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**JUNE 22-30**

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## CA ONELINERS JUNE 22-30

### NATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. First unit of 100 MW Sainj Hydro Electric Project commissioned in Himachal Pradesh through Parvati-Kol Dam transmission line.
2. Karnataka waives crop loans upto 50,000 from co-operative banks to farmers until June 20, with an outlay of Rs 8,165 crore.
3. Haryana government fully implements GST in the State and has set up district offices in five ranges of Ambala, Gurugram, Faridabad, Hisar and Rohtak.
4. Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu laid the foundation stone of the Greenfield Airport at Orvakal in Kurnool district in 2,000 acres at a cost of 120 crore.
5. Bengaluru has become the country's first city to have fuel delivery at one's doorstep.
6. Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express, Railways to launch "Operation Swarn ('gold')", aimed at improving the services in these premium trains for a sum of 50 lakhs.
7. EPFO signed a pact with Housing and Urban Development Corp (HUDCO) to enable members to avail subsidy under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.

8. Mizoram Health Minister Lal Thanzara launched the 'Test and Treat Strategy' of the state AIDS Control Society (MSACS) to improve treatment for HIV patients.

9. Kerala gets its first total yoga village Kunnathanam with at least one member of each family in the Panchayat trained in yoga.

10. Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik laid the foundation stone for Smart Janpath, connecting Vani Vihar Square with Sishu Bhawan Square, two multi-layer car parking projects at Saheed Nagar, estimated at 176 crore.

11. The NGT has imposed a complete ban on dumping and burning of all kinds of waste on the flood plains of river Ravi in Himachal Pradesh.

12. Union Commerce and Industry Minister, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman launched the Start-up India Virtual Hub, an online platform for all entrepreneurial ecosystem in India to discover, connect with each other.

13. Pune Municipal Corporation launched India's biggest municipal bonds programme for finance its 24x7 water supply project to raise Rs 2,264 crore in five years

14. Odisha Govt Approves 53 Projects Under AMRUT, these new projects would be carried out in nine cities.

15. Haryana has declared itself as the fifth open defecation free (ODF) state in India under the Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin.

16. Punjab has become the first State to take the amendment route to make way for liquor sale near highway within 500 metres.

17. Kerala's capital, which topped in the second round of the Smart City Challenge, will attempt to solve its core city problems using the special funding under the scheme.

18. The central government launched "City Liveability Index" introduced by Urban Development Minister Venkaiah Naidu, to measure the quality of life in 116 major cities

19. Maharashtra forest minister Sudhir Mungantiwar to introduce a mobile app named 'My Plant', which helps in recording data about tree plantations in the state.

20. The Airports Authority of India has amended the bidding documents for the right to operate and manage terminal buildings

at Jaipur and Ahmedabad airports for 15 years.

21. State BJP chief Manoj Tiwari inaugurated the online facility for issuance of general trade licence and veterinary trade licence introduced by the East Delhi Municipal Corporation (EDMC).

22. External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj announced a 10% reduction in fee for passport applicants less than 8 years of age and over 60 years at an event held on the completion of 50 years of the Passport Act, 1967.

23. Shri Piyush Goyal, launched Weather Portal for Power Sector in association with POSOCO & IMD and also launched another portal 'MERIT'.

24. An incubation centre to support biotech start-ups will be set up at the CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad.

25. The Uttarakhand High Court put a ban on purchase of luxury items by the government citing the state government's failure to provide basic minimum amenities to children in the state-run schools.

26. In Maharashtra, the Gorewada Zoo and Animal Rescue Centre Project near Nagpur city worth 540 crore rupees has gets final nod.

27. Maharashtra government entered into an agreement with Ola, to train 20,000 youth to become micro-entrepreneurs in next five years.

28. The Greenfield airport in Jewar in Greater Noida located in Gautam Budh Nagar district, in national capital city Delhi, to be operational in the next five years.

29. The twin 520 metre-long tunnels, part the 16.6-km East West Metro route, connect Howrah and Sealdah with Kolkata; service to start in three years.

