

## **NATIONAL AFFAIRS**

- Maharashtra CM M Devendra Fadnavis announced that state will digitize all government schools by December 2018 and will be equipped with modern technology.
- Suresh Prabhu inaugurates 24×7 free Wi-Fi internet service at 28 Konkan railway stations which has tied up with Syscon Joister at Kudal and Chiplun railway stations.
- The Kozhikode Town Station becomes city's first women and child-friendly police station in Kerala.
- PM Narendra Modi announced that Gujarat's Kandla Port (renamed as Deendayal Port Trust) will be connected with Chabahar port in Iran, to boost India's international trade.
- Major Nitin Leetul Gogoi was awarded COAS (Chief of Army Staff) commendation for sustained efforts in counter-insurgency operations.
- The Central government has set a target to construct 12 lakh houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) in 2017-18, aiming to ensure housing for all by 2022.
- The Uttar Pradesh government has hiked the monthly 'Divyang' pension from Rs.300 to Rs.500.
- Tripura Assembly set to ratify the Goods and Services Tax bill as part of the constitution (122 Amendment) Bill, 2014.
- Cochin Port Trust has received two Best Performance Awards for the highest growth in operating surplus and also for achieving third highest growth in cargo traffic among the major ports in the year 2016-17.
- Jammu & Kashmir government launched an e-clinics service for farmers with the aim to double farmers' income by 2022.
- The Union Cabinet approved phasing out of the 25-year-old Foreign Investment Promotion Board, a single window clearance mechanism for applications on FDI in India.
- The government has renamed the "Matritva Sahyog Yojana" a scheme to give Rs 6,000 to pregnant and lactating mothers for the first live birth as Pradhan Mantri Matritva Vandana Yojana (PMMVY).

- Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh has released the book 'India 2017 Yearbook' authored by the Union Home Secretary, Shri Rajiv Mehrishi.
- Coal Minister Piyush Goyal launched the Saral Eindhyan Vitaran Application (SEVA) for monitoring coal movement.
- BHEL has commissioned a 270 megawatt (MW) thermal unit at Sinnar in Nashik district of Maharashtra which is the part of Rattan India Nasik Power Ltd's
- The country's first underwater rail tunnel that connects Howrah to Salt Lake in Kolkata scheduled deadline on July 2017.
- Chief Minister V. Narayanasamy presented a Rs. 6,945 crore tax-free budget for Puducherry for the fiscal year 2017-2018.
- Narendra Modi has given its approval for establishment of new AIIMS at Kamrup, Assam with Rs. 1,123 crore and it will be set up under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY).
- The Tenth edition of Goa Marathi Film Festival, scheduled to be held from June 16 to 18, will showcase fashion designer "Vikram Phadnis" directorial debut 'Hrudayantar'.
- PM Narendra Modi launched agro-marine processing scheme SAMPADA to promote food processing and create job opportunities with an initial Investment of Rs.6000 Crore
- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari and Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis, inaugurated 'India's first multi-modal electric vehicle project' fully owned by cab aggregator Ola at the Nagpur Airport Complex .
- UN Environment OzonAction's Compliance Assistance Programme and Environment Ministry organised a 'Ozone2Climate' Technology Roadshow in New Delhi.
- Jindal steel power plant commissions the Odisha's biggest integrated steel plant. It would provide direct employment to around 30,000 people
- Himachal Pradesh will take steps to resume the international paragliding festival in Yelagiri Hills next year, said K C Veeramani, minister for commercial taxes.

