



THE HINDU REVIEW: OCTOBER 2016 for KVS, NVS, Army Public School Exam, DSSSB

- ✦ The EU and Canada signed a free trade deal 2016 that was almost derailed last week by objections from French-speaking Belgians, exposing the difficulties of securing agreement from 28 member states as Britain prepares for Brexit talks.
- ✦ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated Chhattisgarh's 16th foundation day celebrations in Naya Raipur. Chhattisgarh Governor B D Tandon and Chief Minister Raman Singh are also present at the site.
- ✦ Rishi Jaitly, Twitter's India head who helped popularise the adoption of the micro-blogging website among government departments to respond to citizen queries, has quit the company.
- ✦ Kerala has become the third Open Defecation Free (ODF) state in the country. The announcement was made on the state's foundation day on 01st November, 2016. Earlier, Himachal Pradesh and Sikkim had declared themselves Open Defecation Free.
- ✦ State-run NHPC has announced commissioning of a 50 MW wind power project in Rajasthan. NHPC has commissioned its 50 MW wind power project in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.
- ✦ The Centre notified the rules for Real Estate Act, that seeks to regulate the housing sector besides bringing transparency and ensuring timely completion of projects, which will be applicable for five Union Territories-The Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu, and Lakshadweep.
- ✦ With several high-ticket alleged frauds like Vijay Mallya loan default case coming to fore, Central
- ✦ Vigilance Commission has now made it mandatory for the public sector banks to report to it all such matters involving funds over Rs one crore.
- ✦ The finance ministry released first installment of special assistance of Rs 1,093.34 crore for repair and permanent restoration of damaged public buildings in Jammu and Kashmir in pursuance of the announcement made by the Prime Minister last November. A total sum of Rs 2,000 crore has been provided for permanent restoration of damaged Infrastructure such as schools, colleges, hospitals, bus stations and other critical public infrastructure under Prime Minister Reconstruction Plan for J&K.
- ✦ India and Palestine signed a MoU for setting up a Palestine-India Techno Park in Ramallah, Palestine. During the visit of President Pranab Mukherjee to Palestine in October last year, the announcement for

- setting up of park was made. India has announced a grant of \$12 million for setting up the park with payment of \$3 million each on half-yearly basis for two years.
- ✦ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the "Saur Sujala Yojana" in Chhattisgarh that would provide solar powered irrigation pumps to farmers at a subsidized price.
- ✦ Team India's limited-overs cricket skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni remains the most valued Indian athlete in 2016, despite a drop in his brand value when compared with last year, shows the Forbes Fab 40 list released recently.
- ✦ The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) tightened rules for credit rating agencies, prescribing more disclosures on suspension and withdrawal of ratings. The capital markets regulator also directed agencies to disclose the nature of their compensation arrangements with rated entities, including exchange of gifts.
- ✦ Sushil Chandra on 01st November 2016 took over as Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT). Chandra, an Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer of the 1980 batch, comes in place of Rani Singh Nair, who retired from service on 31st October 2016. of Income Tax (Central) and Director of Income Tax (Investigation) at Mumbai.

- ✦ Lewis Hamilton outpaced Mercedes team-mate Nico Rosberg to win the 2016 Mexican Grand Prix.
- ✦ Miroslav Klose, the top scorer in World Cup history, is ending his playing career and will join Joachim Löw's coaching staff as he studies for his pro licence, the German football association (DFB) have confirmed.

