

- Nation pays homage to Mahatma Gandhi on his 69th death anniversary on January 30.
- The Tokyo Olympic Committee has now announced that Son Goku, a cult anime character from Dragonball Z, will serve as one of its brand ambassadors.
- Denmark to appoint world's first digital ambassador.
- Aeries Financial Technologies Pvt. Ltd announced that CASHe, India's fastest loan giving app for young salaried professionals, has partnered with Paytm, India's largest mobile payments and commerce firm to allow its users to deposit cash transfers from CASHe to their Paytm wallets.
- Roger Federer win Australian Open Men's title by beating Rafael Nadal.
- The Observer Research Foundation (ORF) has emerged as the top ranked think tank in India in the China, India, Japan and the Republic of Korea category, according to the latest Global Go To Think Tank Index Report
- The Central Water Commission (CWC) under the Ministry of Water Resources River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation signed two separate MoUs with IIT Madras and IIS Bengaluru in New Delhi.
- Alibaba's financial arm acquires MoneyGram.
- The three-day long Brahmaputra Literary festival took place in Guwahati.
- GAAR (General Anti Avoidance Rule) will be effective from April 1, 2017.
- Vijay Pandurang Bhatkar has been appointed the new Vice-Chancellor of Nalanda University, Rajgir, in Bihar.
- Dr Gullapalli N Rao has been selected as one of two inductees for the prestigious 2017 Ophthalmology Hall of Fame instituted by the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS).
- The Telangana government signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with French Aero campus Aquitaine to set up a world-class aero skills academy in the city in collaboration with academia and industry.
- Siliguri lad Abul Hossain won the Kolkata Marathon today as amateur runners from north Bengal and Northeast India dominated the first edition of the meet.
- India's largest startup incubator to be built at Hubballi.
- The Indian Navy has launched a Request for Information to procure 57 multi-role combat aircraft for its carrier.
- The Deshpande Foundation will launch the country's largest start-up incubation centre here (earlier Hubli), alongside the new campus of information technology giant Infosys.
- Hollywood legend and Harry Potter actor John Hurt dies at 77.

- India Post has received payments bank licence from the Reserve Bank of India to start rollout of banking operations commercially under the permit.
- Abu Dhabi will set up a court for non-Muslims to strengthen the culture of tolerance and acceptance of other communities and ensure access to services for all segments of the society.
- Serena Williams beats sister Venus in straight sets to win her seventh Australian Open and an Open-era record 23rd Grand Slam singles title.
- Martyrs day in India was celebrated all over the country on 30th of January.
- Uber MOTO launches services in Hyderabad.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced that his government would set up a task force to create a strategy to help sportspersons prepare for the next three Olympics.
- India's first dedicated space observatory, ASTROSAT, has captured the rare phenomenon of a small, 6-billion-year-old "vampire" star "preying" on a bigger celestial body.
- RBI lifts ATM withdrawal limits for current accounts.
- Ace Indian shuttler PV Sindhu defeated Indonesia's Gregoria Mariska to clinch her maiden Syed Modi Grand Prix Gold women's singles title.
- The Supreme Court appointed a four-member committee headed by former comptroller and auditor general of India Vinod Rai to manage the Indian cricket board, pressing ahead with its efforts to reform the country's richest sporting body.
- First edition of the North East Investors Summit held in Shillong.
- INSAT-3DR has opened new frontiers in India's weather forecasting and is set to equip the country with the ability to detect farm fires, which intensifies air pollution in the northern region seasonally, leaving Delhi gasping for breath.
- Amulya Kumar Patnaik, a 1985-batch IPS officer, was appointed the next Delhi Police Commissioner.
- Ashok Amritraj has been appointed the United Nations in India Goodwill Ambassador for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- A new set of office-bearers, led by president Dushyant Chautala, today took charge of affairs at the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI).
- Iris Mittenæere, a 23-year-old dental student from France, won the Miss Universe crown in Manila, the Philippines, where it was held this year.
- Reliance Defence and Engineering Ltd (RDEL) has signed Rs 916 crore contract with Defence Ministry for design and construction of 14 fast patrol vessels for Indian Coast Guard.

- Future Generali India Insurance Company (FGII) has entered into a corporate agency tie-up with Bank of MaharashtraBSE 1.08 %.
- American President Donald Trump has signed an executive order on January 27, 2017 to temporarily ban visas for refugees belonging to seven Muslim-majority countries namely Iraq, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen.
- India gets its own multi sports museum in Kolkata.
- Income Tax Department (ITD) initiated Operation Clean Money.
- Ireland has voted to be the world's first country to fully divest public money from fossil fuels.
- E-paathsala launches technology backed services for higher education institutions in India.
- SAARC programming committee meeting begins in Kathmandu.
- Union minister for textiles Smriti Zubin Irani inaugurated the first-ever apparel and garment making centre in the state in the presence of Union MoS for home Kiren Rijju and chief minister Mukul Sangma near Ampati in South West Garo Hills.
- A legislation has been introduced in the US House of Representatives which among other things calls for more than doubling the minimum salary of H-1B visa holders to \$130,000, making it difficult for firms to use the programme to replace American employees with foreign workers, including from India.
- Railway Ministry requests separate fund for Rashtriya Safety Fund.
- Union finance minister Arun Jaitley tabled the Economic Survey 2016-17 in Parliament budget session.
- Lakshmi Vilas Bank has tied up with Fisdom, a Bangalore-based fin-tech startup, to launch financial planning and wealth management services based on robo-advisory platform.
- Former minister E Ahamed Dies after suffering cardiac arrest.
- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) on kicked off its operations by rolling out pilot services in Raipur and Ranchi.
- Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh presented the First National Entrepreneurship awards 2016 in New Delhi.
- The 12th Raising Day of National Disaster Response Force(NDRF) was celebrated on January 31, 2017 to commended the NDRF for its efforts during disaster response.
- Alok Verma takes charge as new CBI Director.
- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has urged the Finance ministry to retain the differential excise duty regime and tax exemptions granted for the manufacture of mobile handsets and

tablets, under the impending Goods and Services Tax regime, to prop up domestic manufacturing of electronic products.

