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- ✚ The **World's Highest Bridge** in **Jammu and Kashmir** on the **River Chenab** was launched by Indian Railways with a height of 359 metres and it is an important link between **111 Kms** between **Katra and Banihal**.
- ✚ **Tata Steel** has established **India's largest Coke Dry Quenching (CDQ) facility**, capable of handling 200 metric tonnes per hour, at its state-of-the-art steel plant at **Kalinganagar Industrial Complex** in **Jajpur district of Odisha**.
- ✚ A new food Processing Policy was unveiled at the World Food India Conference in New Delhi by the Telangana Government.
- ✚ The **India Pavilion** at **COP 23** was inaugurated by Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, **Dr. Harsh Vardhan** at **Bonn in Germany**. India's theme for COP 23 "**Conserving Now, Preserving Future**".
- ✚ The **seventh Edition** of the **INDO-BANGLADESH joint military Training Exercise** named "**SAMPRIITI 2017**" begun in **Meghalaya** and will be held from **6th to 18th November 2017**.
- ✚ **HSBC** has pledged to provide **\$100 billion** in financing and investment **by 2025** to help combat climate change.
- ✚ The **20th International Children's Film Festival of India (ICFFI)** kick started in **Hyderabad** with **New India**– as the **main theme** this time.
- ✚ "**Nirbhay**", India's indigenously designed and developed **long range sub sonic cruise missile** was successfully test fired from **ITR(Integrated Test Range) at Chandipur , Odisha Coast**. It was developed by **DRDO** and it has an **operational range of 1,000 Km** and has the capacity to carry warheads up to **300Kg**.
- ✚ The **9th edition of Agrovision, Central India's biggest agriculture summit** scheduled from 10-13 November at Reshimbagh Ground and it aims to train framers about new technologies, innovative ideas and to empower them and it will be inaugurated by **Indian Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu**
- ✚ The state govt is on the '**No load shedding mission**' for the **orange city** and its rural areas. The amount of electricity supply will now increase in the city as the state has approved **Rs 312 Cr** under **Deendayal Upadhyay Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGYJ)**.
- ✚ **Chennai** is the **third Indian city** on the list of **UNESCO Creative Cities** list after **Jaipur** and **Varanasi**.
- ✚ **Nagaland** is set to host '**Hornbill Festival**' with a **main motive** to **promote** the '**plastic-free**' mission all around. 'Hornbill Festival' will go on for 10 days from December 1 to 10 at the Naga Heritage village Kisama.
- ✚ Public sector undertaking **Coal India** has launched the '**Grahak Sadak Koyla Vitaran App**' aimed at benefitting customers of the company that are being supplied coal by road.
- ✚ The **Maharashtra state government** decided to **set up a committee "seven-member panel, headed by the Principal Secretary (Agriculture)"** for the implementation of a **Rs. 4,000-crore** project on **climate resilience agriculture** in 5,000 villages of 15 districts in the state.
- ✚ The 17th Foundation day of **Uttarkhand** was celebrated on November 9, 2017.
- ✚ The **Delhi government** signed a **twin city agreement** with the **Seoul Metropolitan Government** for **strengthening cooperation** in the **fields of e-governance, transportation, climate change** and **smart city**.

