

THE HINDU REVIEW: AUGUST 2016

1. Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu has flagged off maiden broad-gauge train service between Agartala and Delhi, 'Tripura Sundari Express'. The 'Tripura Sundari Express' will run weekly between Agartala and Anand Vihar in Delhi.
2. Railway Minister of India along with Bangladesh Railway Minister Md. Mazibul Hoque laid the foundation stone for Agartala-Akhaura International Rail Project.
3. Andhra Pradesh government has signed an MoU with Japan to develop a food value chain in the state.
4. Mobile payments company MobiKwik and IRCTC have announced an exclusive partnership, wherein MobiKwik will power e-cash payments on IRCTC's e-catering app, Food on Track.
5. Oracle India has announced a corporate citizenship collaboration with SBI and launched the 'D-Change' programme which will support education and learning, women's empowerment and rural skills development in the country.
6. NTPC Ltd has commissioned a 50 MW (1X50 MW) capacity solar photovoltaic power project of NP Kunta Ultra Mega Solar Power Project Stage-I at Anantapuramu in Andhra Pradesh.
7. Country's largest private sector lender ICICI Bank has announced a 0.05% reduction in its marginal cost of funds based lending rate (MCLR).
8. The Mohun Bagan FC has conferred club's highest decoration Mohun Bagan Ratna (jewel) on legendary Indian Footballer Syed Nayeemuddin. With this, he became the 16th recipient of the prestigious award.
9. Justice Dilip Babasaheb Bhosale has sworn-in as the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court.
10. Dilip Rath took over as the Chairman of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB). The post was vacant after T Nandakumar resigned.
11. International Kabaddi Federation announced the selection of India for hosting "The 2016 Kabaddi World Cup".
12. The Patna Pirates have won the fourth edition of STAR Sports-Pro-Kabaddi League by defeating Jaipur Pink Panthers in the finals.
13. Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton has won the 2016 German Grand Prix title of Formula One.
14. The Parliament has passed Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Bill, 2016 to conduct of uniform entrance examination for admission to all medical educational institutions. The bill seeks to replace the Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Ordinance, 2016 and its provisions will come into force retrospectively from May 24, 2016.
15. A high-level panel of the National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA) has approved various projects worth approximately Rs. 400 crores for development of ghats (river fronts) and crematoria at different places along the river Ganga from Uttarakhand to West Bengal under the Centre's ambitious Namami Gange programme.
16. The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises has launched a performance and credit rating scheme to assess the capabilities and creditworthiness of industries in the sector. This will provide "trusted" third party opinion to create awareness about the strengths and weaknesses of enterprises' existing operations.
17. India will host a crucial global summit in November to eliminate the illicit trade of tobacco products. The summit will be in Noida.
18. Odisha government has decided to recruit members of transgender community persons as warders in jails of the State as per the directive of the Supreme Court.
19. Tamil Nadu Assembly has passed a unanimous resolution that the Madras High Court be renamed as Tamil Nadu High Court and not as High Court of Chennai as proposed by the Centre.
20. ICICI Bank has inked a MoU with Apollo India Credit Opportunity Management LLC and AION Capital Management to set up an asset reconstruction company.
21. Freecharge has paired with PayUbiz, to further strengthen its merchant base and help consumers move from cash to digital payments.
22. India's leading public sector bank, Bank of Baroda has tied up with a fintech start-up Fisdom for personal wealth management services.

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23. Confectionery major Mondelez International has appointed former Bharti Axa General Insurance Company CEO and MD Deepak Iyer as Managing Director of its India operation. He succeeds Chandramouli Venkatesan.
24. Translator and artist Anita Gopalan has awarded with the 2016 PEN/Heim Translation Fund Grants for her English translation of Hindi novel Simsim by Geet Chaturvedi.
25. Bhaskar Khulbe has been appointed as Secretary to PM Narendra Modi.
26. Air Marshal S Neelakantan has assumed charge as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Southern Air Command. Noted Indian-American Professor Emeritus of Linguistics Braj B Kachru has passed away in Urbana. He was 84 years old.
27. The 24-year old Romania's Simona Halep has won the Rogers Cup women's singles title after beating American Madison Keys 7-6, 6-3 in the final Montreal. While in men's title Serbian Novak Djokovic has defeated Kei Nishikori (Japan) to win the title.
28. World Economic Forum (WEF), will host its annual India Economic Summit on October 6-7 in New Delhi. This year's meet will be convened under the theme, 'Fostering an Inclusive India through Digital Transformation'.
29. Rajasthan has become the first state in the country to approve sewage and wastewater policy. Under this policy, all district headquarters, heritage cities, and cities in the state which have more than one lakh population will be included.
30. Kerala cabinet has decided to appoint veteran CPI-M leader V.S Achuthanandan as the chairman of the Kerala Administrative Reforms Commission with cabinet rank.
31. The Parliament has approved the establishment of six new IITs across the country by passing the Institutes of Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2016 in the Rajya Sabha. These IITs will be started in Palakkad (Kerala), Goa, Dharwad (Karnataka), Bhilai (Chhattisgarh), Jammu, and Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh).
32. SBI has launched 2 new schemes of loans named 'Privilege Home Loan' for government employees and 'Shaurya Home Loan' for Defence Personnel with pensionable service. The interest rates will be 0.05 % less than current interest rates on home loans.
33. AXA, Alibaba, and Ant Financial Services have stated that they have agreed to engage in a global strategic partnership to explore opportunities to distribute AXA's insurance products and services through Alibaba's global e-commerce ecosystem.
34. Neyveli Lignite (NLC) is planning to acquire a 1200 MW Raghunathpur Thermal Power Project (RTPP) of Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC).
35. State-run Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) has commissioned the second 500 Mw (megawatt) thermal unit at Marwa Thermal Power Station in Janjgir-Champa district of Chhattisgarh.
36. Maoist Party Chief Pushpa Kamal Dahal, also known as Prachanda, has been elected as the new PM of Nepal.
37. BCCI has appointed former SC judge Markandey Katju as the head of a 4-member legal panel to help the implications of the Justice Lodha Committee reforms.
38. American ice hockey Olympic champion Angela Ruggiero has been elected as the new chair of the International Olympic Committee (IOC)'s Athletes' Commission. He replaced Claudia Bokel.
39. Microsoft has named Anant Maheshwari as the next President of Microsoft India. He will succeed Bhaskar Pramanik.
40. Nobel Prize-winning Egyptian-American chemist Ahmed Zewail passed away in the United States. He was 70 years old.
41. Former Ferrari driver Chris Amon passed away after a battle with cancer. He was 73 years old.
42. A six-year-old boy, Om Swaroop Gowda from Karnataka has set the world record for covering longest distance by limbo skating under cars.
43. The Union Cabinet has given its approval for the terms and conditions for transfer of 12 acres of National Textile Corporation Ltd. (NTCL), Indu-6 Mill land to Government of Maharashtra for the construction of a memorial of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.
44. The Union Cabinet has given approval for Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Bill 2016 to improve road safety in the country.
45. The Cabinet also approved for the signing of new Air Services Agreement (ASA) between India and Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR).
46. The Cabinet has given approval for making suitable amendments in the Central List of OBCs by way of inclusion/correction/deletion of castes/communities applicable to the State of Andhra Pradesh and the newly formed State of Telangana as per the advice received from the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC).
47. RBI (RBI) Governor Raghuram Rajan has launched 'Sachet- www.sachet.rbi.org.in', a web portal to curb illegal collection of deposits. Sachet is an SLCC (State Level Coordination Committees) website from which the members of the public would be able to obtain information regarding entities which are allowed to accept deposits, lodge complaints and also share information regarding illegal acceptance of deposits by unscrupulous entities.
48. RBI (RBI) has set up a committee to look at the various facets of household finance in India and to benchmark India's position vis-à-vis both the peer countries and advanced countries. This will be chaired by Dr. Tarun Ramadorai.
49. The three-day Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) exhibition held in the Parliament premises in New Delhi.
50. Rajasthan's CM Vasundhara Raje has laid the foundation of 14 projects worth Rs 2,229 Crore and stated that the city of Jaipur will be a 'wonder city' in next two years. The projects include converting

