

The supercomputer, named 'Param Kanchenjunga', was formally unveiled by Sikkim Governor Shrinvas Patil at the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Sikkim campus at Ravangla in South Sikkim District. It has been named after Kangchenjunga mountain, the third highest mountain in the world which lies partly in Nepal and partly in Sikkim. Param Kanchenjunga has been jointly developed by Pune-based Centre for Development of Advanced Computing 'C-DAC' and the NIT Sikkim at a cost of three crore rupees. The supercomputer is expected to help achieve excellence in research and engineering education in the north-east region.

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India, US to collaborate on tackling offshore tax evasion

India and the US have agreed to enhance collaboration on tackling offshore tax evasion and increase cooperation in sharing of cross-border tax information.

Union Finance Minister, Arun Jaitley and US Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew told in a Joint Statement that we are committed to continued collaboration and sharing of experience in tackling offshore tax evasion and avoidance, including joint tax audits and tax examination abroad.

The statement was issued after Mr Jaitley and Mr. Jacob Lew co-chaired the 6th US-India Economic and Financial Partnership (EFP) in Washington on the sidelines of the annual Spring Meeting of the IMF and the World Bank.

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As per the Haryana Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 2016 and Haryana Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2016, what will be the minimum educational qualification for a candidate of the general category ?

A. Class V

B. Class XII

C. Class X

D. Class VIII

Answer & Explanation

Answer – C. Class X

Explanation – The Haryana Assembly passed The Haryana Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 2016 and Haryana Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2016 making it mandatory for those contesting the polls for urban local bodies to have a minimum educational qualification. As per the amendments, the minimum educational qualification for a candidate of the general category would be Class X.

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The Union Finance Minister has extended the safeguard duty on import of some steel products to how many years ?

A.3

B.5

C.2

D.1

Answer & Explanation

Answer – C.2

Explanation – The Union Finance Minister has extended the safeguard duty on import of some steel products by two years i.e till March 2018. The duty will be on the products which are imported at or above the minimum import price (MIP).

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In accordance with the "The Yearbook" published by UNIDO, India has been ranked at which position in the list of world's 10 largest manufacturing countries ?

A.5th

B.8th

C.6th

D.3rd

Answer & Explanation

Answer – C.6th

Explanation – In accordance with the "The Yearbook" published by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), India has been positioned at 6th place among the world's 10 largest manufacturing countries.

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Recently, HRD ministry released "India Rankings 2016" covering 3500 educational institutes. Which of the following topped the list in university category ?

A. Central University of Hyderabad

B. Indian Institute of Science

C. Institute of Chemical Technology

D. Jawaharlal Nehru University

Answer & Explanation

Answer – B. Indian Institute of Science

Explanation – IISc, Bangalore (which is a deemed University) is rated as the top ranked university.

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India's first semi-high speed train "Gatimaan Express" will run between which of the following stations ?

A.Hazrat Nizamuddin – Agra

B.Agra – Mumbai

C.Lucknow – Delhi

D.Chennai – Hazrat Nizamuddin

Answer & Explanation

Answer – A.Hazrat Nizamuddin – Agra

Explanation – India's first semi-high speed train "Gatimaan Express" flagged off by Union Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu. It will run between Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station and Agra Cantonment Station.

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Union Government has rechristened the Panagrah Airbase in honour of the _____ who was the marshal of the Air Force Station.

A.Arjun Mehta

B.Arjan Singh

C.Mohit Singh

D.Dalbir Singh

Answer & Explanation

Answer – B.Arjan Singh

Explanation : Union Govt. has decided to rename the Panagarh airbase which is located in West Bengal as Airforce Station Arjan Singh in honour of the former IAF Marshal Arjan Singh and this honous came on the 97th Birthday of Arjan Singh.

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A famous Travels assistance firm Noble Travels has recently inducted Online Visa assistance portal to get the information and facilitation services. Find the portal?

A.VisaforSure

B.Visaonhand

C.SureforVisa

D.Visaready

Answer & Explanation

Answer – A.VisaforSure

Explanation : Noble Travels has launched its online Visa assistance portal and will be offering information and facilitation services to customers. Earlier launched its hotel room auction and Bidding website.

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Spanish Rafael Nadal won his ninth Monte Carlo Masters title by defeating Gael Monfils of which country in France?

A.Denmark

B.Switzerland

C.France

D.Russia

Answer & Explanation

Answer – C.France

Explanation : Rafael Nadal won the Eight successive titles between 2005 and 2012 and he won his 100th career title clash.

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Finance Minister Arun Jaitley has attended the 93rd meeting of Development Committee of which Organisation to emphasize the FDI inflows in Country?

A.International Monetary Fund

B.World Bank

C.Asian Development Bank

D.BRICS Development Bank

Answer & Explanation

Answer – B.World Bank

Explanation : Finance Ministry accompanied with RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan and Chief Economic Advisor Arvind Subramanian to attend the Spring meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, a UN session on the drugs problem.

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Silicon Valley's Legendary 'Coach' has passed away in April 2016. Identify the Name.

A. Bill Capedown

B. Bill Campbell

C. Bill Madonna

D. Bill McKenzie

Answer & Explanation

Answer – B. Bill Campbell

Explanation : A former Ivy League football coach Bill Campbell passed away at the age of 75. He was the management guru for Apple co-founder Steve Jobs and other Silicon Valley luminaries and he garnered the name "The Coach" for the sage advice and counsel.

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4th Nuclear Security Summit 2016

The fourth Nuclear Security Summit (NSS) was held in Washington, United States on March 31-April 1 2016. Chinese President Xi Jinping and around 50 other world leaders are gathered to discuss efforts to prevent terrorist acquisition of nuclear materials. At the NSS, the Prime Minister announced that Canada will invest an additional \$42 million in the Global Partnership Program – over the next two years – to improve nuclear and radiological security world-wide. In support of the Global Coalition Against the so-called Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), Canada announced it would invest \$51 million – over three years – to build the capacity of counter-terrorism programs in the Middle East and North Africa. The first Nuclear Security Summit was held in Washington DC in 2010 and the second NSS was held in Seoul in 2012. The third summit was held in The Hague, Netherlands in 2014.

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"Index" to compute Organisation's Attitude towards Disabled Persons

In order to promote the empowerment of persons with disabilities, "Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan" aka "Inclusiveness and Accessibility Index" has been instigated by the Government of India in partnership with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).

It was launched by Urban Development, Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation and Parliamentary Affairs, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu.

This index would help the corporate sector in evaluating their policies for inclusion of the differently-abled.

