedule. By 2019, all 55,000 coaches of Indian Railways would be fitted with 1,40,000 bio-toilets.
43. India Post has released a Rs.5 stamp to mark the third anniversary of Amazon India's services in the country. Called My Stamp, it shows a delivery boy with a carton labelled Amazon.
44. India has joined a global ballistic missile proliferation regime, but made it clear that it will not have any impact on the national security as well as country's missile programme the Hague Code of Conduct (hcoc).
45. Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu, Power Minister Piyush Goyal and senior Congress leader P Chidambaram were today elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha.
46. 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.
47. Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the National Disaster Management Plan (NDMP). The plan is based on the four priority themes of the "Sendai Framework,"
48. He Railways have decided to withdraw the service charge of Rs.30 levied on transactions against credit cards and debit cards for purchasing railway tickets at Public Reservation System (PRS) counters in the country, From June 1.
49. According to the report by New World Wealth, India has been ranked seventh in the list of top 10 wealthiest countries in the world, which was topped by the United States with total individual wealth of \$48,700 billion.
50. Defence minister Manohar Parrikar inaugurate the submarine assembly workshop in Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL).
51. Central Government advertisements on online platform, the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has framed guidelines and criteria for Empanelment of suitable agencies and Rate fixation for advertisements on websites.
52. The Indian Coast Guard ship 'Arush', the 17th in the series of 20 fast patrol vessels designed and built by Cochin Shipyard Ltd., was commissioned.

53. Power Ministry and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) launched India's first integrated web portal designed to promote and mainstream Net Zero Energy Buildings (NZEB).
54. Indian Air Force (IAF) has successfully test fired supersonic cruise missile brahmos against a land-based target from a defence base in the western sector, paving the way for its maiden air launch from a fighter aircraft.
55. India, which has emerged as the world's second largest mobile market, is also the fifth largest producer of e-waste, discarding roughly 18.5 lakh tonnes of electronic waste each year.
56. The Union Government has constituted a committee of experts on defence spending. The 11-member committee will be headed by Lt Gen DB Shekatkar (retd) and include top military officers and civilian experts.
57. The 'Centre for Environmental Health' to assess the impact of environment-related problems like air pollution, climate change, pesticide use and sanitation on health, was launched by Union Minister JP Nadda with a joint initiative of the Public Health Foundation of India and the Tata Institute of Social Science.
58. President Pranab Mukherjee inaugurates an Intelligent Operations Centre (IOC) in Rashtrapati Bhavan and launch a Mobile App 'Monitor' for transformation of President's Estate into a smart township at a function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
59. Apple Inc has opened its first development centre in India to work on Apple Maps, the company's digital maps and navigation service.
60. India's Red Line campaign to curb over-the-counter use of antibiotics is finding recognition, and could be adopted on a world scale.
61. The Income Tax department has launched a special electronic Grievance redressal system called "e-nivaran" for fast track taxpayer grievances and ensure early resolution of their complaints.
62. State-run power producer NTPC (National Thermal Power Corporation Limited) has signed a joint venture agreement (JVA) with state-run miner Coal India to revive plants of the Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCIL).
63. In a first, the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has decided to develop an "integrity index" to help government departments assess where they stand on anti-corruption measures.

64. Telecom companies will not compensate mobile phone users for inconvenience caused by call drops, the Supreme Court ruled on Wednesday, quashing the penalty rule framed by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai).
65. India is ranked at the ninth position in crony-capitalism with crony sector wealth accounting for 3.4 per cent of the gross domestic product (GDP). In India, the non-crony sector wealth amounts to 8.3 per cent of the GDP, as per the latest crony-capitalism index.
66. The Telecom minister Ravi Shankar Prasad announced the single emergency number 112 will be operational throughout India from January 1, 2017 to help people reach immediate services of police, ambulance and fire department.
67. The Government of India has started the process for issuance of Unique Business Identification Number (UBIN) to enable budding entrepreneurs set up their business without any delays.
68. The Indian railway has launched the Bharat Darshan Tourist train for pilgrims to visit *Shirdi, Tirupati, Jagannath Puri, Gangasagar, Baidyanath Dham and Jyotirlingams* among others. Bharat Darshan will also cover “7 Jyotirlinga” package begun on May 23.
69. Goa Shipyard Limited launched Indian Coast Guard ship (ICGS) ‘Shaurya’ at Vasco, the fifth of a series of six off-shore patrol vessels that the Coast Guard had tasked the Vasco defence public sector undertaking to build.
70. The trade body of Indian IT firms NASSCOM has signed an mou with Facebook to build a product design initiative to engage the country’s young entrepreneurs into becoming problem solvers and solution builders.
71. India’s biggest cigarette maker ITC Ltd shut its plants from May 4 to comply with a new stipulated pictorial warnings rule issued by the federal government.
72. The Finance Ministry gave its green light to creation of “Government e-Marketplace” for online purchase of commonly used goods and services. Department for creation of a one-stop gem by Directorate General Supply and Disposal (DGS&D).
73. The Lok Sabha has passed the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code Bill 2016, which is seen as a “transformational” legislation that will help improve India’s ranking in the World Bank’s ‘Ease of Doing Business’ index.
74. Government has relaxed norms for utilisation of domestic coal that will help bring down the cost of power generation by 40 to 50 paise per unit and eventually lead to yearly savings of up to Rs 30,000 crore in the next 4-5 years.

75. The Cabinet has approved a proposal to adopt United Nations Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics, in a move to improve data collection process.
76. Defence Institute of Physiology and Allied Sciences (DIPAS) a Delhi based premier laboratory of DRDO in collaboration with Department (AYUSH) organized a training program on Yoga for the *Defence Wing Staff* during 25th to 30th April 2016.
77. The Ethics Committee of Parliament is set to recommend the expulsion of Independent MP and liquor baron Vijay Mallya even after his tendering resignation from the membership of the Upper House.
78. 'Kalvari' (Tiger Shark), the first of the six French Scorpene class submarines being built at the Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd for the Indian navy, went to sea for the first time.
79. Two Indian Naval Ships 'Veer' and 'Nipat' were decommissioned at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai. The ceremony involved traditional last lowering of the ensign and commissioning pendants with playing of 'last post'.
80. The government has raised interest rate on employee provident fund (EPF) contributions to 8.8 per cent for 2015-16 against 8.7 per cent approved by the Finance Ministry last week.
81. Andhra Pradesh is set to become the first State in the country to make all of its urban areas 'Open Defecation Free' by October 2nd this year, marking the two years of the launch of Swachh Bharat Mission by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
82. The government wants tobacco firms to cover 80% of a cigarette pack's surface with pictorial warnings, up from 20%. India has about 110 million smokers and the government says smoking kills nearly a million people every year.
83. After fixing the country's cricket board, former Chief Justice of India RM Lodha gets the responsibility to reform the Medical Council of India (MCI), which the Supreme Court described as unprofessional.
84. The Department of Telecommunications has notified the "Panic Button and Global Positioning System in Mobile Phone Handsets Rules 2016". It was observed that in order to provide safety to women in distress situation.
85. A new naval detachment was inaugurated at the Androth Island of Lakshadweep that will help India have better surveillance and reach in the Arabian Sea.
86. Union Tourism Ministry has launched NOC Online Application and Processing System or NOAPS Web Portal of National Monuments Authority for mapping of 3686 ASI protected monuments and sites.

87. Railways have recently signed mou with ISRO for developing applications in the field of Remote Sensing and Geographic Information System.
88. The Ministry of Tourism has launched the Swadesh Darshan scheme in the year 2014-15 with a vision to develop theme based tourist circuits on the principles of high tourist value, Buddhist Circuit as one of the thirteen thematic circuits for development under the Swadesh Darshan scheme.
89. The Lok Sabha has passed the Regional Centre for Biotechnology Bill, 2016. The Bill seeks to establish a Regional Centre for Biotechnology.
90. The Union Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry has notified new rules to give effect amended Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.
91. According to the study by global research firm Ipsos, Google ranks on the top and is followed by Facebook, Gmail, Microsoft and Samsung in the top five — all of which are foreign brands.
92. Prime Minister will on May 1 launch an ambitious Rs 8,000 crore scheme to provide 5 crore free LPG connections to BPL families using the money saved from 1.13 crore cooking gas users voluntarily giving up their subsidies.
93. The government of India has merged Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA), launched by the previous UPA government, with the Khelo India programme for development of sports.
94. India ranks 133rd out of 180 countries listed in the World Press Freedom Index 2016, released by NGO Reporters Without Borders
95. The NDA Government has released a Rs.200 commemorative coin and a Rs.10 circulation coin on the occasion of the Martyrdom day of Tatya Tope, one of the outstanding Indian leaders of the 1857 revolt against the British.
96. Google has extended free internet service through wifi to 10 railway stations as part of its tie up with Railtel, the internet provider arm of Indian Railways.
97. Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das has launched the 'Bhimrao Ambedkar Awas Yojana' for widows, the 125th birth anniversary of B R Ambedkar. A target of 11,000 units (houses) has been set in the current financial year for the programme.
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101. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Gram Uday se Bharat Uday Abhiyan, from Dr Ambedkar's birth place Mhow in Madhya Pradesh. It is a program that will last till 24th April 2016, which is Panchayati Raj day, with the aim of building social harmony.
102. Huawei has released its third Global Connectivity Index report during the Global Analyst Summit 2016 in Shenzhen; china in terms of numbers, the US, Singapore and Sweden top the ranking while India is ranked 44.
103. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) took over the infrastructure of abandoned Tapti gas field in western offshore from its joint venture partners Reliance Industries and BG.
104. The Union Cabinet gave its nod for India adopting the statute of the South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network (SAWEN) which will help in checking cross border wildlife crimes.
105. Income Tax department has activated the Aadhaar and net banking-based e-filing verification system for taxpayers to file the first appeal before a tax officer, on similar lines of online ITR filing.
106. The IIT-Kharagpur has won an award the by the Indian government for being the top academic institute for patents in 2016.
107. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) for the first time will introduce a heat index - a measure of how hot it really feels - is calculated based on actual temperatures and relative humidity levels for the country.
108. East Coast Railway (ecor) has emerged as the largest freight loading railway zone of Indian Railways in 2015-16.
109. India has launched its "fastest train" with speed of 160kmph. Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu flagged off the Gatimaan Express, which connects Nizamuddin station in the capital, Delhi, with the northern town of Agra.
110. Snapdeal has partnered with 9 non-governmental organisations (ngos) to launch Snapdeal Sunshine, a platform where users can make donations to causes under education, health, sports, women empowerment, disaster relief and old age care.

111. IIT Madras and IIM Bangalore have topped the list of top educational institutes unveiled by the Ministry of Human Resource and Development.
112. Mehbooba Mufti, president of the People's Democratic Party, took the oath as the first woman Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir.
113. The United Nations Industrial Development Organization in its report has placed India at 6th among the world's top 10 largest manufacturing countries. India previously held the 9th rank.
114. Piyush Goyal, Minister of State (IC) for Power, Coal and New & Renewable Energy launched a mobile application 'Vidyut PRAVAH- Electricity, Price Availability and Highlights'.
115. Union Government has released *Indian Intellectual Property (IP) Panorama* to increase awareness and build sensitivity towards IP in the SME sector, academia and researchers.
116. Reliance Industries Ltd, the oil to yarn conglomerate launched its online fashion portal Ajo.com with the preview of its collection at the ongoing Lakme Fashion week in Mumbai.
117. The Supreme Court has approved the Union government's guidelines to protect Good Samaritans from any kind of harassment for helping road accident victims. Also, they (good Samaritans) will be exempted from any criminal and civil liability.
118. India's first indigenous composites sonar dome, a ship's underwater eyes and ears, was flagged off by Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar.
119. Tata Motors has signed a follow-on contract with the Indian Army to supply 619 units of its 6X6 HMV (high-mobility vehicle) multi-axle truck.
120. New defence procurement policy was unveiled by the government with an aim to ensure transparency, fast-track acquisition process and give a push to the "Make in India" initiative.
121. With the aim of finding new enemy properties, the government has launched a survey in five States, for identification of movable and immovable assets once held by people who migrated to Pakistan. The five states are Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala and Delhi.
122. The Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV), ICGS Arnvesh, of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) was commissioned on March 2016 in Visakhapatnam. The vessel was commissioned by the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Eastern Naval Command, Vice-Admiral HCS Bisht.
123. The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare launched the Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI). The main objective is to assess the needs of its elderly people and frame policies accordingly.
124. India's "unique" Agasthyamala Biosphere Reserve is among 20 new sites added by the UN's top cultural body UNESCO to its World Network of Biosphere Reserves.

125. Union Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh launched a new mobile app 'Pusa Krishi' for farmers in order to take the technology to farm fields.
126. Cinema exhibition chain PVR cinemas and mobile payments and commerce platform Paytm have announced a strategic relationship that will bring PVR's movie tickets to Paytm's e-commerce platform as a part of its nationwide foray in the online movie ticket segment.
127. PM Narendra Modi launched Kisan Suvidha mobile application for farmers. It will provide information on subjects such as *weather, market prices, seeds, fertilizers, pesticides and agriculture machinery*.
128. The World Health Organization has suspended the approval of tuberculosis drugs made by India's Svizera Labs, a major supplier to developing countries, following an investigation into standards.
129. Airplane maker Airbus SAS will set up a pilot and maintenance training centre in the national Capital Region at a cost of \$40 million for the first phase, to support India's need for new Airbus pilots.
130. 'Iron fist' at Pokhran held On March 18, Indian Air Force (IAF) put up its greatest ever show of air power. The event was a showcase of all facets of air power and was packaged into six themes covering IAF's transformation
131. Sudhir Raheja has been given the additional charge of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) Chairman after R K Srivastava's tenure was curtailed suddenly by the government.
132. The government has slashed interest rates payable on small savings including Public Provident Fund and Kisan Vikas Patra (KVP) in a bid to align them closer to market rates from 8.7% to 8.1%
133. The Indian government has quietly taken US non-profit Ford Foundation off its watch list. The move comes before PM heads to the US to meet with President Barack Obama at the Nuclear Security Summit in Washington
134. The Supreme Court allowed the publication of the photos of governor, chief minister and the ministers of the department concerned in government advertisements.
135. Aiming at effective use of space technology in remote sensing and graphic information system (GIS) based applications, Railways is set to join hands with Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
136. Indian Aviation Report reported that India to become third largest aviation market by 2020.

137. According to the United Nations' World Happiness Index 2016, India ranks 118th out of 156 countries on a global list of the world's happiest nations.
138. Public sector units (psus) such as Nalco and Hindustan Copper Ltd have proposed to invest more than Rs 10,000 crore in the mining sector.
139. Seeking to promote helicopter -tourism, Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation and Pawan Hans have joined hands under an agreement that would allow flyers to book tickets through IRCTC website.
140. The four-day event is being organized by All India Ulama and Mashaikh Board (AIUMB), the apex body of Sufi Dargahs in India. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the World Sufi Forum in New Delhi
141. Priyanka Kakodkar and Raksha Kumar were named as joint winners of the 2015-16 Chameli Devi Jain award for women journalists.
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144. The Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Bill was passed by the Lok Sabha, to protect the interest of the home buyers by enhancing transparency and fixing the accountability of developers.
145. In a move designed to protect the domestic industry, the government imposed anti-dumping duty of up to 44.7 percent on import of plastic-processing machines from Chinese, Taipei, Malaysia, the Philippines and Vietnam for five years.
146. The bill was introduced in Rajya Sabha which envisages amending 91-year-old Sikh Gurdwaras Act to exclude Sahajdhari Sikhs from voting in elections to Sikh religious bodies.
147. Railtel, a PSU of railways, has been given the task of developing the Railway Display Network (RDN) under which around 1,00,000 digital display screens will be put up at over 2,000 railway stations.
148. The RDN plan will be implemented on the Mumbai-Ahmedabad and Allahabad-Manikpur sections on a trial basis.
149. The Scheme of Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) for providing financial support to proposals contained in State Higher Education Plan (SHEP) approved by the State Higher Education Councils (shecs) in order to achieve the objectives of equity, access and quality.

150. FMCG firm Procter and Gamble (P&G) has discontinued manufacture and sale of its popular brand 'Vicks Action 500 Extra' with immediate effect after the government banned fixed dose combination drugs.
151. Prime Minister Narendra Modi today inaugurated three major railway projects in Bihar at an estimated cost of Rs 7000 crore. Three Projects are:
1. Rail-cum-road Bridge at Patna over the River Ganga: It is 4.56 km long.
 2. Rail-cum-road Bridge at Munger.
 3. Additional bridge at Mokama over the River Ganga: It is double line Railway Bridge.
152. Abysmally low level of water in the Farakka Feeder Canal has caused the National Thermal Power Corporation to shut down five units of its power plant at Farakka in Murshidabad district of West Bengal.
153. Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of State (IC) for Power, Coal and New & Renewable Energy has announced the name 'UJALA' for the LED based Domestic Efficient Lighting Programme (DELDP), which is currently running successfully in over 120 cities across India. UJALA, an acronym for Unnat Jyoti by Affordable leds for All, is being implemented by Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL).
154. The Lok Sabha has passed the Aadhaar Bill, providing statutory backing to the unique identification number for transferring government subsidies and benefits, as a money bill after government overruled opposition objections.
155. Project 'Mausam' is the initiative of Ministry of Culture. The Project will be implemented by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) as the nodal agency with research support of the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) and National Museum as associate bodies.
156. Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu launched an online "clean my coach" service that allows travellers to get their compartments cleaned by sending an SMS or by using an app or a designated website.
157. Government aims to computerise the PDS sector to help check pilferages and plug leakages by installing electronic Point of Sale (epos) devices at all fair price shops across the country by March 2019 (rpt 2019).
158. The Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar launched an interactive web portal of Kendriya Sainik Board (KSB) Secretariat, under the Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare (ESW) of Defence Ministry.

159. According to a top London-based forecast group, *Mumbai and Bangalore* are among *the cheapest cities* in the world. The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) ranked Singapore as the priciest ahead of Zurich, Hong Kong, Geneva and Paris.
160. Ridesharing services provider Uber has opened its first Asian engineering centre in Bengaluru. The centre will house software engineers, product developers and others working initially on problems specific to users in India.
161. Government of India has cleared a proposal to amend the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (MMDR Act, 1957) to allow transfer of captive mining leases not granted through auction.
162. Air India flew the “world’s longest” *all-women operated* and supported flight from the national capital to San Francisco. The flight, which travelled a distance of *around 14,500 kilometer* in close to 17 hours, was operated as part of *International Women’s Day celebrations*.
163. The licensing committee of Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP) has approved 12 industrial licenses to the Reliance Defence. DIPP has approved these licenses to the Strategic Business Units (SBU) under Reliance Defence Limited to address defence programmes in India and overseas.
164. Five regional centres of the prestigious National School of Drama (NSD) are to be set up across the country, besides upgrading a resource centre at Bengaluru to a regional centre.
165. MIT Researchers have turned the emissions of power stations, steel mills and garbage dumps into liquid fuels. The process has been successfully trailed at a pilot plant in China and a much bigger facility is now planned.
166. The government will sell up to 5 per cent stake in state-run Container Corp as part of its asset sales programme. It is expected that a deal could fetch about \$170 million (around Rs 1,145 crore).