30. A fresh Incredible India 2.0 campaign, backed by an interactive new website on India's tourism hotspots to be launched by September 27, marked as World Tourism Day.

31. Mumbai and Guwahati Rajdhani trains will be equipped with Satellite-based chip systems will alert road users at unmanned level crossings about approaching trains.

32. The new Germany Visa Application Centre got inaugurated in Langford Town by Federal Republic of Germany in Bengaluru.

33. The Assam government will construct 9 thousand kilometres of roads under Pradhan

Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the next one year.

34. The 498 km long Bilaspur-Manali-Leh line at Leh in Jammu and Kashmir coming up at a high of 3,300 metres become the highest rail track in the world overtaking China's Qinghai-Tibet Railway.

35. The Union Home Ministry announced that Aadhaar is not a valid identification document for Indians travelling to Nepal and Bhutan.

36. Manipur government launched a toll free 24/7 helpline number 181 for women by Nemcha Kipgen, State Minister for Social Welfare and Corporation.

37. Uttarakhand CM Trivendra Singh Rawat announced a metro rail project to connect the State capital "Dehradun" to the holy city of "Haridwar".

38. Goa Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar inaugurated MODI Fest in Goa to celebrate achievements of three years of National Democratic Alliance (NDA).

39. Union Ministers Shri Vijay Goel and Dr. Harshvardhan flagged off the 3rd Slum Yuva Daud in Delhi which started from Kasturba Gandhi Polytechnic, Pitampura and ended at Pitampura Sports Complex.

40. The Arunachal Pradesh government has decided to increase the retirement age of

regular state government employees from 58 to 60 years from January 1 next year.

41. Maharashtra doctors Srinivas Gokulnath and Amit Samarth become first Indians to finish Race Across America as solo riders.

42. Kerala State Finance Minister Thomas Issac announced Rs.50,000 crore on infrastructure projects this year to enhance job opportunities for the youth in the state.

43. The US-India Business Council (USIBC) has constituted a task force to identify opportunities in the Indian civil aviation sector. Amber Dubey would be co-chairman of the India task force.

44. The Glenmark 34th Sub Junior National and 44th Junior National Aquatic Championships would be organised by Maharashtra State Amateur Aquatic Association in Pune to be held between June 28 and 30.

45. The inaugural Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) is the country's first-ever professional table tennis league will be kick off from July 13 to 20 in Chennai.

46. Kalraj Mishra launches Digital MSME Scheme, Exchanges MoUs with SAP India, Intel And HMT to implement "Digital MSME" Scheme for Rs. 85.705 Crore.

47. Jammu and Kashmir Governor N N Vohra, Chairman of Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB) announced to increase the group insurance cover for the pilgrims from existing Rs.1 lakh to Rs.3 lakh.

48. Kerala government's three-day 'massive cleanliness drive', aimed at checking the spread of mounting fever cases that have claimed more than 100 lives this year.

49. Uttar Pradesh cabinet decided to name the Mughalsarai municipality as 'Deendayal Nagar'.

50. Bihar government has planned to set up a nuclear plant of around 3,000 MW capacity at Rajauli in Nawada district.

51. Government has made it mandatory to link existing Aadhaar numbers with PAN of taxpayers with effect from July 1.

52. Andhra Pradesh CM N.Chandrababu Naidu announced the establishment of MSME, Corporation by earmarking 100 crore rupees at Amaravati in 15 acres land.

53. Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama will celebrate his 82nd birthday next month with the people of Leh in Jammu and Kashmir

54. The government has extended for six months the last date for applying for conversion of Person of Indian Origin (PIO)

cards to Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) cards to 31 December this year.

55. Rajasthan government signed three MoUs with Reliance Foundation, Tata Trusts and USAID for

implementing Project ASMAN to reduce of maternal and early neonatal mortality rates.

56. Shri Piyush Goyal addressed the 5th Geoscience Advisory Council (GAC) Meeting and discussed issues related to exploration of concealed mineral deposits.

