

### **National Events**

#### **PM inaugurates petrochemical plant in Dibrugarh**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Brahmaputra Cracker and Polymer Limited (BCPL) at Lepetkata, Assam and dedicated the facility to the nation. It is the first ever petrochemical plant located in the entire North-Eastern region of India. It has been built at cost of 10000-crore rupees and shall be producing raw material for manufacturing plastic.

The Brahmaputra Cracker and Polymer Ltd was conceived as part of the Assam peace accord signed during the tenure of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and its foundation stone was laid in 2007 by the then Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh.

#### **Narendra Modi opens 'Make In India' centre in Mumbai**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Make in India Centre at Bandra Kurla Complex, a commercial complex in the suburbs of Mumbai.

The Make In India week will conclude on 18 February.

Make in India is the current government's flagship initiative, launched by the prime minister in September 2014, to encourage international companies to manufacture their goods in India.

#### **Govt praises MGNREGA as scheme completes 10 years**

The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) has completed its ten years of achievement. The total government part to the herald of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA is about three-quarters of US\$15 billion.

It was launched in June 2006 by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh with aims to guarantee the 'right to work' as per the Article 41 of the Indian Constitution.

#### **UAE Crown Prince Is On 3 Day India Visit**

United Arab Emirates leader and Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan is on 3 day India visit along with seven ministers.

The visit is expected to witness signing of a landmark civil nuclear cooperation pact among agreements across sectors, including a deal on security and information sharing

#### **Indo-Nepal Battalion Level Combined Exercise Surya Kiran kicked off**

The 9th Indo-Nepal Combined Battalion level Military Training Exercise Surya Kiran has been started off today at Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand. The 14 days military training exercise is under the aegis of Panchshul Brigade of Central Command.

Nepalese Army would be training together and sharing their experiences of counter-terrorism operations and "jungle warfare" in hilly terrain.

### **BHU turns 100 years & set to honour PM Modi with Doctor of Law**

Established in 1916 by freedom fighter Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, Banaras Hindu University (BHU) has completed its 100 years of foundation on 13th February 2016.

### **India sets target to eliminate malaria by 2030**

India has set a target to eliminate malaria disease by 2030 and will allocate infrastructure and financial resources towards this task.

Launching the National Framework for Malaria Elimination (NFME) 2016-2030, which outlines India's strategy for elimination of the disease by 2030.

### **Delhi to conduct second round of odd-even from April 15**

The second phase of the odd-even road rationing scheme to reduce the Capital's notorious air pollution and traffic snarls will begin for a fortnight from April 15, Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal announced.

Women driving alone or with young children, several categories of VIPs and two-wheelers will be exempted.

### **International Radio Fair 2016 Hosted By Bhubaneswar**

International Radio Fair 2016 is to be held at Bhubaneswar.

### **India's fastest-growing state: Meghalaya**

Meghalaya becomes the India's fastest-growing state with a growth rate of 9.7% in 2013-14.

The growth rate of Meghalaya is higher than the fastest-growing state Madhya Pradesh at 9.5%.

### **India is at top spot in Consumer Confidence Index 2016**

According to a new report by Nielsen's consumer confidence index, once again India tops the global confidence index 2016.

The country's confidence score remained constant at 131 points in the December quarter, same as the September quarter. India is followed by the Philippines (117), Indonesia (115) and Thailand (114), according to the online survey conducted by Nielsen.

### **India's 1st railway university to come up in Gujarat**

Vadodara will be home to the country's first railway university, minister of state for railways Manoj Sinha has said.

### **India's first Aviation Park to come up in Gujarat**

The state government had decided to set up the country's first Aviation Park in Gujarat. The park will have an airstrip, training school, helipad and space for setting up small manufacturing units.

The park aims to raise the awareness among students about the potential of the aviation sector.

### **Dhirubhai Ambani Centre for Innovation and Research in Bengaluru**

Reliance Group Chairman Anil Ambani announced the establishment of Dhirubhai Ambani Centre for Innovation and Research in Aerospace at White field in Bengaluru.

The centre would also generate more than 1,500 highly skilled jobs and support government's plan for indigenous design, development and manufacture of defence equipment.

### **Ananda Shankar to address India Conference in Harvard**

Renowned dancer-choreographer and speaker Dr. Ananda Shankar Jayant will address the high-profile India Conference at Harvard in USA this week.

