

NATIONAL

1. India hands over the **memorabilia of the Bangladesh Liberation War** of 1971 to the Bangladesh Prime Minister **Sheikh Hasina**. The collection is proposed to be displayed at the **Bangladesh National Museum** in **Shahbagh** and the **Museum of Independence** in **Suhrawardy Udyan** in **Dhaka**.
2. Shipping Minister **Nitin Gadkari** said a Blueprint has been finalized for 142 expansion projects to modernize 12 major ports and develop new harbors at a cost about **Rs. 90,000 crore**.
3. Kandla port trust has received **Rs. 1,176 crore** for setting up Environment clearance in the smart Industrial port city in **Kutch, Gujarat**.
4. **INSV Tarini** entered **Fremantle (Australia)** port during its maiden voyage to circumnavigate the globe. This is the **first-ever Indian circumnavigation** of the globe by an all-women crew.
5. **BHEL** has commenced the execution of **Yadadri Supercritical Thermal Power Project** by the **Teangana State Power Generation Corporation Limited (TSGENCO)** and it is located at **Damaracherla in Telangana** and valued at approximately **Rs. 20, 400 crore**.
6. A new record was created by the **Meghalaya Election Department** for the formation of **Biggest Human Logo** and they also entered the **LIMCA BOOK OF RECORDS**
7. The Minister for Commerce and Industry, **Shri Suresh Prabhu** launched the official website for the **Cell for IPR Promotion and Management (CIPAM)** of the **Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP)**.
8. **India's first Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra (PMKK)** for Skilling in smart cities was inaugurated, October 23 in New Delhi, by **Union Minister Rajnath Singh**. The inauguration was done in collaboration with the **New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC)**.
9. The **UP Cabinet** gave its nod for the constitution of a **Prayagraj Mela Pradhikaran (Prayagraj Mela Authority)**.
10. The **Asian Development Bank** and the **Government of India** signed a **\$300 million** loan to continue a series of fiscal reforms in the State of **West Bengal** to **improve the quality of public service delivery**.
11. The **Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh** attended the **56th Raising Day Parade of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)** at 39th Bn, ITBP, Lakhnawali Camp, Surajpur, Greater Noida.
12. **Gujarat Government** has announced several **additional benefits for thousands of karma-yogis** working on fix pay on **11 months' contract**.
13. The **Indian government** announced an allocation of **Rs 2.11 lakh crore over 2 years** for the **recapitalization of public sector banks**.
14. **Madhya Pradesh** has emerged as the **top state** in terms of **digital initiatives** undertaken, with a maximum score of 100.1 on performance index, followed by **Maharashtra** at 99.9 and **Andhra Pradesh** at 99.8, says a report by Coeus Age Consulting.
15. The deadline for mandatory linking of **Aadhaar** to avail benefits of government schemes has been **postponed to March 31, 2018**, the Centre informed the Supreme Court.
16. **Ministries of Power and Textiles** have joined hands under **SAATHI (Sustainable and Accelerated Adoption of efficient Textile technologies to Help Small Industries)** initiative. The SAATHI initiative will be jointly implemented by EESL and office of Textile Commissioner on the pan-India basis.
17. Union Minister of State (IC) for Power and New & Renewable Energy, **Shri R. K. Singh** addressed the **3rd Global Investors' India Forum** in **New Delhi**. The **theme** of the event was **'Ideate, Innovate, Implement and Invest in India'** and it was attended by global industry stalwarts.
18. The Conference on International Conference on Consumer Protection for South, South East and East

Asian Nations on the theme “**Empowering Consumers in New Markets**” will be inaugurated by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi in New Delhi.

19. **Odisha** will be the ‘**Focus State**’ in the **World Food India (WFI)-2017**, the **international food** event to be held at New Delhi from 3 to 5 November 2017.

20. **Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India** hosted **First Meeting of BIMSTEC Task Force on Traditional Medicine** on 24-25 October, 2017 at **Parvasi Bhartiya Kendra, New Delhi**.

21. The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, **Edappadi K Palanswami**, laid the foundation stone for an **aerospace park** at **Kanchipuram** district to be set up by the State Government in **245 acres** and at an estimated cost of **₹198 crore**.

22. **Defence Minister, Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman** left for the **Philippines** to attend the **Southeast Asian Defence Ministers’ Meeting**.

23. The **world’s first track-less train** has started operating on a trial basis in **Chinese city Zhuzhou**. Billed as the **world’s first smart train**, the vehicle operates on virtual rail lines represented by white dotted lines.

