

Banking and Financial Awareness:

- Small Finance Banks and Payment Banks to offer Atal Pension Yojana.
- Mr Arun Jaitley launched CriSidEx, India's first sentiment index for micro and small enterprises (MSEs) developed jointly by CRISIL & SIDBI.
- Paytm, Alibaba's AGTech Holdings Launch New Mobile Gaming Platform.
- IOB Receives Rs173 Cr Capital Infusion from Government.
- Axis Bank Launches 4th Edition of "Evolve".
- CRISIL Upgrades Outlook On 18 PSBs from Negative to Stable.
- SBI to provide credit cards to farmers.
- The Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Shri Arun Jaitley launched CriSidEx, India's first sentiment index for micro and small enterprises (MSEs).
- 6th Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement released by RBI
- The repo rate was kept unchanged at 6 percent.
- The reverse repo rate under the LAF (liquidity adjustment facility) remains at 5.75 percent, and the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the bank rate at 6.25 percent.
- RBI to Set up Ombudsman for NBFCs.
- RBI: Base Rate to be Linked with MCLR.
- IndusInd Bank Launches New Sonic Identity, A Musical Logo.
- PNB signs Pact with National e-Governance Services.
- Bank of Baroda to Exit South Africa by March-End.
- Government Inks \$100 Million Loan Agreement with NDB for Rajasthan Water Project.
- Yes Bank Lists Country's First \$600m MTN Bond On IndiaINX.
- RBI Rolls Out New Stressed Assets Framework to Tackle Bad Loan Problem.
- RBI Relaxes Priority Sector Lending Rule for Banks.
- SBI Wrote Off Bad Loans Worth Over Rs 20,000 Crore Last Fiscal.
- RBI Sets Up Committee Under YH Malegam to Monitor Bad Loans.
- Asian Development Bank And India Sign \$84 Million Loan For Water Supply In Bihar
- Aditya Birla Idea Payments Bank Starts Operations.
- RBI Launches Ombudsman Scheme For NBFCs.
- Capital First Gets NHB Nod For Merger With IDFC Bank.
- Fitch Places PNB On 'Rating Watch Negative' With Downgrade Possibility.
- PNB Arm, IFC Tie Up To Raise \$800 Mn For Affordable Housing.
- NABARD Launches Rs 1,918 Crore Area Development Plan For Punjab.
- Manohar Parrikar Presents Rs 17,123-Crore Goa Budget.
- EPFO Cuts Interest Rate To 8.55% For 2017-18.
- UP Budget 2018: UP Government Presents Rs 4.28 Trillion Budget.