SNIPPETS FROM THE STATES

1. The Andhra Pradesh government has signed an mou with a three-nation consortium of China Huanqin Contracting and Engineering Corporation, LEPL Ventures Private Limited and Isomeric Holdings to set up a gas-based fertilizer project at Krishnapatanam with an investment of Rs 10,183 crore.
2. BJP leader and Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has declared Majuli, an island in the Brahmaputra a district. The BJP-led government also announced appointment of 10,000 TET-qualified school teachers by March 2017.

3. According to a UNICEF Report, around 1.2 million children died of preventable causes in India in 2015. Most of the deaths were caused by diseases which are easily preventable and treatable.
4. Nagaland Governor PB Acharya has launched women helpline – 181 in the premises of District Hospital Dimapur in Nagaland and also inaugurated Sakhi, a one stop Centre, intended to support women affected by violence both in private and public spaces under one roof.
5. Indian Air Force is planning to set up a training base at Kodiakarai, a coastal town Tamil Nadu, and an aerial survey has been conducted to identify the site for the project.
6. The Maharashtra Cabinet has approved a proposal to set up a Counter-Insurgency and Anti-Terrorist school at Nagpur to train police and other security forces in combating left-wing extremism and militancy.
7. Maharashtra government has decided to use plastic waste along with tar in a bid to improve the durability and longevity of asphalt roads and reduce soil pollution.
8. Maharashtra government has decided to restrict digging of borewells beyond 200 feet. The action was taken to check the steep decline in ground water level in the state.
9. The Maharashtra government has decided to celebrate the 21st day of every month as Yoga Day across all schools, colleges and universities in the State.
10. The Maharashtra government has sent out a resolution that declares drought in 29,000 villages, most of them in Marathwada and Vidarbha in the state and all relief prescribed in the Drought Manual, 2009 would be provided.
11. Maharashtra Government tied up with the Tata Trusts to link all government colleges and medical colleges to the national cancer grid for uniform cancer profiling and quality treatment.
12. With a view to encourage eco-tourism in the vicinity of the Taj Mahal, Uttar Pradesh Cabinet gave its nod to develop over 197 km long 'bicycle highway' from Agra up to the lion safari in Etawah.
13. The state legislature unanimously passed the Maharashtra Prohibition of People from Social Boycott (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2016 in Maharashtra.
14. Ola, India's largest taxi aggregator recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (mou) with the Maharashtra government, to skill, develop and create opportunities for entrepreneurship for 1,00,000 youth in the state.
15. Haryana to have India's first of its kind AYUSH University as the state cabinet approved a proposal to upgrade Shri Krishna Government Ayurvedic College, Kurukshetra as a university.
16. Indian Railways has signed a pact with the Odisha government for setting up a joint venture company for development of rail infrastructure in the eastern state.
17. Tata Trusts has signed a pact with the Odisha government to achieve elimination of Malaria from the state by 2030.
18. Odisha is the first region in the country to give transgender people social welfare benefits – such as a pension, housing and food grains – usually allocated for only the most impoverished.
19. The Government of India has approved establishment of a National Investment and Manufacturing Zone (NIMZ) in Odisha. This is the third NIMZ of India involving a massive area of 163 square kilometers.

20. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched the Odisha Adarsh Vidyalaya (OAV) project at Sasan Ambagaon village in his home constituency Hinjli in Ganjam district.
21. Karnataka government has banned electronic cigarettes in the state. A study was conducted by the committee with an NGO on e-cigarettes, which said large number of youngsters was getting addicted to it.
22. Karnataka State government has decided to go ahead with the establishment of Asia's first Rice Technology Park at Gangavati in Koppal district and a Maize Technology Park at Ranebennur in Haveri district.
23. The Loan and Project Agreements for World Bank (IBRD) assistance of US\$ 100 million for the Karnataka Urban Water Supply Modernization project were signed between Government of India/Government of Karnataka and the World Bank.
24. A ban has been imposed on the sale of correction fluid and thinner in bottles in Haryana. The government also imposed rules to take a strict action against those found violating the orders.
25. The Punjab government has launched a special fund "Mukh Mantri Punjab Hepatitis C Relief Fund" to provide free treatment for patients affected by Hepatitis C. With this initiative, Punjab became the first Indian state to provide free treatment to confirmed cases of Hepatitis C.
26. The Punjab government notified swine flu (H1N1) under the Epidemic Disease Act the notification issued by the Health and Family Welfare Department .
27. The Assam Government has launched a unique initiative 'Maitree Ek Gyan Yatra' to link primary schools to high schools to colleges. The purpose of the programme is to change the mindset of the teachers, as in some places in states teachers of a school considered it below their dignity to teach the lower level students.
28. Guwahati, the Assam state capital has become the first city in the country to have its own City Animal with the Kamrup Metropolitan district administration declaring the gangetic River Dolphin as the mascot.
29. The Union Ministry of Power has launched 'URJA'- *Urban Jyoti Abhiyaan* Mobile application for *Urban Power Distribution Sector*. It was launched by Union Power minister Piyush Goyal on the side-lines of two day conference of Power Ministers at Cansaulim in South Goa.
30. Goa Shipyard Limited launched Indian Coast Guard ship 'Shaurya' at Vasco, the fifth of a series of six off-shore patrol vessels that the Coast Guard had tasked the Vasco defence public sector undertaking to build.
31. A National level AROGYA Fair organized by the Ministry of AYUSH in association with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) began at Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium University Campus at Bambolim near Panaji in Goa.
32. Goa government classified the country liquor, Feni as Heritage Spirit of Goa. Feni is the form of spirit produced exclusively in the coastal state.
33. With the birth of a baby girl in Nagpur, Maharastra, India has reportedly recorded its first ever case of a baby born with a rare genetic disorder called 'Harlequin Ichthyosis'.

34. 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 of people aged 15 years and above has revealed.
35. The Telangana government has sounded a “global emergency” after an active strain of wild polio virus (P2 strain) was detected. Prompting it to airlift two lakh vaccines from Geneva to inoculate more than three lakh children in Hyderabad and Ranga Reddy district as a “preventive measure”.
36. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), a Maharatna central public sector enterprise, has successfully commissioned a 600 Mw coal-based thermal power plant in Telangana.
37. Apple Inc has opened its first development Centre at Hyderabad in India to work on Apple Maps, the company’s digital maps and navigation service.
38. The Indian unit of search giant Google Inc and Tata Trusts launched “Internet Saathi” program in West Bengal.
39. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) has got green nod for its 694-crore rupees project at Haldia Dock Complex in West Bengal.
40. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has launched an IT-enabled management system for irrigation projects in the state.
41. Andhra Pradesh government is all set to inaugurate Pattiseema lift irrigation project. The project is described as the first river linking project in country. The project deals with connecting Godavari with Krishna.
42. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu launched India’s first state-wide broadband project for the first phase of Fiber Grid project to provide broadband connectivity at cheap rate.
43. Cisco has signed an mou with the Andhra Pradesh government to set up an Internet of Everything (ioe) Innovation center in Visakhapatnam.
44. 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.
45. Residents of Shiyal Bet, a nondescript 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.
46. Gujarat government has announced 10% reservation for economically backward classes (ebcs) in general category.
47. Gujarat Government has issued a government resolution (GR) giving minority status to the Jain community. Transport Minister and BJP state unit chief Vijay Rupani made the announcement in Ahmedabad.
48. Anandiben Patel-government has announced that 6,000 of around 18,000 villages in Gujarat have become open defecation free (ODF), and the rest would be ODF much before the 2019 deadline, set by the Centre under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.
49. Gujarat Chief Minister Anandiben Patel said that the state will set up country’s first university exclusively focussing on organic farming. The main objective is to help farmers in switching to unconventional methods of farming.

50. According to an ASSOCHAM study on 'Export Performance of States', the analyzed data between 2007-08 and 2014-15 reports that Gujarat and Maharashtra account for more than 46 percent of the merchandise consignments from the country.
51. Sikkim claimed 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 (Sikkim). Sikkim thus became the first state in India to have this portal.
52. The Assam government has set up a single window clearance system at all district headquarters to help potential investors and to eradicate corruption.
53. The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has directed the Delhi government to register two new diesel vehicles which are conforming to BS-IV norms and would be used for garbage disposal and handling of municipal waste generated in New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) area from May 1 .
54. 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.
55. 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.
56. The Heart of Asia (hoa) conference began on 26 April 2016 in New Delhi. The conference was attended by officials of a number of countries including Pakistan Foreign Secretary Aizaz Ahmed Chaudhry.
57. The Union Minister of Human Resource Development Smriti Irani launched a portal for registration and allotment of International Standard Book Number (ISBN) at a function held in New Delhi.
58. The Government of India has launched country's first online interactive heritage portal named Sahapedia in New Delhi. The web portal is a collaborative knowledge resource on the arts, culture and heritage of India.
59. The Delhi Government has banned the sale, purchase and storage of all forms of chewable tobacco, including "gutkha, pan masala, khaini and zarda for one year.
60. The Water Film Festival, a part of the India Water Week celebrations, was inaugurated by Uma Bharti, Union Minister for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation in New Delhi.
61. The National Summit on Family Planning concluded in New Delhi. The summit was held for two days with the theme New Choices, New Horizons.
62. Automobile giant Mahindra & Mahindra has become the first Indian company to join a global energy campaign led by an international non-profit group that doubles their energy productivity.
63. The sprawling and picturesque coastline of Kerala will soon become a "*plastic and garbage-free*" zone with the state government drawing up a comprehensive action plan to make the coastal areas clean and beautiful.
64. The Election Commission has launched an innovative mobile application with comprehensive details about the coming May 16 assembly polls in Kerala titled e-voter aimed at ensuring great transparency and conduct of free and fair elections.

65. In an initiative to eradicate poverty from the district, the Kozhikode district administration is all set to implement a project named 'Operation Sulaimani' to ensure food for the needy in its jurisdiction.
66. Communist Party of India (Marxist), or CPM, leader Pinarayi Vijayan took oath as chief minister of Kerala.
67. The National Green Tribunal Circuit Bench banned light and heavy diesel vehicles, which are more than 10 years old, in six major cities, including state capital Thiruvananthapuram and commercial capital Kochi, in Kerala.
68. Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari launches 20 Nirbhaya buses of Rajasthan State Transport Corporation with multiple safety measures to better protect women passengers.
69. Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh has announced that a new Indian Reserve.
70. Rajasthan has become the first state to pass land title bill. State Assembly passed the Rajasthan Urban Land (Certification of Titles) Bills 2016.
71. Battalion in Rajasthan will be named after Maharana Pratap, the great warrior of Mewar region.
72. The World Bank Board approved a 250 million US dollar Development Policy Loan (DPL) for Rajasthan to support improving the performance of its electricity distribution sector under the State's "24x7 Power for All" program.
73. 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.
74. Mou has been signed by Ministry of Railways and PEC University of Technology for setting up of "Kalpana Chawla Chair" on Geospatial Technology for Indian Railways at PEC University of Technology, Chandigarh.
75. Spanish train Talgo ran at the speed of 110-115 kms per hour as its trial was conducted on the Bareilly-Moradabad line in Uttar Pradesh as part of the Railways' strategy to induct faster trains.
76. The Union HRD Minister, Smriti Zubin Irani launched the multilingual knowledge portal www.bharatvani.in at Lucknow. The Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru is implementing this ambitious project of MHRD.
77. Lakshadweep became first Union Territory (UT) to sign 24x7 Power for All document. Representative of Government of India and the Administration of Lakshadweep signed the document in presence of P.K. Pujari, Secretary, and Ministry of Power.
78. Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh launched 'PEHAL' – a vision document of the Shimla District administration for raising education standards.
79. Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) and Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) to introduce *zero-emission retrofitted electric buses* under its flagship scheme FAME India (faster adoption and manufacturing of hybrid & electric vehicles in India).
80. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) won power for the first time in the northeastern state of Assam in May month.

81. World's largest single rooftop solar power plant of 11.5 Mw capacity was inaugurated in Beas near Amritsar in Punjab.
82. In a landmark move, the Punjab government passed a Bill with a framework to regulate and settle agriculture debts. The government would establish a District Agriculture Debt Settlement Forum at every district of the state to implement the Act.
83. Punjab assembly has passed a bill which states that whoever causes injury, damage or sacrilege to Guru Granth Sahib with an intention to hurt the religious feelings of the people will be punished with imprisonment for life.
84. The Chhattisgarh government has disbursed Rs 1, 821-crore loans to several beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri MUDRA (Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency) Yojana (PMMY).
85. The Minister of Women & Child Development, Maneka Gandhi has inaugurated a major One Day Regional Conference with North Eastern States in Shillong on the issues relating to Child Adoption.
86. Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways and Shipping Nitin Gadkari has launched epace, INFRACON and an updated version of INAMPRO, three innovative IT initiatives of the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, developed in house by NHIDCL (National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd.)
87. The Cabinet has approved the national intellectual property rights (IPR) policy with a view to promoting creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship.
88. India has signed an agreement with World Health Organisation for cooperation in promoting traditional medicine, a move which will deliver for the first time WHO benchmark document for training in yoga, ayurveda, unani and panchakarma.
89. Madhya Pradesh Tourism (MPT) has received the "Best Indian Destination for Wildlife" award by the Lonely Planet Group. Madhya Pradesh has 25 wild life sanctuaries including nine National Parks. Among them Kanha, Bandhavgarh and Pench are ideal habitat for tigers.
90. Board had recently sent a proposal to launch the platform from Karond mandi (10 km away from Bhopal). The Madhya Pradesh state government to join National Agri Market platform through its Mandi
91. The World Bamboo Conference held in Indore, Madhya Pradesh for taking necessary actions to fill up the gap between supply and demand for bamboo in view of "tremendous demand".
92. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has successfully commissioned a 600 MW coal-based thermal power plant in the state of Madhya Pradesh. The unit has been commissioned at the 1 x 600 MW Jhabua Thermal Power Project (TPP) located in Seoni district in Madhya Pradesh.
93. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the world's maiden "White Tiger Safari" at Mukundpur in Satna district in the state's Vindhya region where the feline was first discovered more than 100 years ago.
94. The Government of India has signed a loan agreement with the World Bank for Madhya Pradesh citizen access to responsive services project.
95. A fortnight-long training exercise, which was conducted as a follow up to 'Exercise Shatrujeet', concluded in Suratgarh area of *Rajasthan*. The exercise 'Chakravayuh-II' was held by the pivot formations of the Indian Army

96. The Minister for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) Kalraj Mishra has inaugurated a spinning and weaving centre and marketing plaza for khadi goods in Srinagar.
97. The government has approved the proposal of Infosys to set up an IT/ites special economic zone in Bengaluru in an area spread over 4 hectares.
98. The Supreme Court of India has decided against extending the deadline for phasing out diesel cabs in National Capital Region (NCR). The earlier extension was given so that private cab aggregators could switch to compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles by 1 May 2016.
99. The Union Ministry of Railways and Forest Department of Haryana & Punjab have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (mou) for plantation of trees alongside Railway Track on Railway Land Boundary.
100. The Union Government has given nod for setting up India's first personal rapid transit(PRT) network for Gurgaon, Haryana.
101. Union Agriculture and farmers Welfare Minister, Radha Mohan Singh laid the Foundation stone of Haryana State University of Horticultural Sciences at Karnal, Haryana.
102. The Haryana Cabinet approved the Jat reservation bill to provide reservation to Jats and four other castes in government jobs and educational institutions.
103. The top court in Mumbai has ordered the demolition of an apartment building that has been at the centre of a corruption scandal. It said the Adarsh Society building had become a "symbol of political corruption".
104. Haryana becomes 1st to launch injectable contraceptive. The 'Project Salamati' which is being implemented by state health department with the assistance of Pathfinder International.
105. The Haryana government launched a new scheme under which six months' pension would be given in advance to persons with disabilities for adapting their homes as per their requirement.
106. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and pharmaceutical major Sun Pharma have entered into a public-private partnership (PPP) to eradicate malaria. The project will be launched at Mandla district of Madhya Pradesh, covering 1,200 villages over three to five years.
107. The traditional festival of Sajibu Cheiraoba was celebrated in Manipur to mark the beginning of a new year with cultural gusto and religious fervor.
108. The Nitish Kumar government declared Bihar a dry State while imposing total prohibition on the sale and consumption of liquor, both country-made and Indian-Made Foreign Liquor, with immediate effect from April 1.
109. President's Rule has been imposed in Uttarakhand on March month the crucial trust vote in the state assembly for the Harish Rawat government.
110. Mizoram government and Japanese International Cooperative Agency (JICA) have signed an mou on 'Capacity Enhancement for Sustainable Agriculture and Irrigation Development'.
111. Railway stations at Surat (Gujarat) and Beas (Punjab) have been adjudged the cleanest stations in a survey conducted by the Indian Railways across 407 stations.
112. Bodh Gaya will host a Buddhist Conclave during March. The Ministry of Commerce and the Ministry of Tourism, and the target will be to develop the Buddhist Circuit in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar in India, and Nepal.

113. Haryana's new secretariat in Chandigarh has become the only building in the country to have an early earthquake warning and security system (onsite).
114. The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approved the Kanpur Metro project for providing subsidized mobile solar units and pumps, and free-of-cost hemo-dialysis facilities for the poor at 18 divisional headquarters of the state.
115. NITI Aayog launches Women Transforming India campaign, in partnership with the UN in India and mygov.
116. India successfully test-fired its indigenously built nuclear-capable intermediate range Agni-I ballistic missile, capable of hitting a target 700 kms away, from a test range off Odisha coast as part of a user trial by the Army.
117. Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah launched 'Santwana Yojana' under which road accident victims will be given free treatment for the first 48 hours at any hospital. The scheme, 'Mukhyamantri Santwana Harish Yojana,' has been named after Harish Nanjappa who donated his eyes moments before his death.
118. Telangana and Maharashtra governments have signed a mou for the construction of five barrages on Penganga and Godavari rivers. This is a historic agreement on water sharing that will script a new history in the country.
119. 'Maritime India Summit 2016' to be held in Mumbai from 14th to 16th April, 'Maritime India Summit 2016' is a maiden flagship initiative of the Ministry of Shipping that will provide a unique platform for participants to explore potential business opportunities in Indian Maritime Sector.
120. Gujarat has topped the list of 21 states with most investment potential that has been drawn up by New Delhi-based think-tank National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER).