### **INS Viraatto Be Converted into luxury Hotel**

The world's oldest aircraft carrier, INS Viraat, is all set to be converted into a luxury hotel to attract tourists once it is decommissioned from service in June this year.

The Defence Ministry has given its nod to a proposal from Andhra Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation (APTDC) to convert the Centaur-class aircraft carrier into a hotel-cum-museum.

The state government has drawn up plans to convert Viraat into a 500-room hotel. The warship would be docked at the shores of Visakhapatnam to serve as a tourist attraction. The project to be taken up under Public Private Partnership (PPP) model.

### **Finance Ministry gets a dedicated YouTube channel**

Finance Ministry now has an official YouTube Channel, which is expected to disseminate information about the official events.

The Channel will feature videos on the major schemes, events, meetings, press conferences and other exclusive videos relating to the Ministry.

### **National Organic Farming Research Institute to be set up in Sikkim**

The Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare decided to set up the National Organic Farming Research Institute in Sikkim.

The institute will be established by upgrading the existing Regional Centre of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in Gangtok.

The setting up of the institute is of primary importance for Sikkim as it was declared as the first organic farming State in the country in January 2016 by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

### **Maharashtra Has Topped In Internet Readiness Index**

As per the report compiled and published by Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) and Indicus Analytics, Maharashtra has topped in terms of the overall Internet readiness index.

### **India will host the first ever Global Maritime Summit**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said India will host the first ever Global Maritime Summit in April this year and called for maritime cooperation stating that the seas must be used

to build peace, friendship, trust and curb conflict.

### **India become the second largest smartphone market**

India has surpassed the US to become the largest smartphone market in the world after China, by number of units sold, as the availability of 4G handsets fueled demand, a new report has revealed.

India surpassed US to become the second largest smartphone market in terms of active unique smartphone user base in the world with the base crossing 220 million users,” said TarunPathak, a senior analyst at Counterpoint. “This speaks volume for the scale the Indian market provides for any player in the mobile connected ecosystem.”

### **India's first fully solar-powered educational institute now in Puducherry**

India's first fully solar-powered educational institute is now in Puducherry. Sri Aurobindo

International Centre for Education, Puducherry has become India's first fully solar-powered educational institute.

The institute generates thrice the electricity it consumes through solar power plants installed on the roofs of the dining room, primary school, library and high school in the campus. The institute has been self-reliant in energy since September 2014.

### **Release of Nathuram Godse book on Gandhi's birth anniversary sparks controversy**

Newly formed Goa Forward party has opposed the release of a book on Mahatma Gandhi 's killer Nathuram Godse on the death anniversary of the Father of the Nation.

The book, titled 'Nathuram Godse - The Story of an Assassin' and written by Anup Ashok Sardesai ,to be released at the government-owned Ravindra Bhavan in Margao by BJP leader and the bhavan's chairman Damodar Naik.

## **International Events**

### **WHO declares Zika virus outbreak as International Emergency**

The World Health Organization (WHO) declared the Zika virus outbreak as an International Emergency.

Zika virus is transmitted by mosquitoes and it is supposed that it link to birth defects therefore the WHO has announced it as an international public health emergency.

### **Sri Lanka lifts unofficial ban on Tamil national anthem on Independence Day**

Lifting an unofficial ban, Sri Lanka's national anthem was sung in Tamil at a ceremony in Colombo to mark the country's independence day, in an effort to achieve reconciliation with the ethnic minority community.

School children rendered the Sinhala and Tamil versions of the national anthem at a colour ful celebration at the Galle Face Green park to mark the 68th anniversary of Sri Lanka's independence from Britain.

### **Bangladesh Cabinet approved draft of Citizenship Law, 2016 expanding scope for dual citizenship**

Bangladesh government has given its clearance for a new law that will expand the scope for dual citizenship for Bangladeshis. The new law includes a provision for five years of imprisonment if one gives false information to acquire citizenship.

The law only allowed dual citizenship for Bangladeshis in the **US** and the **UK**

The new law is being formulated by merging 'The Citizenship Act 1959' and 'The Bangladesh Citizenship Temporary Provisions Order 1972'

### **UN releases stamps on LGBT issue for first time**

The United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) had released a set of six dedicatory stamps on Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) issue. This is the first time the global body's post office had released the stamps with an LGBT theme.

