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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

- **Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman** will commission an indigenously-built anti-submarine warfare stealth corvette **INS Kiltan** into the Indian Navy at the **Naval Dockyard in Visakhapatnam**.
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** will inaugurate the **first All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)**, set up along the lines of AIIMS, on Ayurveda Day. Set up as an apex institute in New Delhi under the ministry of AYUSH, the AIIA aims to bring synergy between Ayurveda and modern diagnostic tools and technology.
- **Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar** gave his nod to rename **Amin village** to **Abhimanyupur** after Mahabharata warrior Arjuna's son Abhimanyu
- **Exercise INDRA-2017**, the first ever Tri Services Joint Exercise between **Indian and Russian Armed Forces** will be conducted in the Eastern Military District of Russia from 19 to 29 Oct 2017. The 11-day Exercise **INDRA-2017** will be conducted at the **249th Combined Army Range Sergeevskiy** and in the **Sea of Japan** near **Vladivostok**.
- Bollywood actor **Varun Dhawan's** first ever wax figure will be the fourth from India to join **Madame Tussauds Hong Kong** with those of **Mahatma Gandhi, Narendra Modi and Amitabh Bachchan** currently on display. He will unveil it in the first quarter of 2018.
- **Gujarat govt** has signed MoUs worth **Rs10,400 crore** with three companies that have the potential of creating 21,300 job opportunities in the state. The MoUs were signed in presence of **Chief Minister Vijay Rupani**.
- The **India International Cherry Blossom Festival** will be held in **Shillong** from November 8 to 11.

- **Footwear Design & Development Institute (FDDI)** declared an '**Institute of National Importance**' under Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India. The FDDI bill was passed by the Parliament in July 2017.
- **Ministry of Women and Child Development** has started an online campaign **#Iam That Woman**. The aim of the campaign is to end **Gender bias** in women against women.
- **Gujarat Minister of State for Tribal Welfare Shabdasharan T advi** inaugurated the **Birsa Munda Tribal University** in the **tribal-dominated Rajpipla** town in Narmada district.
- **Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan** inaugurated the ambitious '**Bhavantar Bhugtan Yojna**' for the farmers of the state and it is also the first state to led money at zero percent interest rate.
- IN Ships **Tir, Sujata, Shardul**, and **ICGS Sarathi** are visiting **Jakarta, Indonesia** from 18 to 22 Oct 17. The visit is aimed to expose the trainees to the conduct of **IN warship in foreign waters, port familiarization** and **foster bridges of friendship** between the two countries.
- Petroleum Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan** inaugurated **first phase of Piped Natural Gas supply system** in **Bhubaneswar, Odisha**. In the first phase, **255 houses** in Nalco Nagar in Chandra sekharpur of Bhubaneswar were supplied with environment-friendly PNG
- The **Maharashtra government** has released a sum of **Rs 4,000 crore**, in which **Rs 3,200 crore** will be for writing off the loans of 4.62 lakh farmers.
- Months after getting a two-year extension, solicitor general **Ranjit Kumar** resigned from the second most important law officer's post, after the attorney general, citing health issues in his family requiring him to devote more time at home.
- **Mr. Modi** laid the foundation stone of various projects worth **3700 crore rupees**. The projects include **four sewerage projects** under **Namami Gange** and **four National Highway projects**. These projects include a **six-lane bridge over river Ganga**.
- Going digital, the **Rajasthan assembly** has become the **first** in India to **call attention and adjournment motions** and **proposals online from legislators** to send them to the state government.
- On the occasion of its **85th anniversary**, the **Indian Air Force** has launched an **innovative mobile health App named `Med Watch`** in keeping with the Prime Minister's vision of '**Digital India**'
- The weeklong celebration of '**Beti Bachao Beti Padhao**' by the Department of **Social Welfare, A&N Administration**, in coordination with the A&N State Social Welfare Board culminated with a

valedictory function and the launch of 'Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana' at DBRAIT auditorium in **Port Blair**.

- The **Bihar Cabinet** approved **reservations for persons with disabilities** in **government jobs** and **educational institutions**.
- The **India - Sri Lanka** joint training exercise **MITRA SHAKTI 2017** in its **fifth edition** conducted at **Aundh Military Station, Pune** will send a strong signal to the world that both India and Sri Lanka understand the emerging threat of terrorism and stand shoulder to shoulder in countering this menace.
- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday laid the foundation stone for the TU142M aircraft museum in Visakhapatnam.
- Chhattisgarh government has reduced the rate of interest on loan given to women and their self help groups (SHGs) under 'SakshamYojna' from 6.5 per cent to 5 per cent.
- Accessing government data just got easier with the Odisha government today unveiling the State Open Government Data Platform www.odisha.data.gov.in.
- The Arunachal Assembly today passed a bill paving way for creation of a new district to be named Kamle, bifurcating the present Upper and Lower Subansiri districts.
- The AYUSH Festival of Stamps 2017 was inaugurated by Rajya Sabha MP Vinay Tendulkar at Maquinez Palace in Panaji, Goa on October 17, 2017.