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. The 193 members of the United Nations General Assembly has elected Sweden, Bolivia, Ethiopia and Kazakhstan to serve on the world body's Security Council for a period of two years, starting from 1 January 2017.
2. The Great Barrier Reef has been named the best vacation destination in the world in a newly released ranking published by US News & World Report. The UNESCO World Heritage Site, which stretches for more than 2,000 km along the coastline of Queensland and is visible from space, was ranked the world's best place to visit in 2016.
3. CDN network Akamai has published its quarterly "State of the Internet" report for the first quarter of 2016. The report examines global internet speeds, which are going to be more relevant than ever for live-sports aficionados in the summer of the Rio Olympic Games.
4. Sweden inaugurated a test stretch of an electric road, making it one of the first countries in the world to conduct tests with electric power for heavy transports on public roads.
5. Guðni Jóhannesson, a history professor, has won Iceland's presidential election
6. Israel and Turkey have finalised a deal to end the six-year diplomatic rift that began when Israeli commandos killed nine Turkish activists aboard a Gaza-bound flotilla in 2010.

7. The lower house of the Russian parliament has voted 325 to 1 to adopt the “Yarovaya law”, a package of amendments authored by the ruling United Russia party member Irina Yarovaya, who is known for previous legislative crackdowns on protesters and non-governmental organisations.
8. The Colombian government and FARC rebels signed a ceasefire and disarmament agreement, one of the last steps toward ending a half-century conflict that has killed hundreds of thousands of people.
9. Mahasthangarh, the 3rd century BC archaeological site in Bogra, Bangladesh, has been declared as the South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation (SAARC) cultural capital for the year 2016-17.
10. Nepal has banned its citizens from working in Afghanistan after 13 of its citizens were killed and six more injured in a suicide attack in Kabul recently.
11. The Pentagon plans to announce the repeal of its ban on openly serving transgender service members.
12. Volkswagen has agreed to pay USD 10 billion to settle a huge US civil case over its diesel emissions-cheating scandal. As part of the settlement, Volkswagen would compensate owners of around 480,000 2.0-liter diesel cars up to USD 7,000 in cash each, and would also fund a programme to fight air pollution.
13. Britain has voted to leave the European Union, a historic decision sure to reshape the nation’s place in the world, rattle the Continent and rock political establishments throughout the West.
14. Virginia Raggi has been elected as Rome’s first female mayor in a triumph for the populist Five Star Movement (M5S), representing a blow to Matteo Renzi, Italy’s prime minister.
15. California has overtaken France as the world’s sixth-largest economy, fueled by strong growth and the U.S. dollar’s gains against foreign currencies. The most-populous U.S. state, with a gross domestic product of \$2.5 trillion, has also eclipsed recession-plagued Brazil.
16. The Brazilian state of Rio de Janeiro has declared a financial emergency less than 50 days before the Olympics. Interim Governor Francisco Dornelles says the “serious economic crisis” threatens to stop the state from honouring commitments for the Games.
17. Russia’s new Project 22220 nuclear-powered icebreaker dubbed “Arktika” was launched from the Baltic Shipyard in Russia’s second-largest city of St. Petersburg.
18. North Korea’s Ryugyong Hotel is the world’s tallest unoccupied building, according to Guinness World Records.
19. Norway has become the first country to stop clear-cutting of trees, a huge step toward curbing global deforestation.
20. NATO announced that the alliance will deploy four multinational battalions to Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland, as tensions with Russia remain high in the wake of Moscow’s intervention in Ukraine.
21. On 13 June 2016 – United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called on all countries to end the discrimination that threatens the wellbeing, health and even the lives of people with albinism.
22. Peru’s elections authority announced that Pedro Pablo Kuczynski had defeated Keiko Fujimori in the 2016 presidential election.

23. Pakistan tops the list of countries figuring in the Malware Infection Index 2016, India ranks 8th on the list. The index identifies the key malware threats in the region and ranks markets in Asia-Pacific according to how much they are affected.
24. A large-scale military training exercise involving more than 20 NATO and partner countries has kicked off in Poland, part of efforts to reassure east European nations rattled by Russia's actions in nearby Ukraine.
25. 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".
26. The WHO has declared that Liberia has reached the end of active Ebola virus transmission. This is fourth such declaration from one of the west African countries at the epicenter of the world's worst outbreak of the disease.
27. 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 at the head of a major political party.
28. 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.
29. Suzuki Motor Corp patriarch Osamu Suzuki is stepping down as chief executive and taking responsibility for the research and development team at the heart of the testing scandal.
30. In 2016 rankings, Walmart is the top dog on the Fortune 500 list for the fourth consecutive year. Rounding out the top 10 in the 62nd annual rankings, based on total revenues for their fiscal years: ExxonMobil, Apple, Berkshire Hathaway, McKesson, UnitedHealth Group, CVS Health, General Motors, Ford Motor and AT&T.
31. 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.
32. Goa-born Sayonara Luxton has taken charge as the mayor of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead in southeast England.
33. Sweden has been voted as the best country in the world when it comes to serving the interests of its people and contributing to the common good of humanity while India figured low at 70th position on a list of 163 nations.
34. The world's longest tunnel officially opened with the trailblazing rail passage under the Swiss Alps aiming to ease transit through the heart of Europe.
35. The Philippine parliament has officially declared Rodrigo "Digong" Duterte to be the president-elect. Mr Duterte won a landslide victory in the presidential election recently.
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37. Jordan's King Abdullah appointed veteran politician Hani Mulqi as caretaker prime minister after dissolving parliament as its four-year term nears its end, and charged him with organising new elections by October.
38. Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim's government has won a vote of confidence in parliament as well as approval for his legislative program. Yildirim is a close ally of President Tayyip Erdogan and a co-founder of the ruling AK Party.

39. Guinea Bissau President Jose Mario Vaz named Baciro Dja as prime minister. It leads to sparking protests from political opponents who said the appointment was unconstitutional.
40. The first-ever World Humanitarian Summit was held in Istanbul from 23 to 24th May since World War II. The summit was inaugurated by the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and hosted by Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, and attended by world leaders of UN member states, including German Chancellor Angela Merkel.
41. China has signed agreements with Sudan, its close ally in Africa to build 600-megawatt atomic reactor, the first such project in the African country. Two framework deals have been signed by state-owned China National Nuclear Corp (CNNC) with Sudan on nuclear power development.
42. President Barack Obama has announced the US is fully lifting its embargo on sales of lethal weapons to Vietnam, its one-time enemy. The US is trying to bolster its relationship with its Pacific allies, as China asserts territorial claims.
43. United States President Barack Obama is on a visit to Vietnam and Japan. This is Obama's first visit to Vietnam as an American president. In Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, Obama will stress improving relations with a dynamic and rapidly emerging country.
44. The Senate has advanced \$1.1 billion in emergency funding to combat the Zika virus, but remained at odds with the House over how much money should be directed to tackle the public health threat.
45. Turkey's Transport Minister Binali Yildirim emerged as the likely new leader of the ruling AK Party and therefore the next prime minister, cementing President Tayyip Erdogan's hold on government as he seeks to extend his powers.
46. Tsai Ing-wen has been sworn in as the new president of Taiwan, becoming its first female leader and calling for "positive dialogue" with Beijing.
47. The Nokia name will return to the mobile phone market after a company backed by one of its former executives teamed up with manufacturer Foxconn to buy the rights to the brand for mobile devices.
48. The First World Conference on Tourism for Development was held in Beijing, China from 18-21 May 2016 with a specific view to advancing the contribution of tourism to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). The event was jointly organized by the Government of the People's Republic of China and the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).
49. A two-day international Buddhist conference to mark the 2,560th birth anniversary of Lord Buddha began in Nepal with Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli, themed "Lumbini, Nepal: the birth place of Lord Buddha and the fountain of Buddhism and world peace".
50. In the "Heads Together" campaign launched in London, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry will work with charities "to change the national conversation on mental wellbeing" which is used by some mental healthcare professionals as a therapeutic tool.
51. Nepal Telecom (NT), the state-owned Nepalese telecommunication company, has completed laying optical fiber to Rasuwagadi area at the Nepal-China border from the capital city Kathmandu, with an eye to boosting Nepal-China connectivity.

52. The Italian Parliament gave final approval to a law recognizing civil unions of same-sex couples. The vote — 372 to 51, with 99 abstentions — was followed by long applause in the Chamber of Deputies, the lower house of Parliament. At the Trevi Fountain in Rome, people with rainbow flags gathered to celebrate.
53. The Kenyan government will close Dadaab refugee camp, which has hundreds of thousands of Somali refugees and is often referred to as the world's largest camp, the East African country's interior security minister. The decision has been condemned by domestic and international rights groups and organizations dealing with refugees.
54. The US has activated a land-based missile defence station in Romania, which will form part of a larger and controversial European shield. The US says the Aegis system is a shield to protect NATO countries from short and medium-range missiles, particularly from the Middle East.
55. US President Barack Obama has signed National Bison Legacy Act into law officially making the American bison the country's first national mammal. With this, Bison, the animal that once roamed North America, joins the ranks of the Bald Eagle as the official symbol of the country.
56. India and five other nations, including China and Israel, signed a pact for automatic exchange of information on tax issues and develop new tools and standards for tackling tax base erosion and evasion. As part of continuing efforts to boost transparency by multinational enterprises (mnes).
57. United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has announced the establishment of the UN Zika Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) to finance critical unfunded priorities in the response to the Zika outbreak.
58. Maverick anti-crime candidate Rodrigo "Digong" Duterte has won the Philippine presidential elections.
59. World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) was initiated in 2006 and is an annual awareness-raising campaign highlighting the need for the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats.
2016 Theme: Stop the Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds
60. An Indian-origin manmurali Pillai from Singapore's ruling People's Action Party (PAP) was elected member of the parliament following his victory in the by-election held at suburban Bukit Batok constituency.
61. Enda Kenny has been re-elected as Prime Minister of Ireland after 10 weeks of deadlock that followed an inconclusive general election in February. Kenny is the first fine Gael PM to win re-election in Irish history.
62. Newly-elected London mayor Sadiq Khan has been formally signed in to the role at Southwark Cathedral ceremony.
63. Australian entrepreneur Craig Wright has publicly identified himself as Bitcoin creator of Satoshi Nakamoto. His admission follows years of speculation about who came up with the original ideas underlying the digital cash system.
64. Reliance Power has received in-principle approval from the Bangladesh government for the first phase of a 3,000 megawatt gas-based power plant, paving the way for the largest Foreign Direct Investment in the neighbouring country with a potential investment of over Rs 8,700 crore (\$1.3 billion).

65. Jordan's King Abdullah appointed veteran politician Hani Mulqi as caretaker prime minister after dissolving parliament as its four-year term nears its end, and charged him with organising new elections by October.
66. Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim's government has won a vote of confidence in parliament as well as approval for his legislative program. Yildirim is a close ally of President Tayyip Erdogan and a co-founder of the ruling AK Party.
67. The US and Saudi Arabia imposed sanctions jointly on four individuals and two organisations, aiming to disrupt terrorism fundraising operations in South Asia and the Middle East.
68. Nuclear Security Summit 2016 took place in Washington DC on April 1st, 2016. World Leaders underline the importance of the Convention on Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and its 2005 Amendment and the International Convention on the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism.
69. Greek lawmakers have passed an asylum amendment bill needed for the implementation of a European Union agreement with Turkey for the return of refugees and migrants from Greek islands to Turkey.
70. World Autism Awareness Day on 2 April is aimed at raising awareness about the condition. 2016 Themed "Autism and the 2030 Agenda: Inclusion and Neurodiversity"
71. Tran Dai Quang, Minister of Public Security, sworn in as the 9th President of Vietnam. Among the 481 valid votes, 452 out of the total 494 members of the unicameral house, elected Quang, as the president.
72. The world's first public dengue vaccination programme was launched in the Philippines as nurses began injecting the first batch of a million children with a French drug to combat the sometimes deadly disease.
73. Iceland's government named a new prime minister and called for early elections in the autumn, a day after Prime Minister Sigmundur David Gunnlaugsson quit to become the first global politician brought down by the "Panama Papers" leaks.
74. Azerbaijan and Armenian separatists in the breakaway region of Nagorno-Karabakh have said they are halting hostilities after four days of intense fighting between them, which had prompted warnings the conflict could spiral into all-out war.
75. China has offered Sri Lanka 500 million Yuan to provide assistance to improve investment zones and speed up the industrialization process in the country.
76. Saudi Arabia's king has announced that a bridge linking the country to Egypt will be built over the Red Sea. King Salman said that the bridge would boost commerce between the two allies.
77. The WTO estimated that global trade would rise by 3.9 per cent this year, but lowered that projection to 2.8 per cent, in an updated forecast
78. The World Bank has unveiled an ambitious climate action plan that will help developing countries add 30 gigawatts of renewable energy, bring early warning systems to a hundred million people and develop climate-smart agriculture investment plans for at least 40 nations.
79. Pakistan Navy has successfully test-fired shore-based anti-ship missile 'Zarb', bolstering its defence mechanism. Naval chief Admiral Muhammad Zakaullah said the launch of new missile system was part of Pakistan Navy's continuous effort to enhance its capabilities.

80. Despite challenges in Pakistan and Afghanistan, where the polio virus is still endemic, the World Health Organisation (WHO) is confident that polio could be eradicated within 12 months.
81. Foreign ministers from the Group of Seven (G7) industrialized countries at a meeting in Japan have called for a world without nukes. US Secretary of State John Kerry and G7 foreign ministers called for a “world without nuclear weapons”, citing North Korea’s sabre-rattling as a key challenge to achieving that goal.
82. The General Assembly on 7 April 2011, declared 12 April as the International Day of Human Space Flight “to celebrate each year at the international level the beginning of the space era for mankind.
83. South Pacific island nation Nauru has become the 189th member of the international Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank.
84. The White House released a list of names that US President Barack Obama has appointed to the new Commission on Enhancing National Cyber security panel. mastercard CEO Ajay Banga appointed as member of US cybersecurity body.
85. Union Minister of Human Resource Development Smriti Irani unveiled a bronze bust of the ancient Indian mathematician-astronomer Aryabhata, which is a gift from India, at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris. Smriti Irani was attending the high-level segment of the ‘International Conference on the Zero’.
86. The second technical meeting on Chabahar Transit and Transport Agreement was held in India and provided the draft for the tripartite agreement among Iran, India and Afghanistan.
87. A Wisconsin federal jury has slapped a \$940 million penalty, including \$700 million in punitive damages, on Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) for allegedly stealing healthcare software from an American company, Epic Systems.
88. A major earthquake hit Ecuador’s central coast, killing at least 77 people as it buckled homes and knocked out power in a city hundreds of miles away on April month.
89. The 13th session of the Islamic Summit Conference was concluded in Istanbul, Turkey. The Islamic Summit, which commenced on 10 April 2016, was held under the theme Unity and Solidarity for Justice and Peace.
90. India’s largest IT services firm TCS has been recognised as one of the UK’s leading employers for women in a list published by The Times.
91. China’s President Xi Jinping has taken on a new military title, in his latest move to exert greater control over the armed forces. Mr Xi is now commander in chief of the military’s Joint Operations Command Centre.
92. Europe has become the world’s first region to wipe out malaria, WHO announces that the European Region hit malaria in 2015 .
93. Four international organizations have joined hands to form the Platform for collaboration in Tax Matters. The Platform has been created as their step to boost global cooperation in tax matters.
 - i) The International Monetary Fund,
 - ii) World Bank,
 - iii) United Nations and
 - iv) The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

94. Chad's President Idriss Deby has been re-elected for a fifth term in office in a landslide first-round victory.
95. The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has suspended the accreditation of Beijing's National Anti-Doping laboratory, after launching a probe into drugs allegations in Chinese swimming.
96. Anti-slavery crusader Harriet Tubman will become the first African-American on the face of US paper currency, and the first woman in more than a century, when she replaces former President Andrew Jackson on the \$20 bill.
97. The solar-powered aeroplane Solar Impulse has landed in Silicon Valley, California, after a three-day flight over the Pacific Ocean from Hawaii.
98. China and Pakistan have signed an agreement for the launch of a special satellite to monitor the development of the multi-billion dollars China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects. Both countries have decided for development and launch of the Pakistan Remote Sensing Satellite (PRSS-1) System and launch a satellite in June 2018.
99. India has formally ratified the World Trade Organization's (WTO) trade facilitation agreement, which aims at easing customs procedures to boost commerce. Commerce and industry Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the move would supplement India's ongoing reforms to bring in simplification and enhanced transparency in cross-border trade in goods.
100. Mouamba Clement, the former Congolese Finance Minister, has been appointed as the Prime Minister of Congo. He was appointed to the post by Congo's President Denis Sassou Nguesso.
101. The Cabinet of Saudi Arabia kingdom has approved the Vision 2030, a broad-based economic reform plan. The Vision charts out the roadmap for diversifying the Saudi economy in next 14 years and to ensure that Saudi Arabia can live without oil by 2020.
102. India may surpass China this year in attracting foreign direct investment (FDI), as the gap in inflows between the two has been narrowing with the reforms being implemented by India, according to Japanese financial services firm Nomura.
103. Russia has launched the first rocket from its new Vostochny cosmodrome. An unmanned Soyuz-2.1A rocket, carrying three satellites, roared into a clear blue sky from the launch pad at Vostochny cosmodrome in the remote Amur Region near China's border.
104. Hashim Thaci has been elected as Kosovo's president after 71 of the country's 120 mps voted in favour of his nomination.
105. China's navy has launched its first self-propelled floating dock, giving it the ability to repair warships far from the coast. The dock, the Huachuan No. 1, would enable the navy to return damaged ships to fighting capability "in very rapid time" and was designed to be sent into combat zones.
106. According to Forbes' annual ranking of billionaires, Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates continued his reign as the richest person in the world. Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani has retained his position as India's richest person, leading a pack of 84 Indian billionaires in 2016.
107. Peru has declared an emergency three weeks after a major oil pipeline burst, affecting two rivers in the country's northwest. The pipeline spilled 3,000 barrels of crude oil into the Chiriaco and Morona rivers, which are the main source of water and food for several indigenous communities.