- ✦ Palpreet Singh, winner of National Finals of ACG-NBA Jump, India's first national basketball talent search program, was selected 11th in the fourth Round of the NBA D-League Draft held in New York.
- ✦ Satnam Singh, who became the first Indian to be drafted into the NBA when he was selected 52nd overall by the Dallas Mavericks in the 2015 NBA Draft, represents the Texas Legends, the minor league affiliate of the Dallas Mavericks.
- ✦ In a bid to boost ties with India, the Australian government on 02nd November 2016 has announced 19 grants worth \$6,30,000 dollars for several projects in the field of education, science, sports, arts and culture.
- ✦ The successful grants include an exchange between TAFE NSW and India's Centurion University to share expertise for training indigenous learners, collaboration between University of New South Wales and Indian scientists to develop effective new water purification systems for the country's water supply.
- ✦ ICICI Bank has launched a credit facility against home loans for salaried customers. The Home Overdraft facility will enable a salaried customer to seek loans up to Rs. 1 crore for personal needs against his/her property.
- ✦ The joint military training exercise "Sampriti-2016" has been conducted between India and Bangladesh at Tangail, Dhaka, Bangladesh from 05 to 18 November 2016.
- ✦ Leading global professional network LinkedIn has signed an agreement with the human resource development ministry to create more job opportunities for Indian students.
- ✦ Ministry of Railways has appointed Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak, the founder of Sulabh International, as a Brand Ambassador for Swachh Rail Mission.
- ✦ Renowned South Korean director Im Kwon Taek will be honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the upcoming 47th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa.
- ✦ Indian actress Rekha will be honoured by the upcoming Dubai International Film Festival with a Lifetime Achievement Award.
- ✦ South Korea's presidential office named a new prime minister and finance minister. Kim Byong-joon, a senior former presidential secretary is expected to replace Hwang Kyo-ahn as prime minister. The Blue House named Financial Services Commission Chairman Yim Jong-yong as finance minister and deputy prime minister.
- ✦ Indian shuttler Pratul Joshi has won the men's singles title of the Bahrain International Challenge badminton tournament.
- ✦ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in New Delhi. The Aim of the 3-day conference is to find ways for better management of disaster risk.
- ✦ The Centre, along with state-run power entities NTPC, REC and PFC, will soon 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.
- ✦ The second edition of its three-day National Children's Film Festival (NCFF), with the theme of "Make in India", has been held in Jaipur from November 14, coinciding with the Children's Day.
- ✦ Maharashtra is the first state in the country to have a cyber police station in each district simultaneously. The state is converting 42 state-of-the-art cyber crime labs into police stations.
- ✦ 7th Session of the Conference of Parties (COP7) to World Health Organization, WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) has been held from 7th to 12th of this month at Greater Noida.
- ✦ 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 that would also attract an additional cess. Goods and Services Tax is a proposed system of indirect taxation in India merging most of the existing taxes into single system of taxation.
- ✦ Minister of Railways Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu has inaugurated the International Conference on Decarbonisation of Indian Railways – Mission Electrification in New Delhi on November 3, 2016. It was organised by Institution of Railways Electrical Engineer (IREE) in partnership with ASSOCHAM India.
- ✦ Former Jammu and Kashmir Deputy Chief Minister Mangat Ram Sharma died, after a prolonged illness. He was 85 years old.
- ✦ President Pranab Mukherjee has approved the 2% hike in Dearness Allowance to central government employees, a move that could benefit 50.68 lakh employees and 54.24 lakh pensioners. DA is provided to employees and pensioners to minimise the impact of price rise on their earnings.
- ✦ Paris climate change agreement, the first ever deal involving all the world's nations in the battle against global warming, came into force. The deal seeks commitments to cap the use of fossil fuels like coal and oil. Currently, the deal is backed by 97 countries that are collectively responsible for nearly 67.5% of the global greenhouse gas emissions.
- ✦ China has selected historical-adventure film Xuanzang, which co-stars Bollywood actor Sonu Sood, as its official entry for the 89th Academy Awards. The project is a part of the three-film agreement signed between India and China.

- ✦ Two days after Twitter India head Rishi Jaitly announced his exit, the microblogging network's MD for India Parminder Singh has resigned.
- ✦ Saudi Arabia has awarded 8 scientists the Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Prize for Water at a ceremony at the United Nations headquarters in New York.
- ✦ India's Private sector lender Yes Bank has launched "Yes Mobile 2.0". The app will allow customers to undertake most transactions on the app including Net Banking registration, thereby eliminating the need to visit the website or a banking branch.
- ✦ An Indian lawyer won an election in the United Nations General Assembly for membership to its top body of legal experts. 33-year-old Aniruddha Rajput is among the 34 individuals elected by the General Assembly as members of the International Law Commission.
- ✦ American multinational technology company, Google has tied up with Archaeological Survey of India for 360-degree virtual tour of 280-odd monuments across the country.
- ✦ Legendary Sri Lankan singer and composer Pandit Amaradeva, recipient of many international honours, including Padma Shri, for his contribution to music, after a heart attack. He was 88.
- ✦ The 128th anniversary of Nobel laureate and Bharat Ratna Sir CV Raman is being celebrated on 07th November 2016.
- ✦ Odisha Government has signed an MoU with the Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) for setting up of four more centres in the State.
- ✦ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the first ever International Agro-biodiversity Congress, IAC in New Delhi
- ✦ The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and Mumbai-based RBL Bank announced a new loan portfolio guarantee that will facilitate up to \$75 million for lending to small and medium enterprises (SMEs) operating in off-grid, solar rooftops, and energy efficiency sectors.
- ✦ Government has slapped a nearly 10,000 crore rupee fine on Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) and its partners BP and Niko for pumping out gas that flowed to the Krishna Godavari-D6 Block from an adjoining field owned by ONGC.
- ✦ In view of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of nurturing entrepreneurship, Confederation of Indian Industry has launched a unique platform called 'Startup Mentorship Circle' to help in connecting start-ups with the global marketplace.
- ✦ India and Sri Lanka have signed an agreement under which a hotline will be set up between officials of the two countries to address the fishermen crisis.
- ✦ National Security Advisors of India and Japan held bilateral consultations in New Delhi. During their discussions.
- ✦ In Boxing, Manny Pacquiao reclaims the World Boxing Organisation (WBO) welterweight title for the third time.
- ✦ Indian Women's hockey team has lifted the Asian Champions Trophy 2016 in Singapore. In a thrilling summit clash, India defeated China 2-1.
- ✦ Bollywood actor Ranveer Singh has been named the first Indian ambassador for Switzerland Tourism. Mr. Singh will now be in charge of promoting Switzerland Tourism's campaign for 2017 - "Nature wants you back!"
- ✦ Czech Republic's Petra Kvitova has won the 2016 WTA Elite Singles Trophy. She defeated Ukrainian Elina Svitolina 6-4, 6-2 to grab the title at Zhuhai, China.
- ✦ The Reserve Bank has appointed M Rajeshwar Rao as Executive Director (ED) following G Mahalingam's voluntary retirement from the central bank.
- ✦ The Indian army has successfully completed its task of laying an irrigation pipeline in the Demchok region of Eastern Ladakh. The project was being conducted under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme to link the villages in the region with a hot spring.
- ✦ The Union Government launched Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan to provide free health check-ups to pregnant women at government health centres and hospitals.
- ✦ The Reserve Bank of India has issued the Clarifications on hedging for External Commercial Borrowings (ECB). The Clarifications were issued under section 10(4) and 11(1) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999.
- ✦ BJP Vice President Avinash Rai Khanna is all set to be appointed as a member of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) by a high-level selection panel headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi clearing his name. He will be the first active politician to be appointed as a member of NHRC.
- ✦ The latest Grant Thornton International Business Report for the July-September quarter has placed India 2nd on the global scale for business optimism. During the April-June 2016 period, India was ranked at the third position after being on top for two consecutive quarters. Indonesia took the top spot, with the Philippines coming in third.
- ✦ Vice President of India, M. Hamid Ansari released book 'An Era of Darkness: The British Empire in India' authored by Dr. Shashi Tharoor.
- ✦ India's first liquefied natural gas-driven bus has been launched in Kerala. Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan jointly flagged off the first pilot run eco-friendly bus.

