

Important Days

World Oceans Day: June 8

→ Theme: Our Oceans, Our Future

National Events

Apps Launched

→ e-challan, m-parivahan apps launched by Transportation Ministry

Green Protocol

→ Kerala Government Implements 'Green Protocol' For Weddings. With the implementation of the protocol, plastic and other non-degradable articles including disposable glasses and plates and thermocol decorations will be kept at bay from marriage functions.

Human Milk Bank

→ A national human milk bank "Vatsalya - Maatri Amrit Kosh" was inaugurated at Lady Hardinge Medical College (LHMC) in New Delhi

PAN-AADHAR Link

→ The Supreme Court upheld the government's decision to link Aadhaar with the permanent account number (PAN) for the filing of income tax returns, but ruled that non-compliance with the law will carry no retrospective criminal consequences.

SATH Program

→ NITI Aayog has launched SATH, a program providing 'Sustainable Action for Transforming Human capital' SATH aims to identify and build three future 'role model' states for health systems.

Selfie With Daughter

→ President Pranab Mukherjee today launched the 'Selfie with Daughter' mobile application, aimed at raising awareness about female foeticide and sex selection.

Daily Revision of Petrol and Diesel Rates

→ State-run fuel retailers will revise petrol and diesel prices daily from June 16, Daily revision of petrol and diesel prices has already been implemented on a pilot basis in five cities - Udaipur, Jamshedpur, Visakhapatnam, Chandigarh, and Puducherry - from May 1.

War Memorial

→ A war memorial at Thembang village in Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh was inaugurated which is dedicated to the men of 5 Guards, who fought during the Indo-China war in Thembang village on november 16 and 17, 1962.

Underwater Metro of India

→ Kolkata will soon have an underwater Metro which will pass through tunnels several feet under the Hooghly.

Skill for Life, Save a Life

→ J P Nadda, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare launched the 'Skill for Life, Save a Life' initiative which aims to upscale the quantity and quality of trained professionals in the healthcare system.

Kambala Legalised

→ The Union Ministry of Law and Justice has cleared the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Karnataka Amendment) Bill 2017, legalising kambala — the traditional slush track buffalo race

Mughalsarai railway to Be Renamed

→ The Yogi Adityanath cabinet in Uttar Pradesh decided to rename Mughalsarai railway station near Varanasi after RSS ideologue Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya.

HEERA to Replace UGC

→ The Narendra Modi led-government is all set to scrap the University Grants Commission and the All India Council for Technical Education and replace them with one higher education regulator, tentatively being called the Higher Education Empowerment Regulation Agency or Heera.

Saath Hai Viswaas Hai Exhibition

→ The Minister inaugurated the "Saath Hai Viswaas Hai, Ho Raha Vikas Hai" Exhibition at Indira Niketan Park,

International Events

First Pest Day

→ The first World Pest Day was today launched in the Chinese capital with an aim to eventually reduce and eliminate pest-borne diseases.

US, China and India Nations for FDI

→ The US, China and India are considered to be the most prospective destinations for foreign direct investment

(FDI), predicted the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in its annual report on investment.

India Complained Against US

→ India has complained to the World Trade Organization (WTO) that the US has failed to drop anti-subsidy duties on certain Indian steel products after losing an earlier ruling.

European Union Film Festival

→ The 22nd European Union Film Festival (EUFF) premiered at Siri Fort auditorium with the screening of Estonian film Cherry Tobacco.

3.5 Million Euros Grant to India

→ Aiming to reduce emissions and promote sustainability to help India's smart city programme, France and the European Union extended a grant of 3.5 million euros under the 'Mobilise Your City' (MYC) initiative. Three Indian cities -- Nagpur, Kochi and Ahmedabad -- will get the grant as part of the EU's commitment under the Paris Climate agreement, French Development Agency

India Provide Line of Credit to Sri Lanka

→ India signed an agreement with Sri Lanka to provide USD 318 million as line of credit to develop the island nation's railway sector, India has provided four lines of credit to Sri Lanka, amounting to USD 966 million.