108. The United Nations Security Council has unanimously adopted a resolution significantly expanding international sanctions against North Korea to the mandatory cargo inspections the sanctions also include a ban on all sales or transfers of small arms and light weapons to North Korea, and expulsion of diplomats from the North who engage in “illicit activities”.
109. South Korea’s parliament has passed the country’s first anti-terror bill, with opposition lawmakers leaving the plenary chamber after ending the nine-day marathon speeches.
110. Thousands of Mexicans were astonished when they woke up to discover their local river had vanished overnight. The Atoyac River, the sole source of water for 10,000 in the state of Veracruz, is thought to have disappeared into a crevasse following an earthquake tremor.
111. The Philippines says it has seized a North Korean ship in line with tightened UN sanctions targeting the country’s nuclear programme. The Jin Teng is one of 31 ships operated by North Korean firm Ocean Maritime Management, which is subject to an asset freeze and sanctions.
112. The UK military is to join Nato forces intercepting and returning people trying to reach Europe from Turkey, as David Cameron prepares to meet European leaders to discuss the escalating migration crisis.
113. North Korea has threatened to turn Washington and Seoul into “flames and ashes”, warning of an indiscriminate “pre-emptive nuclear strike of justice” in reaction to the start of US-South Korean military drills.
114. Digital payments platform freecharge has partnered with Mexico-based chain of movie theatres, Cinepolis that aims to provide its customers an easy to use and secure way of making payments.
115. North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said the country has miniaturized nuclear warheads to mount on ballistic missiles and ordered improvements in the power and precision of its arsenal.
116. The Wikimedia Foundation is currently developing a speech synthesis engine to its encyclopedia. In parallel with the release of its new app for ios, the Wikimedia Foundation is currently developing a multilingual engine in partnership with the Royal Institute of Technology KHT.
117. Prominent activists ranging from Edward Snowden to Pussy Riot have planned to spread online protests against growing government restrictions on citizens’ expression, marking an annual world day against cyber censorship.
118. Malaysia has banned the recruitment of new foreign workers after widespread criticism of its decision to bring in 1.5 million Bangladeshis to work in the country, a move that may also affect Indian labourers.
119. According to a UN Report, the South Sudanese government has conducted a “scorched earth policy” against civilians caught up in the country’s civil war. The Government has allowed its soldiers and allied militias to rape women in lieu of wages; torture and murder suspected opponents and deliberately displace as many people as possible.
120. Sustainable Development was held on 14 March 2016 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE). The meeting was held to promote the power of broadband networks and services for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

121. 4th World Congress of Biosphere Reserves inaugurated at Lima. The event will be held from 14 March to 17 March 2016 to address different issues related to the Sustainable Development Goals (sdgs) and the Post 2015 Development Agenda.
122. The UN Security Council discussed the surprise Russian announcement during a closed-door meeting, when it also heard a report from UN envoy Staffan de Mistura on a new round of peace talks that opened in Geneva.
123. Mother Teresa to be made a saint Pope announced he cleared the way for sainthood for the Nobel peace laureate, who died in 1997 at the age of 87 and was known as “saint of the gutters”.
124. Htin Kyaw elected as first civilian President of Myanmar
125. M&M enters farm equipment rental biz start-up will connect farmers either through an app or a call (call centre). TRRINGO will operate as a franchisee-based model and bring in new-age digital technology to the tractor rental business.
126. President Obama nominated Merrick B. Garland to be the nation’s 113th Supreme Court justice. The Supreme Court vacancy follows the death of Antonin Scalia .
127. China is building a tsunami alert centre in South China Sea and the facility in the disputed region has been approved by the UN. it will benefit all the countries in the region while critics say it is an attempt by Beijing to solidify its presence in disputed islands and reefs with permanent structures.
128. Countries and mega-cities across Asia are highly exposed to natural hazards ranging from cyclones to earthquakes, but people in sub-Saharan Africa are more vulnerable, according to a report. Nearly 1.4 billion people in South Asia — India, Bangladesh, Pakistan — face at least one major threat from nature, especially flooding, severe storms boosted by rising seas, and quakes.
129. The Obama administration has tightened the US trade embargo on North Korea, explicitly placing sanctions on the Pyongyang government, its ruling party and broad sectors of the country’s economy. The US action is expected to significantly increase pressure on China to cut its business dealings with the nuclear-armed state.
130. Brazil President appointed Lula as Chief of Staff
131. Turkey and the EU have reached controversial deal European leaders hope will stop the flow of refugees to the continent in return for political and financial concessions for Ankara.
132. General Lori Robinson has been officially named as the next nominee to lead US Northern Command (NORTHCOM), setting her up to be the first woman to lead a combatant command in Pentagon history.
133. Russia’s credit-ratings firm is up and running and foreign competitors are already feeling the heat. Moody’s last week announced it would shutter its joint venture in Moscow of 12 years and Fitch said it will probably stop issuing local ratings on Russian companies, the same day ACRA, which stands for Analytical Credit Rating Agency, applied for a license to operate in Russia.
134. A team of scientists including a Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI) research associate announced the discovery of a new species of pale gold colored frog from the cloud forests of the high Andes in Colombia.
135. The Hinduja brothers have emerged as the richest Asian-origin entrepreneurs in Britain for the fourth consecutive year with an estimated personal fortune of 16.5 billion pounds.

136. Swedish furniture retailing giant IKEA will contribute 12.4 million euro (Rs.92.84 crore) to provide safe water and sanitation to one million people in India and Indonesia through [Water.Org](#).
137. Nepal signed a transit and transportation treaty with China for its third-country commerce — a move that is likely to end New Delhi's monopoly over the landlocked Himalayan nation's trade through Haldia port in Kolkata.
138. The electoral authority of Tanzania's semi-autonomous archipelago of Zanzibar, the ZEC, announced incumbent President Ali Mohamed Shein had won his re-election bid, after polls boycotted by the main opposition party.
139. A woman has been chosen to lead a key combat unit for the first time in American history. Lori Robinson, 56, a four-star Air Force general, has been nominated to take charge of the first line of defence of any invasion of the US mainland – the United States Northern Command.
140. Nepal has become a dialogue partner of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), a Beijing-based regional security grouping.
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142. Sri Lanka's much-awaited Right to Information (RTI) Bill was tabled in Parliament fulfilling an election promise of the Sirisena government.
143. Pakistan and Iran aim to increase annual trade volumes between the two countries to \$5 billion by 2021. Trade between Pakistan and Iran fell to \$432 million in 2010-11 from \$1.32 billion in 2008-09, according to the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan.
144. The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) on 24 March 2016 extended the UN Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM) till 31 March 2017.
145. Syrian government forces have recaptured Palmyra, inflicting a significant defeat on the Islamic State group which seized the city last year and dynamited its ancient temples.
146. Jordan will get a cheap \$100 million loan from World Bank to help create 100,000 jobs for Syrian refugees and its own citizen. The World Bank's Board extended the highly unusual financing offer because of the extraordinarily difficult situation facing both the refugees and their Jordanian hosts.
147. The World Health Organization declared the Zika virus and its suspected link to birth defects an international public health emergency, a rare move that signals the seriousness of the outbreak and gives countries new tools to fight it.
148. The world's longest three-rope cable car system was inaugurated in Vietnam's Lao Cai province. World's longest three-rope cable car route, and also the world's biggest height gap between its departure and arrival stations of 1,410 metres.
149. The Trans Pacific Partnership, one of the biggest multinational trade deals ever, has been signed by ministers from its 12 member nations in New Zealand. The ceremony in Auckland brings the huge trade pact.
150. Army Lieutenant General John Nicholson has been appointed as the commander of the NATO forces in Afghanistan. He succeeded US General John Campbell who has been leading the Afghan operations for nearly 18 months.

151. Zimbabwe's president, Robert Mugabe, has declared a state of disaster in rural areas hit by a severe drought, as more than a quarter of the population face food shortages.
152. The United Nations Postal Administration has released six new postage stamps promoting equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender or LGBT people. The colourfully designed stamps by artist and UNPA art director Sergio Baradat.
153. North Korea has launched a long-range rocket carrying what it called a satellite, but its neighbours and the United States denounced the launch as a missile test, conducted in defiance of U.N. sanctions and just weeks after a nuclear bomb test.
154. France has become the first country in the world to ban supermarkets from throwing away or destroying unsold food, forcing them instead to donate it to charities and food banks.
155. The UK wind energy industry received a boost with the announcement of the world's biggest offshore wind farm, to be built off the north-east coast. The announcement has been made by Danish firm, Dong Energy.
156. A UN panel has proposed long-sought greenhouse gas emissions standards for airliners and cargo planes. The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) said the agreement reached by the agency's environmental panel requires new aircraft designs meet the standards beginning in 2020.
157. The National Assembly Standing Committee on Law and Justice passed the final draft of Hindu Marriage Bill 2015, the Hindu minority community in Pakistan will soon have a marriage law .
158. World powers pressed Russia to stop bombing around Aleppo in support of a Syrian government offensive to recapture the city. Syrian Information Minister Omran al-Zoubi said the government expected a tough but relatively short battle to return the city to state control.
159. The Obama administration has proposed \$860 million in aid for Pakistan, including \$265 million for military hardware, which it said would help the country fight terrorists, secure nuclear weapons and improve ties with India.
160. Youtube has launched its first original movies and series' exclusively for youtube Red subscribers. In an aim to compete with the likes of Amazon and Netflix, youtube has decided to play the subscription game, and give its paying subscribers a selection of content.
161. NATO and the European Union have signed an agreement to improve cooperation in cyber defence. The technical agreement, signed at NATO headquarters, establishes a framework for emergency response teams from NATO and the EU to exchange information and share best practices.
162. The United States and Cuba will sign a bilateral agreement to restore regular flights between the two countries after more than half a century. While US law prohibits travel to Cuba for tourist activities, this arrangement will facilitate authorized travel.
163. French President Francois Hollande has declared what he called "a state of economic emergency" and says it's time to redefine France's economic and social model.
164. Canada, the US and Mexico signed a deal in Winnipeg, Canada, to tap into energy cooperation among the three countries. The Memorandum of Understanding on Climate Change and Energy Collaboration was signed at the North American Energy Ministers Meeting.

165. The US government has approved the sale of F-16 fighter jets to Pakistan. The deal includes up to eight F-16 fighter jets built by Lockheed Martin Corp, radar and other equipment valued at \$699 million.
166. Dubai said it would press ahead with plans to build the world's largest shopping mall despite an economic slowdown looming in the region, The Mall of the World project, encompassing 8 million sq. Feet of shopping space connected to a theme park, 100 hotels and serviced apartment buildings with 20,000 rooms, was announced in mid-2014, just as oil prices began a precipitous plunge.
167. The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) will launch a sleek; The Anti-Submarine Warfare Continuous Trail Unmanned Vessel is scheduled to be launched April 17 from the Vigor Shipyards in Oregon.
168. An Australian company unearthed a massive 404-carat diamond in Angola valued at as much as \$14 million. It is the biggest diamond ever found in Angola.
169. The Sindh Assembly of Pakistan has passed the Hindu Marriage Bill 2015, thus becoming the first province in the country to allow the minority community to register their marriages.
170. China has deployed surface-to-air missile launchers on an island in the South China Sea. The satellite images appear to show that China is dramatically upping the stakes in a territorial dispute involving the US and its regional allies.
171. The first freight train to resurrect the ancient Silk Road route arrived in Iran from China. It took just 14 days for the 32-container train loaded with Chinese goods to complete the 5,900 mile (9,500km) journey from China's eastern Zhejiang province through Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan.
172. Google's balloon-powered high-speed internet service known as 'Project Loon' began its first tests in Sri Lanka. One of three balloons that will be used in the trials entered Sri Lankan airspace.
173. A team led by an Indian-origin scientist in US has discovered a new kind of 2D semiconducting material for electronics that opens the door for much speedier computers and smartphones that consume a lot less power.
174. China is to ban foreign firms from "online publishing" under new rules issued this week, as the country increasingly seeks to minimise Western influence.
175. The International Monetary fund its board re-elected Managing Director Christine Lagarde to a second five-year term, starting on July 5.
176. The UN has urged Pakistan to resolve the status of more than 2.5 million Afghan refugees living in Pakistan whose registration cards have expired or who remain unregistered.
177. A US appeals court has handed Samsung a win over Apple in a long-running patent fight, overriding a jury verdict ordering it to pay \$119.6 million to the iPhone maker. The court ruled that two Apple patents at issue were not valid, according to a copy of the decision posted online
178. Faustin Archange Touadera, a former prime minister and maths teacher standing as an independent, has been elected president of the Central African Republic.
179. North Korean state media has confirmed that the country has a new military chief following earlier reports in Seoul that the former holder of the post had been executed. Ri Myong-Su, former People's Security Minister, was referred to as "chief of the Korean People's Army General Staff".

180. Cuban President Raul Castro announced that he is dispatching 9,000 soldiers to help keep the Zika virus out of Cuba, calling on the entire country to help kill the mosquito that carries the disease.
181. Oil fell below \$33 per barrel after Saudi Arabia ruled out production cuts. Saudi Oil Minister Ali al-Naimi said production cuts would not happen although more countries would join a deal to freeze output.
182. Vienna, Austria's grand capital on the Danube river, offers the highest quality of life of all cities in the world, while the Iraqi capital Baghdad, once more took its place at the bottom of a liveability list compiled by consulting firm Mercer.
183. Pakistan parliament became the first in the world to completely run on solar power, a venture supported by China with \$55 million funding.
184. Afghanistan's National Women's Cycling Team has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by members of the Italian parliament. It became the first Afghan women's team to compete on the international stage, at the Asian Cycling Championships in Delhi.
185. China has created three new military bodies as part of reforms to modernize its military and improve its fighting capacity.
186. The first nuclear power plant located in one of China's ethnic autonomous regions has began commercial operations of its first reactor that will cut coal burning and CO2 emissions and can create upto 64,0000 jobs annually.
187. Sri Lanka and Pakistan have agreed on the inclusion of services and investment in the bilateral free trade agreement. This would help companies of the two nations to form joint ventures for exports to other nations.
188. North Korea has announced that it had successfully carried out its first hydrogen bomb test, a development that, if confirmed, would mark a stunning step forward in its nuclear development.
189. China's country code domain '.cn' has become the world's most commonly used in the internet with 16.36 million users, surpassing Germany's '.de' domain.
190. Mexico recaptured the world's top drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman in a pre-dawn shootout and chase through drains, returning him to the same prison he escaped from six months ago, in a boost for the beleaguered government.
191. Burkina Faso's president named economist Paul Kaba Thieba as prime minister. Thieba, who has little political experience, is charged with forming President Roch Marc Kabore's government as the country.
192. South Korea's parliament has passed a resolution, denouncing the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)'s fourth nuclear test, urging the DPRK to dismantle its nuclear program.
193. Sri Lanka's new government has presented its plan for a new constitution aimed at devolving power and preventing the sort of ethnic tensions that led to a long and bitter civil war that ended in 2009.
194. Nepal has been elected a member "Durga Prasad Bhattarai" as the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) executive board, representing the Group of Asia-Pacific States for 2016-18.

195. In a major military reform, Chinese President Xi Jinping has reorganised four army headquarters by replacing them with 15 new agencies under the Central Military Commission (CMC) headed by him, tightening his control over the world's largest force.
196. Based on the recent 'International World Leader Index' survey, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been voted as the seventh most popular leader in the world US President Barack Obama has topped the list.
197. South Korea appointed Yoo Il-ho as its new finance minister, the presidential Blue House putting him in charge of Asia's fourth-largest economy amid slow growth and low inflation.
198. India's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI) has opened its first branch in South Korea. The Seoul branch is expected to play an important role in strengthening economic partnership between the two nations
199. The World Health Organisation (WHO) announced that the Ebola epidemic that has ravaged West Africa for two years was over after Liberia, the last affected country, received the all-clear.
200. China's economy grew by 6.9% in 2015, compared with 7.3% a year earlier, marking its slowest growth in a quarter of a century. China's growth, seen as a driver of the global economy, is a major concern for investors around the world.
201. The United Nations has revealed details of the "staggering civilian death toll in Iraq" over the past two years and estimated some 3500 Iraqis continue to be held captive as "slaves", since the Islamic State's insurgency flared at the beginning of 2014.
202. Lionel Messi was recently named the best footballer on the planet. The Barcelona star Lionel Messi has set his sights on an even bigger prize – the end of poverty.
203. Satellite images confirm that the oldest Christian monastery in Iraq has been destroyed by the jihadist group Islamic State (IS). St Elijah's stood on a hill near the northern city of Mosul for 1,400 years.
204. In a global survey of more than 16,000 people, Singapore was named the second most "up-and-coming" economy among 60 countries, after top-ranked India and ahead of China in third.
205. The annual World Economic Forum (WEF) meeting in Davos-Klosters remains the foremost creative force for engaging the world's top leaders in collaborative activities focused on shaping the global, regional and industry agendas.
206. Toyota has kept the title of world's biggest automaker for the fourth straight year after saying it sold 10.15 million vehicles globally in 2015, driving past Volkswagen and General Motors.
207. In Eritrea, an African country southeast of Sudan, the government has passed legislation that orders men to take two wives or face life imprisonment. The legislation further states that women who attempt to prevent their husbands from taking a second wife will also face life imprisonment.
208. Tom Hanks is officially America's favourite Hollywood star. The Bridge of Spies actor topped the annual Harris Poll which drew the results from a survey of over 2,200 adults.
209. As part of continuing efforts to boost transparency by multinational enterprises (mnes), 31 countries have signed the Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement (MCAA) for the automatic exchange of Country-by-Country reports.

210. Axiata Group Berhad (Axiata) and Bharti Airtel will merge their telecom operations in Bangladesh. Both companies have signed a definitive agreement to merge their subsidiaries in Bangladesh.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

1. India has joined the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) at a ceremony in South Block, attended by Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar and diplomats from the Netherlands, France and Luxembourg missions.
2. India, Switzerland ink mou to enhance cooperation in skill development and vocational and professional education and training.
3. The Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project (KMTTP) in Myanmar was conceptualized and is being administered by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).
4. Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) as the Project Development Consultant (PDC) for the implementation of the Port & Inland Water Transport (IWT) component of the Kaladan Project on 19 March 2009 and by Supplementary Agreement on 28 April 2016.
5. Nagpur city and China's Jinan city have become sister cities for exchange of ideas and technology. Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) and Jinan, Municipal People's Republic of China, entered into an agreement on Monday to develop sister city relationship between the two cities.
6. Seeking to boost the growing bilateral strategic ties, India and the UAE will set up a joint parliamentary panel to enhance relations and facilitate their visits to promote cooperation to tackle security issues and challenges facing the region.
7. India and South Korea have launched a platform to promote and facilitate investments from the east Asian country. The platform 'Korea Plus' was launched by Commerce and Industry Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and her South Korean counterpart Joo Hyunghwan.
8. India and Bangladesh have launched transshipment operations at the Ashuganj port to boost trade and facilitate seamless movement of goods in the landlocked region through Bangladeshi territory.
9. India and Thailand have decided to ramp up cooperation in the fields of economy, counter terrorism, cyber security and human trafficking besides forging closer ties in defence and maritime security.
10. Singapore Telecommunications and Bharti Airtel have joined hands to deliver high-speed, secure enterprise data network coverage in the Asia-Pacific, West Asia, Africa, Europe and the US.