INTERNATIONAL

- **Pakistan** and **Iran** have agreed not to let their territories be used for **terrorism against each other** as the **two neighbouring countries** signed an MoU to **improve border security management**.
- The **South Pacific island nation** of **Vanuatu** has become host to the **world's first government** to accept **bitcoin** in exchange for **citizenship**.
- The **Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bangalore** and **IIT Bombay** are among the **world's top 200 institutions** for engineering and computer science, the Times Higher Education subject-wise rankings have found which was topped by Stanford University.
- **India and Japan** have signed a memorandum of cooperation on **Technical Intern Training Programme (TITP)**, the government.

- The **15-member nations** including **Pakistan** have been elected to serve on the **United Nations (UN) Human Rights Council and the other countries are** Afghanistan, Angola, Australia, Chile, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mexico, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Qatar, Senegal, Slovakia, Spain and Ukraine.
- The **US** has decided to release the crucial **Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch System (EMALS)** for the **Indian Navy's** future aircraft carrier, according to the Trump administration.
- NATO states opened a counter-espionage hub in **Poland**, aimed at expanding the alliance's intelligence-gathering capabilities amid tensions with Russia.
- **General Insurance Corp of India (GIC Re)** kicked off its mega **Rs 11,370 crore initial public offer**. This is **India's third biggest IPO** ever after Coal India's Rs 15,200 crore and Reliance Power's Rs 11,700 crore issues.
- Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, led a delegation to Tokyo, Japan from 17-18 October 2017 to participate in LNG Producer- Consumer Conference.
- Canada will be the partner country at the 23rd iteration of the Tech Summit, India's largest knowledge and technology conference and exhibition to be held from November 14 to 15, 2017 in New Delhi. The Summit is organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and the Indian Department of Science and Technology (DST).
- **India, Brazil and South Africa signed** the **IBSA Trust Fund Agreement** that seeks to fight poverty in developing countries.
- Hyderabad's Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) has ranked No. 1 in the Airports Council International's (ACI) service quality survey in the category of 5 to 15 million passengers per annum.

BANKING & BUSINESS

- The **Odisha government's** Directorate of Treasuries and Inspection and the **State Bank of India** have signed an MOU for integration of **SBI e-Pay** with **cyber treasury**.
- The **National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)** of India it has signed an investment agreement worth **\$1 billion** with **Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA)**.
- **International Business Machines Corp. (IBM)** announced the launch of **IBM Block chain**, a **new block chain banking** solution, that will help financial institutions for **cross-border payments**.

- Private sector **Yes Bank** said it has committed **Rs 156 crore** to fund **first Sewage Treatment Plant (STP)** to be constructed at **Varanasi** under **Hybrid Annuity-PPP Model**.
- **Bangkok Bank** to launch faster, better, more international services - **signs deal** with Intellect Design to implement its **iGTB Digital Transaction Banking Platform**.
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- E-commerce major **Myntra** launched its **CSR initiative** in association with the **Union Textile Ministry**, to work directly with **weavers and elevate their economic stature**.
- The **Jaipur and Srinagar Airport** got **First and Second rank** respectively in the category of **2-5 million passengers** in **ACI-ASQ Survey**.
- **Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)** is pleased to introduce a new facility for its esteemed members having **Universal Account Number (UAN)** and other relevant details to link their respective UAN with Aadhaar online. This, in turn, would facilitate the members, a better and speedy EPFO services.
- The **Thomson Reuters Foundation** conducted a survey in 19 of the world's biggest megacities as ranked by the United Nations to find out the safest cities for women which was topped by Cairo.
- **Mahindra & Mahindra** said it has launched a programme, **Prerna**, to **empower women working in the agriculture sector** by promoting efficient and ergonomic farm tools and equipment.
- The software industry lobby **NASSCOM** is setting up centres of excellence **on artificial intelligence (AI) and data sciences** for a better understanding on the emerging technologies in **Bengaluru and Hyderabad**.
- **HDFC Standard Life Insurance Company** has received capital markets regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India's (SEBI)** go ahead to raise an estimated **Rs 7,500 crore** through an **Initial Public Offering (IPO)**.
- **India is among the five countries - Pakistan, Nigeria, Congo and Ethiopia being the others, responsible for half of all new-born deaths in the world, according to a UN report. The report, "Levels and Trends in Child Mortality 2017", revealed that 5.6 million children died before reaching the age of five in 2016.**
- The **Companies (Registered Valuers and Valuation) Rules, 2017** have been notified by the ministry. The rules provide for registration of valuers under the Companies Act, 2013.
- An extraordinary individual is 19-year-old Indian-origin student, Akshay Ruparelia, who has become the youngest millionaire in the UK. Akshay Ruparelia is the founder of doorstep.uk, an

online estate agency business that has recently been valued at 12 million pounds, in just over a year.

