

- Oscar Awards 2016 conferred; Film Mad Max: Fury Road won maximum awards
- President of India to be the chief guest at the 40th anniversary celebrations of Indian Civil Accounts Service
- Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat' programme will be launched to link States and Districts in an annual programme that connects people through exchanges in areas of language, trade, culture, travel and tourism
- Famous Tamil comedy actor Kumarimuthu died
- Wawrinka Beats Baghdatis To Win Dubai Title , He also won FRENCH & AUSTRALIAN OPEN
- National Science Day observed with theme Scientific Issues for Development of the Nation
- Resul Pookutty became first Asian to win Golden Reel Award
- US actor George Kennedy passes away
- Science journalist Pallava Bagla bags national award
- Bill Gates richest man in world : Forbes
- Internet for every home launched in Tamil Nadu
- PPF contributions to remain tax exempt: Adhia
- Indira Gandhi International Airport DELHI wins three international awards
- Delhi first state to launch HPV (Human Papillomavirus) vaccine
- Former NZ cricket captain Martin Crowe passes away
- Three British scientists have won a prestigious 2016 Grete Lundbeck European Brain Research Prize (also known as Brain Prize) for giving vital insight how the human brain remembers, learns and navigates.
- Five Indian women among Forbes World's Billionaires List
- Ratan Thiyam named for 11th META theatre award
- Bhagwati Lal Vyas selected for Bihari Puraskar 2015
- India signed MoU with World Bank for Madhya Pradesh Higher Education FOR 300 US \$
- India at 90th rank in terms of energy security
- Raisina Dialogue started in New Delhi
- RBI has come out with a draft regulatory framework for new kind of Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFC) which would act as an account aggregator to help people view their accounts across financial institutions in a common format. Only companies registered with

the RBI as NBFC-AA would be able to undertake the business of an account aggregator

- India has filed a complaint to the World Trade Organisation against the United States over its measures raising fees on some applicants for temporary work visas, mostly involving the tech sector .
- Union Government has cancelled the contract for the Rs. 10,050 crore Zojila Pass Tunnel Building Project (IRB )
- 3RD MARCH - World Wildlife Day (WWD)
- Sanjiv Kapoor named Vistara's new chief strategy office
- Mrugank Paranjape appointed as MD and CEO of MCX ( Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd )
- Cabinet Committee on security gives nod to acquire two advanced Israeli Phalcon AWACS (Airborne Warning and Control System) from Israel.
- London world's most expensive city: Surve
- Jual Oram Launches New Website of NCST
- Meghalaya to bid for 2022 National Games
- ICC suspended Aaron Phangiso for illegal bowling action
- IFC (International Finance Corporation) launches Uridashi Masala Bonds (Japanese Bonds)
- PM Narendra Modi launches Setu Bharatam Project
- Former Lok Sabha Speaker P.A.Sangma passed away
- Election Commission announces Assembly Election in 5 States - West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Assam and for Union Territory Puducherry
- Manoj Kumar to be conferred Dadasaheb Phalke Award
- Sunil Sabharwal took charge as Alternate Executive Director at IMF
- Noted film archivist P K Nair passes away
- Jitu Rai wins gold in 50m pistol event at ISSF World Cup
- FIH promotes Napoleon Singh as international Umpire
- Mumbai U-23 team clinched CK Nayudu Trophy 2015-16
- MoU between Indian Army and IndusInd Bank on the Defence Salary package
- TCS chief N Chandrasekaran appointed to board of Reserve Bank
- Government has launched a River Information System (RIS) between Haldia and Farakka stretch of the National Waterway-1 (NW-1)
- 15 States have Joined UDAY Scheme