- ✦ Prime Minister Narendra Modi talked about fighting corruption and black money during his address to the nation. In a major step to check black money, the prime minister announced demonetization of Rs 500 and 100 currency notes from 8th November midnight.
- ✦ Bank of Baroda has appointed Ratnesh Kumar as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of its wholly-owned investment banking subsidiary, BoB Capital Markets Ltd.
- ✦ Acclaimed Indian American fiction author Amitav Ghosh, 60, has been named for this year's Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the Indian literary space.
- ✦ Syrian freelance journalist Hadi Abdullah was awarded with 'Reporters without Borders (RSF)-TV5 Monde prize' on November 8, 2016 for reporting from some of the most hazardous places in Syria's five years old war.
- ✦ UCO Bank has announced that it would raise Rs.271 crore from Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) in preferential allotment of equal shares at Rs.37.74 apiece.
- ✦ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India signed a \$48 million loan deal on 7 November 2016 to help Assam improve its electricity power distribution system.
- ✦ Corporation Bank has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Indian Army on the defence salary package.
- ✦ Janet Reno, the first woman to be appointed as Attorney General of US, passed away as a consequence of Parkinson's disease. She was 78.
- ✦ Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley has announced that the new series of 500 and 2,000 rupees notes will be available in banks and post-offices from today and assured that there will be adequate availability of the new notes in the coming days.

- ✦ notes with a new colour combination and design in a few months.
- ✦ The Government has warned that the cash deposits above 2 lakh 50 thousands rupees threshold under the 50-day window can attract tax plus a 200 percent penalty in case of income mismatch, said Revenue Secretary Hashmukh Adhia.
- ✦ The two -day BRICS Communication Minister's Second meeting chaired by Minister of State for Communication Manoj Sinha has held in Bengaluru.
- ✦ Tata sons has appointed Ishaat Hussain as chairman of Tata Consultancy Services in place of Cyrus Mistry who was sacked last month
- ✦ A record number of 4 Indian-Americans were elected to the US. Among the winners was two-term attorney general from California Kamala Harris, and Pramila Jayapal, the first Indian-American woman to be elected to the House of Representatives.
- ✦ In a big loss to Twitter, the company'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.
- ✦ China has launched a navigation satellite, which will conduct in-orbit experiments using pulsar detectors to demonstrate new technologies.
- ✦ Uttarakhand Chief Minister Harish Rawat has conferred the Uttarakhand Ratna award on his arch rival and former chief minister Narayan Dutt Tiwari on the occasion of the state's 17th foundation day (09th November 2016).
- ✦ The 1st International Agro-biodiversity Congress that was held in New Delhi from 6 November to 9 November 2016 concluded with the adoption of Delhi Declaration on Agrobiodiversity Management. The event saw the participation of 900 participants from 60 countries.
- ✦ Gurumoorthy Mahalingam took charge as full-Time Member of SEBI.
- ✦ Maharashtra government has signed an agreement with Canada to implement a joint action plan on urban infrastructure development in the state.
- ✦ Union HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar has inaugurated the world's largest digital national building initiative "Smart India Hackathon 2017" by handing over a torch to technology students.
- ✦ India-born Pramila Jayapal has won the Washington State Senate seat to become the first Indian-American woman to be elected to the US House of Representatives.
- ✦ Tennis player Maria Sharapova will be reinstated as a UN Goodwill Ambassador, once her reduced 15-month suspension expires in April 2017.
- ✦ Former world number one Roger Federer won the Stefan Edberg Sportsmanship Award at the ATP awards for the

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- ✦ Economic Affairs Secretary Shaktikanta Das has announced that the government will unveil Rs. 1,000

12th time in his career. The award is given to players who display the "spirit of the sport" on the court.