- Amanishah Nala into its original form of Dravyawati river.
51. D K Gayen has assumed charge of new General Manager of East Central Railway (ECR) with headquarters at Hajipur in Bihar.
 52. Sudhanshu Mani has been appointed as General Manager, Integral Coach Factory.
 53. 'Grassroots Innovation' authored by Prof. Anil K. Gupta of IIM Ahmedabad, also the Vice Chairman of National Innovation Foundation at Rashtrapati Bhavan has been released.
 54. Four Indian-origin persons have been named among America's top wealth advisors by Forbes on a list of 200 members who collectively manage USD 675 billion. The persons are: Raj Sharma, Ash Chopra, Sonny Kothari & Raju Pathak.
 55. Nimesh Kampani has resigned as the Managing Director of JM Financial Ltd. He will be succeeded by his son Vishal Kampani.
 56. The advisory committee of the Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award has decided that the 23rd Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award will be given to Shubha Mudgal.
 57. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has agreed to add Baseball-Softball, Karate, Skateboard, Climbing Sports and surfing in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.
 58. BJP state chief Vijay Rupani has been named as the new CM of Gujarat while Nitin Patel as Deputy CM.
 59. The first technology two-day meet under the Hydrocarbon Vision 2030 for Northeast India held in Guwahati, Assam.
 60. Goa CM Laxmikant Parsekar has stated that the 7th Pay Commission recommendations would be implemented in the state from November 1st.
 61. CM Naveen Patnaik has dedicated 100 multi-purpose shelter houses to the people of Odisha for use during floods and cyclones with an aim to ensure zero casualty during calamities.
 62. RBI has imposed the penalty on two cooperative banks of Chhattisgarh under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. Zila Sahakari Kendriya Bank Maryadit, Raipur, and Raipur Urban Mercantile Cooperative Bank Limited are banks on which the penalty of five lakh rupees each are imposed.
 63. Corporation Bank has launched 'group credit life insurance scheme' of LIC of India in Mangaluru. The scheme covers various term loans, including retail loans and loans to MSME and agriculture.
 64. Noted sports promoter and founder chairperson of Reliance Foundation, Nita Ambani has been elected as an individual member of International Olympic Committee. With this, she became the first Indian woman to join the prestigious body.
 65. Former Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India Vinod Rai has stepped down from private sector lender IDFC Bank's board.
 66. Noted Assamese litterateur Mahim Bora has passed away due to old age problems. He was 92 years old.
 67. Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley announced that the Government has set the ambitious target to roll out of the Goods and Services Tax, (GST) from 1st April 2017.
 68. Union Government has set an inflation target of 4 % for the next five years with a range of plus/minus 2 % for the next five years under the monetary policy framework agreement with the Reserve Bank.
 69. ISRO chairman A S Kiran Kumar has inaugurated a 'C Band Polarimetric Doppler Weather Radar' at the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), Thiruvananthapuram.
 70. Centre has launched a nation-wide breastfeeding programme "MAA - Mother's Absolute Affection" with an aim to enhance optimal breastfeeding practices in New Delhi. It is an intensified programme of the Health Ministry for creating an enabling environment to ensure that mothers, husbands, and families receive adequate information and support for the promotion of breastfeeding.
 71. The three day long India's International Footwear Fair (IIFF) which was launched by the Finance Minister Arun Jaitley, held in New Delhi.
 72. The Ministry of Railways has signed an agreement with the Chhattisgarh government for the formation of a joint venture (JV) company for focused resource mobilisation, implementation and monitoring of critical rail projects.
 73. Union Urban Development Minister Venkaiah Naidu has launched Swachh Survekshan-2017 for 500 cities in the country with an idea to make competitive environment make the cities clean in New Delhi.
 74. CM of Maharashtra Mr. Devendra Fadnavis has stated that Maharashtra government will provide as many as 1,200 wi-fi hotspots in the megapolis as a part of transforming Mumbai into a Smart City.
 75. Union Minister for Human Resource and Development Prakash Javadekar has inaugurated the transit campus of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) at village Jagti, Tehsil Nagrota in Jammu.
 76. The Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre (EZCC), an autonomous organization under Government of India's



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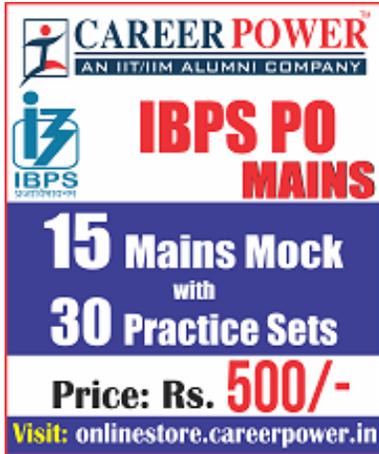
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- Ministry of Culture, has organized a 64-day-long theatre festival in Kolkata.
77. China has successfully launched the first Tiantong satellite for mobile telecommunication at southwestern China's Xichang Satellite Launch Center, with the Long March-3B carrier rocket.
 78. IBM in partnership with Apple has launched a new global development hub at Manyata Tech Park, Bengaluru.
 79. German luxury car maker Mercedes-Benz India Limited (MBIL) has announced the appointment of Michael Jopp as vice-president (sales & marketing). He will succeed Boris Fitz.
 80. The 31st Summer Olympic Games has opened in the Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro, with a vibrant opening ceremony at the Maracana Stadium. The theme of Rio De Janeiro Olympic is world peace and environment.
 81. Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has announced a cash award of 50 lakh rupees for the gold medal winning athlete in the Rio Olympics. While 30 lakh rupees for silver and 20 lakh rupees for bronze.
 82. The second National Handloom Day has been celebrated all over the country on 7th August. The main function was held in Varanasi in which Sant Kabir Awards and National Handloom Awards has been presented.
 83. Telangana Irrigation Department has signed a MoU with the Indian Space Research Organisation for setting up a Telangana Water Resources Information System (TWRIS) on the 'Bhuvan' web portal.
 84. Kerala Tourism has rolled out a promotional campaign in Dubai targeting Arab travellers and showcasing the state's backwaters and waterfalls on taxis plying in the bustling metropolis, with the onset of the outbound tourism season in the Middle East.
 85. Five sportspersons from Tamil Nadu including Jenitha Anto of Tiruchirappalli has presented with a cheque for Rs 25 lakh for winning an international chess tournament for the differently abled held in Serbia. The other receivers are: C Ajith Kumar, R Naveen, L Samayasri, and S Priyadarshini.
 86. A nine-member Kathakali dance troupe has performed first time in Egypt. It was a part the 14th Summer Festival organized by Bibliotheca Alexandrina.
 87. CSS Corp has appointed Manish Tandon as its new Chief Executive Officer of the company.
 88. Veteran South Indian film director and scriptwriter "Vietnam Veedu" Sundaram has passed away in Chennai. He was 76 years old.
 89. KK Khurana, General Manager in-charge, has taken over as Head of BHEL Corporate R&D.
 90. PM Narendra Modi has launched the Telangana government's ambitious Mission Bhagiratha at Komatibanda Village, Gajwel, in Medak District of Telangana. The objective is to provide safe drinking water to all.
 91. Odisha government launched a special assistance scheme named 'Baristha Bunakar Sahayata Yojana' for elderly weavers to mark the National Handlooms Day.
- The aim is to improve the financial condition of over 8,000 weavers, who have been working in this field for the last 20 years. This is for all senior weavers who are above the age of 60 years. Under this scheme all weavers who are above 60 years they will get a monthly pension of 500 rupees, and those above 80 years would get 700 rupees.
92. Union Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar has inaugurated the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) - Raipur at the Government Engineering College campus.
 93. IRCTC and the Manipur government have signed an MoU, which seeks to provide improved hospitality and tourism services to their customers by making 'joint use of their capabilities and facilities'.
 94. A new Guinness World Record for the most robots dancing simultaneously has been set in China where 1,007 robots shimmied in unison, nearly double the previous record.
 95. The first-ever 'Pizza ATM' has been installed at a university campus of US by French-based company Paline, which developed the ATM.
 96. IDFC Bank has appointed former RBI (RBI) deputy governor Anand Sinha to the bank's board.
 97. Arun Shrivastava, MD & CEO of Syndicate Bank has launched new products which includes, fund transfer based on 'Aadhaar Number through NUUP', using an ordinary mobile phone without internet connection & the other was 'Fund Transfer through IMPS' at any branch for instantaneous credit to any bank account.
 98. Ahmedabad-headquartered Zydus Group has acquired Melgain brand from Hyderabad based Issar Pharma.
 99. Network18 has appointed Sitaraman Shankar as Managing Editor - Special Projects.
 100. Australian surfing champion Bernard Farrelly, best known as Midget for his slight size, has passed away. He was 71 years old.
 101. Dipa Karmakar, the Indian Gymnast, created history by becoming the first Indian gymnast to enter the Olympic final at the Rio Olympic Centre.
 102. The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples is observed on August 9 each year to promote and protect the rights of the world's indigenous population. The theme for 2016 International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples is 'Right to Education'.
 103. To mark the 75th anniversary of Quit India Movement, Maharashtra Government launched Quit India 2-from Swaraaj to Surraaj initiative.
 104. Apple has confirmed that it has bought US machine learning startup Turi as Silicon Valley giants focus on future rich with artificial intelligence.
 105. Non-life insurer Reliance General Insurance Company Ltd. has announced a bancassurance tie-up with Shamrao Vithal Co-operative Bank (SVCB).
 106. HDFC board has approved the merger of Max Life and Max Financial Services with its insurance arm HDFC Standard Life Insurance. It will create the biggest public sector life insurer.

