

## Important Days

### **World Day Against Child Labour: 20 June**

- Launched by the International Labour Organization in 2002
- Theme 2017: "In conflicts and disasters, protect children from child labour"

### **World Blood Donor Day: 14 June**

- Theme 2017: Giving blood in a time of crisis

### **The International Day of Family Remittances: 16 June**

→ It represents an invaluable opportunity not only to recognise the efforts of migrant workers globally but also to strengthen current partnerships and create new synergies among sectors to promote the development impact of remittances worldwide.

### **World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought: 17 June**

→ The day reminds everyone that land degradation neutrality is achievable through problem-solving, strong community involvement and co-operation at all levels

### **International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict: 19 June**

- To honour the victims and survivors of sexual violence around the world and to pay tribute to all those who have courageously devoted their lives to and lost their lives in standing up for the eradication of these crimes.
- 2017 Theme: "Preventing Sexual Violence Crimes through Justice and Deterrence"

## National Events

### **Separate Time Zone**

- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu reiterated northeastern states' decades-old demand for a separate time zone.
- The longitudinal difference between India's easternmost point the westernmost point is almost 30 degrees — a time difference of two hours.

### **Meghalaya Assembly Opposes Centre's Notification**

→ The Meghalaya assembly unanimously passed a resolution opposing the Centre's notification banning the sale and purchase of cattle at animal markets for slaughter

### **Know India Programme**

→ External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj inaugurated Know India Programme, KIP, for young overseas Indians at a function in New Delhi.

### **Madadgaar Helpline**

→ The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), deployed in the Kashmir valley, has launched a helpline, "Madadgaar", with a toll-free number 14411, the first of its kind in the Valley which has already started getting distressed calls.

### **Increased Room Tariff**

→ The Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council at its 17th meeting decided to increase the room tariff threshold, above which the luxury rate of 28% will apply, to Rs.7,500 from the Rs. 5,000 decided earlier.

### **Tele-Law Initiative**

→ With an aim to make legal aid easily accessible to the marginalised communities and citizens living in rural areas, the government has launched the 'Tele-Law' initiative of the Ministry of Law and Justice partnered with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

### **Fourth Human Library in Delhi**

→ Delhi will be the fourth city to host the human library community in India after Indore, Hyderabad and Mumbai.

→ The first Human Library event in India was held at Indore in 2016 at the IIM Indore campus. India will host the third annual meeting of the China-initiated Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) in 2018

### **Thermal Power Project in Mouda**

→ State-run power giant NTPC has energised 150 kWp canal top solar PV System on cooling water (CW) channel inside power station premises at its 2,320 MW, Mouda Thermal Power Project, near Nagpur in Maharashtra.

### **India's biggest refinery at Ratnagiri**

→ State-owned oil firms IOC, BPCL and HPCL signed an agreement to jointly set up India's biggest refinery at Ratnagiri district of Maharashtra at a cost of USD 30 billion or Rs. 2 lakh crore.

→ Indian Oil Corp (IOC) will be the lead partner with 50 per cent stake while Hindustan Petroleum Corp Ltd (HPCL) and Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd (BPCL) will take 25 per cent stake each.

### **Intensified Diarrhea Control Fortnight**

→ The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched the Intensified Diarrhea Control Fortnight (IDCF) in order to intensify efforts to reduce child deaths due to diarrhoea.

### **Anuyatra Organised in Thiruvananthapuram**

→ A group of differently-abled children who received special training in magic, have become brand ambassadors of Anuyatra, a campaign of the state government for persons with special needs, which was launched by Vice-President Hamid Ansari

### **Financial Resolution and Deposit Insurance Bill, 2017**

→ The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the proposal to introduce a Financial Resolution and Deposit Insurance Bill, 2017.

→ The Bill would provide for a comprehensive resolution framework for specified financial sector entities to deal with bankruptcy situation in banks, insurance companies and financial sector entities.

### **Revision of Base Year**

→ The Statistics Ministry is set to change the base year of national accounts to 2017-18 from 2011-12 after completion of the household consumer expenditure survey and labour force data by the end of 2018.

### **The Trump Village**

→ Sulabh International founder and chief Bindeshwar Pathak has announced that an open defecation-free (ODF) village in Mewat will be named after the US President Donald Trump.

