

NATIONAL

1. **Goa** is hosting the inaugural **India-US Ocean Dialogue beginning**. The US state department has said, the dialogue, aimed at promoting sustainable development of the Blue Economy, is being hosted by the Indian Ministry of External Affairs at the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-National Institute of Oceanography (CSIR-NIO) in Goa.
2. **Rajasthan's Chief Electoral Officer Ashwini Bhagat** launched the Election Commission's web-based project, **ERO-Net**, using which voters can register their names on electoral rolls.
3. Vice president **M Venkaiah Naidu** will inaugurate **Chhattisgarh Rajyotsav**, the celebrations to mark the **17th state foundation day**.
4. Five states — **Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, and Karnataka** — are celebrating their foundation day on 1st November 2017
5. Navies of **India and Japan** began a **three-day anti-submarine warfare exercise** in the **Indian Ocean** region to deepen their operational coordination in the strategically important sea lanes around the two countries.
6. The President of India, **Shri Ram Nath Kovind**, inaugurated the **21st World Congress of Mental Health** being organised by the World Federation for Mental Health in partnership with Caring Foundation and other institutions in **New Delhi**.
7. Smt Mahajan inaugurated **65th foundation day celebrations** of EPFO in **New Delhi**. She also inaugurated 1 MW solar power plant at various regional offices of EPFO.
8. The **Global Environment Facility (GEF)** has now partnered with **Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)**, under Ministry of Power, for the project 'Creating and Sustaining Markets for Energy Efficiency'. The project will receive a composite funding of **\$454 million** comprised of the **GEF grant of \$20 million** and co-financing of **\$434 million** in the form of loans and equity, including a **\$200 million loan** from the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**.
9. The **210-metre-high statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj**, which the **Maharashtra government** plans to build in the sea off the Mumbai coast, has received environmental clearance, making it the **world's tallest statue**, once built. Currently, the **Spring Temple Buddha statue**, which stands at **208 metres** in China, is the world's tallest statue.
10. **Central Government** earmarked **Rs 109 crores** to promote heritage and spiritual tourism projects under '**Swadesh Darshan**' Scheme in **Puducherry**.
11. The **9th edition** of '**CMS Vatavaran**', a global film festival on environment and wildlife, will begin on November 2, 2017 in **New Delhi**. The **Theme** of CMS Vatavaran is "**Conservation 4 Water**".
12. The President of India, **Shri Ram Nath Kovind**, inaugurated the **Global Clubfoot Conference** being organised by the CURE India in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, in **New Delhi**.
13. The **7th Asian Ministerial Energy Roundtable (AMER7)** will take place in **Bangkok, Thailand** from 1-3 November 2017. The Government of Thailand will host this prestigious biennial event, which is a key feature of the global energy dialogue promoted under the neutral banner of the International Energy Forum. The Ministerial will be **co-Hosted** by the **United Arab Emirates**.
14. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** and his Bangladeshi counterpart **Sheikh Hasina** will flag off a **new Indo-Bangla train**, strengthening bilateral ties and communication.
16. **Assam government** signed **Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs)** and Terms of Reference (ToR) with Singapore for skilling youth of the state.
17. Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **World Food India 2017** festival at the Vigyan Bhawan in **New Delhi** in the presence of Union Minister for Food Processing Industries **Harsimrat Kaur Badal**.
18. **Uttar Pradesh cabinet** decided to make India's first conservation reserve for **black buck** in **Allahabad's Meja**.

19. **Integrated Quarter Master Package (IQMP) software application** was formally released to the **Indian Army** by the Vice Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen **Sarath Chand** in an event organised at South Block.

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22. **Minister of Communications Shri Manoj Sinha** launched a **Pan India scholarship program** for school children called **Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana** to increase the reach of Philately.

23. The **4th meeting of the Joint Working Group on Aircraft Carrier Technology Co-operation (JWGACTC)**, constituted under the auspices of the **Indo – US Defence Trade and Technology Initiative**, was organised in India from 29 Oct to 03 Nov 17.

24. **India Posts Payments Bank** services are expected to be available across the country by **April**, Communications Minister Manoj Sinha. The IPPB branches are operational in **Raipur** and **Ranchi**. It will use post offices for its operations. There are 1.55 lakh post offices in the country.

