

THE HINDU REVIEW: APRIL 2016

National Current Affairs

1. India has become the world's fourth largest spender on defence, following a 13.1% increase in its 2016-17 defence budget, according to US research firm IHS Inc.
2. According to a United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) report, India ranked sixth among the world's top 10 manufacturing countries. Previously, India held the ninth position.
3. First time in the history, a total of 84 page data has been released and put in the public domain, as the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has published direct tax related data including income disclosed in tax returns by various categories of tax player from 2000 to 2015.
4. The Union Minister Nitin Gadkari stated that the government plans to make it mandatory to set aside 1 % of total cost of any highway project for road safety. As India witnesses as high as 5 lakh road accidents per annum in which 1.5 lakh people die and another 3 lakh are crippled.
5. The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, gave its approval for utilisation of 400 hectares of un-cultivable farm land at the Central State Farm (CSF), Jetsar in Sri Ganganagar District, Rajasthan for setting up of a solar power plant of capacity exceeding 200 MW.
6. A special Twitter cell by the Narendra Modi government manned by a set of dedicated officers of the Commerce and Industry Ministry was launched.
7. President Pranab Mukherjee will attend the observation of Khongjom and inaugurate a monument-cum-tourist Centre at Khongjom in Manipur tomorrow.
8. According to FDI Intelligence Report India has replaced China as the top Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) destination by attracting \$63 billion worth FDI projects in 2015.
9. The Union Minister Bandaru Dattatreya has stated that the minimum wage for contract workers has been increased to Rs. 10,000 per month.
10. President Pranab Mukherjee leaves New Delhi for a two Nation tour to Papua New Guinea and New Zealand. This is the first ever state visit of an Indian President to these two countries.
11. Gatiman Express, India's fastest train is flagged off from Delhi to Agra. Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu

flagged off the much-awaited Gatiman Express for Agra from Nizamuddin Railway station.

12. Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh along with Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar and other dignitaries have inaugurated the world's first wildlife sanctuary for white tigers in Madhya Pradesh.
13. Over 100 crore people, including 93% of the adult population, now have an Aadhaar number.
14. According to Credit Suisse Emerging Consumer Scorecard 2016, India topped the chart, while China and Saudi Arabia shared the second position.
15. Union government is set to issue universal identity cards to the physically challenged with the objective of providing them easy access to various benefits being extended by the government.
16. India has offered to invest upto \$20 billion in Iran announced by Dharmendra Pradhan Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas during his two day visit to Iran.
17. As the government's rural broadband project is facing long delays, telecom PSU BSNL is testing an alternative WiFi-based network to connect about 1 lakh village panchayats in a year with high-speed Internet.

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18. Huawei has announced its third Global Connectivity Index report during the Global Analyst Summit 2016 in Shenzhen, China. In terms of numbers, United States, Singapore and Sweden top the rankings, while India is ranked 44.

19. India remained the world's largest recipient of remittances from abroad in 2015, despite a \$1 billion drop from the previous year, the first such decline since 2009.
20. The Union Government has renamed Panagarh Air Force Base of West Bengal as Air Force Station Arjan Singh, to honour the Marshal of the Air Force Arjan Singh.
21. India ranks an abysmally low at 133 among 180 countries in the latest annual World Press Freedom Index which says Prime Minister Narendra Modi seems "indifferent" to the threats against journalists.

International Current Affairs

1. The US and Saudi Arabia imposed sanctions jointly on four individuals and two organisations, aiming to disrupt terrorism fundraising operations in South Asia and the Middle East.
2. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank has stated that they are going to join forces with other international organizations to cooperate on tax issues and develop new tools and standards to halt tax base erosion and evasion.
3. Global professional services company Accenture said it opened a cyber centre here to expand its global security presence and help organisations tackle complex security challenges.
4. The International Cricket Council (ICC) and Emirates Airline on 19 April 2016 renewed their deal for an additional seven years.
5. The Interim Administrative Cell of International Solar Alliance (ISA Cell) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) declared their intention to promote solar energy globally. The declaration was made on the occasion of the side event on International Solar Alliance at the UN Headquarters in New York.
6. China and Pakistan have signed an agreement for the launch of a special satellite to monitor the development of the multi-billion dollars China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects.
7. The world's first public dengue vaccination programme was launched in the Philippines as nurses began injecting the first batch of a million children with a French drug to combat the sometimes deadly disease.
8. Saudi Arabia's King Salman has announced an agreement with Egyptian President Abdul-Fattah al-Sisi to build a bridge over the Red Sea connecting the two countries.
9. The statue of Maharaja Ranjit Singh will be installed in France's Saint-Tropez town. The town is the birth place of Army General Jean-Francois Allard.

States in India Current Affairs

1. Haryana Assembly passed two Bills mandating minimum educational qualification for contesting urban local bodies polls in the state.
2. Mumbai Financial capital of India is likely to get the International Arbitration Centre. This will be the India's first arbitration centre for dealing the financial disputes.
3. In a major step towards improvement of infrastructure for cancer cure, Maharashtra tied up with the Tata Trusts to link all government colleges and medical colleges to the national cancer grid for uniform cancer profiling and quality treatment.
4. PDP President Mehbooba Mufti will be sworn in as the first woman Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir.
5. Nagaland capital Kohima has been declared as a 'smoke-free city'.
6. The Uttarakhand high court on revoke the imposition of President' rule in the state and revived the Congress government headed by Harish Rawat, who has been asked to prove his majority on 29 April.
7. Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers Ananta Kumar announced that Andhra Pradesh would be the plastic hub in a short while from now and that the Centre would provide a plastic park to the State with Rs.1000 crore.
8. Tata Trusts has signed a pact with the Odisha government to achieve elimination of Malaria from the state by 2030. As per the MoU, Tata Trusts will be taking mass screenings twice a year in 557 villages in five selected blocks including Bissamcuttack and Muniguda blocks of Rayagada district, Lanjigarh, Thuamulrampur blocks of Kalahandi district and Kotgarh block of Kandhamal district in southern Odisha.
9. In an initiative to eradicate poverty from the district, the Kozhikode district administration is all set to implement a project named 'Operation Sulaimani' to ensure food for the needy in its jurisdiction. Following the implementation of the project, the needy will get food free of cost.
10. Odisha government has launched 100 Adarsha Vidyalayas and CBSE-affiliated English medium schools in 14 districts of the state.
11. The Chief Minister of Bihar Mr. Nitish Kumar has declared total ban on the sale of all forms of alcohol with immediate effect.
12. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has commissioned a seasonwise tiltable canal top solar PV plant at Bhimavaram in Andhra Pradesh.
13. Mumbai has got its first air-conditioned suburban local train which was flagged off from Integral Coach

Factory in Chennai, has finally arrived in the metropolis.