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Tran Dai Quang Elected Vietnam's new President

The National Assembly (NA) of Vietnam on 2 April elected Tran Dai Quang as the country's president in capital Hanoi. Quang has been elected and sworn in as the president with 452 yes votes out of 481 valid ballots at the ongoing 11th session of the 13th NA. Prior to the election, Quang has been serving as Vietnamese Minister of Public Security from 2011. A resolution on electing Quang as Vietnamese President was later adopted by the NA.

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Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal launched Phase I of Green Delhi initiative

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal launched the Green Delhi programme by planting trees at the Triangular Park at New Delhi.

The initiative was launched in line with a detailed action plan submitted by the AAP government to the Apex Court after it demanded information on steps being taken to improve air quality and reduce air pollution.

There has been a huge rise in vehicular pollution because the number of vehicles plying on the roads of Delhi is more than that of three Metropolitan cities of Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai. Air pollution is the 5th largest killer in India by WHO Report.

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World's First White Tiger Safari In Madhya Pradesh

Union Minister for Environment and Forests Prakash Javdekar on 3 April inaugurated a White Tiger Safari at Mukundpur in Satna district of Madhya Pradesh. The Safari is situated adjacent to the Mukundpur Zoo which is spread over 75 hectares. The first of its kind safari has cost 50 crore rupees and is spread over an area of 25 hectares. With its inauguration, the safari houses three white tigers, including one male named Raghu and two females named Vindhya and Radha.

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PM Modi visit to Belgium, USA and Saudi Arabia – An Overview

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was on a 3 nation tour to Belgium, United States and Saudi Arabia from March 30, 2016 to April 3, 2016.

The 13th Summit between the European Union and India took place in Brussels on 30 March 2016.

2016 Nuclear Security Summit

NaMo announced n – security plans in the US as a part of the Summit

Indo – US MoU for LIGO project

5 MoUs were signed between India and Saudi Arabia

NaMo Conferred with Saudi Arabia's highest Civilian order

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Philippines Launches World's First Public Immunization Program For Dengue

The Philippines on 4 April launched the first public immunization program for dengue fever, seeking to administer to a million school children the world's first licensed vaccine against a mosquito-borne disease that the World Health Organization estimates infects 390 million people a year globally. Mexico was first country in the world to approve first-ever Dengvaxia Dengue fever vaccine for the public use and Philippines was the first county in Asia to allow it. However with the launch of first public dengue vaccination programme, Philippines became first country to introduce, adopt and implement the first-ever dengue vaccine through the public health system and under public school settings.

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India hosts Asia-Pacific Remote Sensing Symposium

India hosts Asia-Pacific Remote Sensing Symposium from April 4 to 7 to discuss on the applications of remote sensing technologies for disaster mitigation and to better monitor global climate change. The symposium is organized by the Indian Society of Remote Sensing (ISRS), a professional society of more than 4000 scientists and researchers and attended by the chief of National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) among heads of several other space agencies.

President of French National Space Agency, Vice-President of Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, Vice-Administrator of China National Space Administration, Director General of EUMETSAT and Mexican Space Agency are also participated at the event.

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RBI cuts Repo Rate by 25 Basis Points To 6.5%

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cut down repo rate by 25 basis points to 6.5 per cent from 6.75 per cent, with immediate effect. It was announced in the first bi-monthly monetary policy review of the RBI for the 2016-17 fiscal. First bi-monthly monetary policy for the 2016-17 says Repo rate: RBI has reduced the policy repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) by 25 basis points from 6.75 per cent to 6.5 per cent. It is the rate at which RBI lends to the financial system. Cash reserve ratio (CRR): RBI has unchanged CRR and kept it at 4.0 per cent of net demand and time liabilities (NDTL). Reverse repo rate: RBI has adjusted (hiked) reverse repo rate under the LAF to 6 per cent.

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A Historic moment! ! UIDAI produced 100 crore Aadhaars

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) touched the historic point in a range of five and a half years by producing the 100th crore Aadhaar.

The first Aadhaar was issued in 2010.

This major landmark had achieved just after the government notification of Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and other Subsidies, benefits and services) Act, 2016 which will give statutory

support to exchange of subsidies and advantages to qualified individuals having Aadhaar (UID) number.

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Recently, Union Minister of Textiles Shri Santosh Gangwar inaugurated three mega textile projects in which of the following Indian states ?

- A.Mizoram
- B.Assam
- C.Manipur
- D.Nagaland

Answer & Explanation

Answer – D.Nagaland

Explanation – Union Minister of State for Ministry of Textiles Shri Santosh Gangwar initiated three mega textile projects in Nagaland as a part of North East Textile Promotion Scheme (NERTPS).

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2016 Asian Nations Cup Chess tournament title has been clinched by which of the following country?

- A.Iran
- B.India
- C.Vietnam
- D.China

Answer & Explanation

Answer – B.India

Explanation – 2016 Asian Nations Cup Chess tournament title has been clinched by Indian men by defeating Vietnam in the final round by 3-1 score held in Abu Dhabi.

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Which of the following has appointed as the new Prime Minister of Vietnam?

- A. Tran Dai Quang
- B. Nguyen Xuan Phuc
- C. Truong Tan Sang
- D. Nguyen Phu Trong

Answer & Explanation

Answer – B. Nguyen Xuan Phuc

Explanation – National Assembly (Parliament) of Vietnam approved Nguyen Xuan Phuc as the country's eighth Prime Minister.

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United Kingdom's prestigious Founders Award 2016 has been conferred upon which of the following?

- A. Vikram Patel
- B. Rami Ranger
- C. Prakash Lohia
- D. Mother Teresa

Answer & Explanation

Answer – D. Mother Teresa

Explanation – "The saint of the gutters", Mother Teresa has been posthumously conferred with the United Kingdom's prestigious Founders Award 2016.

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Miss India World 2016 title has been conferred upon which of the following?

- A. Pankhuri Gidwan
- B. Navneet Dhillon
- C. Priyadarshini Chatterjee
- D. Sushruthi Krishna

Answer & Explanation

Answer & Explanation

Answer – C. Priyadarshini Chatterjee

Explanation – Delhi girl, Priyadarshini Chatterjee was announced as the winner of FBB Femina Miss India World by Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan during a star-studded ceremony.

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Union Government recently passed the Gurdwara Amendment bill 2016 to provide the Right to _____ Sikhs to vote in the Elections?

