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2016 Current Affairs: 1 November to 15 November

Important Days

Date	Day	2016 theme if any
1 November	World Vegan Day	-
5 November	World Tsunami Awareness Day	Effective Education and Evacuation Drills
6 November	International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict	-
7 November	National Cancer Awareness Day	-
7 November	Infant Protection Day	-
9 November	Legal Services Day	-
10 November	World Science Day for Peace and Development	Celebrating Science Centres and Science Museums
12 November	World Pneumonia Day	Keep the Promise, Stop Pneumonia Now
12 November	Public Service Broadcasting Day	-
14 November	World Diabetes Day	Eyes on Diabetes
14 November	Children's Day (Bal Divas) – Jawahar Lal Nehru Jayanti	-
16 November	National Press Day	-
16 November	International Day for Tolerance	Promoting Tolerance
17 November	World Prematurity Day	-
17 November	International Students' Day	-
17 November	National Epilepsy Day	-
20 November	Africa Industrialization Day	-
21 November	World Hello Day	-
26 November	Constitution Day (Samvidhan Divas)	-
29 November	International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People	-

- **Haryana** observed its **formation day on 1 November**. The state was created on this day in 1966.

- **Punjab** government observed **November 1 as No Tobacco Day**.

- The **first-ever World Tsunami Awareness Day (WTAD)** observed on **November 5, 2016** with the theme: "Effective Education and Evacuation Drills".

- **Uttarakhand's 17th foundation day** observed on **9 November 2016**.

- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated **Chhattisgarh's 16th foundation day (November 1)** celebrations and unveiled Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya's statue.

Books in News

Book	Author
The Burning Forest: India's War in Bastar	Nandini Sundar
Heyday: Britain and the Birth of the Modern World	Ben Wilson
Immortal	Krishna Udayasankar
Harp	Nidhi Dalmia
An Era of Darkness: The British Empire in India	Shashi Tharoor
SRK - 25 Years of a Life	Samar Khan
Solar Bones	Mike McCormack

Obituaries

- ✚ Noted **Hindi writer Hridyesh Mehrotra** (86) passed away at Shahjahanpur in Uttar Pradesh.

- ✚ **Tony awards winner and voiced actress Tammy Grimes** (82) passed away.

- ✚ **Legendary Sri Lankan singer and composer Pandit Amaradeva** (88) passed away.

- ✚ **Former Jammu and Kashmir Deputy Chief Minister Mangat Ram Sharma** (85) passed away.

- ✚ **Former Union Minister of State and BJP leader Jayawantiben Mehta** (78) passed away in Mumbai.

- ✚ **Kanubhai Gandhi** (87), grandson of Mahatma Gandhi and a former NASA scientist, passed away in Surat, Gujarat.

- ✚ **Janet Reno** (78), the first woman to be appointed as Attorney General of US, passed away.

- ✚ **Leonard Cohen** (82), the legendary singer-songwriter of Canada, passed away in California, United States.

- ✚ Noted **geophysicist Janardhan G Negi** (81) passed away in Hyderabad.

- ✚ **Mota Singh** (86), an Indian-origin Sikh, who became **UK's first-ever ethnic minority judge** to sit on the English Bench wearing a turban instead of a horse-hair wig, died.

Banks in News

- ✚ **ICICI bank** launched **overdraft credit facility** against home loans for salaried customers who can seek loans up to **Rs. 1 crore** for personal needs.

- ✚ India's Private sector lender **Yes Bank** has launched “**Yes Mobile 2.0**” its new mobile banking app.

- ✚ **Former Scotiabank Vice Chairman Sarabjit Singh Marwah** has become the first Sikh to be appointed to the **Canadian Senate**.

- ✚ **Reserve Bank of India** has given an approval to **British payments company Earthport** for outbound cross-border payment services to banks in India.

- ✚ The Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) appointed **M Rajeshwar Rao** as **Executive Director**.

- ✚ **Corporation Bank** is planning to shift its head office from **Mangaluru to Bengaluru**.