Objective: To promote awareness and global education about the equality of LGBT.

### **13 February: World Radio Day**

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) is celebrating World Radio Day on 13 February.

This year, the UNESCO theme for World Radio Day is "Radio in Times of Emergency and Disaster".

### **Colorado state honors life of Gandhi**

US state of Colorado had honored the life of Mahatma Gandhi.

Colorado State honored Gandhi for dedicating his whole life for the sake of country.

Some of the freedom moments led by Gandhi are Civil disobedience moment, Dandi Salt March, Quit India moment, Champaran and Kheda Satyagraha, Khilafat movement, Non-cooperation movement.

### **Discovery of The Century : Gravitational Waves**

Scientists have observed a stunning discovery in their quest to fully understand gravity.

They have observed the warping of space time generated by the collision of two black holes more than a billion light-years from Earth.

The scientist team says the first detection of these gravitational waves will usher in a new era for astronomy.

## **Business / Trade**

### **Fiscal deficit at 88% of annual target**

The government's fiscal deficit for the first nine months (April-December) of this financial year stood at 88 per cent of the annual target

comparable with 100.2 per cent of the target it managed during the same period in the previous financial year.

The April-December fiscal deficit — the difference between government revenue and expenditure — stood at Rs.4.88 lakh crore, which is 88 per cent of the Rs.5.55 lakh crore target for the full year set by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley in the Budget.

### **Rs 1 lakh crore disbursed under MUDRA Yojana: PM Narendra Modi**

Under the Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had approved Rs 1 lakh crore loans to small entrepreneurs

MUDRA Yojana was launched in April 2015.

It aims to make youth to be job creators and not job seekers.

Fund will be provided to youth to make them self sufficient.

### **CBDT ink two bilateral APAs with United Kingdom**

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) had signed two bilateral Advance Pricing Agreements (APAs) with United Kingdom.

Now CBDT has signed 41 APAs out of which 38 are unilateral and 3 are bilateral.

### **Government To Infuse About Rs. 5000 Cr. In PSU Banks This Quarter**

The government will infuse about Rs.5,000 crore capital in the public sector undertaking (PSU) banks in the current fiscal to strengthen their balance sheet.

“As committed, banks will get fund infusion in the fourth quarter. Banks will get about Rs.5,000 crore,” financial services secretary

Anjuly Chib Duggal said on the sidelines of an event.

Funds would be infused after Parliament approves third Supplementary Demand for Grants in the upcoming Budget session. Last year, the Government announced a revamp plan 'Indradhanush' to infuse Rs70,000 crore in state-owned banks over four years, while they will have to raise a further Rs 1.1 lakh crore from the markets to meet their capital requirements in line with global risk norms Basel III.

### **SBI, Thomas Cook team up for 'inflation-proof' holidays**

State Bank of India has tied up with Thomas Cook to offer online customers a recurring deposit that helps them save toward an 'inflation proof' holiday. Availing the holiday on maturity of the recurring deposit is optional as customers can choose either to travel or redeem their savings. For those who stay on, Thomas Cook will top up the last instalment to pay for their holiday.

### **TCS rated world's most powerful brand in IT services**

India's top multinational IT Company Tata Consultancy Services has been rated as the world's most powerful brand in Information Technology Services by a leading global brand valuation firm, the company said on Wednesday.

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) emerged as the IT services industry's most powerful brand with a score of 78.3 points — earning it an AA+ rating.

### **B2B meet for SMEs begins in Kochi**

Manufacturers in Kerala should come out with more value-added products if they want to compete in the global market, Minister for Public Works VK Ebrahim Kunju has said.

The meet will provide the SMEs in Kerala greater exposure to businesses outside Kerala and even India, he said.

### **Meet on 'Make in India' in Mangalore**

The Mangaluru-based MSNM Besant Institute of Postgraduate Management Studies conducted a conference on 'Make in India' on February 5.

### **BoB exhibited Highest Ever Loss by a PSB**

Vadodara headquartered Bank of Baroda publicized its net loss of Rs 3,342 crore for the December quarter in comparison with Rs 332 crore profit last year. It is considered as the highest-ever quarterly loss by an Indian bank.

The reason behind this huge loss is the provisions against bad loans which have jumped to Rs 6,164 crore against Rs 1,262 last year and increase in NPA percentage to 9.68% from 3.85%.