24. The **Railway’s first set of solar plants** with a total capacity of **5 megawatt peak (MWp)** will be launched by **Railway Minister Piyush Goyal**.

25. The **Rajasthan Assembly** passed a bill which increases reservation for **Other Backward Classes (OBC)** in the state from 21 per cent to **26 per cent**.

26. **India** will host the next **UN global wildlife conference in 2020**. India to be the host of the next CMS Conference of the Parties CMSCOP13! Officially announced at the closing CMSCOP12 plenary, in Manila,”.

27. The **Karnataka cabinet** has **cleared the State Policy for Transgenders**, 2017 with an aim of bringing the community into the mainstream and safeguarding them from exploitation.

28. **India’s** biggest conference on Software-Defined Networking and Network Functions Virtualization ‘**SDN & NFV India Congress 2017**’ is set to be held in

Mumbai to showcase the rapidly growing and massively influential SDN and NFV developments in Indian Telecommunications sector.

29. **Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal** launched a web portal ‘**Assam Darpan**’ where details of government schemes and projects would be available to the people.

30. Tech major **SAP** announced the launch of Asia Pacific Japan (APJ) **region’s first SAP Leonardo Center** in **Bengaluru**.

31. The **Uttar Pradesh government** issued an order notifying **Vrindavan** and **Barsana** towns in Mathura district as “pavitra teerth sthals (sacred pilgrimage sites)”. No meat and liquor shops will be allowed in these towns anymore.

32. The **Ministry of External Affairs** has launched a **new initiative** titled “**#AsktheSpokesperson**” on Twitter with an objective to bring better awareness and understanding of foreign policy issues to general public.

33. The **Union Cabinet** has approved over **Rs 7,000 crore** for construction of permanent campuses of **six new Indian Institute of Technology (IITs)** across the country.

34. **International Association for Adolescent Health (IAAH) 11th World Congress on Adolescent Health: Investing in Adolescent Health – the Future is held** in New Delhi, India from 27-29 October 2017, hosted by MAMTA Health Institute for Mother and Child (MAMTA) and Consortium Partners.

35. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** dedicated the **Indian Railways’ 110km Bidar-Kalaburgi railway track** in the **Hyderabad-Karnataka region** that is aimed at reducing the distance between Bengaluru and New Delhi by 380km and travel time by six to eight hours.

36. After the Doklam standoff with the Chinese army, the government has armed the **Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)** with **ISRO’s** geostationary communication satellite, **GSAT-6**, to supervise the nearly **3,500-km-long Sino-Indian border**. The satellite will enable the force to track activities along

the border and alert the government and other security agencies if it notices something suspicious.

37. The **centre** has released **Rs 8,698 crore** to states to compensate them for **revenue loss following GST implementation**. All states barring Rajasthan and Arunachal Pradesh, have been given compensation for the first two months (July-August) after Goods and Services Tax rollout.

38. The **two-day India-UAE Partnership Summit** being inaugurated in **Dubai** hopes to further **accelerate bilateral trade** and investment between the two countries. The Summit with a theme of Investment Implementation, will deliberate at how key projects in India can be executed with the support of UAE based businesses and investors. **Healthcare, tourism, infrastructure and education** are some of the areas of focus during the Summit.

INTERNATIONAL

1. The deal between **Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC)** and **Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL)** was signed in presence of India's external affairs minister Sushma Swaraj, who arrived in Dhaka recently on a two-day visit to discuss bilateral issues.

2. **Nicaragua** has signed the **Paris climate agreement**, meaning that the US and Syria are the only two countries not to be giving the accord their support.

3. **Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani** arrived on a day-long visit. He met his Indian counterpart **Ram Nath Kovind** and External Affairs Minister **Sushma Swaraj**.

4. The **2nd World Congress on Marxism** is scheduled to be held in Peking University in **Beijing** next May.

5. **Indian Navy Ship Sukanya** under the command of Commander SA Deodhar has arrived at Belawan Indonesia to participate in the **30th edition of CORPAT (Coordinated Patrol)** and **3rd Bilateral exercise** between the **Indian Navy** and the **Indonesian Navy**.

6. After making **Legal Entity Identifier (LEI)** mandatory for transactions in **interest rate, forex and credit derivative market**, the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** is set to make **LEI compulsory** for companies having aggregate fund-based and non-fund based exposure over **Rs 5 crore**.

7. The **Engineering Export Promotion Council (EEPC) of India** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding** with **Punjab National Bank** to provide easy access to **finance to SMEs and merchant exporters** of the council.