Appointments

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- Usha Ananthasubramanian Becomes 1st Woman IBA Chief.
- John Hennessy Appointed Alphabet's New Board Chairman.
- IOA Joint Secretary Vikram Singh Sisodia Named Chef-De-Mission for CWG.
- Neelam Kapur Appointed DG of Sports Authority of India.
- Lt. Gen Anil Chauhan Takes Charge as DGMO of Indian Army.
- Indian-American Adobe CEO Shantanu Narayen to Lead USISPF Board.
- B A Chopade has been appointed as the vice-chancellor of Banaras Hindu University (BHU).
- Mahmud Hossain appointed new Chief Justice of Bangladesh.
- Jerome H Powell Sworn in as 16th Chairman of Federal Reserve.
- NPCI Appoints Biswamohan Mahapatra as Non-Executive Chairman.
- Indra Nooyi Becomes ICC's 1st Independent Female Director.
- Hardayal Prasad Appointed SBI Card MD & CEO.
- Biswamohan Mahapatra appointed as Non-Executive Chairman of NPCI.
- Indra Nooyi Appointed ICC's 1st Independent Female Director.
- Haruhiko Kuroda Reappointed as Bank of Japan Chief.
- Chandrashekhara Kambara Elected New President of Sahitya Akademi.
- Archaeologist and historian Arvind P. Jamkhedkar will be the next Chairman of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR).
- K.P. Sharma Oli Appointed As Nepal's New PM
- Honour and Awards
- Shabnam Asthana was awarded the Times Power Women of the Year 2017.
- Shyam Benegal Awarded V Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Magahi Writer Shesh Anand Madhukar Awarded Sahitya Akademi's Bhasha Samman.
- Asha Bhosle to Get Yash Chopra Memorial Award.
- Soumitra Chatterjee presented with France's Legion d'Honneur.
- The Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) has been ranked the top environment policy think tanks in India.
- Asha Bhosle Honoured with 5th Yash Chopra Memorial Award.
- Vikas Sathaye, a Pune-born person honoured with the Scientific and Engineering Academy Award at The Oscars Scientific and Technical Awards 2018.
- India's Aadhaar and Umang App Win Award in Dubai.
- BAFTA Awards 2018 happened in London, U.K.
- Milkbasket, an Indian start-up recognised As 'Startup Of The Year' 2017.
- Sanjiv Bajaj Named EY Entrepreneur Of The Year 2017.
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- India and Cambodia Sign 4 MoUs
- Government Signs \$250 Million Loan Agreement with ADB.
- Cochin Shipyard Limited Signs MoU with Russian Firm USC.
- India Joins Ashgabat Agreement.
- Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) signed project agreement with World Bank and for Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP).
- Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) has inked Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Russian Firm United Shipbuilding Corporation (USC) to develop specialized vessels for Inland and Coastal shipping.
- Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) has signed a project agreement with the World Bank for Jal Marg Vikas Project on river Ganga.
- Assam Government, Ola Sign MoU for River Taxi Service.
- India and Palestine Sign 6 MoUs.
- Ministry of Railways sign MoU with Ministry of AYUSH.
- India-Iran Sign 9 MoUs to Boost Bilateral Ties.
- India and Iran Signed Agreement for The Avoidance of Double Taxation.
- PM Modi 3 Nation Visit- India-UAE Ink 5 Agreements.
- PM Modi 3 Nation Visit- India, Oman Sign 8 MoUs.
- India Signs MoU With Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC).
- Telangana, Taiwan Sign MoU For Better Technology Partnership.
- UP Government Signs Pact With Amazon India For Khadi Products Sale.
- India-Iran Sign 9 MoUs To Boost Bilateral Ties.

Important News- World

- UAE Launches World's Longest Zip Line.
- Rwanda Becomes 1st Poor Country to Provide Eye Care for All.
- The 60th Annual Grammy Awards were held at Madison Square Garden in the New York City, the USA.
- Album of the year: "24K Magic," Bruno Mars
- Record of the year: "24K Magic," Bruno Mars
- Song of the year: "That's What I Like," Bruno Mars
- UAE Launches World's Longest Zip Line.
- Finland re-elects Sauli Niinisto as its President.
- Sri Lanka celebrated its 70th anniversary of Independence Day on 4th February 2018.
- Dubai Retains Rank as World's Busiest International Airport in 2017.
- Bermuda Becomes 1st Country in World to Abolish Same-Sex Marriage.
- Sweden Commits Record \$370m of Aid to UN World Food Programme.
- Maldives Crisis- Government Declares State of Emergency.
- The 2018 Winter Olympics Games have officially commenced at Pyeongchang in South Korea.
- World's tallest hotel Gevora opens in Dubai.

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- KP Sharma Oli Appointed Nepal's Prime Minister.
- The World Government Summit 2018 Concluded in Dubai.
- Cyril Ramaphosa Sworn in as South Africa's President.
- Jacob Zuma Resigns as South Africa's President.
- China to Host 2018 SCO Summit at Qingdao in June.
- Cobra Gold Military Exercise Held In Thailand.
- Singapore To Impose Carbon Tax From 2019.
- Sri Lanka's President Maithripala Sirisena reimposed a four-decade-long ban on women buying alcohol, just days after his finance minister had lifted the restriction.
- Health Minister Addresses Global Digital Health Partnership Summit In Australia.
- Finance Minister Arun Jaitley On A Two-Day Visit To Saudi Arabia.

