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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. The Cabinet has approved the extension of the interest subvention scheme of sum of Rs. 20,339 crore for farmers to 2017-18 to implement by NABARD.

2. The Union Cabinet gave ex-post facto approval to an agreement signed between India and Palestine in agriculture.

3. The Union Cabinet approved Memorandum of Understanding between India and Armenia on cooperation on youth matters and on peaceful uses of outer space and a programme of cultural cooperation.

4. The Cabinet has approved a proposal to introduce the Financial Resolution and Deposit Insurance Bill 2017 which will pave the way for setting up of the Resolution Corporation.

5. The Union Cabinet approved signing of MoU between India and Bangladesh for promoting cooperation in the field of Information Technology and Electronics for a period of five years.

6. The statistics ministry is set to change the base year of national accounts to 2017-18 from 2011-12 after completion of the household consumer expenditure survey and labour force data by the end of 2018.

7. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the first terminal of Gorakhpur airport which will have air connectivity with Mumbai and Nepal's Capital Kathmandu

8. Jharkhand government launches 'Mukhya Mantri Kala-azar Unmulan Abhiyan' campaign to eradicate Kala-azar disease with patients getting free medicine, treatment and Rs. 200 per day for one month in 4 districts.

9. Nalanda University has signed a MoU with South Korea's Academy of Korean Studies for academic cooperation, exchange of faculty and Joint teaching.

10. Union Minister, Shri. J.P. Nadda launched a nation-wide Intensified Diarrhoea Control Fortnight (IDCF)" in order to intensify efforts to reduce child deaths due to diarrhoea.

11. The Finance Ministry has imposed definitive anti-dumping duty on Hydrogen Peroxide imports mainly used for pulp and paper bleaching from six countries for a period of 5 years.

12. The Finance Ministry issued draft norms for transitional provisions for foreign companies based on their place of effective management will be the same as that for any foreign company — 40 per cent.

13. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will travel on a Kochi Metro train when he inaugurates Kerala's first metro. In the first 25-km phase, trains will run for 13 km between Palarivattom and Aluva.

14. Led by Hyderabad, six Indian cities are among top 10 investment destinations in the realty sector in the Asia Pacific region says property consultant Cushman & Wakefield.

15. Punjab government signed a tripartite agreement with the Centre and Airports Authority of India under programme UDAN.

16. The Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) is organizing a Sammelan on the theme "Sab Ka Saath Sab Ka Vikas" on 15th June in Mumbai. It showcases the achievements and of GOI & SCI during the last three years

17. The 16th North East Region Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (NERCPA) Conference is being held in Imphal from 14 to 18 June, 2017 on the theme "North East and Look East Policy".

18. The NITI Aayog has shortlisted five States to provide institutional support under the Sustainable Action for Transforming Human Capital (SATH) in education sector.

19. ClearTax, India's largest Income Tax returns e-filing and enterprise compliance service provider has announced the launch of GST Bill book software for SMEs.

20. The Delhi zoo will come up with a scheme that will allow people to adopt animals living on the premises. The move is aimed at fostering ties between humans and the wildlife.

21. President Pranab Mukherjee will inaugurate the Green Line of Metro Rail from Mantri Square Sampige Road Station to Yelachanahalli Metro Station in Bengaluru. Governor: Vajubhai Vala

22. The 10th edition of the Marathi Film Festival was inaugurated in Panaji by Goa CM Manohar Parrikar. Marathi actor Sai Tamhankar will be awarded the 'Face of the Year' award.

23. The Cabinet Secretary's directions a GST facilitation cell has been set up in the Department with a view to facilitate the rollout of GST. The GST facilitation cell is headed by Sh. Sudhansu Sekhar Das, Economic Adviser.

24. The government plans to open passport centres within a radius of 50 km from each other. External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj announced the launch of 149 new Post Office Passport Seva Kendras.