14. Delhi government has passed a proposal to build a memorial for late President APJ Abdul Kalam at Dilli Haat, south Delhi.
15. Union Minister Santosh Kumar Gangwar inaugurated 3 mega textile projects in Nagaland.
16. The Union Textiles Minister Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar inaugurated the Apparel and Garment Making unit in Bodhjunnagar Industrial Growth Centre, in Agartala.
17. The Union Minister for water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Uma Bharti has inaugurated the Water Film Festival as a part of the India Water Week celebrations in New Delhi.
18. Rajasthan has become the first state to pass land title bill.
19. The Uttar Pradesh government has directed all the district magistrates for plantation of 5 cr. trees at 6,500 sites in 24 hours on a date fixed in month of July under the 'Green UP - Clean UP' programme.
20. In a major welfare initiative, the Cabinet approved launch of Mufti Mohammad Sayeed Food Entitlement Scheme (MMSFES) to supplement the National Food Security Act (NFSA).
21. Haryana Government has decided to rename Gurgaon as Gurugram and Mewat as Nuh.
22. Maharashtra Legislative Assembly on 13 April 2016 unanimously approved the Prohibition of Social Boycott Bill, 2016. The bill seeks to crack down on extra-judicial bodies like caste and community panchayats.
23. Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik inaugurated opening of 100 more Aahar centres across the State as part of Government's cheap meal programme for the poor.

24. Delhi bans chewable tobacco for a year. The Delhi government has banned for one year the sale, purchase and storage of all forms of chewable tobacco, including "guthka, pan masala, khaini and zarda", in the Capital.
25. National Capital of India, Delhi has been ranked 44th among the world's 50 'future-ready economies cities' that are embracing technology for growth.
26. Mandd Sobhan, a Konkani cultural organisation, will set up a Konkani museum in Mangaluru.
27. Prime Minister Narendra Modi today dedicated the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspeciality Hospital to the people of Jammu and Kashmir in Katra belt of Reasi district.
28. FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO) has planed to set up two Mahila Huts in Gujarat. These centres will help in the upliftment of women belonging to all sections of the society through education and training.

New Appointments

1. Vietnam's National Assembly (NA) elected Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan as the country's first female house speaker.
2. Rajiv Gauba took over as Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Urban Development.
3. Pakistan's Sikh religious body elected a caretaker president after its first chief Sham Singh died. Tara Singh was elected the caretaker "pardhan" at a meeting of the Pakistan Sikh Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee.
4. Bhartiya Nabhikiya Vidyut Nigam Ltd (BHAVINI) has appointed the Kallol Roy as its new chairman and managing director (CMD).
5. Senior IPS officer of Uttarakhand cadre Surender Kumar Bhagat has been appointed as the Director General (DG) of Railways Protection Force (RPF).
6. The Tibetan government-in-exile re-elected Lobsang Sangey as the Prime Minister for a second consecutive term. 48-year-old Sangey defeated his only rival - Speaker of the Tibetan Parliament Pempa Tsering by 9,012 votes.
7. Badminton ace Nandu Natekar in April 2016 became the first non-Cricketer to be inducted into the Legends Club founded by the late Cricket Club of India (CCI) president Raj Singh Dungarpur.
8. The National Assembly of Laos elected the chief of the ruling Communist Party, Bounnhang Vorachit, as President in a transition of power necessitated by the completion of the maximum permissible 10 years in office by outgoing president Choummaly Sayasone.
9. Zee Media Corporation today said its Group CEO - News Cluster Bhaskar Das has quit following his transfer to another Essel Group entity.

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10. Senior IAS officer A Ajith Kumar appointed as Kerala-based Rubber Board's chairman, a post lying vacant for over a year and a half.
11. Retired Justice P K Mishra would be most probably the Lokayukta for Goa. Goa government has recommended his name to Governor Mridula Sinha.
12. Bhupendra Kainthola, an Indian Information Service (IIS) officer of 1989 batch, has been appointed as the new Director of Film and Television Institute of India (FTII).
13. Mouamba Clement, the former Congolese Finance Minister appointed as the Prime Minister of Congo. He was appointed to the post by Congo's President Denis Sassou Nguesso.
14. Tran Dai Quang has sworn in as the ninth President of Vietnam after he was elected by country's National Assembly. He succeeds Truong Tan Sang and shall have term of five years.
15. Japanese electronics giant Panasonic has appointed senior executive Manish Sharma to its global executive council, inducting an Indian onto the coveted decision-making body of the \$80-billion company for the first time ever.
16. CP Gurnani, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Tech Mahindra, is the new Chairman of the National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom) for 2016-17.
17. S Balaji Arunkumar, An IRTS officer of 1997 batch, has taken over as deputy chairman of Kolkata Dock System under Kolkata Port Trust (KoPT) with effect from April 4.
18. Iceland ruling coalition Government has named Sigurdur Ingi Johannsson (53) as the new Prime Minister after igmundur Gunnlaugsson had stepped down.
19. Hashim Thaci , Foreign Minister of Kosovo has been sworn in as the President of Kosovo by the members of Parliament of the country in the 3rd round.
20. Debraj Pradhan appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Norway
21. Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA) Academy has appointed D. Vasu as its new director for a period of two years.
22. Gojavas, the logistics and supply chain solutions company has announced the appointment of Mr. Amitabh Coomar as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
23. Lambda Therapeutic Research, a Global Clinical Research Organization has announced the appointment of Tausif Monif as its new President for Global Operations.
24. Lamborghini India Pvt. Ltd has appointed Sharad Agarwal as its country head with immediate effect.
25. The ministry for skill development and entrepreneurship (MSDE) has named Cricket Icon Sachin Tendulkar as brand ambassador of the 'Skill India' campaign.
26. Information and Broadcasting Ministry has constituted a three-member panel, headed by former Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) BB Tandon, to see that guidelines set for government advertisements by the Supreme Court are followed.
27. A Noida based handset manufacturer Lava International has announced the Indian's limited over captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni as it's new brand ambassador. This step has been taken to strengthen its brand in India.
28. The Ukrainian Prime Minister, Arseniy Yatsenyuk announced his resignation two months after he survived a no-confidence vote in parliament.
29. Premier Futsal is the newer and shorter five-a-side variant of soccer (football) named the Virat Kohli as its brand ambassador.
30. Maharashtra cadre IPS officer Meeran C Borwankar has appointed as the new Director General (DG) of Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) till the date of her superannuation in 2017.
31. Tiny South Pacific island nation Nauru has become the 189th member of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank i.e. Bretton-Woods institutions.
32. The Constitutional Council of Nepal has selected Justice Sushila Karki (63) for the post of Chief Justice (CJ) of the Supreme Court of the country.
33. After Nehru Memorial Society, the Modi government reconstituted the management of Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) bringing in veteran Hindi journalist Ram Bahadur Rai as its head in place of Chinmaya Gharekhan, a former diplomat.
34. Barack Obama appoints MasterCard CEO Banga to key administration post.
35. Punit Soni, the chief product officer of Flipkart has quit his post at the startup a year after joining the company, according to three sources familiar with the development.
36. Indian woman boxer M C Mary Kom added another honour to her list of accolades as she was named one of the eight ambassadors for the upcoming World Championships by the International Boxing Association (AIBA).
37. Paytm founder Vijay Shekhar Sharma will chair the newly formed Payments Banks Group at industry body Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI).
38. Union Government appointed Susmita Pande as the new chairperson of the National Monument Authority (NMA). She is professor a professor at Ujjain's Vikram University. She would succeed Himanshu Prabha Ray