- ✚ **Ratnesh Kumar** appointed as **MD & CEO of Bank of Baroda Capital Markets**.

- ✚ The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** issued the second tranche of **USD 300 mn for the Power Sector Investment Programme of Assam**.

- ✚ The public sector **UCO Bank** has announced that it would raise **Rs 271 cr from Life Insurance Corporation of India**.

- ✚ **Corporation Bank** has signed an MoU with the **Indian Army** on the defence salary package.

- ✚ India's first **banking robot “Lakshmi”** has been launched by the Kumbakonam-based **City Union Bank**.

- ✚ Consultancy firm **KPMG** appointed former Reserve Bank deputy governor **H R Khan** as its senior adviser in the country.

- ✚ **YES Bank** has appointed **Amresh Acharya** as **Group President** and Head of Global Indian Banking.

- ✚ To oversee **recalibration of ATM machines** after the country introduced new banknotes to replace old 500 rupee and 1,000 rupee notes, RBI will set up a task force under Deputy Governor **SS Mundra**.

- ✚ **Federal Bank** has received RBI's permission to open its first international **branch at the Dubai International Financial Centre**.

- ✚ **Amit Shah** Inaugurated the newly constructed building of **Bharuch District Central Cooperative Bank in Bharuch, Gujarat**.

- ✚ The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** and the Government of **India** signed a **500 million US dollar** loan to build a 9.8 km long road bridge across the Ganges River.

Miscellaneous News

- ✚ Kerala has become the **third Open Defecation Free (ODF)** state in the country after Sikkim and Himachal Pradesh.

- ✚ State-run NHPC has commissioned its **50 MW wind power project in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.**

- ✚ **S Ramadorai resigned** as chairman of the government's skill development agencies -- NSDA and NSDC

- ✚ **Sushil Chandra** took over as Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).

- ✚ **PM Narendra Modi launched 'Saur Sujala Yojana' in Chhattisgarh.**

- ✚ PM Narendra Modi inaugurated Asia's largest man-made "**Jungle Safari**" at Naya Raipur in Chhattisgarh.

- ✚ Indian **shuttler Pratul Joshi** clinched the **Bahrain International Challenge tournament** at Segayya in Bahrain.

- ✚ Germany's **Miroslav Klose**, the all-time World Cup top-scorer **footballer**, announced his **retirement**.

- ✚ The joint military training exercise "**Sampriti-2016**" conducted between **India and Bangladesh** at Tangail, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

- ✚ **Maharashtra** is the first state in the country to have a **cyber police station** in each district simultaneously.

- ✚ Ministry of Railways appointed Padma Bhushan **Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak** founder of Sulabh International as a Brand Ambassador for "**Swachh Rail Mission**" of Indian Railway.

- ✚ **PM Narendra Modi presented the Ramnath Goenka Awards** for Excellence in Journalism at a function in **New Delhi**.

- ✚ **Sanjiv Arora** appointed as the next Ambassador of **India to Lebanon**.

- ✚ Veteran **singer S. P. Balasubrahmanyam** will be honoured with **centenary award** at the 47th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa.

- ✚ **PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Haryana Swarna Utsav in Gurugram.**

- ✚ **Indian men's hockey coach Roelant Oltmans** set to get extension till Tokyo 2020 Olympics.

- ✚ Textile minister **Smriti Irani inaugurated a fortnight long Exhibition cum sale of Handicrafts** developed by Artisans of Clusters at Dilli Haat.