25. The Institute of Social Sciences (ISS), a Delhi-based private research institute, marked the 200th anniversary of Kerala's

"Magna Carta of education" marked in Delhi headed by Vice President Hamid Ansari,

26. Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Nirmala Sitharaman said the first start-up incubation centre for Dakshina Kannada will come up at Mallikatta in the city.

27. Maharashtra has bagged the gold medal for its impressive performance in overall implementation of PMAY (Gramin) for its technology-driven processes for registration, geo-tagging and sanctioning of houses.

28. Researchers at the Hyderabad-based LV Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI) have successfully grown miniature eye-like organs. The miniature eyes were produced using induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cells.

29. Compensation for paramilitary personnel, injured in action leading to 100 per cent disability, has been increased from Rs 9 lakh to Rs 20 lakh.

30. The government is planning to set up an academy to promote Braj Bhasha, a dialect of Hindi which is spoken by people primarily in Braj region including Agra, Mathura, Etah and Aligarh.

31. Union Culture Minister Mahesh Sharma is there in the launch of "Culture Mapping of India" programme at Mathura.

32. Assam government has set the target to provide skill development training to 1.5 lakh youths during current financial year.

33. The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has inaugurated a toll free helpline called 'MADADGAAR' for the Kashmiris. The helpline is the first of its kind in Kashmir with a toll free number (14411).

34. External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj inaugurated Know India Programme (KIP) for young overseas Indians at a function in New Delhi to promote awareness on different facets of life in various fields such as economic and education.

35. Sabarmati Ashram celebrated its centenary on June 17, 2017 in presence of his grandson and former West Bengal Governor Gopalkrishna Gandhi.

36. ISRO has been working on a new propulsion system that is set to usher in a new era of cost effective satellite launches. Electric propulsion (EP) system was first used as a technology demonstrator in GSAT-9 launched on May 5.

37. The Chettuva mangrove forests in Thrissur district as a bird

sanctuary is expected to be given by the State Board for Wildlife at its meeting to be held at Thiruvananthapuram on June 21st.

38. A steel plant would soon come up at Manoharpur in West Singhbhum district. The Vedanta Group and the Jharkhand Mineral Development Corporation would set up the plant. 700 crore

39. The Finance Ministry has asked Punjab National Bank, Bank of Baroda, Canara Bank and Bank of India to explore opportunities for acquisition of small and mid-sized banks with a goal to create global sized lenders.

40. Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao has said the state will shield the proposed 12 per cent reservation for poor Muslim communities even in the highest office of the Central Government.

41. GST Council decided to increase the room tariff threshold, above which the luxury rate of 28% will apply, to Rs. 7,500 from the Rs. 5,000 decided earlier.

42. CII announced that India Inc is ready for the implementation of the GST from July 1, as the new indirect tax regime will contribute significantly towards economic growth, job creation and exports expansion.

43. Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Raman Singh attended the 'Swachta Program' in

Midnapore and inaugurated 'MODIFest', an event to showcase PM Narendra Modi's achievements in his three-year tenure, in Midnapore.

44. The Surat Municipal Corporation (SMC) has cleared an underground waste collection system covering 84 locations. This system was first set up at Haldwani in Uttarakhand.

45. Union Minister of State for Home Hansraj Ahir to set up 'cow sanctuaries' and initiate 'project cow'.. He was addressing a national conference on "BOS INDICUS organised by Virat Hindustan Sangam in Mumbai.

46. After Andhra Pradesh, the Telangana government has inaugurated what it claims to be the country's biggest facility, in Medak district spread over an area of 250 acres in Sultanpur, about 50 km from Hyderabad.

47. GAIL launched the 6,283-crore Bengaluru City Gas Distribution (CGD) project. The project is expected to cover 4,395 sq km in urban and rural Bengaluru,

48. The 114-year- iconic Taj Mahal old building the first in the country to get itself trademarked. Other trademarked building are, the Empire State Building in New York, the Eiffel Tower in Paris and Sydney Opera House.