## GK Bites - April 2016

- PepsiCo Named As New Associate Sponsor Of BCCI
- Chapchar Kut Festival Celebrated Across Mizoram
- Anirban Lahiri Jumps To 9th Spot At World Golf Championships
- Pat Conroy, Prince of Tides And Great Santini Author, Dies At 70
- Flipkart launches e-wallet to take on Paytm, Freecharge
- 'Carriage by Air' amendment bill passed by Rajya Sabha
- Asia Cup T20: India beat Bangladesh
- U.N. imposes harsh new sanctions on North Korea over its nuclear program
- Germany to develop Bhubaneswar, Kochi, Coimbatore as Smart Cities
- National carrier Air India successfully flew the World's longest all-woman operated and supported flight from the national capital New Delhi to San Francisco (United States).
- PM selects Nagepur village in Varanasi for development under SAGY
- E-mail inventor Ray Tomlinson passes away
- Capital Area Bank first to get small finance bank licence from RBI
- NTPC signs MoU for research with IIT Delhi
- Patna Pirates wins 3rd season of Pro Kabaddi League
- Indian men's and women's teams scripted history by clinching the gold medals at the World Table Tennis Team Championship in Kuala Lumpur.
- Tata Motors in pact for Indian Army's combat vehicles programme
- Padma Sachdev awarded 2015 Krutitava Smagra Samman
- World Cup T20: Reliance-Jio to give free Wi-Fi at 6 stadiums
- SBI among 4 new foreign banks allowed to operate in Myanmar
- Indian Railways has formed a new Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) to implement the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Bullet Train project.
- India, Saudi Arabia hold talks on regional and global issues
- Maria Sharapova failed Dope test
- Gujarat tops the list of states with most investment potential
- India will induct its first batch of female fighter pilots in June
- Syndicate Bank 1,000 crore fraud
- Telangana, Maharashtra ink pact for construction of barrages on Godavari
- Yes Bank launches all-women branch in Bengaluru
- Anand Mahindra conferred with France's highest civilian award

- Govt removes proposed tax on EPF withdrawals
- Fitch Maintains India's Growth Forecast At 7.5 %
- Parliament clears Bureau of Indian Standards Bill 2015
- 57 countries to take part in first-ever Maritime India Summit 2016
- Russia tops ranking for women in senior business roles
- IMF to set up data sharing centre in India
- National Anthem compulsory in all schools in WB
- ICICI Bank rolls out iWork@home for women employees
- Made-in-India Baleno launched in Japan
- Quikr launches service for doorstep pickup & delivery of pre-owned goods
- Karnataka launches Mukhyamantri Santwana Harish Yojana
- India, ASEAN Plus military exercise FORCE 18 concluded in Pune
- India, Bangladesh sign \$2 billion deal to implement socio-economic projects
- Tata Power inks pact to buy IRRJL wind project (Indo Rama Renewables Ltd)
- Indo-Indonesia Joint Training Exercise Garuda Shakti IV begins
- Mahindra Aerospace to set up operations in UAE
- Rest of India lift Irani Cup Cricket Title
- RBI inks information exchange pact with Bank of Israel
- Honey festival in Mangaluru from March 12
- Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana approved by the Cabinet
- ISRO launches Sixth Navigation Satellite IRNSS 1-F
- Ex SC Judge **Balbir Singh Chauhan** Appointed As Chairman Of **21st Law Commission** Of India
- ICICI Bank launched a credit-linked subsidy scheme
- Hyundai Is Now the Official Partner of BCCI
- Kangana Ranaut Has Become The Brand Ambassador Of Reebok India
- India To Launch 25 Foreign Satellites This Year
- Project Mausam Of M/O Culture Aims To Explore Multi-Faceted Indian Ocean World
- Jean Arnault of France to Head New UN Mission in Colombia
- NITI Aayog Launches 'Women Transforming India' Campaign
- Railway minister Suresh Prabhu launches "clean my coach" service by sending msg @ 58888
- Government bans 350 drugs, including Phensedyl, Corex

- Gujarat: Leaks In Kakrapar Nuclear Plant, One Unit Shut
- Aadhar Scheme Collects Biometric Data of 99 Crore Indians
- HDFC Bank Ties Up With 5 Start Ups
- Long march against Indo-Bangladesh power plant near Sundarbans started
- Union Cabinet gave green signal for amendment to Sikh Gurdwaras Act, 1925
- Kerala Tourism campaign wins Golden City Gate Award
- Allahabad High Court celebrates 150th foundation year
- Arab League declares Lebanese movement Hezbollah a terrorist group
- India, US launch Fullbright-Kalam Climate Fellowship
- Lt Gen N P S Hira appointed Deputy Chief of Army
- All England Championships: Lin Dan wins sixth title; Nozomi Okuhara first
- Union Power Ministry named LED based Domestic Efficient Lighting Programme (DELP) as UJALA
- IMF and India to set-up South Asia Regional Training and Technical Assistance Center in Delhi
- A Palestinian teacher has won a \$1m (£707,000) global teaching prize - with the award announced in a video message by Pope Francis
- Agni-I successfully test fired off Odisha coast
- Indian scholar H Deep Saini appointed VC of Canberra University
- International Children's Film Festival for NE Region begins in Gangtok
- PM Narendra Modi inaugurates three major railway projects in Bihar of 7000 Cr.
- Online portal 'Swayam' being launched to combat illiteracy: Smriti Irani
- China to set up International Maritime Judicial Center
- Services wins 70th Santosh Trophy football title 2016
- Defence Expo 2016 to be held in Goa
- Post Office account holders can operate their accounts from any branch
- Nobel laureate Lloyd S. Shapley passed away
- Food and Hospitality fair, AAHAR 2016 inaugurates in New Delhi
- RBI likely to pay Rs 57,000 crore in dividends to government in 2016-17
- ICICI Bank launches contactless mobile pay solution 'iTap'
- ExoMars 2016 spacecraft successfully launched by Europe & Russia
- First ever Paralympics Games begins in Arunachal Pradesh