- A.Sahjhardi
- B.Ramgharia
- C.Jat
- D.Keshdhari

Answer & Explanation

Answer – A.Sahjhardi

Explanation : Under Sikh Gurdwara Act, 1925, every Sikh who is above 21 years of age can cast their vote in the Sikh Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee Election.

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Indian Navy to set up a New Naval detachment at _____ of Lakshadweep as part of measures to enhance surveillance of crucial shipping lanes.

- A.Kalpeni
- B.Androth
- C.Kavaratti
- D.Agatti Island

Answer & Explanation

Answer – B.Androth

Explanation : Lakshadweep and Minicoy islands occupy a Strategic location in the Arabian SeA.The Detachment will enhance the surveillance and contribute significant strength to Security and Stability.

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Union Government nods to Memorandum of Understanding of IRDAI with which nation Insurance Authority to pave the way for enhanced cooperation in Insurance supervision?

- A.Saudi
- B.Qatar
- C.UAE
- D.Japan

Answer & Explanation

Answer – C. UAE

Explanation : Union government has gives its ex-post facto approval for the MoU that links Hyderabad based Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India and Insurance Authority of United Arab Emirates.

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Who was appointed as the Director General (DG) of Railways Protection Force (RPF) that runs under the authority of Ministry of Railways?

- A.Rajendra Bhahuguna
- B.Surendra Kumar Bhagat
- C.Surender Kumar Bhagat
- D.Rajender Khanna

Answer & Explanation

Answer – C.Surender Kumar Bhagat

Explanation : Uttarakhand cadre Senior IPS officer Surender Kumar Bhagat was appointed as the Director General (DG) of Railways Protection Force (RPF) was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC). He will serve the Railway Board till the date of his superannuation that is on 30 June 2017.

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Who has been awarded Nelson Mandela Graça Machel Innovation Award for the 2016?

- A.Tabassum Adnan
- B.Malala
- C.Adnan Mehboothi
- D.Madonna

Answer & Explanation

Answer – A.Tabassum Adnan

Explanation : Swat activist Tabassum Adnan wins 2016 Nelson Mandela Award. Pakistani activist Tabassum Adnan, who fights for women's rights, has won the Nelson Mandela – Graça Machel Innovation Award 2016 in the individual activist category.

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Which State/Union Territory has been decided to host National Level Celebration of International Yoga day on 21st June 2016?

- A.Chattishgarh

B.New Delhi

C.Chandigarh

D.Maharashtra

Answer & Explanation

Answer – C.Chandigarh

Explanation : It has been decided that Punjab & Haryana Capital Chandigarh to host International Yoga day for the year 2016 which was firstly observed on 21st June and observed world over by millions on the same day.

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Scientists in Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre lab recently made the world's Lightest material to be used to withstand thermal?

A.Hydrogen aerogel

B.Silica Sol

C.Hydrogen Sol

D.Silica aerogel

Answer & Explanation

Answer – D.Silica aerogel

Explanation : The Space Centre told that it is the world's lightest synthetic material made by man. ISRO is planning to use the material on moon rover in Chandrayan 2 mission.

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Who has been awarded Best Actress award in an International narrative feature honour at Tribeca film festival in New York?

A.Priyanka Chopra

B.RadhikaApte

C.DeepikaPadukone

D.Katrina Kaif

Answer & Explanation

Answer – B.Radhika Apte

Explanation : She is an Indian Film Actress and acted various Languages has won best actress award for her contribution in the Film Madly.

Union Minister JP Nadda Inaugurates first Central Government Current Good Manufacturing Practise complaint facility for Manufacture of DPT and TT Vaccine in which state?

A.Arunachal Pradesh

B.Himachal Pradesh

C.Andhra Pradesh

D.Madhya Pradesh

Answer & Explanation

Answer – B.Himachal Pradesh

Explanation : At the Central Research Institute, Kasauli in Himachal Pradesh where JP Nadda inaugurates the CGMP Compliant facility and also launched the website of Central Research Institute.

Indian Army Conducts Battle Exercise 'Shatrujeet' In Rajasthan

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. The 2016 Shatrujeet battle exercise was steered by the Mathura based 1 Corps, one of the three principle strike corps of the Indian Army. It aimed to evaluate the capability of the Indian Army to strike deep into enemy territory in an integrated air-land battle environment. It was an operation-oriented exercise that focused on validating integrated battle theatre fighting concept.

Jharkhand Government launched Bhimrao Ambedkar Awas Yojana for widows

Jharkhand Government launched Bhimrao Ambedkar Awas Yojana for widows. The special features of the scheme mentioned below.

A target of 11,000 units (houses) has been set in the current financial year for the programme, he said adding Rs 80 crore has been earmarked in the budget for it.

Rs 75,000 would be granted to build a house in districts in hilly terrains and Rs 70,000 in plains in three instalments

The widows would also get pension

Commission for Schedule Caste would be set up soon.

Rafael Nadal Won 9th Monte Carlo Title

Spain's Rafael Nadal on 17 April defeated France's Gael Monfils to grab the 2016 Monte Carlo Masters title. Nadal, appearing in his 100th Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) Tour final, won 7-5 5-7 6-0 in 2 hours 46 minutes to claim his ninth title, but his first since 2012.

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World's largest 'charkha' to be on display at IGI airport

Wooden Charkha -spinning wheel which is largest in the world is planned to be installed at Terminal 3 of the Indira Gandhi International Airport here is ready for dispatch from a unit of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) in Ahmedabad.

It was the initiative of KVIC Chairman V K Saxena who decided to install the world's largest charkha at the international airport in Delhi.

This is to showcase India's symbol of non-violence to the world through the airport where around 2, 50,000 people/tourists visit every day.

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World Heritage Day 2016 Observed Globally

International Day for Monuments and Sites traditionally called World Heritage Day was observed across the world on 18 April with theme 'The Heritage of Sport'. The theme was decided by the International Council for Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) in the backdrop of Rio Olympics 2016 that is to be hosted in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in August 2016. The first world Heritage Day was celebrated on 18 April 1982 by the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) in Tunisia and was approved in 1983 by UNESCO. ICOMOS was created at the Second Congress of Architects and Specialists of Historic Buildings, held in Venice in 1964, which adopted 13 resolutions, the first being the International Charter for the Conservation and Restoration of Monuments and Sites, better known as the Venice Charter, and the second, put forward by UNESCO.

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Shri Piyush Goyal Releases Report of Technical Committee on Large Scale Integration of Renewable Energy

Union Minister of Power, Coal and New and Renewable Energy Piyush Goyal released Report of the Technical Committee on Large Scale Integration of Renewable Energy in India.