49. Power Minister Shri Piyush Goyal launched the Energy Conservation Building Code 2017 (ECBC 2017). It was developed by Ministry of Power and Bureau Energy Efficiency (BEE) which leads to 30%-50% energy savings by commercial buildings

50. Culture & Tourism Minister Dr Mahesh Sharma launched the implementation of the National Mission on Cultural Mapping of India at Goverdhan Block, Mathura District of Uttar Pradesh.

51. The government has chosen Bollywood superstar Amitabh Bachchan as the face of GST, which is set to be implemented from July 1. Ace badminton star PV Sindhu was previously the GST ambassador.

52. India's celebrated Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM) completes 1000 earth days in orbit on Monday June 19, 2017. During these 1000 days MOM has orbited Mars 388 times and has relayed back enormous data including over 715 images.

53. Ahead of International Yoga Day, Union Science and Technology minister Harsh Vardhan launched a mobile application connected to Google Map on which people can share their experience about participating in yoga activities.

54. Department of Science and Technology DST runs a programme called 'Science and

Technology of Yoga and Meditation (SATYAM)' which gives information on yoga.

55. Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh announced complete waiver of crop loans of up to 2 lakh for small and marginal farmers with up to five-acre holdings.

56. 8,387 schoolchildren formed the "longest yoga chain" in front of the iconic Mysuru palace eyeing the Guinness World Records. The previous record is held by 3,849 students of Sriperumbudur in Tamil Nadu in 2014.

57. Newly appointed Chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia, Najma A. Heptulla, unveiled a 'Wall of War Heroes' that displays the portraits of 21 martyrs awarded the Param Vir Chakra.

58. The Supreme Court has asked the news papers to implement the Majithia Wage Board award on pay structures of journalists and non-journalists in full.

59. Veteran Bollywood actor Rishi Kapoor will open the 8th edition of the Jagran Film Festival on July 1 which will travel to 16 other cities before culminating in Mumbai with the award ceremony in September.

60. Punjab Finance minister Manpreet Badal presented a budget of Rs 1.18 lakh crore for the financial year 2017-18.

Punjab's outstanding debt will be Rs 1.95 lakh crore by the end of the financial year.

61. Punjab government to establish wellness mohalla (ward) clinics across the state and also initiated the process of providing health insurance to all the citizens at affordable cost.

62. The Rural Development Ministry gave away 144 awards under various categories to states and other organizations under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).

63. The CBDT has notified Rule 10CB of Section 92CE under Income Tax Act, 1961, to provide for secondary adjustment with the time limit of 90 days.

64. The first indigenously built Floating Dock (FDN-2) for the Indian Navy was launched by Smt Anjali Deshpande, wife of Vice Admiral DM Deshpande at Larsen & Toubro Ltd (L&T) Shipyard at Kattupalli near Chennai.

65. Shri Pranab Mukherjee received the first copy of book 'Garuda Purana' (Critical Edition) published by All India Kashiraj Trust (which was first inaugurated by the first President, Dr Rajendra Prasad) at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.

66. Meghalaya finance department signed two MoUs with the State Bank of India for

SBIePay and SBI CMP. as drive towards migrating transactions to the digital mode.

67. Cashless system launched at Lal Quila station DMRC to install 400 POS machines by end of the year with a cashless system of travel by credit and debit cards,

68. Hyderabad Mayor B. Rammohan launched the 'Hyderabad City Wi-Fi Project' or 'Hy-Fi' with over 1,000 hotspots where citizens can access Internet free for about half-an-hour.

69. The state-owned Gujarat State Fertilizers and Chemicals (GSFC) it was exploring the possibility of setting up an ammonia-urea plant in Iran. This plant is expected to cost around Rs 5000-6000 crore.

70. It was the first time a Gorkha had captured the national imagination and Bimal Gurung, whipped up hysteria in the Hills for "pahar ka gaurav (pride of the Hills)".

71. Punjab government has announced that free education for girls in government from Nursery to PhD. Free textbooks and also free Wi-Fi for 13,000 primary schools and all 48 government colleges.