57. Election Commission of India (ECI) is launching a Special Drive to enroll left out electors, with a special focus of motto that 'No Voter To Be Left Behind'.

58. Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology (OUAT) sets first blood bank for cattle an estimated cost of Rs 3.25 crore.

59. Uttarakhand receives the award of excellence at the 2nd Global Skill Development Summit held in Paris for extensive use of IT for state's youth skills.

60. National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) announced provisional ceiling prices of 761 medicines, reduced ahead of the GST implementation.

61. Three VR films made by Bengaluru-based film-maker Sairam Sagiraju, touted to be one of the pioneers in the space, were

screened at the ongoing London Indian Film Festival (LIFF).

62. Loknath Behera will return as State Police Chief (SPC) in Kerala based on the recommendation of a three member committee chaired by Chief Secretary Nalini Netto.

63. Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das inaugurated the country's largest fresh water aquarium in Bhagwan Birsa Munda Biodiversity Park in Ormanjhi in Ranchi.

64. Union Minister M Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated newly constructed studio complex of All India Radio and Doordarshan Kendra in Dehradun.

65. The Centre has zeroed in on 13 names to fill the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) Council, which has been vacant since 2015.

66. Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan introduced a new oil and gas block licensing policy to open up 2.8 million square kilometres and Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP) and the National Data Repository.

67. The Cabinet approves fourth tranche recommendations of NITI Aayog on strategic disinvestment of CPSE on the recommendations of Core Group of Secretaries on Disinvestment (CGD).

68. The Cabinet approved the development of six laning of Chakeri-Allahabad section of NH – 2 in U.P. estimated to be Rs.3691.09 crore at 145 kms

69. Kerala government decided to reconstitute the Higher Education Council (HEC) amendments based on the recommendation on committee headed by Rajan Gurukkal. The Cabinet decided to start four Ayurveda hospitals

70. Union Cabinet approves 7th Pay Commission's recommendation on Allowances making 34 modifications effect from 1 July 2017 will benefit 47 lakh employees.

71. Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh launched (COMMIT), a new training programme Comprehensive Online Modified Modules on Induction Training for State officials.

72. Jawaharlal Nehru Port (JNPT), near Mumbai was hit, along with local manufacturing units of global companies attached by ransomware Petya virus.

73. The President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee inaugurated the Bose Institute's Unified Campus at Salt Lake, Kolkata fully devoted towards scientific research.

74. Narendra Modi inaugurated the filling of Aji Dam near Rajkot under Sauni Yojana for embracing the latest technology in the sphere of water conservation.

75. Consumer Affairs Minister Ram Vilas Paswan approved amendments in the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules in order to protect consumers from malpractices of under-weight and under-measurement.

76. Union Minister Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu construction of five new halt stations on the Baramulla-Qazigund Rail Section at a ceremonial program held at Srinagar.

### INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. India and Russia have identified key areas to bolster co-operation in the science and technology sector, a "Do It In Russia" initiative to promote local manufacturing and technology development.

2. In Iraq, Islamic State group have blown up Mosul's iconic al-Nuri mosque and its famous leaning minaret. The historic minaret stood for more than 840 years.

3. China has unveiled world's first train that runs on a virtual track to begin operating in 2018 in Zhuzhou, China. It has a top speed of 70 kmph.

4. Uganda to host 'Solidarity Summit' in Kampala with the support of the United Nations to rally international support for refugees more than 1.25 million.

5. San Diego Convention Center, California, U.S will host the 2017 BIO International Convention featuring breakthrough ideas in biotech and pharma.

6. Prime Minister of Estonia Juri Ratas and Prime Minister of Luxembourg Xavier Bettel have signed an agreement on housing data and information systems between the two countries.

7. US has cleared the sale of 22 unmanned Guardian drones to India a deal worth \$2 to \$3 billion being termed as a "game changer".