25. The **Border Roads Organisation (BRO)** has constructed the **world's highest motorable** road in **Ladakh** region of **Jammu and Kashmir**, passing through Umlingla Top at a height of over **19,300 feet**. The feat was achieved under 'Project Himank' of the organisation.

26. The **Union Government** announced that an indigenously developed lightweight '**Glide**' bomb was successfully tested in **Chandipur in Odisha**. The development marks a major milestone in developing such weapons. The bomb – **SAAW (Smart Anti Airfield Weapon)** – was dropped from an Indian Air

Force aircraft at the **Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Chandipur**.

27. The **Kerala government** has decided to set up a '**trauma care**' policy to provide **road accident victims free treatment** for the **first 48 hours**.

28. **Indian Army** launched an **independent and fully-integrated Joint Training Node (JTN)** at Umroi cantonment.

29. **Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal** rolled out **647 schemes** entailing an investment of Rs **24.57 crore** for development of the **world's largest river island Majuli**.

30. All four Wheelers to have **FASTag devices** to be fixed and it is mandatory on the front windscreen by automobile manufacturers from **December 1, 2017**

31. The **1st Heli Expo India and International Civil Helicopter Conclave-2017** is inaugurated in **New Delhi** by the **Uttarakhand** Tourism Minister Shri **Satpal Maharaja ji** in the presence of the Secretary, Civil Aviation Shri R.N. Choubey, CMD Pawan Hans, Dr. B. P. Sharma and other dignitaries.

INTERNATIONAL

1. **Search engine giant Google** paid tribute to Urdu writer, critic and linguist **Abdul Qavi Desnavi** on his **87th birth anniversary** with a **special doodle**.
2. The **European Parliament's** has rejected the transnational legislature's decision to award the **prestigious Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought** to the **"democratic opposition of Venezuela"**.
3. A fourteen day joint training exercise **"PRABAL DOSTYK – 2017"** between the **Indian Army** and the **Kazakhstan Army** commenced with the Opening Ceremony at **Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh**.
4. With more than 1.5 million book titles and 1,650 publishing houses from 60 countries, **Sharjah International Book Fair (SIBF)** opened its doors to public and trade visitors. It is the **third largest book fair** in the world. The book fair was held under the theme **'A World in My Book'**. The event has been organised by Sharjah Book Authority (SBA).
5. **Kazakhstan** is changing its name to **Qazaqstan** as part of a transition from Cyrillic to a Latin-based script. A national commission will be set up to oversee the transition, which will be completed by **2025**.
6. The findings of the first-ever **gender vulnerability index (GVI)**, the **safest state** to be a woman in India is **Goa**, followed by **Kerala, Mizoram, Sikkim** and Manipur. Bihar, Jharkhand, UP are the states where women and girls are **most vulnerable**.
7. An **international index for press freedom** has placed **Pakistan** among the most **dangerous countries for journalists** along with the **Philippines** and **Bangladesh**. The 2017 World Press Freedom Index, prepared by international media advocacy group Reporters without Borders (RSF), ranked Pakistan 139th out of 180 countries surveyed for the report. In 2016, Pakistan was 146th. India is 136th in the report.
8. **Forbes** has released the **World's Most Powerful Women's list** and **Chanda Kochar, CEO of ICICI Bank** was named as the most powerful woman in India and also ranked **32nd in worldwide list**.
9. **German Chancellor Angela Merkel** has **topped** the Forbes list of the **100 most powerful women** beating **British PM Theresa May**, philanthropist Melinda Gates and Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg.
10. An international Conference on **"Ramayan Circuit and Mithila-Awadh Relations"** started at **Janakpur in Nepal**. Eminent experts from India and Nepal participating in the two-day event. Culture Minister of **Nepal Jitendra Naryan Dev** inaugurated this conference.
11. The **state government** has formed a committee to study the feasibility of merging financially weak **District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs)** with the **Maharashtra State Cooperative (MSC) Bank**. The panel, headed by former **NABARD chairman Yashwant Thorat**, is expected to submit its report in a month's time.
12. The **Goa government** executed a **trilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the Department of Bio-Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India (GoI) and Nobel Media, Sweden to hold the **'Nobel Prize Series — India 2018 (Science Impacts Life)'** to be held from February 1-28 next year along with a month-long exhibition brought from Nobel Museum, Sweden. The Nobel series has earlier been organised in **Gujarat**.
13. **China** unveiled **Asia's largest artificial island-building ship**. The 140-metre-long vessel, which has been dubbed as "magic island maker", is capable of digging 6,000 cubic metres an hour, which is equivalent to three standard swimming pools, according to reports.