PM of Nepal

→ Sher Bahadur Deuba was elected as Nepal's prime minister

First Ocean Conference

→ The United Nations held its first-ever Ocean Conference to renew member nations' commitment to combatting rising sea levels, pollution, and harmful fishing practices for the protection of world's waterways.

WHO's New Drugs Protocol

→ World Health Organization (WHO) has divided the drugs into three categories — access, watch and reserve. Commonly used antibiotics will be under the 'access' category; the second line of antibiotics, slightly more potent, have been categorised under "watch" and potent drugs to be used only as a "last resort" fall under the 'reserve' category.

Two Sikhs Won Britain Elections

→ Preet Kaur Gill – the first Sikh woman MP – and Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi – the first turban-wearing Sikh has been elected as MPs in Britain elections.

Theresa May's gamble has failed; the Conservatives have lost their parliamentary majority and have turned to the DUP to support them in forming a new government.

First Media Forum of BRICS

→ The first media forum of BRICS nations (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) opened in Beijing

Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit

→ The 17th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit began in Kazakhstan capital Astana
According to a report by OpenSignal, India's ranking in terms of data speed also dropped to 74th

Sports

Three Indian Shuttlers in Top 15

→ In a first, three Indian male shuttlers - Ajay Jayaram, Kidambi Srikanth and B Sai Praneeth - were in the top 15 of the latest Badminton World Federation Rankings released as they occupied the 13th, 14th and 15th spot respectively.

French Open Mixed Doubles

→ Indian tennis ace Rohan Bopanna and Canadian partner Gabriela Dabrowski produced a fighting performance to beat their German-Colombian opponents Anna-Lena Groenefeld and Robert Farah in the final to clinch their maiden French Open mixed doubles title in Paris

Oldest French Open Finalist

→ Stan Wawrinka became the oldest French Open finalist in 44 years with an epic 6-7 (6/8), 6-3, 5-7, 7-6 (7/3), 6-1 win over world number one Andy Murray.

French Open Women's Singles Crown

→ Unseeded Jelena Ostapenko of Latvia beat Simona Halep 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 at Roland Garros to win the 2017 French Open Women's Singles crown and her first ever Grand Slam title.

New Events for Tokyo Olympics

→ The International Olympic Committee (IOC) approved new events for the 2020 Tokyo Games. New Events are mixed team event for judo, mixed doubles table tennis and three-on-three basketball

Asian Junior Tennis Championships

→ Dhanya Shah and Sanmay Gandhi clinched the Under-14 doubles title of the Asian Junior Tennis Championships title

French Open Title 2017

→ Rafael Nadal dominated 32-year-old Stan Wawrinka to win the French Open for the first time since 2014. He's the first player—man or woman—in tennis's Open era to win the same major title 10 times.

World Individual Chess Championship

→ Shashikant Kutwal, a railway employee with Pune Division, has won the gold medal at the 17th World Individual Chess Championship for differently-abled, held in Slovakia

ITF Men's Futures Tennis Title

→ Indian player Ramkumar Ramanathan lifted the \$15,000 ITF men's Futures tennis title after outplaying Raymond Sarmiento of the USA in straight sets.

Forbes's 100 highest-paid Athletes

→ Indian cricket captain, Virat Kohli has made it to the Forbes's latest list of the world's 100 highest-paid athletes.
→ Ranked at No 89, Kohli is the only Indian on the list, which is topped by football superstar Cristiano Ronaldo.

Awards & Honours

Kalinga Literary Awards

→ Popular writer Anand Neelakantan, Odia poet Haraprasad Das and author Paramita Satpathy were announced winners of the Kalinga Literary Awards. The Kalinga International Literary Award, → Kalinga Literary Youth Award and Kalinga Karubaki Award will be conferred upon Neelakantan, Das and Satpathy respectively. The theme of this year's award ceremony is 'Literature for Peace and Harmony'.

"Super Dads" Campaign

→ Sachin among stars in the "Super Dads" campaign by UN to highlight fathers' critical role

Muttiah Muralitharan in ICC Hall of Fame

→ Legendary off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan, the first cricketer from his country to be voted into the ICC Hall of Fame,

Legion of Honour

→ Soumitra Chatterjee has been chosen for France's highest civilian award, the coveted Legion of Honour.