- ✚ The **Nordic-Baltic embassies** will host the **first ever youth film festival of the European nations** in **Delhi** showcasing movies from the region.
- ✚ Union Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister, **Shri Radha Mohan Singh** will inaugurate the **three-day Organic World Congress – 2017** being organized at India Expo Centre in **Greater Noida**.
- ✚ The Coastal city is all set to **host the first ever agriculture hackathon** being organized by **Andhra Pradesh government**. The three-day conclave will begin from November 15 where farmers, agriculture experts, and several stakeholders will participate in the deliberations.
- ✚ **Central Government** has given its **principle approval** for linking historical religious places of **Sri Fatehgarh Sahib and Sri Chamkaur Sahib** with the National Highway paving way to connect the sacred places of younger Sahibzadas – Baba Zorawar Singh and Baba Fateh Singh, and elder Sahibzadas – Baba Ajit Singh and Baba Jujhar Singh.
- ✚ **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** will attend the **15th ASEAN-India Summit** and the **12th East Asia Summit** to be held in **Manila, Philippines** on 14 November 2017, at the invitation of H.E. Mr. Rodrigo Roa Duterte, President of the Republic of the Philippines.
- ✚ **US President Donald Trump's** 1st visit to China, both nations **signed business contracts worth \$220 billion**. US Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross signed 19 agreements. This is a sign of both the nations moving towards a healthy relationship.
- ✚ **India** is the **first country** to **partner** with social networking site **Facebook** on disaster response and will be piloted in two disaster prone states Assam and Uttarakhand.
- ✚ **Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao** declared **Urdu** as the **state's second official language**. Every office in the state will now have an Urdu speaking officer.
- ✚ **Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF)**, **India's second** oldest film festival, will screen an assemblage of 143 film spanning 53 countries under 16 different categories till Nov 17. **Britain** will be the **focus country** this year in commemoration of the UK-India Year of Culture 2017.
- ✚ The **Union Home Ministry**, as part of an administrative rejig, has formed **two new divisions** to exclusively deal with emerging security challenges such as **radicalisation and cybercrime**.
- ✚ **Haryana government** planned to promote **AYUSH** as well as allopathy, Unani and natural systems of medicine.
- ✚ The **governments of Odisha** and neighbouring **West Bengal** will organize a **joint security exercise** named as '**Sagar Kavach**' to further tighten the existing coastal security mechanism along the 630-km long coastline.
- ✚ The **Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh** chaired the **second meeting of Island Development Agency (IDA)**. The Island Development Agency reviewed the concept development plans and detailed master plans for holistic development of 9 islands (four in A&N Islands i.e. Smith, Ross, Long, Avis) and (five in Lakshadweep i.e. Minicoy, Bangaram, Thinnakara, Cheriya, Suheli). The project being steered by NITI Aayog aims at promoting and implementing development based on sustainable approach to building a thriving maritime economy of the project islands.

- ✚ **Union minister Nitin Gadkari** announced that the **World Bank**– supported **Rs 6,000 crore scheme to improve the irrigation facilities** and water accessibility capacity in several states, including **Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat.**
- ✚ The **Punjab government** has said the **first Military Literature Festival** would be held in **Chandigarh** from December 7-9. Punjab's Local Bodies and Tourism and Culture Minister, Navjot Singh Sidhu, unveiled the festival logo.
- ✚ Centre cleared the proposal for formation of the **National Testing Agency (NTA)**, entrance examinations like **JEE Main** and **NEET** are likely to be conducted **twice** a year from **2019.**
- ✚ **Haryana** has become the **first state** in the country to treat **Hepatitis-C** patients of all categories through oral medicine.
- ✚ **Forests Minister Rao Narbir Singh** laid the **foundation stone for Butterfly Conservatory Park**, which will be developed on **15 acres** in Sector 52 of Gurugram and will be the **biggest butterfly park** in North India.
- ✚ **Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah** inaugurated the **sixth China-India Forum** meet being jointly hosted by the **Government of China, Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC)**, China-India Friendship Association (CIFA), and Podar Enterprise.
- ✚ The **New and Renewable Energy Ministry** said the **1.5 Mw small hydropower plant** in **Biaras Drass of Kargil in Jammu & Kashmir** has become the **first project** to be **commissioned** under the **Prime Minister's Ladakh Renewable Energy Initiative.**