Ministry of Power constituted a high level Technical Committee with members from, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC), Central Electricity Authority (CEA), renewable rich states like Gujarat, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Various Organisations.

The Committee has published a 15 point Action Plan for facilitating large scale integration of renewable in the country, in a secure and reliable manner.

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President Presented Hindi Sevi Samman Awards

"President Pranab Mukherjee on 19 April presented the Hindi Sevi Samman Awards to 39 scholars in seven different categories for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014. The awards were distributed at a function at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The Hindi Sevi Samman Awards were instituted by Central Hindi Institute, Agra in 1989. Fourteen scholars receive this award in seven different categories every year for their contribution in the field of Hindi language and literature."

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PM Modi inaugurates Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana super-specialty hospital in Katra

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a 230 bedded Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Super specialty Hospital in Katra in Jammu and Kashmir.

For the hospital operation the board has entered into an agreement with Narayana Hrudayalaya Ltd, Bangalore that operates 32 hospitals across the country.

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Union Govt Merged Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyaan with Khelo India

The Union Government has merged Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA), launched by the UPA government, with the Khelo India programme for development of sports. Two other sport projects, Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme (USIS) and National Sports Talent Search Scheme (NSTSS), launched by the Congress-led UPA regime have also been absorbed under Khelo India. Khelo India is based on Gujarat's model of Khe! Mahakumbh, in which schools and colleges from different parts of the country participate in about 27 disciplines. Similarly, the Sports Authority of Gujarat (SAG) organises summer camps under this project every year.

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Dr. Harsh Vardhan visit to Nagaland

Union Minister for Science & Technology and Earth Science Harsh Vardhan in his a two-day maiden visit to Nagaland.

During the visit he inaugurated DBT created Biotech Infrastructure facility at ICAR- National Research Centre on Mithun, Jharnapani.

The minister also inaugurated Twinning Network Project on Chemical Ecology of North Eastern Region at Nagaland Science and Technology Council.

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New Delhi Based Indian council of Medical research joint venture with which company for research and development in preventive health?

A.Vicks

B.Sun Pharma

C.National Pharma

D.Gloxy Pharma

Answer & Explanation

Answer – B.Sun Pharma

Explanation : ICMR and Mumbai based Sun Pharma have joined into an agreement for research and development in preventive health and it is announced by Union health minister JP Nadda.

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Which of the following has become the first transgender person in Tamil Nadu to contest the assembly elections?

A. Padmini Prakash

B. Salam hailed Devi

C. Rose Venkatesan

D. Kalki Subramaniam

Answer & Explanation

Answer – B. Salam hailed Devi

Explanation – Salam hailed Devi is the first transgender person in Tamil Nadu to contest the assembly elections. She will be contesting on behalf of the Tamil party, NaamTamilarKatchi.

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Which of the following telecom company has become the first entity to receive final approval from the RBI to start a payments bank?

A. BSNL

B. Reliance

C. Vodafone

D. Airtel

Answer & Explanation

Answer – D. Airtel

Explanation – Bharti Airtel's payments bank venture, Airtel M Commerce Services Ltd. has become the first entity to receive final approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to start a payments bank.

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David Gest, who has been recently passed away was related to which of the following fields?

- A. Professor
- B. Musician
- C. Entertainer
- D. Politician

Answer & Explanation

Answer – C. Entertainer

Explanation – Entertainer, producer and reality television star David Gest has died in a London hotel aged 62.

_____appointed chairman of Industry body Internet and Mobile Association of India payments banks group.

- A.Raghuram Rajan
- B.Vijay Shekhar Sharma
- C.Vijay Sheshathri
- D.Aravind Subramaniyan

Answer & Explanation

Answer – B. Vijay Shekhar Sharma

Explanation : Paytm founder Vijay Shekhar Sharma has appointed as the chairman and Vodafone India business head Suresh Sethi as Vice chairman of the newly formed payments banks group Industry body Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI).

A famous playwright Arnold Wesker, has died at the age of 83. He belongs to which country?

- A.Sweden
- B.Scotland
- C.British
- D.India

Answer & Explanation

Answer – C.British

Explanation : London born prolific political writer who produced more than 40 plays, as well as books of essays, poetry and short stories, his work also included children's fiction and a first novel, Honey, which was published in 2005.

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Recently India has signed an MOU with which of the following to supply 150 boats and fishing equipment ?

- A.Nepal
- B.Bhutan
- C.Bangladesh
- D.Sri Lanka

Answer & Explanation

Answer – D.Sri Lanka

Explanation – India and Sri Lanka have signed an MOU to supply 150 boats and fishing equipment to the fishermen of Mullaitivu.

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National Stock Exchange (NSE) of India has introduced a new index to its broad market indices. It will consist of how many companies ?

- A.270
- B.150
- C.400
- D.318

Answer & Explanation

Answer – C.400

Explanation – Mumbai headquartered National Stock Exchange (NSE) introduced a new index to its broad market indices "Nifty Mid Smallcap 400". It will comprise of 400 companies which are the constituents of Nifty Midcap 150 and Nifty Smallcap 250 indices.

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Which of the following nation will hold Combat Nuclear Terrorism in 2017 ?

- A.Russia
- B.Belgium

C.India

D.USA

Answer & Explanation

Answer – C.India

Explanation – On the sidelines of 2016 Nuclear Security Summit, India will host a meeting of the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism in 2017.

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2016 Bahrain Grand Prix title has been clinched by which of the following ?

A. Sebastian Vettel

B. Nico Rosberg

C. Kimi Raikkonen

D. Lewis Hamilton

Answer & Explanation

Answer – B. Nico Rosberg

Explanation – Mercedes driver Nico Rosberg claimed the 2016 Bahrain Grand Prix by defeating Ferrari driver Kimi Raikkonen.

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ICC World Twenty20 champions title has been clinched by which of the following ?

A. New Zealand

B. West Indies

C. England

D. India

Answer & Explanation

Answer – B. West Indies

Explanation – ICC World Twenty20 champions title has been clinched by West Indies by defeating England.

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Odisha Govt Launched Adarsh Vidyalaya Project

The Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on 5 April launched Odisha Adarsh Vidyalaya (OAV) project at Sasan Ambagaon village in his home constituency Hinjli in Ganjam district. The project seeks to provide modern schools on the lines of Kendriya Vidyalayas in the underdeveloped rural areas of the State. The project will be implemented in phases and in the first phase 100 such schools will start functioning on 5 April 2016.