- 107.** Mahindra Inter-trade entered a partnership with MSTC, a Government of India enterprise, to set-up country's first integrated auto recycling facility.
- 108.** Amsterdam-based human resource consulting firm Randstad Holdings has announced that it would acquire job portal Monster Worldwide for USD 429 million in cash.



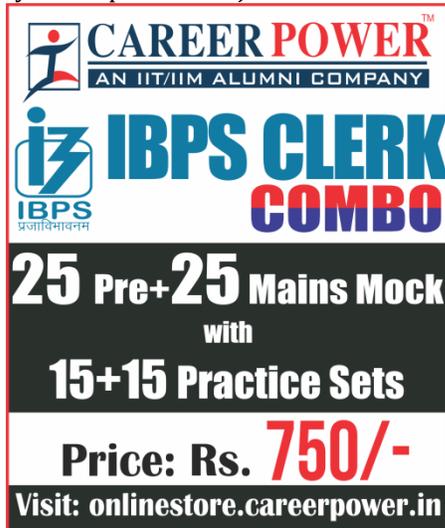
- 109.** Human rights activist Irom Chanu Sharmila (44) ended her 16-year-long fast against Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 and was granted bail by an Imphal court on Rs.10,000 personal bond.
- 110.** K M Hanumantharayappa has assumed charge as new Chairman of Central Silk Board, Union Ministry of Textiles, for a period of three years. He succeeded N S Bissegowda.
- 111.** Two-wheeler market leader Hero MotoCorp has reappointed Pawan Munjal as its Chairman, managing director, and chief executive for a period of five years.
- 112.** Former Arunachal Pradesh CM and Congress rebel Kalikho Pul passed away in Itanagar. He was 46 years old.
- 113.** Renowned Yoga Guru TKV Desikachar has passed away following a brief illness in Chennai. He was 78 years old.
- 114.** Grandmaster and former world junior champion Abhijeet Gupta has added another feather to his cap by retaining the Commonwealth Chess championship crown.
- 115.** PM Narendra Modi has launched Yaad Karo Kurbani (remember the sacrifices) celebrations at the birthplace of freedom fighter Chandra Shekhar Azad at Alirajpur, Madhya Pradesh. It aimed to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Quit India Movement (QIM) and 70 years of Independence.
- 116.** The first unit of Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant has jointly dedicated to the nation by Tamil Nadu CM Jayalalithaa, PM Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin through video conferencing.
- 117.** Niti Aayog has inked a pact with US Energy Information Administration (EIA) to develop India's energy data agency.
- 118.** The government has decided to set up a committee which will consider all issues including foreign direct investment norms pertaining to the fast-growing e-

commerce industry in the country. The committee will be headed by the NITI Aayog CEO Mr. Amitabh Kant.

- 119.** The local subsidiary of the Nasdaq-listed First Solar, First Solar Power India, has announced the commercial operation of 80 MW and 50 MW solar power plants in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.
- 120.** The Ministry of Women and Child Development has launched a social media campaign to mark the Daughters Day to be celebrated on 11th August 2016 by tweeting a picture with her daughter-in-law and granddaughter.
- 121.** China has launched a new high-resolution Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) imaging satellite Gaofen-3 from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre in northern Shanxi Province.
- 122.** Mr. Dinesh Kumar Khara has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of SBI.
- 123.** Rajeev Krishnan has been appointed as the Managing Director of Max Hypermarkets in India. He succeeds Viney Singh.
- 124.** In the latest MRF player Rankings for Test Bowlers, England Speedster James Anderson has topped the list.
- 125.** Asian Development Bank (ADB) Board of Governors has unanimously re-elected Takehiko Nakao as President of ADB for a further 5 years.
- 126.** The Appointment Committee of Cabinet (ACC) has approved appointments of four GMs as Executive Directors in various banks. The appointment includes-Mr. Ashok Kumar Garg, Mr. Raj Kamal Verma, Gopal Murli Bhagat, and Himanshu Joshi as the ED of Bank of Baroda, Union Bank of India, Corporation Bank, and Oriental Bank of Commerce.
- 127.** Popular southern actress Jyothi Lakshmi has passed away at age 63.
- 128.** Veteran film producer, script, lyricist and screenplay writer of Tamil cinema Mr. Panchu Arunachalam has passed away following a brief illness.
- 129.** Wipro Chairman Azim Premji and HCL co-founder Shiv Nadar are the only two billionaires from India in Forbes' list of the world's 100 richest people in technology. The '100 Richest Tech Billionaires in The World 2016' list has been topped by Microsoft founder Bill Gates.
- 130.** The Union Cabinet given its ex-post facto approval for amendments to Section 44 and consequential amendments of the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013 by introducing the Lokpal and Lokayukta (Amendment) Bill, 2016 in the Parliament.
- 131.** The Union Cabinet approved the MoU between India and South Africa for cooperation in the field of Tourism.
- 132.** The Union Cabinet approved for signing and ratification of an Agreement between India and Croatia on Economic Cooperation.
- 133.** The Cabinet approved the amendments which have been made into the Maternity Benefits Act to raise maternity leave for women from 12 weeks to 26 weeks.
- 134.** Finance Minister Arun Jaitley has launched a data bank Portal of micro, small and medium enterprises, MSME

in New Delhi. The portal aims to gather information about micro, small and medium enterprises.

- 135.** Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has constituted a new committee to "review" the existing media policy for communicating the activities of the board and the income tax department to the public. This will be headed by Mr. Gopal Mukherjee.



- 136.** IRCTC has signed a MoU with Defence Food Research Laboratory of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) for Transfer of Technology of Retort Pouch Processed Foods so that ready-to-eat food can be warmed and eaten straight out of the packet.
- 137.** Madhya Pradesh and the Union Territory (UT) of Puducherry have signed the MoU with the Ministry of Power to join the Ujwal Discom Assurance scheme. With this, the total number of states and union territories who are a part of UDAY has risen to 16.
- 138.** Bill Maris, the chief executive, and founder of Alphabet Inc's, venture capital arm of GV, is leaving the company. He will be replaced by GV managing partner David Krane.
- 139.** Ikea, a global leader in retail furniture, has laid the foundation for its first store in India in Hyderabad.
- 140.** Tech giant Intel has acquired California-based deep learning startup Nervana Systems allowing the chip maker to foray into the world of Artificial Intelligence (AI).
- 141.** Power plant equipment manufacturer, Bharat Heavy Electricals limited (BHEL) has appointed Akhil Joshi as the Director (Power).
- 142.** ITC's leading health & hygiene brand, Savlon, has announced the name of ace shuttler- Saina Nehwal as its brand ambassador.
- 143.** Microsoft has announced the appointment of Sriram Rajamani as new managing director of its India lab.
- 144.** A first-of-its-kind touch and feel garden for the visually impaired people in the country was inaugurated near Calicut University campus by Kerala Assembly Speaker P Sreeramakrishnan.
- 145.** The Reserve Bank will transfer to the central government its surplus profit of Rs. 65,876 crores

which is marginally lower than the amount given last year.