- ✚ India has signed a historic civilian nuclear deal with Japan during the annual bilateral summit held in Tokyo. India is the first non-member of the non-proliferation treaty (NPT) to have signed such a deal with Japan.
- ✚ World Pneumonia Day is observed across the world on 12 November. This year theme is, "Keep the Promise, Stop Pneumonia Now".
- ✚ 11 year old Pune girl Anvita Prashant Telang has been named national winner of the "Doodle 4 Google" contest.
- ✚ TAFE, the world's third largest tractor maker, in collaboration with the Rajasthan government, is setting up a Centre of Excellence — 'JFarm Rajasthan' — and a Custom Hiring Centre in six zones in Rajasthan at a total outlay of Rs.970 crore.
- ✚ Virat Kohli has become the first Indian Test skipper to be out hit wicket since Lala Amarnath in 1949 after his foot disturbed the stumps in the ongoing Rajkot Test against England.
- ✚ Leonard Cohen, the baritone-voiced Canadian singer-songwriter who seamlessly blended spirituality and sexuality in songs like Hallelujah, Suzanne and Bird on a Wire, has died at age 82.
- ✚ Indian women's carrom team defeated Sri Lanka to win the gold at the seventh World carrom championship in Birmingham (UK).
- ✚ Children's Day, the day of celebration of childhood, is celebrated on 14th November every year, as a mark to the birth date of our first Prime Minister Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru.
- ✚ The World Diabetes Day is observed across the world on 14 November. The theme for this year is "Eyes on Diabetes".
- ✚ A State Bank of India branch in Bhopal has rolled out the first set of newly issued Rs 500 currency notes.
- ✚ An Indian-origin man **Imtiaz Sooliman** from South Africa was awarded the Global Citizen Award for his "innovative and visionary" contribution to the global community.
- ✚ The International Monetary Fund has approved a three-year \$12 billion loan program for Egypt, the largest such package to a Middle East nation.
- ✚ The India-China Joint Training Exercise "Hand in Hand 2016" is scheduled to be held in Pune from November 15-27.
- ✚ Narinder Batra has become the first Indian to be elected the President of the International Hockey Federation.
- ✚ India will preside the eighth edition of the Conference of Parties (COP) to WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) which will be held in Switzerland's Geneva in 2018.
- ✚ Commerce and Industry Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Bhutan's Economic Affairs Minister Tengye Lyonpo Lekey Dorji has signed a new bilateral trade agreement

on 12th November to enhance trade between the two countries through trade facilitation by improving procedures.

- ✚ Aditi Ashok is an Indian professional golfer who has scripted history on November 13th as she became the first Indian woman to win a Ladies European Tour title by clinching the Hero Women's Indian Open.
- ✚ The moon arrived at its closest point to the Earth since 1948. The 'supermoon' reached its brightest in Asia on 14 November 2016. The Moon was closest, only 2 lakh 21 thousand 524 miles (356509 km) away at 11:21 GMT.
- ✚ 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. Panel will provide "direction and guidance" for recalibrating ATM machines to dispense the new notes.
- ✚ 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 for India.
- ✚ The 2016 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Leaders Week kicked off 14th November in Lima, Peru.
- ✚ Private sector lender YES Bank has appointed Amresh Acharya as Group President and Head of Global Indian Banking.
- ✚ Federal Bank, India's major commercial bank in the private sector has received RBI's permission to open its first international branch at the Dubai International Financial Centre.
- ✚ Hollywood actor Jackie Chan received his little gold statuette, an honorary Oscar for his decades of work in film at the annual Governors Awards.
- ✚ Thiruvananthapuram has been termed as the country's breast cancer capital, with cases at a record high of 40 per lakh of population. 9 lakh women are diagnosed with breast cancer every year.
- ✚ Indian golfer SSP Chawrasia clinched the \$1 million (Rs. 6.8 crore) Resorts World Manila Masters in the Philippines, his first ever Asian Tour title outside India.
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- ✚ The government has announced that it will present the Union Budget for 2017-18 on February 1, 2017 and the budget session may begin in January.
- ✚ President Pranab Mukherjee has inaugurated the India International Trade Fair at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi

which will see participation of over 150 companies from 27 countries.

- ✦ India and Israel have inked two agreements in the field of water resources management and agriculture. The agreements were signed following delegation level talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and visiting Israeli President Reuven Rivlin in New Delhi.
- ✦ Meghalaya became the first state to start India's first Cherry Blossom Festival on 14 Nov, 2016, which is widely celebrated in Japan.
- ✦ Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has launched a key programme to provide free electricity connection to about 50 lakh households above the poverty line. The chief minister launched "Har Ghar Bijli Lagataar" programme, which was key development thrust for the Assembly polls.
- ✦ Bulgaria's prime minister Boyko Borisov has handed in his resignation to parliament after his party's candidate Tsetska Tsacheva, failed to win the country's presidential election on November 14, 2016.
- ✦ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India on 15 November 2016 signed a 500 million US dollar loan to build a 9.8 km long road bridge across the Ganges River. This will be India's longest river bridge.
- ✦ Netherlands-based doctors have performed the first-ever brain implant on a 58-year-old woman paralysed by Lou Gehrig's disease, enabling her to communicate in day-to-day life via a speech computer.
- ✦ Cyrus Mistry was voted out as chairman on 15th November by the board of the Tata Global Beverages. Harish Bhat, a non-executive director, has been appointed chairman of the company.
- ✦ Mota Singh, 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.
- ✦ Actor-turned-author Twinkle Khanna launched her second book titled 'The Legend of Lakshmi Prasad'. Twinkle's first book was 'Mrs Funnybones: She's Just Like You and a Lot Like Me', which was published in 2015.
- ✦ President Vladimir Putin has signed an executive order removing Russia's signature from the International Criminal Court's founding treaty on 16th November. Russia in 2000 signed the Rome treaty that established the Hague-based court but never ratified it.
- ✦ The Unique Identification Authority of India has launched a revamped version of its toll-free helpline number 1947. The number is revamped to handle more incoming calls.
- ✦ Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir Mehbooba Mufti has launched the Jhelum-Tawi Flood Recovery project on November 14, 2016, for which World Bank has funded an amount of US \$250 million (Rs. 1,600 crore).
- ✦ Maharashtra has become the first state to adopt Fly Ash Utilisation Policy, paving way for prosperity by

generating "wealth from waste", and environment protection.