### **Interest Subvention Scheme**

→ Farmers will continue to get short-term farm loans up to Rs. 3 lakh at an interest rate of 4 per cent as the Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved an interest subvention scheme and earmarked a sum of Rs. 20,339 crore for it.



## International Events

### **World's largest floating solar farm**

→ World's largest floating solar farm is launched in China's central Anhui province

### **Panama broke off diplomatic ties with Taiwan**

→ In a major blow to Taiwan, Panama broke off diplomatic ties with it and established relations with China as cash-rich Beijing exerted its economic clout to wean away handful of allies of Taipei.

### **India Re-elected to ECOSOC**

→ India has been re-elected to the UN's principal organ on economic, social and environmental issues for another three-year term.

→ India was among 18 nations to win election to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). India obtained 183 votes, the second highest after Japan in the Asia Pacific category.

### **Green Financing Platform**

→ China and the Asia Development Bank (ADB) have launched a green financing platform to support efforts by small- and medium-sized enterprises to cut pollution in the smog-hit Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region

## Sports

### **Grand Slam Champion 2017**

→ Michael Venus became New Zealand's first Grand Slam champion since 1974 when he partnered American Ryan Harrison to the French Open men's doubles title.

### **Mumbai Mayor Chess title**

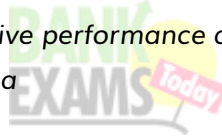
→ Vietnam Grand Master Nguyen Duc Hoa clinched Mumbai Mayor Chess title a decisive win against Indian GM Neelotpal Das

### **Canadian Grand Prix 2017**

→ Lewis Hamilton won the Canadian Grand Prix by slashing Sebastian Vettel'

### **Kidambi Srikanth won Indonesia Open Superseries title**

→ Kidambi Srikanth notched-up a comprehensive performance against Kazumasa Sakai of Japan, won his first ever Indonesia Open Superseries title, in Jakarta



### **Jitu Rai and Heena Sidhu Clinched Gold**

→ India's Jitu Rai and Heena Sidhu combined to clinch the gold medal in mixed team 10m air pistol event of the ISSF World Cup, beating Russia 7-6 in the final

### **2017 French Open Women's Singles**

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

### **Divya Dhayal Won Bronze**

→ Pune girl Divya Dhayal won the bronze medal at the Archery World Cup, held at Antalya, Turkey

### **AUSINDEX-17**

→ Navies of India and Australia participated in bilateral maritime exercise AUSINDEX-17 with an aim to enhancing interoperability and cooperation between the two forces.

### **Anti-dumping Duty on China**

→ India has imposed anti-dumping duty on import of ceramic table and kitchenware items from China to

protect domestic industry against goods being sold at below normal value.

→ The anti-dumping duty of \$1.04 per kg will be imposed on import of ceramic tableware and kitchenware, excluding knives and toilet items from China

### **India-Afghan Air Freight**

→ Undeterred by Pakistan's concerted attempt to block road access to Afghanistan, New Delhi and Kabul will operationalise their first air-freight corridor

## Banking & Finance

### **Reduced Making Charges on Gold**

→ Goods and Service Tax (GST) Council reduced the applicable rate on making charges from 18 per cent to just 5 per cent.

### **New 500 Rs. Notes**

→ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will launching a new batch of Rs 500 notes.

→ The new batch of banknotes with inset letter "A" in both the number panels with the year of printing '2017' on the reverse, are being issued,"

### **Central Bank of India Under PCA**

→ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has placed Central Bank of India under prompt corrective action which puts restricts on banking activities such as from lending, hiring and expanding branches.

### **SEBI Allowed Commodity Derivative Exchange**

→ Capital markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) allowed commodity derivative exchanges to launch options contracts for trading with the aim of increasing liquidity and attracting more investors to the commodities market.

### **Yes Bank Partnered With TerraPay**

→ Private sector lender Yes Bank has partnered with mobile payments switch TerraPay to enable real time money transfer to bank accounts in India.

→ Powered by TerraPay's global clearing and settlement service, the partnership will make it faster and convenient for consumers to send money to any bank account.

### **AllB's First Equity Investment**

→ The China and India-backed Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) announced its first equity investment, a \$150 million commitment to a fund aimed at pushing infrastructure projects in India.

### **Lanco Infratech Under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC)**

→ Lanco Infratech Reserve Bank has directed IDBI Bank to initiate insolvency proceedings on Lanco Infratech for the company under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC).

