

## NATIONAL

- India and Russia have signed anti-terror pact agreement for enhancing bilateral cooperation in tackling all forms of terrorism which was signed by Union Home Minister **Rajnath Singh** and Russia's Interior Minister **Vladimir Kolokoltsev** in Moscow.
- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the **International Ambedkar Conclave**. The conclave is organised by the Forum of SC and ST Legislators and Parliamentarians, in New Delhi
- The Government of India, with the approval President of India, has constituted Fifteenth Finance Commission in pursuance of clause (1) of article 280 of the Constitution. The Commission headed by **Shri. N.K.Singh, former Member of Parliament and former Secretary to the Government of India** and also by Shri Arvind Mehta will be the Secretary to the Commission will make recommendations for the five years commencing on April 1, 2020.
- The Golden Temple situated in Amristar, Punjab has been awarded the 'most visited place of the world'. The award is given by '**World Book of Records' (WBR)**, a London-based organisation.
- Fish Pond Yojana scheme was launched by the Odisha's Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. The objective of the scheme is to boost fish production in the state. The budget allocated is **96 crore rupees in Bhubaneshwar**.
- To offer **trade in Bitcoin and Bitcoin Cash**, Indian online payments firm **BillDesk-owned Hatio Innovations** has launched cryptocurrency exchange '**Coinome**' in India.
- Korea Tourism Organisation (KTO) inaugurated a two-day Korea festival showcasing Korea's rich art, culture and heritage in Gurugram, Harayana.
- The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) had launched **India Hypertension Management Initiative (IHMI)**.
- The first edition of International Symposium to Promote Innovation & Research in Energy Efficiency (INSPIRE 2017) **begins in Jaipur, Rajasthan** organized by Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) in partnership with The World Bank, and Alliance for an Energy Efficient Economy (AEEE).
- World's first Sanskrit 3D film '**Anurakthi**' was screened in 3D category at the International Film Festival of India in Panaji in Goa. The movie is directed by Asokan PK.

- India and Italy signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) **for enhanced cooperation in the health sector** by exchanging and training of medical doctors, officials, other health professionals and experts.
- Madhya Pradesh becomes the first state in the country **to launch Panch Parmeshwar portal and app system** for making panchayat functioning more transparent easy and reliable. Under the scheme all acts and dealings of the gram panchayats will be displayed on public domain.
- The Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (SAUBHAGYA) was launched in Manipur by Union Minister of State (IC) for Power and New & Renewable Energy, Shri R.K. Singh and Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister of Manipur and the household electrification has to be completed in all states by 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2019.
- **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has been awarded the Bronze Medal** for its creative and informative display. It was given at the 37th India International Trade Fair 2017 being **held at Pragati Maidan.**

## INTERNATIONAL

- **Demi-Leigh Nel-Peters of South Africa** was crowned as the **Miss Universe** event held at THE AXIS Theatre and Laura Gonzalez from Columbia became the first Runner Up in the Miss Universe Contest.
- **The Asian Development Bank** will provide a **150 million USD loan** to Nepal to improve its **urban infrastructure**. The project is targeted to complete within five years and the objective of project is to enhance urban infrastructure in the Terai region.
- Under the Digital India program , **Government of India** will help **Mauritius** to develop and setup **Digital Locker Services** along with the technical support and Advisory Services.
- North Korea has successfully tested a intercontinental ballistic missile that can reach the whole of the continental United States. The missile reached an **altitude of 4,475 kilometers and flew 950 kilometers for 53 minutes.**
- **The India-United Kingdom (UK)** joint army training exercise '**Ajeya Warrior**' with an aim to enhance counter-terrorism skills will be held from 1 to 14 December of this year **at the Mahajan Field Firing Range in Bikaner, Rajasthan.**
- Planet Labs Inc, a US-based integrated aerospace and data analytics company, announced four of its Dove satellites will be launched **aboard India's PSLV-C40 mission, scheduled to fly in January 2018.**

- An Inter-Governmental Mid-Point review meeting of Asia and Pacific Decade for Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022 held in Beijing, China. Indian **Union Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment Thawar chand Gehlot attended the meet.**
- E-commerce website Amazon India has launched a new programme “**Amazon Saheli**”. The objective is to empower and enable women entrepreneurs across the country to sell their products on its marketplace.


## APPOINTMENTS

S.No	Name	Post	Post Previously Held by
1.	Karen Pierce	Ambassador to the UN ( <b>First Woman from Britain to be appointed as Ambassador to UN</b> )	<b>Matthew Rycroft</b>
2.	Badri Narain Sharma	Chairman of <b>National Anti-Profitteering Authority</b>	-
3.	Shaktikanta Das	<b>India's G20 Sherpa</b> for the Development Track of the grouping	-
4.	Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman	President of the Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA)	-

## AWARDS

S.No	Award Name	Awarded To
1.	3rd Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) Distinguished Indologist Award	Hiroshi Marui (Japanese Professor)
2.	Freedom of Oxford award	Suu Kyi (Stripped)
3.	Golden Peacock award for best film @ 48 <sup>th</sup> International Film Festival of India	120 Beats Per Minute (French Movie)
4.	Film Personality of the Year Award	Amithabh Bachchan

## BUSINESS

-  A new Payments Bank '**Paytm Payments Bank**' was launched by the Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley. Paytm Payments Bank provides free personalised RuPay digital debit card.

## SPORTS

- India off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin became the fastest bowler to reach the milestone of 300 Test wickets, only to the Australian Legend Dennis Lillee who reached the particular milestone in 56 matches. He did this **record in his 54th match**, during India's win over Sri Lanka in the second Test.

- **Awards** won by Various Sports players in the **Inaugural Edition of India Sports Honours held in Mumbai**

#### ✚ Individual Sport Category

- Sportsman of the year – Kidambi Srikanth (Badminton)
- Sportswoman of the Year – PV Sindhu (Badminton)

#### ✚ Team Sport Category

- Sportsman of the year – Ravichandra Ashwin (Cricket)
- Sportswoman of the Year – Mithali Raj (Cricket)

✚ Inspirational Honour - Sania Mirza (Lawn Tennis)

✚ Transformational Contribution to Sport Award – Abhinav Bindra (Shooting)

✚ Team of the Year Award – Indian Women's Cricket Team

- Indian wrestlers **Bajrang Punia, Vinod Kumar** clinched silver medals at **U-23 World Wrestling Championship** held in Poland.
- The 7th international military games will be held **at Wuhan city in the central China's Hubei Province**. The International Military Sports Council (CISM)'s Military World Games is a top sport event for military personnel. The emblem consists of a dove, a star, ribbons and the Mascot is **Bing Bing**.
- The Indian men's and women's kabaddi teams are the champions of Asia. The event **held at Gorgan, Iran**. Indian Men's team beat Pakistan and Indian women's team beat South Korea in their final.
- Valtteri Bottas won the Abu Dhabi F1 Grand Prix, whereas the second and third spot was grabbed by Lewis Hamilton and Sebastian Vettel.
- **Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik** unveiled the logo and mascot for the Hockey Men's World Cup 2018 at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar. Sixteen countries, including India will participate in the **14th edition of the Hockey World Cup**.

- **Mirabai Chanu** is the **second Indian** to get **gold medal** at the **World Weightlifting Championship**. Karnam Malleswari did it back in 1995. The event held in Anaheim, USA.
- **Abhishek Verma** won a gold medal and **Jyothi Surekha Vennam** a bronze medal at the **Asian Archery Championship**, held at Dhaka, Bangladesh.

### **OBITUARY**

1. Vasanthi – Veteran Malayalam Actress