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- ✚ **LinkedIn** has signed an MoU with the **human resource development ministry** to create more job opportunities for Indian students.
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- ✚ Renowned **South Korean director Kwon Taek Im** will be honoured with the **Lifetime Achievement Award** at the upcoming 47th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa.
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- ✚ **Saudi Arabia** awarded **eight scientists with the Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Prize for Water** at a ceremony at United Nations headquarters in New York.
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- ✚ GST Council approved a four-tier **GST tax structure of 5%, 12%, 18% and 28%**, with lower rates for essential items and the highest for luxury and de-merits goods.
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- ✚ **PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR), 2016 in New Delhi.**
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- ✚ **International Conference on “Decarbonization of Indian Railways – Mission Electrification”** organized in **New Delhi.**
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- ✚ **Saptarshi Roy (56)** has taken over as Director of New Delhi based **NTPC Limited.**
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- ✚ Indian candidate **Dr Aniruddha Rajput** topped the Asia-Pacific group for election in the UN General Assembly to the **International Law Commission.**
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- ✚ The **Paris Agreement officially entered into force on 4 November 2016.** The agreement deals with greenhouse gases emissions mitigation, adaptation and finance.
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- ✚ Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India hosted the **Conference of Parties (COP7)** inaugurated by JP Nadda in **Uttar Pradesh.**
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- ✚ The Centre, along with state-run power entities NTPC, REC and PFC, will launch a USD 2 billion clean energy equity fund to support the government's ambitious target of adding **175 GW renewable energy generation capacity by 2022.**
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- ✚ **Lieutenant General J S Sandhu** has taken charge as the **General officer Commanding of the Army’s strategic Chinar Corps.**
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- ✚ Veteran **journalist S Nihal Singh** has been awarded with ‘**Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award**’ for his outstanding contribution to journalism.
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- ✚ **Google** has tied up with **Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)** for 360-degree virtual tour of 280-odd monuments across the country.
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- ✚ The **first titanium project** of India started its test production in Ganjam, **Odisha.**
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- ✚ **International Forum on Adopting an ICT Perspective to Education and Learning** held in **New Delhi.**
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- ✚ **Kim Byong-joon** has been appointed as the new **Prime Minister of South Korea**.

- ✚ Bollywood actor **Rekha** will be honoured with a **Lifetime Achievement Award** at the 13th edition of Dubai International Film Festival (DIFF) 2016.

- ✚ **Election commission of India (ECI) in collaboration with Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) launched online survey for Overseas Indian Citizens.**

- ✚ The Chief Minister of **Punjab**, Parkash Singh Badal has launched the “**Aware and Care**” campaign by flagging off 100 Information Education Communication (IEC) mobile vans.

- ✚ Law & Justice, Information Technology Minister of India Ravi Shankar Prasad addressed the biggest **international conference on internet governance 57th ICANN (Internet Corporation of Assigned Names and Numbers) in Hyderabad.**

- ✚ The **3rd India Ideas Conclave** took place in **Goa**. The central theme of the Conclave is India at 70 - Democracy, Development & Dissent.

- ✚ Indian **chess Grandmaster P. Harikrishna** became the 2nd Indian chess player to join the elite club of **world's top 10**, as per the rating list released by the game's global body FIDE.

- ✚ Prime Minister **Narendra Modi inaugurated the first International Agro-biodiversity Congress in New Delhi.**

- ✚ **India and Venezuela signed oil production deals worth about 1.45 billion US dollar.**

- ✚ Finance minister **Arun Jaitley** addressed the Seminar on **Debt Recovery at the SBI Academy, Gurugram.**

- ✚ **M Hamid Ansari**, Vice President of India inaugurated the new headquarters of **The National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) in Noida.**

- ✚ **NASA's Magnetospheric Multiscale mission (MMS)** has set the **Guinness World Record** for highest altitude fix of a GPS signal at 70,000 kilometres above the surface of the Earth.

- ✚ **India** beat China 2-1 to win **Women's Asian Champions Trophy in Singapore.**

- ✚ Minister Giriraj Singh inaugurated National conference on "**Youth & Employment :The role of skill India Initiative "** in **Bhubaneswar.**

- ✚ Union Minister Prakash Javadekar inaugurated '**Sharada Maiyam**' a Women Students' Facility Centre at Kumaraguru College of Technology (KCT) in **Tamil Nadu.**

- ✚ **National Security Advisors (NSAs) of India and Japan held bilateral consultations in New Delhi.**

- ✚ **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** has launched a unique platform called ‘**Startup Mentorship Circle**’ to help in connecting start-ups with the global marketplace.