- The SBI Foundation has committed Rs10 crore for the conservation and restoration of the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CST) of Mumbai over a period of three to five years.
- The RBI has said banks will provide funds to women self help groups, SHGs, in rural areas at 7 per cent under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) in the current fiscal.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank and Zeta, a fintech pioneer on Tuesday announced the launch of 'Paymint', a comprehensive digital wallet to manage multiple employee benefits.

APPOINTMENTS

S.No	Name	Post	Post Previously held by
1.	The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence, headed by BJP MP B C Khanduri	Assess the procurement policy relating to defence equipment	-
2.	D.K. Gayen	Member (Staff) Railway Board and ex official Secretary to the Government of India	-
3.	M K Gupta	Member (Engineering) Railway Board and ex	-

		official Secretary to the Government of India	
4.	Jacinda Ardern	New Zealand Prime Minister (Youngest)	-
5.	Esther Staubli	Became first female referee to officiate a match at the FIFA U-17 World Cup in India	-
6.	Sunny Verghese	Chairman of The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)	Paul Polman
7.	Ms. Manika Jain	next Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Cambodia	-

AWARDS

S.No	Award Name	Awarded to
1.	Nominated for the first Centenary National Award for Literature	Namita Gokhale
2.	Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration for 2015-16	T.M. Krishna

3.	3rd American Bazaar Philanthropy award	Indian-American attorney Ajay Raju
4.	UN Medal for their professionalism and service in protecting civilians and building durable peace in the conflict-ridden country	50 Indian peacekeepers stationed in South Sudan
5.	Swachh Bharat Inter-Ministerial Award	Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoPNG)
6.	Padma Prabha Puraskaram for 2017	Lyricist and Journalist Prabha Varma
7.	Kalakar Puraskar 2017	Famous Konkani Folk artist Gopal Gowda
8.	Man Booker Prize 2017	George Saunders for his book Lincoln in the Bardo
9.	Best Digital Media Campaign organized by Goldman Communication and Public Relations Society of India (PRSI)	UAE Exchange India
10.	Mathrubhumi Literary Award for 2016	Biographer and Orator M K Sanu
11.	The 2nd British Asian Achievers Awards	Lord Swraj Paul
12.	Hridaynath Mangeshkar Award	Lyricist Javed Akhtar
13.	Blue Planet Prize	Environmental scientist Hans Joachim Schellnhuber
14.	Green Platinum Award of IGBC of CII	The Govardhan Eco Village

SPORTS

- **Roger Federer** has defeated Rafael Nadal in straight sets to win the **Shanghai Masters** title 2017.
- **Mohun Bagan** won the 37th **All India Governor's Gold Cup football tournament** for the 10th time by defeating Partha Chakra by a narrow 1-0 margin.
- **Kavita Devi**, a former competitive powerlifter, has become the **first ever Indian woman** to be signed by the **World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE)**.
- Former **World No.1 Maria Sharapova** tasted singles championship triumph for the first time in over two years, defeating Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus in a hard-hitting affair, to win the **Tianjin Open**.
- India's young paddler **Selena Selvakumar** put up an impressive show in the Junior Girls' Team event to annex the **2017 Egypt Junior and Cadet Table-Tennis Open title**.
- Team India's head coach Ravi Shastri has become the highest-earning cricket coach in the world (\$1.17 million), a recent report by ESPN cricinfo has stated.

HISTORIC EVENTS OF THE DAY

DATE	IMPORTANT DAY	THEME
October 16	World Food Day	Change the future of migration. Invest in food security and rural development
October 17	International Day for Eradication of Poverty	"Answering the Call of October 17 to end poverty: A path toward peaceful and inclusive societies"
October 20	World Statistics Day	-
October 15	World Student Day	-
October 15	Global Hand washing Day	Our hands, our future

October 15	International Day of Rural Women	Challenges and opportunities in climate-resilient agriculture for gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls
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Books and Authors

S.No	Author Name	Book Name
1.	Former President Pranab Mukherjee	' TheCoalition Years: 1996-2012 '
2.	Ram Kamal Mukherjee	Beyond The Dream Girl

OBITUARIES

1. **Shamsher Khan - India's first Olympic swimmer**
2. **Roy Dotrice - British Actor**
3. **Satish Chandra - Veteran historian of medieval India** and Noted Edu Administrator
4. Richard Wilbur – Poet and Writer
5. William J. Lombardy – Chess Wizard