11. India has joined a group of nearly 40 nations that have signed a Europe-led clampdown on tax evasion and corruption. This is a commitment to automatically exchange information on beneficial ownership.
12. The National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (mou) with Qatar Investment Authority (QIA) . The mou is to facilitate investment in India's infrastructure.
13. A fleet of U.S., Japanese and Indian warships will hold a large-scale joint naval exercise over eight days in the Western Pacific, close to a Japanese island chain, part of which China claims.
14. The U.S. has recognised India as 'major defence partner,' a classification that will allow India to buy more advanced and sensitive technologies from the U.S. This U.S. move will be complemented by India's entry into the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR).
15. The U.S. and India agreed to move ahead with the construction of six nuclear reactors in India by an American company, the first such move since the countries signed a landmark civil nuclear deal in 2008.
16. India and the United States (US) have signed/finalized eight agreements/ Memorandum of Understanding (mous) in various fields including exchange of Terrorist Screening Information, cooperation on Energy Security, Clean Energy and Climate Change among others.
17. Switzerland has promised to work with Indian authorities to tackle tax dodgers who stash money in Swiss bank accounts to avoid Indian taxes. These two countries had agreed to make combating tax evasion and "black money" a shared priority.
18. 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.
19. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been conferred with Afghanistan's highest civilian honour, the Amir Amanullah Khan Award.
20. After bagging 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.
21. India and Tunisia have signed two mous on promotion of handicrafts and IT and communication and digital economy as Vice President Hamid Ansari met Tunisian Prime Minister Habib Essid and discussed a range of issues of mutual and regional interests.

22. A (mou) between the Government of India and the United States was signed to enhance cooperation in energy security, clean energy and climate change.
23. India and Singapore held the first dialogue between their defence ministers as they agreed to enhance the scale and complexity of existing bilateral military interaction, at a time when freedom of navigation in international waterways has emerged as a major concern.
24. United States of America and India to enhance cooperation in the field of wildlife conservation and combating wildlife trafficking.
25. 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
26. Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Tashkent off a two-day visit to attend the annual summit of the SCO with an aim to expand India's engagement with the China-dominated grouping in areas of security, defence and energy.
27. India has joined the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) at a ceremony in South Block, attended by Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar and diplomats from the Netherlands, France and Luxembourg missions.
28. India's Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and the French civil aviation authority to implement technical cooperation programme for standards and recommended practices of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).
29. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will embark on a five-nation visit from June 4 which will cover Afghanistan, Qatar, Switzerland, the US and Mexico. Modi will begin his trip with Afghanistan to inaugurate India-funded Salma Dam.
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31. A bilateral Air Force exercise between India and United Arab Emirates (UAE) is underway at Al-Dhafra Air Base in UAE from 24 May 16 to 03 Jun 16.
32. The strategic research and innovation capabilities of the Indian biotech industry, BIRAC, a PSU under the Ministry of Science and Technology today signed a mou with Horticulture Innovation Australia for launching a joint funding call.

33. National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) has signed a mou with Iranian Mines & Mining Industries Development & Renovation Organization (IMIDRO) to explore the possibility of setting up a smelter on joint venture in Iran.
34. India and Japan have decided to exchange sports persons, coaches, experts and administrators to improve the standard of the game in both nations. The two Asian countries will play some friendly matches ahead of the Under-17 World Cup tournament.
35. Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar, accompanied by a high level delegation, visited Oman from May 20-22 at the invitation of minister responsible for Defence Affairs of Oman Badr Bin Saud Bin Harib Al Busaidi, during which four memorandums of understanding (mous) and a protocol were signed between the two nations.
36. Prime Ministers of India and Bangladesh commissioned international gateway of internet service in Agartala and supply of 100 MW power to Bangladesh from Tripura.
37. India and France have signed a memorandum of understanding (mou) for construction of six nuclear reactors at Jaitapur in Maharashtra, two months after the two countries decided to conclude the techno-commercial negotiations for the project by the year end.
38. India will host the eighth annual Summit of BRICS from October 15-16 in Goa in its capacity as chair of the influential bloc comprising five countries with 42 per cent of the world population and combined GDP of over \$16 trillion.
39. The Indian Navy has deployed a P 8I maritime reconnaissance aircraft to Seychelles since 20 Mar 16, for surveillance in the Exclusive Economic Zone of Seychelles, in accordance with the mou between the Governments of India and Seychelles.
40. Russian energy giant Rosneft OJSC has agreed to sell substantial stakes in two Siberian oil and gas fields to state-run Indian oil companies, advancing India's efforts to safeguard its energy security through the acquisition of overseas assets.
41. Plans to liberalise trade between India and China, the world's two fastest-growing large economies, have gathered momentum with both sides exchanging offers on removal of a chunk of tariff lines on goods imports.
42. With more than 977 companies and 46 countries registering for the upcoming Defence Expo scheduled in Goa, the Defence Ministry has said the event is steering the path of steady growth.

43. India and the US have launched the Fulbright-Kalam Climate Fellowship, in a new initiative to advance bilateral cooperation on climate change, that will enable Indian research scholars to work with American institutions in the field.
44. India will supply 18 Meter Gauge 1350 HP Diesel Electric Locomotives to Myanmar to augment locomotive fleet of Myanmar Railways to meet increasing demand for passenger and freight traffic.
45. The Union Cabinet has given its ex-post approval for the Memorandum of Understanding (mou) between India and United Arab Emirates (UAE) on Technical Cooperation in Cyber Space and Combating Cyber-Crime signed in March Month.
46. The Union Cabinet has given its approval for entering into the mou between India and International Monetary Fund (IMF) for setting up of South Asia Regional Training and Technical Assistance Center (SARTTAC). The center will be set up in India by the IMF.
47. The Union Cabinet has given its approval for a Memorandum of Understanding (mou) between India and Bahrain on cooperation for prevention of human trafficking especially trafficking in women and children; rescue, recovery, repatriation and re-integration of victims of trafficking.
48. India signed a landmark agreement with Bangladesh extending \$2 billion to the country in its biggest ever overseas credit line, five years after it inked a credit agreement worth \$1 billion with its neighbour.
49. Indo-Indonesia Joint Training Exercise GARUDA SHAKTI is conducted as part of military diplomacy between Indian and Indonesian Army alternatively in India and Indonesia respectively.
50. Raisina Dialogue, a joint initiative of the Ministry of External Affairs and a leading think tank, Observer Research Foundation on 3rd March
51. Eighteen nations from 'Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)' Plus including United States, China and Russia will participate in the largest 'Multinational Field Training Exercise' being conducted at Pune from March 2.
52. As announced by the Prime Minister, the Visa on Arrival for Japanese nationals is being launched from 1st March, 2016. This facility will be available at six airports viz. Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bangalore and Hyderabad.
53. Lamitye 2016, the seventh Indo-Seychelles joint training exercises, aiming to improve interoperability between both armies in counter-insurgency operations, has concluded at Victoria, Mahe Island in Seychelles.

54. India-EU Summit, Modi will travel to Washington for NSS from March 31 before his two-day bilateral visit from April 2 to Saudi Arabia. He will hold talks with the Saudi leadership on key regional and bilateral issues, including trade and energy.
55. India has approved a \$150 million credit line for the development of Iran's Chabahar port. The port in southeast Iran is central to New Delhi's efforts to circumvent arch-rival Pakistan and open up a route to landlocked Afghanistan where it has developed close security ties and economic interests.
56. Top UK research institutions signed an MoU for establishment of a joint India-UK collaboration programme in crop science.
57. The fifth edition of the 11-day IBSAMAR naval exercise between Brazil, India and South Africa is currently underway off the coast of Goa.
58. Cyclone-hit Fiji will receive one million dollars as immediate assistance from the Indian Government. This was announced by Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Vikas Swarup. Fiji has been struck by "Cyclone Winston".
59. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Nepal Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli have jointly inaugurated a power transmission line from Muzaffarpur (India) to Dhalkebar (Nepal).
60. India and Armenia have signed an agreement for cooperation in the agriculture sector. An memorandum of understanding (mou) was signed by Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singhand Armenian Agriculture Minister Sergo Karapetyan.
61. A 12-member team of the Indian Army is participating in the "Cobra Gold" multilateral exercises being hosted by Thailand, along with its counterparts from China and Pakistan.
62. Indian Railways has joined hands with Sweden for technical cooperation in rail sector to run goods trains in cold conditions. Besides railways also aims to acquire Swedish expertise to run semi-high speed train on existing tracks.
63. Visiting Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan India held talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on various issues of mutual concern. Agreements were also signed in the fields of insurance, culture and skill development. Expanding economic engagement, particularly in oil and renewable energy sector and increasing UAE's investment in India.
64. The United Arab Emirates' (UAE) Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) will store crude oil in India's 1.5 million tonnes-Mangalore strategic petroleum reserve using it as a wholesale storage capacity.

65. The 14 day Indo-Nepal Combined Military Exercise Surya Kiran IX at general area, Pithoragarh commenced on 08 February 2016 and will culminate on 21 February 2016.
66. Indian and Chinese armies are breaking new grounds of friendship on the sensitive Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the cold desert of Ladakh.
67. India and Sri Lanka have reviewed the progress made in their bilateral ties discussing various issues, including that of fishermen, a major irritant in the relations, as the two countries signed MOUs in education and health sectors.
68. The Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi was apprised about signing of a Joint Declaration between the ministry of science & technology and the federal ministry of education and research of Germany on the extension of the tenure of the Indo-German Science & Technology Centre (IGSTC).
69. National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) has signed an MOU with RUSNANO OJSC of Russia to cooperate in diverse sectors and facilitate high-technology investments in India.
70. India and Brunei have decided to boost defence ties by conducting joint military exercises as the two countries signed three agreements after Vice President Hamid Ansari held talks with the top leadership.
71. Prime Minister Narendra Modi met the Chief Executive Officer of Afghanistan, Abdullah Abdullah, and expressed his gratitude to the government and people of Afghanistan for their bravery in protecting Indians when the Indian consulate in Mazar-e-Sharif was attacked early of February month.
72. The Vietnam Ministry of Agriculture & Rural Development (MARD) has formally communicated the decision to the Indian Government stating that the Plant Protection Department of Vietnam (PPD) will issue import permits for groundnuts for January 18, 2016.
73. The Union Cabinet was apprised about signing of an agreement between India and Russia in May 2015. The Agreement provides for competitive research grants to Indian and Russian researchers for joint implementation of research projects in areas of Basic and Exploratory Sciences.
74. The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has apprised of the Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) signed between Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) with its counterparts in Malaysia, Singapore and Japan.
75. India has donated ambulances and eight buses to various hospitals, non-profit charitable organisations and educational institutions in Nepal to strengthen the education and health services in the Himalayan nation.

76. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and the President of France Mr François Hollande, has jointly laid the foundation stone of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Headquarters and inaugurated the interim Secretariat of the ISA in National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE).
77. India and the Arab League have vowed to combat terrorism and called for developing a strategy to “eliminate” its sources and extremism, including its funding, as External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj made a strong pitch for delinking religion from terrorism.
78. To strengthen Indo-French cooperation in the field of space technology, India and France on January 25 signed two pacts that will significantly enable them in monitoring environment, weather and water resources.
79. India and France on January 25 signed a Memorandum of Understanding towards an Inter-governmental agreement (IGA) over the purchase of 36 Rafale jets from Dassault Aviation.
80. The Union Cabinet has been apprised of the mou between Department of Space/Indian Space Research Organization (DOS/ISRO) and Kuwait Institute of Scientific Research (KISR) on cooperation in the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes.
81. The Union Cabinet has given its ex-post facto approval for the Memorandum of Understanding (mou) signed in November, 2015 between India, and United Kingdom for Cooperation in Public Administration and Governance Reforms.
82. India and Oman will hold a joint naval exercise in the Arabian sea, focusing on greater interoperability to counter maritime security challenges.
83. Stating that India and Israel face challenges of terrorism, the two countries on January 19 agreed to intensify coordination to deal with the menace.
84. Singapore has inked four pacts with the Madhya Pradesh government in various sectors including one Rs of 7,000 crore to produce nearly 1,000 MW non-conventional energy in two phases.
85. The Government of India has signed a loan agreement with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for pollution abatement of River Mula-Mutha in Pune. The Government of Japan has committed to provide a soft loan of 19.064 billion Yen .
86. The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its ex-post facto approval for the mou between India and Maldives which was signed in January, 2016 on cooperation in the field of Health.

87. A new social security agreement signed between India and Australia has come into operation enabling people of both nations to avail retirement benefits in each other's country, a pact likely to boost bilateral business linkages.
88. A joint naval exercise between Indian and Japanese Coast Guards will be held on January 15 to strengthen relationship and refine the joint operating procedures between the coast guards of the two nations.
89. The Union Cabinet has been apprised of the protocol signed earlier between India and Czech Republic in the field of heavy industry, especially in industrial cooperation and facilities construction.
90. The Union Cabinet has given its ex-post facto approval to the Agreement between India and Bahrain on Cooperation in Combating International Terrorism, Transnational Organized Crime and Trafficking in Illicit Drugs, Narcotic and Psychotropic Substances and Precursors Chemicals and its ratification.
91. A friendship bus service between India and Nepal via Champawat in Uttarakhand has been resumed after a gap of 27 years.
92. India and Pakistan exchanged a list of their nuclear installations under a bilateral agreement that bars them from attacking each other's atomic facilities.
93. India and Iran have decided to jointly combat terror, radicalism and cyber-crime as the two strategic partners signed 12 agreements including a "milestone" pact on developing the key Chabahar port for which India will provide \$500 million.
94. The trilateral agreement between India, Iran and Afghanistan to develop the Chabahar port in that Gulf nation will be signed.
95. India and Slovenia have signed a Protocol amending the existing Convention and Protocol between the two countries for avoidance of double taxation and prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income on 17th May, 2016 in Ljubljana.
96. Red Flag Alaska 16-1, which was an advanced aerial combat training exercise hosted at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska (a successor to the previous COPE THUNDER exercise series) held in the Alaska region, concluded on 14 May 16.
97. The Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena has released 'Simhastha Declaration' at Ninora village in Ujjain. Both leaders addressed the concluding

- session of the three day International Vihar Mahakumbh held on side-lines of the month-long Simhastha mela.
98. The Indo-US defence relationship on par with that of America's closest allies like NATO and Israel. The US-India Defence Technology and Partnership Act were introduced in the Senate.
 99. India and New Zealand have signed an air services agreement in a bid to boost connectivity, tourism and trade between both countries. The agreements is set to improve better connectivity between the two countries especially for about 23, 000 Indian students studying in New Zealand.
 100. The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has signed a mou with SAARC Development Fund (SDF) for mutual cooperation and collaboration. The mou was signed by SIDBI Deputy Managing Director A K Kapur and SDF CEO Sunil Motiwal.
 101. India and Sri Lanka have signed an MOU to supply 150 boats and fishing equipment to the fishermen of Mullaitivu.
 102. Reliance Defence has signed an agreement with three Ukrainian state-owned firms — Ukroboronprom, Spetstechno Exports and Antonov — to collaborate on a range of military products including transport aircraft, armoured vehicles, maritime gas turbines and unmanned aerial vehicles.
 103. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will embark on a five-nation visit from June 4 which will cover Afghanistan, Qatar, Switzerland, the US and Mexico. Modi will begin his trip with Afghanistan to inaugurate India-funded Salma Dam which has been constructed at a cost of about Rs 1400 crore. From Afghanistan, he will proceed to energy-rich Qatar and then to Switzerland.
 104. INS Karmuk, an indigenously built Missile Corvette based at the Andaman and Nicobar Command, along with a Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft, are participating in the 22nd Indo-Thai Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT), scheduled from 19-27 Apr 16 in the Andaman Sea.
 105. Prime Minister Narendra Modi met his Canadian counterpart Justin Trudeau and discussed bilateral ties, their first meeting after the latter swept to power last year. Modi and Trudeau met here on the sidelines of the Nuclear Security Summit.
 106. India and Saudi Arabia have vowed to substantially boost investments and their trade ties as Prime Minister Narendra Modi invited cash-rich Saudi firms to invest in infrastructure and form joint ventures for oil exploration.

107. Union Minister of Human Resource Development Smriti Irani unveiled a bronze bust of the ancient Indian mathematician-astronomer Aryabhata, which is a gift from India, at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris.
108. The first-ever North East-ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Business Summit kicked off in Imphal, Manipur with the focus on road connectivity, trade and tourism.
109. India and Maldives have signed six agreements in different sectors including avoidance of double taxation, conservation and restoration of ancient mosque, tourism and defence.
110. India and the US have agreed “in principle” to a logistics exchange agreement to enable both militaries to use each other’s assets and bases for repair and replenishment of supplies, an issue which did not find favour with the previous UPA government.
111. An Implementation Agreement for Ganga Rejuvenation under the Namami Gange Programme was signed between the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation and German International Cooperation (GIZ) of Germany
112. An mou was signed by Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Road, Transport and Highways and Shipping, Government of the Republic of India and Mr. Kim Young Suk, Minister of Oceans and Fisheries, Government of the Republic of Korea in Mumbai.
113. The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, was apprised about the Memorandum of Understanding (mou) signed between India and Bangladesh in September, 2011 on bilateral cooperation in the field of Fisheries and aquaculture and allied activities.
114. The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its approval for signing of an mou between India and United Arab Emirates (UAE) on cooperation in preventing and combating of Human Trafficking.
115. India and the US have identified two new “pathfinder” projects under the Defence Trade and Technology Initiative (DTTI) for the joint production of a helmet-mounted digital display and a biological tactical detection system.
116. The government of India has imposed an anti-dumping duty of up to \$149 on imports of a chemical used in fermentation of sugar from five countries, including the European Union, Malaysia, Singapore and the U.S. An anti-dumping duty of \$46.27 a tonne was imposed on imports from the EU
117. India and the US have agreed to enhance collaboration on tackling offshore tax evasion and increase cooperation in sharing of cross-border tax information.

118. Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Department of Bacteriology, National Institute of Infectious Diseases (NIID) of Japan signed a Letter of Intent on the side lines of the meeting of the Health Ministers from WHO South East Asia Region and Western Pacific Region countries at Tokyo, in the presence of JP Nadda, Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare.
119. India has signed an mou with Mauritius on cooperation in the field of traditional system of medicine and Homoeopathy. The mou was signed during the recent visit of Minister of State for AYUSH(Independent Charge) and Health & Family Welfare, Shripad Yesso Naik to Mauritius.
120. India and China have agreed to adhere to “peaceful negotiations” to settle the vexed border issue and reach a “fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable solution”.
121. India and Mongolia have commenced a joint military training exercise called “Nomadic Elephant - 2016” in Mongolia. The Indian Army sent platoon-strength soldiers of the Kumaon Regiment to the 11th Indo-Mongolia exercise.
122. A decision, India will no longer receive financial aid from the UK , will be implemented from January 1 2016, which was taken by the British government in 2012 after a domestic outcry about India’s growing economic status.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. Scientists have discovered a large helium gas field in Tanzania. With world supplies running out, the find is a “game-changer”, say geologists at Durham and Oxford universities.
2. Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has launched BGR-34 – an anti-diabetic ayurvedic drug designed for type 2 Diabetes mellitus.
3. The Union Rural Development Ministry and ISRO, Department of Space have signed a mou for geo-tagging the assets created under MGNREGA in each gram panchayat.
4. Brahmos, the world’s “most formidable” supersonic cruise missile system has been successfully integrated and test-flown with IAF’s Su-30MKI frontline strike fighter.
5. The US Navy is quietly pushing ahead with a radical new cannon that one day could transform how wars are fought, even though some Pentagon officials have voiced concerns over its cost and viability. Named the railgun
6. India has successfully launched 20 satellites in a single mission, the most in the history of the country’s ambitious space programme. They include satellites belonging to the United States, Canada, Germany and Indonesia.
7. The launch of PSLV C-34/Cartosat-2 Series Satellite Mission took place at 9:26 am (June 22’ 2016).
8. A new list of the world’s fastest supercomputers provides more evidence that the once-yawning technology gap between the United States and China called the Top500.