8. The Cabinet approved amendment of the bilateral Social Security Agreement (SSA) between India and the Netherlands

9. The Union Cabinet has approved a MoU between India and Portugal on cooperation in the field of public administration and governance reforms.

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12. The Cabinet has approved MoU on cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space between India and Armenia.

13. Cabinet approved MoU for cooperation in traditional systems of medicine and homoeopathy between India and Sri Lanka.

14. India and Russia have agreed to a roadmap for the development of bilateral defence cooperation.

15. Chinese scientists have claimed a major breakthrough in magnetic detection technology which could find hidden metallic objects, including minerals and submarines.

16. Egyptian President Abdul Fattah al-Sisi has ratified a controversial treaty that transfers two largely uninhabited Red Sea islands to Saudi Arabia.

17. India and Portugal announced a four million euros joint fund to bolster research in science and technology during PM Modi visit to Portugal.

18. India Prime Minister Modi and Portugal Prime Minister Costa launched a unique start-up Portal – the India-Portugal International Start-up Hub (IPISH) in Lisbon.

19. China's indigenous next generation bullet train 'Fuxing', a CR400AF model with a

maximum speed of 400 kmph made its debut on Beijing-Shanghai line.

20. Prime Minister Narendra Modi visits Amsterdam, Netherlands after 13 long years, India's 6th largest trading partner in EU and 5th largest globally.

21. European Union's competition watchdog has slapped a record 2.42 billion euro fine on Google for breaching the anti-trust rules with its online shopping service.

22. U.S Secretary of State Rex Tillerson declares Beijing as among the world's worst offenders in human trafficking and labour based on the annual trafficking report.

23. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and U.S. President Donald Trump jointly declared that bilateral ties between India and the U.S. would continue to grow.

24. Kenya is the first African country to start using a generic version of the latest AIDS drug.

25. Indian food essentials chana and chana dal are among the many new entries in the 'Oxford English Dictionary' (OED) unveiled.

26. Sharjah has been crowned with the prestigious 'World Book Capital' for 2019 by UNESCO for the quality of its literary and

cultural activities accessible to the entire population of the nation.

27. The first ATM was presented by Barclays at their Enfield branch in north London on Jun 27, 1967 turns to gold on 50th birthday on 28th of June.

28. U.S. President Donald Trump has appointed Indian-American Krishna R Urs as the new US Ambassador to Peru

The US has issued new visa criteria for 6 Muslim Nations and all refugees that require a close family or business tie to the United States.

29. The 6th India - Myanmar Joint Trade Committee (JTC) Meeting co-chaired by Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman and Dr. Than Myint, Union Commerce

Minister from Myanmar was held at New Delhi.

30. Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), signed MoU with National Energy Services Company, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to implement energy efficiency programmes.

31. India has contributed \$100,000 to a UN fund to help developing countries actively participate in the discussion of tax issues, first to make the contribution.

32. The Union Cabinet approved signing of MoU between India and the US on homeland security further strengthen bilateral security relations.
33. China unveiled world first pollution eating city plans for Liuzhou Forest City, by the Italian firm Stefano Boeri Architetti built in southern China.
34. Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley held bilateral discussions with Mr Takehiko Nakao, President, Asian Development Bank (ADB), in Delhi on enhanced cooperation between India and ADB.
35. The US State Department has approved a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Government of India for Boeing C-17 transport aircraft for \$366.2 million.

### **BANKING & BUSINESS**

1. Axis Bank partnered with NPCI, in association with Kochi Metro Rail Corporation (KMRL) has launched KMRL Axis Bank 'Kochi1' Card.
2. According to Mercer's 23rd annual Cost of Living Survey, Mumbai is the most expensive city for expatriates in India and is ranked 57th in the list. Luanda, is the costliest city
3. The National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) revised up its projections

for country's economic growth to 7.6% from 7.3% for current fiscal.

4. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has launched a dedicated Web Portal [www.meity.gov.in](http://www.meity.gov.in) for facilitating taxpayers.