- The Heritage Line stretch of Delhi Metro is expected to take considerable load off Chandni Chowk and Chawri Bazar stations of Yellow Line.
- Congress president Sonia Gandhi pays homage to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on his 53rd death anniversary at Shanti Van in New Delhi.
- ISRO set to launch its heaviest rocket of 640-tonne Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle-Mark III (GSLV Mk III) on June at Sriharikota. The rocket will be carrying GSAT-19 weighing around 3.2 tonnes
- Indian Army Chief General Bipin Rawat meets Myanmar's iconic leader Aung San Suu Kyi and hold bilateral talks on defence and security cooperation.
- Union Minister Arun Jaitley launched Aeronautical Test Range in Chitradurga in Karnataka for testing unmanned and manned aircraft being developed locally at Rs 1,300 crore.
- The Pune city police have bagged the FICCI Smart Policing Award for the year 2017, for their initiatives such as "Buddy Cop", "Damini squad" and "Lost & Found portal".
- The Manipur government has declared Dailong village of Tamenglong district as a Biodiversity Heritage Site of the state.
- Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar announced incentives for journalists, including an Rs 10,000 monthly pension scheme for those who are above 60 years and have completed 20 years in the profession.
- CM Pinarayi Vijayan declared Kerala as the first totally electrified state in the country with 4.70 lakh houses electrified houses in the last one year.
- HRD minister Prakash Javadekar launched an Anti-Ragging Mobile App introduced by the University Grants Commission, helps student register complaints to counter the menace of ragging.
- Indian Navy frigate INS Ganga which was built in Mumbai by Mazagon Dock Limited will be decommissioned after 32 years of service.
- Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation has introduced a new campaign "Darwaza Band" for usage of toilet across the country, promoted by Amitabh Bachchan.

- Shipping Minister Nitin Gadkari laid foundation stone of eight connectivity projects worth Rs 1,117.03 of Sagarmala programme crore at Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust.
- Goa government to ban buying and selling of plastic bags below 50 microns from July, starting with fine of Rs. 500 to tackle garbage menace.
- The Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) with an operational name of NavIC is currently being tested and be available in the market for public use early 2018.
- Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) has signed an agreement with ISRO for fodder acreage assessment and markets its products under the brand name of 'Amul'.
- Taj Mahal has ranked in top 10 Global landmarks in the world by securing fifth position in the list. According to the Asia list, Taj Mahal was at No. 2 spot after Angkor Wat.
- Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis launched a 'Shivar Samwad Sabha' to reach out to farmers in the state and address their issues.
- U.P. CM Yogi Adityanath launched a campaign to eradicate Japanese Encephalitis (JE) and also launched a toll free number 18001805544 in 38 districts in the state.

### **INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

- Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan will participate in 172<sup>nd</sup> Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) meeting at Vienna, Austria on May 25<sup>th</sup>.
- North Korea successfully tested the missile "Pukguksong-2", a land based version of Pyongyang's submarine weapon in the army.
- US President Donald Trump visit Israel counterparts are part of his first trip abroad to seek ways to achieve Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement.
- Nauru has become the sixth country to ratify the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Framework pact initiated by the Indian and French Governments at the climate change summit held at Paris
- India becomes the second-largest producer of stainless steel in the world, behind China, in 2016.

- Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has declared martial law for 60 days on Marawi, island of Mindanao. Martial law allows the use of the military to enforce law and the detention of people without charge for long periods.
- Rehana Ameer has become the first India-born woman to be elected as a councilor to ward to the Court of Common Council in City of London Corporation, UK.
- Azraq has become the world first refugee camp powered by renewable energy in Jordan. The \$9.7 million plant was funded by IKEA,
- Nepal Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda announced his resignation. Dr. Sher Bahadur Deuba might be next Prime minister of Nepal,
- Taiwan's top court ruled in favour of gay marriage to make a landmark decision
- The Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) has signed a \$630 million Barak-8 long range surface to air Missile deal with the Indian state-owned aerospace and defense company Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL).
- Japanese World War 2 Museum would be built at the Maiba Lokpa Ching in Bishanpur district, Manipur.
- The maritime exercise "SIMBEX-17" between the Indian Navy and the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) has come to an end. It also displayed the maiden participation of Singapore's F-15SG fighter jets.
- Omar Hegazy has become the first amputee to swim from Egypt to Jordan, crossing a 20-kilometre stretch of the Red Sea's Gulf of Aqaba in nine hours.
- Lenin Moreno was sworn in as President of Ecuador, pledging to continue the left-wing policies of his Outgoing President Rafael Correa.
- United States has proposed to give Pakistan \$ 800 million as reimbursement for its military and logistical support in counter-terrorism operations
- The 43rd G7 summit would be held on 2 days summit (May 26–27), 2017 in Taormina, Sicily, Italy.
- Union External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and Mauritian Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth held bilateral talks in New Delhi. India announced a \$500 million line of credit to Mauritius