- ✦ Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has inaugurated a trade route linking the south western Gwadar port to Kashgar city in China as part of \$46 billion project to jumpstart economic growth in the South Asian country.
- ✦ Reliance Group has partnered with Cisco Jasper for the launch of a venture called Unlimit, which will provide Internet of Things (IoT) services to its enterprise customers in India.
- ✦ A team of women commandos has been inducted for the first time in Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) to counter Naxal insurgency in Jharkhand.
- ✦ The Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) has successfully tested its unmanned combat aerial vehicle, Rustom-2. The medium-altitude long endurance (MALE) category vehicle met all the expectations during the first flight.
- ✦ Debbie Hockley has been elected as president of New Zealand Cricket, becoming the first woman to hold this role in the 122-year history of New Zealand Cricket's national governing body.
- ✦ The 6th Indo-China joint training exercise Hand-in-Hand 2016 commenced at the parade ground in Aundh Military Camp, Pune. The exercise will finish on 27 November 2016.
- ✦ Chhattisgarh has become the first state to adopt a resolution welcoming the demonetization of high-value currency notes.
- ✦ Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius Anirood Jugnauth has inaugurated an AYUR Herbarium project in North Goa, an initiative by the pharmaceutical major in association with Union AYUSH Ministry.
- ✦ Times Internet, the digital arm of The Times of India group appointed former Twitter India head Rishi Jaitly as the chief executive officer (CEO) of Times Global Partners, a group initiative that supports the launch and expansion of emerging global digital companies in India.
- ✦ Haryana sprinter Dharambir Singh, who was barred from representing the country in the Rio Olympics at the last minute for failing a dope test, has been slapped an eight-year ban by the National Anti-Doping Agency.
- ✦ Telecom operator Bharti Airtel has announced the completion of the merger of its subsidiary unit in Bangladesh with Robi Axiata. This entity will now be the second-largest mobile operator in Bangladesh.
- ✦ HDFC Bank's Aditya Puri has been ranked 36th in the US magazine Fortune's top 50 business persons list for 2016. He is the only Indian among three persons of Indian origin in the global rankings. Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg topped the list by the US magazine.

- ✦ Former Jammu and Kashmir Governor Lt Gen S K Sinha passed away at a hospital this morning after a brief illness.
- ✦ The Indian Navy on 18th November formally inducted four types of indigenously developed sonars that will boost its underwater surveillance capability.
- ✦ United State president-elect Donald Trump has named Michael Flynn, an ex-army general as his National security adviser. Mr Trump chose Republican Senator Jeff Sessions as his Attorney General and Congressman Mike Pompeo as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).
- ✦ Noted flautist Pt Hari Prasad Chourasia has been conferred this year's Sumitra Charat Ram Award for lifetime achievement in the field of Indian classical music.
- ✦ Indian Cricketer Sachin Tendulkar has inaugurated projects worth Rs 6 crore at his adopted village of Puttamrajuvari Kandriga in Andhra Pradesh (AP).
- ✦ Federal Bank has tied up with Oxigen to expand the bank's e-collection facility for 3 lakh- retail outlets of Oxigen.
- ✦ India's IT major Tata Consultancy Services has been awarded 'Digital Innovator of the Year' in the Ecosystem Excellence category at GE's Minds + Machines event.
- ✦ The 2016 World Internet Conference concluded on 18 November 2016 in Wuzhen, China. The theme of the 3rd World Internet Conference, which commenced on 16 November 2016, was Innovation-driven Internet Development for the Benefit of All - Building a Community of Common Future in Cyberspace.
- ✦ Universal Children's Day is observed on November 20 every year.
- ✦ Britain's Andy Murray clinched the 2016 ATP World Tour Finals title, after defeating Serbia's Novak Djokovic 6-3, 6-4 in the final in London on 20th November.
- ✦ Spiritual leader Sri Sri Ravi Shankar was honoured with an International peace prize for his efforts in ensuring world peace. The 'Dr Nagendra Singh International Peace Award' was given to him by Home Minister Rajnath Singh. The award has been instituted in the memory of Dr Nagendra Singh, an Indian judge at International Court of Justice, The Hague.
- ✦ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has proposed opening of "Islamic window" in conventional banks for "gradual" introduction of Sharia-compliant or interest-free banking in the country.
- ✦ The 47th International Film Festival of India (IFFI), considered to be Asia's oldest film festival, began in Goa on Nov 20, 2016. The Republic of Korea is the focus country of IFFI 2016.
- ✦ Government of India has appointed Justice Jagdish Singh Khehar, as the new Executive Chairman of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA). He succeeds Justice Anil R. Dave, who retired from the Supreme Court.
- ✦ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched Pradhanmantri Grameen Awas Yojna, an ambitious housing scheme meant for rural poor in Agra, Uttar Pradesh. Designed entirely for the rural masses, the ambitious scheme aims to provide affordable houses to all those living below the poverty line by the year 2022.
- ✦ Olympic silver medalist P.V. Sindhu clinched her maiden Super Series Premier title after edging out Sun Yu of China in the finals of the USD 700,000 China Open badminton tournament in Fuzhou, China.
- ✦ Bollywood Parks, Dubai has opened with fanfare, fireworks, dance, music and 4D shows based on hit Hindi-language movies.
- ✦ Telangana government joined hands with Mumbai based IDFC Bank to enable cashless transactions and to solve the change problem.
- ✦ Shaikh Abdullah Bin Zayed Al Nahyan was awarded the prestigious Mother Teresa International Award by the Mumbai-based NGO Harmony Foundation.
- ✦ Shaikh Abdullah, UAE Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, was conferred with the award for his contribution in promoting peace and stability in the West Asia.
- ✦ Eminent writer Amitav Ghosh was on 20th November bestowed with the life-time achievement award at Tata Literature Live, the Mumbai LitFest.
- ✦ The State Bank of Mauritius (SBM) Group has appointed Siby Sebastian as Chief Executive for its India operations.
- ✦ NASA has successfully launched the "next generation" US advanced weather satellites GOES-R from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida, US.
- ✦ The 10-day-festival 'Sangai Festival 2016' inaugurated by Manipur CM Okram Ibobi Singh on November 21 2016. The main aim is to celebrate the festival to promote Manipur as a potential tourist destination.
- ✦ Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar has commissioned 'INS Chennai', the third indigenously designed guided missile destroyer in the Kolkata class.
- ✦ India has successfully testfired the nuclear-capable Prithvi-II missile. The twin trial was conducted from a test range in Chandipur, off the coast of Odisha. The Prithvi-II missile has a payload capacity of 500 kg to 1,000 kg and a strike range of 350 km.
- ✦ Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has commissioned a 5 MW solar power plant on the Polavaram right canal bund at Gollagudem village in West Godavari district.
- ✦ Captain Radhika Menon was bestowed with the 2016 International Maritime Organization (IMO) Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea at IMO Headquarters in London, United Kingdom.