72. Indore has installed India first 14-foot-tall robot to control traffic in the state, developed by Shri Venkateshwar Institute of Technology which took two years and Rs.20 lakh to complete.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. A Protocol of Cooperation was signed between the National Archives of India and the Minister of Culture of the Portuguese Republic in the field of archives in Lisbon, Portugal.

2. NASA's Kepler space telescope team introduces 219 new planet candidates, 10 of which are near-Earth size. This is the eighth release of the Kepler candidate catalog.

3. Navies of India and Australia will participate in bilateral maritime exercise AUSINDEX-17 with an aim to enhancing interoperability and cooperation between the two forces.

4. Indian naval ships Jyoti, Shivalik and Kamorta will join the second edition of the exercise with the maiden one conducted at Visakhapatnam in 2015.

5. Minister of State for External Affairs General V K Singh will represent India at the two-day BRICS foreign ministers' meeting being held in China on 18th and 19th June.

6. Japan enacted a controversial anti-terror law that sparked street protests and warnings from critics that it would stomp on citizens' privacy rights.

7. India and Korea decided to establish \$9 billion in concessional credit and \$1

billion in Official Development Assistance (ODA) funding for infrastructure development projects in India.

8. Dr Neeru Chadha has become the first Indian woman to be elected as a judge at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Seas (ITLOS).

9. Luxembourg IMF chief Christine Lagarde and the euro zone's 19 finance ministers agreed a payout of 8.5 billion euro to meet debt payments of Greek crisis.

10. Zydus Cadila gets approval from US health regulator USFDA to market Acyclovir drug for injection USP. It is used as an anti-viral in the treatment of herpes and AIDS.

11. Boeing won a \$5.8-billion order for for 50 single-aisle jets of its 737 Max jets from China Aircraft Leasing Group amid surging demand across Asia. by 2023.

12. Sulabh International founder Bindeshwar Pathak announced that an open defecation free (ODF) village in Mewat will be named after the US President Donald Trump.

13. A green financing platform jointly supported by China and ADB was launched to help fight air pollution in the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region with a loan of 458 million euros to support the platform.

14. Pakistan PM Nawaz Sharif has retained his billionaire status with his declared asset standing at 1.72 billion in 2016

15. Switzerland ratified automatic exchange of financial account information with India and 40 other jurisdictions to facilitate immediate sharing of details about suspected black money.

16. India and Afghanistan will operationalize a dedicated air cargo link over Pakistan in the next couple of days.

17. This will help increase bilateral trade hampered by their troubled ties with Pakistan, which disallows Indian goods along the road route.

18. Vivid Sydney, The World's Largest Festival Of Light, Music And Ideas, Has Once Again Cemented Itself As A Record-Breaking International Event.

19. Guinness World Records has awarded Vivid Sydney installation Dreamscape with the title for the 'Largest interactive lighting display' from the iconic Sydney Opera House to the Sydney Harbour Bridge into one cohesive canvas of light.

20. United States opens a free trade agreement (FTA) with New Zealand, New Zealand's trade minister Todd McClay visited U.S. President Donald

Trump and also meeting with Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross.

21. Australia's Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, Alex Hawke, announced that Indian nationals can apply for a visitor visa online starting from first July.

22. French President Emmanuel Macron's party has won more than 300 seats in the 577-seat National Assembly.

23. India became the 71st country to ratify the United Nations TIR (Transports Internationaux Routiers) Convention, a move that will help boost trade.

24. China is planning to send mini-ecosystems containing potato seeds and silkworm eggs to the Moon next year to study how the organisms develop on the lunar surface.

25. French President Emmanuel Macron has re-appointed Edouard Philippe as Prime Minister after the weekend's legislative run-off vote and asked him to form the next government.

BANKING & BUSINESS

1. Emkay Global Financial Services has entered into pact with DBS Bank arm DBS Vickers Securities (Singapore) for co-

branding and distribution of equity research to the latter's global clients.