5. Elbit Systems-Cyclone of Israel and Mahindra Aerostructures has signed a MoU to collaborate on the production of aero structures parts and assemblies.

6. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) signed a partnership deal with Intel. to enhance the Olympic Games through to 2024," the IOC.

7. According to the "World Population Prospects: The 2017 Revision", "India is likely to surpass China's population in 2024". Nigeria will overtake United States by 2050.

8. The government has permitted banks and post offices to deposit junked Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes with the Reserve Bank by July 20.

9. World Bank's Board of Executive Directors has approved assistance of 44 million dollars for the Assam State Public Finance Institutional Reforms (ASPIRe) Project.

10. The NATGRID, a network aimed at sharing information about terrorists

among security agencies, will get access to PAN records.

11. Tata Power, Adani Power and Essar Power has offered majority stakes in their imported coal-based power plants in Gujarat to the state government at Re 1 each.

12. India will launch National Data Repository (NDR) that will assimilate, preserve and upkeep country's vast sedimentary data for future use in oil and gas exploration and production.

13. RBI has expanded the size of its Oversight Committee to five by adding three new members— formed to advice banks on stressed assets.

14. World Bank and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) agreed to extend \$380 million of loan to Andhra Pradesh towards affordable power supply to citizens.

15. RBI has widened the scope of the Banking Ombudsman Scheme 2006 to mobile banking and electronic banking services doubled from Rs 10 lakh to Rs 20 lakh.

16. Punjab National Bank, decided to initiate proceedings against Bhushan Power & Steel under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy

Code which has a debt of over Rs 37,000 crore.

17. Amazon has tied up with ClearTax to help sellers on their platform make a seamless transition to the GST regime and help them file their tax returns with ease.

18. Vijaya Bank has bagged nine Skoch Awards. The bank's Executive Director B. S. Rama Rao received the NPA Management Award Sameer Kochhar, Chairman, Skoch Group at Mumbai.

19. The Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) organizes 100 workshops on Goods and Services Tax (GST) across India to educate traders about the new tax regime.

20. As per world drug report 2017 released by United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), around 29.5 million people or 0.6% of adult population were engaged in problematic use and suffered from drug use disorders.

21. The World Taekwondo Federation (WTF) has changed its name to "World Taekwondo" because of the "negative connotations" associated with its initials.

22. The change was made before the start of the 2017 World Taekwondo Championships held in Muju, South Korea.

24. According to the 2nd edition of RBI's statistical publication titled 'Handbook of Statistics on States 2016-17'. The gross fiscal deficits will improve Rs. Cr. 449520

25. RBI asks banks to make higher provisioning for 12 large loans being referred to the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (IBC).

26. World Bank has cleared a USD 250-million loan for making Indian youth more employable through re-skilling, in a move that is seen to aid the Skill India mission.

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31. Scientists at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in the US have created the brightest light on the Earth, to find tiny tumours missed by conventional X-rays.

32. Apple has acquired German SensoMotoric Instruments (SMI), an eye-tracking firm into its computers or Smartphone.

33. AU Small Finance Bank has been placed under the caution list by the RBI, to monitor the foreign shareholding of the company around permissible 49%.

34. Indians have become the second highest number of migrants living in Australia at 1,63,000 since 2011, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) census data.

**35.** India ranked 93<sup>rd</sup> among 128 countries on 2017 social progress Index report by Social Progress Imperative (SPI) association with Deloitte and its strategic partners

36. According to MIT Technology Review's annual listing of the 50 smartest small and large companies based on their ability to innovate and execute, Nvidia from America is the world's smartest company.

37. BHEL entered into technology collaboration with Kawasaki Heavy Industries Ltd of Japan for manufacturing of stainless steel coaches and bogies for metros.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

1. The first ever Industry-Academia mission to accelerate biopharmaceutical development in India. The program named "Innovate in India" (i3) will witness an investment of USD 250 million with USD 125 million.

2. NASA is launching a sounding rocket CHESS (Colorado High-resolution Echelle Stellar Spectrograph) for understanding the lifecycle of stars.