Important Dates

- World Leprosy Day – January 28
- Indian Coast Guard celebrated its 41st Foundation Day on 1st February 2018,
- World Wetlands Day - February 2nd "Wetlands for a Sustainable Urban Future" as the theme.
- World Cancer Day- 4 February 2018
- 6 February: International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation
- The National Productivity Council was observed National Productivity Day and National Productivity Week till 18th February.
- World Radio Day- 13 February. Theme is Radio and Sports.
- International Mother Language Day observed on 21 February.

Obituaries

- The world's oldest man Francisco Nunez Olivera has died.
- Veteran Actor Louis Zorich passes away.
- BJP MP Chintaman Wanaga passes away.
- Senior journalist Daya Nath Singh passes away.
- Chhattisgarh's first Governor D N Sahay passes away.
- Agricultural scientist G S Kalkat passes away.
- Noted Litterateur Chandrasekhar Rath Passes Away.
- Actor John Mahoney Passes Away.
- Kathakali Maestro Madavoor Vasudevan Nair Passes Away
- Pakistan's Iron Lady Asma Jahangir Passes Away.
- Golden Globe Award Winner Musician Johann Johannsson Passes Away.
- Veteran Bollywood actress and Padma Shri awardee Sridevi Passes away at the age of 54 for cardiac arrest.
- Renowned Violinist MS Anantharaman Passes Away.

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Important News- India

- Pulse Polio Programme for 2018 Launched by the President of India.
- Daan Toilet Initiative by Jorhat Administration.
- India Leading in Global Coconut Production.
- Government launches e-marketplace GeM 3.0.
- According to a report by New World Wealth, India has been ranked sixth in the list of wealthiest countries with a total wealth of USD 8,230 billion.
- According to GOBankingRates Survey India is the 2nd cheapest country to live in South Africa.
- India's Crude Steel Production Rises 6.2% To 101.4 MT in 2017.
- External Affairs Minister (EAM) Sushma Swaraj has returned home after successful completion of the goodwill visit to Nepal.
- 7th India Energy Congress Held in New Delhi.
- India to Host Informal WTO Ministerial Gathering in New Delhi.
- FY16 GDP Growth Revised Up to 8.2%, FY17 Unchanged at 7.1%- CSO.
- India has slipped to 42nd place on an annual Global Democracy Index.
- The 32nd Surajkund International Crafts Mela has begun in Faridabad, Haryana. This year Uttar Pradesh is the theme state and Kyrgyzstan is the Partner Nation.
- Aadhaar Is Oxford Dictionary's Hindi Word of 2017.
- First Ever 'Khadi Haat' Inaugurated in Delhi.
- Government to launch KUSUM scheme to encourage farmers for solar farming.
- India becomes third largest producer of crude steel.
- Exam Warriors' Authored by PM Narendra Modi Released.
- 7th India Energy Congress held in New Delhi.
- First International Kala Mela inaugurated in New Delhi
- The "Green Good Deeds" campaign is launched by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- DIPP Launches States' Rankings on Start-ups Initiatives.
- Sourav Ganguly's autobiography "A century is not Enough ": first look unveiled.
- The Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi is on a 3 Nation visit to Palestine, UAE and Oman.
- India ranked 44th in Global Intellectual Property Index.
- The Fifth edition of South Asia Region Public Procurement Conference was held in New Delhi from 5-7 February 2018.
- Union Home Minister has launched the Centre for learning Sanskrit language in Gujarat University, Ahmedabad.
- India Retains Top Spot as Source Market for Dubai in 2017.
- NHAI to Start 'Pay as You Use' Pilot Project On Delhi-Mumbai National Highways.
- 5th South Asia Region Public Procurement Conference Held in New Delhi.
- South Central Railway Becomes 1st Rail Zone with 100% LED Lighting at Stations.