39. Ukraine's parliament approved presidential ally Volodymyr Groysman as prime minister in the biggest political shakeup since a 2014 uprising brought in a pro-Western leadership.
40. PP Pandey, a senior IPS officer has been appointed as the in-charge director general of police (DGP) of Gujarat.
41. Board of Control for Cricket in India - BCCI appointed Rahul Johri as its Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
42. Barack Obama has nominated Indian-American Geeta Pasi as the country's next envoy to central African nation Chad.

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Banking Current Affairs

1. Consumer loans became cheaper with banks moving to a new way of setting lending rates following RBI's diktat to ensure faster and effective transmission of its policy rate cuts to borrowers. RBI had asked banks to price fixed rate loans of up to three years based on marginal cost of funds from April 1.
2. Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and Saarc Development Fund (SDF) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for mutual cooperation and collaboration.
3. The Singapore's largest bank, DBS has unveiled the 'mobile only bank' in India. The 'digibank' uses technologies, such as bio metrics and artificial intelligence, to enable paperless, signature less and branch less bank. This is the India's 1st mobile only bank which targeting 5 million retail customers.
4. New Zealand's five-dollar note has been named the banknote of the year for 2015 by the International Bank Note Society. The \$5 note has featured mountaineer Sir Edmund Hillary and on the other side, a rare yellow-eyed penguin and local flora.

5. Anti-slavery crusader Harriet Tubman will become the first African-American on the face of US paper currency. She also became the first woman in more than a century, when she replaces former President Andrew Jackson on the \$20 bill.
6. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Nabard) has sanctioned a loan of Rs 1,000 crore to Haryana State Warehousing Corporation (HSWC) for purchase of wheat during the ongoing rabi marketing season.
7. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) today cuts the Repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) by 25 basis points to 6.5% in its first bi-monthly monetary policy review for the 2016-17 fiscal and kept the Cash Reserve Rate (CRR) unchanged.
8. India's first cash giving app has launched by a fin-tech company called Tslc Pte Ltd. The app is named as CASHe.
9. India has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) for a possible \$100 million line of credit to simplify exports to IDB's member countries.
10. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) cleared conversion of Working Capital Term Loan (WCTL) of Bank of Baroda's (BoB) 29.91 crore rupees loan to Andrew Yule & Co. Ltd. (AYCL) into equity shares.
11. Federal Bank, the Indian Banking major in the private sector, entered into a strategic partnership with Phillip Capital (India) Pvt. Ltd, a subsidiary of the Singapore headquartered Phillip Capital group, for managing NRI Portfolio Investment Scheme (PIS).
12. Bharti Airtel First Entity To Get Payments Bank Licence From RBI.
13. Federal Bank has tied up with Chillar Payment Solutions Pvt. Ltd. to promote the start-up's technology product 'Campus Wallet'.
14. The New Development Bank (NDB), commonly known as BRICS bank, has sanctioned its first batch of loans, including \$250 million to India's renewable energy projects.
15. From now onward all the Banks have to share the transaction details in a standard format.
16. Financial Software & Systems Pvt. Ltd. (FSS), a Chennai-based payments technology and transaction processing company, has inked agreements with six banks to provide UPI (Unified Payment Interface) solution across the country on a hosted platform.
17. The RBL Bank (formerly Ratnakar Bank) became the first private sector bank in India to open dedicated branch for startups.

Economy Current Affairs

1. The National Stock Exchange (NSE) has launched a new index Nifty MidSmallcap 400. It will represent the mid and small market capitalization segments of the stock market.
2. The government has issued a new set of income tax return (ITR) forms that require people with an income of Rs 50 lakh and above per annum to disclose their assets.
3. The Union Finance Minister has extended the safeguard duty on import of some steel products by two years i.e till March 2018. In this regard, the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) has issued a notification mentioning that safeguard duty will be reduced to 10% in stages till 2008 from current 20%.
4. The government of India has approved an investment of Rs.9,005 crore for construction of 73,205 more houses for Economically Weaker Sections(EWS) in urban under Prime Minister's Awas Yojana(PMAY) in the States of Maharashtra, Punjab and Jammu & Kashmir.
5. The Department of Disinvestment has been renamed as Department of Investment and Public Asset Management or 'Dipam'.
6. India has banned import of milk and milk products, certain mobile phones and a few other items from China after finding them sub-standard or not following security codes.
7. The Government of India has started the disinvestment process of the current fiscal as the GOI has planned to sell its 11.36% equity shares in the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) at Rs.21.75. This disinvestment is likely to raise about Rs. 2,700 crores.
8. The Government has released Rs. 25,834 crore to FCI as Food Subsidy. In addition to this, wage and means advance of Rs. 10,000 crore will be released shortly.
9. The Ministry of Rural Development has released a central share of Rs. 12,230 crore to the states for implementation of its flagship programmes under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).
10. The Union Human Resource Development Minister Smriti Irani has launched a portal for registration and allotment of International Standard Book Number (ISBN) at a function held in New Delhi.
11. The Centre has recommended 1,304 crore rupees for drought relief to Uttar Pradesh under National Disaster Relief Fund (NDRF).
12. International Monetary Fund (IMF) has declared the India's growth is projected to notch up to 7.5% in 2016-17.

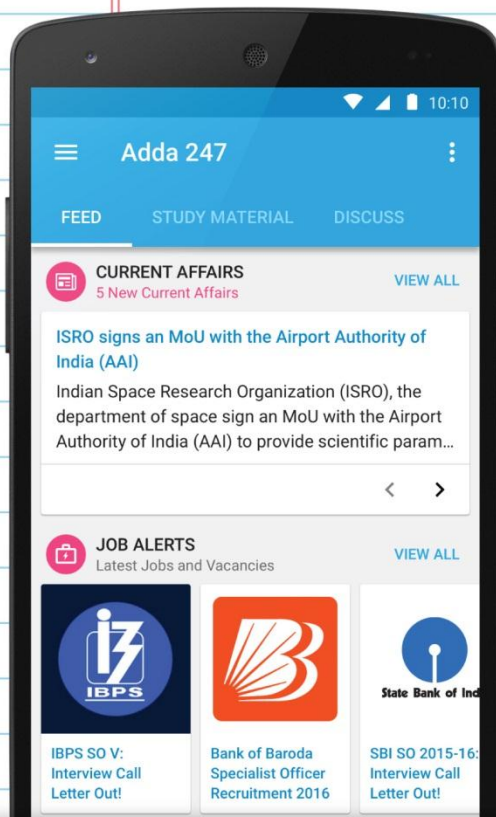
13. According to agency Carat, India's 2016 advertising growth rate will be the fastest at 12%, which is ahead of global average of 4.5%.
14. Continuing the deflationary trend for 17th month, WPI inflation was at (-)0.85 per cent in March but may inch up gradually in the coming months on growing pressure on food and vegetable prices.
15. Minister of State for Culture and Tourism Dr. Mahesh Sharma released a memorial Coin of Rs. 200/- and a Circulation Coin of Rs. 10/- on Tatyta Tope on the occasion of his Martyr Day in New Delhi.