3. Russian Northern Fleet's Project 955 underwater missile cruiser Yuri Dolgoruky successfully test-fired Bulava missile from Barents sea-range of 9,300 kilometres.

4. NASA launched the world's smallest satellite, built by 18-year old Tamil Nadu student Rifath Sharook and his team. Named as Kalamsat, after APJ Abdul Kalam.

5. ISRO to launch Cartosat-2 along with 30 Nano-Satellites From Sriharikota on PSLV C-38.

6. Union Science Minister Harsh Vardhan praised Indian scientists for the world's biggest telescope Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT), built at an estimated cost of USD 1.47 billion by India, US, Canada, Japan and China.

7. NASA for the first time tested the "Roll-Out Solar Array" (ROSA) an advanced, flexible solar array to provide power for a variety of future spacecraft".

8. Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Pune have successfully developed a novel cancer drug delivery system using graphene oxide nanoparticles.

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12. A SpaceX rocket carried 10 communications satellites from California. The Falcon 9 rocket will provide real-time

tracking and surveillance of aircraft around the globe.

13. NASA has achieved a significant milestone in its effort to make supersonic passenger jet of its Quiet Supersonic Transport or QueSST aircraft design.

14. Department of Science and Technology (DST) launched a scheme named 'Visiting Advanced Joint Research Faculty' (VAJRA) in a bid to bring together the Indian scientists abroad and India-based researchers.

15. GSAT-17, the country's newly launched communication satellite, will soon join the fleet of 17 working Indian communication satellites in space with life of 15 years at a cost 1,013 crore.

### **APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNS**

1. Jeevandas Narayan appointed as the Managing Director of Manappuram Home Finance Pvt. Ltd and Subhash Samant as CEO of Manappuram Home Finance Pvt. Ltd.

2. Kenneth Juster, deputy director of National Economic Council, appointed as the U.S. Ambassador to India.

3. Rajiv Gauba as Home Secretary, replacing incumbent Rajiv Mehrishi who is set to retire in August 2017.

4. Ajay Mittal will be replaced as the Information and Broadcasting Secretary by Culture Secretary NK Sinha.

5. Subhash C Garg will be appointed for the post of Economic Affairs Secretary, following Shaktikanta Das retirement from the

6. Aruna Sundararajan will be the new Telecom Secretary, whereas NHA chief Yudhvir Singh Malik appointed the Road, Transport and Highways Secretary.

7. 11 new judges were appointed for 3 high courts. Six for Madras HC, three for Chhattisgarh and two for Punjab and Haryana HC.

8. The United Nations announced the appointed Russian diplomat Vladimir Voronkov as head of its first counter-terrorism office.

9. Kailash Chand, a veteran Indian-origin doctor in the UK has been appointed as honorary vice-president of the country's prominent medical body.

10. United Nations has approved former Lebanese cultu

re minister Ghassan Salame as the new UN envoy to Libya.

11. Sauber chief Monisha Kaltenborn has quit the Formula One outfit, her team announced, after reports of major fallout over the treatment of drivers.

12. Palbinder Kaur Shergill is the first Sikh woman to be appointed judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia in New Westminster. Shergill replaces Justice EA Arnold-Bailey.

13. Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) president Bimal Gurung announced that all elected members of the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA) tendered resignation.

**14.** The International Cricket Council (ICC) has appointed Chairman of Associates Imran Khawaja as its deputy chairman.

15. IDFC Ltd announced the appointment of Sunil Kakar as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the company with effect from July 16 for three years.

16. Dr. Manoj Soni, former Vice Chancellor of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, took the Oath of Office and Secrecy as Member, UPSC.

## APPOINTMENTS

1. Wipro Chairman Azim Premji is among the recipient of this year's Carnegie Medal, considered the most prestigious prize in philanthropy.

2. Vidya Balan has been named as the ambassador to the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) for the second time running from 10-22 August.

