

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

- The Navy's iconic Tupolev-142M antisubmarine warfare aircraft guarding the Indian Ocean region for almost three decades will be decommissioned
- Shivaji Memorial Committee in Mumbai stated that the height of Mumbai coast will be raised from 192 meters to 210 meters.
- Narendra Modi's constituency, Varanasi, will hold a two-day G20 working group meeting on March 28th and 29th.
- Tanushree Pareek is the first combat officer in the 51 years of history since 1965 in Border Security Force (BSF).
- Tamil Nadu has become the first to supply the expensive immunosuppressive drugs, free of cost, for organ-transplant patients to 'Below Poverty Line' patients
- Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar was bestowed with the 'Anuvrata Puraskar 2016' for implementing total prohibition of in the state.
- The Rajasthan government has declared 5,656 villages in 13 districts as scarcity-hit in the state..
- The Centre will offer Rs.100 crore each to the top seven Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in the coming financial year to improve their quality in enhancing their global rankings.
- Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IIT- M) and the Indian Army have signed a MoU to identify the critical technological areas that can be enhanced in the armed forces.
- ESIC's first Mobile Clinic Services are launched in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. 24th February is celebrated as ESIC day.
- India has become a net exporter of electricity for the first time, the cross-border transmission lines with neighbouring countries
- Reliance Group chairman Anil Ambani has been inducted into the international advisory board of the global think tank, The Atlantic Council.
- G.Chandramouli, Director of Chennai International Airport received the Tamil Nadu Tourism Award 2016 in the category of 'Best Tourist Friendly Airport'.
- President Pranab Mukherjee will inaugurate Namami Brahmaputra, India's largest river festival in 21 districts of Assam
- Kanha has become the first tiger reserve in India to officially introduce a mascot to preserve the hard ground swamp deer
- Former cricketer Sachin Tendulkar launched his Android and iOS app called '100MB'

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

- Iran will impose sanctions on 15 U.S. companies for supporting Israel's "terrorist actions".
- Houston India Conference was hosted by Asia Society Texas Center. The theme of the Conference is 'Make in India -The Inside Story'.
- Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) and the Nepal Oil Company (NOC) signed an agreement to renew supply of petroleum to Nepal
- NATO plans to spend 3 billion euros to upgrade its satellite and computer technology over the next three years
- The President of Nepal, Bidhya Devi Bhandari, will confer the title of "Honorary General of the Nepalese Army" to Gen. Rawat at an investiture ceremony.
- Tillerson will hold his first meeting with NATO foreign ministers in Brussels to meet a defense spending goal of 2 percent of gross domestic product.
- Trade delegation from Chinese province of Shandong visits Kolkata to set up "an agricultural demonstration centre" in the State.
- El Salvador became the first country in the world to ban metal mining. The decision was taken to protect the Central American country's diminishing water sources

BANKING & BUSINESS

- General Insurance Corporation (GIC Re) is the first PSU insurer to tap the capital market to manage its IPO.
- Pay U is planning to set up a Digibank service to look at easing account opening for youth and provide banking services to unbanked persons.
- Karur Vysya Bank has been adjudged the 'Best Small Bank for 2016'. This is the eighth award won by KVB in the current fiscal.
- Barron's an American financial magazine has listed 30 best CEOs in the world. HDFC bank CEO Aditya Puri is ranked at 23rdposition.
- Bharat Dynamics Limited signed a MoU with Larsen & Toubro for the export of the self-propelled underwater missiles Torpedoes (LWT – XP)
- The Centre said use of Bitcoin has not been authorised by RBI and could breach anti-money laundering provisions
- Souq.com will expand its workforce and operations after Amazon clinched a deal to buy 100% of the Middle East online retailer, with an offer of \$800 million.
- Stockholm-based Truecaller announced partnerships in India with Bharti Airtel, ICICI Bank and Google with 150 million users.

- Tata AIA Life Insurance Co Ltd and Tata Teleservices Ltd (TTSL) joined to launch m-Insurance to bring the economically weaker sections under insurance cover.
- Vijaya bank inked an MoU with Piaggio, to provide financial support for the purchase of vehicles under Small Road Transport operators scheme in Bengaluru.
- The IRDAI has imposed a penalty of Rs.20 lakh on ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company
- "SBI card Unnati" targeted at all SBI customers, including Jan Dhan account-holders across the country with a balance of atleast Rs. 25000 in his/her savings account would be eligible
- UCO Bank has approved raising Rs.1000 crore through issuance of tier-2 bonds to the Life Insurance Corporation of India.
- Asian Development Bank has approved \$175 million loan to Power Grid Corporation to expand its solar energy transmission network in India.
- Exim Bank with African Development Bank (AfDB) approves co-financing of projects in sectors such as power, agriculture and irrigation.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank announced the launch of 8-11 apps completely digital and paperless account opening system, that can be used anytime
- The Bank Board Bureau has recommended names of five candidates to the government for appointment as CEOs and MDs.
- The RBI increased Foreign Portfolio investors' (FPI) limits on investment in government bonds by an aggregate Rs.17000 crore for the April-June period.
- Vivo Healthcare has inked a three-year partnership with Siemens Healthineers to introduce "medical lab technician" course in the country.
- The government has lowered interest rates on small saving schemes PPF, KVP and Sukanya Samriddhi scheme by 0.1 percent for the April-June quarter.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- Scientists identified a record-breaking brown dwarf that is about 90 times as massive as Jupiter, located 750 light years away
- SAW (single actuator wave-like robot) was invented which can navigate through the small intestines and could visualise the digestive system in real time.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- World Theatre Day Celebrated On 27th March The First World Theatre day message was written by Jean Cocteau in 1962.

SPORTS

- ONGC (Uttarakhand) wins Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) (55-52) in the men's final of the 31st Federation Cup basketball championship
- West Bengal clinched the Santosh Trophy for the 32nd time for a 1-0 win over Goa in the premier domestic football tournament held in Goa.
- Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata will be the venue for Under 17 football World cup. The slogan for the tournament will be "Football takes overs".
- Bhubaneshwar Kalinga Stadium will host the Men's hockey World League final 2017 and Hockey Men's world cup 2018.
- Brazil has become the first team to qualify for the football World Cup to be held in Russia from June 14 to July 15 in 2018.
- Indian hockey player SV Sunil was named the Asian player of the year 2016. Drag-flicker Harmanpreet Singh named the promising player in the continental body's annual awards.
- Navjot Singh of Punjab Secretariat and Alga W. James of Regional Sports Board, Mumbai, won the best athletes awards in the all-India Civil Services athletics championships

AWARDS

- National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd. (NTPC) has been bestowed with 'India Pride Award 2016-17' for best performance in the power sector.
- Odisha-based installation artist Sitaram Swain has been chosen as the Glenfiddich's Emerging Artist of the Year 2017.
- Indian-origin British Director Gurinder Chadha is honoured with the Sikh Jewel Award for 2017 award function.
- Ashwin was named as the ICC cricketer of the year 2016, he was honoured with prestigious Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy in Dharmasala.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- Paralympian Devendra Jhajharia and the Badminton team coach Pullela Gopichand released a book titled 'Sports: A Way of Life' by Kanishka Pandey
- Ivanka Trump, share her rules for success in an upcoming business book titled Women Who Work: Rewriting the Rules for Success.

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OBITUARY

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- Renowned playwright and Sahitya Akademi Award winner Padma Shri Arun Sarma dies.
- American artist Gilbert Baker, who created the rainbow flag recognized around the world as a symbol of gay pride, had died.