Business Current Affairs

1. Russia has approved a deal of ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL) to acquire 15% stake in Vankor oilfield from Rosneft. The new deal enables OVL's stake in Vankor will raise to 26% from 15% and will give it about 3.5 million metric tonnes of oil a year consequently.
 2. UltraTech Cement, a part of the Aditya Birla group, agreed to buy Jaiprakash Associates' 21.2 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) cement capacity for Rs 15,900 crores.
2. India's largest e-commerce company Flipkart has acquired PhonePe, a Bengaluru-based mobile payments company, which was co-founded by ex-Flipkart employees Sameer Nigam and Rahul Chari.
3. Saudi Oil giant Aramco, the world's largest oil firm with crude reserves of about 265 billion barrels, plans to make major investment in India's petroleum sector as it considers India the most preferred destination to invest at a time when the global economy is in a crisis.
4. Blackstone Group has announced that it is buying Hewlett Packard Enterprise Co.'s majority stake in Indian outsourcing firm Mphasis Ltd.
5. Mining conglomerate Vedanta said its subsidiary Talwandi Sabo Power (TSPL) has set the Guinness World Record for planting 2,08,751 saplings at a single location in less than an hour.
6. Smartphone maker BlackBerry, in partnership with digital payments platform Digitsecure, has launched its money transfer service, called BBM Money, in India.
7. The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi has given its approval to state owned Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) to invest Rs. 3,000 in Bharat Oman Refineries Limited (BORL).
8. Patanjali Ayurved, the FMCG venture promoted by yoga guru Ramdev, will invest over Rs 1,150 crore in the current fiscal to set up six processing units and one R&D center as it chases a turnover of Rs 10,000 crore this year.
9. The state owned fuel retailer BPCL has got the environment clearance nod for its 694 crore rupees LPG project in Haldia Dock Complex in West Bengal.

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10. The leading Indian tyre manufactures JK Tyre has announced that it had completed the acquisition of tyre, tube and flap maker Cavendish Industries at an enterprise value of Rs.2,200 crore.
11. Full service airline Vistara has entered into a strategic partnership with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS).
12. A part of the Tata group and India's largest IT services company, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has been recognized as one of the United Kingdom's leading employers for women in a list published by The Times.
13. Cadbury India, part of Mondelez International, today inaugurated its \$190 million factory in Sri City SEZ, on the border of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. The plant is the company's largest plant in Asia Pacific.
14. Taxi operator Uber has partnered with Election Commission in Tamil Nadu to spread awareness on voting among the electorate for the May 16 assembly polls.
15. Videocon d2h has announced that its sub-base of over 15 million can now recharge their d2h service using Vodafone m-pesa.
16. Hero MotoCorp is setting up a factory in Andhra Pradesh. It plans to invest Rs 3,000 crore, for annual capacity of 1.8 million units. Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu will be unveiling the foundation stone next month.
17. Isuzu Motors India today opened its manufacturing plant in AP and rolled out its India-made D-Max pick-up. The facility was inaugurated by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu.
18. Future Group has acquired online home furnishings and décor business company FabFurnish for an undisclosed amount.
19. Snapdeal has partnered with 9 non governmental organisations (NGOs) to launch Snapdeal Sunshine, a platform where users can make donations to causes under education, health, sports, women empowerment, disaster relief and old age care.
20. Bharti Airtel announced the acquisition of 20 MHz spectrum in eight circles from Aircel for Rs 3,500 crore.
21. Sanmar Chemicals, India's private sector petrochemical firm, will receive Rs.1,996 crore equity investment from Fairfax India Holdings, reported Reuters.
22. The search engine giant Google has extended free internet service through WiFi to 10 railway stations across the country to provide internet to over 1.5 million people.
23. A US grand jury has slapped two companies of India's Tata group -Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and Tata America International Corp. with a USD 940 million fine in a trade secret lawsuit filed against them.

24. Panasonic India and AES India Private Limited has announced an agreement to construct a 10 MW energy storage array at Panasonic's Technopark manufacturing facility in Jhajjar, Haryana.

Mou/Agreements Signed

1. The Government of Japan has committed a loan of JPY 242.2 billion (around Rs.14,251 crore) for various projects across India, including Jharkhand, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh and the North East.
2. In a bid further strengthen and promote business ties with Australia, FICCI announced inking an MoU with Australia India Business Council (AIBC).
3. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by 25 Union Ministries of the Government of India under the IMPRINT programme of the Union Government to promote research in premiere technical institutions on March 31, 2016.
4. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), the department of space signs an MoU with the Airports Authority of India (AAI) to provide scientific parameters for construction of airports.
5. India is hopeful of receiving the first loan issued by the newly formed Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) in the second half of the year.
6. Germany's Development Bank KfW will provide loan assistance of 3750 crore rupees for the modern and sustainable metro system for Nagpur city.
7. Germany's Development Bank KfW will provide a loan assistance of €500 m (Rs. 3,750 crore) for metro system in Nagpur city.
8. India and Papua New Guinea has signed four MoUs in myriad sectors at capital Port Moresby. The MoUs were signed in the presence of the President Pranab Mukherjee and the Papua New Guinea Prime Minister Peter O' Neil. Reports stated that the MoUs relate to Agriculture, Health, Information Technology and Infrastructure.