- ✦ Mahesh Bhalla, former Executive Director of Dell's Consumer & SMB business in India, has been appointed as Chief Mentor of StartupsClub India.
- ✦ Information and Broadcasting Minister Venkaiah Naidu has inaugurated a multimedia exhibition on the theme of 'Aazadi 70 Saal, Yaad Karo Kurban' to commemorate 70 years of India's Independence and its depiction through films. The multimedia exhibition has been organised by National Film Archives of India, NFAI at the International Film Festival of India, IFFI in Goa.
- ✦ The National Aeronautic and Space Administration (NASA) has launched the highly advanced geostationary weather satellite Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite-R (GOES-R).
- ✦ Indian golfer Gaganjeet Bhullar has won the \$300,000 BANK BRI-JCB Indonesia Open for the second time in his career. Two-time Asian Tour number one Jeev Milkha Singh finished tied-second in the tournament, which was his best result since 2012. It was Bhullar's overall seventh Asian Tour victory and the second title this season
- ✦ Antonio Costa, the Indian origin prime minister of the Republic of Portugal will be the chief guest at the 14th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention to be held in January.
- ✦ In a big step towards fighting black money stashed overseas, Switzerland has agreed to automatic sharing of information with India on Swiss bank accounts of Indians as of September 2018 and onwards. The Joint Declaration was inked by Chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes Sushil Chandra and Deputy Chief of Mission of Swiss Embassy in India, Gilles Roduit.
- ✦ Two officials of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi), Parmod Kumar Nagpal and Amarjeet Singh are elected as chairpersons of two committees set up by IOSCO (International Organisation of Securities Commissions) announced by IOSCO's Asia-Pacific Regional Committee chairman by Mr. Ashley Ian Alder.
- ✦ Pankaj R Patel, chairman & managing director of Cadila Healthcare Ltd (Zydus Cadila) has been elected as the new President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) for the year 2017. Patel will take over from Harshavardhan Neotia, Chairman of Ambuja Neotia Group, during the FICCI
- ✦ Senior journalist Akshaya Mukul has been awarded the Shakti Bhatt First Book Prize for his book "Gita Press and the Making of Hindu.
- ✦ Irish novelist and playwright William Trevor has passed away at the age of 88. Trevor won the Whitbread Prize thrice and was nominated five times for the Booker Prize.
- ✦ Acclaimed physicist and ex-Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Prof MGK Menon passed away on Tuesday, aged 88 years.
- ✦ Veteran carnatic musician M. Balamuralikrishna passed away in Chennai. The much revered artist was 86.
- ✦ Dr Viveki Rai, the renowned Hindi and Bhojपुरi litterateur, died on 22 November 2016 in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. He was 92.
- ✦ The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the Merchant Shipping Bill, 2016 for introducing it in the Parliament.
- ✦ The Merchant Shipping Bill, 2016 is a revamped version of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958. The Bill provides for repealing of Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 as well as for the repealing of the Coasting Vessels Act, 1838.
- ✦ US President-elect Donald Trump has chosen South Carolina's Indian-American Governor Nikki Haley as US ambassador to the United Nations.
- ✦ Airtel Payments Bank Ltd (Airtel Bank), a subsidiary of the country's largest telecom operator Bharti Airtel, has rolled out a pilot of its banking services in Rajasthan.
- ✦ U.S. President Barack Obama has bestowed the nation's highest civilian honour for the last time as president. The award have been honoured on the work of Americans ranging from global philanthropists Bill and Melinda Gates to legendary athletes, artists, activists, scientists and others.
- ✦ The Government has allowed NABARD to disburse Rs 21,000 crore to cash-starved farmers, helping them sow winter crops like wheat ahead of the sowing season. The government's demonetisation move, which swept away 86% of currency in circulation, has badly hit farmers leaving them without cash just ahead of the sowing season.
- ✦ Indian Journalist Malini Subramaniam has been conferred with the International Press Freedom Award for her reporting from Chhattisgarh's Naxal-infested Bastar area.
- ✦ The government has appointed Yudhvir Singh Malik as the Chairman of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). Malik, an 83 batch Haryana cadre IAS officer, was earlier posted as special secretary in Niti Aayog.
- ✦ In the wake of demonetisation, bank deposits with the Reserve Bank of India have reached a record high of Rs. 4.3 trillion, beating the earlier record of Rs. 1.7 trillion in May 2009.
- ✦ Turkey will chair the Energy Club of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in 2017. With this, it became the first non full member country to be the chairman of a club in the organisation.
- ✦ China has successfully launched the Tianlian I-04 satellite from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in Sichuan province of Southwest China. This data satellite was launched on a Long March-3C carrier rocket. The launch of the Tianlian I-04 marks the 241st mission of China's Long March series of rockets.
- ✦ Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, N Chandrababu Naidu has launched the 'Smart Water Distribution Monitoring' web portal, which will enable the people to track the status of drinking water in the nearby water tanks.