### **PCA on Bank of Maharashtra**

→ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has initiated prompt corrective action (PCA) against Pune-based Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) in view of a high level of bad loans and negative return on assets.

### **ClearTax launched GST Billbook**

→ To help small and medium businesses (SMEs) in the country get GST-ready, ClearTax, has launched a Bill book software.

→ ClearTax's GST Bill Book is a free software platform for preparing GST-compliant invoices.

With this platform for small businesses in India, ClearTax plans to reach out to about 10 lakh SMEs across the country.

### **DCB Bank Launched Iris Scan Customer Verification**

→ DCB Bank, a new generation private sector bank has launched new services - India's first Aadhaar based iris eye scan customer verification and fingerprint operated ATM in Telangana

### **ADHAAR Mandatory for New Bank Accounts**

→ Government has made Aadhaar mandatory for opening new accounts.

→ It has noted that all existing bank accounts will have to be linked with Aadhaar number by December 31, 2017 or else they will be declared invalid.

## Science & Technology

### **Jupiter: The Oldest Planet**

→ Jupiter is the oldest planet in the solar system, according to research published in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS).

### **James Webb Space Telescope**

→ Finding signs of life on the earth-sized planets of the TRAPPIST-1 system and on Saturn's moon Enceladus are among the science targets that NASA's James Webb space telescope has followed its launch and commissioning

→ These specific observations are part of a program of Guaranteed Time Observations (GTO), which provides dedicated time to the scientists that helped design and build the telescope's four instruments.

### **Anti-tank Guided Missile (ATGM) 'Nag' Tested**

→ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully test-fired Anti-tank Guided Missile (ATGM) 'Nag' in a desert in the western sector of Rajasthan.

### **First X-ray Space Telescopeto**

- China successfully launched its first X-ray space telescopeto study black holes, pulsars and gamma-ray bursts, state media reported.
- A Long March-4B rocket carried the 2.5-tonne telescope into orbit from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China's Gobi Desert

## Ranking & Index

### **Connaught Place is India's Most Expensive Office Market**

- New Delhi's Connaught Place is India's most expensive prime office market and the ninth most expensive in the world with an occupancy cost of \$153.89 per sq. ft per annum, surging ahead of Dubai, Downtown Boston and Shanghai.

### **World's Highest-Paid Celebrities**

- Bollywood actors Shah Rukh Khan, Salman Khan and Akshay Kumar are among the 'World's Highest-Paid Celebrities' list, according to Forbes magazine.
- American rapper, singer and songwriter Sean Combs leads the Forbes list

### **100 Most Valuable Global Brands list**

- Technology giant Google has topped the 2017 BrandZ Top 100 Most Valuable Global Brands list, with a brand value of over \$245 billion. Further, US tech giants Apple, Microsoft, and Facebook were also among the five most valuable brands.

### **ICC Ranking 2017**

- India captain Virat Kohli today reclaimed the top spot in the latest ICC ODI rankings for batsmen following the conclusion of the last round of league matches in the Champions Trophy.

### **Global Innovation Index 2017**

- India has moved up six places to 60th among 130 nations on the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2017 emerging as the top-ranked economy in Central and South Asia.

### **Human Impact on Environment Index**

- India came in 75th in a list of 102 countries ranked from best to last in terms of the human impact on environment per person.
- Trinidad and Tobago ranks last because it hardly relies on any green energy sources. Mozambique tops the list as the most green nation because it uses 100% green energy.

### **Nikkei Asian Review's Asia 300**

→ 20 Indian firms have been named in the top 100 of Nikkei Asian Review's Asia300 companies list, which was topped by taiwan's Largan Precision.

→ According to the Nikkei Asian Review's second annual Asia 300 Power Performers Ranking -- a compilation of the most powerful and valuable listed companies in Asia, as many as three Indian companies have made it to the top 10 list,

→ Indian IT service provider HCL Technologies came in at the second place, followed by Zee Entertainment Enterprises and Tata Consultancy Services at the third and fourth place respectively

## Appointments

### **Prime Minister of Serbia**

→ Forty-one-year-old Ana Brnabić is set to become both the first gay and first female prime minister of Serbia following her nomination by the nation's president, Aleksandar Vučić

### **VP of Goods and Services Tax Network**

→ Senior bureaucrat Kajal Singh was appointed as Executive Vice President (Services) in Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN).