INTERNATIONAL

- ✚ **India** has signed a **loan agreement** of **119 million dollar** with **World Bank** for the **Odisha higher education programme for excellence and equity project(OHEPEE)**.
- ✚ **India** has pledged an additional **USD 100 million** towards the **UN partnership fund**, which significantly increases its support to **sustainable development projects** across the developing world. This contribution would be in addition to the **USD 10.582 million** India is contributing for various other UN programmes.
- ✚ **External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj** held a meeting with **Guinea's Foreign Minister**, Mamady Toure, during which the latter handed over his country's instrument accession to the **India-initiated International Solar Alliance (ISA)**.
- ✚ **Digital payment platform Paytm** introduced payments using **BHIM UPI** on its platform, using which users can create their own Paytm BHIM UPI ID on the app, which will be issued by Paytm Payments Bank.
- ✚ **HDFC Bank Ltd** has made **online transactions** through **RTGS and NEFT free** of cost from **1 November**, with an aim to **promote a digital economy**, but various charges for cheque-related transactions as well as request for additional leaves will get costly from early next month for non-managed savings and salary accounts.
- ✚ **United States President Donald Trump** landed in **China**, both countries signed deals worth **USD nine billion** a total of 19 deals were sealed during the meet.
- ✚ The **5th Meeting of Nepal-India Oversight Mechanism**, co-chaired by Foreign Secretary **Mr. Shanker Das Bairagi** and **Ambassador of India to Nepal Mr. Manjeev Singh Puri**, was held in **Kathmandu**.
- ✚ **Union Minister of State (IC) for Power and New & Renewable Energy**, **Shri Raj Kumar Singh** led the Indian delegation in the **International Energy Agency (IEA) Ministerial**, being held in **Paris and India** signed a **joint work programme with IEA and other key members of IEA (Brazil, Chile, India, Indonesia & Thailand)**.
- ✚ A **Multi-Agency Group (MAG)** will investigate the **Paradise Papers** on offshore financial holdings, including a list 714 Indian individuals and entities. The government also said that it had so far zeroed in on 147 actionable cases and 279 non-actionable cases relating to the earlier published Panama Papers.
- ✚ **India** was **re-elected** as the **member of the UNESCO's executive board**, its top decision-making body. The election was held at the 39th session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation in Paris.
- ✚ The **US** has announced a grant of nearly **USD 500,000** for organisations which can come up with ideas and projects **to promote religious freedom in India and Sri Lanka**.
- ✚ **Hong Kong** remains the **world's most visited city** by **international travellers** in spite of strained relations with neighbouring China.
- ✚ **'EX BLUE FLAG-17'** kicked off along with air forces from **nine countries** – the largest aerial exercise ever held by the **Israel Defence Forces**. For the **first time**, the **Indian Air Force** or IAF is participating in Blue Flag 2017. A 45-member contingent of the Indian Air Force touched down Uvda Air Force Base in southern Israel for exercise 'Blue Flag-17'.

BANKING & BUSINESS

- ✚ **India** will hold **Dubai's first-ever AYUSH conference** to spread awareness about the prevention and management of lifestyle diseases through Yoga and Ayurveda. '**International AYUSH Conference and Exhibition 2017**' with the theme of '**Lifestyle diseases: Prevention and management through AYUSH**' will be organised from November 9-11 by Science India Forum, a voluntary group for propagation of science among masses, with the support of Ministry of AYUSH.
- ✚ **Adani Power** said its arm **Adani Power (Jharkhand)** has inked **long-term pact** with **Bangladesh Power Development Board** to supply electricity from its upcoming 1,600 MW plant at Godda in Jharkhand.
- ✚ Linkage of "**Aadhaar**" with Insurance Policies as mandatory and the insurers has to comply with statutory norms and mandatory under the "**Prevention of Money-Laundering (Maintenance of Records) Second Amendments Rules, 2017**".
- ✚ **India** has slipped to the **7th position** this quarter in **business optimism ranking** in **Grant Thornton's International Business Report (IBR) survey** and **Indonesia** topped the list. Last quarter, India was ranked second in the survey.
- ✚ **Indian Commodity Exchange (ICEX)**, the **world's first diamond derivatives exchange**, said it has successfully completed **first-ever diamond futures contracts** settlement with the total traded quantity in November expiry for 5,382.08 carats valued at Rs **173.32 crore**.
- ✚ **Bank of China** formally launched its **operations in Pakistan**, with its first branch inaugurated in **Karachi**. The bank would strengthen the "brotherly relations" between the two countries in the financial sector.
- ✚ **Emirates NBD**, the **UAE's second-largest lender**, has **started operations in India** with an aim to invest **USD 100 million capital** into its Indian operations.
- ✚ On the first anniversary of demonetisation, **IDFC Bank** has entered a "**strategic alliance**" with mobile wallet major **MobiKwik** to launch a **co-branded virtual Visa prepaid card** for customers of MobiKwik.
- ✚ The tax rates on over 200 items, ranging from chewing gum to chocolates, to beauty products, wigs and wrist watches, were on cut to provide relief to consumers and businesses amid economic slowdown.
- ✚ **Federal Bank** has obtained RBI approval to **open representative offices at Kuwait and Singapore**.



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- ✚ According to SEBI order, **Rupani’s** alleged **manipulative transactions** took place between January-June 2011. His Hindu Undivided Family (HUF) has been asked to pay a fine of Rs **15 lakh**.
- ✚ The **government** has raised the **maximum amount** that a **Central government employee** can borrow from the government for house-building to **Rs.25 lakh** from the **earlier Rs.7.5 lakh**.
- ✚ Private sector life insurer **PNB MetLife** has inked a corporate agency **tie-up** with **Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait (BBK)** to sell retail and group insurance products of the company to the foreign bank’s customers in India.