2. According to the Code Compliance Rating of banks only 1 out of 26 public sector banks and 8 out of 17 private sector banks got 'high' rating for their adherence to code compliance.

3. IDBI Bank has announced formation of 100 dedicated staff to recover their NPAs, which now stand at around Rs 45,500 crores and 'Credit Monitoring Group' to find out potential NPAs based on early warning signals.

4. Yes Bank has partnered with mobile payments switch TerraPay to enable real time money transfer to bank accounts in India.

5. The Competition Commission imposed a Rs 87-crore penalty on Hyundai Motor India for unfair business ways with respect to discounts for passenger cars.

6. Telecom regulator TRAI recommended that international roaming SIM card and global calling card providers should pay Rs 5,000 as compensation on service failure on overseas travel both for pre-paid and post-paid subscribers

7. State-owned oil firms IOC, BPCL and HPCL signed an agreement to jointly set up the world's largest refinery

and petrochemical complex in Ratnagiri district of Maharashtra at a cost of \$40 billion.

8. SEBI has issued a comprehensive framework on Margin Trading Facility including disclosure norms and eligibility requirements for brokers to provide it to clients.

9. Indians working overseas sent home \$62.74 billion last year, an increase of 68.6 per cent in the last decade amounted to 3.3 per cent of India's GDP

10. India has moved up six places to 60th among 130 nations on the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2017. Switzerland tops the list.

11. China-led AIIB has approved USD 150 million equity investment loans to the India Infrastructure Fund which is first time to fund private projects.

12. Thomson Reuters and NSDL e-Governance have joined hands to offer an integrated GST proposition for seamless calculation and filing of returns under the new tax regime.

13. Flipkart proposed acquisition of eBay India and has received approval from the Competition Commission of India and also eBay Singapore's subscription of

compulsorily convertible preference shares of Flipkart.

14. India was placed 75th in environment survey with renewable energy making up only 15.2% of all energy used. Mozambique topped the list.

15. Bollywood actor Salman Khan Film 'Sultan' has been lined up for a showcase at the 20th Shanghai International Film Festival in China from June 17-26.

16. 20 Indian firms have been named in the top 100 of Nikkei Asian Review's Asia 300 companies list which was topped by Taiwan's Largan Precision. India's HCL Technologies came in at the second place

17. DCB Bank launched India's first Aadhaar-based iris eye scan customer verification and Aadhaar-based fingerprint-operated ATM in Telangana.

18. The government has made it mandatory to provide Aadhaar to open a bank account and to conduct a transaction of 50,000 or more.

19. ISRO is preparing to launch a back-up for IRNSS-1A, one of the seven satellites in the constellation that has been hobbled by the failure of the atomic clocks on board, the new satellite named IRNSS-1H into orbit.

20. The board of AIIB has approved the applications of Argentina, Madagascar and Tonga to be members, the China-backed multilateral development bank.

21. Dena Bank has reduced home loans rates by 5-10 basis points, taking cue from Reserve Bank of India's easier rules for mortgage-backed lending.

22. India has been re-elected to the UN's principal organ on economic, social and environmental issues for another three-year term. India obtained 183 votes, the second highest after Japan in the Asia Pacific category.

23. India will host the third annual meeting of the China-initiated Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) in Mumbai, India in June 2018.

24. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (Code), has notified the Fast Track Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons Regulations, 2017.

25. State Bank of India has entered into a tie-up with Tirumala Milk Products, a South-based company which was acquired by Group Lactalis in 2014, to provide loans to dairy farmers.

26. The Reserve Bank has initiated Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) against Bank of

Maharashtra (BoM) in view of the high level of bad loans and negative return on assets.

27. ISRO has progressed to the testing of subsystems in the development of a semi-cryogenic engine for rockets with heavier payload capacity engine being developed by the Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre named SCE 200.

28. RBI has directed its lead lender IDBI Bank to initiate insolvency proceedings for the company under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) for Lanco Infratech.