- Moussa Faki Mahamat appointed as new African Union(AU) head.
- Taxpayers who do not file their Income Tax Returns (ITRs) on time will have to shell out a penalty of upto Rs 10,000, but from the 2018-19 Assessment Year (AY).
- INSEAD is the best B-school in the world for the second consecutive year in the Financial Times Global MBA Ranking of the best 100 programmes for 2017.
- Amit Mishra, after picking up his 201st T20 wicket in the Bengaluru T20I, became India's highest wicket taker in T20 cricket, overtaking Ravichandran Ashwin's record of 200 wickets.
- It was a clean sweep for India's favourite airline -SpiceJet at the Asia One Awards, Singapore - as it walked away with top recognition in three prime categories.
- Delhi Minister for Tourism, Culture and Languages Kapil Mishra Monday announced that the Delhi government has decided to set up a 'Punjabi chair' in Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) to promote research into the Punjabi language.
- Olympic and Paralympic medals for the Tokyo 2020 Games will be made from recycled mobile phones.
- Finance Minister Arun Jaitley in his budget speech said income tax for small companies with annual turnover of up to Rs. 50 crore will be reduced to 25% from 30% earlier.
- Opener Rishabh Pant, who made his international debut in the T20I against England at Bengaluru on Wednesday, has become India's youngest T20I debutant.
- Finance Minister Arun Jaitley during Parliament Budget Session on Wednesday announced scrapping of Foreign Investment Promotion Board to ease the inflow of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).
- Indian government has proposed to launch an online education platform SWAYAM by leveraging information technology, finance minister Arun Jaitley said while presenting the union budget for the year 2017-18.
- In the Union Budget 2017 finance minister Arun Jaitley said railways will no longer levy service charge on train tickets booked online through the IRCTC website.
- Rs 10,000 cr allocated for PSB recapitalization.
- Yuzvendra Chahal first became the first Indian bowler to record a five-wicket haul and then went on write his name in history by finishing with figures of 6 for 25.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum in Russia, scheduled from June 1 to 3, as the 'Guest of Honour'.

- Budget speech, Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley on Wednesday announced that cash transactions above Rs. 3 lakh will not be allowed.
- British PM Theresa May Receives UK Parliament's Approval to begin Brexit Process.
- Amitabh Kant launches India innovation index A joint initiative of NITI Aayog, DIPP and CII.
- 31st Surajkund Crafts Fair (Mela) is one of the most famous fairs, organized every year in Surajkund, Haryana, by Haryana Tourism Department to promote handicrafts items.
- Noted singer Neeti Mohan has become the first Indian female singer to collaborate with UN for women empowerment.
- India and Sri Lanka signed an agreement to construct a multi-ethnic tri-lingual school in a north central district of the island nation that would provide opportunities to Sinhala, Tamil and Muslim students to learn in a multi-cultural environment.
- Kuwait has suspended the issuance of visas for nationals of Syria, Iraq, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran.
- Sanjeev Sanyal appointed Principal Economic Adviser.
- Financing Agreement for IDA credit of USD 201.50 Million was signed with World Bank for the 'Third Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme' (TEQIP III).
- Godrej Properties BSE 0.01 %, the real estate development arm of Godrej Group, has made changes to its leadership team with Chairman Adi Godrej assuming the Chairman Emeritus position.
- Young shuttler Lakshya Sen from Uttarakhand on achieved the World No. 1 ranking in the latest BWF World junior ranking.
- India records highest domestic air passenger growth in 2016.
- 4 February was celebrated as cancer day.
- Finance Minister Arun Jaitley on Friday introduced a Bill on demonetisation in the Lok Sabha to formally make the banning of Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes a law.
- India and Norway have founded a Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) to accelerate life-saving research and development for epidemics.
- Offering a potpourri of plays from India as well as other countries, the 19th edition of National School of Drama's Bharat Rang Mahotsav began in Delhi with much fanfare.
- On the eve of World Cancer Day, a Centre of Integrative Oncology was inaugurated in Noida.
- Ministry of Railways and Ferrovie Dello Stato Italiane Group (FS Group) a Government Company of Italy managing the Italian railway sector have signed a MoU for technical cooperation in rail sector especially in the areas safety in train operations.

- UIDAI clamps down on 50 fraud sites offering Aadhar services
- The Right to Information (RTI) Act came into force in Sri Lanka, a piece of legislation aimed at restoring transparency and good governance in a country that has been plagued by corruption and misrule.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) allowed non-resident Indians (NRIs) to invest in exchange-traded currency derivatives (ETCD).
- LIQVD ASIA, a digital marketing agency, launched India's First Ever Online Exhibition gateway - ExFirst.com in collaboration with iKarmik.com.
- Former Deputy CAG Suman Saxena and two others have been appointed as whole-time members in Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI).
- Former CBI chief Joginder Sharma passes away.
- Indian Squash Team outclassed Rival Pakistan 2-0 in the second round match of Pool A at the 18th Asian Junior Team Squash Championship 2017 in Hong-Kong on February 2, 2017.
- Former Exxon Mobil Chief Executive Rex Tillerson(64) has taken the oath of office as US secretary of state by Vice President Mike Pence in the presence of President Donald Trump in the White House's Oval Office.
- Champion cueist Pankaj Advani won the Indian National Snooker Championship with a 6-0 win over Pandurangaiah of Railways in a one-sided final
- IDFC MD Vikram Limaye the new CEO of NSE.
- Rail museum celebrates 40th anniversary.
- 5.8 magnitude earthquake hits Uttarakhand.
- President Pranab Mukherjee opened the annual 'Udyanotsav' of the Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- Alibaba made app helps find 611 missing Chinese children
- The Centre has formed a six-member committee to give a report on ways to improve India's Haj policy and also look into issue of subsidy to the pilgrimage in light of 2012 Supreme Court order on gradually reducing and abolishing it by 2022.
- Government appointed noted economist Sanjeev Sanyal as Principal Economic Adviser in the Ministry of Finance.
- For the first time since the Supreme Court recognised transgender people as a third gender in 2014, as many as 18 students in Bihar have been allowed to appear for the Board exams conducted by the Bihar School Examination Board (BSEB) under the third-gender category.
- Anand Kumar Gupta has taken over the charge as director commercial at NTPC.