- 146.** President Pranab Mukherjee has given his nod to set up six new Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in places like Jammu, Tirupati, Palakkad (Kerala), Goa, Dharward (Karnataka) and Bhilai (Chhattisgarh) and also passed a law regarding the same.
- 147.** Punjab CM Parkash Singh Badal has inaugurated city's first Sewa Kendra at Ladhewali today where people will be able to avail services under one roof.
- 148.** Assam has become the first state to ratify the Goods and Services Tax Constitutional Amendment Bill.
- 149.** A 12-day long Krishna Pushkar festival held in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. The festival comes once in every 12 years.
- 150.** National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned Rs 26.06 crore to the Punjab government.
- 151.** Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL) has inaugurated the country's first facility to produce nickel, a metal for which the country is completely dependent on imports. The new facility - Nickel, Copper, and Acid Recovery Plant is located at the company's Indian Copper Complex (ICC) at Ghatshila in Jharkhand.
- 152.** The private sector lender Kotak Mahindra Bank (KMB) has announced the availability of Flipkart's mobile site in its mobile banking app to gives the customer a secure in-app shopping environment.
- 153.** Birender Singh Yadav has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the West Africa's Republic of Ghana. He will succeed K. Jeeva Sagar in Ghana.
- 154.** Apple Inc has rehired Flipboard Co-founder Evan Doll to work on health-related software after he quit Apple to found the digital news magazine app Flipboard.
- 155.** Michael Phelps won the gold medal in the 200m individual medley to become only the third athlete to win an individual Gold in the same event at four Olympics.
- 156.** Ending a 92-year-old tradition which started during the colonial era, Railway Budget will be merged with the General Budget from 2017-18 onwards.
- 157.** The Centre has constituted the National Committee on Trade Facilitation following India's ratification of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) in April.
- 158.** National Association of Software and Services (Nasscom) has launched operations of its startup warehouse at Sunrise Startup Village at Rushikonda in Visakhapatnam, AP.
- 159.** Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda has inaugurated an AMRIT pharmacy at the city-based Safdarjung hospital in New Delhi. The new AMRIT (Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment) Pharmacy, the 10th such in the country, will sell drugs at highly discounted rates.
- 160.** Rajasthan government led by Vasundhara Raje has signed a MoU with India Trade And Exhibition Centre (ITEC), Dubai for the promotion of skill development, investment and tourism sectors.

- 161.** Sri Lanka and China have signed a tripartite agreement to proceed with the construction of a Financial City Center in capital Colombo.
- 162.** Manipl Technologies Ltd (MTL), which is a secure print solutions organization has announced that it has acquired CrossFraud - an advanced fraud detection and anti-money laundering solution.
- 163.** Syndicate Bank has launched a program called "Project Ananya" that focuses on improved customer service and offering the latest in digital banking services. This will upgrade the products, services and digital channels of the Bank to cater to the fast changing customer needs.
- 164.** The Country's largest public sector lender State bank of India and Korea Development Bank have signed a MoU to enhance business synergies.
- 165.** Former Odisha chief secretary Sudhanshu Bhushan Mishra has passed away in Bhubaneswar.
- 166.** Indian's multinational pharmaceutical company Cipla Limited has appointed Umang Vohra as the managing director (MD) & global chief executive officer (CEO) of the company.
- 167.** The Ministry of Law and Justice has notified the appointment of Justice Manjula Chellur as the next Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court. She replaces CJ Dharendra Hiralal Waghele.
- 168.** Gautam Eknath Thakur has been elected Chairman of the leading co-operative banker, Saraswat Bank.
- 169.** Lionel Messi has announced that he will play on for Argentina, reversing his decision in June to retire from international soccer.
- 170.** Ethiopian runner Almaz Ayana ran 10,000 metres in 29:17.45 minutes, to set a new world record and win the gold medal at the Rio Olympics.
- 171.** Kotak Mahindra Bank has started an 'Innovation Lab' in Bengaluru to tap into the best technology that impacts its operations, and is open to investing in startups.
- 172.** The government has ambitious plan to lay 6,900 km of gas pipelines linking Bangladesh, Myanmar, most north-eastern states, and West Bengal.
- 173.** Fifth Generation Technologies has entered an agreement with Anna University, Chennai, for conducting research to arrive at a useful prediction of the remaining life of critical equipment that are working in high temperature environments.
- 174.** Na Muthukumar passed away in Chennai at the age of 41 years.
- 175.** Former DMK Minister S.P Sarguna Pandian, who began her political career as a platform speaker, died. She was 75 years old.
- 176.** Pramukh Swami, the 95-year-old founder of Akshardham temples and a saint of the Swaminarayan sect, passed away after prolonged illness at the Sarangpur temple.
- 177.** Simone Manuel anchored the U.S. women's 4x100 metres medley relay team to the 1,000th gold medal in her country's summer Olympic history, and the second of her career.
- 178.** Union Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan has launched the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in West Bengal, which is a scheme to provide clean cooking fuel to the women belonging to the 'Below Poverty Line' (BPL) households across the country.
- 179.** Indian Institute of Science (IISc) has bagged the 5 Medals for Young Scientists award 2016. The winners from IISc this year are: Prabeer Barpanda, Sai Siva Gorthi, Praveen Kumar, Anshu Pandey and Chandan Saha.
- 180.** Bollywood star actors Sonam Kapoor and Nawazuddin Siddiqui bagged the best actress and best actor awards at the Indian Film Festival (IFF) of Melbourne 2016.
Award winners are:
1. Best Actor (Male) – Nawazuddin Siddiqui for Raman Raghav
2. Best Actor (Female) – Sonam Kapoor for Neerja
3. Best Film Award – Kapoor & Sons
4. Best Indie Film – Thithi
5. Best Director – Shakun Batra
6. Indian Film Festival Excellence in Cinema Award (lifetime achievement award) – Rishi Kapoor.
- 181.** Kochi Based leading private sector Lender South Indian Bank, leading private sector bank, and SBI Card, one of India's leading Credit Card issuers, announced the launch of co-branded credit cards for the customers of South Indian Bank.
- 182.** National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) ties up with Union Bank of India to launch an USSD based *99# mobile application for their customers.
- 183.** IRDAI has imposed Rs. 35 lakh fine on Bharti AXA General Insurance Co Ltd for violation of various norms including outsourcing activities and corporate governance guidelines.
- 184.** Union Ministers M Venkaiah Naidu and Water Resources Minister Uma Bharti has jointly launched 'Smart Ganga City' programme in 10 cities located along Ganga to set up Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) and improve drainage network there on hybrid annuity mode on public private partnership basis.
- 185.** Microsoft has acquired Beam, an interactive livestreaming startup that lets viewers watch and play along with game streamers in real time.
- 186.** India squash queen Dipika Pallikal won the Australian Open squash title by beating Mayar Hany of Egypt by 0-12, 11-5, 11-6, 11-4.
- 187.** The Bihar state assembly has unanimously passed the crucial Goods and Services Tax Bill (GST Bill). With this, it has become the first non-Bharatiya Janata Party-ruled state to ratify the GST.
- 188.** Tamil Nadu CM Jayalalithaa has announced Rs 1,000 increase in the freedom fighters pension from Rs 11,000.
- 189.** Odia language will be used as the official language in all government offices in Odisha.
- 190.** India has provided One million US Dollars grant to Zimbabwe in the wake of El Nino induced drought disaster.