9. Engineers at ISRO are gearing up to test the scramjet engine developed in-house to power the Reusable Launch Vehicle (RLV) due to undergo the first experimental flight
10. An experimental Zika vaccine is ready to be tested on humans. The US Food and Drug Administration gave the green light for the clinical trial, which is expected to begin within a few weeks. The vaccine, named GLS-5700, is being developed by Inovio Pharmaceuticals and geneone Life Science.
11. French firm Cooltech Applications has launched what it claims as the world's first commercially available magnetic refrigeration system. It can serve as a "Superfridge" slashing down both the environmental as well as economic challenges
12. 'URJA'- Urban Jyoti Abhiyaan Mobile app on the side-lines of two day Conference of Power Ministers at Cansaulim in South Goa. The app is developed by Power Finance Corporation to enhance consumer connect with the Urban Power Distribution sector
13. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has inaugurated indigenous Basic Trainer Aircraft (BTA) HTT-40 in the presence of Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar.
14. The X-57 is NASA's first X-plane in a decade, and the plan is to develop technologies that improve fuel use and emissions and reduce noise, designated the X-57 and nicknamed "Maxwell."
15. International Space Station, including the first to represent the British government, made a safe parachute landing on the steppe near the Kazakh city of Zhezkazgan.
16. Scientists are developing new low cost sperm sorting devices that can select the best sperm cells for assisted reproductive technologies such as in-vitro fertilization.
17. The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC), a subsidiary of the Railways, has developed a mobile app that will make booking of flight tickets simpler, speedier and with lowest fare.
18. Scientists have identified a second, mini-moon orbiting earth that has probably only been around for about 100 years. The small asteroid has a slightly tilted orbit, bouncing up and down through Earth's orbital plane once a year.
19. Scientists have grown a living bone in the lab to repair large defects in the head and face of patient, taking a step forward in improving treatments for people with craniofacial defects.
20. An alien rock has been dug up in a limestone quarry in Sweden, where it had lain deeply buried for about 470m years. Named Oest 65, it is thought to be a splinter of a potato-shaped rock 20-30km (12-19 miles) wide, which had smashed into another much larger body, sprinkling our adolescent planet with debris.
21. Researchers in the Cockrell School of Engineering at The University of Texas at Austin have developed a new, open-source computer programming framework to save more battery power while browsing on mobile devices.
22. Scientists, using NASA's Kepler Space Telescope, have discovered a Jupiter-like planet was discovered by astronomers from NASA's Goddard Space Flight Centre and San Diego State University (SDSU) in the US.

23. Methane emissions from a specific leaking facility on Earth's surface have been measured by an instrument onboard an orbiting spacecraft by the Hyperion spectrometer on NASA's Earth Observing-1 (EO-1)
24. Iceland scientists turned CO₂ into Stone under carbfix Project to tackle climate change.
25. 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.
26. The 23rd satellite in the beidou Navigation Satellite System (BDS) was launched from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center in southwest China's Sichuan Province.
27. Apple has now unveiled the latest version of its OS X desktop operating system, called macos, with the latest version dubbed macos Sierra.
28. The world's largest rocket has successfully blasted into space from Florida's Cape Canaveral, 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.
29. International team of astronomers found an alien world named HATS-18b. It is a giant hot Jupiter exoplanet tidally spinning up its parent star.
30. "Surya Mitra" mobile App at National Workshop on Rooftop Solar Power the GPS based mobile app is developed by National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE) which is an autonomous institution of Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE).
31. 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.
32. The French government has launched a smartphone app that would alert users to possible terror attacks the app ahead of the UEFA Euro 2016 soccer tournament, which kicks off outside Paris.
33. 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.
34. 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.
35. 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.
36. US space agency NASA successfully deployed the first experimental inflatable room attached to the International Space Station (ISS).
37. TRAI, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India is now taking more steps to bring the pesky call menace under control. They have come out with an app named 'DND Services' that will help mobile users to manage unsolicited commercial communications (UCC).
38. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is planning to test an air-breathing propulsion system, which aims to capitalise on the oxygen in the atmosphere instead of liquefied oxygen while in flight.

39. First-ever indigenous space shuttle the Re-Usable Launch Vehicle – Technology Demonstrator or RLV-TD – was launched from Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.
40. The state-run Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has designed and built the 1.7-tonne RLV-TD as a flying testbed to evaluate technologies developed to reduce the cost of launching rockets for carrying satellites into the earth's polar and geo-stationary orbits.
41. The indigenously developed fecal incontinence management system 'Qora' was launched by Minister of State for Science & Technology Y.S.Chowdary in New Delhi.
42. NASA successfully launched a super pressure balloon from New Zealand's South Island Wanaka Airport to conduct near-space scientific investigations.
43. China has successfully launched a remote sensing satellite to carry out land surveys and disaster relief. The satellite named Yaogan-30 was launched from Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwestern China's Gobi Desert.
44. Reliance Jio has quietly launched its new wallet app on the Apple and Android app stores. The new app, which joins Jiochat Messenger and My Jio apps in the respective stores, is called jiomoney Wallet.
45. Google has announced the launch of its free high-speed public Wi-Fi service at Ujjain, Jaipur, Patna, Guwahati and Allahabad railway stations. The network of Indian Railway's arm Railtel which provides Internet services as railwire.
46. NASA researchers have detected atomic oxygen in Mars' atmosphere, thanks to the Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA), which soars on a plane 13.7 kilometers (45,000 feet) above Earth.
47. SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket on has been successfully placed Sky Perfect jsat's jcsat-14 commercial telecommunications satellite into transfer orbit, with the rocket's first stage landing gracefully on a drone ship in the Atlantic Ocean.
48. The world's smallest engine has been created in a lab at Cambridge University. It is fuelled by lasers and gold and is so tiny it could power the nanobots scientists hope to inject into our bodies in future to keep us healthy.
49. ISIS technicians are working to develop a Google-style driverless car that could navigate itself into a crowded area before detonating an explosive device, a NATO security expert has warned.
50. Hawaii's loss may turn out to be Ladakh's gain. After protests in Hawaii in the US against the proposed Thirty Metre Telescope (TMT) project, the largest to be built, alternative sites are being explored this includes Hanle in Ladakh.
51. Aurobindo Pharma Ltd has got final approval from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to manufacture and market cholesterol-lowering fenofibrate tablets in 48 milligram (mg) and 145 mg dosage forms.
52. Researchers from Purdue University announced a major breakthrough, becoming the first team to determine the structure of the Zika virus.
53. The satellite, SJ-10, roared into the air on the back of a Long March 2-D rocket from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwestern China's gobi desert.

54. Mission controllers cheered as the Falcon 9 rocket remained upright on the platform off Florida. It was returning from delivering an inflatable habitat into space for Nasa.
55. The supercomputer, named 'Param Kanchenjunga', was formally unveiled by Sikkim Governor Shrinvas Patil at the NIT Sikkim campus at Ravangla in South Sikkim District.
56. Scientists at the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Thiruvananthapuram, India's premier rocket lab recently manufactured the world's lightest material called silica aerogel or 'blue air.'
57. Japan joined the exclusive stealth jet club with the successful test flight of its first radar-evading aircraft — a prototype called the X-2. According to Mitsubishi, the X-2 prototype took off on April 22 from Nagoya Airport under the command of a company test pilot.
58. India has plan to release GSAT-11 spacecraft for launch during the end of 2016 or first quarter of 2017. GSAT-11 is a first generation high throughput communication satellite with a lift-off mass of about 5600 kg, operating in Ka/Ku bands.
59. China has successfully launched the Kunpeng-1B sounding rocket from a launch pad in Danzhou City in the southern Chinese Hainan Province.
60. With the launch of IRNSS-1G satellite, ISRO's Indian Regional Navigation Spacecraft System (IRNSS) which is India's own version of the Global Positioning System (GPS), is in place.
61. In a major breakthrough, China has developed the world's first graphene electronicpaper which will catapult the material to a new level.
62. First in a series of "X-planes" in NASA's New Aviation Horizons initiative, introduced in the agency's fiscal year 2017 budget. NASA has awarded a \$20 million contract to Lockheed Martin to develop a preliminary design for a quiet demonstration passenger aircraft
63. The world's most expensive train station is opened in New York. The station has been designed by Santiago Calatrava, a Spanish-Swiss architect.
64. A new treatment for breast cancer has been hailed a "game changer" after it was found to slow the progression of aggressive breast cancer by nine months.
65. Scientists have announced they believe they understand how the Zika virus causes a rare birth defect in which babies are born without abnormally large heads and underdeveloped brains.
66. China plans to land a probe on Mars in 2021 to coincide with the 100th anniversary of founding of the ruling-Communist Party of China and a decade after its first failed mission in 2011, after which India, US, Russia and EU stole the march.
67. Scientists have created the world's first biological supercomputer which is energy efficient and it hardly heats up at all. It uses proteins instead of electrons to relay information around a circuit.
68. A total of five healthcare atms have come up in four states — Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh — under a Health Ministry pilot that combines telemedicine with a rudimentary free drugs programme.
69. Indian scientists have developed an herbal medicine against dengue, which accounts for 50 per cent of the global population estimated to be at risk from the disease.

70. ISRO scientists will place the sixth navigational satellite IRNSS-1F in orbit on March 10. The Mission Readiness Review Committee (MRRRC) has decided to begin the count-down activities of the PSLV-C32 mission that would carry the satellite to the space.
71. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched the country's sixth navigation satellite IRNSS-1F from the spaceport at Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.
72. NASA announced that it has moved back its next unmanned mission to Mars to 2018, after a component of the Mars spacecraft was found to have a leak in its key science instrument.
73. Private space travel company Blue Origin expects its first test flights with people in 2017. The announcement was made by Company founder Jeff Bezos, the man who founded Amazon.com.
74. India will launch 25 foreign satellites belonging to seven countries, with the USA topping the list in 2016-17 the department of space, 57 foreign satellites from 21 countries have been launched using the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV).
75. Scientists in Japan have discovered a form of bacteria that can digest the plastic in disposable plastic water bottles, raising hopes it could be used to dispose of some of the 311 million tons of plastic produced annually worldwide.
76. To demonstrate that communication can be delivered with good aesthetics, state-run BSNL plans to install 50 'zero base' mobile towers, which are better looking and multi-functional.
77. Exomars 2016 spacecraft successfully launched by ESA-Roscosmos
78. The National Research Development Corporation(NRDC) of the Department of Scientific & Industrial Research, Ministry of Science & Technology signed a License Agreement with Kudos Laboratories India for commercialization of Ayush-82, an ayurvedic formulation for prevention and management of Diabetes.
79. Formula One outfit Red Bull and British luxury carmaker Aston Martin have announced a technology partnership to build an Aston Martin-branded supercar.
80. Global IT Company Cisco announced a \$100 million investment plan for India to support the next phase of digitization in the country.
81. Mobile wallet and digital payments player freecharge has announced the launch of its "Chat and Pay" feature. The company said this feature enables social payments between users and merchants.
82. The Indian government has amended its Drugs and Cosmetic Rules (DCR), 1945, and done away with the repeat tests on animals for drugs which have already been approved by the other countries.
83. One American and two Russians blasted off for their six-month stay on the international Space Station from Kazakhstan. The Russian Soyuz spacecraft lifted off with 9,000 pounds of thrust carrying the three astronauts from the Baikonur Cosmodrome.
84. Nine "monster" stars which are 30 million times brighter than the Sun have been spotted by British astronomers using the Hubble Space Telescope.
85. In a breakthrough, a 'man-made' sun experiment in China has successfully produced long pulse plasma discharge at a temperature of more than 50 million degrees — the longest discharge at such a high temperature.

86. Aurobindo Pharma Ltd has received final approval from the US Food & Drug Administration (USFDA) to manufacture and market Naproxen Sodium Tablets USP, 220 mg (OTC). This product is expected to be launched in Q1 of financial year 2016-17.
87. Union Health Minister JP Nadda launched Cartridge Based Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (CBNAAT) machines for the quick diagnosis of Tuberculosis within two hours.
88. Cisco has signed an mou with the Andhra Pradesh government to set up an Internet of Everything (ioe) Innovation center in Visakhapatnam. The center will enable the company's partners and startups to build iot solutions and carry out rapid prototyping of products.
89. Researchers have developed a new map of Mars' gravity with three NASA spacecraft that is the most detailed to date, providing a revealing glimpse into the hidden interior of the Red Planet.

90. India is among five countries where projects are underway to develop vaccines to fight the deadly Zika virus affecting newborns in 38 countries.
91. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on 21 March 2016 established the gadanki Ionospheric Radar Interferometer (GIRI) near Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh.
92. Content delivery network services provider Akamai Intelligent Platform, the report provides insight into key global statistics such as connection speeds, broadband adoption metrics, notable Internet disruptions, ipv4 exhaustion and ipv6 implementation.
93. Johnson & Johnson Vision Care Inc has received patent in India for multifocal contact lens designs, for contact lens for the aged especially patients with presbyopia.
94. India is all set to script history by launching a record number of 22 satellites, Cartosat 2C, which constitutes the primary payload, the the PSLV C34 rocket will carry on board four micro-satellites weighing 85 to 130 kg each and 17 nano-satellites weighing 4 to 30 kg.
95. Drug firm Aurobindo Pharma has received final approval from USFDA to manufacture and market Rivastigmine Tartrate Capsules USP, used for the treatment of dementia disease, in the American market.
96. France will partner India in its next Mars mission, which the Indian Space Research Organisation plans to launch in 2018. French space agency, CNES has signed a letter of intent with the ISRO for French participation in the next Mars mission.
97. A Japanese firm plans to open the world's first fully automated, human-free farm – which means robots will do almost every job from watering seedlings to harvesting crops. While the future of farming is going to be all about robots, humans are still going to play one important role in the process – the seed planting
98. The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has launched India's first anti-diabetic ayurvedic drug for type two Diabetes mellitus.
99. The Minister said the handheld terminals launched in Northern Railways will enable ttes to update an entire train's passenger list and highlight vacant berths which can be sent back to HHT application servers, the Passenger Reservation System (PRS) terminals and indianrail.gov website to be viewed.

100. Two years after India launched Nirbheek, a handgun pitched as the country's "first gun for women", a state-run arms factory has launched a similar gun which it says is India's lightest gun.
101. The United States has temporarily deployed an additional Patriot missile battery in South Korea following North Korea's recent nuclear test and long-range rocket launch.
102. University of California, Berkeley scientists has developed an Android app that can detect earthquakes using smartphones. Called myshake, it is available in the Google Play Store.
103. Scientists claim to have developed the world's first wireless flexible smartphone that allows users to feel the buzz by bending their apps.
104. The ASTRO-H satellite, developed in collaboration between the agency, NASA and other groups, is set to orbit at an altitude of about 580 kilometres (360 miles) and observe X-rays emanating mainly from black holes and galaxy clusters.
105. The Union Minister for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences and Vice President, CSIR Dr. Harsh Vardhan dedicated Systems for Detection of Adulteration and analysis of Milk.
106. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) is working towards the establishment of a Satellite Tracking & Data Reception Station and Data Processing Facility in Vietnam for ASEAN Member countries.
107. Facebook has announced the Telecom Infra Project, which will look at developing new and alternative technologies to build and deploy telecom infrastructure, with partners including Aricent, HCL Technologies, Intel, Nokia and T- Mobile.
108. The first fast-acting anti-rabies drug of the world, which instantly deactivates the rabies virus and provides immediate protection in severe dog bite cases, is set for a launch in India this year.
109. Drug firm Aurobindo Pharma has received tentative approval from the US health regulator for its Ritonavir tablets used for treatment of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection.

MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS

1. Microsoft announced a \$26.2 billion deal to acquire professional social platform linkedin for \$196 per share.
2. Symantec Corp. Agreed to buy Blue Coat Systems Inc. In a \$4.65 billion deal that will give the computer-security company a new portfolio of cyber defense technologies .
3. Google has acquired a business technology start-up founded by an Indian-origin entrepreneur Varun Malhotra is the founder and CEO of Toronto-based Synergyse, which was launched in 2013 with an aim to teach users how to use Google Apps.
4. Leading Indian tyre manufacturer JK Tyre and Industries has announced the completion of acquisition of Cavendish Industries at an enterprise value of Rs.2,200 crore.
5. Retail giant Future Group has confirmed acquisition of online furniture store fabfurnish. This is the first online acquisition that the Kishore Biyani-led group has made.