- Health Ministry launches Measles Rubella Vaccination Campaign.
- Iran banned US wrestlers from participating in the Freestyle World Cup competition this month in response to President Donald Trump's executive order forbidding visas for Iranians.
- Tata Motors has introduced TAMO, a sub-brand that will act as an incubator to develop new range of technology-heavy mobility solutions for the Indian and global markets, as part of its transformation journey.
- Leading stock exchange National Stock Exchange selected IDFC chief Vikram Limaye as its new CEO and Managing Director, two months after the sudden exit of Chitra Ramkrishna from the top post.
- Virat Kohli featured in Latest cover star of Wisden Cricketers' Almanack.
- Achankulangare Gopinathan, a top Indian diplomat, has been re-appointed by the UN General Assembly to the Joint Inspection Unit, the only independent external oversight body of the UN system.
- Madhurika Patkar won the women's singles crown for the first time, while veteran A. Sharath Kamal bagged his seventh national crown in the 78th 11Even Sports Table Tennis Senior National Championships.
- India will host FIBA Women's Asia Cup basketball tournament in July, Basketball Federation of India announced.
- CESC wins Bikaner distribution franchise
- Sports Minister Vijay Goel laid the foundation stone of the Center of Excellence for Para Sports Gandhinagar, which will be the first ever training facility in the country dedicated to para athletes.
- Alphabet Inc's Google would sell its satellite imaging business, Terra Bella, to Planet Labs, a San Francisco-based private satellite operator founded by former Nasa scientists.
- Corporation bank Pact with Religare.
- KPMG in India has a new Chairman and Chief Executive Officer in Arun M. Kumar.
- India plans to allow non-state mining companies to mine and sell coal for the first time in more than four decades
- The England Test captain Alastair Cook was honored with the Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (CBE) by Prince Charles at Buckingham Palace, London on February 4, 2017.
- Alistair Cook resigns as England Test Captain.
- Qatar Airways launched the world's longest scheduled commercial service with its inaugural flight from Doha to Auckland.

- The Supreme Court on Monday directed Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led central government to register details of identity of every mobile user within a year.
- Chief Minister Samagra Gramya Unnayan Yojana (CMSGUY) launched in Assam.
- Public sector lender Bank of Maharashtra BSE 0.86 % has partnered with insurance company Cigna TTK Health to market the insurer's products in the bank's branches across the entire country.
- Union Human Resource Development Ministry will set up a department – National Testing Agency (NTA) to conduct examinations for higher and secondary education.
- Iran lifts ban on American wresling team.
- Andhra Pradesh's first Smart Police Station, having look and feel of a corporate-style office, equipped with a "custody" room and under watch of CCTV network, is set to start functioning.
- A 240-KM broad-gauge railway line connecting two major islands, with bridges and stations along the coast, will be part of an ambitious rail link connecting Port Blair with Diglipur on the Andaman and Nicobar Islands — a first in the country that will bring the archipelago on the rail map.
- A Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for implementation of Tourism projects in Jammu and Kashmir was signed among Ministry of Tourism, NPCC & NBCC and Government of J&K.
- Indian Coast Guard to have joint exercise with UAE Coast Guard.
- India's third largest private bank, Axis Bank BSE 0.20 %, has tied up with Earthport Plc, a cross-border payment network, to enable faster outbound cross-border payments for its customers through Earthport's state-of-the-art global payments network.
- Ujjivan Financial Services commenced operations as a small finance bank (SFB) with launch of five pilot branches of in Bengaluru.
- Global taxi-hailing platform Uber announced it has launched a new category UberHIRE that allows customers to hire a taxi for the day, to cover several destinations, and is targetting senior citizens, business travellers and tourists.
- Well known Indian-origin British sculptor Anish Kapoor was named on Monday the winner of a prestigious USD 1 million Genesis prize by Israel for his commitment to Jewish values.
- Queen Elizabeth II marks Sapphire Jubilee.
- New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has renamed Dalhousie Road as Dara Shikoh Road.
- HDFC and KMB go live with Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS).
- Member (Finance) in Prasar Bharati Rajiv Singh took over as the acting CEO of the countrys public service broadcaster.

- Russia has been barred from international competition since November 2015 following a damaging report alleging that state-sponsored doping was rife in the country.
- Shaikha Mozah Al Maktoum, one of the female members of Dubai's ruling family, is claimed to have become the first woman commercial pilot.
- China has become the world's largest producer of solar energy, according to a new report from the country's energy administration.
- RBI keeps policy rates unchanged at the 6th bimonthly monetary policy.
- Helium, considered being a chemically inert and unreactive gas due to its extremely stable and closed-shell electronic configuration, has been confirmed to form a stable compound (Na<sub>2</sub>He) with sodium under high pressure.
- Sourabh Verma clinches men's singles title at the National Badminton Championship.
- 4th BIMSTEC Summit to be held in Nepal
- The Arunachal Pradesh government it has implemented a paperless system to cut down on the time taken to hold a cabinet meeting.
- China becomes world's largest producer of solar power
- Twenty-one-year-old Delhi batsman Mohit Ahlawat has become the first batsman to score a triple hundred in a T20 match at any level.
- RBI lifts cash withdrawal limits from current accounts.
- IAAF bans Russia from 2017 London World Athletics Championships.
- The Telangana government has launched India's first social innovation centre -- The 'Kakatiya Hub for Social Innovation' in Nizamabad.
- India and Austria agreed to amend their existing bilateral taxation treaty to prevent tax evasion as well as enable mutual assistance.
- The 23rd edition of International Conference and Exhibition on Terrestrial & Satellite Broadcasting was held in New Delhi.
- Israel's parliament has passed a controversial law retroactively legalising almost 4,000 settler homes built on privately-owned Palestinian land in the occupied West Bank.
- The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance has entered into four more unilateral Advance Pricing Agreements (APAs)
- Chief Minister Pema Khandu has introduced the 'Arunachal Civil Service Awards' for excellence in public administration.

