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Important Days

May 08: World Red Cross Day Celebrated

- It is celebrated on the Birth Anniversary of Henry Dunant founder of Red Cross and International

Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

May 10: World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD)

- Theme: "Their Future is our Future"
- It was initiated in 2006

May 11: National Technology Day

- It is celebrated to memorise the anniversary of Shakti, the Pokhran nuclear test held on 11 May 1998.

May 12: International Nurses Day

- Theme: "A voice to lead – Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals".

May 14: International Mothers' Day

- Mother's Day is celebrated on the second

Sunday of May every year.

National Events

- Assam Declared as Disturbed Area under under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act - the AFSPA.
- India's first bio refinery plant which produces ethanol from variety of biomass was inaugurated at Rahu in Pune district.
- Jharkhand became the second state to shift fiscal year to January-December.
- Odisha Government decided to launch boat ambulance services in four districts viz. Koraput, Malkangiri, Kendrapara and Kalahandi
- Haryana Government has decided to initiate the two-month long data generating exercise from June to collect the details of land holdings and status of facilities such as social security pension, scholarship, MGNREGA, loans and LPG connection. The team of data collection will be called Saksham

and e-

Numerator.

- IRCTC has started cash-on -delivery of tickets booked online
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- For the first time in India, Justice CS Karnan of Calcutta high court was sentenced six months jail for

contempt of court.

- Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh announced a new strategy against the Maoists—SAMADHAN which

refers to S-smart leadership, A-aggressive strategy, M-motivation and training, A-actionable intelligence,

D-dashboard-based KPIs H-harnessing technology and A-action plan.

- Kochi Metro's Aluva-Palarivattom corridor will be the first government-owned company in India to

appoint the transgender community.

- Government has set up a high-level task

force to compute timely data on employment in the country,

the team of labour secretary Sathiyavathy, secretary statistics T.C.A. Ananth, Pulak Ghosh of NITI Aayog

and Manish Sabharwal (member RBI Board) as members will work under the chairmanship of Arvind

Panagariya

- 'Integrated Case Management Information System was uploaded on the Supreme Court website to

make the judicial system "extremely transparent"

- Bishu parv or annual hunting festival of Jharkhand's tribal community was celebrated in a bloodless

manner in Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary.

- Bengaluru topped the Savills Tech Cities Index of most affordable tech cities among the 22 tech cities of the world.

- India has decided to replace Maitri Station

at Antrartic with a new station in the next four. •
The Income Tax Department has launched an
e-facility to link Aadhaar with Permanent
Account

Number (PAN)

• Telangana became the first state to pick the
logo for hearing impaired drivers. • India's first
electric taxi trail will be commenced in Nagpur
from May 24 2017. • E-krisi Samvad, an
internet-based interface, has been launched by
Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers
Welfare.

• Election Commission of India has launched
National Contact Centre with a toll-free No.
1800111950. • Border Security Force of India
has decided to build invisible laser walls, Kavach
on India Pakistan
Border.

International Events

• Emmanuel Macron, 39 year old, became the
youngest President of France.
• India organised a cultural festival in Egypt to
mark the 156th birth

- India has been unanimously elected as the president of the UN-Habitat
 - Eager Lion the annual joint military exercise of Jordan and the United States was held in Jordan.
 - Neil Chatterjee was nominated for key administration position in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by US President Donald Trump.
 - CORPAT, the 29th series of India Indonesia's coordinated patrol was conducted at Port Blair.
 - INS Tarkash, a state-of-the art stealth ship, is in the UK for naval exercises and to mark UK India Year of Culture 2017 was welcomed by Sachin Tendulkar on river Thames in London.
 - Liberal candidate Moon Jae-in was elected the President of South Korea.
 - India emerged as one of the top ODA (Official Development Assistance) donors to Nepal.
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- A massive ransomware attack named WannaCry attacked the computer systems across several countries, including India. It is was exploited by EternalBlue.

Sports

- Shiva Thapa won silver medal at the Asian Boxing Championships 2017
- Great Britain won the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup title 2017 after a gap of 23 years by defeating Australia
- India's Vikram Malhotra won his fifth PSA title by defeating Egypt's Youssef Ibrahim in the final of the Abu Dhabi Open.
- Heena Sidhu won bronze medal in 10m Air Pistol at Grand Prix of Liberation Plezn 2017 Shooting championships 2017.
- Jhulan Goswami surpassed the Australian Cathryn Fitzpatrick to become the

leading wicket-taker in

Women's One-Day International (ODI) cricket, taking her haul to 181 wickets from 153 outings.

Devender Singh becomes 2nd Indian javelin thrower to qualify for London Worlds.

- Olly, the representative of Odisha's Olive Ridley sea turtle has been announced as the mascot of Asian

Athletics Championships to be held at Kalinga Stadium, Odisha.

- The National Basketball Association (NBA) opened its first NBA Academy in New Delhi

- Harpreet Singh and Anil Kumar claimed bronze medal in 80kg and 85kg categories respectively at Asian

Wrestling Championship 2017 while woman wrestler Jyoti claimed the bronze medal in 75kg category.

Sakshi Malik and Vinesh Phogat bagged silver medals and Ritu Phogat won bronze in 48kg category.

- Former Indian captain Sourav Ganguly

was named captain of Cricket Australia's
Greatest Champions

Trophy XI 2017.