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- ✚ **Odisha Government** has signed MoU with the **Software Technology Parks of India (STPI)** for setting up of four more centres in the State.
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- ✚ **Manny Pacquiao** reclaimed the **World Boxing Organisation (WBO)** welterweight title for the third time, in Las Vegas.
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- ✚ **“Petrotech-2016”** the International Oil and Gas Conference and Exhibition held in **New Delhi**.
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- ✚ India will host the **2016 International Energy Forum – International Gas Union (IEF-IGU) Ministerial Forum in New Delhi**.
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- ✚ TRAI has made it mandatory for all the **Broadband providers to at least give a minimum speed of 512 Kbps** after users consumed their initial data quota.
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- ✚ **Lt Gen Satish Dua** took over as Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to the **Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee (CISC)**.
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- ✚ **LG topped the India’s most attractive brands index 2016**, study carried out by Trust Research Advisory (TRA).
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- ✚ Centre has levied **anti-dumping duty on imports of steel wire rods from China** to protect domestic manufacturers from cheap in-bound shipments.
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- ✚ The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (**NASA**) has built the largest space telescope namely **James Webb Space** – one that is 100 times powerful than the Hubble Space Telescope.
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- ✚ **Andy Murray** won the **2016 Paris Masters title**.
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- ✚ **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)** India organized 2 day National-level Partners Meet in **New Delhi** to take Skill India mission forward.
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- ✚ **India-UK Tech Summit** held in **New Delhi**.
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- ✚ **Mohanlal’s Pulimurugan** became the first Malayalam film to enter **Rs. 100 crore club**.
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- ✚ **Punjab CM Parkash Singh Badal** inaugurated **Jang-E-Azadi Memorial** at Kartarpur near Jalandhar.
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- ✚ **Mysuru railway station** became the country's first **visually challenged friendly** station in India.
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- ✚ Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (**IRCTC**) joined hands with **MobiKwik** for e-payment of tatkal bookings
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- ✚ **Army** launched **School Chalo** campaign in **Kashmir** to counter militants.
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- ✚ Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting **M Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the Orientation Programme for Urdu Journalists in Hyderabad**

- ✚ The **Odisha** government signed MoU with National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) for setting up a new state-of-the-art polytechnic in Sundargarh district of the state. NTPC will spend **Rs. 25 crore** for polytechnic.

- ✚ **Patanjali** Ayurved, the FMCG venture promoted by Yoga guru Ramdev, will hire around 5000 people at its upcoming **Rs. 1,300-crore facility in Assam.**

- ✚ Union minister **Ravi Shankar Prasad laid the foundation stone of STPI Amritsar centre.**

- ✚ The annual ministerial meeting of **India UK Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO)** was held in **New Delhi.**

- ✚ According to the Grant Thornton International Business Report, **India ranked 2nd on the global biz optimism index.**

- ✚ **Indonesia topped the global biz optimism index.**

- ✚ The central **govt has slapped \$ 1.55 bn penalty on Reliance, BP and Niko** for migrating natural gas from ONGC block.

- ✚ **China** has selected historical-adventure **film Xuanzang** as its official entry for the 89th Academy Awards (**Oscars**). **Sonu Sood is a co-star** in the film.

- ✚ **Ranveer Singh** has been named the first Indian **ambassador for Switzerland Tourism** to promote Swiss campaign for 2017 – “Nature wants you back!”.

- ✚ The Indian researcher **Shamik Chowdhury** was awarded the **Green Talent Award by Germany.**

- ✚ **INS Vikrant** is the first indigenious aircraft carrier which is **scheduled to be commissioned in 2021.**

- ✚ **Andy Murray attained the world number one** ranking in tennis for the first time replacing Novak Djokovic.

- ✚ The 12-day **Global Climate conference** was held recently in Marrakech, **Morocco.**

- ✚ **Hindustan Construction Company (HCC) became India’s first firm to get debt recast** under RBI’s new Scheme for Sustainable Structuring of Stressed Assets (S4A).

- ✚ **Google Capital changed its name to 'CapitalG'.**

- ✚ **India, Sri Lanka signed pact to address fishermen crisis.**

- ✚ **Petra Kvitova won the 2016 WTA Elite Singles Trophy.**

- ✚ Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) vice-president **Avinash Rai Khanna** is all set to be appointed as a member of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).