- Freedom fighter Racharla Samrajyam has passed away
- In a bid to strengthen cyber security system, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) decided to set up an inter-disciplinary panel on cyber security to examine various threats and suggest measures to deal with it.
- The Reserve Bank of India will set up enforcement department to effectively monitor banks in case they violate regulations.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi was apprised of the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) of cooperation between Technology Development Board (TDB), Department of Science and Technology, Government of India and Bpifrance- which is a Public Investment Bank in France.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved 'Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan' (PMGDISHA) to make 6 crore rural households digitally literate.
- The Ministry of External Affairs in coordination with the Department of Atomic Energy hosted the Implementation and Assessment Group Meeting of the Global Initiative to combat Nuclear Terrorism on February 8-10, 2017 at the Pravasi Bhartiya Kendra.
- Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das launched energy efficient fans and LED tube lights under the 'Unnat Jeevan by Affordable LEDs and Appliances for All' (UJALA) scheme in the state.
- Gujarat has become the first state in the country for establishing cashless system in its public distribution system (PDS) of food grains.
- The Lok Sabha passed the Payment of Wages (Amendment) Bill, 2017 which allows for digital payment of salaries or through cheque.
- The commerce ministry has approved the pilot Revenue Insurance Scheme for Plantation Crops for protecting the growers from the risks such as yield loss, pest attacks and income decline caused by fall in prices.
- In the first move of its kind, the Supreme Court has issued a contempt notice to a sitting judge of the Calcutta High Court and taken away all his judicial and administrative powers.
- Kohli record for most Test 150s by an Indian Captain.
- The Union HRD Ministry has constituted a sub-committee of Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) under Chairmanship of Telangana's Deputy Chief Minister to look into issues of girl's education.
- Private sector lender Federal Bank Limited has partnered with Commodity Online, a leading online data and information portal for the distribution of loans against warehouse receipts and collateral management services across the country.

- In a novel initiative that would push digitalisation and cashless economy, Bank of Baroda (BOB) has tied up with IFFCO, a cooperative, to provide co-branded debit cards with inbuilt overdraft facilities to the farmers.
- Dr P Raghu Ram, president of Association of Breast Surgeons of India, has won the prestigious Dr B C Roy national award for outstanding service in the field of socio medical relief for 2016.
- Official mascot of FIFA U-17 Worlds Cup 'Kheleao' unveiled.
- LIC's MD appointed: Hemant Bhargava
- In a first, the Ministry of Science and Technology has come up with a comprehensive Braille atlas for nearly 50 lakh visually challenged people in the country, especially students.
- As a step in the direction of fulfilling PM Narendra Modi's vision of making football the sport of choice in India, Minister of State (I/C) for Youth Affairs and Sports Shri Vijay Goel launched the Mission XI Million.
- Virat Kohli breaks another record as he becomes first to score four double tons in four consecutive Test series.
- Nilambur teak will soon become the first forest resource from India to get GI (geographical indication) tag of World Trade Organisation (WTO).
- Power, Coal and mining minister Piyush Goyal will launch TAMRA (Transparency, Auction Monitoring and Resource Augmentation) portal and Mobile Application.
- A Nobel laureate who failed his school exams before going on to pioneer body scanning technology has died aged 83.
- Nokia is acquiring Finland-based telecommunications software company Comptel in a cash deal worth €347 million (\$371 million).
- China has released the theme- 'Stronger Partnership for a Brighter Future' and the cooperation priorities of the 2017 BRICS Summit which is scheduled to begin in September.
- India made a presentation to World Trade Organisation (WTO) Director General Roberto Azevedo and India Inc. on New Delhi's proposal for a global pact to boost services trade.
- India and the United Kingdom signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to ease restrictions on the number of scheduled flights between the two countries.
- Enthused by success of two pilot projects on utilising the head post offices as Passport Seva Kendra, the government has now decided to scale up this programme by opening 56 such facilities across the country.
- Union Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers and Parliamentary Affairs, Shri Ananthkumar inaugurated and presided over the orientation programme for the district conveners of National Yuva Cooperative Society

(NYCS) here today, for launching of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) in the country.

- The Andhra Pradesh Government is drawing up plans to make the most of Sagarmala project, identifying 90 projects entailing investment of Rs 1,30,762 crores
- After cooking gas LPG, the government made Aadhaar mandatory for availing subsidised foodgrains from the ration shops with a view to better target Rs.1.4 lakh crore subsidies under the food security law.
- Government of India appoints IAS officer Ajay Tyagi as SEBI chief for 5 years.
- Sudarshan Patnaik creates Guinness World Record by creating a 48.8 feet tall sand castle at Puri beach in Odisha.
  - In its effort to have a full fledged multi-layer Ballistic Missile Defence system, India on Sunday, successfully test-fired its indigenously developed supersonic interceptor missile, capable of destroying any incoming hostile ballistic missile, from a test range off Odisha coast.
  - Intech DMLS Limited, a metal 3D printing provider and metal additive manufacturing establishment in aviation sector, has launched the country's first indigenously developed jet engine series.
  - According to a government notification on February 10, 2017, senior IAS officer Ajay Tyagi has been selected to take over as the next Chairman of Securities and Exchange Board of India(SEBI). He will replace incumbent Chief UK Sinha who retires on March 1, 2017.
  - NPCI launches BHIM app on iOS platform.
  - Famous sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik on Saturday created a Guinness World Record by building the world's tallest sand castle which is 48 feet and 8 inch (14.84 metre) at the Puri beach here.
  - GMR Hyderabad International Airport Ltd, which operates Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, has won the Centre for Asia Pacific Aviation (CAPA) Chairman's Order of Merit for its focus on environmental sustainability and becoming the first airport in Asia Pacific to become carbon neutral.
  - The US and Japanese military have successfully tested the Standard Missile-3 (SM-3) Block IIA missile defence system by intercepting a medium-range ballistic missile target in space for the first time.
  - Ambassador, the iconic Indian car brand that till less than a decade ago carried both the Prime Minister and the common man, is being sold to French carmaker Peugeot.
  - Neelu Rohmetra is the first woman to be appointed director of an IIM at Sirmaur
  - The multinational Aman-17 naval exercise kicked off in Karachi on Friday with 37 countries taking part in the event.