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- Mumbai Airport Becomes World's Busiest Single-Runway Airport.
- NITI Aayog has released a comprehensive Health Index report titled, "Healthy States, Progressive India".
- The National Deworming initiative was launched by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW).
- 2nd National Meet on Grassroots Informatics held in New Delhi.
- 3rd Global Procurement Summit inaugurated in New Delhi.
- New World Health Report Published: Mumbai declared the 12th richest city globally.
- The Union minister Nitin Gadkari released country's first ever Highway Capacity Manual (HCM) which will guide road engineers and policy makers about road expansion.
- Swachh Bharat Sanitation Park inaugurated in New Delhi.
- Anti-narcotics Scheme Extended for Three Years.
- Centre to Change Base Year for GDP, IIP to 2017-18.
- Iranian President Hassan Rouhani Visits India.
- Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau will arrive in India on a seven-day State visit.
- India's 1st Online Radio Station 'Radio Umang' was launched recently in India.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the World Sustainable Development Summit 2018 (WSDS 2018) at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.
- R.K. Singh Inaugurates International Conference 'Indian Power Stations 2018' In New Delhi.
- 12th International Conference On CSR Held in Bengaluru.
- India is hosting the eighth edition of Theatre Olympics 2018 in New Delhi for the very first time and thus, it is a matter of pride for the nation.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated World Conference on Information Technology (WCIT-2018) in Hyderabad.
- 40 Indian Languages and Dialects On The Verge of Extinction.
- Government Approves Auction Of Commercial Coal Mining To Private Firms, which ends monopoly of State-owned Coal India limited.
- Chardham Mahamarg Pariyojana: Silkyara Bend-Barkot Tunnel Approved
- N Gopalaswami Committee to Select Top 20 Educational Institutes of Eminence.
- Union Minister of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Uma Bharti, Government Launches Swajal Programme and Gangotri Swachh Iconic Place Project in Uttarakhand.
- Corruption Perception Index 2017 releases, India Ranks 81.
- Union Cabinet Approves Creation Of National Urban Housing Fund.
- India To Host World Environment Day 2018.
- Iranian President Hassan Rouhani Visits India.
- India International Textiles Expo Begins In Colombo.
- India To Host 1st International Solar Alliance In March 2018.
- Union Minister of State (IC) for Power and New & Renewable Energy, R.K. Singh inaugurated the 'International R&D Conclave' in New Delhi.

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- World Congress On Information Technology And Nasscom India Leadership Forum Held Concurrently In Hyderabad.

Business, Science and Technology

- Google Introduces a New App Named "Bulletin".
- Municipal Corporation of Delhi launches "311 app" to improve civic services.
- Union Environment Minister Harshvardhan launched 'Mihir', a 2.8 PetaFlops capacity high-performance computer system in Noida.
- Google and National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) signed a pact to integrate a course on 'Digital Citizenship and Safety' in information and communication technology curriculum.
- CCI Slaps Rs 136 Crore Fine On Google for Unfair Business Practices.
- Direct Tax Collections Rise 19.3% In April- January.
- ASH Track Mobile App launched for Managing Fly Ash.
- World's 1st Autonomous Pods Unveiled in Dubai.
- BHEL Bags Rs 560 Crore Order from NTPC.
- Light Transport Aircraft "Saras" Completes Second Test Flight Successfully.
- India's 2nd Mission to Moon Chandrayaan-2 to Be Launched In April 2018.
- Unmanned Russian Cargo Ship Progress MS-08 Launched.

Defence

- VINBAX- 1st Military Exercise between India and Vietnam.
- INS Karanj- Third Scorpene Class Submarine Launched by Indian Navy.
- Agni I Missile Test Fired Successfully.
- The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has developed the first flight of Hawk-i with indigenous Real Time Operating System (RTOS).
- Prithvi II Missile Successfully Launched.
- SpaceX has successfully launched the world's most powerful operational rocket Falcon Heavy towards Mars.
- Military Balance 2018- India Becomes 5th-largest Defence Spenders.
- Tri-service Maritime Exercise 'Paschim Lehar' Begins.

Important News- States

- The Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, Mr. Jai Ram Thakur launched the 'Shakti' app for women's safety.
- The Zero Budget Natural Farming (ZBNF) project has been launched by the Himachal Pradesh government to promote organic farming.
- PM Modi Inaugurates Global Investment Summit in Assam.
- World Bank Commits \$100 Million to Boost Tamil Nadu's Rural Economy.
- International Bird Festival to Be Held in Dudhwa National Park, UP.