- ✚ Scientists from **Indian Institute of Technology (Kharagpur)** claimed to have found evidence confirming the existence of a **mythical Indian river, Chandrabhaga in Odisha**.

- ✚ **Henri Kontinen and John Peers** have won the **ATP World Tour Masters Doubles** title at the BNP Paribas Masters in Paris.

- ✚ The 9th Annual Meeting of **International Regulatory Cooperation for Herbal Medicines (IRCH)** held in **New Delhi** organised by Ministry of AYUSH.

- ✚ **India and the United Kingdom** have signed **two pacts** to boost cordial relations between the two nations during the 3 days visit of Theresa May, the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

- ✚ The **ONGC Videsh Ltd** will provide **\$ 318-mn** financing to help raise output at a **Venezuelan oilfield**.

- ✚ The Union Government launched **Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan** to provide **free health check-ups to pregnant women**.

- ✚ The **Indian army** has successfully completed its task of laying an **irrigation pipeline in the Demchok region of Eastern Ladakh**.

- ✚ **Vinod Rai** has been appointed as the Chairman of **Fund Trustee and Advisory Commission of Kerala**.

- ✚ PM Narendra Modi announced **demonetization of Rs 500 and 1000 currency notes** from 8th November midnight.

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- ✚ The world's first hydrogen-powered, zero-emission passenger **train "Coradia iLint"** was unveiled recently in **Germany**.

- ✚ **United Kingdom** said that four rupee-denominated bonds worth a total of about **\$748 mn** are expected to be listed in its capital city in the next three months.

- ✚ The 2016 **Urban Mobility India conference** held at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, **Gujarat**.

- ✚ Well-known Gandhian and President of Tunisia's Ennahdha Party, **Sheikh Rached Ghannouchi** was among four prominent personalities conferred with the prestigious **39th Jamnalal Bajaj Foundation Awards** for 2016.

- ✚ **Donald Trump** elected the **45th President of the United States**.

- ✚ The Centre has decided to open **Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Kendra** in every **Parliamentary Constituency** to impart skill training to the people and make them employable.

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- ✚ President **Pranab Mukherjee** inaugurated the **Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Limited (ECGC)** in New Delhi.

 - ✚ **Amitav Ghosh** has been chosen for **2016 Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award**.

 - ✚ The Union Health and Family Welfare Minister **Jagat Prakash Nadda** launched the **“Healthy India Initiative/Swastha Bharat-ek pehal”** magazine and **“No More Tension”** mobile App.

 - ✚ **India’s first liquefied natural gas-driven bus** launched in Kerala.

 - ✚ **Kamala Harris** became the first Indian-American to win the **US Senate seat from California**.

 - ✚ The **2018 International Competition Network (ICN)** annual conference will be hosted by Competition Commission of India (CCI) at **New Delhi**.

 - ✚ The Reporters without Borders (RSF) has awarded **Hadi Abdullah** with the **RSF-TV5 Monde prize**.

 - ✚ Minister of State (I/C) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), **Rajiv Pratap Rudy**, launched the **Pradhan Mantri YUVA Yojana**.

 - ✚ The **Chhattisgarh** government has launched **“Lakshya Bhagirathi”** campaign to complete the irrigation projects that could not be completed.

 - ✚ The second-edition of **BRICS Communication Ministers meeting** held in **Bengaluru, Karnataka**.

 - ✚ The Union Minister of Human Resource and Development, **Prakash Javadekar** has launched the world’s largest digital national building initiative **“Smart India Hackathon 2017”** in **New Delhi**.

 - ✚ **The 2016 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)** will be held in **Lima, Peru**.

 - ✚ Union Finance Minister **Arun Jaitley** has announced the **new series of 500 and 2,000 rupees notes**.

 - ✚ The Centre recently decided to **extend the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA)** in three districts **Tirap, Changlang and Longding in Arunachal Pradesh**.