- Union Minister for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi inaugurated the second edition of "Hunar Haat" -- an exhibition to encourage, promote and provide national and international market to master artisans and craftsmen of Minority communities from across the country.
- Over 8 lakh people win Rs 133 crore under digital payments scheme.
- Defending champions India defeated Pakistan by nine wickets in the final of the T20 World Cup for Blind to lift their second straight title.
- NBA 2K eLeague, centered around Take-Two's "NBA 2K" franchise, will launch in 2018 and represents the gamemaker's first major push into the world of competitive gaming.
- The three-day National Women's Parliament, being organised by Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly with the theme of 'Empowering Women — Strengthening Democracy', began in the state capital region Amaravati.
- The Indian Institute of Technology is starting an inter-disciplinary school on Quality and Reliability (Q&R), a first of its kind in India.
- India plans to host a conference with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to share experiences and ideas on prevention of radicalisation.
- Jiro Taniguchi, a legend in Japan's comic art of manga, died at the age of 69.
- Food regulator FSSAI has set up a scientific panel to frame final regulations on fortification of foods and prepare strategies to address malnutrition problem.
- Diego Maradona is getting an ambassador's role with FIFA.
- Narinder Chauhan, who is presently the Ambassador of India to the Republic of Serbia, has been appointed as the next Indian envoy to the Republic of the Philippines.
- R Ashwin became the fastest bowler to claim 250 Test wickets, achieving the milestone in his 45th Test match.
- Monnet Ispat & Energy Ltd. CMD Sandeep Jajodia has been appointed the new president of industry chamber Assocham. Balkrishan Goenka, Chairman, Welspun Group and Kiran Kumar Grandhi, vice-chairman of GMR Infrastructure Ltd, have taken over as senior vice-president and vice-president respectively.
- February 13 was celebrated as World Radio Day. It celebrates the radio as a way of educating people, providing information, and promoting freedom of expression across cultures.
- Indian Navy's survey vessel INS Sarvekshak has gone green by installing a solar power system on board.
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- Germany's parliamentary assembly has elected Frank-Walter Steinmeier, a Social Democrat, as the country's president.
- The 2017 Grammy Awards handed out 84 awards to the music industry's best and brightest.
- Damien Chazelle's "La La Land" dominated the 70th British Academy Film Awards on Sunday night, claiming five prizes including best film, director, and leading actress for Emma Stone.
- The longest elevated bike path in the world has been opened in a city in south-east China.
- Government plans to come out with 'Indradhanush 2.0', a comprehensive plan for recapitalisation of public sector lenders, with a view to make sure they remain solvent and fully comply with the global capital adequacy norms, Basel-III.
- Reliance Defence Signs Master Ship Repair Agreement with US Navy.
- The Union Minister of State for Labour and Employment Bandaru Dattatreya launched the National Career Service (NCS) for youths and Jeevan Praman facility to EPFO pensioners through Post Offices at DakSadan in Hyderabad.
- Aimed at building synergy between business and foreign policy, the Ministry of External Affairs hosted co-host the second Gateway of India Geoeconomic Dialogue on February 13-14 in Mumbai.
- After transforming the lives of villagers in Puttamraju Kandriga in Andhra Pradesh, Indian cricket icon and Rajya Sabha MP Sachin Tendulkar is now set to adopt Donja in Osmanabad (Maharashtra) under the Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojna.
- Loktak lake, the largest freshwater lake in the country, has now become home to first of its kind loktak floating elementary school.
- Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers (GNFC) township, the state owned company's township at Bharuch, which has a population of around 5,000 and floating population of around 10,000 every day, has become 100% cashless and probably the first such township in India.
- Paving the way for the conduct of kambala, traditional buffalo race, the Karnataka Legislative Assembly passed the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Karnataka Amendment) Bill, 2017.
- India's leading agri and FMCG company Ruchi Soya Industries Ltd has signed an agreement with Baba Ramdev-promoted Patanjali Ayurved Ltd for physical refining and packaging of edible oils.
- In the United States, National Security Adviser Michael Flynn has resigned over his contacts with Russia.
- The England and Wales Cricket Board named Joe Root as England's Test captain who will take over Alastair Cook.

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) set a new record in space mission achievements after it successfully launched 104 satellites in one go from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) elected Nilesh Shivji Vikamsey as president and Naveen N D Gupta as vice-president.
- IDFC Asset Management Company has launched an open-ended fixed income fund and hopes to mop-up revenue in the range of Rs 300 crore-500 crore from the scheme in the NFO period itself.
- Shri Ravi Shankar (IFS: 1995), presently High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Uganda, has been concurrently accredited as the High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Rwanda, with residence in Kampala (Uganda).
- Australian cricketer Adam Voges has decided to retire from all formats of international cricket after playing his last match as captain of the team Prime Minister's XI against Sri Lanka in Canberra.
- Kush Bhagat, a second grade student from Hill Spring International School, was awarded the title of Candidate Master (CM) by World Chess Federation body, FIDE.
- Jehan Daruvala won the Toyota Racing Series' New Zealand Grand Prix at the Chris Amon Circuit in Manfeild, New Zealand, on Sunday to finish the 2017 championship on a high.
- Tehmina Janjua becomes the first women to be appointed as the new foreign secretary of Pakistan. She will be replacing Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry in the office.
- Legendary American jazz singer Al Jarreau passed away in Los Angeles. He was 76.
- International Finance Corporation (IFC), part of the World Bank Group, has teamed up with Finance Industry Development Council (FIDC) to conduct training programmes for Non Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs).
- Hosts Haryana won the first edition of the three-day Pandit Deen Dayal Updhyay All India National Style Kabaddi championship held at Motilal Nehru School of Sports.
- Veteran journalist T V Parasuram, a former correspondent of the Press Trust of India, died today in the US due to age-related illness.
- The 11th edition of the Aero India air show which starts in Bengaluru on Tuesday is expected to be one of the largest in recent years, with a focus on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Make in India initiative.
- Government has allocated an amount of Rs 500 crore to India Post Payments Bank for the financial year 2017-18 to help it in setting up 650 branches across country by September 2017.