Awards

S.No	Award Name	Awarded to	Reason
1.	Vishnudas Bhave award	Mohan Joshi – “Renowned Indian film and television actor”	Contribution to the theatre
2.	21st Asia Insurance Industry Awards in the “ General Insurance Company of the Year ”	Apollo Munich Health Insurance Company	-
3.	Best Short Film Award at the South Asian Film Festival of Montreal (SAFFM)	Indian short film ‘ The School Bag ’	-
4.	‘ Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2017 ’	Ms. Maya Swaminathan Sinha	-
5.	Israel’s 2018 Genesis Prize” Jewish Nobel Prize”	Natalie Portman	Recognition of her commitment to social causes and deep connection to her Jewish and Israeli roots
6.	Sumitra Charat Ram Award for Lifetime Achievement	Girija Devi – “ Classical Singer ”	-

APPOINTMENTS

S.No	Name	Post	Previously held by
1.	Hasmukh Adhia	Finance Secretary of India	Ashok Lavasa
2.	RK Kulshrestha	General Manager, Southern Railway	-
3.	“Madhu Azad”	First woman Mayor of Millennium City	-
4.	Binoy Kumar	Special Secretary in Commerce Ministry	-
5.	Priti Patel	Britain’s international development secretary	*Quit the post because of breaching the ministerial rules by holding unauthorized meetings with Israeli Officials
6.	Sanjeev Kaushik	Whole Time Member of Market Regulator “SEBI”	-
7.	Ravinder Bhalla	1 st ever Sikh Mayor of New Jersey’s Hokoben City	-
8.	Chandika Hathurusingha	Head Coach of Bangladesh National Cricket Team	*Resigned from the post

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9.	Seven-member committee headed by environment secretary CK Mishra	Committee to formulate short and long-term measures to solve the problem of air pollution in the Delhi-NCR region.	-
10.	Borut Pahor	Slovenian President – 2 nd Time	-
11.	Debjani Ghosh	President – NASSCOM “She will become the 1 st Women President of Nasscom”	R Chandrasekhar
12.	Ravi Bangar	Ambassador of India to Ecuador	-
13.	Former Captain Bhaskar Ganguly	Ombudsman of All India Football Federation (AIFF).	-



Sports

- ✚ The Indian squad won a total of **six gold, seven silvers** and seven bronze medals and topped the medal tally in the Commonwealth Shooting Championships held at Brisbane, Australia.
- ✚ **Shiv Kapur** clinched his **first Asian Tour title** in India, bagging the **Panasonic Open** held at **Delhi Golf Club**.
- ✚ India's **Achanta Sharath Kamal** and **G Sathiyan** won a **bronze medal** in doubles at the prestigious 2017 Challenge **Belgium Open Table Tennis tournament**.
- ✚ Assam's famous **One Horned Rhino** was named as "**GUPPY**", a female version of the one horned rhino and unveiled as the **Official Mascot of the 2017 AIBA YOUTH WOMENS WORLD BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP** which happens on **November 19 to November 26**. The anthem named "**Make some Noise**" has been composed by **Shaan** and sung by **Sunidhi Chauhan**.
- ✚ **Indian boxer MC Mary Kom** defeated **North Korea's Kim Hyang Mi** in the 48 kg category final of the **Asian Women's Boxing Championships**. This is Mary Kom's first international gold medal since the 2014 Asian Games and her first medal in over a year.
- ✚ **Strike bowler Mitchell Starc** became the **first bowler** to take **two hat-tricks** in the same first-class game in Australia as he hit ominous form ahead of the Ashes Test series against England.
- ✚ **H.S Prannoy** outwitted World No 2 and title favourite Kidambi Srikanth in a thrilling finale to claim the **men's singles title** at the **82nd Senior National Championship** in Nagpur.
- ✚ **Saina Nehwal** beat PV Sindhu in the blockbuster final of **Senior National Badminton Championships** in Nagpur to lift her third national's title.

Important Days

Day	Specialty	Theme
November 5	International Day of Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict	-
November 8	World Radiography Day	Emergency Radiology
November 10	World Science Day for Peace and Development	Science for Global Understanding
November 11	National Education Day	-

Obituary

- ✚ A G MILIKHA SINGH – Former India Cricketer
- ✚ KIRTI NIDHI BISTA – Former Prime Minister of Nepal
- ✚ VIRENDRA SANGHI – Senior Journalist