- "Hybrid Air Vehicles HAV 304/Airlander 10" is the world largest aircraft successfully completed a test flight in Cardington, UK.
- The world's first operational robot police officer named as "Robocop" was officially inducted at the 4th Gulf Information Security Expo and Conference at Dubai
- The 3rd Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Inter-sessional Ministerial Meeting 2017 was held in Hanoi, Vietnam attended by 16 economic and trade ministers from the 10 member states
- G7 wealthy nations pledged to fight protectionism. However, the United States remained isolated from the other six G7 nations over climate change under the 2015 Paris Agreements.
- The world's largest optical and infrared telescope "ELT" 3,046 m (9,993 ft) on high summit of Cerro Armazones built by the European Southern Observatory in Chile.
- China launched national satellite navigation and positioning system.. The system consists of 2,700 base stations, a national database center and 30 provincial level database centers.
- Australia Becomes First Country To Prevent Paedophiles From Travelling Abroad:
- The Australian government announced a bill, first in the world to prevent paedophiles registered in the country from travelling abroad.
- India's finance & defence minister Arun Jaitley and Fijian counterpart Minister for Foreign Affairs Ratu Inoke Kubuabola signed an agreement that provides defence and security ties including in defence production and military training.
- Cyclone Mora lashed coastal areas causing the islands of Saint Martin and Teknaf in the coastal district of Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh.

## **BANKING & BUSINESS**

- DBS Bank, the first bank in India to adopt a new open architecture model with three life insurers on a single platform. (Aviva India Life, Birla Sun Life and Tata AIA Life)

- Paytm Payments Bank opened with 31 branches and 3,000 customer service points in the first year and becoming the first bank to offer cashbacks on deposits.
- CBDT has signed two unilateral Advance Pricing Agreements (APAs) with Indian taxpayers as it looks to reduce litigation by providing certainty in transfer price.
- Karnataka Bank Ltd has entered into a MoU with LIC of India for selling life insurance products of LIC.
- HDFC Life, announced the launch of India's first life insurance email bot named as "SPOK".
- Moody's, lowered China's long-term local currency and foreign currency issuer ratings to A1 from Aa3, but said its outlook changed from "negative" to "stable".
- Karnataka Bank Ltd has signed an agreement with HDFC Asset Management Ltd (HDFCAML) to sell the mutual fund products of HDFCAML.
- Federal Bank, in association with Geojit has launched a new trading platform called 'Selfie' for customers.
- The Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre and the Norwegian Refugee Council released a new report of India ranked third among countries most affected by displacement related to disasters followed by China (1st) and Philippines (2nd).
- Mumbai and Kota have been named among the world's most crowded city in a list topped by Dhaka from the report of World Economic Forum (WEF)
- State Bank of India has launched a National Hackathon named "Code For Bank". It will start from June 6, 2017 and ends on June 20, 2017.
- Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries (RIL) is the highest ranked Indian firm in Forbes magazine's 'Global 2000' list this year.
- Export Development Canada has provided a loan of \$215 million to the Aditya Birla Group's telecom arm Idea Cellular.
- RBI has allowed co-operative banks are permitted to install ATMs and issue debit cards, to also issue prepaid payment instruments (PPIs) like mobile wallets up to a limit of Rs 10,000.