Club's RedInk Awards 2107

- Veteran journalist Vinod Dua was recognised with the Lifetime Achievement Award
- Raj Kamal Jha was presented the Journalist of the Year award.
- In the Politics category, R.K. Radhakrishnan of Frontline won the print award, and NDTV's Sreenivasan Jain won for television.
- The Mumbai Press Club introduced a new award this year, Mumbai's Star Reporter. Govind Tupe of Sakal won it for his dogged work helping empower civil society.

Princess of Asturias Award for Literature

- US writer Richard Ford, author of such novels as Independence Day and The Lay of the Land, has won the 2016 Princess of Asturias award for Literature.

Brave and Beautiful Award 2017

- Manisha Koirala was honoured with the special Phalke Brave and Beautiful Award 2017

Bengaluru FC Awarded

- Asian Football Confederation's (AFC) general secretary Dato Windsor handed a special award for Bengaluru FC for being the South Zonal Champions in the AFC Cup 2016-17 season.

J P Nadda Awarded

- Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare J P Nadda was conferred the WHO Director-General's Special Recognition Award for global tobacco control,

The Diana Legacy Award'

- Nikhiya Shamsher, a student at Greenwood High International School, Bengaluru recently received 'The Diana Legacy Award' from The Duke of Cambridge, Prince William and Prince of Wales, Prince Harry for her exemplary achievement of providing quality education to the underprivileged.

AIFF Player of the Year

- Jeje Lalpekhlua and Sasmita Malik were awarded 2016 AIFF Player of the Year and the AIFF Women's Player of the Year respectively at the first ever All India Football Federation (AIFF) Awards

Banking & Finance

New Charges by HDFC

→ HDFC Bank has introduced charges on UPI. Transactions from Rs 1 to Rs 25,000 will be charged Rs 3 plus taxes while those above Rs 25,000 to Rs 1 lakh will be charged Rs 5. As against this the NEFT charges are Rs 2.5 for transactions up to Rs 10,000 and Rs 5 for transactions above Rs 10,000.

Retail Mart of IOB

→ Indian Overseas Bank (IOB), the Lead Bank for Thiruvananthapuram district, has launched the Retail Mart, a retail lending concept, in Kerala's capital city.

Biodegradable Gift Cards

→ Axis Bank Ltd announced biodegradable prepaid gift cards. The maximum validity of pre-paid gift instruments is three years.

Canara Bank and the New India Tied up

→ Canara Bank and the New India Assurance Company have entered into a corporate agency arrangement for distribution of insurance products.

Science & Technology

Sahithi Pingali Planet

→ A minor planet somewhere in the Milky Way galaxy, many light years from Earth, will be called Sahithi Pingali. The planet is named after a 16-year-old schoolgirl from Bengaluru, whose concern and work towards the city's polluted lakes have made her not only a star but a planet.

Flying Squirrel Discovered

→ Scientists have discovered a new species of flying squirrel, Known as Humboldt's flying squirrel, in North America that had been hiding in plain sight for hundreds of years.

TCS launched BanCS

→ Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has announced the launch of the BaNCS app development kit that will help financial institutions develop their own apps and deploy it across devices.

First Hybrid Aerobot

→ The world's first hybrid "aerobot" capable of travelling on land, water, snow and sand that has been built by an Indo-Russian joint venture was unveiled in Moscow

Hottest Planet Discovered

→ Scientists have discovered the hottest known planet located 650 light years from Earth, The Jupiter-like planet orbits a massive star KELT-9 every day and a half, researchers said.

Appointments

- **Amit Sinha**: Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Paytm Mall,
- **Ruchira Kamboj**: High Commissioner of India to the Republic of South Africa.
- **Sharad Jain**: NWDA Director General
- **Hoshiar Singh**: Registrar of Copyrights.
- **K G Karmakar and Gauri Shankar**: Independent Directors of India Post Payments Bank (IPPB).
- **B K Manjunath**: Additional Director of Luxmi Vilas Bank in the category of Non-Executive and Independent Director.
- **Vikram Limaye**: MD and CEO of the NSE.

Books & Authors

The book "Indira Gandhi – A life in Nature": By Jairam Ramesh