29. According to the bi-annual Global Prime Office Occupancy Costs survey of US-based CBRE, Connaught Place in Delhi has been ranked 9th most expensive prime office market in the world

30. MD and CEO of Bandhan bank Chandra Shekhar Ghosh announced to open another 160 branches at different locations and reach the 1000-mark by the end of this financial year (2017-18).

31. According to Nomura report, India current account deficit is expected to bearound 1.4% of GDP in 2017 owing to stronger domestic growth.

32. BankBazaar started operations in Malaysia, strengthening its presence in South East Asia and has appointed former

Visa employee Vipin Kalra to lead the business.

33. The defence arm of the Tata Group has signed an agreement with American firm Lockheed Martin to produce and export new generation F-16 fighter aircraft.

34. Jindal Steel and Power Ltd (JSPL) announced that it has secured coal linkage in the recently-concluded auctions for the captive power sub-sector for 5-year duration.

35. Adani Group has signed an MoU with one of China's "East Hope Group" to invest \$300 million in a manufacturing unit of Adani port.

36. Paytm will soon launch its payments bank on the unified payment interface by August this year. Paytm Payments bank are allowed to deposit sums up to Rs 1 lakh.

37. Hike Messenger launched the new version of the app with a completely new interface and the addition of a mobile wallet Hike 5.0 in partnership with YES Bank.

38. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India signed a \$275 million loan for improving urban services in 64 small towns in Madhya Pradesh.

39. IDBI Federal Life Insurance partnered with SunTec to facilitate in computing and invoicing of debit tax and credit tax that will

be GST compliant.

India's GDP growth will rise from 7.4% to 7.5% in 2018-19 and to 7.6% in 2019-20 boosted by GST, according to Fitch Ratings.

40. Amazon will acquire Whole Foods Market for \$42 per share in an all-cash transaction valued at approximately \$13.7 billion. John Mackey will remain as CEO.

41. Anil Ambani Group company Reliance Defence Ammunition has entered a strategic partnership with Serbia's state-run defence major Yugo import to manufacture ammunition in India of Rs 20,000 crore over the next 10 years.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNS

1. Ana Brnabic is set to become both the first gay and first female Prime Minister of Serbia following her nomination by the nation's president Aleksandar Vucic.

2. Online restaurant reservation platform EazyDiner has appointed cricketer Yuvraj Singh as global brand ambassador

3. Shashi Shanker will be the next CMD of India's biggest oil and gas producer, ONGC. from October 1.

4. Florentino Perez will remain as president of Real Madrid, Spanish champion until 2021.

5. India has re-nominated Justice Dalveer Bhandari as its candidate for another term as judge at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and, he will serve a term of nine years.

6. The National Democratic Alliance's presidential candidate, Bihar Governor Ram Nath Kovind resigned from his post.

7. Keshari Nath Tripathi, the governor of West Bengal, will now be discharging the functions of the Governor of Bihar, in addition to his own duties.

8. UNICEF announced the appointment of Muzoon Almellehan, a 19-year-old education activist and Syrian refugee as its newest and youngest Goodwill Ambassador.

9. Air Commodore JS Dhamoon, who was commanding the Pathankot air force has taken early retirement from service.

10. French Defence Minister Sylvie Goulard quit her job in the European Parliament.

11. Kusum Sardet of the BJP was elected as the mayor of Shimla the party bagged the post for the first time.

12. Ayurveda physician 'Vaidya' Rajesh Kotecha has been appointed as special

secretary in AYUSH ministry for three years on a contract basis.

13. Travis Kalanick, the founder of Uber has stepped down as CEO of the ride-hailing service.

14. Saudi Arabia's King Salman has been appointed as Mohammed bin Salman as new crown prince and Deputy prime minister of Saudi Arabia. Prince Mohammed bin Nayef was replaced with Mohammed bin Salman.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

1. China launched its first ever space telescope, 2.5-tonne Hard X-ray Modulation Telescope (HXMT) was launched via a Long March-4B rocket from Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in Gobi Desert.