Anandiben Patel launches 'Maa Annapurna Yojna'

Gujarat Chief Minister Anandiben Patel launched the state-wide implementation of Centre's National Food Security Act, which has been renamed as Maa Annapurna Yojna by the state government.

Under the scheme, a beneficiary holding the Annapurna card will receive wheat at Rs 2 per kilo and rice at Rs 3 per kilo. Currently, Above Poverty Line (APL) card holding families are entitled to a monthly stock of 2.5 kg wheat per member of the family at Rs 7.70 per kg.

Though the implementation of the Act started in Gujarat from April 1, it was officially launched by the CM on the foundation on 6th April.

Researchers Introduced Graphene Based all-weather Solar Cell

Chinese researchers have developed Graphene based all-weather solar cell that can generate electricity even during rains. The new approach for making an all-weather solar cell by using the 'wonder material' graphene was developed by the team of researchers from the Ocean University of China and Yunnan Normal University. The new all-weather solar cell is made up of highly efficient dye-sensitised solar cell coated with a very thin film of graphene. Graphene is a two-dimensional (2D) form of carbon in which the atoms are bonded into a honeycomb arrangement.

National Family Planning Summit 2016 held in New Delhi

During the two-day long National Summit on Family Planning in New Delhi Union Health Minister P. Nadda launched the new revamped logo for the family planning media awareness campaign, which if properly implemented, can be a key strategy to reduce maternal and child mortality and morbidities.

The Summit had New Choices, New Horizons as its theme. J P Nadda has also formally launched first indigenously developed natural latex-based female condom.

The new latex version of female condom is manufactured by Kerala based HLL Lifecare Ltd under the brand name Velve

Saudi Arabia, Egypt To Build Bridge Across Red Sea

Saudi Arabia and Egypt on 8 April agreed to build a bridge over the Red Sea. The announced bridge will connect the two countries. The planned bridge would help in boosting commerce between the two allied countries. It will also connect the two continents, Africa and Asia, and result in increasing trade between the two continents to unprecedented levels.

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Rajasthan becomes the first state in India to clear land title Bill

The Vasundhara Raje-led government has managed to pass the Rajasthan Urban Land(Certification of Titles) Bills 2016 in the state assembly.

Rajasthan has passed a landmark legislation providing statutory backing to land records, effectively guaranteeing land and property ownership.

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IIT- Kharagpur Won National IP Award

The IIT (Indian Institute of Technology)-Kharagpur has won the National Intellectual Property (IP) Award in the academic institutes category. The institute will be awarded the prize Top Academic Institute for Patents 2016 by the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry on the occasion of World IP Day. IIT- Kharagpur's '100 patents drive' initiative had played pivotal role for winning this award. Under it IP Portal was launched to simplify the process of patent filing by students as well as professors who have done some substantial research within the institute.

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Gurgaon to get India's first Metrino Pod Taxi project

The Central Government gave its stamp of approval to the nation's first Metrino Pod project –A Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) network in Gurgaon, Haryana.

The announcement in this regard has been made by Haryana Public Works (Building and Roads) Minister Rao Narbir Singh.

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Ukrainian PM Arseniy Yatsenyuk Resigned

Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk on 10 April announced his resignation in the wake of a months-long political crisis. His resignation was approved by the President Petro Poroshenko and has selected Parliament speaker Volodymyr Groysman to assume the Prime Minister post. His resignation was approved by the President Petro Poroshenko and has selected Parliament speaker Volodymyr Groysman to assume the Prime Minister post.

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Centre to Issue Universal ID-Cards for Differently-Abled People

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

The government was progressing towards distribution of modern motorized wheelchairs with British financial assistance and was also taking up the manufacturing of tricycles with German technological backup.

Besides, steps were taken to provide barrier-free access to all government buildings in 50 cities and towns in a phased manner.

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Which state in India to ban supply of Medicinal drugs with Alcohol content?

- A.Uttar Pradesh
- B.Karnataka
- C.Kerala
- D.Bihar

Answer & Explanation

Answer – D.Bihar.

Explanation : Bihar Government is in the view of restrictions of supply of medicinal drugs with Alcohol content. The Banned medicines mostly are in the analgesics, Anti-depressant and psychotic condition segment.

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The nationalized Bank Oriental Bank of Commerce raises how much shares to Life Insurance Corporation on a preferential Basis?

- A.Rs. 168 Crore
- B.Rs. 188 Crore
- C.Rs. 178 Crore
- D.Rs. 278 Crore

Answer & Explanation

Answer – C.Rs. 178 Crore

Explanation : Oriental Bank of Commerce raises over 178 crore by issuing shares to Life Insurance Corporation on a preferential basis.

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New Delhi based JK Tyres acquires _____ industries for Rs. 2200 crore which will be a subsidiary of JK Tyre with majority shareholdings.

A.Cavendish Industries Ltd

B.Lily Limited Company

C.Motor Industries Ltd

D.Ceat Tyre Company

Answer & Explanation

Answer – A.Cavendish Industries Ltd

Explanation : The Acquisition has been backed by a combination of internal accruals and debt. With this acquisition the company now has a total of 12 tyre plants with nine located in India and three in Mexico.

Which bank has initiated the dedicated branch for Startups to assist entrepreneurs in setting up new companies and offer banking services?

A.RBL Bank

B.ICICI bank

C.HSBC bank

D.RBI

Answer & Explanation

Answer – A.RBL Bank

Explanation : RBL Bank launches Bengaluru branch for startups. It also provide a range of value added services including Registration, legal and tax formalities through its affiliates and partners.

United States think-tank Atlantic council has launched an India US trade initiative to strengthen economic ties and trade target of _____ billion.

A.\$200

B.\$300

C.\$400

D.\$500

Answer & Explanation

Answer – D.\$500

Explanation : A top US think-tank Atlantic Council has launched an India-US trade initiative to strengthen economic ties and meet the two countries' bilateral trade target of \$500 billion. To generate American support for continued economic engagement in India and to forge collaboration on issues of trade and commerce.

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International Day of Sport for Development and Peace observes on which of the following date ?

- A.April 3
- B.April 6
- C.April 5
- D.April 4

Answer & Explanation

Answer – B.April 6

Explanation – Annually April 6 observes as International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDS DP) to recognize the positive influence that sport can have on the advancement of human rights, and social and economic development.

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On the sidelines of Digital India initiatives, which of the following software and solutions major will set up its first incubation center in India?

- A.EMC
- B.Oracle
- C.SAP
- D.IBM

Answer & Explanation

Answer – B.Oracle

Explanation – As part of its plans to expand and support Digital India initiatives, software and solutions major Oracle announced to set up its first incubation centre in country.

