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Important Days

- National Mission on Clean Ganga (NMCG) will be observing Ganga Swachhta Sankalp Divas on May

02,2017 at 12 locations, namely- Kanpur, Allahabad, Varanasi, Patna, Bhagalpur, Sahibganj, Kolkata, Raj

Ghat (Hardoi), Bithoor, Srinagar (Uttarakhand), Vidhur Kuti (Bijnor) and Devprayag.

- International Workers' Day, also known as Labour Day in some countries, is a celebration of labourers

and the working classes that is promoted by the international labour movement, socialists, communists

or anarchists.

- The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) will observe 'Ganga Cleanliness Pledge Day' on 02nd May

2017 at various places in the river's basin states to spread awareness and ensure

public participation in
the program.

- Every year, 3 May is a date which celebrates the fundamental principles of press freedom; to evaluate press freedom around the world, to defend the media from attacks on their independence and to pay tribute to journalists who have lost their lives in the exercise of their profession.

- The Yogi Adityanath government decided to celebrate 'UP Diwas' on January 24, the day the erstwhile United Provinces was rechristened as Uttar Pradesh.

- International Firefighters' Day (IFFD) is observed on May 4.

- The United Nations is marking the first World Tuna Day with calls to conserve one of the globe's most popular fish to be caught and eaten.

reformer Basavanna and other saints in 23 Indian languages, on the social reformer's birth anniversary.

- India's foreign exchange (Forex) reserves rose by \$1.25 billion as on April 21, 2017 as per the data

released by RBI.

- A hamlet in Sataradistrict of Maharashtra, popular for its strawberries is all set to embrace the tag of

India's first 'village of books', a concept inspired by Britain's Hay-on-Wye, a Welsh town known for its

book stores and literature festivals.

- The government on Friday launched a new policy for HIV under which anyone who is tested and found

positive will get the necessary treatment.

- A ward in the Kerala's Aymanam district became India's first digitised panchayat ward.
- Assam got its first Shatabdi Express with Minister of State for Railways Rajen Gohain

flagging off the

train from Dibrugarh. The new Shatabdi Express train (No. 12085/12086) will run between Dibrugarh

and Guwahati.

- Aymanam ward in the Kerala district on became India's first digitalised panchayat ward.

Union minister

of state for social justice and empowerment Krishan Pal Gurjar inaugurated the website of the first

digitalised panchayat ward number 15 of Aymanam gram panchayat.

- Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has inaugurated the State's first automatic weather

station at Dongargaon in Vidarbha region.

- Indian Railways is expected to launch a new premier train, called the Tejas Express, between Mumbai

and Goa in June.

- The Real Estate (Regulation & Development) Act, 2016, the landmark realty law to protect

home buyers

from unscrupulous developers

- Minister of State (I/C) for Labour and Employment, Shri Bandaru Dattatreya launched two schemes

“One IP- Two Dispensaries” and “Aadhaar based Online Claim Submission” on the occasion of

International Labour Day (1st May).

- Union Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar launched 'Students for soldiers- a

nationwide Vidya-Veerta Abhiyan' to

encourage Universities to display portraits of Param Veer Chakra-decorated soldiers.

- Mr. Anthony Lianzuala took over as the New Controller General of Accounts (CGA), Department of

Expenditure, Ministry of Finance with effect from May 1, 2017, in New Delhi.

- The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has recently announced new office-bearers for the

year 2017-

18. Ms. Shobana Kamineni, Executive Vice Chairperson, Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd., has assumed

office as the new President of CII. She is the first woman President of CII. She takes over from D.

Naushad Forbes.

- Defence Minister (Additional Charge) Arun Jaitley handed over a number of devices developed by the

DRDO to National Security Guard (NSG), Delhi Police and National Disaster Response Force (NDRF). • Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya flagged off an ambulance service that would cater to cows.

- Union Minister of Human Resource Development Prakash Javadekar launched the Vidya Veerta Abhiyan • 300-foot flag post country's second-tallest, was inaugurated at Kolhapur in western Maharashtra • Madhya Pradesh on Tuesday became the first state in

India to announce shifting of its financial year format to January-December from the present April-March cycle.

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- The Indian Railways will use radio-frequency identification tags (RFID) for tracking of wagons, coaches

and locomotives to ensure effective and transparent functioning.

- Odisha's Sualgiri and Swalgiri communities have been notified as Scheduled Castes following President

Pranab Mukherjee's assent to a new law.

- In around two years from now, the Chenab river in Jammu and Kashmir will be spanned by the world's

highest railway bridge that is expected to be

35 metres taller than the Eiffel Tower. • Uber's standalone food delivery service - UberEATS - has arrived in Mumbai. At launch, it'll be available

in Powai, Bandra East, Bandra Kurla Complex, and the west-lying regions from Lower Parel uptown to Andheri.