### **Facebook Shuts Down Free Basics in India**

Facebook has shut down its controversial Free Basics project in India, days after a Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) ruling barred operators from charging different rates for Internet access based on content, dealing a blow to Facebook's Free Basics and other such plans.

Facebook had met a backlash in India from "net neutrality" advocates, who say that because Free Basics only allows access to selected websites it violates the principle that the entire

Internet should be available to everyone on equal terms.

The service was available in India via RCom but had been shuttered in December after Trai ordered its closure pending its verdict on differential pricing.

### **Indian Government Sanctions Rs. 580 Crore For Railway Link With Bangladesh**

The Indian government has sanctioned Rs.580 crore for the vital rail link.

As it expected to complete the work on the 15-km-long rail line to connect Agartala with Akhaura in that country by 2017. Of the 15 km railway track, 10 km falls in the Bangladesh side and the rest in India.

The 1,700 km distance between Agartala and Kolkata through Chicken Neck near Siliguri would be reduced to 350 km.

### **RBI cancels registration of 4 NBFCs**

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had cancelled the certificate of registration of 4 non-banking financial companies (NBFCs).

The 4 NBFCs whose registration is cancelled are as follow Goyal Commercial Pvt Ltd Kolkata, First Debt Management Co. of India Ltd Nostalgia Finvest Private Limited and Narad Realtors Private Limited belongs to Mumbai.

### **Wipro To Buy US Healthcare Services**

Global software major and India's 3rd largest exporter Wipro has made an announced buying "Health Plan Service" business in the US for \$460 million (Rs.3,150 crore).



Health Plan Services is a leading independent technology and Business Process as a Service (BPaaS) provider in the US health insurance market that offers solutions to health insurance firms.

### Awards

#### **Russian “Order of Friendship” bestowed upon Ramayah Shanmuga Sundar**

Director of the Kudankulam nuclear power plant (NPP) construction site, RamayahShanmugaSundar has been conferred with “Order of Friendship” by Russia to recognize his contribution towards the implementation of the NPP Kudankulam project.

#### **Titli first Indian film to win Best First Foreign Film award**

‘Titli’ has bagged the Best First Foreign Film Award conferred by the French Syndicate of Cinema Critics 2016 (FSCC). Kanu Behl is the director of the film “Titli”.

#### **Amitabh Bachchan conferred with lifetime achievement award**

Amitabh Harivansh Bachchan presented with the lifetime achievement award in New Delhi.

He received the honour at NDTV Indian of the Year Awards for his contribution to the film industry.

#### **Sarangi maestro Pandit Ram Narayan gets Bhimsen Joshi Award**

Sarangi maestro Pandit Ram Narayan has been chosen for the prestigious Bharat RatnaPanditBhimsen Joshi classical music award for 2015-2016.

Pandit Ram Narayan popularized the bowed instrument sarangi as a solo concert instrument in Hindustani classical music and became the first internationally successful sarangi player.

#### **Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of The Year Award 2015**

Chief Executive Officer Vinita Gupta and managing director Nilesh Gupta, Lupin Ltd have been chosen the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year 2015.

An 11-member jury led by Adi Godrej selected the winners.

#### **Vidya Balan receives Pride of Kerala award**

The 38-year-old Bollywood actress Vidya Balan has been awarded with the ‘Pride of Kerala’ award by the World Malayalee Council and Kairali TV.

The National award-winning actress has starred in films like “Parineeta”, “Paa”, “No One Killed Jessica”, “The Dirty Picture” and “Kahaani”.

### Appointments



### **Archana Ramasundram Became 1st Woman To Head Paramilitary Force**

Archana Ramasundram was appointed as the Director General of the Sashastra Seema Bal that guards India's frontiers with Nepal and Bhutan.

Archana Ramasundram became the first woman to head a paramilitary force .

### **Saroj Kumar Jha appointed as Senior Director in World Bank**

Saroj Kumar Jha has been appointed to a key position in the World Bank. Jha assumed the position of Senior Director for the Fragility, Conflict and Violence Group at the World Bank.

He has to work across the Bank Group and in close collaboration with partners. Jha is an alumnus of Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur.

### **World Bank Expert Mr. Iyer To Lead Swachh Bharat Mission**

The government has appointed World Bank's water and sanitation specialist, Parameshwaran Iyer, as the new Secretary of the Drinking Water and Sanitation Department.