14. **China**, which is building its own navigation system to rival United States' GPS, has launched **two BeiDou-3 satellites** into space through a **single carrier rocket**. The satellites were launched aboard a Long March-3B carrier rocket last night from Xichang Satellite Launch Center in the southwestern province of Sichuan.

15. The **Minister of State (Independent Charge) Youth Affairs and Sports Col. Rajyavardhan Rathore** has left to attend **World Youth Forum**, scheduled to be held at **Sharam El Shiekh, Egypt**. Col Rathore has been deputed on behalf of the Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi** to represent the country at the Forum.

16. India ranked 108 in the Global Gender Gap Report 2017 published by the World Economic Forum (WEF) out of the 144 countries. The list was topped by Iceland for the ninth consecutive year. In the South Asian Countries, Bangladesh topped the list by ranking 47th Rank among 144 nations. Yemen ranks last in the list.

BANKING & BUSINESS

1. **State Bank of India (SBI)** has cut its benchmark **lending rate** by **0.05** per cent across **maturities**, effective from November 1, according to an announcement by the state-run lender and also the MCLR has been changed to 7.70.

2. Late singer **Michael Jackson** has been named the **highest-earning dead celebrity** for the **5th consecutive year by Forbes** and it is estimated to be \$75 Million every year.

3. Forex and inward solutions provider **Transcorp International** launched a **platinum pre-paid card** in association with **Yes Bank** that can be used for transactions in stores and ATMs across the country.

4. **India's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI)** announced **reduction** of interest rates on home and automobile loans by **five basis points (bps)**.

5. The **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)** has raised the upper age limit to join under NPS-Private Sector from **60 years to 65 years**.

6. **AU Small Finance Bank** has received **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** approval to operate as **Scheduled Commercial Bank**. This bank's name has now been included in the **Second Schedule of Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934**.

7. **ONGC** has received the Information **Memorandum** from the **Department of Investment and Public Asset Management** for acquiring majority stake in fellow public sector undertaking **HPCL**.

8. Private sector lender **Yes Bank** signed an **agreement** with the government to provide Rs **1,000 crore** financing for **food processing projects**. The funding will be provided to around 100 food processing projects with an average ticket size of Rs 10 crore each, the bank said in a statement.

9. Collins Dictionary has named "FAKE NEWS" as the "Word of the Year". This word was heavily popularized by US President Donald Trump.

10. A **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** of Rs **10, 000 Crore** was signed between the **Government of India (GoI)** and Patanjali at the **World Food India 2017**.

11. **ICICI Bank**, the **country's largest private sector bank** by consolidated assets, has launched voice-based international remittance service on its **Money2India application**. **ICICI Bank** is the **first bank** in the country to leverage on Apple's virtual voice assistant to enable cross border remittances.

SPORTS

1. **Shooter Heena Sidhu** continued her terrific form this year winning **gold** in the women's **10m Air Pistol event** at the Commonwealth Shooting Championships, Brisbane.

2. **Jasprit Bumrah** has clinched the **No.1 position in the ICC T20 Bowler Rankings** and he is also presently in the **3rd Rank in ICC ODI Bowler Rankings**.

3. Indian pistol shooters pulled off a clean sweep in the 10m air pistol event at the Commonwealth Shooting Championship with **Shahzar Rizvi, Omkar Singh** and **Jitu Rai** winning **gold, silver** and **bronze medals** respectively.

4. In the 10m women's air rifle event, **Pooja Ghatkar** bagged gold while her countrymate **Anjum Moudgil** won the **silver medal**. The bronze in this event went to Martina Lindsay Veloso of Singapore.