- According to the global financial services major Nomura, the GDP growth of India is estimated to remain low at 5.7% in the January-March quarter due to the effect of demonetization of high value currency.
- HDFC life launched Pragati, a traditional life insurance plan that has been specifically designed to empower low income families.
- Airbus signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for establishing a Centre of Excellence for aerospace skill development in Hyderabad, together with the Telangana government, National Skill Development Corporation India and AEROCAMPUS France.
- UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres announced the appointment of Jean-Pierre Lacroix of France to head UN peacekeeping for a year pending a review of the world body's functions and structure.
- World's "greatest" sprinter Usain Bolt pipped the likes of Cristiano Ronaldo and LeBron James to win the 'Sportsman of the Year' trophy for a record-equalling fourth time, while gymnast Simone Biles clinched the top honour in the women's category at the Laureus World Awards
- Global Gene Corp and Global Alliance for Genomics and Health (GA4GH) launched the first-ever beacon for Indian genomics data, which is expected to help scientists develop more effective drug delivery systems.
- The United States and Thailand kicked off the 2017 iteration of the annual Cobra Gold military exercises, Asia's largest multinational drill.
- Union Commerce and Industry Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Martina Dalic, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Economy, Republic of Croatia have signed an agreement to boost bilateral trade and enhance economic cooperation in Zagreb, Croati.
- India is among six nations participating in a conference on Afghanistan's future in Moscow two months after Russia hosted a similar conference with only China and Pakistan.
- A new district of Kalimpong was carved out of Darjeeling, which has seen separate statehood demands since 1980s, with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee making the formal announcement.
- Tamil Nadu Governor C Vidyasagar Rao appointed Edappadi K Palaniswami as chief minister after replacing of o panneerselvam .
- The state MP government on decided to set up a tourism board. The decision was reached at a meeting of the tourism cabinet in Pachmarhi.
- The Jammu and Kashmir government launched the e-Prison project to enumerate jail inmates in the State, where numbers of detainees keep swelling during unrest.
- Cabinet has approved merger of five subsidiary banks with State Bank of India.

- Norman Isaac has become the first Indian ever to be promoted by the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) as Technical Delegate (TD).
- A heroic Indian-origin Scotland Yard officer Shand Panesar has been honoured with a top bravery award in the UK for risking his own life to save a family trapped in a burning house, winning the vote of thousands of Londoners.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Thursday said that regional rural banks (RRBs) can grant gold loans up to Rs2 lakh with bullet repayment option against the current limit of Rs1 lakh.
- Shah Rukh Khan to host Hindi version of Ted Talks.
- The Reserve Bank will start reimbursing MDR charges to banks for payments made since January 1 through debit cards by citizens
- Citi has launched instant chat services for customers logged in to Citibank Online (CBOL) in India.
- International Conference on "NexGen Technologies for Mining and Fuel Industries" [NxGnMiFu-2017] concluded in New Delhi.
- Tata Motors and Microsoft India announced a strategic agreement to redefine connected and personalized driving experiences for Indian customers.
- Neelam Damodaran appointed new ED of Bank of India.
- All India Institute of Medical Science, AIIMS of Delhi has won the first prize and a cash reward of 5 crore rupees for maintaining high standards of sanitation and hygiene under the Government's Kayakalp awards.
- Official spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs of India, Vikas Swarup, has been appointed as India's next High Commissioner to Canada.
- The Kerala cabinet gave in-principle approval for setting up a greenfield airport at pilgrim centre Sabarimala.
- The Indian Panorama Film Festival kicked off in Port Blair on February 15, 2017.
- UNICEF makes \$110 million appeal for Sudan children.
- India ranked 143 in the 2017 Index of Economic Freedom.
- A 'Science Express' train was flagged off a seven-month journey that will cover 68 stations across the country, including Agartala and Lumding in the northeast, to spread awareness about climate change.
- Sindhu, who was previously on the sixth spot, surged ahead of Akane Yamaguchi of Japan, to attain her career best ranking.

- Corporation Bank has been awarded once again 'National MSME Excellence Award 2017' organized by the Federation of Industry, Trade and Services (FITS).
- South Indian Bank has been awarded with ISO 27001: 2013 certification for its Information Security Management System (ISMS).
- Karnataka Bank BSE 0.09 % has launched 'National Pension System' (NPS) at its corporate office in Mangaluru
- The United Arab Emirates (UAE) will build the first city on the Red Planet as part of the 2117 Mars project in collaboration with specialised international organisations and scientific institutes.
- Melody Queen Lata Mangeshkar has been honoured with the 'Legendary Award ' 2017 by Brand Laureate.
- Canara Bank has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) to operationalise the Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA).
- Thailand-based airliner Air Asia signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Odisha government in connection with beginning of two-ways direct flights from Malaysian capital Kuala Lumpur to Odisha capital Bhubaneswar.
- ISRO successfully tests its indigenously developed Cryogenic Upper Stage engine for GSLV Mark III rocket.
- Renowned Hindi litterateur and playwright Surendra Verma has been selected for 2016 Vyas Samman for his novel Kaatna Shami Ka Vriksha Padma Pankhuri Ki Dhar Se.
- Eight Executive Directors (EDs) have been appointed in various public sector banks on the recommendations of Banks Board Bureau.
- Reinforcing its reputation for excellence, JLL (NYSE: JLL) has again been named to FORTUNE magazine's World's Most Admired Companies list.
- Mastercard will provide payment processing solutions to Airtel Payments Bank.
- The government has increased the cash credit limit for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to 30 per cent of turnover from the existing 20 per cent to encourage such ventures conduct businesses digitally
- Aadhaar card to be mandatory for College & University students availing benefits under Central Scholarships scheme.

- The Indian Navy's second sailboat 'Tarini' was inducted into service which is a all-women global circumnavigation.
- The government said that the tenure of the next chairman of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi), Ajay Tyagi, will "initially" be for three years.
- Reserve Bank permitted multilateral financial institutions to invest in rupee denominated bonds popularly known as 'masala bonds' issued by Indian entities.
- RP Shah, one of the three General Managers of BCCI, resigned from his post citing his age as a "reason".
- Speakers of six countries will deliberate on ways to achieve sustainable development goals during a two-day South Asian Speakers' Summit.
- India won the silver medal at the women's Asian Rugby Sevens Trophy having won five matches and lost one.
- State Bank of India has announced a tie-up with Greenply Industries to grow a channel financing business.
- Bharat Electronics (BEL) has reportedly launched a new communication radio for the Indian armed forces, called STARS-V Mk III, at the Aero India 2017 show.
- Sandeep Kumar of Haryana won the gruelling men's 50-kilometre event of the National Race Walking Championships held in New Delhi.
- UAE based merchant solutions provider OMA Emirates today said it has entered into Indian market with the acquisition of mobile point of sale (mPOS) firm MobiSwipe.
- The National Regulatory Authority of India (NRAI) has been given the maximum ratings by global health body World Health Organisation for vaccine regulations.
- Now, it is easier for the middle and relatively lower income group to avail the legal services of the country.
- To avail benefits under the Central Sector Scholarship Scheme for College and University students, applicants will now have to furnish proof of possession of Aadhaar card or undergo Aadhaar authentication
- Jharkhand government and Microsoft India has inked an MoU for the state government to explore cloud, machine learning and mobile based solutions to improve citizen services and provide better facilities in the fields of education and agriculture.
- India will host Uzbekistan on the hard courts of Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association (KSLTA) in Bangalore when the two sides clash in an Asia Oceania Zone group I Davis Cup tie in April, the AITA announced.