6. Xiaomi has made its first investment in India, leading a \$25-million (Rs 170 crore) funding round into Hungama Digital Media Entertainment, an aggregator and publisher of entertainment content on the internet.
7. Flipkart has acquired of phonepe, a Bangalore based mobile payments company started by its former employees as it looks to build a payment business to catch up with local rivals Snapdeal and paytm.
8. BPO transport service provider Wings Travels has closed the acquisition of taxi aggregator Bookmycab for an undisclosed amount.
9. Taxi-hailing app Ola expects its newly-launched affordable service 'Micro' alone to overtake rival Uber in terms of number of rides in a month's time.
10. Realty portal Magicbricks.com has acquired property analysis platform Properji.com for an undisclosed amount and plans to come up with reports for more than 10,000 projects in six metros
11. Food technology start-up Innerchef, which operates in the ready-to-cook and ready-to-eat meals segments, has acqui-hired two food start-ups, Flavour Labs in Gurgaon and eatongo in Bengaluru.
12. Zee Media Corp. Ltd said it is entering the television shopping business by acquiring a stake in two India Today Group companies. Today Merchandise Pvt. Ltd (TMPL) and Today Retail Network Pvt. Ltd (TRNL).
13. Aditya Birla Group firm ultratech has announced the acquisition of debt-ridden JP Group's cement plants for Rs 16,500 crore, making it the biggest deal in the sector.
14. Salesforce has acquired predictionio, a startup with general-purpose open source machine learning software.
15. Bandpage has been acquired by Google owned youtube for a reported \$8 million. That's far less than the \$27.6 million raised by the startup since launching in 2009.
16. Cisco Systems said that it intends to acquire Silicon Valley-based Internet of Things (IOT) start-up Jasper Technologies Inc. For US\$1.4 billion in cash.
17. Mumbai-based ethnic etailer, Craftsvilla, has acquired Mumbai-based on-demand shipping service provider startup Send for about \$4.5 Mn. Sendd was founded by Nav Agrawal (IIT Bombay dropout), Sumeet Wadhwa (IIT Bombay Alumni) and Sargun Singh (IIT Bombay Alumni) in April 2015.
18. Apple has acquired education-technology startup learnsprout, which creates software for schools and teachers to track students' performance.
19. Online classifieds firm Quikr India Pvt. Ltd, one of India's most valuable start-ups, bought real estate portals Common Floor in a distress sale orchestrated by Tiger Global Management Llc, the influential US-based hedge fund that is an investor in both.
20. Paytm, a mobile payment and commerce platform has acquired Shifu, a context-aware personal assistant application.
21. The Rajya Sabha has approved an enabling legislation to make it easier for mergers and acquisitions (M&A) of steel and cement companies reeling in the aftermath of the collapse in global commodity prices.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

1. HRD ministry has launched *Vidyanjali scheme* to boost *community participation in government schools* through inviting volunteers to hold public speaking, storytelling, and play acting sessions and participate in other co-scholastic activities.
2. The Odisha government has launched Green Passage scheme for orphan students to ensure that they get free of cost higher education in the state.
3. Government of India's National LED programme – Unnat Jyoti by Affordable leds for All (UJALA) was launched in Madhya Pradesh by CM of MP Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Union Minister for State (IC) for Power, Coal and Renewable Energy Piyush Goyal, at a function held in Bhopal.
4. The Ministry of Tourism has launched the Swadesh Darshan scheme in the year 2014-15 with a vision to develop theme based tourist circuits on the principles of high tourist value.
5. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana at Ballia in Uttar Pradesh on May 1 for an ambitious Rs.8,000 crore scheme to provide 5 crore free LPG connections to BPL families.
6. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the "Start Up India" initiative aimed at boosting entrepreneurship in India. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley was also present at the event held in Noida.
7. Integrated Power Development (IPDS) scheme launched by Modi Government is basically a new avatar of *Restructured Accelerated Power Development Programme* of UPA.
8. Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) and Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) to introduce *zero-emission retrofitted electric buses* under its flagship scheme *FAME India (faster adoption and manufacturing of hybrid & electric vehicles in India)*.
9. The time period of the "Special Industry Initiative for J&K" (SII J&K) UDAAN scheme till 2019-20. Initially, the time period of Udaan was up to 2015-16. UDAAN provides exposure to the youth of Jammu and Kashmir to the best of corporate India and corporate India to the rich talent pool available in the State.
10. Central government is implementing the Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) for providing financial support to proposals contained in State Higher Education Plan (SHEP) approved by the State Higher Education Councils (shecs) in order to achieve the objectives of equity, access and quality.
11. Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah launched 'Santwana Yojana' under which road accident victims will be given free treatment for the first 48 hours at any hospital.
12. Karnataka government has announced housing scheme for transgenders, who are facing social boycott, in Bengaluru.
13. The Reserve Bank of India has simplified the Gold Monetisation Scheme (GMS) for bulk depositors, aimed to help temple boards to do so.
14. Government will pay banks a 2.5 per cent commission for mobilising gold under the gold monetisation scheme and depositors will be permitted premature withdrawal of the deposited metal.
15. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched *Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao* on January 22, 2015 in Panipat, Haryana. With an initial corpus of Rs 100 crore, the scheme has been launched in a hundred districts across the country.

The Objectives of the Scheme:

- i. Prevention of gender biased sex selective elimination
- ii. Ensuring survival & protection of the girl child
- iii. Ensuring education and participation of the girl child

16. The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the “Stand Up India Scheme” to promote *entrepreneurship among SC/ST and Women entrepreneurs*.

17. Government of Telangana has *launched e-Vahan Bima Scheme* to issue *motor insurance policy in digital form*. With the launch of this scheme, Telangana became *the first state in the country to legally accept motor vehicle insurance policy* in digital form.

18. The government announced the launch of *Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme for kerosene subsidy* in a bid to cut down the diversion and black marketing of the fuel.

19. *Andhra Pradesh* has become the first state in the country to join *the Centre’s scheme for revival of debt stressed power distribution* companies after the state gave in-principle nod to the Power Ministry for joining UDAY.

20. The Ministry of Tourism has launched the Swadesh Darshan scheme in the year 2014-15 with a vision to develop theme based tourist circuits. The Ministry has identified Buddhist Circuit as one of the thirteen thematic circuits for development under the Swadesh Darshan scheme.

21. Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) will offer a renewable one year life cover of Rs 2 lakh. Age group – 18-50 years (must be savings bank account holders). It covers death due to any reason. Annual Premium – Rs 330 per annum. The scheme would be administered through LIC or other Life Insurance companies.

22. Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) will offer a renewable one year accidental death-cum-disability cover of Rs 2 lakh for partial/permanent disability. Age Group – 18-70 years (must be savings bank account holders) Annual Premium – Rs 12 per annum.

23. Atal Pension Yojana (APY) The pension scheme will focus on the unorganized sector. The scheme provide subscribers a fixed minimum pension of Rs 1,000 to 5,000 per month starting at the age of 60 years. The minimum pension amount is depend on the contribution option exercised on entering at an age between 18 and 40 years.

24. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has launched Chandranna Bima Yojana in Vijayawada. The Yojna launched on the occasion of May Day is an insurance scheme for the working class people.

25. Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das has launched the ‘Bhimrao Ambedkar Awas Yojana’ for widows, the 125th birth anniversary of B R Ambedkar. A target of 11,000 units (houses) has been set in the current financial year for the programme.

26. The Chhattisgarh government has disbursed Rs 1, 821-crore loans to several beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri MUDRA (Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency) Yojana (PMMY).

Three products are available under the PMMY that include

- ✓ Shishu - covers loans of up to Rs 50,000
- ✓ Kishor - covers above Rs 50,000
- ✓ Tarun - covers above Rs 5 lakh and up to Rs 10 lakh.

27. Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) is an *accidental Death and Disability insurance scheme*. This scheme is available to people between 18 and 70 years of age with bank accounts.
28. Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana is a government-backed Life insurance scheme. The scheme will be a one year cover, renewable from year to year, Insurance Scheme offering life insurance cover for death due to any reason.
29. Mission Indradhanush was launched by the government to revamp the functioning of Public Sector Banks. The Government announced Indradhanush for Indian PS Banks in the eve of Independence Day 2015.
30. Integrated Power Development (IPDS) scheme launched by Modi Government is basically a new avatar of Restructured Accelerated Power Development Programme
31. Mission Indradhanush was launched by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) Government of India. This mission is to ensure that all children under the age of two years as well as pregnant women are fully immunized with seven vaccine preventable diseases. It aims to immunize all children.
32. Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation he scheme was aimed at transforming 500 cities and towns into efficient urban living spaces, with special focus on a healthy and green environment for children.
33. The Sukanya Samridhi Yojana was launched to promote the welfare of Girl Child. This yojana is to facilitate them proper education and carefree marriage expenses. It is also considered a part of the government's initiative.
34. The Union Cabinet has approved Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, a new crop insurance scheme to boost farming sector in the country.
35. In an attempt to improve the agricultural productivity, the government of India has come up with a new scheme, the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY) to achieve convergence of investments in irrigation at the field level, expand cultivable area under assured irrigation.

CABINET APPROVALS

1. The Union Cabinet has approved the implementation of the recommendations of 7th Central Pay Commission (CPC) on pay and pensionary benefits.
2. The Cabinet has approved the signing of a mou between India and Tanzania for bilateral cooperation in water resources management and development.
3. The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of a mou between Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and Royal Civil Service Commission (RCSC), Bhutan. The mou will strengthen the existing relationship between RCSC and UPSC.
4. The Union Cabinet has approved the Revised Cost Estimates for establishment of eight New iits at Bhubaneswar, Gandhinagar, Hyderabad, Indore, Jodhpur, Mandi, Patna and Ropar. The revised Cost

Estimate is Rs. 13,990 crore for establishment of eight new iits over a period of 11 years from 2008-09 to 2018-19.

5. The Union Cabinet has approved the National Mineral Exploration Policy (NMEP). The NMEP primarily aims at accelerating the exploration activity in the country through enhanced participation of the private sector.
6. The Union Cabinet has considered the Model Shops and Establishment (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Bill, 2016. The Bill will now be sent to States/uts to enable them to modify their individual Acts.
7. The Union Cabinet has approved a 10 per cent stake sale in state-controlled Housing & Urban Development Corporation Ltd (HUDCO) through an initial public offering (IPO).
8. The Cabinet has granted ex-post facto approval to the amendment to the Institutes of Technology Act, 1961 on May 26 for incorporation of six new iits and conversion of Indian School of Mines (ISM) Dhanbad to an IIT. The six new iits will be located at Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh), Palakkad (Kerala), Dharwar (Karnataka), Bhilai (Chhattisgarh), Goa and Jammu (Jammu and Kashmir).
9. The Cabinet approved the merger of five associate banks with the country's biggest lender State Bank of India. SBI Chairman Arundhati Bhattacharya said the merger will be a win-win for SBI and the associate banks.
10. In a bid to extend funding support for startups, the Union cabinet has approved the establishment of Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS) at Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) for contribution to various alternative investment funds (AIF).
11. Government has approved a Rs 6,000 crore special package for textiles & apparel sector to create one crore new jobs in 3 years, attracting investments of \$11 billion and generating \$30 billion in exports.
12. The Cabinet has approved the spectrum auction plan recommended by the department of telecommunication. The approved auction will have spectrum bands of 700mhz, 800mhz, 900mhz 1800mhz, 2100mhz, 2300 mhz and 2500 mhz available for sale.
13. The Union Cabinet was apprised of signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (mou) with Steinbeis gmbh Co. KG for Technology transfer, Germany on technology resourcing in manufacturing, including sub-sectors of Capital Goods.
14. The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of a Protocol amending the Agreement between India and Belgium for avoidance of double taxation and prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income.
15. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the development of four laning of Hubli-Hospet Section of NH-63 in Karnataka.
16. The Cabinet has given ex-post facto approval to a mou between India and Japan for promoting sustainable, stable and low-carbon thermal power development in India.
17. The Union Cabinet has given its approval for financial restructuring of Hindustan Steel Works Construction Limited (HSCL). It has also approved its takeover by National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited (NBCC).
18. The Union cabinet has given its approval for introduction of two Bills in the Parliament for certain amendments in the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950 so as to modify the list of Scheduled

Tribes in respect of five States, namely, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Tamil Nadu, Tripura and identification of new communities in the Union Territory of Puducherry.

19. The Union Cabinet granted ex-post facto approval to the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India and the Ministry of Tourism, Government of Maldives for strengthening cooperation in the field of tourism.
20. The Union Cabinet granted to the cadre review of the Indian Postal Service to meet the functional requirements and strengthening the cadre structure both in the headquarters and in the field on the basis of functional requirement.
21. The Union Cabinet granted ex-post facto approval for establishment of NIT, Andhra Pradesh which has been registered as a Society under the Andhra Pradesh Societies Registration Act, 2001 with effect from 20th august 2015.
22. The Centre has approved the Odisha Government's proposal to set up Kalinganagar National Investment and Manufacturing Zone in Jajpur district.
23. The union cabinet gave its approval for signing an inter-governmental agreement between India and Mauritius on cooperation in cooperatives and related fields.
24. The Union Cabinet has given its approval to the renewed Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation with European Union (EU) for another period of 5 years.
25. The Cabinet was apprised of the bilateral agreement signed between India and Qatar in March, 2015 and ratifications made thereafter. The agreement signed between the two countries seeks active engagement and cooperation in field of IT and Telecom sector.
26. Union Cabinet has approved India-UAE currency swap agreement on mutually agreed terms and conditions.
27. Lok Sabha has passed the Compensatory Afforestation Fund bill, 2015 that seeks to establish setting up of a National Compensatory Afforestation Fund and also a State Compensatory Afforestation Fund.
28. Rajya Sabha has passed the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2016 to include certain communities in the list of Scheduled Castes (SC) from 4 states.
29. Mou between Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India and the Insurance Authority, UAE
30. The Union Cabinet has given its ex-post facto approval for the mou between Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) and the Insurance Authority of United Arab Emirates. The mou was signed in February, 2016. The mou provides for enhanced cooperation between the two authorities in the field of insurance supervision by providing a framework for co-operation.
31. Installation of Solar Power Plant of 200 MW or more Capacity at the Central State Farm at Jetsar, Rajasthan
32. The Union Cabinet has given its approval for utilization of 400 hectares of un-cultivable farm land at the Central State Farm (CSF), Jetsar in Sri Ganganagar District and Rajasthan for setting up of a solar Power Plant of capacity exceeding 200 MW. The Solar Power Plant will be set up by a CPSE, which would be selected through negotiation.
33. Government decides to allow States to impose and enforce stock limits to check the price rise in sugar

34. The Union Cabinet has given its approval to bring “sugar” under the purview of imposing stock holding limits on dealers of sugar, keeping in view the recent upward trend in sugar prices. The Government has noticed that in spite of sufficient availability of sugar stocks with the Sugar Mills, the wholesale and retail prices have shown a spurt.
35. Cabinet approves mou between India and Papua New Guinea on cooperation in the field of health area and medical science
36. The Union Cabinet has given its approval for signing an Memorandum of Understanding (mou) between India and Papua New Guinea on cooperation in the field of Healthcare and Medical Science.
37. The bilateral mou will encourage cooperation between the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare of India and the Ministry of Health and HIV/AIDS of the Papua New Guinea through joint initiatives in the health sector. It will strengthen bilateral ties between India and Papua New Guinea.
38. Enhancement of Investment by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited in Bharat Oman Refineries Limited
39. The Union Cabinet has given its approval to enhance investment by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) in Bharat Oman Refineries Limited (BORL). The investment amount could be enhanced upto a maximum of Rs.3000 crore by way of subscription of convertible warrants / other instruments giving right to convert it into equity shares to be issued by BORL, beyond DPE guidelines dated 05.08.2005.
40. The infusion of funds by the bpcls will enable BORL to overcome the implications on account of the erosion of the net worth.
41. The Cabinet has approved the World Trade Organization (WTO)’s Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA), which seeks to ease customs procedures to boost commerce. The pact aims to expedite the movement, release and clearance of goods, including goods in transit, for international trade.
42. The Union Cabinet has given its ‘in principle’ approval to the LIGO-India mega science proposal for research on gravitational waves.LIGO-India project (Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory in India) is piloted by Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Science and Technology (DST).
43. The Union Cabinet gave its ex-post facto approval for mou signed between India and various countries for cooperation in the field of agriculture and allied sectors.
44. The Union Cabinet has given its ex-post facto approval to Memorandum of Understanding (mou) between India and Sweden on Technical Cooperation in the Railway Sector. It was signed between both countries on 15th February, 2016
45. The Union Cabinet has given its approval to replace the existing policy on crude oil import by Oil psus and vest the oil psus with the power to evolve their own policies. This decision will provide operational efficiency, commercial flexibility and dynamic policy for crude oil procurement for psus based on their commercial requirements that will eventually benefiting the consumers.
46. The Union Cabinet has given its ex-post facto approval for implementation of One Rank One Pension (OROP) retrospectively with effect from 1st July, 2014.OROP will provide ex-servicemen of same rank and same length of service uniform pension regardless of date of retirement.

47. The Union Cabinet 6 April 2016 gave its approval to implement of the National Hydrology Project. It will be a central sector scheme with a total outlay of 3679.7674 crore rupees. It also provides for establishment of NWIC as an independent organization under the control of Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (mowr, RD&GR).
48. The Union Cabinet has given its approval for increasing the framework agreement between Exim Bank of India and a consortium of Iranian banks lead by Central Bank of Iran for financing the purchase of goods and services from India to Rs.3000 crore from Rs. 900 crore.
49. The Union Cabinet chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister has today given its approval to Recommendations on Fiscal Deficit Targets and Additional Fiscal Deficit to States during Fourteenth Finance Commission (FFC) award period 2015-2016.

Palekar Tribunal	Journalists' Pay reforms
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IMPORTANT COMMITTEES

U.C. Banerjee Commission	Enquiry into Godhra carnage (railways)
Sarkaria Commission	Centre-State relations
Srikrishna Commission	1992 Bombay riots
Thakkar Commission	Indira Gandhi assassination case
Phukan Commission & Saharya Committee	Tehelka tapes
Malimath Commission	Criminal Justice
Upendra Commission	Inquiry on rape and murder Thangjam Manorama Devi
Malhotra Committee	Insurance Reforms
Janaki Ram Committee	Security scam
Ajay Vikram Singh Committee	Faster promotions in army
Rajinder Sachar Committee {1}	Companies and MRPT Act
Rajindar Sachar Committee {2}	Report on the social, economic and educational status of the Muslims of India
Jyoti Basu Committee	Report on Octroi abolition
Balwant Rai Mehta Committee	Recommendationson decentralization system
Sawant Committee	Enquiry on corruption, charges against ministers & Anna Hazare
Chelliah Committee	Eradicating black money
Kothari Commission	Educational reforms
Wanchoo Committee	Tax enquiry
Bhanu Pratap Singh Committee	Agriculture
Aggarwal Committee	Nepotism in granting petrol pump, LPG connections
Rangarajan Committee	Reforms in private sector
Naresh Chandra Committee	Corporate governance
Chakravarti Committee	Banking sector reforms
Rekhi Committee	Structure of indirect taxation
G.V.ramakrishnacommitee	Disinvestment in PSU shares
Kelkar Committee	First committee on backward castes
P.C.Hotha Committee	Restructuring of civil services
Justice B.N.Kirpal Committee	1st chairman National Forest Commission
Godbole Committee	Enron Power Project
J.C.Kumarappa Committee	Congress agrarian Reforms Committee
Swaminathan Committee	Population policy
Rangarajan Committee	Statistics
Wardha Committee	Inquiry on murder of Graham Staines
N.N. Vohra Committee	Criminalizationof politics
Kelkar Committee {2}	Direct-indirecttaxes
Alagh Committee	Civil Service Examinations
Abid Hussain Committee	Recommendationson Small scale industries
Narasimham Committee	Banking sector reforms

Chelliah Committee	Tax reforms
Mashelkar Committee	National Auto Fuel Policy
Boothalingam Committee	Recommendations on integrated wages, income and price policy
Omkar Goswami Committee	Industrial sickness
Yashpal Committee	Review of School Education system
Ram Nandan Prasad Committee	Constitution of creamy layers among Backward Castes
Kelkar Committee{3}	Enquiry on Kargil defense deals.
M.M. Punchhi Commission	Centre-State Relations [note- this committee has been set up recently- after the sad demise of Justice (Retd.) Sarkaria]
Thorat Committee	Caste-based discrimination against students in AIIMS
R.K.Raghavan Committee	Ragging in colleges
James Lyngdoh Committee	Student politics and student-body elections in colleges.
E.M.S. Nachiappan Committee	Reforms in the higher judiciary
Soli Sorabjee Committee	Police Reforms [it was constituted after the Judgement of the Supreme Court in Parkash Singh vs Union of India (2006)]
Ganguli Committee	Review of health facility planning and healthcare engineering and management
Percy Mistry Committee	Making Mumbai an IFC (International Financial Centre)
K.T. Thomas Committee-	To look into ways of enhancing the effectiveness of the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act
Fali S. Nariman Committee	Accountability and damages with regard to destruction of public property
Satwant Reddy Committee	Review of laws relating to registration of pharmaceutical drugs and clinical trials
Raghuram C. Rajan Committee	Financial sector reforms
Shah Commission (1966)-	Reorganisation of States
Tarkunde Committee	Composition of the Election Commission and other electoral reforms
Dinesh Goswami Committee	Electoral reforms
G.V.K. Rao Committee (1985)	Set up by the planning commission in 1985, to look into the Administrative Arrangement for Rural Development and poverty Alleviation Programmes.
Butler Committee	Relation between Indian states & paramount power (the Queen of Britain)

Hurtog Committee	Growth of British India education-its effects
Muddiman Committee	Working of Diarchy as in Montague Chelmsford reforms

DIGITAL PROJECTS LAUNCHED BY GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DRISTHI	Civil Aviation
SAMANVAY	Rural Panchyats
DISHA	Digital Literacy (Bihar)
EMUDRA	Digital Signatures
EMIGRATE	Foreign Employee
NOWCAST	Insurance Web Portal
SPEEDPAY	BSNL Mobile Wallet
VIDHYALAKSHMI	Govt. For Education Loans
SEHAT	Telemedicine Initiative
E PRAGATHI	Integrated Governance (AP)
PAHAL	LPG Give It Up
SAHAJ	LPG online
MASSET	Assets Map of Gram Panchyats
SMART MIDC	Digital Village By Microsoft (Maharashtra)
MEEBHOO MI	Digital Deposit Of Land Records (AP)
KHOYA-PAYA	Missing Children's
EBIZ	Single Window For Bussiness Clernace
RISHTA	LED Based Street Lighting (Himachal Pradesh)
ESHAKTI	NABARD Digitalisation For SHGS
INTERNET SAATHI	Google & TATA Supplies Bicycles To Rural Women.