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North East-ASEAN Business Summit 2016 has been chaired by which of the following?

- A. Dispur

B. Aizawl

C. Kohima

D. Imphal

Answer & Explanation

Answer – D. Imphal

Explanation – Capital city of Manipur, Imphal, has been hosting North East-ASEAN Business Summit 2016 at the City Convention Centre, which aims to pull in more visitors, exchange and business in NE-ASEAN.

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Ashok Kumar Won International Plant Nutrition Scholar Award

K Ashok Kumar, a research food engineer scholar from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur has won the prestigious 2016 International Plant Nutrition Scholar Award (IPNSA). The award carries a cash prize of 2000 US dollar and a recognition certificate. He was bestowed with this award for his research on nutrition management of rice-chickpea production system in laterite soil. He belongs to the food engineering department of the IIT Kharagpur and currently is pursuing his PhD on nutrition management of rice-chickpea production system in laterite.

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Union Government passes Gurdwara amendment bill 2016 & Biotech centre bill

The Union government gave approval for Gurdwaras Amendment Bill 2016 to provide the rights to Sahjhardi Sikhs to vote in the elections to Member of the Board and the committees.

Under Sikh Gurdwaras Act, 1925, every Sikh who is above 21 years of age can cast their vote in the Sikh Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (SPGC) Election.

This Act had created an exception for Sehjdhari Sikhs who trim or shave their beard or hair to vote in the elections.

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Union Cabinet Approves MoU between India and Papua New Guinea

The Union Cabinet on 27 April chaired by the Prime Minister 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. The bilateral MoU will encourage cooperation between the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare of India and the Ministry of Health and HIV/AIDS of the Papua New Guinea through joint initiatives in the health sector. It will strengthen bilateral ties between India and Papua New Guinea.

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Shyam Benegal panel submits report on censor board

Film maker Shyam Benegal headed committee constituted by the Information and Broadcasting ministry to suggest measures to help Board members understand the distinctions of film certification of the censor board submitted its report to I&B minister Arun Jaitly.

The committee suggested that the Central Board of Film Certification can decline certification if a film having anything that contravenes the provisions of Section 5B (1) of the Cinematograph Act, 1952.

CBFC head will only plays the role of a guiding mechanism for the body, and not be involved in the day-to-day activities regarding the certification of films.

Parliament Passed Industries (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2015

"Parliament on 28 April passed the Industries (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2015. The Bill amends the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951. It was first was passed in Lok Sabha on 10 December 2015 and later in Rajya Sabha on 28 April 2016. Now it will go for Presidential assent as per Article 111 of the Indian Constitution. The bill seeks to bring industries engaged in the manufacture of potable alcohol under the exclusive control of States in all respects. It amends 1st schedule of the parent Act to bring required changes for regulating industries manufacturing potable alcohol."

Union Government allows states to put stock holding limits on sugar

Union cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister decided to allow States to impose and enforce stock limits on sugar to verify its market price rise.

The decision directed that in the face ofadequate availability of sugar stocks with the Sugar Mills, the wholesale and retail prices have shown a spurt.

The move will empower State and Central players to impose stock limits and regulate supply, distribution, storage and trade of sugar to bring down sugar prices at reasonable level by curbing unscrupulous trading.

Sugar Producing Countries:

Brazil is the largest producer of the world. It accounts for 20 per cent of the world's production. India stands second in the production list.

India, Papua New Guinea Signed Four Agreements

India and Papua New Guinea on 29 April signed four MoUs in myriad sectors at capital Port Moresby. The MoUs were signed in the presence of the visiting President Pranab Mukherjee and the Papua

New Guinea Prime Minister Peter O' Neil. The MoUs relate to Agriculture, Health, Information Technology and Infrastructure. Papua New Guinea is the largest of all the Pacific island-nations.

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Constitution (Schedule Caste) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2016 passed in Parliament

The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2016 and Industries (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2015 are passed in parliament

The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2016 amends the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950. The Indian Constitution authorizes the President to state the Scheduled Castes in various states and union territories.

Industries (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2015 amends the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951.

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"Sajibu Cheiraoba" is the festival, of which of the following Indian city?

- A. Mizoram
- B. Nagaland
- C. Assam
- D. Manipur

Answer & Explanation

Answer – D. Manipur

Explanation – The Sajibu Cheiraoba is a traditional festival celebrated on the first day of Sajibu month (equivalent of April) every year in Manipur.

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Union government is all set to issue universal identity cards to which of the following in order to provide them easy access to various benefits?

- A. Senior citizen
- B. Orphan
- C. Differently-abled
- D. Minority groups

Answer & Explanation

Answer – C. Differently-abled

Explanation – The 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.

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Indian Football Striker Jeje Lalpekhlua won the Football Player's Association of India – Indian Player of the year award at Cooperage Football stadium in Mumbai. He belongs which state?

- A.Manipur
- B.Mizoram
- C.Nagaland
- D.Tripura

Answer & Explanation

Answer – B.Mizoram

Explanation : Football Striker Jeje clinches FPAI Indian player of the year award and awarded during annual awards function at Cooperage Football Stadium in Mumbai.

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Which State power Distribution Company Limited has become the first e-office electricity distribution company among all power utilities in India?

- A.Andhra Pradesh
- B.Karnataka
- C.Odisha
- D.Tamilnadu

Answer & Explanation

Answer – A.Andhra Pradesh

Explanation : Andhra Pradesh Eastern Power Distribution Company Limited is to clear the files devoid of any delay and to ensure transparency and accountability.

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Indian Archer _____ equals the world record in the woman's recurve event at the Archery World Cup in Shanghai.

- A.Deepika Kumari
- B.Rimil Buriuly

C.Dola Banerjee

D.Laxmi Rani

Answer & Explanation

Answer – A. Deepika Kumari

Explanation : She gained a score of 686/720 that equaled the record-breaking score of 686/720 set by South Korean archer Ki Bo-Bae in 2015 and selected for Rio Olympics.

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Which region becomes first to have digi-locker facility where citizens will have access to all these documents at any time?

A.Chitoor

B.Anand

C.Rahuri

D.Meerut

Answer & Explanation

Answer – C.Rahuri

Explanation : The move comes give fillip to Digital India Programme Rahuri Municipal Council of Ahmednagar district in Maharashtra became the first municipality to attain the status of integrated with digital locker for the issuance of all essential Documents.