- ✦ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on November 23, 2016, gave approval for opening of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya in each of the 62 uncovered districts for which an amount of Rs.2,871 crore has been allocated.
- ✦ Garo tribals People of Meghalaya celebrated the harvest festival of Wangala to marks the end of a period of toil for farmers wanting a good output from their fields. Wangala harvest festival celebrated in Meghalaya.
- ✦ Australia's former women's captain Karen Rolton has been inducted into the ICC's Hall of Fame on November 24, 2016 at a ceremony during the dinner break on the opening Karen Roltonday of the third day/night Test between Australia and South Africa.
- ✦ PM Narendra Modi is leading the TIME Person of the Year Reader's Poll with 11% of the vote to date. The title, will be announced on Dec. 7.
- ✦ Shri Narendra Kumar Sinha, Secretary, Ministry of Culture released a Commemorative Non-Circulation Coin of Rs.500 and a Circulation Coin of Rs.10 on November 25, 2016, to mark a year-long celebration of "500th Anniversary of Shri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's Coming to Vrindavan".
- ✦ Indian Railways all set to launch "Tri-Netra (Terrain Imaging for diesel drivers infrared, enhanced optical and radar assisted system)" to check collisions between tracks.
- ✦ Celebrated Indian boxer M C Mary Kom is all set to add another honour to her glittering career when she receives the 'Legends Award' from the International Boxing Association (AIBA) on its 70th anniversary on December 20, 2016.
- ✦ Indian actor Manoj Bajpayee has won the best actor performance award by an actor at the 10th Asia Pacific Screen Awards beating Nawazuddin Siddiqui, who was awarded a special mention in the same category.
- ✦ NVS and Associates Managing Partner, N V Srinivasan is elected as its National President of Trade body Indo-American Chamber of Commerce for the period 2016-17 by the committee of the Chamber during the meeting held in Mumbai.
- ✦ Kerala based South Indian Bank has launched contactless debit card which is based on Near Field Communication (NFC) technology. Customers can also use this card as contact chip card. If customers use this card at the contactless PoS terminal, the customer simply has to just wave the card on the terminal and the payment is processed wirelessly in a fast and secure manner.
- ✦ Eminent freedom fighter Bhikari Charan Mohanty passed away in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. He was 94 Mohanty was a close associate of Badachana Gandhi and he was imprisoned twice during Quit India Movement.
- ✦ Noted journalist and former Editor-in-Chief of the "Times of India", Dilip Padgaonkar passed away on 25 November

2016, following a heart attack and multi-organ failure. He was 72.

- ✦ The Jharkhand government has introduced a strict law against placement agencies to rein in those involved in exploiting people on the pretext of giving employment outside the state.
- ✦ Skyscanner has drawn comparisons between travel searches from 2015 and 2016, highlighting the places where Indian travellers will be ushering in 2017.
- ✦ Sachin Singh became only third Indian boxer to win a gold medal at the Youth World Championships after registering a 5-0 unanimous win over Cuba's Jorge Grinan in St. Petersburg, Russia.
- ✦ Indian golfer Aditi Ashok on 27 November 2016 won the inaugural Qatar Ladies Open in Doha. With this, she recorded her second straight victory on the Ladies European Tour.
- ✦ Former Hockey player Mariamma Koshy on 25 November 2016 took charge of Hockey India as its president with immediate effect. Hockey India, during its 41st Hockey India Executive Board meet, announced that Koshy will head the national body.
- ✦ Nico Erik Rosberg is a German Formula One driver who has won the Formula One world title by securing second place behind his Mercedes arch-rival Lewis Hamilton in Abu Dhabi Grand Prix.
- ✦ In order to absorb the surge in liquidity in banking system following demonetisation of high value notes, the Reserve Bank introduced an incremental Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) of 100 per cent for the fortnight which began from 26th November 2016.
- ✦ Public sector bank Canara Bank has signed a corporate agency agreement Bajaj Allianz General Insurance for the distribution of Bajaj Allianz's general insurance products through its branches.
- ✦ Tata Steel has removed former head of Tata Sons Cyrus Mistry as chairman of its board in a board meeting held in Mumbai on Friday, replacing him with O P Bhatt, an