8. The **Indian aviation market** will be the **third largest** in the world by **2036** and is expected to add 337 million new passengers, according to a study by the **International Air Transport Association (IATA)**.

9. The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has slapped a penalty of **Rs 6 crore** on **Yes Bank** and **Rs 2 crore** on **IDFC Bank**.

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12. **Singapore's passport** has been announced as the **most powerful** in the world as it secured the **top spot in the Passport Index'** most powerful ranking with a visa-free score of 159. **Germany** and **Sweden** ranked second and third, with a score of 158 and 157, respectively.

13. To **strengthen maritime security**, India and the United States have agreed to implement the programme for **Helicopter Operations from Ships Other Than Aircraft Carriers (HOSTAC)**.

14. **Russian Defence Ministry** said the armed forces have launched **four ballistic missiles** as part of large-scale war games involving Russia's strategic forces. As per the ministry, **Russian Tu-160, Tu-95MS and Tu-22M3** long-range strategic bombers successfully launched cruise missiles at targets.

15. **GMR Hyderabad International Airport Ltd, Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad** and **Malaysia**

Tourism Promotion Board have come together to promote the growth of tourism traffic.

16. Lonely Planet has ranked **Chile** as the number one country to visit next year in its **much-anticipated Best in Travel 2018 list**. **South Korea** and **Portugal** have ranked **second** and **third** respectively, while Djibouti and New Zealand have completed the top five.

17. The tiny Gulf state host of the 2022 football World Cup, **Qatar**, has said it will introduce a **minimum wage for workers** amid global outcry over the alleged ill-treatment faced by migrant workers in the country.

18. **Saudi Arabia** has become the **first country** to give a **robot citizenship**. The **robot, named Sophia**, was confirmed as a Saudi citizen during a business event in Riyadh.

19. The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** and the **Government of India** signed a **\$65.5 million** loan agreement in the national capital to continue interventions to check **coastal erosion** on the **Western Coast in Karnataka**.

20. The **Foreign Minister of Tunisia Mr. Khemaies Jhinaoui** is visiting India from 28th to 31st October 2017 for co-chairing the **12th India-Tunisia Joint Commission Meeting** along with Smt. **Sushma Swaraj**, External Affairs Minister of India.

21. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** said **defence cooperation** is one of the **key pillars of the strategic partnership between India and France**, following his meeting with the French minister of armed forces, Florence Parley.

22. **Burundi** is becoming the **first country** to withdraw from the **International Criminal Court**. Burundi is the only one of three African nations to go ahead with its withdrawal after making moves last year to leave amid accusations that the court focuses too much on the continent.

23. The **world's first hybrid electric tram** powered by **hydrogen fuel** cells has started running in **China**, marking a big step in the application of green energy in public transport. Researched and manufactured by Chinese, it is the world's first hybrid electric tram, with hydrogen being the main power source.

24. **Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos** has overtaken Bill Gates and is now the **richest person** in the world, with a **fortune topping \$90 billion** for the first time ever.

25. **Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL)** became the **first Indian company** to cross **Rs 6 trillion market capitalization** after its shares surged over 75% so far this year and hit a fresh lifetime high.

26. The **11th Trade Policy Forum (TPF) Meeting** was held in **Washington D.C.** on 26th October 2017. The Minister for Commerce and Industry, **Shri Suresh Prabhu** had productive discussions with the United States Trade Representative, Ambassador Robert Lighthizer and his team in a cordial, friendly and positive manner.

27. **14th South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation in Law (SAARCLAW) Conference** is being held from 27th -29th October 2017 in Colombo, Sri Lanka, along with the **11th SAARC Chief Justices Conference**. The conference was inaugurated on October 27, 2017 by Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe. The theme of 14th SAARCLAW Conference is **"Emerging Legal Trends in SAARC Countries"**.

28. The **Dalai Lama** during his three-day maiden visit to **Manipur** addressed at the **International Peace Conference** in the capital.

BANKING & BUSINESS

1. **Maruti Suzuki India** has exported 57,300 units of passenger's cars in the **April – September period this fiscal** against 54,008 units in the year ago-period, up 6 per cent.

2. **ONGC** and **Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL)** have agreed to share infrastructure in the **KG Basin**, following tough negotiations lasting for six months brokered by **DG Atanu Chakraborty** of the Directorate-General of Hydrocarbons (DGH).

3. Supply of Coal by coal India Limited to the power sector increased **6.7 % to 204.5 million tons (MT)** in the first six months of this fiscal even as power producers regret over low coal stock at their plants.