 - ✚ **Madhya Pradesh** government has decided to honour **Raj Bisaria** with its prestigious **‘Kalidas Samman’** national award for 2015-16.

 - ✚ **Rahul Dravid** has become the **brand ambassador for 2017 T20 Blind Cricket World Cup**, which will be hosted by India.

 - ✚ **China** has launched **X-Ray pulsar navigation satellite**, which will conduct in-orbit experiments using pulsar detectors to demonstrate new technologies.

 - ✚ **Uttarakhand** CM **Harish Rawat** conferred the **Uttarakhand Ratna award** on **Narayan Dutt Tiwari** on the occasion of the state’s 17th foundation day (9 Nov).

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- ✚ The 6th edition of '**Kathakar: International Storytellers Festival**' held in **New Delhi**.
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- ✚ **Twitter's Chief Operating Officer (COO) Adam Bain** who was in charge of the micro-blogging website's revenue business, has **decided to leave** the company.
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- ✚ **Gurumoorthy Mahalingam** took charge as Full-Time Member of **SEBI**.
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- ✚ **Maharashtra** government has signed agreement with **Canada** to implement a joint action plan on urban infrastructure development in the state.
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- ✚ **Bhaskar Bhat**, the non-executive and non-independent director on the board of **Tata Chemicals Ltd**, has **resigned** with immediate effect.
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- ✚ **Roger Federer** won the **Stefan Edberg Sportsmanship Award** at the ATP awards for the 12th time in his career.
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- ✚ **Mumbai's Western Railways women's team** won the **33rd Indian Oil Servo Surjit Hockey Tournament**.
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- ✚ **India** signed a landmark civil nuclear cooperation deal with **Japan** during PM Narendra Modi's visit.
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- ✚ **Ishaat Hussain** is the newly appointed interim-chairman of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS).
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- ✚ **Mike McCormack** from Ireland won the 2016 **Goldsmiths Prize** for his novel "**Solar Bones**".
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- ✚ The Maharatna firm, Steel Authority of India Limited (**SAIL**) has won the prestigious 2016 **Golden Peacock Award**.
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- ✚ Commerce and Industry Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** and **Bhutan's Economic Affairs Minister Tenzing Lyonpo Lekey Dorji** signed the agreement on **trade in New Delhi**.
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- ✚ 11 year old Pune girl **Anvita Prashant Telang** has been named national winner of the "**Doodle 4 Google**" contest.
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- ✚ **India** will preside the eighth edition of the Conference of Parties (**COP**) to WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) in **Switzerland's Geneva** in **2018**.
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- ✚ **TAFE**, the world's third largest tractor maker, in collaboration with the Rajasthan government, is setting up a Centre of Excellence – '**JFarm Rajasthan**'.
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- ✚ **Indian women's carrom** team defeated Sri Lanka to win the gold at the seventh **World carrom championship in Birmingham (UK)**.
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- ✚ **Narinder Batra** has become the first Indian to be elected the **President of the International Hockey Federation**.
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- ✦ The 36th edition of **India International Trade Fair (IITF)** inaugurated by President Pranab Mukherjee at **Pragati Maidan, New Delhi** with the focus country Belarus.

- ✦ The first Indian National Open Accuracy **Paragliding Championship** held at Bir-Billing, **Himachal Pradesh**.

- ✦ **Meng Hongwei** became the first Chinese official to take the post of the President of the **International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol)**.

- ✦ **Australia** will host the **2018 Invictus Games** for wounded military personnel.

- ✦ The International Conference and Exhibition on “**Sugarcane Value Chain – Vision 2025 Sugar**” inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi at **Manjari near Pune**.

- ✦ The **India-China** Joint Training Exercise "**Hand in Hand 2016**" is scheduled to be held in Pune from November 15-27.

- ✦ The International Monetary Fund (**IMF**) has approved a three-year **\$12 billion loan program for Egypt**, the largest such package to a Middle East nation.

- ✦ The High Level **Meeting of Interior Ministers of Indian Ocean Region (IOR)** to Counter Drug Trafficking held in Colombo, **Sri Lanka**.