- 191.** New India Assurance Co and India nuclear insurance pool (INIP) will issue the policy and administer the claims on behalf of the pool. INIP is the 27th global nuclear insurance pool which was launched by General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re), in association with non-life.
- 192.** Central Leather Research Institute's (CLRI) Principal Scientist P Shanmugam has bagged the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Award for meritorious services in the Higher Education Department of Tamil Nadu (TN).
- 193.** India climbed 15 spots, from 81 to 66 in the Global Innovation Index (GII), while Switzerland, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States of America and Finland have been placed as the top 5 in the index.
- 194.** Tata AutoComp Systems, the Tata Group-owned auto-component conglomerate, will acquire TitanX, a leading global engine cooling supplier.
- 195.** China successfully launched the world's first quantum satellite which boasts of establishing hack-proof communications between space and the ground as it is equipped with security features to prevent wiretapping and intercepts. The satellite nicknamed "Micius" was launched from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre.
- 196.** Auto component maker Spark Minda group flagship firm, Minda Corporation Ltd has formed a joint venture (JV) with China's Shandong Beiqi Hai Hua Automobile Parts Co (SBHAP). The 50:50 joint venture, to be known as Minda China Plastic Solutions Ltd.
- 197.** Charti Lal Goel, the first speaker of the Delhi Assembly has passed away after prolonged illness.
- 198.** Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt has won gold in the 100-metre final in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- 199.** Jharkhand Assembly has been convened to ratify Goods and Services Tax (GST) Bill passed by both Houses of Parliament.
- 200.** Banwarilal Purohit has replaced Padmanabha Balakrishna Acharya as the Governor of Assam.
- 201.** V.P. Singh Badnore has been appointed as Governor of Punjab.
- 202.** Jagdish Mukhi has been appointed as Governor of Andaman and Nicobar.
- 203.** Former Union Minister Najma Heptulla has been appointed Governor of Manipur.
- 204.** Gujarat government has approved the implementation of the recommendations of 7th Pay Commission, raising salaries of over 8.5 lakh state employees and pensioners, from 1st Jan.
- 205.** RBI (RBI) has imposed penalties on four cooperative banks for violation of various norms. Cooperative banks are: Cooperative City Bank, Guwahati – Rs 5 lakh, Indapur Urban Cooperative Bank, Indapur – Rs 2 lakh, Shri Dadasaheb Gajmal Cooperative Bank, Pachora – Rs 1 lakh and Model Cooperative Urban Bank, Hyderabad – Rs 1 lakh.
- 206.** The Uttar Pradesh government has approved a Metro Rail project for Allahabad.
- 207.** Oscar-winning music maestro A.R. Rahman has been honoured by the America Tamil Sangam with its Tamil Ratna Award. He was invited at the UNGA to perform a concert to honour M.S. Subbulakshi.
- 208.** Telangana State has received the highest number of gallantry medals for police personnel in the country on the eve of Independence Day.
- 209.** Tata Power Solar has commissioned a 100 mw solar project for NTPC in Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh, the biggest solar project commissioned using domestically manufactured solar cells and modules.
- 210.** Virender Sehwag, former India batsman, has been awarded the honorary life membership of the Marylebone Cricket Club
- 211.** The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has discovered an ancient camping site dating 8500 BC in Ladakh in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), indicating humans were camping in the area 10,500 years ago.
- 212.** Malayalam filmmaker-scriptwriter TA Razaq passed away in Kochi.
- 213.** Padma Shri awardee Punjabi writer Gurdial Singh, 83, breathed his last after a prolonged illness in Bathinda.
- 214.** Reliance Brands announced a long-term master franchise agreement with Amsterdam-based fashion brand Scotch & Soda.
- 215.** Unilever, the parent company of Hindustan Unilever (HUL), has acquired Swedish firm Blueair, a leading player in mobile air purification technology.
- 216.** The UP govt will honour wrestler Sakshi Malik with the coveted Rani Laxmi Bai award.
- 217.** Govt has slapped a penalty of USD 380 million on Reliance Industries and its partners for producing less than targeted natural gas from KG-D6 fields.
- 218.** Federal Bank has become the first private sector bank to start distributing gold coins made by government-controlled Metals and Minerals Trading Corporation of India (MMTCI).
- 219.** Kerala govt has earmarked Rs 10,000 crore for state-run and aided schools for the next 5 years.
- 220.** India's Sakshi Malik won a bronze medal in the wrestling 58kg category in Rio Olympics 2016.
- 221.** India and Bangladesh will jointly produce a documentary on the 1971 War of Independence of Bangladesh.
- 222.** The world's longest and highest glass bridge will open to visitors in China.

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- 223.** Former FIFA President Joao Havelange has passed away at Samartino Hospital, Rio de Janeiro. He was 100 years old.
- 224.** Noted actor and director Gobind Tej passed away.
- 225.** The board of country's largest lender, SBI has approved share swap ratio to merge 5 associate banks and Bharatiya Mahila Bank (BMB) with itself.
- 226.** Former Cricketer and Rajya Sabha MP Sachin Tendulkar has selected Donja village in Osmanabad district of Maharashtra for development under the Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojna (SAGY).
- 227.** IIT-Kanpur has adopted 5 villages under the Namami Gange programme and will use its expertise to restrict the flow of sewage into the river.
- 228.** Seven Indian companies have made it to a carbon-clean list of 200 largest companies worldwide ranked by their total clean-energy revenues. The list is topped by Japan's Toyota Motor.
- 229.** Hindi scholar and writer Sunita Jain was awarded the prestigious 25th Vyas Samman 2015 for her poetry collection "Kshama".
- 230.** National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) and Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOC) sign MoU for industrial use of treated water.
- 231.** Union Power Minister Piyush Goyal launched the process of tariff-based reverse auction in the transmission sector and also inaugurated a portal for electronic bidding for transmission projects. He launched "Tarang" mobile App, "e-Trans" and "DEEP" (Discovery of Efficient Electricity Price) e-bidding web portals.
- 232.** India Post Payments Bank has come into existence after it received certificate of incorporation from the Registrar of Companies, setting the stage for the new bank to begin operations in 2017.
- 233.** Doha Bank QSC, one of the prominent banks in Qatar, is formally inaugurating its first branch in Kerala on August 27.
- 234.** Federal Bank has partnered with Chillr that connects directly to a person's bank account and enables instant money transfers, bill payments, phone recharge and e-commerce payments in a very secure environment.
- 235.** The Alibaba Group, along with Crossword and Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust has launched 'Mission Million Books', a pan-India initiative inviting Indian citizens to donate textbooks and educational material for the underprivileged.
- 236.** India has signed a short-term route agreement with Bangladesh to allow transport of petroleum goods from Assam to Tripura through Bangladesh after heavy monsoon damaged roads and made the transportation between the two states difficult.
- 237.** Arthur Hiller, who received an Oscar nomination for directing the blockbuster romantic tragedy "Love Story" passed away.
- 238.** Urjit Patel is the new RBI Governor, the Finance Ministry announced. He will succeed Raghuram Rajan as the RBI chair once he steps down on September 3, after his term comes to an end. He will be India's 24th RBI Governor.
- 239.** India's P V Sindhu created history by winning a silver medal in women's singles badminton event at Rio Olympics 2016. She is the first Indian female and first ever Indian shuttler to win an Olympic silver.
- 240.** Indian government's Tourism Ministry has decided that instead of getting a brand ambassador for the Incredible India campaign, it will make PM Narendra Modi the face of the campaign.
- 241.** The two-day meeting of the BRICS Women's Parliamentarian Forum held in Jaipur which was inaugurated by Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan.
- 242.** Kerala government has approved a new debt relief scheme for low income and poor people who face the threat of revenue recovery proceedings after they fail to repay loans taken from various financial institutions under the government.
- 243.** SK Sharma, Chairman and MD, Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), has been awarded as the Most Enterprising CEO in Electronics Sector by the Indo Global Business Council (IGBC).
- 244.** Cipla Ltd and Godrej have been recognized by Fortune magazine in a list of global firms changing the world for the good and having a positive social impact through their activities. Cipla is ranked 46th in the list of 50 followed by Godrej on the 48th spot, the only Indian companies in the list. The list has been topped by British pharma giant GlaxoSmithKline.
- 245.** Renu Khator, Indian-American woman academic, will be inducted into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame for making significant contribution for the benefit of the US' second largest state.
- 246.** Jamaican's sprinter Usain Bolt has won the 200 metres final to add to his 100m title at the Rio Olympics 2016. Bolt eased to victory in the 200m final in 19.78 seconds.
- 247.** Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) has selected four investment banks for the proposed share sale in HUDCO (Housing & Urban Development Corporation Limited). These four banks include Nomura, SBI Caps, ICICI Securities and IDBI Capital.