4. Domestic crude steel production jumped **6.8 per cent to 8.39 million tonnes (mt)** in September 2017 compared to 7.86 mt in September 2016.

5. The government has made it **mandatory to check the original identification documents** of individuals dealing in cash **above the Rs 50,000 threshold** for banks and financial institutions as part of the Prevention of Money-laundering (Maintenance of Records) Rules.

6. **State Bank of India (SBI)** launched the **second edition** of its **Hackathon**. This hackathon has been named **'Digitize For Bank'**.

7. **IndusInd Bank**, in association with **MobiKwik**, announced the launch of a co-branded wallet, **"IndusInd Mobikwik"**, that allows its customers to pay at the MobiKwik merchant network using their accounts, with a "direct debit feature".

8. The **State Bank of (SBI)**, the country's **largest public-sector lender**, said it has signed an agreement with Escorts Ltd to finance farmers **for purchase of Escorts tractors**.

9. While **India** stands at the **28th position** out of the 30 among the reviewed countries in the **Melbourne Mercer Global Pension Index 2017**, its pension system is found to be more sustainable than that of Poland, Germany, France, Japan, Italy, Austria, Brazil, China and Argentina.

10. The **State Bank of India (SBI)** has decided to **slash Immediate Payment Service (IMPS) charges** by up to **80 percent**.

11. The **government** extended the deadline by a month till **November 30** for businesses to claim credit of **transitional stock** in the **Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime**.

12. **AU Small Finance Bank** tied up with **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** to launch a **`200-crore fund** for **providing loans to MSMEs**. The programme will fund term loans in the **`25 lakh to `2 crore ticket size**. 13. **India** has pipped the **US** to become the **world's second-largest smartphone market** at the end of the third quarter, according to two research firms, which also said

China's **Xiaomi** is expected to end Korean major **Samsung's** four and-a-half year reign at the top soon according to the Singapore based **Canalys** report.

14. **Star Health and Allied Insurance (SHAI)** has introduced an **industry-first health insurance cover** for people **already diagnosed with cancer**.

15. **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** has revamped its portal **www.udyamimitra.in** with enhanced features to provide easy access to credit and hand-holding services for micro small medium enterprises (MSME).

16. **India** is likely to have jumped **30 places** to hit **100th spot** in the World Bank's ease of doing business ranking of 190 countries, according to media reports.

SPORTS

1. Indian Badminton Sensation **Kidambi Srikanth** defeated **Lee Hyun Il of South Korea** and won the **Denmark Open Title 2017**. Overall he won three supertitles this year including **Australian Open & Indonesian Open**.

2. **India** has crushed **Malaysia 2-1** to win the **Hockey Asia Cup title** for the third time in Bangladesh.

3. Indian skipper **Virat Kohli** became the **second batsman-ever** to score a hundred on his 200th ODI in the opening match against **New Zealand at the Wankhede**.

4. **Divij Sharan** and **Scott Lipsky of US** clinched the double title in the **European Open tennis tournament in Antwerp, Belgium** by defeating the pair of **Santiago Gonzalez and Julio Peralta**.

5. **Jitu Rai and Heena Sidhu** gave India their first gold medal of the **ISSF World Cup Final in New Delhi**, clinching the top honours in the 10m air pistol mixed team event on the opening day of competitions.

6. **Gaganjeet Bhullar** held his nerve to complete a wire-to-wire **victory** and lift his eighth Asian Tour title at the **Macao Open**.

7. The **National Basketball Association (NBA)** announced **Scott Fleming**, former India men's national team head coach, has joined **NBA India as Head of Basketball Operations**.

8. **Turkey** is all set to host the **10th installment of the 'World Rally Championship '(WRC)** in September in popular resort town Marmaris, a Turkish motorsports body.

9. **Virat Kohli**, Indian cricket team captain, has been ranked above the Argentinean and **Barcelona football legend Lionel Messi** as one of the **most valuable brands among sports athletes by Forbes**.

10. **Gokul Natesan** spent a vital part of his week building mobile applications and software. He was a 97th pick in a NBA draft to become usually a **second Indian-origin actor** to be sealed by an **NBA G-League** side.

11. **Swiss great Martina Hingis** has announced she **will retire** from tennis at the end of this week's WTA Finals, where the 37-year-old multiple grand slam champion is playing in the doubles tournament alongside Taiwan's Chan Yung-jan.