2. Ms. Gaitri Issar Kumar has been appointed as the Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Belgium.

3. Ms. Reenat Sandhu has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Italy.

4. Shri Ajit Vinayak Gupte has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Denmark.

IAS officer Balakiran gets additional charge of MD of Kannur International Airport Ltd.

Balakiran, who is presently Tourism director of Kerala.

5. Kajal Singh was appointed as Executive Vice President (Services) in Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) with period of 3 years.

6. Tim Farron, the leader of Britain's pro-European Union Liberal Democrat Party, resigned after the party failed in election.

7. Uber Technologies Inc director David Bonderman has resigned from the company's board.

8. Czech Prime Minister Boshuslav Sobotka resigned as chairman of his leftist Social Democrats amid falling popularity for the party ahead of parliamentary election

9. NASA Orion spacecraft, which has designed to take astronauts to deep space destinations such as the Moon and Mars has successfully completed a series of tests for its critical safety systems. for Orion's launch abort system on June 15,

10. NASA scientists have finally unveiled some of the targets to be observed by the colossal James Webb Mega telescope.. It will observe Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune, as well as Trappist-1e.

11. Ramanathan Ramanan was appointed as the Mission Director of the Atal Innovation

Mission under the Niti Aayog for the period of 2 years.

AWARDS

1. NASA has posthumously awarded the Exceptional Public Service Medal to Michael A 'Hearn, one of the world's leading comet scientists.

2. Israeli author David Grossman has won the Man Booker International Prize for his novel 'A Horse Walks Into a Bar'

3. Delhi Metro Railway Corporation (DMRC) Principal Adviser E. Sreedharan has been selected for the year's Nanniyode Rajan Memorial Award.

4. Priyanka Chopra is more popular than her "Baywatch" co-star Dwayne Johnson in the report released by Social media analytics company MVP index.

5. Indian-American filmmaker Mira Nair won the Dorothy Arzner Directors Award for the film "Queen of Katwe" at this year's Women in Film Crystal + Lucy Awards.

6. Sports Coaching Foundation (SCF), was selected among the top-three NGOs for the Social Impact Awards 2017, to be held from June 26-28 at Bangkok in Thailand.

7. Eminent writer from Arunachal Pradesh Yeshe Dorjee Thongchi was

conferred 'Sarhad's 5th Bhupen Hazarika National Awards' 2017.

8. Margaret Atwood will receive a lifetime achievement award from one of the world's oldest literary organizations will accept the honour at the group's annual Literary Awards Festival on October 27 in California.

9. Syama Sanju was declared the Queen of Dhwayah, the winner at Kerala's first ever beauty pageant for transgender women.

10. A Noted Kannada poet and playwright H S Shivaprakash was presented with the Kusumagraja Rashtriya Puraskar 2017.

11. Social activist Annabel Mehta, a British national, has been awarded the MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire) for her service to the underprivileged.

12. Jack Kirby, the co-creator of Captain America, Fantastic Four, Avengers, to be honoured as one of Disney's Legends for his contribution to the Marvel brand.

13. The 2017 Orwell Prize, Britain's most prestigious prize for political writing, was announced in London. The £3,000 2017 Orwell Prize for books titled "Citizen Clem: A Biography of Clement Atlee" won the award.

14. Madhavan and Ritika Singh's Irudhi Suttru, has bagged three honours at 64th Jio Filmfare South Awards.

15. It bagged the awards in categories like Best Director (Sudha Kongara Prasad), Best Male Actor (Madhavan), Best Female Actor (Ritika Singh) and Best Film: "SR Prabhu Joker"

16. Kasturi & Sons Ltd., owners of The Hindu Group of publications, received the CII Customer Obsession Award 2016 for active customer engagement services.

17. Deepika Padukone has been nominated in Teen Choice Awards for her breakthrough role in xXx: Return of Xander Cage in Choice Movie Actress category.