- independent director on the board of the company and former head of State Bank of India.
- ✦ The International Film Festival of India (IFFI) has nominated eight movies for this year's International Council for Film, Television and Audio-visual Communication UNESCO Gandhi Medal.
 - ✦ In Badminton, Rio Olympics silver medallist PV Sindhu has lost in the Final of the Hong Kong Open Super Series tournament.
 - ✦ Assam's picturesque hill station Haflong **will host the three-day 'Judima Festival'** next month when tourists can indulge in a number of adventure sports like trekking, hiking, angling and satiate their taste buds by gulping one of the best traditional brews of the region.
 - ✦ As per the new GST law, E-commerce giants Flipkart and Snapdeal will have to deduct 2% TCS(Tax Collected at Source) while making payments to their suppliers and deposited TCS amount with the government. E-commerce firms like Flipkart and Snapdeal to deduct TCS under GST.
 - ✦ Lt. Gen Qamar Bajwa has been appointed as the chief of Pakistan Army by the Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif. He will replace Gen Raheel Sharif
 - ✦ The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) has sets up 2 high-level committees under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code to consolidate and amend laws relating to reorganisation as well as insolvency resolution of corporate persons, partnership firms and individuals in a time-bound manner. The Advisory committee on service providers consists of 9 members, the panel is led by educationist Mohandas Pai. Corporate insolvency and liquidation panel is chaired by noted banker Uday Kotak.
 - ✦ 'Magical Piano', a short film by the Toonz Media Group has won an award at the prestigious UNESCO Salon Youth Video Competition 2016. Dr Avaneesh, Head of Development, Toonz Media Group received the award from Salon Films Chairman Fred Wang and UNESCO chief of Public Relations and Partnerships, Armelle Arrou.
 - ✦ According to data released by Oxford Economics, Mumbai is at number 31 among 50 top metropolitan economic entities globally in 2015, while Delhi is at 30th.
 - ✦ Indian Railways and IRCTC have included "transgender as the third gender" in the option alongside male and female in ticket reservation and cancellation forms.
 - ✦ IAS officer Suhas LY struck gold in the Asian Para-Badminton Championships that was held in Beijing by defeating Indonesian player Harry Susanto in straight sets by 21-4 and 21-11.
 - ✦ Indian online transportation network company Ola cabs has tied up with lenders like State Bank of India (SBI) and Punjab National Bank (PNB) to set up mobile ATM in the cab to help people withdraw cash easily.
 - ✦ Pink, the Amitabh Bachchan starrer Bollywood film, has been invited by the Moses Abelian, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations for a special screening at its

- headquarters in New York, USA. Directed by Aniruddha Roy Chowdhury and written by Ritesh Shah, the film- a modern Indian courtroom drama- highlights the issue of gender violence.
- ✦ Noted Marathi author and Sahitya akademi awardee Anand Yadav died in Pune. He was 80. His autobiography 'Zombi' had won Sahitya Akadmi award in 1991.
 - ✦ Private sector lender RBL Bank, has tied up with non banking finance company Bajaj Finance, to launch a series of co-branded credit cards for Indian customers.
 - ✦ Varanasi-based micro-finance institution, Utkarsh Micro Finance has received final license from The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to start operations as Small Finance Bank (SFB). In October 2015, Utkarsh Micro Finance had got the "in-principle" approval to set up SFB as per the guidelines issued by the RBI.
 - ✦ Gautam Kumra, partner at McKinsey & Company's New Delhi office has been appointed as the new managing director for India by the consulting firm's Asia chief Kevin Sneader at an India partners meet held in New Delhi.
 - ✦ Argentina defeated Croatia to win their first ever maiden Davis Cup tennis title in Zagreb, Croatia on November 28, 2016. Del Potro and Federico Delbonis are played a remarkable play to win the title.
 - ✦ Akodara village in Sabarkantha district of Gujarat recently has earned the title of first digital village in India.
 - ✦ Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav has inaugurated India's first and Asia's longest bicycle highway between Agra and Etawah in UP. A rally of 90 cyclists from five countries and across India followed the inauguration ceremony at the Lion Safari in Etawah.
 - ✦ Senior IAS officer M. M. Kutty has been appointed the Delhi Chief Secretary. He replaced K. K. Sharma, who was transferred to the Union HRD Ministry as OSD.
 - ✦ The Government of India has approved 6 proposals from four developers to set up a new special economic zones (SEZs) IT and biotechnology across Telangana, Haryana and Karnataka .
 - ✦ A former law firm receptionist Susan Kiefel has been appointed as Australia's first woman Chief Justice of Australia by Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull.
 - ✦ Drug major Cipla has appointed Ireena Vittal as an independent director on its board with effect from December 1, 2016.
 - ✦ Fifteen-time world champion Pankaj Advani suffered a 2-7 loss in the semifinals against Andrew Pagett of Wales to settle for a bronze medal at the IBSF World Snooker Championship.
 - ✦ 'Moonlight' won best feature at the 26th annual Gotham Independent Awards. Directed by Barry Jenkins, the film stars Naomie Harris.