- RBI To Observe Financial Literacy Week From June 5-9. It will focus on four broad themes—know your customer (KYC), Exercising Credit Discipline, Grievance Redressal and Going Digital (UPI and \*99#).
- Largest fertilizer cooperative IFFCO signed MoU with Bank of Baroda to launch its co-branded debit card for farmers in New Delhi. The co-branded debit cards, with inbuilt overdraft of Rs. 2,500 in special savings bank account.
- American Express claiming the first position in the list released by the Forbes Global List 2017. HDFC was 7th in the list.
- The Employees Provident Fund Organisation has approved hike in investment limit in exchange traded funds (ETFs) to 15 per cent, from the existing 10 per cent.
- Apple opened its first Southeast Asia store in Singapore.
- The Government has selected five merchant bankers Goldman Sachs, Citigroup, Deutsche Equities, SBI Capital Markets and ICICI Securities to manage the government 3% stake sale in IOC
- Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has overtaken Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) to become India's most profitable state-owned company.
- Singapore's central bank levied fine on Credit Suisse and United Overseas Bank (UOB) a total of S\$1.6 million (\$1.15 million) for breaches of anti-money laundering rules.
- The Central government will not bring back its proposal to decrease rate of deduction from salary towards provident fund (PF) savings from 12% to 10%.
- India was ranked 120<sup>th</sup> among 131 nations in women workforce index, a report released by the World Bank.
- The India Development Update report under World Bank projected Indian economy to expand by 7.2% in 2017-18 and accelerate to 7.7% by 2019-20

- Government-run Prasar Bharati signed an agreement with Morocco's Societe Nationale de Radiodiffusion et de Television (SNRT) to step up cooperation in the broadcasting sector.
- Export-Import Bank of India (Exim India) has extended a \$500 million line-of-credit (LoC) to SBM (Mauritius) Infrastructure Company Ltd.
- SEBI proposed levying a regulatory fee of \$1,000 will have to pay once every three years on every foreign portfolio investor (FPI) that issues ODIs or PNs.
- Solar panel equipment will attract the lowest tax rate of 5 per cent under the GST regime, as against the initially proposed 18 per cent.
- RBI to introduce new Re.1 currency note under The Coinage Act, 2011 announced by Shaktikanta Das, Secretary, Ministry of Finance:
- Indian banks likely to increase to 15% of total loans by March 2018 even as their regulatory capital requirements will continue to rise till 2019, S
- India retained its No.1 position of being the world's top most Greenfield FDI investment destination for the second consecutive year according to FDI report 2017, (Tata AIA Life)

## **APPOINTMENTS**

- Iran President Hassan Rouhani won the presidential election in Iran. This was his second term as President of Iran.
- Veteran banker H N Sinor who was offered to quit as non-official member of Bank Board Bureau (BBB), now decided to 're-engage' once again.
- Srilanka President Maithripala Sirisena replaced Mangala Samaraweera from Foreign Minister to new Finance Minister. Ravi Karunanayake, from Finance Ministry, to new Foreign Minister.
- Jim Hackett has been appointed as new CEO of Ford. Existing CEO Mark Fields replaced by Jim Hackett.
- Tata Group Chairman N Chandrasekaran appointed Saurabh Agrawal as new group Chief Financial Officer. Agrawal is currently the head of strategy with the Aditya Birla Group.
- The Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) has appointed Google India managing director and angel investor Rajan Anandan as its new chairman.

- Deep Kalra, chairman and group CEO of online travel agent MakeMyTrip, is the new vice-chairman of the IAMAI.
- M.C. Josephine has been appointed as chairperson of the Kerala State Women's Commission.
- Amul Thapar became only the second Indian-American judge of an appeals court with the United States senate with Shri Srinivasan as first.
- Tokyo based telecom-to-technology giant SoftBank Nominates Rajeev Misra As New CEO Of Vision Fund.
- Najam Sethi was approved as the unanimous choice to be the next Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman. Sethi would succeed Shaharyar Khan as the PCB chief.
- Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus of Ethiopia was voted director general of World health organisation. The first African to head this agency.
- The 38-year-old Andrew Scheer will be the face of opposition Conservatives in 2019 election against the Liberal Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.
- Vani Sarraju Rao appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Finland.
- Jaideep Mazumdar appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Philippines.
- Rakesh Kapur has been appointed a chairman of International Fertilizer Association (IFA).
- Manipur Governor Najma Heptulla has been appointed Chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia. Ms.Heptulla succeeds Lt. Gen. (Retd) M.A. Zaki,
- Former England and Scotland all-rounder Dougie Brown has been appointed head coach of UAE Cricket team.
- Football team Barcelona appointed Ernesto Valverde as coach of the team. Ernesto received two year contract with option of third.
- A treaty was signed by India-Kazakhstan and India-Australia pact for transfer of each other's sentenced prisoners with the ratification of the agreement by both the countries.
- Cabinet approves the Joint Declaration of Intent (JDI) between Germany and India regarding cooperation in the sector of alternative medicine.