- Chelsea won the 2016-17 Premier League title by defeating West Bromwich

Banking & Finance

- RBI lowered the threshold needed for implementing a Corrective Action Plan. A minimum of 60% of creditors by value and 50% of creditors by number will now be valid. Earlier, 75% of the lenders by value and 60% by number needed to sign off on a CAP.
- The government of India announced a major restructuring of the PSU bank boards with the appointment of new heads of seven PSU banks and a reshuffle of the management of Punjab National Bank and Bank of India.
- Bank of India has cut its marginal cost

of funds-based lending rates by 5-10 basis points for May. The

revised rates are in the 8.25-8.40 per cent range.

- State Bank of India (SBI) cut rates on home loans of up to Rs30 lakh by 25 basis points for new

borrowers. The rate was reduced to 8.35% from 8.60%. For loans ranging from Rs30 lakh to Rs75 lakh,

the bank has cut rates by 10 basis points.

- Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance launched PoS Saral Nivesh -- the first product to be approved by the

Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India's (IRDAI) guidelines on point of sale-life

insurance products.

- Cashback portal Cashkaro.com has tied up with YES Bank to launch card-linked offers as

part of its

loyalty programme for both offline and online shoppers.

- LIC Housing Finance has come up with a new home loan product 'Griha Siddhi' under which women can

borrow loans up to Rs. 25 lakh at an interest rate of 8.35 per cent per annum. For other borrowers, the

interest rate will be 8.40 per cent.

Science & Technology

- Scientists using NASA telescopes have detected "a strong water signature" in the atmosphere of a

distant Neptune-sized planet called HAT-P-26b

- Ranking/Index

- The Hinduja brothers have topped the 2017 list of UK's 1,000 wealthiest people
- Retail Mogul Yusuff Ali and Pepsico executive Sanjeev Chadha are among the top 100 Indian business leaders in the Arab World 2017, of Forbes Middle East 100 Indian business leaders

Awards & Achievements

<i>Saqib Majeed (Freelance Photographer)</i>	<i>2016 Wisden-MCC (Melbourne Cricket Council) Cricket Photograph of the Year</i>
<i>Konkona Sensharma</i>	<i>best director for A Death in the Gunj and best actress Lipstick Under My Burkha 2017's New York Indian Film Festival (NYIFF).</i>
<i>Mukti Bhawan</i>	<i>Best Film at 2017's New York Indian Film Festival (NYIFF).</i>
<i>Emma Watson</i>	<i>first-ever Genderless Acting Award for the Best Actor category at the MTV Movie and TV Awards.</i>
<i>Sony Picture Networks</i>	<i>Aon Best Employers India in the 2017</i>
<i>N'Golo Kante</i>	<i>Footballer of the Year by Football Writers' Association</i>
<i>Chanda Kochhar</i>	<i>first Indian woman to win Woodrow Wilson Award for Global Corporate Citizenship.</i>
<i>Vikram Visha</i>	<i>India's Young Scientist</i>
<i>NDTV</i>	<i>Media For Sanitation'</i>
<i>M P Veerendra Kumar</i>	<i>K Chandrasekharan Memorial Award</i>
<i>V.V.S. Laxman</i>	<i>life membership to the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC).</i>

<i>7th annual Asian Awards</i>	
<i>Sachin Tendulkar</i>	<i>Fellowship Award</i>
<i>Om Puri</i>	<i>outstanding achievement in Cinema(posthumously)</i>
<i>Adnan Sami</i>	<i>Adnan Sami</i>
<i>Krishnan Guru-Murthy</i>	<i>Outstanding Achievement in Television</i>
<i>Ajay Banga</i>	<i>Business Leader of the Year</i>
<i>Masayoshi Son</i>	<i>Entrepreneur of the year</i>
<i>Nisha Dutt</i>	<i>Social Entrepreneur of the year</i>

Appointments

<i>Amitabh Bachchan</i>	<i>WHO's goodwill ambassador for hepatitis in South-East Asia region</i>
<i>Justice (Retd.) Mukul Mudgal</i>	<i>Head of FIFA's governance committee at the world football governing body's 67th Congress</i>
<i>Vinay Mohan Kwatra</i>	<i>Ambassador of India to France</i>
<i>Harinder Rao</i>	<i>General Manager (GM) of the Eastern Railway</i>
<i>Anil K Gupta</i>	<i>General Manager (GM) of the Western Railway</i>
<i>Taranjeet Singh</i>	<i>Director of Twitter India</i>

<i>Sanjay Mitra</i>	<i>Defence secretary</i>
<i>Usha Ananthasubramanian</i>	<i>MD & CEO of Allahabad Bank</i>
<i>Venu Rajamony</i>	<i>India's Ambassador to the Netherlands</i>
<i>R Subramania Kumar</i>	<i>MD and CEO of Indian Overseas Bank</i>
<i>Rajkiran Rai G</i>	<i>MD and CEO of the Union Bank of India.</i>
<i>Usha Ananthasubramanian</i>	<i>MD and CEO Allahabad Bank</i>
<i>Melwyn Rego</i>	<i>MD and CEO Syndicate Bank</i>
<i>Sunil Mehta</i>	<i>MD and CEO Punjab National Bank.</i>
<i>Dinabandhu Mohapatra</i>	<i>MD and CEO Bank of India</i>
<i>R A Sankara Narayanan</i>	<i>MD and CEO of Vijaya Bank.</i>
<i>Sankara Narayanan</i>	<i>MD and CEO of Vijaya Bank</i>
