

## **NATIONAL AFFAIRS**

- Karnataka received the most supportive government award-2017 at the International Awards ceremony given by WE Connect International,
- Service tax will be exempted on train tickets booked online for a further period till June 30.
- India seeks \$2 billion funding from New Development Bank for infrastructure development
- NTPC has hit 50GW capacity in Uttar Pradesh which contributes 24% of India's power generation.
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- South Asia Sub regional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) pledged to improve intra-regional connectivity to boost trade and tourism by 2025
- The CM of UP Yogi Adityanath directed that 'Rani Laxmibai Aatmaraskha Kaaryakram' and Yog Shiksha Kaaryakram' w compulsory in government schools.
- Union government approved setting up Rail Development Authority (RDA), to recommend passenger and freight fares and set service level benchmarks.
- India's travel and tourism sector ranks 7th in the world in terms of its total contribution to the country's GDP.
- DRDO successfully test-fired an anti-tank weapon "Arjun MK-II" having a strike range of 5 km at Odisha coast.
- Haryana government has decided to observe Mahavir Jayanti as 'Ahimsa Diwas' on April 9th every year.
- Rajeev Sharma, CMD of PFC, presented a token of remittance of Rs.56.43 crore towards 'Swachh Bharat Kosh'

- TATA Power Renewable Energy, has commissioned a 100 MW wind farm at Nimbagallu in Andhra Pradesh.
- Manonmaiam Sundaranar University (MSU) in Tirunelveli has announced to provide free education to transgender from this academic year.

### **INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

- The new carrier of China is being named Shandong will be launched by People's Liberation Army (Navy) of China..
- Canada is expecting double-digit growth in tourism with the introduction of a new non-stop flight between Mumbai and Toronto.
- The Canadian made efforts to attract more visitors in 2017, the 150th anniversary of its foundation.
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- World Bank figures and .new study by 'Price Water House' China will be in the first place by 2050 in terms of economic growth.
- India and U.K announces Green Growth Equity Fund invest up to 120 million each
- A 174-km long underground high-speed rail link will connect China's Beijing with Lanzhou was set to be completed by 2022
- South Korea has successfully test-fired a new 800-km range missile which is a strong warning message to North Korea
- India ranks ninth among 41 countries in bribery and corrupt practices in businesses, in a recent EY Europe, Middle East, India and Africa (EMEIA) Fraud Survey 2017.

- India has taken over full operational control of Unit 1 of the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KNPP).
- India has jumped 12 places to 40th rank globally in travel and tourism competitiveness list by World Economic Forum.

### **BANKING & BUSINESS**

- Tamil Nadu gets Rs.1712-cr drought relief and Rs.1,234cr received by Karnataka
- SBI gets Rs 1,400 crore loan from European Investment Bank to fund solar power project
- IISC found way to recycle e-waste by crushing into nanosize particles very low temperature of -50 to -150 degree Celsius.
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- Indian Overseas Bank has cut its base rate by 20 basis points from April 1. The new base rate of the PSB is 9.5%.
- The Aditya Birla Group said it has received licence from the Reserve Bank of India to start payments bank.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) kept the key policy rate or the repo rate, unchanged and raised the reverse repo rate to 6%, from 5.75%.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) announced it had cut India's economic growth projection to 7.4 per cent for 2017-18, from an earlier estimate of 7.8 per cent.
- Tencent Holdings, a Chinese internet titan best known for its WeChat messaging service and gaming, has overtaken Wells Fargo

### **APPOINTMENTS**

- Tapan Singhel re-appointed Bajaj Allianz General CEO for five years
- Diplomat Vipul, took charge as the new Consul General of Dubai.
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- Kishor Kharat, appointed as Managing Director and CEO of Indian Bank

- IPS officer Geetha Johri became the first woman to be appointed as DGP of Gujarat.
- Mahesh Kumar Jain assumed charge as MD & CEO of IDBI Bank.
- Kenichi Yokoyama has taken over as country director of India Resident Mission of the Asian Development Bank
- NASSCOM appointed **Raman Roy**, as its chairman for 2017-2018. **Rishad Premji**, has been appointed **Vice Chairman**.

### **AWARDS**

- Bob Dylan finally accepts Nobel Prize for literature 2016, months after ceremony

### **SPORTS**

- New Zealand all-rounder Grant Elliott retires from international cricket
- Sindhu wins India Open Super Series title by defeating Marin.
- Roger Federer and Johanna Konta wins the Miami Open in Men's and Women's Singles Tournament respectively.
- The All India Football Federation launches a new invitational annual international tournament to be named Champions cup
- Kenya's Joyciline Jepkosgei broke four world records as she stormed to victory at the Prague Half Marathon.
- Pakistan's most successful skipper Misbah-ul-Haq will retire after the upcoming Test series against the West Indies,
- Chennai City FC signed a long term co-operation agreement with Finnish club JS Hercules for opportunities including education and work placements
- Rio Olympics silver medallist PV Sindhu reached her career-best world number two ranking in the latest Badminton World Federation (BWF) rankings.

### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

- Apr 2 - World Autism Awareness Day. Theme of 2017: "Toward Autonomy and Self-Determination".
- April 5 – National Maritime Day. The year 2017 was the 54th edition of National Maritime Day.

- April 6<sup>th</sup> - International day of sport for development and peace It launches the digital campaign 'We Play Together'
- April 7th – "World Health Day "This year's Theme: "Depression: Let's Talk".

### **OBITUARY**

- James Rosenquist, a leading pioneer of Pop Art has died in New York
- Gandhian Ho. Srinivasaiah passed away in Bengaluru. He was 93. He headed the Karnataka Gandhi Smaraka Nidhi.