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- 248.** China largest high-speed train maker has announced the launch of its first joint venture (JV) plant in India with USD 63.4 million investment to manufacture and repair railway locomotives. The joint venture, named CRRC (China Railway Rolling Stock Corporation) Pioneer (India) Electric Co Ltd, is housed in Bavo Industrial District of Haryana between New Delhi and Bombay.
- 249.** India has pledged financial assistance worth 39.97 million Nepali Rupees for the construction of a new building and a hostel facility at a Sanskrit school in eastern Nepal.
- 250.** The Andhra Pradesh Cabinet has decided to felicitate the Olympic badminton star PV Sindhu with Rs. 3 crore reward in cash, a 1,000 sq yard site in the new capital city of Amaravati and a Group I cadre job in the State.
- 251.** Andhra Pradesh Police has launched DNA Index System (DIS), the first-of-its-kind initiative that allows generation of DNA profiles from live samples like saliva and blood stains. The system uses the latest DNA technology tool called RapidHIT developed by IntegenX of USA.
- 252.** India ranks a low 39th in terms of fixed broadband adoption among Asia-Pacific countries according to a study by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). Hong Kong, New Zealand, Japan, Macao, Australia and Singapore topped the list of 53 countries.
- 253.** Union Women and Child Development (WCD) Minister Maneka Gandhi inaugurated the state's first animal birth control centre (ABC) at Kedarpuram. The centres will be set up in Nainital and Mussoorie.
- 254.** Sunil Bharti Mittal has been re-appointed as the Chairman of telecom giant Bharti Airtel for another 5 years.
- 255.** Amul Managing Director (MD) R S Sodhi has been appointed as independent director on the board of India Post Payment Banks (IPPB) - the payments bank arm of postal department.
- 256.** Shri Yogeshwar Sangwan, presently Ambassador of India to the Republic of Armenia, has been concurrently accredited as the Ambassador of India to Georgia, with residence in Yerevan (Armenia).
- 257.** Subrata Banerjee, the former international umpire, died at the age of 71 in Kolkata.
- 258.** India is home to the 3rd largest number of technology-driven start-ups in the world, with the US and the UK occupying the top two positions.
- 259.** Justice Manjula Chellur took oath as the Chief Justice of the Bombay HC.
- 260.** Indian Olympic Association (IOA) President, N. Ramachandran was awarded the Olympic Order for his outstanding services to the Olympic movement.
- 261.** Famous Actor Kamal Haasan will be awarded the Chevalier de L'Ordre Arts et Lettres (The Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters) by the French government.
- 262.** Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) inked pact with Microsoft India to offer telecom and IT solutions for big businesses promoting the demand for IT and cloud services.
- 263.** Google has agreed to partner with Railways to digitise its heritage assets and help create a digital repository for universal online access free of cost.
- 264.** Vistara, an Indian domestic airline based in Gurgaon has announced that Bollywood actor Deepika Padukone will be their new brand ambassador.
- 265.** Former Union Minister Najma Heptulla was sworn-in as the governor of Manipur.
- 266.** Union Minister for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Sushri Uma Bharti launched various Projects on the Bank of Ganga worth Rs. 560 crores under Namami Gange programme at Ganga Barrage in Kanpur.
- 267.** The famous Sreekrishna temple in Guruvayur has been included in the Union Tourism Ministry's Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spirituality Augmentation Drive (PRASAD). Under this scheme Development of roads, new streetlights and improvement of drinking water supply will also be taken up.
- 268.** Director Goutam Ghosh's National award-winning film "Shankhachil", has been selected for the coveted 40th Montreal World Film Festival.
- 269.** Indo-Canadian Sikh MP Bardish Chagger has been named as the new Leader of the government in Canada's House of Commons, becoming the first woman to hold the post in the country's history.
- 270.** Joyce Carol Thomas, a prize-winning children's author, and champion of multiculturalism, died at the age of 78.
- 271.** ii. Joyce Carol Thomas was an African-American poet, playwright, motivational speaker, and author of more than 30 children's books.
- 272.** Sania Mirza, paired with Barbora Strycova from the Czech Republic, defeated Martina Hingis and her partner Coco Vandeweghe 7-5, 6-4. With the win, Sania retained her number one status on the women's doubles ranking.
- 273.** Himachal Pradesh assembly unanimously ratified the Constitution Amendment Bill on GST. It becomes the fourth after Assam, Bihar and Jharkhand to ratify the Bill.
- 274.** Senior BJP leader Jagdish Mukhi assumed office as the 12th Lieutenant Governor of the union territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. He took over from Lt General AK Singh (Retd).
- 275.** Senior IAS officers Brajendra Navnit and V Sheshadri have been appointed as Joint Secretaries in PMO as part of massive mid-level reshuffle.
- 276.** Bajaj Finance Limited has paired with India Post to facilitate purchase of vehicles in Karnataka.
- 277.** Mahindra Mutual Fund Kar Bachat Yojana - an open ended ELSS Scheme - with a three-year lock-in period has been launched by Mahindra Asset Management Company that will generate long-term capital appreciation.
- 278.** V P Singh Badnore took oath as the new Punjab Governor and also as Administrator of Chandigarh Administration.

279. Anand Krishnamurthy, Managing Director and Chief Executive of Kerala-based Catholic Syrian Bank, has submitted his resignation.
280. The government is set to ban cash transactions over Rs 3 lakh as it seeks to clamp down on black money in the economy following recommendations from the Supreme Court-appointed Special Investigation Team.
281. Former CCI head Ashok Chawla will take over as Non-Executive Part-time Chairman of YES Bank.
282. Late Iranian director Abbas Kiarostami has been selected for the Asian Filmmaker of the Year Award at the Busan International Film Festival.
283. The Kabaddi World Cup will be held in Ahmedabad from October 7 to 22.
284. China has launched its first Tibetan-language search engine 'Yongzin'. The search engine will serve as a unified portal for all major Tibetan-language websites in China.
285. State-run GAIL (India) Ltd has signed a MoU with California-based Bloom Energy for developing natural gas-based fuel cell power generation.
286. Punjab CM Parkash Singh Badal launched a mobile app 'Kisan Suvidha' for farmers. The app will provide basic information on weather updates, crop prices and expert advices.
287. Jawaharlal Nehru Port has signed an agreement with State Bank of India and Development Bank of Singapore for External Commercial Borrowing to the tune of USD 400 Million under External Commercial Borrowings.
288. Chennai hailed Vikash Anand won a double to clinch the title in the MRF Formula 1600 category.
289. India state radio broadcaster's Akashvani Maitree Channel, a special Bengali channel targeted at the Bengali-speaking audience of India, Bangladesh and in other countries, was launched by President Pranab Mukherjee.
290. The Union Cabinet cleared the draft Surrogacy Bill 2016, aimed at regulating commissioning of surrogacy in the country in a proper manner.
291. The newly drafted Maharashtra Protection of Internal Security Act (MPISA) has proposed setting up of Special Security Zones (SSZ) where movement of arms, explosives and inflow of unaccounted funds will be prohibited.
292. The Chhattisgarh, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh state Assembly passed the Goods and Service Tax (GST) Constitution Amendment Bill, becoming the fifth, sixth and seventh state to pass the bill.
293. As per the New World Wealth, India is ranked 7th among the wealthiest countries in the world in terms of private wealth held by individuals. The Top 5 Countries are: 1. US 2. China 3. Japan 4. UK 5. Germany
294. India and Germany signed an agreement that aims to foster conditions that will help create and improve workplace-based vocational training in India's industrial clusters.
295. The Film Federation of India (FFI) has kick started the process to cherry pick the film, which will officially represent India at the 89th Academy Awards next year. Ketan Mehta has been approached to head the 17-member jury which comprises technicians and artists within the film industry.
296. Delhi will soon have a sprawling new Aerospace Museum close to the international airport focused mainly on Nation's rich aviation history.
297. Eminent scientist P D Gupta was appointed as Vice Chancellor of Mumbai-based Homi Bhabha National Institute (HBNI).
298. The US-headquartered pharma major Pfizer Inc has entered into an agreement to acquire Medivation Inc, a biopharmaceutical company focused on developing and commercialising small molecules for oncology.
299. China's unmanned submersible has dived to a depth of 10,767 metres at the world's deepest ocean point, setting a new record for the country to enable it to explore ocean beds for minerals and other natural resources.
300. Mathrubhumi former editor K K Sreedharan Nair passed away. He was 86.
301. Two Indian-American women, Anjali Tripathi and Tina R Shah have been selected for the prestigious White House Fellow programme that offers experience of working at the highest levels of the US federal government.
302. Luxury carmaker Volvo Auto has announced the appointment of Nalin Jain as the new Chief Financial Officer and Jyoti Malhotra as the Director, Sales, Marketing, and PR for India operations.
303. Bharti Airtel and Vodafone has started rolling out Aadhaar based e-KYC solution following the notification by the Department of Telecom, Government of India.
304. Odisha Cabinet has approved the "Odisha Startup Policy 2016" to promote entrepreneurship for start-up ventures with provision of government incentives.
305. Delhi Assembly has ratified the Goods and Service Tax Constitution Amendment Bill. It is the third non-BJP-ruled state and overall the 8th to clear the proposed tax regime.