5. Olympic **bronze-medallist Gagan Narang** won a **silver medal** in the **men's 50m rifle prone** event of the **Commonwealth Shooting Championships in Gold Coast**.

6. In women's 25m pistol final, India's **Anuraj Singh** won the **bronze**, while the gold and silver went to host country's L Yaumleuskay and E Galiabovitch respectively.

7. Indian shooters **Prakash Nanjappa, Amanpreet Singh** and **Jitu Rai** made a clean sweep in the **50m pistol event** at the **Commonwealth Shooting Championships**.

8. India ace **Kidambi Srikanth** was rewarded for his sensational run this season as he grabbed a **career-best ranking of World No. 2** after jumping two places in the latest BWF ranking.

9. **Indian Women's Hockey Team** won the **Women's Hockey Asia Cup 2017** by defeating China in the penalty shootout. The event was held at **Kakamighara, Japan**.

10. **Young Indian golfer Aditi Ashok** made a triumphant return to the **Ladies European Tour** by clinching the **Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies Open**.

11. **India's Anish Bhanwala** won silver in the men's **25 metre rapid fire pistol event**, while Neeraj Kumar bagged a bronze at the Commonwealth Shooting Championships in **Gold Coast, Australia**.



APPOINTMENTS

S.No	Appointed as	Name
1.	Chairman of International Weightlifting Federation's Ethics Commission	Birendra Prasad Baishya
2.	Chairman of Anti-Disciplinary Commission	Birendra Prasad Baishya
3.	CEO of Bharti AXA Life Insurance	Vikas Seth
4.	Japanese Prime Minister	Shinzo Abe
5.	Honorary Consul General in Hyderabad by the Republic of Korea	Suresh Chukkapalli
6.	CEO and MD of Tata Steel (Global Operations)	T V Narendran
7.	Private Secretary to President Ram Nath Kovind	Vikram Singh
8.	Next Chairman of the Federal Reserve	Jerome Powell
9.	Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs	Manisha Singh
10.	UK Defence Secretary	Gavin Williamson
11.	Chief Financial Officer – Paytm Payments Bank	Sudhanshu Jain
12.	High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Malta	Shri Rajesh Vaishnav
13.	Part-Time Member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)	Shamika Ravi
14.	Ambassador of the upcoming AIBA Women's Youth World Championships	MC Mary Kom
15.	Additional Director General, Border Security Force	Nasir Kamal

RESIGNS

S.NO	Posting	Name
1.	UK Defence Secretary	Sir Michael Fallon
2.	Lebanon's prime minister	Saad al-Hariri

AWARDS

S.No	AWARD NAME	AWARDED TO
1.	Ezhuthachan Puraskaram (Kerala government's highest literary honour)	K Satchidanandan (Noted Malayalam Poet and literary critic)
2.	Award of Merit from the 2017 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation	Royal Opera House
3.	'Dun & Bradstreet – Everest Infra Awards 2017	Tata Power Solar
4.	53rd Jnanpith Award for the year 2017	Eminent Hindi Literature Krishna Sobti
5.	Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award for 2017	Girish Karnad
6.	UNESCO Asia Pacific Award of Merit 2017 for cultural heritage conservation	Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple in Srirangam
7.	"2018 Airline of the Year" by leading international aviation	Air New Zealand

OBITUARY

1. **Khadri Achyuthan** – Kannada Writer and Journalist
2. **Baddam Narsimha Reddy** - Former Miryalaguda MP

BOOKS & its AUTHORS

S.No	Book Name	Author
1.	The Goat Thief	Perumal Murugan (Translated to English by N.Kalyanaraman)
2.	Democracy XI	Rajdeep Sardesai
3.	A Legacy of Spies	John LeCarre
4.	Uncommon Type	Tom Hanks
5.	Life Among the Scorpions	Jaya Jaitly
6.	Because Words Matter	Kailash Satyarthi
7.	The Book Of Chocolate Saints	Jeet Thayil



EVENTS OF THE DAY

DAY	SPECIALITY	THEME (if any)
October 31	World Savings Day	-
November 1	World Vegan Day	-