- ✦ Fortune magazine has named the co-founder and CEO of Facebook, **Mark Zuckerberg as Business Person of the Year, 2016**.

- ✦ Indian golfer **Aditi Ashok** became the first Indian woman to win a Ladies European Tour title by clinching the **Hero Women’s Indian Open**.

- ✦ **Mahindra and Mahindra** appointed Pawan Goenka as **Managing Director** and **Anand Mahindra** was **redesignated as executive chairman**.

- ✦ Hollywood actor **Jackie Chan** received honorary **Oscar** for his decades of work in film at the annual **Governors Awards**.

- ✦ **Swiss major Molinari Rail** will set up a **manufacturing and assembly centre** for auxiliary power units for diesel locomotives in **India** by next year.

- ✦ Lyricist-writer **Gulzar** will be honoured with 2016 **Tata Literature Live! Poet Laureate Award**.

- ✦ **Lewis Hamilton**, a Mercedes Formula One racing driver from England, won the 2016 **Formula One Brazilian Grand Prix**.

- ✦ Indian-origin **Imtiaz Sooliman** from South Africa awarded with the **Global Citizen Award** for his “innovative and visionary” contribution to the global community. He is the founder of the ‘Gift of the Givers Foundation.’

- ✚ Indian golfer **SSP Chawrasia** clinched the **World Manila Masters in the Philippines**, his first ever Asian Tour title outside India.

- ✚ The Supreme Court has recently constituted **Justice Kailash Gambhir committee** to verify the availability of **night shelters**.

- ✚ International Master **Padmini Rout** scores a hat-trick in the **National Women Premier Chess Championship**.

- ✚ As part of its efforts to continue the global transition to zero-and-low carbon energy sources, the **United States (US)** has announced **two financial projects worth 95 million US dollars in India**.

- ✚ **Sikkim Chief Minister Pawan Chamling** laid the foundation stone of **Bhaleydhunga Skywalk Project**, the world's highest skywalk.

- ✚ **HRD minister Prakash Javedkar** inaugurated **Kala Utsav 2016**.

- ✚ **JP Nadda** laid the Foundation Stone of upgradation of District hospital to **medical college at Bahraich, Uttar Pradesh**.

- ✚ **MSME minister Kalraj Mishra** inaugurated the **Livelihood Business Incubator in Delhi**.

- ✚ HRD Minister Prakash Javdekar chaired the **106th Meeting of Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangthan, in New Delhi**.

- ✚ **Thiruvananthapuram** termed as the country's **breast cancer capital**, with cases at a record high of 40 per lakh of population.

- ✚ 8-year-old **Tajamul Islam** from Kashmir scripted history at the **World Kickboxing Championship** in Italy, where she made India proud by becoming the first player ever from the sub-junior category to clinch a gold medal.

- ✚ **Meghalaya** became the first state to start **India's first Cherry Blossom Festival**, which is widely celebrated in Japan.

- ✚ **Australia** announced an online program for its **pre-schools to learn foreign languages**, including **Hindi** from 2017-2018.

- ✚ The **Bulgarian Prime Minister Boyko Borisov** gave **resignation** of his cabinet.

- ✚ **Government** banned **Zakir Naik's NGO 'Islamic Research Foundation'** for five years terming it illegal.

- ✚ **Radha Mohan Singh** addressed "**National Symposium on Agrochemicals Research and Education in India**" at Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Pusa, **New Delhi**.

- ✚ **M Venkaiah Naidu** inaugurated **Akashvani annual awards ceremony in New Delhi**.

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- ✚ The 2nd edition of **National children's film festival (NCFF)** held at Birla Auditorium in **Jaipur, Rajasthan**.
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- ✚ **India and Israel has inked two agreements** in the field of water resources management and agriculture.
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- ✚ Two agreements were signed between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and **Israeli President Reuven Rivlin** in New Delhi.
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- ✚ **Bihar** Chief Minister Nitish Kumar launched a key **programme "Har Ghar Bijli Lagataar"** to provide free electricity connection to about 50 lakh households above the poverty line.
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All the very best for exams!



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