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9. The Railways has signed up an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian Space Research

- Organisation (ISRO) to develop an application for Remote Sensing and Geographic Information System.
10. The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for signing an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Papua New Guinea on cooperation in the field of Healthcare and Medical Science.
 11. The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its ex-post facto approval for the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) and the Insurance Authority of United Arab Emirates.
 12. BSE Ltd has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Korea Exchange (KRX) of South Korea, for listing S&P BSE Sensex-based derivatives contracts on the latter. The agreement is expected to further the development of derivatives markets in India and South Korea.
 13. India signed the historic Paris climate agreement here along with more than 170 nations, marking a significant step that has brought together developing and developed nations for beginning work on cutting down greenhouse gas emissions to combat global warming.
 14. Cab aggregator, Uber has entered into a partnership with Gujarat Tourism and FICCI in Ahmedabad city to facilitate training for Uber driver-partners.
 15. India and France have launched a programme with \$1 trillion Potential Solar Programme under the International Solar Alliance (ISA). It is a solar finance programme that aims at helping developing countries to fully harness their solar resources for a clean energy future.
 16. India has formally ratified the WTO's (World Trade Organisation) Trade Facilitation Agreement, which aims at easing customs procedures to boost commerce. In this regard, India's WTO ambassador Anjali Prasad handed over the instrument of acceptance to WTO Director-General Roberto Azevêdo. India is the 76th WTO member to ratify the TFA.
 17. Shareholders of the Turkmenistan- Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) Pipeline Company Limited signed an agreement to invest \$200 million in studies and engineering for the \$10 billion project to transport natural gas to energy-hungry countries like India.
 18. India and Maldives have signed six agreements in different sectors to boost bilateral relations between both maritime neighbouring countries.
 19. Tata Steel, the country's largest steel producer, has signed an agreement to sell the loss-making 4.5-million tonne (mt) long-product Scunthorpe steel plant in Britain to UK-based investment firm Greybull Capital.
 20. India and the United States announced an in-principle logistics exchange agreement to enable their militaries to use each other's assets and bases for repair and replenishment of supplies.
 21. Union Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation and German International Cooperation (GIZ) signed an Implementation agreement for Ganga Rejuvenation under the Namami Gange Programme in New Delhi.
 22. Cabinet has given its approval for India adopting the Statute of the South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network (SAWEN) and becoming its formal member in order to strengthen ties with the member countries in controlling the trans-boundary wildlife crime through communication, coordination, collaboration, capacity building and cooperation in the region.
 23. India and the US have agreed to enhance collaboration on tackling offshore tax evasion and increase cooperation in sharing of cross-border tax information.
 24. National Mission for Clean Ganga under the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation in collaboration with Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (IITK) announced the formal launch of Centre for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies (CGRBMS) in New Delhi.
 25. India, Afghanistan and Iran have finalized draft of the Chabahar Trilateral Agreement on Transport and Transit Corridors.
 26. India and Mauritius have signed an MoU on cooperation in the field of traditional system of medicine and Homoeopathy.
 27. India is likely to buy 145 M777 Howitzers for \$750 million to equip its Mountain Strike Corps.
 28. The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi gave its approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Bhutan on technical cooperation in the field of capacity building, benchmarking and bilateral exchange in infrastructure engineering.
 29. The Union Cabinet headed by the Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi has given its approval for the signing of the Paris Agreement adopted at the 21st Conference of Parties held at Paris in December last year.
 30. A Sri Lankan university will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Japan and India on trilateral collaboration in science and technology.
 31. World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank President Jin Liqun signed the first co-financing framework agreement between the two institutions.

Summits

1. The fourth edition of Nuclear Security Summit (NSS) began in Washington, United States to discuss a gamut of issues pertaining to nuclear security.
2. NITI Aayog chaired by Vice Chairman Dr Arvind Panagariya has launched the Urban Management Programme in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Around 150 participants were present in the event.
3. Union Minister for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, inaugurated India's 1st Second-Generation (2G) Ethanol plant today at Kashipur in Uttarakhand.
4. The eighth International Seminar on Wheat and Wheat Products is scheduled to be held in Panaji, Goa, on July 17-18, 2016.
5. The heart of Asia conference has begun today in New Delhi. The conference aims to bring peace and stability to Afghanistan and speeding up its reconstruction with a focus on enhancing investment and connectivity to the country.
6. The first meeting of the recently constituted All India Handloom Board was held in New Delhi.
7. The Three day Curtain Raiser International Yoga Fest inaugurated by Shri Shripad Yesso Naik. As per the Ayush Minister, National level event for celebration of International Yoga Day this year proposed to be held at Chandigarh.
8. The second edition of 'Global Exhibition on Services' was inaugurated in UP's Greater Noida at India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida by President of India, Pranab Mukherjee.
9. The first ever two day North East-ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Business Summit was inaugurated at the City Convention Centre in Imphal, Manipur.
10. The three day 3rd Asia Ministerial Conference on the Tiger Conservation is going to inaugurate by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on 12th April, 2016 which will continue till 14th of April, 2016.
11. India will take part in a special meeting of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris tomorrow to firm up cooperation between countries in the wake of the 'Panama Papers' leak.
12. The G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting is one of the ministerial meetings that held in advance of the G7 Summit in Hiroshima on 10th & 11th April, 2016.
13. Prime Minister of India Mr. Narendra Modi has inaugurated the two days Maritime India Summit 2016 (MIS 2016) in Goregaon, Mumbai.
14. The G20 countries meeting of its Finance Ministers and Governors of Central Banks on the sidelines of the

annual Spring Meeting of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank at Washington.

15. 14th meeting of Foreign Ministers of Russia, India and China held in Moscow.
16. The Union Minister for Women & Child Development, Smt Maneka Sanjay Gandhi inaugurated the Regional Conference of North Eastern States on Child Adoption in Shillong, Meghalaya.

Obituaries

1. Renowned Iraqi-born British architect Zaha Hadid passed away due to heart attack. She was 65.
2. Veteran journalist and writer Babu Bharadwaj passed away due to cardiac arrest in Kozhikode, Kerala. He was 68.
3. Kerala cartoonist V T Thomas, popularly known as Toms has passed away on 27 April 2016 following a brief illness at in Kottayam, Kerala. He was 86.
4. Comedian, singer and writer Victoria Wood has died after "a short but brave" battle with cancer aged 62.
5. The American music superstar Prince Rogers Nelson has passed away. He was 57 year old.
6. Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) founder Amanullah Khan passed away at a Rawalpindi hospital. He was 82. Khan, the father-in-law of Kashmir's regional party People's Conference president Sajad Gani Lone was suffering from a chronic lung disease.
7. Former Italy head coach Cesare Maldini has passed away at the age of 84.
8. The Silicon Valley coach and mentor William Bill Campbell has passed away. He was 75 year old and was suffering from cancer.
9. The five time Emmy award winning actress Doris Roberts has passed away. She was 90 year old.
10. The veteran journalist and author Yogendra Bali has passed away due to a heart attack. He was 85 year old.
11. American country music legend Merle Haggard died of pneumonia at his home in Northern California.
12. Former Indian woman biker Veenu Paliwal has died in a road accident in Vidisha district, Madhya Pradesh. She was 44 year old.
13. The co-founder of Hero Cycles group Satyanand Munjal passed away in Ludhiana, Punjab. He was 99.
14. The award winning Malian photographer, Malick Sidibe has passed away recently. He was 80 year old.

Sports Current Affairs

1. Australian pacer Clint McKay has announced his retirement from international cricket after his first-class team Victoria Bushrangers won the Sheffield Shield tournament.
2. Ace Indian boxer Shiva Thapa has won the silver medal at the Asian/Oceania Qualifying Tournament

held in Qian'an, China in the 56 Kilogram category final.