3. The government appoints Rajesh V Shah as chairperson of the board of governors for the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), replacing veteran cricketer Chetan Chauhan.

4. Former chief economic advisor Kaushik Basu has taken over as president of the International Economic Association (IEA).

5. Doha based Qatar Airways was announced as the World's Best Airline at the SKYTRAX 2017 World Airline Awards for 4<sup>th</sup> successive time.

6. Indian Agricultural Microbiologist Dr Shrihari Chandraghatgi, President & CEO of EcoCycle Corporation has been conferred with Ministry of Environment Award in Japan.

7. Francis Spufford has been awarded the 2017 Desmond Elliott Prize for his "miraculously constructed" debut fiction, Golden Hill.

8. Ferrari's 3.9-litre V8 from the 488 GTB has won the 2017 International Engine of the Year award for the second consecutive year.

9. International Dublin Literary Award has been won by Angolan writer José Eduardo Agualusa with his 14th novel "A General Theory of Oblivion", translated by Daniel Hahn.

10. Two Konkani literary personalities "Vincy Quadros and Amey Naik" from Goa have been chosen for Sahitya Akademi awards.

11. Radio Mirchi bagged a Gold Radio for 'Five years of Nirbhaya,' under the Public Service Announcement Promotion category.

Totally, India won nine medals

12. Actress Sonam Kapoor and her sister Rhea Kapoor fashion label — Rheson has bagged the Compassionate Business Award from the PETA.

13. Indian Anti-Hunger Activist "Ankit Kawatra" set to receive the prestigious Queen's Young Leaders Award with 60 others from all 53 Commonwealth countries

14. Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik conferred the prestigious Biju

Patnaik Award for Scientific Excellence to "Lalit Mohan Das" for science and research.

15. Nisha Dutt, Chief Executive Officer of Hyderabad-based Intellectap has been honoured with the "Social Entrepreneur of the Year" award at The 7th Asian Awards in London.

16. Kanyashree Prakalpa, the scheme launched by Mamata Banerjee, won her government the United Nations Public Service Award at The Hague.

17. The Sports Journalists Federation of India, at its annual general meeting decided to confer the Best Sportsman of the Year Award on the ace Shuttler P V Sindhu.

18. The 54th Femina Miss India World 2017 winner is Manushi Chhillar from Haryana. The event was held at Yash Raj Studios in Mumbai.

19. Former India hockey captain Dhanraj Pillay To Be Conferred East Bengal's 'Bharat Gaurav' Award:

20. Social activist Shabnam Hashmi returned the National Minority Rights Award to the National Commission for Minorities (NCM), conferred on her in 2008, to protest recent incidents of mob lynching and killing of Muslims.

21. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved of Shri Vijay Keshav

Gokhale as Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

1. Abhai Maurya released an English-Hindi dictionary and single-handedly compiled the 1,900-page dictionary.

2. The Emergency — Indian Democracy's Darkest Hour, by A Surya Prakash, chairman of Prasar Bharati, was released by Venkaiah Naidu and Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani.

## SPORTS

1. ICC Women's World Cup To Be Held In UK from June 24 to July 23.

2. New Zealand Wicketkeeper Luke Ronchi retires from International Cricket.

3. Brazilian Oscar was banned for eight games for triggering a mass brawl in the Chinese Super League between his Shanghai SIPG and Guangzhou R&F.

4. India's ace Shuttler Kidambi Srikanth broke back into the top-10 at eighth in the latest world rankings has 58,583 points.

5. Afghanistan and Ireland have been approved as Full Members by the ICC, meaning they have become cricket's 11th and 12th Test-playing nations.

6.

Maria Sharapova will return to competitive tennis in July for two World Team Tennis matches after a 15-month doping ban.

7. Former Indian Power lifter and South Asian Games gold medal winner, Kavita Devi becomes the first Indian woman to appear in WWE.

8. Kuldeep Yadav became the first male Chinaman bowler to represent India in ODIs, making his debut in the first ODI against West Indies.