### **Neeru Chadha Appointed a Judge At UN Tribunal**

→ Dr Neeru Chadha has become the first Indian woman to be elected as a judge at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Seas (ITLOS).

→ Dr Chadha is the second Indian woman to occupy a top position at the United Nations after Lakshmi Pandit who served as the President of the United Nations General Assembly.

## Awards

### **Little Miss Universe Internet 2017**

→ 12 year old Padmalaya Nanda from Odisha has created history by becoming the youngest girl to bag the "Little Miss Universe Internet 2017" and "Little Miss Actress" crowns at the Little Miss Universe 2017 at port city of Batumi in Georgia.

### **2017 Orwell Prize**

→ The 2017 Orwell Prize, Britain's most prestigious prize for political writing, was announced in London.

→ The £3,000 2017 Orwell Prize for books was bestowed upon John Bew for his "extraordinary biography" Citizen Clem , which is about Clement Attlee, the founder of the NHS.

### **64th Jio Filmfare South Awards**



→ Madhavan and Ritika Singh's Irudhi Suttru, the Tamil version of Hindi film Saala Khadoss, has walked away with three honours at 64th Jio Filmfare South Awards

### **Project Jal Sanchay**

→ A model of water conservation adopted successfully by the authorities in Nalanda district of south central Bihar, has been selected for the national award for excellence in the Mahatma Gandhi national rural employment guarantee programme (MGNREGP)

### **Virat Kohli Created World Record**

→ Indian captain Virat Kohli created a world record in the semi-final of the ICC Champions Trophy 2017 against Bangladesh as he became the fastest batsman to reach 8,000 ODI runs.

→ The 28-year-old batsman got to the milestone in just 175 innings (183 matches) and in the process broke the record that was previously held by South African ODI captain AB de Villiers.

### **Kusumagraja Rashtriya Puraskar 2017**

→ Noted Kannada poet and playwright H S Shivaprakash was presented with the Kusumagraja Rashtriya Puraskar 2017.

### **Queen of Dhwayah**

→ Syama Sanju was declared the Queen of Dhwayah, the winner at Kerala's first ever beauty pageant for transgender women.

→ Jaz D'souza was crowned the first runner-up while Harini Chandana came third from among fifteen participants.

### **Bhupen Hazarika National Award 2017**

→ The Fifth Bhupen Hazarika National Award 2017 awarded to an eminent writer from Arunachal Pradesh Yeshe Dorjee Thongshi.

→ This award is presented to honour whose outstanding literary work at National and International level.

### **Man Booker International Prize 2017**

→ Israeli author David Grossman has won the Man Booker International Prize for his novel 'A Horse Walks Into a Bar'.

### **First Honorary Citizen of Manchester**

→ Ariana Grande is set to become the first honorary citizen of Manchester after her contributions to the city following the deadly Manchester Arena attack

### **Nanniyode Rajan Memorial Award**

→ Delhi Metro Railway Corporation (DMRC) Principal Adviser E. Sreedharan has been selected for the year's Nanniyode Rajan Memorial Award, instituted by the Milma Thiruvananthapuram Regional Cooperative Milk

Producers' Union (TRCMPU) in memory of its former chairman.

### **Mira Nair wins Directors Award at Women In Film Awards**

→ Indian-American filmmaker Mira Nair won the Dorothy Arzner Directors Award for the film Queen of Katwe at this year's Women In Film Crystal + Lucy Awards.

### **Sultan to be showcased at Shanghai International Film Festival**

→ Bollywood superstar Salman Khan's 'Sultan' has been lined up for a showcase at the 20th Shanghai International Film Festival.

### **Marathi Film Festival 2017**

→ The 10th edition of the Marathi Film Festival was inaugurated in Panaji

→ Marathi actor Sai Tamhankar will be awarded the 'Face of the Year' award while veteran actor Sachin Pilgaonkar will be honoured with the 'Krutadnyata award'.

## Books

### **Yug Purush, Bharat Ratna, Atal Ji**

→ Former Uttarakhand chief minister Pokhriyal, who credited Vajpayee for his debut in politics, authored a 450-page book titled -'Yug Purush, Bharat Ratna, Atal Ji' – which will be officially unveiled so