### **Aruna Sethi appointed as first women head of Indian Cost Accounting Service**

Aruna Sethi, the Principal Adviser (Cost), on 1 February 2016 took over charge as the head of Indian Cost Accounts Service (ICoAS). With this appointment, she became the first woman to occupy the post.

### **DJ Pandian appointed Vice President of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank**

Former chief secretary of Gujarat DJ Pandian was appointed vice-president and chief investment officer of the newly-created Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) on 3 February 2016.

### **David in ICC's Anti-Corruption Oversight Group**

Batting great Rahul Dravid has been named in ICC's newly appointed Anti-Corruption Oversight Group as part of the recommendation from its Integrity Working Party of the parent body.

Dravid is currently coaching the Indian team in the ongoing U-19 World Cup, which is being held in Bangladesh.

### **US General John Nicholson new NATO commander in Afghanistan**

A key Senate committee has confirmed the nomination of US General John Nicholson to the commander of NATO forces in Afghanistan.

### **Ashok Chawla Appointed As Chairman of TERI**

TERI's governing council appointed Ashok Chawla as its new chairman.

Chawla is the former Union Finance Secretary and former Chairman of the Competition Commission.

The Council decided after the elevation of climate scientist R.K. Pachauri indicted in a sexual harassment case to the post of Executive Vice Chairman on Monday, received widespread criticism from the media and women's rights lawyers.

### **Secretary-General Appoints Tamar Hahn of Israel Director of United Nations Information Centre**

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has appointed Tamar Hahn of Israel Director of the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) in Buenos Aires, which serves Argentina and Uruguay. She assumes her duties on 10 February.

### **R K Verma : New Secretary Of Railway Board**

A 1980 batch officer of Indian Railway Services Of Engineers Mr. R K Verma has assumed the charge as Secretary, Railway Board.

Earlier he has served as Adviser (Public Grievance) to the Minister of State (MoS) for Railways.

### **Brijbhushan Sharan Singh Appointment As President Of SAWF**

Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brijbhushan Sharan Singh has been appointed as the president of the South Asian Wrestling Federation (SAWF).

## **Sports**

### **India beat Australia in Sydney, complete 3-0 rout**

India beat Australia by seven wickets in the third and final Twenty-20 match at the Sydney Cricket Ground to win the series 3-0.

It was first time in 140 years that any team has whitewashed Australia in Australia in a more than 3 match series.

Virat Kohli was declared Man of the Series.

### **12th South Asian Games begins in Guwahati**

The 12th edition of South Asian Games (SAG) has begun in Guwahati, Assam after it was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Indira Gandhi Athletics Stadium. The 11-day event is being jointly hosted by Guwahati and Meghalaya capital, Shillong.

Over 2,500 athletes from 8 SAARC nations viz. India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh,

Afghanistan, Nepal, Bhutan and the Maldives are participating in it.

‘Play for Peace, Progress and Prosperity’ is the slogan of the game

The official Mascot of the games is – Tikhor, a one-horned rhino that represents endangered fauna of Assam found in Kaziranga National Park.

### **Kerala wins 61st National School Athletics championship**

Kerala has won the 61st National School Athletics championship which concluded in Kozhikode yesterday. This is for the 19th consecutive time Kerala becomes the champions in the event. Tamil Nadu came second.

### **Novak Djokovic clinched sixth Australian Open**

Novak Djokovic crushed Andy Murray 6-1, 7-5, 7-6(3) at Melbourne Park on Sunday to match

Roy Emerson's record of six Australian Open titles.

World No.1 Serbian, who claimed his 11th Grand Slam title to draw level with the totals of Rod Laver and Bjorn Borg.

### **Indian Women's Cricket Team Create History By Beating Australia To Win The First Twenty-20 Series**

The Indian women's cricket team scripted history today by clinching its maiden Twenty-20 series win over three-time world champion Australia.

India beat Australia 2-1 in 3 Match T-20 series.

Jhulan Goswami was declared Player of the series.

### **BCCI bans Pakistani umpire Asad Rauf for 5 years**

Pakistani umpire Asad Rauf was today banned for five years by the BCCI after its disciplinary committee found him guilty of corrupt practices and bringing the game into disrepute.