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Who has been qualified from Rio Olympics after winning second position in 3000m steeple chase event at the Federation cup in New Delhi?

A.Sudha Singh

B.Amiya Mallick

C.Dutee Chand

D.Rajiv Arokiya

Answer & Explanation

Answer – A.Sudha Singh

Explanation : Sprinter Sudha Singh has booked berth for Rio Olympics by finishing second in the 3000m steeplechase event at the Federation Cup in New Delhi.

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List of National & International Day and Date

<u>Important Days – April</u>	
National Maritime Day	05th April
Special Protection Group (SPG) Foundation Day	07th April
World Health Day	07th April
World Homeopathy Day (Birth day of Samuel Hanlmen)	10th April
World Aeronautics and Cosmology Day	14th April
Ambedkar's Birth Anniversary	14th April
World Haemophilia Day	17th April
World Heritage Day	18th April
Indian Civil Service Day	21st April
Earth Day	22nd April
World Books and Copyright Day	23rd April
Panchayat Divas	24th April

— Current Affairs —

April 2016

Chad's President Idriss Deby Wins Fifth Term

Chad's incumbent President, Idriss Deby has won a fifth term in office in a lopsided first-round victory. In the 2016 election, Idriss Deby of Patriotic Salvation Movement (MPS) party secured the 61.56% of the vote in the first-round runoff. For the first time, he became President of Chad, a central African country in 1990 after overthrowing President Hissène Habré in a military coup. Earlier he had won the elections in 1996 and 2001 and again in 2006 and 2011 after 2 term limits of President were eliminated. Currently he is also Chairperson of the African Union (AU) and was elected by the Assembly of Heads of State of AU in January 2016 for one year term.

7 women officers of SSC granted permanent commission by Navy

To provide equal opportunities to women officers Indian Navy decided to grant permanent commission to seven women officers belonging to the Short Service Commission (SSC) batch of 2008-09.

Though women officers are selected only as support staff at present they will soon be sailing on select warships. Thus, a total of eight branches/cadres will be opened for women officers in the Navy includes education, law, air traffic control.

Indian Navy is the last of the three wings of the defence forces to agree to permanent commission for women. Earlier the Navy had limited women officers only to the Short Service Commission of 14 years.

From 2017 women officers can choose to join as pilots of Maritime Reconnaissance planes viz. Boeing P8I, Dornieras also in the Naval Armament Inspectorate cadre.

International Mother Earth Day Observed Across The World

International Mother Earth Day was observed globally on 22 April 2016 with the theme 'Trees for the Earth'. This year's theme sets the goal of planting 7.8 billion trees over the next five years. The Day recognises that the Earth and its ecosystems provide its inhabitants with life and sustenance. It

also aims to raise awareness that humans have a collective responsibility to promote harmony with nature and to balance the economic, social and environmental needs of present and future generations. On this day more than one billion people participate in Earth Day campaigns from all around the globe of all nationalities, faiths and backgrounds. The first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970. Since then it is being observed in more than 192 countries. The concept of observing Earth Day was formally proposed by John McConnell at a UNESCO conference on Environment in 1969 as a global holiday. Later in 1971, a proclamation was signed to observe international Earth Day annually on the Vernal Equinox by UN Secretary-General U Thant.

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Simhastha Kumbh mela 2016 begins in Ujjain

The Simhastha Kumbh Mela, largest congregation of Hindus began in Ujjain early with the arrival of JunaAkhara for the royal bath on the banks of Kshipra River to take a holy dip.

A large number of people across the country have converged in the holy city for the month long festival held every 12 years at Ujjain, which is also the abode of Lord Mahakaleshwar, one of the 12 Jyotirlingas in the country.

Ministry of Culture organized a National Cultural Festival (NCF) at Ujjain and Madhya Pradesh as part of the mega event.

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World Book and Copyright Day Observed Across The World

The World Book and Copyright Day was celebrated on 23 April across the world. The day seeks to encourage everyone and in particular young people, to discover the pleasure of reading. The day is also known as International Day of the Book or World Book Days and is organised by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to promote reading, publishing and copyright. Every year, UNESCO and the international organizations representing the three major sectors of the book industry – publishers, booksellers and libraries, select the World Book Capital for a one-year period, effective 23 April each year. This year the city of Wroclaw was chosen as the World Book Capital 2016 for its commitment to spread the message of the power of books to nurture creativity. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) had created this day and was first observed in 1995. It is on this date in 1616 Miguel de Cervantes (greatest Spanish writer), William Shakespeare (greatest English writer and the world's pre-eminent dramatist) and Inca Garcilaso de la Vega all have died. It should be noted that 2016 marks the 400th death anniversary of William Shakespeare, Inca Garcilaso de la Vega, as well as that of the birth or death of several other prominent authors.

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New Rules notified by Government to revamp Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act

Union government has notified the new rules on the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Act, 1989 was amended by Parliament in Dec 2015.

The notified rules will ensure speedy justice to their members, it also mandates police to file charge sheet within 60 days after a complaint is lodged.

These rules are notified by the Centre on Babasaheb Ambedkar's birth anniversary towards achieving his vision of a more equal and just society.

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Reuben Brothers Top British Rich List

"Mumbai-born tycoons David and Simon Reuben have topped 'The Sunday Times' Rich List 2016 with a fortune of 13.1 billion pounds, followed by the Hinduja brothers at 13 billion pounds. The Reubens were born in India to a wealthy Iraqi-Jewish family before moving to Britain in the 1950's and made their fortune in metals and property. This year they have increased their fortune by 3.4 billion pounds to jump to the top slot from last year's fifth position."

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PM inaugurates Joint Conference of Chief Ministers and Chief Justices of High Courts

Prime Minister inaugurates Joint Conference of Chief Ministers and Chief Justices and expressed that people have high belief and hope in the Judiciary.

Held: New Delhi

Points delivered by Prime Minister:

Large no of cases pending in various courts

He recommended finding the solutions to the pending cases

Government to remove the archaic laws from the statute books.

Indian Rower Dattu Bhokanal Qualifies For Rio Olympics

Indian rower Dattu Baban Bhokanal qualified for the 2016 Rio Olympics scheduled to be held in August 2016 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He qualified Rio Olympics after winning a silver medal in the men's single sculls event at the FISA Asian and Oceania Olympic Qualification Regatta held on 25 April at Chung-ju in South Korea. He will be the lone Indian rower taking part in Rio Games. Bhokanal is from Maharashtra's Nashik district. He took up rowing after he joined the army. He won a silver medal in the single sculls category at the Asian Rowing Championship in Beijing in 2015.

