APPOINTMENTS

- The Airtel Payments Bank has appointed former ICICI Bank senior executive Anubrata Biswas as its Managing Director and CEO.
- Pankaj Saran Appointed as Deputy National Security Advisor.
- Giuseppe Conte was sworn in as Prime Minister of Italy’s new populist government.
- Amit Khare assumed charge as Secretary in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.
- Paraguay gets first interim woman President Alicia Pucheta.
- Justice R.K. Agrawal has been appointed as the President of the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC).
- Sudha Balakrishnan Appointed 1st CFO of RBI.
- Former Pakistan Chief Justice Nasirul Mulk was appointed as the interim Prime Minister of the country.

HONOUR, AWARDS AND RANKS

- The Singchung Bugun Village Community Reserve Management Committee (SBVCR) of Arunachal Pradesh was awarded the India Biodiversity Award, 2018.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi handed over the Padma Shri award, to former Singaporean diplomat Tommy Koh.
- Kendrick Lamar received the Pulitzer Prize in music for his album “Damn.”.
- Kailash Satyarthi gets 'Santokbaa Humanitarian' Award.
- Yuvraj Singh Awarded 'Most Inspiring Icon of the Year for Social Welfare'.
- Kerala Cartoonist Thomas Antony Wins International Award.
- Virat Kohli has emerged as the International Cricketer of the Year at the CEAT Cricket Rating awards.

OBITUARY

- Former Himachal Pradesh Governor Urmila Singh Passes Away.
MOU’s, Agreement and Summits

- The 5th India-CLMV Business Conclave was held at Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
- The second edition of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)-Afghanistan Group Meeting was organised in China's Beijing.
- The government of India signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Uttar Pradesh for the management of Widow Home in Sunrakh Bangar, Vrindavan.
- Facebook and National Commission for Women (NCW) have joined hands to launch a digital literacy programme in association with the Cyber Peace Foundation (CPF) to provide digital literacy to the women.
- India has signed the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) in Nursing with Singapore.
- India and Indonesia signed 15 MoUs in the fields of defence, scientific and technological cooperation, railways and health, among others.
- India, Singapore exchanged 8 Key Agreements which covered areas as wide as military cooperation and connectivity.
- Tata Motors Signs MoU with Maharashtra to Promote E-Mobility.
- India and World Bank Signs $500 Million Additional Financing for PMGSY.
- India Signs Loan Agreement Credit of USD 21.7 Million with World Bank for Rajasthan Project.
- The BCCI and UN Environment signed an agreement to promote ‘green’ Cricket in India.
- Nirmala Sitharaman Inaugurated 1st IAF Commanders Conference.
- 3rd Meeting of India-UK Home Affairs’ Dialogue Held in New Delhi.
- Hamburg to Host 2018 Global Wind Summit.

IMPORTANT NEWS - WORLD

- UNICEF launches data visualization app on education scenario in India.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched three Indian digital payment systems - RuPay, BHIM app and UPI by SBI at the 'Business, Innovation and Community Event' in Singapore.
- The United States has renamed its oldest and largest military command, US Pacific Command, or PACOM, to Indo-Pacific Command.
- World’s Largest International Maritime Exercise RIMPAC organised in and around the Hawaiian Islands and Southern California.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi embarked on a three-nation visit to Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore.
- Colombia to Be NATO’s 1st Latin American ‘Global Partner’.
- India Launches Its 2nd IT Corridor in China.
**IMPORTANT DATES**

*World No Tobacco Day* - 31 May 2018. The theme - "Tobacco and Heart Disease".

*International Day of UN Peacekeepers:* 29 May. The theme is 'UN Peacekeepers: 70 Years of Service and Sacrifice'.

*Statehood Day of Goa:* 30 May.

**Important News - India**

- 15th Finance Commission constitutes a high-level group of various eminent experts from across the country in Health Sector.
- *Paytm Payments Bank* has launched an initiative ‘AshaKiran’ to empower women in India’s smaller towns and cities.
- 13th meeting of the Standing Committee of the Inter-State Council (ISC) was held in New Delhi.
- *A.K. Bhalla*, Minister of State for Power launched *PRAAPTI App* and web portal with an objective to bring transparency in power purchase transactions.
- Centre Forms *Caubvery Water Management Authority*.
- India Releases Rs33.10 Cr to Nepal for 2 Road Projects.
- *Sangeeta Bahl* Becomes Oldest Indian *Woman to Scale Mount Everest*.
- Government Launches New Scheme ‘Seva Bhoj Yojana’.
- Income Tax Department Launches New *Benami Transactions Informants Reward Scheme*.
- Indian Economy Grows *7.7% In 4th Quarter*: Central Statistics Data.
- Home Minister Launched Online Analytical Tool to Monitor Foreign Contributions Under FCRA.
- *Akshay Kumar* launched the *twin pit* toilet technology campaign in New Delhi.

**BUSINESS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

- The India Meteorological Department (IMD) launched a new *Ensemble Prediction Systems* (EPS) to offer more accurate and credible weather forecasts weather conditions down to the block level.
- Indian Oil Corporation has emerged as *India's most profitable state-owned company*.
- Infosys Acquires US-Based WongDoody for *$75 Million*.
- Microsoft is Now *Third Most Valuable Firm* Globally

**DEFENCE**
The Eastern Naval Command conducted a 2-day offshore security exercise ‘Prasthan’. The Rustom-2 is an UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) system, indigenously developed by the DRDO. Joint Military Exercise SURYA KIRAN-13 Begins in Uttarakhand. DAC Approves Procurement of Equipment for Defence Forces.

**IMPORTANT NEWS - STATES**

- The Ministry of Culture organized the 9th edition of the Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav in Tehri, Uttarakhand.
- ‘Reuse of Treated Waste Water’ Policy Launched in Gujarat.
- Dehradun to Organise 4th Yoga Day Celebrations.
- Dia Mirza, launched Gaj Yatra from Tura, the principal town of Garo Hills. This initiative aims to secure 100 routes across the country for safe passage for elephants.
- Andhra Pradesh Gets Separate State Symbols.
  - Neem: State Tree
  - Black Buck: State Animal
  - Jasmine: State Flower
  - Rose-ringed Parrot: State Bird
- The state government of Odisha has launched Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana for working Journalists.
- Union Minister for Women and Child Development Maneka Gandhi laid the foundation stone of India’s first advanced DNA forensic laboratory in Chandigarh.
- President Ram Nath Kovind has given his assent to an ordinance to set up the country’s first national sports university in Manipur.
- The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has recognised Cochin International Airport Ltd (CIAL) in Kerala as the world’s first fully solar energy-powered airport.

**SPORTS NEWS**

- **Nepal, Scotland** Among 4 Teams Inducted in ICC ODI Rankings.
- **Vikas Gowda**, India’s Only Discus Throw Gold Medallist at Commonwealth, Retires.
- **Chennai Super Kings** Defeat SunRisers Hyderabad to Clinch Record-Equalling Third IPL Title.
- **Real Madrid** Lifts Champions Trophy Defeating Liverpool.
- **Japan** Win Uber Cup to End 37-Year Drought.