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- 306.** Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar has announced that Sakshi Malik, India's bronze medalist at the Rio Olympics, will be the brand ambassador of the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao campaign in the state.
- 307.** India's high commissioner to UK, Navtej Sarna, is likely to take over from Arun Singh as India's ambassador to the US.
- 308.** The Union cabinet approved an MoU with Myanmar for cooperation in the field of traditional systems of medicine.
- 309.** The Cabinet gave its approval to the revised DTAA between India and Cyprus that provides for source-based taxation of capital gains on transfer of shares instead of one based on residence.
- 310.** The Union Cabinet approved of a new air services agreement between India and Fiji that would allow Indian airlines to fly to any point in the island nation.
- 311.** The Union Cabinet approved signing of a MoU between India and South Africa to establish cooperation in Grassroots Innovation.
- 312.** National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) announced that customers of 21 banks will shortly be able to use Unified Payments Interface (UPI) for sending and collecting money via a smartphone using a Virtual Payment Address (VPA).
- 313.** Union Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu and Andhra Pradesh CM N Chandrababu Naidu has commissioned a new railway line between Nandyala and Yerraguntla.
- 314.** After Goa and Delhi, Telangana has become the third state to inaugurate south India's first Children's Court was inaugurated in Hyderabad.
- 315.** The GPS-enabled mobile app of the Telangana Aarogyasri Healthcare Trust bagged this year's Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)'s healthcare excellence award.
- 316.** Forbes magazine ranked out the world's highest paid actresses and Hunger games star Jennifer Lawrence has topped the list for the second time in a row. Indian star Deepika Padukone is also among the top 10 highest-paid actresses in the world. She has also joined hands with the Indian Psychiatric Society as its brand ambassador.
- 317.** A R Kidwai, former Governor of Bihar, West Bengal and Haryana passed away in New Delhi. He was 96.
- 318.** RBI has asked banks to provide loans to women self-help groups in rural areas at 7% per annum, as per the government's revised guidelines for the current financial year.
- 319.** A person booking a train ticket through the IRCTC website will be able opt for travel insurance cover for a premium of 92 paise only from 31 August. IRCTC has assigned the task to three private firms are Shriram General Insurance, ICICI Lombard General Insurance and Royal Sundaram General Insurance.
- 320.** India will be hosting the first BRICS film festival which will begin from Sept. 2 to 6 New Delhi.
- 321.** Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis has announced the State government plans to transform 1,000 villages with the help of corporate sector, and the civil society over the next few years.
- 322.** US multinational banking firm Goldman Sachs says Indian economy is likely to grow 7.9% in this year 2016-17.
- 323.** In the list published by Forbes magazine, Shah Rukh Khan and Akshay Kumar ranked among the highest paid Bollywood actors on 8th and 10th rank. The list was topped by former WWE wrestler and present actor, Dwayne Johnson.
- 324.** Five Indian companies ranked among world's 100 most innovative, including Asian Paints, Hindustan Unilever, Tata Consultancy Services, Sun Pharma and Larsen & Toubro have been ranked among Forbes's list of 'The World's Most Innovative Companies'. The list is topped by Tesla Motors.
- 325.** Olympic gold-medallist Abhinav Bindra was named the Chairman of a 5-member review committee to probe the shooters' Rio Games debacle.
- 326.** PC maker Lenovo has appointed Pankaj Harjai to head its newly constituted Small and Medium Business (SMB) vertical.
- 327.** Portugal superstar Cristiano Ronaldo has won the UEFA Best Player in Europe award for the second time.
- 328.** "Sugamya Pustakalaya: A step towards an Accessible Digital India" (An online library for persons with visual disabilities) was launched by Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister for Law & Justice and Electronics & Information Technology.
- 329.** India's Saina Nehwal has been dropped 4 points to be 9th, while compatriot PV Sindhu remained in the 10th spot in the Badminton World Federation (BWF) rankings.
- 330.** G. Satheesh Reddy, Scientific Adviser to the Defence Minister and DRDO's DG (Missiles & Strategic Systems), was conferred the first IEI-IEEE Award for engineering excellence 2015.
- 331.** Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) has signed an MoU with The Energy and Resources Institute (Teri) for promoting renewable energy. President Juan Manuel Santos hailed the agreement with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia.
- 332.** Former Olympian Silvanus Ddungdung Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award will be rewarded.
- 333.** Central Tool Room and Training Centre (CTTC), Bhubaneswar, has signed an agreement with ISRO for technology transfer and a contract for supply of spacecraft component.
- 334.** The Central government has appointed Gopal Murli Bhagat as Executive Director of Corporation Bank for a period of three years.
- 335.** The Nagaland State Assembly has passed the Goods and Service Tax (GST) Constitution Amendment Bill, 8th State to ratify the tax reform.
- 336.** The World Risk Report 2016 which analyses the role that infrastructure plays in shaping a country's disaster risk,

337. Has ranked India at 77th, Pakistan at 72nd, Bangladesh at 5th in the list which is topped by Island state of Vanuatu.
338. Season-3 of the Indian Super League (ISL) football would be held from October 1 to December 18, with the opening game scheduled in Guwahati.
339. Women and Child Development Minister (WCD) Maneka Sanjay Gandhi has launched Protection of Children from Sexual Offences, POCSO e-box, in New Delhi. POCSO e-box is a platform where a child victim of sexual abuse can
340. Pakistan will host the 19th SAARC Summit on November 9 and 10 this year. The SAARC Summit Cell is headed by Ambassador Amjad Sial.
341. RBI has asked banks to provide loans to women self-help groups in rural areas at 7% per annum.
342. IT capital of the country, Bengaluru, will host the 2017 Bharatiya Pravasi Divas.
343. The US Postal Service will commemorate the festival of Diwali with a Forever stamp on Oct 5 and on behalf of this a dedication ceremony to be hosted at Consulate General of India in New York.
344. The Finance Minister Arun Jaitley has set up a committee to consider incentives such as cash back schemes and tax rebates for promoting card and digital payments in a step towards discouraging cash transactions. The 11-member committee, headed by former Finance Secretary Ratan P Watal
345. Mangaluru based Karnataka Bank has come up with a mobile application named KBL-SMARTz built on the unified payments interface (UPI) platform of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
346. The World Bank has announced a funding of Rs 980 crore to dredge the Brahmaputra as an initiative to develop waterways to Bangladesh and to other South East Asian countries which is give fillip to trade and industry in the Area.
347. Shri P Kumaran Indian Foreign Service, presently Joint secretary in the Ministry, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the State of Qatar.
348. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully test-fired its Scramjet Rocket Engine, which will use oxygen from the atmosphere thereby reducing launch cost, from the spaceport of Sriharikota.
349. The 7th edition of the Mountain Echoes Literary Festival 2016 held in the capital city of the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan Thimbu.
350. Indian tennis ace Sania Mirza and her Romanian partner Monica Niculescu defeated Kateryna Bondarenko of Ukraine and Chuang Chia Jung of Taiwan in the final.
351. India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni has set a world record, he captained India in a record 325th game (most by a player in history), across all three formats, to break Australian skipper Ricky Ponting's mark.
352. Maharashtra's sixth Chess GM Shardul Gagare, and steeplechase specialist Lalita Babar, who finished a creditable 10th in the Rio Olympics, have been chosen