- Women in Afghanistan now have their own television channel. Zangeneh – or Women’s – TV began airing this month, with a staff of all female presenters and producers.
- The 28<sup>th</sup> edition of NATO summit has started in Brussels, Belgium. The top agenda of the meeting was to fight against Islamist terrorism.
- The U.S. military fired an ICBM-type missile from the Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands toward the waters just south of Alaska. It then fired a missile to intercept it from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California.

### **AWARDS**

- Thespian Soumitra Chatterjee and Y.C. Deveshwar were conferred the Banga Samman, West Bengal’s highest civilian award, by CM. Mamata Banerjee.
- Rapper Drake grabbed a record 13 wins at the 2017 Billboard Music Awards beating Adele by one, at the event in Las Vegas including best artist.
- Bollywood actor Jacqueline Fernandez received the International Humanitarian award and “bestselling” writer Jeffrey Archer the Lifetime Achievement award at the second annual Asian Voice Charity Awards.
- Malayalam filmmaker Adoor Gopalakrishnan has been chosen for the prestigious J.C. Daniel Award for 2016 (Kerala’s highest award in Malayalam cinema)
- Rohan Chakravarty, a wildlife and environment cartoonist from India has won this year’s WWF International President’s Award

### **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

- Scientists at NASA have named a new organism, Solibacillus kalamii discovered by them after Former president of India, A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.
- The first of the six Scorpene submarines, being built in India under Project-75 by Mazagon Docks Limited (MDL) with technology transfer from France likely to join the Navy by end of July

### **SPORTS**

- Mumbai Indians won the third IPL cup out of 10 IPL seasons in final against Pune Supergiant held in Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Uppal, Hyderabad.

- Real Madrid won against Malaga and claim 33<sup>rd</sup> League La Liga title in La Rosaleda, Spain.
- Nitin Tomar became the highest-bid player of the ProKabaddi League (PKL) when the 22-year-old raider was picked up for a whopping Rs. 93 lakh by the new UP franchise at the Season Five auction.
- Mithali Raj, India woman cricket team captain became the first Indian to lead the side in 100 ODIs.
- Gurindervir Singh (100m) and Abhishek Mathew (800m) won gold medals for India at the Asian youth athletics championship in Bangkok.
- Irene Cheptai, from Kenya won a 10K road race international debut by winning the TCS World 10k road race to reach a target at time clocked 31:51.
- Hockey Chandigarh clinched the 7<sup>th</sup> Hockey India sub-junior boys "National championship 2017 against Sports Authority of India in the final at Bangalore.
- A new table tennis league, named Ultimate Ping Pong (UPP), with six teams on board, will kick off on July 13 with support from the Indian national federation.
- Sri Lankan legend Kumar Sangakkara will retire from First Class cricket in September at the end of England's county championship season.
- At age 39, Sangakkara, one of the legends of Sri Lankan cricket, has over 20,000 runs in first-class cricket, besides being the fifth-highest run-getter of all time in Tests. He also has over 14,000 runs in the ODI format.
- The Indian boy's medley relay team won the gold medal in the 2nd Asian youth athletics championship. Chinese Taipei and Hong Kong took the silver and bronze medals respectively.
- Chelsea got the Premier League trophy (Football) after their win over Sunderland. Chelsea earns Euro 150 million for Premier League title win.
- Antonio Conte, Manager of Chelsea team won Barclays Premier League Manager of the Year after guiding Chelsea to win the Premier League title.