12. **India's Sangram Dahiya won silver** in men's double trap and **Amanpreet Singh bronze in 50m free pistol** to give the hosts their **first individual medals** in the **ISSF World Cup Shooting Final** at the Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range.

13. The U-17 Football World Cup ended and England clinched the world cup by defeating Spain in the finals by 5-2 which happened in Kolkata, India.

14. **Rwanda's first cricket stadium** was inaugurated by **President Paul Kagame** as a permanent home for developing the sport in the country.

15. Lewis Hamilton (England) was crowned as the Formula One Champion after the Mexican Grand Prix. Lewis Hamilton added Fourth World Championship to his bag and the Mexican Grand Prix was won by Max Verstappen of Team Aston Martin Redbull.

16. **India's Kidambi Srikanth's** dream season continued as he brushed aside the challenge of Japan's Kenta Nishimoto in straight games to **win** the

French Open Super Series men's singles title, in Paris.

17. **Rohan Bopanna** won the **Erste Open** title in Vienna with Pablo Cuevas, while the team of **Saketh Myneni** and **Vijay Sundar Prashanth** clinched the Vietnam Open trophy at the Ho Chi Minh City.

18. **Pakistan** will host the **next Asian Cricket Council (ACC) Emerging Nations Cup** in April next year and PCB chairman Najam Sethi hoped that India would send its team for the event.

19. **Patna Pirates** thumped Gujarat Fortune giants at the **Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium** in Chennai to **clinich the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) season 5 title**.

20. **Virat Kohli** became the **sixth Indian** and the **fastest** to complete **9000 ODI runs** during the series-deciding third game against New Zealand.

21. **India** with an all-round performance to stun China 4-1 and register their **second consecutive victory** at the **women's Asia Cup hockey tournament**.

APPOINTMENTS

S.No	Appointed as	Name
1.	Interlocutor	Ex-IB chief Dineshwar Sharma
2.	India Post Payments Bank	Suresh Seti
3.	Member of the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC) for Manipur and Mizoram	Shri Ngangom Sarat Singh
4.	Additional Director General, CISF	Shri Alok Kumar Pateria
5.	Special Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)	IPS Officer Rakesh Asthana
6.	CEO of Association of Mutual Funds in India (Amfi)	N S Venkatesh
7.	Prime Minister of New Zeland	Jacinda Ardern
8.	Next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Zambia	Shri N.J.Gangte
9.	Vice Chief of Naval Staff	Vice Admiral Ajit Kumar P

RESIGNS

S.NO	Posting	Name
1.	Nepal's Ambassador to India	Deep Kumar Upadhyay

AWARDS

S.No	AWARD NAME	AWARDED TO
1.	2017 Discovery Education 3M YOUNG SCIENTIST CHALLENGE	11 year old Gitanjali Rao
2.	Recognition of their small but significant contribution to the US economy	Sharad Thakkar
3.	Recognition of their small but significant contribution to the US economy	Karan Arora
4.	International Association of Culinary Professionals (IACP) Award in the 'Homeland Security' category	Bastar Superintendent of Police (SP) Shaikh Arif Husein
5.	Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Industrial Innovation Award, 2017	L&T Technology Services Ltd (LTTS)
6.	Prestigious award for their exceptional contributions in the field of HIV/AIDS	Professors Salim Abdool Karim and Quarraisha Abdool Karim
7,	UK's Most Influential Black Person	Anti Brexit Campaigner GINA MILLER
8.	Young Achiever's Award @ 9TH Relaty Plus Excellence Awards(North) 2017	Rahul Singla, Director, Mapsko Group
9.	All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)	Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII)
10.	'Golden Peacock Award' under the category – Global Leadership in Public Service and Economic Transformation	Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu
11.	Lifetime Achievement Award	Sharmila Tagore'

OBITUARY

1. V SASI - Malayalam Filmmaker
2. Girija Devi – Classical Singer and Padma Vibhushan Awardee
3. Dr. Punathil Kunjabdulla – Malayalam Writer

BOOKS & its AUTHORS

S.No	Book Name	Author
1.	India 2017 Yearbook	Compiled by “Comptroller and Auditor General of India” Rajiv Mehrishi

EVENTS OF THE DAY

DAY	SPECIALITY	THEME (if any)
October 24	United Nations Day	-
October 24	World Polio Day	-
October 24	World Development Information Day	-
October 24	1 st International Day of Diplomats	-
October 27	70 th Infantry Day of Indian Army	-
October 27	World Day of Audiovisual Heritage	Discover, Remember and Share
October 28	International Animation Day	-
October 29	World Stroke Day	-