for the Sports Journalists Association of Mumbai's (SJAM) Golden Jubilee Annual Awards 2016.

353. Film actress Sharmila Tagore, theatre activist Arundhati Nag and film studies academician Ira Bhaskar have been appointed new members of Broadcasting Content Complaints Council (BCCC).
354. Himachal Pradesh Health Minister Kaul Singh Thakur has launched a mobile application called '108 HP' to facilitate efficient access to ambulances for medical emergencies.
355. Zee Entertainment Enterprises has appointed Punit Misra as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for its domestic broadcast business.
356. Gujarat government is planning to set up India's first textile university at Surat.
357. National Sports Day in India is celebrated on August 29 to mark hockey legend Dhyan Chand's birthday.
358. Qatar's based Doha Bank has opened a branch, the Kerala's CM Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated the branch.
359. The Maharashtra Assembly's has unanimously passed the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Constitutional Amendment Bill.

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360. The West Bengal Assembly passed the resolution to rename the state to 'Bangla' in Bengali, 'Bengal' in English and 'Bangal' in Hindi.
361. CM, Mehbooba Mufti has formally launched the Ujala Scheme in Jammu and Kashmir with the distribution of LED bulbs.
362. Union HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar formally inaugurated the IIT in Dharwad.
363. Mercedes driver Nico Rosberg from Germany has won the 2016 Belgian Grand Prix of Formula One.
364. Indian multi-national conglomerate Larsen & Toubro's group named S N Subrahmanyam as the Managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of India's largest infrastructure engineering company.
365. Tata Sons, the holding company of the Tata Group of companies, has appointed private equity firm Bain Capital's Managing Director Amit Chandra as non-executive director.

- 366.** Western Railway won the overall team championship in the 82nd All India Railway athletic Championship held at Tiruchirapalli Tamil Nadu.
- 367.** Murugappa Group firm Carborundum Universal (CUMI) inaugurated its Research and Development centre at its industrial ceramics division in Hosur, Tamil Nadu (TN).
- 368.** E-commerce portal Amazon.in has announced the launch of a dedicated online Telugu book store with a wide-range of over 10,000 Telugu titles.
- 369.** Abhijit Bhaduri, chief learning officer of Wipro has resigned. Bhaduri will start his own executive coaching company.
- 370.** Central Reserve Police Force India (CRPF) has decided to appoint Olympic silver medallist PV Sindhu as its brand ambassador and bestow the honorary rank of Commandant on the ace badminton player.
- 371.** Wrestler Yogeshwar Dutt's London 2012 bronze might be upgraded to silver. The upgrade has been triggered by a positive dope test of late Russian wrestler Besik Kudukhov.
- 372.** India and the US have signed an important agreement that will make the two nations logistical allies and enable both the militaries to use each other's assets and bases for repair and replenishment of supplies.
- 373.** India and Myanmar have signed four MoU to enhance cooperation and bilateral relations between the two countries.



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374. Agreements are:

- A)** Agreement pertains to the construction of 69 bridges on the Tamu-Kalewa section of the trilateral highway connecting India, Myanmar and Thailand.
- B)** Agreement is on upgrading the Kalewa-Yargi section of the trilateral highway.
- C)** Agreement is for cooperation in the field of renewable energy,

D) Agreement on cooperation in the field of Traditional Systems of Medicine

- 375.** The Telangana and Haryana Assembly have unanimously ratified the Constitution Amendment Bill on Goods and Services Tax (GST).
- 376.** The RBI, in its Annual Report, has projected India's growth rate at 7.6% in 2016-17, up from 7.2% last year.
- 377.** NABARD has sanctioned a loan of Rs 204.67 crore under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for rural infrastructure in Haryana for projects including a 10 MW solar plant at Panipat thermal power station.
- 378.** Padma Sachdev was awarded the prestigious Saraswati Samman for the year 2015 for her autobiography 'Chitt-Chete' in Dogri language.
- 379.** PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the first of the 4 phases of the ambitious irrigation (worth Rs 12000 Cr.) scheme, Saurashtra Narmada Avtaran Irrigation Yojana (SAUNI), at the Aji-3 dam near Rajkot.
- 380.** The Union minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers and Parliamentary Affairs Ananth Kumar launched a mobile App. developed by NPPA, which shows the MRP fixed by NPPA for various scheduled drugs on the real time basis.
- 381.** Mobile payments start-up PhonePe Internet Pvt. Ltd, which is owned by Flipkart, in partnership with private lender Yes Bank launched unified payments interface (UPI) based payments app.
- 382.** Eminent painter, writer and art historian Dinanath Pathy passed away following a cardiac arrest at a hospital in Bhubaneshar.
- 383.** Veteran Congress leader and former Governor of Madhya Pradesh Mohammad Shafi Qureshi has passed away in Delhi. He was 87 years old.
- 384.** The Goa Legislative Assembly today unanimously passed a resolution ratifying the amendments to the Constitution to pave way for the presidential assent to the Goods and Services (GST) Bill, 2016. Goa is the 15th State Assembly to ratify the Bill.
- 385.** National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has launched a pilot project for Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) with 26 Bharat Bill Payment Operating Units (BBPOUs). It will cover repetitive payments for everyday utility services such as electricity, water, gas, telephone and Direct-to-Home (DTH).
- 386.** India jumped 19 places in the Logistics Performance Index to rank 35th in this year's list. The logistics' list was topped by Germany.
- 387.** Sony Pictures Networks India (SPN) and ZEE have entered into definitive agreements to acquire TEN Sports Network and its subsidiaries for \$385 million.
- 388.** Land of the thunder dragon's Nation Bhutan is set to become the fourth Asian country to host a tournament on the Asian Tennis Tour.
- 389.** India's first military heritage website, coloursofglory.org was launched by Glory Foundation at Chennai.

- 390. Pfc India Financial Services (PFS) has tied up with banks that will provide loans to companies engaged in renewable energy (RE) production.
- 391. India's largest digital payment company in India, MobiKwik has announced coalition with 12 state electricity boards.
- 392. Union Health and Family Welfare Minister JP Nadda launched the 'Mera Aspataal' (my hospital) initiative. This move seeks to empower the patients by seeking their views on the quality of experience in a public healthcare facility.
- 393. Under the Government's initiative of affordable LEDs for all (UJALA) scheme, Gujarat has become the 1st state to distribute 2 crore LED bulbs.
- 394. Goa government has signed a memorandum of understanding with Google India to promote digital literacy and drive the digital transformation in the state.
- 395. India's 100-year-old athlete, Man Kaur has won Gold medal at the American Masters Games in the 100-meter dash. She took a minute-and-a-half to cross the finish line in Vancouver.
- 396. SBI Mutual Fund has appointed Anuradha Rao as its Managing Director and Chief Executive.
- 397. Jharkhand is the first state in the country to have implemented Public Fund Management System (PFMS).

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