9. Graham Ford has stepped down as Sri Lanka coach, ending his second tenure with the side after 15 months.

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Indian Shuttler Kidambi Srikanth notched up his second successive Super Series title in the Australian Open summit clash in Sydney.

11. Pistol shooter Anish Bhanwala bagged gold and silver on the opening day of the ISSF Junior World Championship Rifle/Pistol campaign in Suhl, Germany.

12. Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo won a chaotic Azerbaijan Grand Prix.

13. Indian boxer Ankush Dahiya won the gold medal in the 60 kg weight category at the Ulaanbaatar Cup in Mongolia.

14. Indian tennis star Leander Paes and his Canadian partner Adil Shamasdin clinched the men's doubles title at the Aegon Iikley Challenger Trophy held in United Kingdom.

15. Dehradun's Bhumika Sharma bagged her Miss World title and the gold medal at the world championship in Venice.

16. Yashaswini wins gold in ISSF Junior World Championship at the women's 10m air pistol in Suhl, Germany.

17. Indian golfer Aditi Ashok secured a career-best tied 25th finish in LPGA's Walmart NW Arkansas Championship. Ryu ascends to No. 1 in the rankings.

18. Roger Federer won the 100<sup>th</sup> career title at Halle open tennis tournament defeated Alexander Zverev.

19. India's overall tally ISSF Junior World Championship Rifle/Pistol is 11 medals in Suhl, Germany. India finished with second position behind China.

20. Both the Indian men and women Throwball teams grabbed gold medals in the World Games held in Kathmandu, Nepal.

21. Rajeev Shukla will head a newly-formed seven-member Special Committee,

as decided at Special General Meeting (SGM).

22. Lasith Malinga received a suspended one-year cricket ban after charge of speaking to the media without permission of Sri Lanka's cricket board.

23. Russell Westbrook has won the 2017 NBA MVP award (Most Valuable Player) over James Harden. The league announced the winner during the NBA Awards.

24. Emirates Team New Zealand claimed international sport's oldest trophy in Bermuda's Great Sound, with 26-year-old Peter Burling becoming the youngest helmsman to secure sailing's biggest prize.

25. Sindhuja Reddy from Telangana has been selected as a member of the US women's national cricket team and participates in the World T20 Qualifiers in Scotland in August.

26. Mobile manufacturers VIVO retained the IPL title sponsorship for the next five years with a mammoth bid of Rs 2,199 crore, an over 500% increase from previous deal.

27. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) inducted veteran administrator Niranjan Shah into the seven-member Special Committee.

28. Yashaswini Singh Deswal and Anmol clinched the mixed team gold with a World record in air pistol in the Junior World Shooting Championship.

### OBITUARY

1. The President of Vanuatu, Baldwin Lonsdale has died of a heart attack.
2. Italian fashion designer Carla Fendi has died.
3. Leading Sri Lankan economist Saman Kelegama, who was highly regarded in South Asian policy circles, passed away in Thailand.
4. The Franco-Swiss journalist Véronique Robert has died after being wounded in an explosion in Mosul.
5. Lupin founder and Chairman Desh Bandhu Gupta passed away:
6. Noted Malayalam filmmaker K.R. Mohanan passed away.
7. Swedish actor Michael Nyqvist, known for his roles in "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" and "John Wick," has died.
8. N Dhar, a former bureaucrat who served as an aide to Sheikh Abdullah and other former chief ministers of Jammu and Kashmir, passed away.

### IMPORTANT DAYS

1. June 23: International Widows' Day
2. June 23: UN Public Service Day
3. June 25: Day of Seafarer. Theme of 2017: Seafarers Matter
4. June 26: International Day Against Drug Abuse And Illicit Trafficking. Theme of 2017 is: "Listen first – Listening to children and youth is the first step to help them grow healthy and safe"
5. June 27: UN Micro- Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day
6. June 29: National Statistics Day
7. June 29: International Day Of Tropics
8. June 30: International Asteroid Day

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