• The Indian Railways have sought a 'major makeover' for the AC 3-tier coach in a bid to make it more passenger-friendly.

• Chhattisgarh successfully auctioned its third limestone block, Kesla-II to Dalmia Cement in a bidding that

went on for a record 23 hours with the highest bid received 96.15% of IBM prices which is 20times more

than the reserve price.

• The 'Swachh Survekshan 2017' survey results were recently announced by Urban Development Minister

M Venkaiah Naidu. The total 434 cities of

India were surveyed. Indore in Madhya Pradesh is India's

cleanest city while Gonda in Uttar Pradesh is the dirtiest.

- The Sarbananda Sonowal government has changed the names of all the major roads of the most

important city of Assam.

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has

given its approval for re-structuring the schemes of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI)

under new Central Sector Scheme – SAMPADA (Scheme for Agro-Marine Processing and Development of

Agro-Processing Clusters) for the period 2016-20 coterminous with the 14th Finance Commission cycle.

- The Union Cabinet approved Vijayawada Airport as International Airport.

- Indore has been ranked as the cleanest city

in India+ while Gonda in Uttar Pradesh has been ranked the

dirtiest among 434 cities in Swachh Suvekshan 2017.

- Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari inaugurated two exhibitions namely The

Highway Saga: Past Present and Future and Safe Road and Inter-State Highways Transforming India

(SRISHTI)' at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.

- The Banganapalle mango has received the geographical indication (GI) tag, making Andhra Pradesh the

owner of the variety that originates in its Kurnool district.

- A month after the Uttarakhand High Court declared Ganga and Yamuna and their tributaries as "living

entities having the status of a legal person", Madhya Pradesh government has decided to give similar

recognition to Narmada river by passing a

law in the state assembly.

- In order to Strengthen defence ties, India has opened its first private small arms manufacturing plant at

Malanpur, Madhya Pradesh in a joint venture with Israel.

- India has launched the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV-F09) carrying the GSAT-9 or the

"South Asia" satellite.

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Madhya Pradesh in a joint venture with Israel.

- The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) has constituted a Technical Committee in

accordance with Regulation 14 of the IBBI (Information Utilities) Regulations, 2017. • The

Civil Aviation Ministry has proposed a national no-fly list of the passengers, who behave unruly during journey.

- In view of growing attacks on policemen and incidents of bank robberies, a massive "cordon and

- combing" operation had been launched by the security forces in south Kashmir's Shopian district.
- eVIN (Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network) is an indigenously developed technology system in India

- that digitizes vaccine stocks and monitors the temperature of the cold chain through a smartphone application.

- India successfully launched the South Asia Satellite, intended to serve "economic and developmental

- priorities" of South Asian nations, using its heavy rocket Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV-F09)

- Social media giant Facebook has partnered with country's largest telecom player Airtel to deploy 20,000 internet hotspots through Facebook's

Express Wi-Fi service in India.

- Online classifieds platform Quikr has acquired home services marketplace Zimber for an undisclosed amount as it looks to grow deeper into the home services space.
- Haryana govt to offer meals at subsidised rates for workers.

International Events

- Yusra Mardini, a Syrian woman who helped save a boat carrying fellow refugees, has been appointed by the UN agency for refugees as its new Goodwill Ambassador.
- India will give Rs 35 crore to children of freedom fighters in Bangladesh in the next five years under the new 'Muktijodha scholarship' scheme.
- Former Union minister Ashwani Kumar has been selected by Japan for this year's Spring Imperial Decorations, for his contribution to the strengthening of bilateral ties and promotion of friendship between the two countries.

- Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan was given the ceremonial reception at Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi. The visiting dignitary will hold delegation level talks with PM Modi.

Sports

- In a thrilling finish to Russian Grand Prix, Valtteri Bottas claimed his maiden Formula One victory on

Sunday when he resisted intense pressure from championship leader Sebastian Vettel to triumph for

Mercedes in the last couple of laps.

- Rafael Nadal won a record-extending 10th Barcelona Open title by thrashing Dominic Thiem of Austria

6-4, 6-1, collecting his second claycourt title in a row.

- India's top cueist Pankaj Advani lost to China's Lv Haotian in the summit clash of Asian Snooker

Championship held in Doha, Qatar.

- Joshna Chinappa scripted history by becoming the first Indian to clinch the Asian

Squash title with a

thrilling win over compatriot Dipika

Pallikal Karthik in the women's final.

- Indian tennis player Leander Paes won his second Challenger-level title of the season

- Dubai has become the first city in the world to get its own Microsoft font.

- Soumyajit Ghosh has bagged both the singles and doubles gold at the Seamaster 2017 ITTF Challenge

Chile Open in Santiago.

