

**AWARDS AND HONOURS**

NAME OF THE AWARD	AWARD WINNER	KEY POINTS TO NOTE
Rajesh Nath	Germany's Highest Civilian Honour	He is Managing Director of VDMA India
M K Sanu	Mathrubhumi Literary Award	He is Eminent critic, biographer and orator

**APPOINTMENTS**

NAME	DEPT/FIELD
Ashish Srivastava	MD & CEO of PNB MetLife India Insurance Company Ltd (PNB MetLife)
Sandeep Bhushan	Interim MD of Facebook India
Matam Venkata Rao	Executive Director of Canara Bank
Anupam Kher	Chairman of Film and Television Institute of India (FTII)
John Flint	Chief Executive of HSBC
Yuvraj Singh	First Indian ambassador of Laureus foundation

**INDIAN AFFAIRS**

- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu inaugurated a two-day International Blockchain Business Conference, which will also have sessions on Blockchain in banking, insurance and capital markets.
- To accelerate the growth of tourism in Kerala, the Department of Tourism has launched a three-year long Continuous Tourist Survey (CTS) from this year.
- To create awareness about para-sports and provide a platform to para sportspersons to narrate their stories of triumph and adversity, thenationspride.com, the country's first portal dedicated to para-sports was launched.
- The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Ministry of Culture, Government of India, in collaboration with National Geographic Society is hosting an international conference on "Dialogue of Civilizations – IV" from 8th – 15th October, 2017 at Delhi, Gandhinagar and Dholavira.
- The President of India Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated India Water Week-2017 (October 10, 2017) in New Delhi. It is fundamental to the economy and to ecology – and to human equity.

- The Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated the four-day first Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation Disaster Management Exercise (BIMSTEC DMEx-2017)
- The Global Conference on Cyber Space (GCCS) 2017 is getting bigger and better. The 5th edition, being hosted by India
- To mark the International Day of the Girl Child, the South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) will inaugurate the 'pink toilets' for women with exclusive facilities.
- The Bihar government on Tuesday approved reservations for persons with disabilities in government jobs and educational institutions.

### **BANKING AND FINANCE**

- MasterCard has announced the launch of its innovation centre to focus on solving "India-specific" problems in the areas of technology and financial enablement
- India's economic growth for 2017 and 2018 will be slower than earlier projections, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said in its latest World Economic Outlook released on October 10.
- The Union Cabinet has given its approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and Financial Services Commission (FSC), Gibraltar for mutual co-operation and technical assistance.
- The Union Cabinet has given its approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) by Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) with Capital Markets Authority (CMA), Kuwait for mutual co-operation and technical assistance.
- The Board of Directors of IndusInd Bank Ltd and Bharat Financial Inclusion Ltd have approved the merger of two companies through a composite scheme of arrangement.

### **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

- China's 500-metre Aperture Spherical Telescope (FAST for short) has just made its first confirmed discovery.
- Indian Institutes of Technology in Delhi and Madras have developed a machine learning tool that can fish out new ways of synthesising novel molecules.
- IIT-Kharagpur has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Samsung India for the setting up of a digital academy on the institute's campus.
- Steve Wozniak, who co-founded Apple with Steve Jobs, is launching a new online tech education platform he's calling Woz U, which is designed to promote technology jobs and the skills required to enter the industry.

- SpaceX successfully launched a Falcon 9, its 15th rocket launch of this year. The rocket took off from Kennedy Space Center in Florida, carrying a satellite with a dual-purpose mission for both EchoStar and SES.

### **FOREIGN RELATIONS**

- The Union Cabinet has given its approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Morocco on cooperation in the field of water resources.
- The Union Cabinet has given its ex-post facto approval for a Memorandum of Understanding between India and Belarus for cooperation in the field of Vocational Education and Training (VET).
- The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between India and Japan on establishing a liquid, flexible and global LNG Market.
- The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of “Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC)” between India and Japan on the “Technical Intern Training Program (TITP)”.
- India has signed an extradition treaty with Lithuania following a meeting between External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and her Lithuanian counterpart Linus Linkevicius in New Delhi, thus enhancing its engagement with the Baltic region.

### **INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

- Petrol and diesel vehicles could be banned from Oxford city centre by 2035 under plans to bring in what officials believe would be the world’s first ‘zero emissions zone’
- Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines have begun coordinated air patrols to intensify their fight against Islamic militants who have laid siege to a southern Philippine city.
- Vanuatu, a South Pacific archipelago of some 80 islands, will now let outsiders use the volatile cryptocurrency to apply for so-called investment citizenship.

### **SPORTS**

<b>WINNER</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>SPORT/ VENUE</b>
Anupama Ramachandran	Under-16 Snooker Championship Title	Held in St. Petersburg, Russia
RMV Gurusaidutt	Bulgarian International Future Series tournament	—

- Long-serving Indian boxing coach Gurbax Singh Sandhu has been honoured with the National Awards for senior citizens by President Ramnath Kovind.

### **OBITUARY**

NAME OF THE PERSON	FIELD
Baba Bajrang Das	Rajasthan's "mountain man"

**IMPORTANT DAYS**

DATE OBSERVED	DAY OBSERVED	Theme / Purpose
October 10	World Mental Health Day	Mental health in the workplace
October 11	International Day of the Girl Child	EmPOWER girls: Before, during and after conflict
October 11	World Obesity Day	To promoting practical solutions to end the global obesity crisis.