3. Beijing Olympics gold medalist and ace shooter Abhinav Bindra today accepted the offer of the Indian Olympic Association to become India's Goodwill Ambassador for the Rio Olympics.
4. Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) has announced appointment of Sanath Jayasuriya as chief selector of the Sri Lankan Cricket team.
5. Garima Chaudhary has won another gold medal at the 2016 Commonwealth Judo Championship finals at Port Elizabeth in South Africa.
6. India's Deepika Kumari has equalled the world record in Women's Recurve event at the qualifying stage of Archery World Cup being held in Shanghai. Padma Shri recipient Deepika recorded a score of 686 out of 720 to finish 1st in qualifiers and equal the world record set by South Korea's Ki Boe Bae at the World University Games in Gwangju last year.
7. The new emblem of Tokyo 2020 Olympics and Paralympic Games featuring an indigo-coloured check in the design. The logo features a circular Japanese traditional checkered pattern. Below the design are the words "Tokyo 2020" and under them the five interlocking Olympic rings, reports Xinhua.
8. The Cricket Association of Nepal has been suspended by the International Cricket Council due to a 'vacuum of cricket leadership' in the country and also in view of government interference in the board.
9. Riyad Mahrez has become the first African footballer to win the Professional Footballers Association's (PFA) Player of the Year award for the 2015-16 season. With the award, Mahrez also became the second non-European, after Uruguayan striker Luis Suarez, to grab the award.

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10. Ace Indian shooter Jitu Rai finished sixth in the men's 50m pistol event on the fifth day of the International

Shooting Sport Federation World Cup being held at the Olympic Shooting Centre in Rio de Janeiro.

11. The ICC has suspended Hong Kong allrounder Irfan Ahmed for two years and six months after he admitted to breaching the ICC's Anti-Corruption Code. Ahmed has accepted the suspension and waived his right to appeal.
12. BCCI is all set to host its first-ever day and night cricket Test with the pink ball during New Zealand tour to India.
13. In Tennis, Rafael Nadal has won the Barcelona Open to equal Guillermo Vilas' decades old record of 49 clay-court titles. In the Final last night, world number five and top seed Spaniard defeated two-time defending champion Kei Nishikori of Japan, in straight sets, 6-4, 7-5.
14. India will host the 2018 Commonwealth Judo Championships in Jaipur. This was announced by the Judo Federation of India in a press release in New Delhi.
15. Union Sports Ministry has decided to provide one lakh rupees per month as out of pocket allowance to the sports persons under the Target Olympic Podium (TOP) scheme in their preparation for the Olympics and Paralympics Games at Rio de Janeiro.
16. Professional football club Mohun Bagan and India striker Jeje Lalpekhlua on 25 April 2016 won the Football Players' Association of India (FPAI). The award function held in Mumbai.
17. Indian rower Dattu Bhokanal has qualified for the Rio Olympics after winning a silver in the finals of men's single sculls at the 2016 FISA Asian and Oceania Olympic Qualification Regatta at Chung-ju in South Korea.
18. The ICC Cricket World Men's T-20 Cup 2016 has won by West Indies team by defeating England by 4 wickets.
19. World No.1 tennis player Novak Djokovic from Serbia has won the 2016 Miami Open Title in the men's singles category. In the final he defeated Kei Nishikori (Japan).
20. Kenya's Cyprian Kotut claimed a double in the French capital within a month when he won this year's Paris Marathon in personal best of 2 hours, 07 minutes and 13 seconds.
21. Mother Dairy, an Indian FMCG company has partnered with Indian Premier League (IPL) cricket team Delhi Daredevils as its principal sponsor.
22. Kansai Nerolac Paints Ltd (KNPL) has signed up with the Gujarat Lions franchise as associate sponsor for the ninth edition of the Indian Premier League which will begin on April 9, 2016.

23. Danny Willett has won the US Masters Golf Championship for the year 2016 at Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia.
24. Anthony Joshua has won the International Boxing Federation heavyweight title for the year 2016.
25. Malaysia's badminton maestro Lee Chong Wei has defeated China's Chen Long to win Malaysian Open 2016 in men's singles title at the Malawati Stadium in Shah Alam, Malaysia.
26. India's men's and women's teams have won both the category's championship titles at the third Asian Kho-Kho championship organised in Indore.
27. American tennis star Serena Williams kept her lead in the women's rankings, while Polish Agnieszka Radwanska returned to the second place.
28. England and Nottinghamshire batsman James Taylor announced his retirement at the age of 26 due to ill health.
29. Sri Lanka spinner Rangana Herath has retired from 50-over and Twenty20 internationals in order to carry on playing test matches.
30. Nico Rosberg claimed a dominant win in an action-packed Formula One Chinese Grand Prix to extend his championship lead over Mercedes team mate Lewis Hamilton, who battled up to seventh with some feisty driving after starting last.
31. Australia has won the 25th edition of Sultan Azlan Shah Cup by defeating India in the final held in Ipoh, Malaysia.

Important Days

1. World Autism Awareness Day is an internationally recognized day on the 2nd of April every year. This year the theme is "Autism and the 2030 Agenda: Inclusion and Neurodiversity".
2. Each year, 22nd April is celebrated as Earth Day. This is an annual event which is celebrated all over the world to demonstrate support for environment protection.
3. World Book Day is an annual event celebrated every year by the people all over the world on 23rd of April.
4. 25th April is observed every year as World Malaria Day (WMD) to create awareness among the people about this vector borne disease.
5. The World Intellectual Property Day 2016 was on 26 April 2016 observed across the world with the theme Digital Creativity - Culture Re imagined.
6. 5th April is observed as National Maritime Day.
7. 7th April is celebrated each year globally as World Health Day under the sponsorship of the World Health Organization (WHO).
8. Himachal Pradesh celebrated 69th Himachal Day on 15th April 2016.

9. World Heritage Day was observed all over the world on 18 April.

Defence Current Affairs

1. Two Indian Naval Ships 'Veer' and 'Nipat' were decommissioned at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai. INS Veer and Nipat are the first two of this class to be decommissioned. Now eight ships of this category will remain.
2. The Border Security Force (BSF) is planning to install the tallest national flag near the Attari-Wagah Joint Check Post, famously known as the Wagah border.
3. The Indian Navy has inaugurated a naval detachment at Androth Island of the Lakshadweep archipelago. It will help Indian Navy to have better surveillance and reach in the Arabian Sea. The naval detachment was inaugurated by Vice Admiral Girish Luthra, who is the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Southern Naval Command.
4. The 11th Indo-Mongolia joint training Exercise, titled 'Nomadic Elephant - 2016' commenced on 25 April 2016 in Mongolia. The exercise aims at promoting military associations between India and Mongolia will culminate on 8 May 2016.
5. Indian Missile Corvette, INS Karmuk along with a Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft participated in the 22nd Indo-Thai Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) on 25 April 2016 in the Andaman Sea. India's indigenously built Missile Corvette is based at the Andaman and Nicobar Command.
6. Pakistan Navy has successfully test-fired shore-based anti-ship missile 'Zarb', bolstering its defence mechanism.
7. Indigenously developed surface-to-air supersonic Akash missile System was successfully test fired from complex-3 of the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipuri in Odisha.
8. The Indian Army conducted major battle exercise named as 'Shatrujeet' in the Thar Desert of Rajasthan near to the border with Pakistan. The sole purpose of the exercise was to evaluate the capability of the Indian Army and fine tune its proactive war strategy to respond swiftly to any threat to nation's security.