- India defeated Indonesia in the Sudirman Cup mixed team badminton championship at the Carrara Indoor Sports Stadium in Gold Coast, Australia.
- The International Cricket Council announced a long-term deal with luxury brand Hublot, which will include all ICC events to 2020.
- India's off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin won the coveted International Cricketer of the Year award at the CEAT Cricket Rating (CCR) International awards 2017.
- Manchester United defeated Ajax Amsterdam in Stockholm, Sweden to win the first Europa League title Football, thus confirming their qualification for the UEFA Champions League next season.
- Sweden beat Canada to win the Ice Hockey World Championship title for the 10th time. The tournament was held in Cologne, Germany.
- Pakistan cricketer Bilal Irshad created history as he became the first player to score a triple century in a one-day match. He smashed 320 off 175 balls in the Fazal Mahmood Inter-club Cricket Championship.
- Saurabh Chaudhary won the bronze medal in air pistol in the 27th Meeting of Shooting Hopes International Competition in Plzen, Czech Republic.
- Karnataka host "World Surfing League" at Sasihithlu beach near Mangalore in May next year.
- Badminton Player P.V. Sindhu became the second Indian after her compatriot Saina Nehwal to be inducted in the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Athletes' Commission.
- Young Javelin thrower Rohit Yadav, 16, stripped of the silver that he won at the Asian youth athletics championship after he tested positive for the banned Stanazolol.
- Arjun Babuta won silver in the 10m air rifle event of the 27th Meeting of Shooting Hope International Junior competition in Plzen.
- Former women's World No. 1 Ai Miyazato of Japan will retire from professional golf at the end of the 2017 season.
- Borussia Dortmund beat Eintracht Frankfurt to win German Cup:
- World number three Stan Wawrinka beats German qualifier Mischa Zverev and retain the men's title in Geneva Open title.

- Abhimanyu Vannemreddy earned a wildcard entry into Junior French Open Tennis with a fighting win over Hikaru Shiraishi in the final of Rendez-Vous.
- South Korea won badminton's Sudirman Cup for the first time in 14 years with win over 10-time champions China at Australia's Gold Coast.
- India's C A Bhavani Devi has become the first Indian to win the gold medal in Tournoi World Cup Satellite Fencing Championship held at Reykjavik in Iceland.
- Harmanpreet Kaur, first Indian women cricketer to feature in the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of England's Women's Cricket Super League with Team Surrey Stars.
- Ananya Kamboj will represent India at the 'Football for Friendship' Championship in St. Petersburg, Russia from 26 June to 3 July, as a Young Journalist.
- Ferrari team Sebastian Vettel beat his Ferrari teammate Kimi Raikkonen to win the Monaco Grand Prix.
- Chinese Feng Shanshan won over India's leading women golfer Aditi Ashok who tied her 65<sup>th</sup> win at LGPA volvik championship held in Michigan
- India captain Virat Kohli is the only cricketer from the country of top 10 of the ICC Players Rankings for ODIs on to his third spot in the batsman's chart.
- Barcelona and Argentina striker Lionel Messi won the European Golden Shoe for a record fourth time for finishing as the top goal scorer in the season across all European first division leagues.
- Chelsea midfielder and Frenchman N'Golo Kante was named Player of the Year by the English Premier League.

### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

- MAY 23 – International Day to End Obstetric Fistula
- May 29<sup>th</sup> - "International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers". Theme of 2017: Investing in Peace around the World.
- MAY 31: World No Tobacco Day. The theme of 2017 is "Tobacco – a threat to development".

### **OBITUARY**

- Indian businessman Matthunny Mathews who was instrumental in the safe evacuation of stranded Indians during the Iraqi invasion in 1990, passed away.
- Hollywood actor and former James Bond star Sir Roger Moore who played James Bond role in seven feature films died at age of 89 in Switzerland due to cancer.
- Jerry Perenchio, a billionaire media mogul from U.S who turned Univision Network into a major Spanish-language network, has died at 86.
- Former Punjab DGP K P S Gill, the 'Supercop' credited with rooting out terrorism in Punjab with an iron hand, passed away.
- Gregg Allman, the soulful singer-songwriter who founded The Allman Brothers Band, died at age 69.
- Laura Biagiotti was the first Italian designer to present a fashion show in China and Russia dies.
- Former Panama Dictator Manuel Noriega passes away.
- Former Bengal cricketer Tapan Jyoti Banerjee, a right arm medium pacer who was popularly known as 'TJ' dies.
- Film director and former Union Minister of State for Coal Dasari Narayana Rao passed away.
- Former Greek Prime Minister Constantine Mitsotakis, one of Greece's most prominent veteran politicians died at the age of 98.