SPORTS NEWS

WINNER	TITLE	SPORT/ VENUE
Dutee Chand	Qqualifies for Rio 2016 Olympics	Women’s 100m event
Cleveland Cavaliers	NBA championship title	By beating Golden State Warriors
Australia	2016 Champions Trophy	Hockey
Nico Rosberg	European Grand Prix	Mercedes
Leander Paes	Seventh appearance at the Olympics.	Tennis player
Lewis Hamilton	Canadian Grand Prix	By beating Nico Rosberg
Kazuyoshi Miura	Own record as the oldest goalscorer in J-League history	Football
Saina Nehwal	Australian Open Super Series	Defeating China’s Sun Yu
Pankaj Advani	Asian 6-Red snooker title.	Abu Dhabi
Mohun Bagan	Indian Federation Cup football tournament 2016	The Indira Gandhi Stadium. Aizawl

Barcelona FC	La Liga Champions Parade 2016	Football
Novak Djokovic	29th Masters Madrid Open	Tennis
Caroline Garcia and Kristina Mladenovic	Madrid Masters Tennis tournament.	Tennis
Pakistan	Asian Kabaddi Championship 2016	Wah Cantonment in Pakistan.
Vinesh Phogat and Sakshi Malik	Olympic Games World Qualifying Tournament	Istanbul, Turkey
Leicester City	English Premier League	Football
Nico Rosberg	Russian Grand Prix	Germany
Gurpreet Singh Sandhu	First Indian to play in Tippeligaen	Goalkeeper
Sonia Lathe	A silver medal at the AIBA Women's World Championships	Alessia Mesiano of Italy
Sunrisers Hyderabad	Indian Premier League title.	M Chinnaswamy stadium in Bangalore
Real Madrid	UEFA Champions League finals	Football
Pankaj Advani	Asian 6-Red Snooker title	Abu Dhabi
Vinesh Phogat & Sakshi Malik	Qualify for Rio Olympics 2016	Wrestling
Mickey Arthur	Waqar Younis as headcoach	Pakistan
Russia	World Mixed Doubles Curling Championship	Lofbergs Lila Arena
Barcelona Open Men's Doubles title	Bob and Mike Bryan	Tennis
Rafael Nadal	Barcelona Open	Tennis
Garcia-Mladenovic	Stuttgart Grand Prix tournament	Tennis
Mairaj Ahmed Khan	India's first skeet medal	Shooting
Deepika Kumari	Archery World Cup	Archery
Lee Chong Wei	Malaysian Open title of Badminton 2016	Malaysia
Indian Grandmasters S P Sethuraman and K Sasikiran	Asian Nations Cup Chess tournament	
Riyad Mahrez	PFA Player of the Year	Football
Kento Momota Intanon	Yonex Sunrise India men's single Open badminton titles 2016	Japan
Ratchanok Intanon	Yonex Sunrise India women's single Open badminton titles 2016	Japan

Gideon Markus Fernaldi and Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo	Yonex Sunrise India men's double Open badminton titles 2016	Indonesia
Misaki Matsutomo and Ayaka Takahashi	Yonex Sunrise India women's double Open badminton titles 2016	Japan
Kai Lu and Huang Yaqiong	Yonex Sunrise India mixed double Open badminton titles 2016	China
Nico Rosberg	Chinese Grand Prix 2016	Formula One car race
Rafael Nadal	Barcelona Open	Spain
Australia	Sultan Azlan Shah Cup	Hockey
Rahul Sachdev	All India Open Snooker Title	Former National 6Reds runner-up
Mumbai	Col CK Nayudu Trophy	Cottari Kanakaiya Nayudu, also known as 'CK', was the first captain of the Indian cricket team in Test matches.
Jitu Rai	Gold medal in 50m pistol	ISSF (International Shooting Sport Federation) World Cup in Bangkok
Patna Pirates	Pro Kabaddi title	They defeated U Mumba team.
India	Asia Cup	At the Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium
Indian paddlers	Gold at World Table Tennis Championship	In less than 24 hours
Tarun Kona and Alwin Francis	Peru International doubles title	Badminton
Lin Dan	All England Badminton Championships Title	Professional badminton player from China.
Services	Santosh Trophy	Fifth triumph for Services
Nico Rosberg	Australian Grand Prix	Rosberg's 15th career victory
SSP Chawrasia	Hero Indian Open title	He defeated Anirban Lahiri
HS Prannoy	Swiss Open 2016	His second Grand prix gold badminton tournament title
Gurmeet Singh	Asian Race Walk Championship gold	First Indian athlete to clinch a gold medal
Sreejish and Deepika	Hockey Player of the year	
Sergey Karjakin	World Chess Candidates Tournament	Crimean-born Russian grandmaster
Virat Kohli	Top-ranked batsman in the ICC list	He replaced Aaron Finch
South Korean Song Young-han	Singapore Open	He defeated Jordan Spieth
India	No. 1 in ICC T20 rankings	2 nd comes West Indies followed by Sri Lanka

Aditya Mehta	National-Snooker Championship 2016	He defeated Manan Chandra
Kerala	Won 61st National School Athletics Meet	Held at Olympian Rahman Stadium in Kozhikode, Kerala
Grandmaster Swapnil Dhopade of Maharashtra	Won IIFL Wealth Mumbai International Open Chess tournament	With overall tally of eight points, emerged victorious in the Rs 7.5 lakh prize
West Indies	ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup 2016	Defeated India
Indian Railways	The National Chess team Championship	The 36th Championship was held at Bhubaneswar
Jaypee Punjab Warriors	Hockey India League (HIL) champions	They defeated Kalinga Lancers
Former French Open champion Francesca Schiavone	Rio title	She won her first title since 2013 when she defeated Shelby Rogers of the United States
Kavita Raut	Qualified for the Rio Olympics in women's marathon	Indian long-distance runner
Sania Mirza&Martina Hingis	St. Petersburg Ladies Trophy	Tennis
India	SAFF Cup	For the seventh time.
Pranav Dhanawade	First batsman to score 1000-plus runs	Mumbai Cricketer
Apurvi Chandela	Swedish Cup Grand Prix	Indian shooter
Siril Verma	Badminton World Federation (BWF)	Junior men's singles category
Victoria Azarenka	Brisbane International	
Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis	WTA Brisbane trophy	Defeated Angelique Kerber and Andrea Petkovic
Nick Kyrgios and Daria Gavrilova	Hopman title	Elina Svitolina and Alexandr Dolgoplov
Novak Djokovic	Qatar Open title	Over Rafael Nadal
Milos Raonic	Brisbane final men's	Beat Roger Federer
Stansilas Wawrinka	Chennai Open title	He is Swiss player
Lionel Messi	Ballon d'Or	For fifth time
Marat Safin	International Tennis Hall of Fame	Russia
Ivan Popov	14th Delhi International Open chess title	She is from Russia
Ronnie O'Sullivan	Dafabet Master title 2016	He defeated Barry Hawkins
Roger Federer	300th Grand Slam Singles Match	First man to reach the milestone.
Heena Sidhu	Olympic quota	India's top pistol shooter
Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis	3rd Grand Slam title	Beat Andrea Hlavackova and Lucie Hradecka

OBITUARY

NAME OF THE PERSON	ASSOCIATED FIELD
Kavalam Narayana Panicker	Malayalam theatre artist
Neil O'Brien	Quiz master
Guda Anjaiah	Telangana poet
Gregory Rabassa	Telangana poet
Anjan Dutta	Assam Congress chief
Mudrarakshasa	Hindi writer
Achyut Lahkar	Theatre personality
Inder Malhotra	Journalist
KK Katyal	Journalist
Manohar Aich	India's first Mr Universe
Sulabha Deshpande	Theatre and film actor
Muhammad Ali	Boxing legend
Razak Khan	Comedian
D Javare Gowda	Noted Kannada writer
C Silvera	Former Union Minister
KC Mathew	Veteran Communist leader
Mullah Akhtar Mansour	Taliban leader
Nihal Bitla	India progeria campaigner
Babu Bharadwaj	Journalist
Zaha Hadid	Architect
Gato Barbieri	Jazz saxophonist
MHP Rao	Architect of Madras Atomic Power Station
Yogendra Bali	Journalist
Satyanand Munjal	Hero group co-founder
Malick Sidibe	Malian photographer
Bill Campbell	Legendary Silicon Valley Mentor
Victoria Wood	Comedian
Doris Roberts	Star of 'Everybody Loves Raymond'
Guy Hamilton	The director of four James Bond films
Papa Wemba	Congo music star
Banharn Silpa-archa	Thailand former Prime Minister
VT Thomas	Kerala cartoonist
Harry Wu	Chinese human rights activist
Arnold Wesker	British playwright passes away
George Kennedy	Oscar winning actor
Kumarimuthu	Tamil Comedy Actor
Martin Crowe	Former New Zealand Captain
PA Sangma	Former Lok Sabha Speaker
Ashok Ghosh	All-India Forward Bloc leader

PK Nair	Veteran film archist
Pat Conroy	Author of Prince of Tides
Kalabhavan Mani	Malayalam Actor
Ray Tomlinson	Email inventor and selector of @ symbol
George Henry Martin	Record producer
Nana Vasconcelos	Brazil musician
Ernestine Anderson	Jazz vocalist
Lloyd S. Shapley	Nobel Laureate and a Father of Game Theory
Anita Brookner	Art historian and Booker prize winner
Ustad Ali Ahmad Hussain Khan	Eminent Shehnai exponent
Frank Sinatra Jr.	Son of legendary singer Frank Sinatra
Meir Dagan	Former Mossad Director
Paul Daniels	Famous magician
Anker Jorgensen	Former Danish PM
Andy Grove	Legendary former Intel CEO
Johan Cryuff	Football legend
Garry Shandling	Comedian and actor
VD Rajappan and Jishnu Raghavan	Malayalam actors
Jishnu Raghavan	Malayalam actor
Peter Brown	Actor
Anand Gajapathi Raju	Former minister
Jim Harrison	'Legends of the Fall' author
Benoit Violier	World's best chef
Frank Finlay	British Actor
SS Tarapore	Former RBI Deputy Governor
Intizar Husain	Veteran Pakistani writer
Balram Jakhar	Congress leader and former Lok Sabha Speaker
Edgar Mitchell	US astronaut, the sixth man to walk on the moon
Sudhir Tailang	Cartoonist
Dan Hicks	Singer-songwriter
Nida Fazli	Urdu and Hindi poet
Sushil Koirala	Former Prime Minister of Nepal and Nepali Congress President
Lance Naik Hanamanthappa	Siachen Survivor
Aurobindo Mukherjee	Film Director
Leslie Bassett	Pulitzer winning composer
Antonin Scalia	U.S. Supreme Court Justice
ONV Kurup	Malayalam poet and lyricist
Anatoly Ilyin	Soviet football legend
Rajamani	Southern music director
Akbar Kakkattil	Short story writer and novelist
Boutros Ghali	Former UN Secretary General
Ustad Abdul Rashid Khan	Hindustani classical vocalist
Umberto Eco	Italian Novelist

Harper Lee	Novelist
Bhubaneswari Mishra	Singer
BK Garudachar	Oldest Indian Cricketer
Rajesh Pillai	Malayalam filmmaker
Natalie Cole	Singer
Howard Davis	Olympic boxer
H D Johar	Former Punjab Assembly Speaker
AB Bardhan	Communist Party Of India Leader
Raghunandan Mandal	BJP MLA
SH Kapadia	Former Chief Justice of India
Labshankar Thakar	Labshankar Thakar
Mufti Mohammad Sayeed	Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister
Angus Scrimm	Veteran character actor
Ravindra Kalia	Hindi writer
David Bowie	Musician
Maria Teresa de Filippis	World championship Formula One grand prix
Lt Gen JFR Jacob	Played a key role in the 1971 war
Alan Rickman	British actor
Anil Ganguly	Filmmaker
Rama Rao	Former Sikkim governor
Manpreet Akhtar	Punjabi folk singer
Yasutaro Koide	World's oldest man
Glenn Frey	Eagles guitarist and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
Geethapriya	Kannada filmmaker and lyricist
Aroon Tikekar	Senior journalist
Jihadi John	ISIS Militant
Mrinalini Sarabhai	Bharatnatyam dancer
Kalpana	Malayalam actor
Abe Vigoda	Actor
Arindam Sen Gupta	The Managing editor of The Times of India
Paul Kantner	San Francisco music scene

IMPORTANT DAYS JANUARY TO JUNE

Important Days in January

January 1	Global Family Day, Army Medical Corps Establishment Day
January 6	World War Orphans Day
January 9	NRI Day or Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas
January 10	World Laughter Day
January 11	Death anniversary of Lal Bahadur Shastri

January 12	National Youth Day or Birthday of Swami Vivekananda
January 15	National Army Day
January 23	Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's Birth Anniversary
January 24	National Girl Child Day of India
January 25	National Tourism Day, National Voters Day
January 26	Republic Day of India, International Customs duty day
January 27	International Holocaust Remembrance Day
January 28	Data Protection Day, Birth Anniversary of Lala Lajpat Rai
January 30	National Martyr's Day or Sarvodaya Day, World Leprosy Eradication Day

Important Days in February

February 2	World Wetlands Day
February 4	World Cancer Day, national Day of Srilanka, Facebook day
2nd Sunday of February	World Marriage Day
February 6	International Day against Female Genital Mutilation
February 11	World Day of the Sick
February 12	Darwin Day
February 13	World Radio Day, National womens day or Sarojini Naydu's Birthday
February 14	Valantine's Day
February 20	World Day of Social Justice
February 21	International Mother Language Day
February 22	World Scout Day, World Thinking day
February 23	World Peace and Understanding Day
February 24	Central Excise Day
February 28	National Science Day

Important Days in March

March 3	National Defence Day
March 4	National Safety Day, World Day of the Fight Against Sexual Exploitation, National Security Day
March 8	International Womens' Day
March 13	World Rotaract Day
March 14	World Pie day
2nd Monday of March	Commonwealth Day
2nd Thursday of March	World Kidney Day
March 15	World Consumer Rights Day, World Disabled Day,

	World Contact Day
March 16	National Vaccination Day
March 18	National Ordinance Factories Day
March 20	International Day of Happiness, World sparrow day
March 21	World Forestry Day, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, World Poetry Day, World Down Syndrome day, World Puppetry day
3rd Friday of March	World Sleep Day
March 22	World Water Day
March 23	World Meteorological Day, Pakistan Day(Youm E
E	Pakistan)
March 24	World TB Day, International Day for Achievers
March 25	International Day of Remembrance – Victims of Slavery and Transatlantic Slave Trade
March 26	World Purple day(epilepsy awareness day)
March 27	World Drama Day or World Theater Day

Important Days in April

April 1	Orissa Day, April fool's day
April 2	World Autism Awareness Day
April 4	International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action
April 5	National Maritime Day
April 7	World Health Day
April 8	World Romani Day
April 12	World Aviation & Cosmonauts Day
April 13	Jallianwallah Bagh Massacre Day
April 14	B.R.Ambedkar Remembrance Day
April 15	World day of Silence, Day of Dialogue
April 17	World Haemophilia Day
April 18	World Heritage Day
April 21	World Creativity and Innovation Day, National Secretaries day, National Civil Services Day
April 22	World Earth Day
April 23	World Book and Copyright Day, World English Language Day
April 24	World Lab Animals Day
April 25	World Malaria Day, Italy Liberation Day
April 26	World Intellectual Property Day
April 28	International Worker's Memorial Day, World day for Safety and Health at work
April 29	World Dance Day

April 30	International Jazz Day
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Important Days in May

May 01	World Labour Day or May Day or Workers Day, Maharashtra Day
May 03	Press Freedom Day(Intl.), International Sun Day, World Asthma Day, International Energy Day
May 04	Coal Miners Day(Intl.), International Firefighters' Day
1st Sunday of May	World Laughter Day
May 05	World Athletics Day, World Midwives Day
May 06	World No Diet Day
May 08	World Red Cross Day or Red Crescent Day, Remembrance and Reconciliation for Lost Lives of Second World War
May 09	World Thalassaemia Day
2nd sunday of May	World Mother Day
May 10	International Migratory Bird Day
May 11	National technology day
May 12	International Nurses Day
May 13	International Criminal Court Day
May 15	International Day of the Families
May 17	World Tele Communication and Information Society Day, World AIDS Vaccination day, World Hypertension Day, International day against Homophobia and Transphobia
May 18	World Museum Day
May 20	World Meteorology Day
May 21	National Anti Terrorism Day, National Day for Cultural Development
May 22	International Day for Biological Diversity
May 24	Commonwealth Day
May 25	World Missing Childrens day
May 29	International Day of Peacekeepers
May 31	World Anti Tobacco Day

Important Days in June

June 1	Global Day of Parents
June 4	World Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
June 5	World Environment Day
June 8	World Brain Tumor Day, World Oceans Day

June 12	World Day Against Child Labor
June 14	World Blood Donor Day
June 15	World elder abuse awareness day
3rd Sunday of June	World Father's Day
June 16	International Integration Day
June 18	International Picnic Day
June 20	World Refugee Day
June 21	World Music Day
June 23	International Olympic Day, United Nations Public Service Day, International Widows Day
June 26	International Day against Drug abuse and Illicit Trafficking, International Day in support of Victims of torture

THANK YOU 😊 😊 😊