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- Indian Railways to set up Coach Factory in Marathwada, Maharashtra.
- Government inks \$100 Million loan agreement for Project to Boost Rural Economy of Tamil Nadu.
- Himachal Pradesh launches Zero Budget Natural Farming project to promote organic farming.
- 2018 Republic Day parade: Maharashtra wins best tableau prize.
- Advantage Assam Global Investors Summit 2018 Inaugurated.
- Uttar Pradesh State Government, in association with United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has launched 'DASTAK' on 5th February 2018.
- Maharashtra to become the first state to have Transgender Welfare Board.
- The President of India inaugurated the Mahamastakabhisheka Mahotsav 2018 of Gommateshwara Bhagwan Sri Bahubali Swami at Shravanabelagola, Karnataka.
- Arunachal Pradesh CM Lays Foundation Stone for Rhododendron Park.
- 11 states declared ODF under Swachh Bharat Mission.
- Bihar government bans sale of loose cigarettes.
- The Indian navy has unveiled the Integrated Automation Aviation Meteorological System at INS Garuda naval air station located in Kochi, Kerala.
- Odisha to Sponsor Indian Hockey Teams for Five Years.
- West Bengal Becomes First State to Opt Out of 'Modicare'.
- Youth Exchange Programme 'Watan ko Jano' Launched With an aim to give exposure to the youth and children of Jammu and Kashmir, the Ministry of Home Affairs has launched "Watan ko Jano" programme.
- Maharashtra to Launch Asmita Yojana on Women's Day, which attempts to remove the taboo associated with the topic of menstrual hygiene.
- Khajuraho Dance Festival Begins in Madhya Pradesh.
- Uttar Pradesh Becomes 1st State to Clear Projects Digitally by an online digital platform "Nivesh Mitro".
- Parivartan Scheme launched in Haryana, which addresses major 10 issues including cleanliness and pollution.
- Special Package Launched to Tackle Insurgency in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Government Sets up the NITI Forum for Northeast.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the two-day 'UP Investors Summit' in Lucknow.

Sports News

- Sandeep Lamichhane Becomes 1st Cricketer from Nepal to be Signed for IPL.
- Indonesia Badminton Open 2018: Saina Nehwal Ends as Runner-up.
- India has defeated Australia to lift the Under 19 World cup for the fourth time.
- Saurav Ghosal Becomes the Highest-Ranked Indian Squash Player.
- India Open Boxing: Mary Kom Clinches Gold, India Bag 10 Medals.
- Melbourne to Host Final of 2020 World T20.
- PM Modi Launched 1st Khelo India School Games.

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- Sharath Kamal Wins Table Tennis Nationals Championship.
- Tai Tzu Ying of Taiwan Wins Indonesian Masters.
- The Australian Open is a tennis tournament held annually in Melbourne Park, Australia. Men's Singles winner Roger Federer (Switzerland) and Women's Singles winner Caroline Wozniacki.
- India Clinched under-19 Cricket World Cup 2018.
- Jhulan Goswami Becomes the 1st woman in the World to take 200 wickets in ODI.
- Winter Olympic Games Starts in Pyeongchang, South Korea.
- first Khelo India School Games concluded in New Delhi with sports powerhouse Haryana topped the overall medal tally.
- Shubhankar Sharma Becomes Best Indian Golfer in The World.
- Rohan More to become 1st Asian to Swim Across Ocean Seven.
- Ronaldo Becomes First Player to Score 100 Goals for One Club.
- India to Host 8th Theatre Olympics.
- Tamil Nadu Wins Senior Women's National Football Championship for First Time.
- Kishan Gangolli Wins 13th Edition of National Chess Championship for Blind.
- Sharmila Nicollet, 1st Indian Golfer to Qualify for China LPGA Tour.
- Reigning Commonwealth Games champion Parupalli Kashyap wins Austrian Open.
- Cricket Canada Unveils ICC-Approved T20 League.
- Australia's Most-Capped Female Player Alex Blackwell Retires.
- Roger Federer Wins Rotterdam Open For 97th Career Title.