- India have dropped two places to slip to fourth position in the ICC Twenty20 International team rankings

following the annual update on May 1.

- Mark Selby defended his World Championship title with a stunning comeback to beat John Higgins 18-15

and secure his third crown in four years.

- The individual awards of the Hero I-League 2016-17 are finally confirmed following the votes cast by

coaches and captains of the respective ten

team.

- The Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Vijay Goel, announced a wide spectrum of fields

including sports that would fetch the national youth award.

- The Indian national football team scaled further heights to break into the top 100 of FIFA rankings. The

rankings, which were released on Thursday, saw India perched at 100, one place above their April

ranking of 101st. The Blue tigers are placed at 100 alongside Nicaragua, Lithuania and Estonia.

Awards and Honours

- Pawan Munjal, Chairman, Managing Director and CEO, Hero MotoCorp Ltd., was felicitated by the All

India Management Association (AIMA) for the rapid global expansion of Brand Hero.

- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has been selected for the 'Transformative Chief Minister Award 2017' in recognition for

his role in advancing the US-India partnership at the state level.

- Sanjay Pratihar, a scientist at Tezpur University, has been chosen for the the prestigious Indian National Science Academy (INSA) medal for the Young Scientist Award for the year 2017.
- Tamil Nadu government honoured social worker Padma Venkataraman with the state's "Avvaiyar Award" for 2017.
- Chairman of Nicco group and past president of CII Rajive Kaul was conferred with the Order of Diplomatic Service Merit Sungnye Medal of the Republic of Korea for his services rendered as honorary consul general of South Korea in Kolkata.
- Hollywood film The Black Prince, featuring singer-poet Satinder Sartaaj and veteran actress Shabana Azmi, was awarded the Special Jury Remi Award at the 50th annual Worldfest-Houston

International

Film Festival (WHIFF).

- The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS) has announced the winners of the 44th

Annual Daytime Emmy Awards held in California, USA.

- Child actor Sunny Pawar, best known for his performance in the Oscar-nominated film Lion, has been

chosen for the Rising Star Award here.

The award will be presented to Sunny at the 7th Annual Asian

Awards

Science and Technology

- Google has announced the new "Solve for India" initiative, especially for tier-2 cities such as Pune, Jaipur,

Hyderabad, Kolkata, Kochi, Indore, Nagpur, Nashik, Madurai, Kanpur, and Chennai.

This program will aim

to support entrepreneurs and developers

of the country.

- Researchers used naturally occurring pigment found in jamun as an inexpensive photosensitiser for Dye Sensitised Solar Cells (DSSCs) or Gratzel cells.

- The Telecom Department launched a portal that will allow people to track radiation emitted from mobile towers within a locality and check their compliance with the stipulated norms.

- China has beaten the world at building the first ever quantum computing machine that is 24,000 times faster than its international counterparts.

- World's fastest film camera can 'capture' light

- The world's biggest X-ray laser has generated its first beam of light, that will allow scientists to get a glimpse of new materials, drugs and chemical reactions at the atomic level.

Appointments

- Bharti Enterprises, one of India's leading business groups, has appointed Soumen (Sam) Ghosh as

Managing Director of Financial Services.

- Anthony Lianzuala took over as the New Controller General of Accounts (CGA) in national capital on

Monday. Earlier, the Government of India had appointed Anthony Lianzuala, a 1982-batch Indian Civil

Accounts Service (ICAS) Officer, as the new Controller General of Accounts (CGA), Department of

Expenditure, Ministry of Finance with effect from May 1, 2017.

- Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge is the new chairman of the 21-member Public Accounts Committee

of Parliament. Kharge replaces Congress leader K V Thomas whose term ended on April 30.

- Braj Bihari Kumar, the editor of quarterly journals Dialogue and Chintan Srijan, has been appointed as

the chairman of the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR).

- Bharti Enterprises has appointed Soumen ("Sam") Ghosh as managing director, financial services.
- Prabhat Kamal Bezboruah and M S Boje Gowda were appointed as chair
- men of the Tea Board and the Coffee Board, respectively.

Banking and finance

- Reliance Corporate IT Park (RCITPL) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with enterprise application software major SAP SE to launch 'SARAL GST solution for taxpayers.

Deaths

- Famous Sufi singer and daughter of legendary Sitar Maestro (late) Ustad Vilayat Ali Khan, Begum Yaman

K. Khan has passed away after multiple organ failures. She was 52 years old.

Books

- Bollywood actor Aamir Khan launched renowned actress of her age, Asha Parekh's autobiography "Asha

Parekh: The Hit Girl" in New Delhi.

- Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Minister for Information & Broadcasting today released a set of books titled

'Swachh Jungle ki kahani – Dadi ki Zubani' published by Publications Division.