Science & Tech. Current Affairs

1. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has launched India's seventh navigation satellite of the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS 1G) into a Sub-Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (Sub-GTO) on-board PSLV-C33. The satellite was launched from the First Launch Pad (FLP) of the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, which is situated 90 kms from Chennai.

- China has launched a sounding rocket designed to conduct research, take measurements and scientific experiments in the country's Hainan Province. Kunpeng-1B was launched from Danzhou City in the early hours today by the National Space Science Center (NSSC).
- China launched a retrievable scientific research satellite in a bid to aid scientists to study micro-gravity and space life science.

Awards & Recognition

- Bollywood star Ranveer Singh, who brought alive the role of Maratha warrior Peshwa Bajirao II on the silver screen through Sanjay Leela Bhansali's "Bajirao Mastani", will be feted with the 'Maharashtrian Of The Year'
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred Saudi Arabia's highest civilian honour- the king Abdulaziz Sash.
- Former bureaucrat and parliamentarian N. K. Singh will receive one of Japan's highest civilian honours for promoting economic, educational and cultural ties between India and Japan.
- A women's rights activist from Swat valley of Pakistan, Tabassum Adnan, has won the Nelson Mandela Graça Machel Innovation Award 2016 in Bogota, Colombia. She won the award for the individual activist category on the concluding day of the International Civil Society Week held from April 25-28.
- Mongolia has conferred its highest civilian award "North Star" to two noted Indian scholars-Lokesh Chandra and Mansura Haider for their contribution to Mongolian studies. It was presented by the Mongolian Foreign Minister Lundeg Purevsuren.

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- Mr. K Ashok Kumar, a research scholar from IIT Kharagpur (KGP) has won the prestigious

- International Plant Nutrition Scholar Award. The award is awarded by the US-based International Plant Nutrition Institute (IPNI) and carries a cash prize of USD 2,000 and a recognition certificate.
- Amitav Banerji, an Indian diplomat in the UK has been conferred with one of the highest awards of Cyprus for his work in a number of senior roles within the Commonwealth Secretariat for over two decades.
- Mahatma Gandhi's granddaughter Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee was conferred with the Order of Arts and Letters, one of France's top honours.
- Renowned actor Manoj Bajpayee will be going to receive the Dadasaheb Phalke Award for the movie Aligarh. The actor will receive the award in the best actor category of Critics Choice. The award will be presented on 1st of May, 2016.
- 5 times world chess champion Viswanathan Anand will be honoured with the Hridaynath Award, which felicitates and recognises successful individuals across the country from various walks of life.
- Pranab Mukherjee, the President of India conferred the National Geoscience Awards 2014 at a function to be held at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi. For 2014, Professor Ashok Kumar Singhvi was conferred with the highest honour National Geoscience Award for Excellence for his outstanding contributions in the field of sedimentary technologies.
- The Nobel Peace Prize awardee Mother Teresa now has been conferred with the UK's prestigious Founders Award this year.
- An investigative journalist from Azerbaijan, Khadija Ismayilova has been chosen to receive the 2016 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize.
- Priyadarshini Chatterjee, a Delhi girl was announced as the winner of FBB Femina Miss India World 2016 at the 53rd edition of the Femina Miss India beauty pageant held in Mumbai.
- Dadasaheb Phalke Film Foundation has announced that Priyanka Chopra to be conferred with Dadasaheb Phalke Film Foundation Award 2016 in best actress of the year category.
- Actress Aishwarya Rai Bachchan has won the 'Global Indian of the Year' award.
- Former Army Chief General(retd) Joginder Jaswant Singh has been conferred with the highest French civilian honour 'Officier de l Ordre national de la Legion d Honneur' (Officer of the Legion of Honour).
- Author and poet Padma Sachdev was selected for the prestigious Saraswati Samman for 2015 for her autobiography titled Chitt-Chete, written in Dogri language.
- India's SSP Chawrasia, who clinched the Hero Indian Open last month, has been named the Hilton Asian Tour Golfer of the Month for March.

20. Forbes in its inaugural edition of Global Game Changers List launched this year has ranked some of the biggest names in business. Topped by Mark Benioff of Salesforce.com and Mark Zuckerberg of Facebook (ranked 30).
21. The Mumbai Press Club selected T N Ninan, Chairman and Editorial Director of Business Standard, for this year's 'RedInk Award for Lifetime Achievement in Journalism'.
22. Tennis stars, Novak Djokovic and Serena Williams have walked away with their third 'Sportsman and sportswoman of the Year' Laureus World Sports Awards respectively.
23. The 2016 Pulitzer Prizes were announced on 18th April in the US. It is an award for achievements in newspaper and online journalism, literature, and musical composition in the United States.
24. The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi conferred awards for excellence in implementation of priority programmes on the occasion of 10th Civil Services Day. For the priority programme Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJAY), Nagaon, Assam was awarded in North East and Hill States category, Chandigarh in UTs and North 24 Parganas, West Bengal in Other States group.
25. A Kathak dancer from Varanasi has broken the world record of longest dance performance by continuously dancing for 123 hours and 30 minutes. It was previously held by Kerala's Hemlatha.

5. The Union Government has launched India's first online interactive heritage portal named Sahapedia was in New Delhi. The web portal is a collaborative knowledge resource on the arts, culture and heritage of India. Sahapedia is a not-for-profit society headed by former TCS chairman S. Ramadorai, who currently helms the National Skill Development Agency.
6. The Union Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry has notified new rules to give effect amended Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989. The new rules seek to tighten provisions to ensure speedy justice to members of the SC/ST community. The new rules aims at speeding up the process of dispensation of justice, liberalise and expedite access to relief for victims of atrocities, ensuring special sensitivity in cases of offences against women.
7. India lays foundation stone for 4000 houses under the third and final phase of Housing Project in Central and Uva Provinces of Sri Lanka. High Commissioner of India, Y.K.Sinha, and Minister of Infrastructure and Community Development, Palani Digambaram jointly laid the foundation stone for the third phase of the Indian Housing Project at Dunsinane Estate in Nuwara Eliya District.
8. The Union Railway Ministry has decided to create a 1 lakh crore rupees safety fund named as Rashtriya Rail Sanraksha Kosh (RRSK) to strengthen safety measures on the rail network to prevent accidents.
9. The Government has approved the policy for public disclosure of scores and ranking of the candidates who appear for recruitment examinations conducted by various public recruitment agencies for the benefit of employers in the public and private sector seeking qualified candidates through a portal.