- Htin Kyaw elected as first civilian President of Myanmar
- Denmark world's happiest country
- UN suspends Maria Sharapova as Goodwill Ambassador
- Amitabh Bachchan to sing national anthem before India-Pakistan match
- World's first fully electric double decker bus launched in London
- Modi to join world leaders in wax at Madame Tussauds
- Haryana gets first Earthquake Warning System in country
- SAARC Business Travelers' Card expected by May
- FICCI to fund construction of 250 toilets in govt schools in AP
- Four Oil PSUs sign pacts to raise stake in Russian oil fields
- Gamesa wins solar order from Sri Lanka
- Punjab Government notifies swine flu (H1N1 under Epidemic Disease Act
- Cisco to set up Internet of Everything innovation centre in Vizag
- India starts diesel exports to Bangladesh via rail
- World Sufi Forum inaugurates in New Delhi
- Priyanka & Raksha won Chameli Devi Jain Award
- Fazle Kabir appointed Governor of Bangladesh Bank
- Andrew Wiles wins 2016 Abel Prize
- India became second biggest investor in London
- Ashley Judd appointed as Goodwill Ambassador by UNDP
- Railways join hands with ISRO for effective use of space technology
- Modi on TIME's most influential people on Internet for second year
- 6th December 2014 "Hagupit" hit a typhoon - Philippines
- 24th February 2016 "Winston" a cyclone hit - Fiji ( capital - suva )
- RBI allowed 11 payment banks for 18 months .

## **63rd National Film Awards 2016 - Winners List -**

- Best Film: Baahubali (National Award a huge achievement: 'Baahubali' producer)
- Best Director: Sanjay Leela Bhansali, 'Bajirao Mastani'
- Best Actor: Amitabh Bachchan, Piku

- Best Actress: Kangana Ranaut, Tanu Weds Manu Returns
- Best Hindi Film: Dum Laga Ke Haisha
- Indira Gandhi Award for Best Debut Film Of A Director: Neeraj Ghaywan, Masaan
- Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment: Bajrangi Bhaijaan
- Best Female Playback Singer: Monali Thakur
- Best Choreography: Remo D'Souza
- Nargis Dutt Award for Best Feature Film on National Integration: Nanak Shah Fakir
- Best Malayalam Film: Pathemari
- Best Film on Social Issue: Niranayakam
- Best Children's Film: Duroto
- Best Film on Environment Conservation/Preservation: Valiya Chirakulla Pakshikal

### **Recent International and National Fairs -**

- 119th China Import and Export Fair 2016 held in Guangzhou, China
- 31st edition of the India International Leather Fair held in Chennai, Tamilnadu
- Four-day National Arogya Fair-2016 held in Dehradun, Uttarakhand
- 119th Canton Fair 2016 will be held in Guangzhou, China
- 4th edition of International Textile and Apparel fair 'VASTRA' held in Jaipur, Rajasthan
- 35th edition of India International Trade Fair (IITF) held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
- Asia's largest Book Fair 2015 held in Hong Kong, China
- 35th edition of India International Trade Fair held in New Delhi, India
- 40th edition of International Kolkata Book Fair held in Kolkata, West Bengal
- 43rd edition of the New Delhi World Book Fair held in New Delhi, India
- Three-day Organic Fair and Food Festival held in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh
- 31st edition of Aahar-The International Food & Hospitality Fair will be held in New Delhi, India