- Two Indian films 'Newton' and 'Aaba' bagged top honours at the annual Berlin International Film Festival.
- Virat Kohli became the first Indian sports personality to strike a Rs 100-crore endorsement deal with a single brand. Kohli signed an eight-year deal with sports apparel brand Puma worth Rs 110 crore.
- Dream Girl Hema Malini's incredible journey from an actor, a danseuse and filmmaker to a politician is being chronicled in a new book which will hit stores on her 69th birthday this October. Billed as an authorised biography, 'Hema Malini: Beyond the Dream Girl' is penned by author-columnist Ram Kamal Mukherjee.
- Melbourne Commonwealth Games gold medalist boxer Akhil Kumar and Olympian Jitender Kumar today confirmed turning professional after signing a multi-year deal with IOS Boxing, the company which has been managing Vijender Singh's pro-boxing career.
- Former Chief Justice of India Altamas Kabir passed away at a city hospital, recently. He was 68. He was suffering from a kidney ailment and related complications.
- In order to focus on deep space missions, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has proposed to set up of two multi-disciplinary, university-led research institutes that will work to develop technologies having potential to extend human presence deeper into the solar system.
- Fabindia has started removing the brand name 'Khadi' it uses to promote its cotton products after a legal notice by Khadi India that the use of the word amounted to unfair trade practice and misusing its trade name.
- T C A Ranganathan and Sunil Mehta were tapped as Non-Official Directors in Indian Overseas Bank and Punjab National Bank respectively.
- India's only live volcano in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands has started spewing smoke and lava again.
- AirAsia became the first foreign airline ever to start its operations from Srinagar international airport in Jammu and Kashmir.
- On the occasion of its 75th Foundation Day, Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC) has come up with several digital offerings including launch of mobile wallet 'Oriental Batuaa'.
- The CA Institute's Accounting Research Foundation (ARF) has signed an agreement with Railways.
- Savings accounts holders will now be able to withdraw up to Rs 50,000 per week.
- Ending more than two weeks of standoff with Nagaland Tribes Action Committee (NTAC), Nagaland chief minister TR Zeliang resigned from his post.
- Famous Hindi novelist Ved Prakash Sharma was passed away in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh on February 18, 2017 . He was 62. He has written nearly 176 novels includes "Qaidi No 100" and "Vardi Wala Gunda".

- Afghanistan cricket broke a new barrier when Mohammad Nabi and Rashid Khan became the first from the war-torn nation to be picked in the Indian Premier League (IPL) auction.
- Pakistan all-rounder Shahid Afridi has announced his retirement from international cricket, but stated that he wants to play in his country's domestic league for two more years.
- SpaceX has launched the first private rocket from the same historic site that saw some of NASA's greatest space missions, then landed a booster nearby in a resounding success.
- Tata Sons Chairman designate Natarajan Chandrasekaran will also hold the chairmanship of the group's crown jewel Tata Consultancy Services .
- Tata Steel's Katamati iron mine has been honoured with the the Best Green Organisation of the Year Award at the Global Green Future Leadership Awards in recognition of its environmental protection measures.
- Jo-Wilfried Tsonga engineered a comeback to defeat David Goffin at the Rotterdam Open and earn a first ATP title
- IT giant Microsoft today announced a "strategic partnership" with Flipkart, wherein as a first step, the online retailer will adopt Microsoft Azure as its exclusive public cloud platform.
- US President Donald Trump has appointed Lt Gen Herbert Raymond McMaster as his new National Security Advisor following the ouster of Michael Flynn last week.
- After making Bihar a dry state in keeping with his 2015 Assembly election promise, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has taken his policy to a whole new level.
- The Khajuraho Dance Festival started at Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh from February 20, 2017. The seven day festival will conclude on February 26, 2017.
- V. K. Srinivasan, noted bureaucrat, columnist and director of the Institute of Economic Studies passed away after a prolonged illness in Hyderabad.
- Bharat QR code the world's first inter-operable payment acceptance solution was launched as part of efforts to move towards less-cash economy at an insignificant cost, according to RBI.
- UNESCO celebrated International Mother Language Day (IMLD) on February 21, 2017 under the theme "Towards Sustainable Futures through Multilingual Education".
- Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM), a mobile app pushed by the government to make digital payments a mass movement in India, has seen over 17 million installs (downloads), a world record, Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog, has stated.

- According to a report released by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) India emerged as the world's largest importer of major arms during 2012–16. As per the report, India accounted for 13% of the global total sales.
- Country's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI) has rebranded its corporate website as "bank.sbi" from the earlier sbi.co.in. Bank.sbi is the highest domain protocol, known as generic top level domain (gTLD).
- Apollo Hospitals Foundation will provide medical support to forest department employees and local communities in the areas where WWF-India operates for conservation.
- Nagaland People's Front (NPF) president Shurhozelie Liezeitsu will be sworn in as the state's eleventh Chief Minister.
- Shri C K Mishra, Secretary, Health and Family Welfare launched the SAATHIYA Resource Kit including 'Saathiya Salah' Mobile App for adolescents as part of the Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK) program.
- Adding to the growing strength of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG), vice admiral A R Karve, flag officer commanding-in-chief, Southern Naval Command, commissioned CGS Ayush, the final vessel in the series of twenty fast patrol vessels (FPVs) designed and built by the Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL).
- The government through its Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-in) launched "Cyber Swachhta Kendra" — a new desktop and mobile security solution for a secure cyber space in the country. The new solution will notify, enable cleaning and secure systems of end-users to prevent further infections.
- Direct-to-home operator Dish TV has tied-up with private lender ICICI Bank for digital payments.
- India and China will hold their first Strategic Dialogue in Beijing. The two sides are expected to discuss all issues of mutual concern and interest including friction points.
- Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Vijaya Bank for providing concessional finance to micro and small enterprises (MSEs).
- The Ahmedabad-based Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), an acknowledged national resource institute for entrepreneurship education, research, training and institution-building, has received the prestigious International Mercury Awards for the year 2016-17 for the best overall presentation of its 2015-2016 annual report.
- Tata group entered into a new era on Tuesday as N Chandrasekaran took over as chief of the holding company of multinational conglomerate.
- Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti declared 2017 as 'Year of Apple' in a major bid to promote the famed Kashmiri apples in domestic and foreign markets.