The 59-year-old Rauf, who was part of the ICC's elite panel and officiated in Test matches, was accused of accepting expensive gifts from bookies besides placing bets on IPL matches in the 2013 edition.

### **Nirban Lahiri wins Hilton Asian Tour Golfer of the Year award**

The Indian triumphed at the Maybank Malaysian and Hero Indian Open before going on to finish tied fifth at the PGA Championship last year.

### **Chinappa Wins Gold In South Asian Games**

India's ace squash player Joshna Chinappa has won the gold medal in women's individual category at the 12th South Asian Games (SAG).

She defeated Pakistan's Maria Wazir by 10-12, 11-7, 11-9, 11-7 score. With this she became first Indian squash player to win individual gold medal in 2016 SAG.

### **Indian Wrestlers Win 14 out of 16 Gold In South Asian Games**

Indian wrestlers simply grabbed, scooping 14 gold medals out of a total 16 on offer as the wrestling competition in the 12th South Asian Games.

Indian wrestlers ended their campaign with a whopping 14 gold and two silver.

### **New Zealand cricket team won Chappell-Hadlee Trophy**

New Zealand on 8 February 2016 won the three-match Chappell-Hadlee Trophy of cricket against Australia, 2-1.

This win of the Black Caps can be termed as the best farewell gift for Brendon McCullum who retired from One-Day International (ODI) cricket after the match.

### **New Zealand cricketer Brendon Barrie McCullum retired from One-Day Internationals**

Brendon Barrie McCullum (New Zealand) on 8 February 2016 retired from One-Day Internationals (ODIs). However, He announced his retirement on 22 December 2015.

He played 260 ODIs and scored 6083 runs matches. They include 5 centuries and 31 half-centuries.

### **Yasir Shah suspended for three months for breach of anti-doping code**

Yasir Shah Pakistan leg-spinner had been banned for three months for breaching the

International Cricket Council's (ICCs) anti-doping code.

## Deaths

### **Balram Jhakar Yadav, former Lok Sabha speaker passed away**

Former Lok Sabha speaker and Congress veteran Balram Jakhar passed away today. He was 92.

He served as the speaker of Lok Sabha from 1980 to 1989.

### **Veteran Urdu writer Intizar Hussain died**

Veteran short story writer, novelist, columnist and poet Intizar Hussain passed away at a hospital in Lahore. The 92-year-old was undergoing treatment at a private hospital.

He was the first Pakistani and the first Urdu writer ever to be nominated for the international award.

### **Former RBI Deputy Governor S S Tarapore passed away**

S.S. Tarapore, former deputy governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and a noted economist, passed away in Mumbai on Tuesday.

A career central banker, Tarapore joined the RBI in 1961 and retired in 1996 as deputy governor, having been involved in almost all aspects of monetary policy.

### **Famous British television and radio personality Terry Wogan died**

British television and radio personality Terry Wogan died of cancer on 31 January 2016 in Buckinghamshire, United Kingdom. He was 77.

### **Singer-songwriter Dan Hicks passed away**

Renowned American singer-songwriter Dan Hicks passed away after a two-year long battle with throat and liver cancer. He was 74.

He was known for his traditional mix of folk, jazz and country music.

### **Former Nepal Prime Minister Sushil Koirala Passes Away**

Nepal's former prime minister Sushil Koirala passed away at his resident. He was 78.

Koirala was suffering from Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and has also been receiving treatment for "tongue cancer".

### **Noted Poet NidaFazli Is No More**

Muqtida Hasan Nida Fazli has taken his last breath on 8th Feb. He was an Indian Hindi and Urdu poet. He was 78.

He has got many awards for his work in his entire career, some of them are as follows In

1998 Sahitya Akademi Award in Urdu for Khoya Hua Sa Kuchh, In 2003 Star Screen Award for Best Lyricist for Sur, In 2003 Bollywood Movie Award - Best Lyricist for Aa Bhi Ja from Sur and In 2013 Padma Shri; the Government of India.

### **Siachen Avalanche Survivor Lance Naik Hanamanthappa Passes Away**

Lance Naik Hanamanthappa, who had been battling for life at the Army's Research &

Referral hospital, breathed his last on Today morning. "Really sorry to inform everyone that LNK Hanamanthappa is no more..He was 33.

Hanamanthappa, hailed from Koppal in Karnataka. He belonged to a farming family in Betadur village in Kundagoltaluk of Dharwad district.

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