Current Schemes/App/Portal Launched By State & Central Govt.

1. The Union Government has launched the Startup India portal (<http://startupindia.gov.in>) and mobile application. The portal and mobile app provide up-to-date information issued by various Government ministries/ departments.
2. The mobile application 'Vidyut Pravah' has been launched by Mr. Piyush Goyal, the minister of state (Independent Charge) for Power, coal, new and renewable energy, to empower Common People to Demand 24x7 Power from The States.
3. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has launched the first phase of the Green Delhi initiative by planting trees at the Triangular Park near ITO Chowk.
4. The Election Commission of India (ECI) has launched an innovative mobile application titled e-voter with comprehensive details about the forthcoming 2016 Assembly polls in Kerala. The app is envisaged for voters' facilitation for search in electoral roll, information regarding candidates, location of polling station, affidavit filed by them, filing of complaint and so on.

10. Union Tourism Ministry launched NOAPS Web Portal of National Monuments Authority. The Portal was developed through the technology and expertise of Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), who are

in the process of mapping of 3686 ASI protected monuments and sites.

11. The Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 5 April 2016 launched Stand Up India Scheme to promote entrepreneurship among Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes and Women entrepreneurs. On this occasion, the Prime Minister also inaugurated a Kaushal Kendra (Skilling Center) under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojna in Noida.
12. The third phase of Union Health Ministry's universal vaccination programme Mission Indradhanush began on 7 April, 2016. It will cover 216 Districts across several States including Bihar, Gujarat, Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh.
13. Gujarat chief Minister Anandiben Patel officially launched the state-wide implementation of National Food Security Act, which has been renamed as Maa Annapurna Yojna (Scheme) by the state government.
14. Union Minister Rajiv Pratap Rudy launched Transnational Skill Standards benchmarked to the United Kingdom across 82 identified job roles, aiming to support international mobility of Indian workforce.
15. The government has replaced the conventional tendering process for power purchase by state power distributors with an e-bidding platform named DEEP (Discovery of Efficient Electricity Price).
16. Days before the second phase of the odd-even anti-traffic scheme which begins from April 15, the government launched 'PoochhO Carpool app' to help people explore carpooling options during the 15-day car-rationing exercise.
17. Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis launched 'Mission Drinking Water. The mission was launched in the backdrop of recurring droughts and severe water crisis in Marathwada and Vidarbha region of the state.
18. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Gramodaya se Bharatodaya Abhiyan (village self-governance) campaign on the occasion of the 125th birth anniversary of Dr BR Ambedkar.
19. Online trading platform for farm goods launched. Prime Minister Narendra sowed the seeds for a farming revolution, with the launch of e-NAM, an online portal for trading in agriculture produce, which promises to liberate farmers from the clutches of middle-men and realise fair market value for their yields.
20. Raghubar Das, the Chief Minister of Jharkhand has launched the "Bhimrao Ambedkar Awas Yojana" for widows on the 125th birth anniversary of B R Ambedkar.
21. The Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme was launched by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and has

completed one year of implementation. On completion of its first year, the BBBP scheme is being expanded in additional 61 districts across 11 States/UTs with low Child Sex Ratio.

22. The Haryana Government has notified its Affordable Plotted Housing Policy 2016 for low and medium potential towns under the Deen Dayal Jan Awas Yojna.

Miscellaneous Current Affairs

1. ICCR to set up first Indian Chair in Arab world at Cairo. An MoU in this regard was signed between India's Ambassador to Egypt Sanjay Bhattacharyya on behalf of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and Prof. Abdel Wahab Ezzat, Acting President of ASU.
2. State Road Transport Authority's brand-new mobile app, M-Wallet, was launched by IT minister KT Rama Rao and transport minister P. Mahender Reddy.
3. IIT Madras and IIM Bangalore have topped the list of top educational institutes unveiled by the Ministry of Human Resource and Development.
4. Renowned artist Sudarsan Pattnaik has won the gold medal at ninth Moscow Sand Sculpture Championship in Russia. Mr. Pattnaik won the competition for his 15 feet high art work Mahatma Gandhi's sculpture for non-violence and peace.
5. Parliamentary Standing Committee has been formed to tackle misleading advertising as well as to fix liability on endorsers/celebrities. The committee to be headed by MP J C Divakar Reddy advocated that the Department of Consumer Affairs should be empowered to make laws to regulate growing sectors of e-commerce, direct selling and multi-level marketing where consumer complaints are on the rise.
6. The Global data services company, Experian, headquarter in Dublin, Ireland, has launched its 'Hunter Fraud Score' in India, which is a new scoring mechanism. The mechanism will help to measure the probability of fraud in a credit application across banking and insurance industries. It will help the country to increase their efficiency in fraud detection.
7. TIME released the list of 100 most influential people which featured six Indians including RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan and actress Priyanka Chopra. Tennis ace Sania Mirza, environmentalist Sunita Narain along with Flipkart Co-founders Sachin and Binny Bansal were other Indians on the list. The list also featured Indian-origin Google CEO Sundar Pichai.
8. The Union Government has recently constituted 8-member inter-ministerial committee to prepare a blueprint for doubling farmers' income by 2022. The committee will be headed by Ashok Dalwai,

Additional secretary at the Union Agriculture Ministry and is expected to submit the report in two months.

9. The Union Government constituted a high-level committee to suggest ways to strengthen the border protection along the border with Pakistan. The committee will be headed by former Home Secretary Madhukar Gupta and will submit its report in three months.
10. East Coast Railway (ECoR) has emerged as the largest freight loading railway zone of Indian Railways in 2015-16.
11. A bronze bust of ancient Indian mathematician and astronomer Aryabhata has been unveiled at the UNESCO Headquarters.
12. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has launched the book "The Kiss of Life: How a superhero and my son

defeated cancer" in New Delhi. The book is written by Bilal Siddiqi and co authored by Emraan Hashmi.

13. Minister for Railways Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu inaugurated the fitment of CCTV in Train Shan-e-Punjab Express through video-conferencing from Rail Bhawan premises, New Delhi.
14. The National Institute of Technology (NIT) Sikkim has unveiled the Supercomputer Param Kanchenjunga.
15. The World's largest wooden Charkha (spinning wheel) is planned to be installed at Terminal 3 of the Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi.
16. Minister of State for Petroleum & Natural Gas, Dharmendra Pradhan visited Bangladesh for 3 days. The visit is to take stock of the ambitious agenda set for the India-Bangladesh Hydrocarbon Sector during the visit of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi to Bangladesh in June 2015.

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