- The RBI is not aware of the number of bank accounts in which more than Rs 2.5 lakh in the scrapped currency notes of Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 were deposited between November 8 and December 30, 2016 under the Right to Information Act.
- The first heliport in India will be inaugurated by Civil Aviation Minister Ashok Gajapathi Raju in North Delhi on (28 February 2017).
- Azerbaijan's President Ilham Aliyev appointed his wife Mehriban Aliyev as the First Vice President of the country.
- The chief minister Chandrababu Naidu and Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella signed an MoU during an event called 'Microsoft Future Decoded' in Mumbai.
- American professional golfer Dustin Hunter Johnson has claimed No 1 Position in Official World Golf Ranking for the first time in his career.
- The Haryana government gave away the Bhim awards to 42 sports persons of the state, spotting them for their outstanding performance at the national and international fronts between the years 2013 and 2017.
- Britain appointed experienced counter-terrorism officer Cressida Dick as London's new police chief, the first woman to hold the job.
- Debt mutual funds can now invest up to 15 per cent of their total net assets in housing finance companies with Sebi easing the regulations in this regard.
- In a step to maintain secrecy of one's mobile phone number getting exposed to retailers for possible misuse, Vodafone on Wednesday introduced its Private Recharge Mode for its subscribers in West Bengal.
- Benjamin Netanyahu arrived in Sydney on Wednesday on the first visit to Australia by a serving Israeli prime minister.
- India won the men's Roll Ball World Cup Championship as they beat Iran 8-7 in the final on Wednesday.
- Punjab government has prohibited the manufacture, storage, sale or distribution of food products containing tobacco or nicotine like gutkha and pan masala in the state for one year.
- Ola, India's most popular mobile app for transportation has entered into a first of its kind partnership with Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited.
- Union Sports Minister Vijay Goel announced that the first Gramin Khel Mahotsav will be held from 25th to 31st of next month in New Delhi.
- The Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) on Wednesday confirmed the appointment of Abhijit Sarkar as its new Vice Chairman and also the Chairman of the AHF Commercial and TV Committee with immediate effect.

- India's growth is projected to slow to 6.6% in 2016-17 fiscal due to the strains that have emerged in the economy as a result of temporary disruptions caused by demonetization.
- Russia's ambassador to the United Nations, Vitaly Churkin has died in New York City. He was 64.
- The government has allowed women working in industries to take six months maternity leave pre-empting parliamentary approval on the maternity benefit amendment bill that is pending in the Lok Sabha.
- Karnataka Bank has bagged two 'IBA-Banking Technology' awards. The bank was the winner in 'Best financial inclusion initiatives (small bank)' category, and was runner-up in 'Best use of digital and channels technology (small bank)' category.
- Sikkim becomes 22nd state to join UDAY.
- The chief executive officer of Jasper Infotech-owned digital payments platform FreeCharge, Govind Rajan has submitted his resigned.
- Astronomers of NASA have discovered seven Earth-sized planets orbiting a star called TRAPPIST-1. Three of them are in the habitable zone the happy place where liquid water can exist on the surface of rocky planets, as it's not too hot or cold.
- India's one day captain Mithali Raj and Harmanpreet Kaur were placed 2nd and 10th in the ICC batswomen's rankings released after the World Cup qualifier that ended recently.
- German Sportswear giant Adidas announced its ties up with FIFA U-17 World Cup Local Organizing Committee for the Mission XI Million programme.
- Maneka Gandhi announces compensation fund for child abuse victims.
- The National Rifle Association of India(NRAI) announced that India will be hosting the Combined World Cup for shooting in 2019 during the meeting held in New Delhi.
- The Jammu and Kashmir government has banned the big fat weddings to curb the wastage of food in these social events.
- The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, released the book "Judicial Reforms – Recent Global Trends" and presented the first copy to President Pranab Mukherjee.
- The state-owned AAI, along with International Air Transport Association (IATA) launched its e-billing solution for airport operators and air navigation services providers across the world.
- India and Japan ink pact on rail safety.
- Microfinance institution Bharat Financial Inclusion Ltd today launched an initiative for instant loan approval and disbursed them to three women in a village near Bassi in Jaipur district.
- Oriental Bank ties up with Chola MS to sell Insurance products.

- Ms. Suman Saxena took charge as the Whole Time Member, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI).
- Bharti Airtel Ltd agreed to acquire the assets of Telenor ASA's India business, as the country's biggest telecom operator seeks to preserve its position in a market where new entrant Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd's aggressive pricing has spurred a wave of consolidation.
- Supreme Court sitting judge Justice Abhay Manohar Sapre will head the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal, a post that had been lying vacant for nearly one year.
- Punjab Congress chief Amarinder Singh's biography, 'The People's Maharaja', was released.
- Nobel-Winning Economist Kenneth J Arrow dies at 95.
- 9th BRICS summit to be held in China's Xiamen city.
- The government has roped in actress Shilpa Shetty as a brand ambassador for the Modi government's cleanliness initiative Swachh Bharat Mission.
- Kumar Sangakkara becomes second Asian to feature in 1000 matches.
- Limite Zero, a new zipline that connects Sanlucar de Guadiana, in Andalucia, Spain, to Alcoutim, in Algarve, Portugal—which is one hour behind.
- The Gujarat Assembly on Thursday passed an amendment bill which proposes a total ban on hookah bars and imposes maximum jail term of three years on those operating such joints despite absolute restriction.
- Somalia's new President Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed has chosen political newcomer Hassan Ali Khaire, a former oil company executive, as the country's prime minister.
- Rajasthan has become the second largest crude oil producer in the country after the offshore field Bombay High, Governor Kalyan Singh said in the Assembly today, highlighting the achievements of the state government.
- Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH, Shri Shripad Yesso Naik will inaugurate the World Integrated Medicine Forum on Regulation of Homeopathic Medicinal Products: National and Global strategies in New Delhi.