18. The Ramamani Iyengar Memorial Yoga Institute has been selected as the first recipient of the Prime Minister's Award for promotion and development of Yoga.

SPORTS

1. Kumar Sangakkara scores his 100th century across First class and List A cricket across all format.

2. India cricket captain Virat Kohli has become the quickest batsman to 8000 runs mark in his 175th innings in one-day international cricket,

3. Suresh Raina and Yusuf Pathan have signed up for the 2nd edition of the Tamil Nadu Premier League (TNPL).

4. Sunil Chhetri scored 54th goal in international football match against Kyrgyzstan AFC Asian Cup Qualifier in Bengaluru.

5. India bagged five medals, including a gold, in the 2017 Asian Junior Wrestling Championships in Taiwan.

6. The World Twenty20 Championship's seventh edition next year is all pushed to 2020 as the top member nations will be busy with bilateral commitments in 2018.

7. Pune-based Sukant Kadam attained into the top three of the BWF Para-Badminton World Rankings. Sukant in singles of the 'SL4' class.

8. Prarthana Thombare and Kotomi Takahata of Japan won the doubles title in the \$60,000 ITF Women's Tennis Tournament.

9. Pakistan defeated India in final match of champion trophy 2017 to clinch the ICC champion trophy 2017 cup. Golden bat: Shikhar Dhawan Golden ball: Hasan Ali

10. The Indian wrestlers clinched three medals, on the final day of the Junior Asian Championships.

11. Indian Shuttler K. Srikanth clinched his third Super series title, lifting the Indonesia Open men's singles trophy

12. The Iranian team won three gold medals, two silvers and two bronzes, claiming the title with 69 points. Uzbekistan finished second (67) and Kazakhstan (57).

13. India won 13 medals consist of 2 Gold, 3 Silver and 8 Bronze medals in the 2017 Junior Asian Championships held in Taiwan.

14. India won six medals in the Wushu competition of the first ever BRICS Games, which concluded in Guangzhou, China. The medals, two each in gold, silver and bronze.

15. Shah Rukh Khan and GMR have acquired teams in the T20 Global League recently launched by Cricket South Africa (CSA). SRK team named as Cape Town Knight Riders. Johannesburg hometown for the GMR-promoted team.

16. Virat Kohli along with three Indians were named in the ICC Team of the Champions Trophy 2017, with Pakistan's Sarfraz Ahmed named its captain.

17. India cricket coach Anil Kumble stepped down from his position after a widely-specified feud with Captain Virat Kohli

IMPORTANT DAYS

• June 15 - World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Theme 2017 - "Understand and End

Financial Abuse of Older People: A Human Rights Issue".

• June 16 - International Day Of Family Remittances

• June 17: World Day To Combat Desertification And Drought

• June 18: World Father Day is celebrated on the third Sunday of June.

• June 18: Sustainable Gastronomy Day

• June 19: International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict.

Theme of 2017: "Preventing Sexual Violence Crimes through Justice and Deterrence"

• June 20: World Refugee Day

• June 21: International Yoga Day. Theme for the 2017: "Yoga for Health". June 21: World Music Day

OBITUARY

1. Professor P K Kaw, a globally-acclaimed plasma physicist who spearheaded India's efforts to produce energy through thermonuclear fusion, died in Ahmedabad.

2. Former German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, the architect of German reunification, died. He was 87.

3. Noted Punjabi playwright and Sahitya Akademi awardee winner Ajmer Singh Aulakh died, in Punjab.

4. Former Chief Justice of India P. N. Bhagwati, considered a pioneer of judicial activism for introducing the concept of PILs, died.

5. The Oscar-winning director of Rocky and The Karate Kid, John Avildsen, died at Los Angeles

6. Actor Sam Beazley, who played Professor Everard in "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix", has passed away. He was 101.

7. Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission President Swami Atmasthananda Maharaj passed away after a prolonged illness.

8. Veteran actor of Hindi Amrit Pal passed away.

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