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Chandrababu Naidu inaugurates Andhra Pradesh Secretariat complex in Amaravati

Andhra Pradesh CM, N Chandrababu Naidu formally inaugurated the state's interim Secretariat at Velagapudi village in capital region Amaravati.

In the First phase,5000 houses will be built for the employees within a year in the new capital region.

On this occasion, he also announced that an additional 50 square yards of land would be given to farmers of the region who parted with their lands under the Land Pooling Scheme for the development of the capital.

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Indian born Diplomat in the UK has been honoured with highest awards of Cyprus – Commander of the Order of merit for the contribution of work in Commonwealth Secretariat for 20 years?

A.Amitav Banerji

B.Amitav Ghosh

C.Mohinder Sharma

D.Narendra

Answer & Explanation

Answer – A.Amitav Banerji

Explanation : Cyprus Government honoured Amitav Banerji with country's highest award of Commander of the Order of merit who have worked in Commonwealth for 20 years.

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Which IT company has been recognized as one of the UK's leading employers for women in a list published by The Times?

A.Infosys

B.Accenture

C.Wipro

D.TCS

Answer & Explanation

Answer – D.TCS

Explanation : Tata Consultancy Services has been recognized due to formal diversity and Inclusion corporate function since 2010 and employs over 1,00,000 women globally.

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India has to play its first Day Night Test against with which country in 2016?

A.Australia

B.England

C.New Zealand

D.West Indies

Answer & Explanation

Answer – C.New Zealand

Explanation : Indian Cricket Team will play its First Day-Night test against the New Zealand.Australia based Kookaburra had developed the pink ball to ball during Night.

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Prime Minister laid the foundation for India's biggest power with joint venture of State Govt and NTPC in which state?

A.Uttarkhand

B.Jharkhand

C.Himachal Pradesh

D.Manipur

Answer & Explanation

Answer – B.Jharkhand

Explanation : Joint Venture of National Thermal Power Corporation and Jharkhand Government, total Capacity of 8000MW and Prime Minister laid the foundation for first phase of 4000MW capacity.

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11th Indo Mongolia joint Military training exercise held at Mongolia to develop synergy and inter operability between the two armies. What is the name of the exercise?

A.Nomadic Elephant 2016

B.Nomadic Deer 2016

C.Nomadic Lion 2016

D.Nomadic Tiger 2016

Answer & Explanation

Answer – A.Nomadic Elephant 2016

Explanation : From India, A platoon of the Kumaon Regiment of the Indian Army along with a team of two observers and From Mangolia 60 personnel from the Mangolian Armed Forces joined in the exercise.

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Off-road vehicle manufacturer Polaris has tied up with which of the following e-commerce website to sell its ATV (All Terrain Vehicles)?

- A. Shopclues
- B. Flipkart
- C. Amazon
- D. Snapdeal

Answer & Explanation

Answer – D. Snapdeal

Explanation – Off-road vehicle manufacturer Polaris has tied up with the popular e-commerce website Snapdeal to sell its ATV (All Terrain Vehicles).

Which of the following has been appointed as the new Chairman of Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB)?

- A. S. Ravindran
- B. A.P.Nanda
- C. B.R.Hiremath
- D. Sushma Godbole

Answer & Explanation

Answer – A. S. Ravindran

Explanation – S. Ravindran, Deputy General Manager of Syndicate Bank, took charge as the new Chairman of Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB).

In accordance with the World Economic Outlook report, India's growth is projected to how much % in 2016-17?

- A. 7.3%
- B. 7.5%
- C. 7.4%
- D. 7.6%

Answer & Explanation

Answer – B. 7.5%

Explanation – As per the International Monetary Fund in its latest World Economic Outlook report, India's growth is projected to notch up to 7.5 percent in 2016-17.

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The developing online shopping Company Flipkart Chief Product Officer has been quitted from the service. Who is he/She ?

- A.Punit Soni
- B.Binny Bansal
- C.Amit Buri
- D.Sunil Bikar

Answer & Explanation

Answer – A. Punit Soni

Explanation :

Explanation: The Chief product officer (CPO) of Flipkart, Punit Soni has quit his post at the startup a year after joining the company.

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Centre Public Sector Undertakings inks Memorandum of Understanding with which institute to work in areas of Education and Human Resource Development?

- A.Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences
- B.Banaras Hindu University
- C.Jawaharlal Nehru University
- D.Muslim Aligarh University

Answer & Explanation

Answer – A.Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences

Explanation : Bhubaneswar based Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) and Educational Consultants India Limited, a central PSU, jointly signed a MoU to work in areas of education and human resource development.

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Ismayilova Selected For UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize

Investigative journalist Khadija Ismayilova of Azerbaijan was chosen for the UNESCO or Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize 2016. The Prize will be awarded during the celebration of World Press Freedom Day 3 May 2016 hosted by Finland. Khadija Ismayilova is a freelance journalist and contributor to the Azerbaijani service of Radio Free Europe. In September 2015, she was sentenced to seven and a half years' imprisonment on charges relating to abuse of power and tax evasion.

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CCRH has signed two MOUs with Canada and Armenia during two day International Convention on WHD

Central Council for Research in homoeopathy (CCRH) has signed two MOUs with institutions of higher education of Canada and Armenia.

These MOUs between CCRH and College of Homeopaths of Ontario, Canada and another between CCRH and Yerevan State Medical University, Armenia, were signed during two day International Convention on World Homoeopathy Day organized at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

During the event, there were several presentations on clinical research including latest research updates, and role of Homoeopathy in malaria, dengue, natural disasters, brain injuries, chronic ear infection, sciatica etc.,

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Ex-army chief JJ Singh gets highest French Civilian Honour

Former army chief Gen. (retd) JJ Singh was on 12 March conferred with the highest French civilian distinction, Officer of the Legion of Honour. He was conferred the honour by French Ambassador to India, Francois Richier in New Delhi. Singh was chosen for the honour in recognition of his stellar role in modernising the Indian Army. It also recognised his pivotal role for initiating robust exchanges between the Indian and French armies leading to "unprecedented" levels of inter-operability and cooperation.

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India, US 'agree in principle' on sharing military logistics

India and the United States have agreed in principle to share military logistics. Union Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar announced this agreement at a joint press conference with US Defense secretary Ashton Carter.

According to Mr. Parrikar, the growing interaction between armed forces of the two countries is a "significant aspect of bilateral relationship". India has more joint exercises with the US than any other country in the world.

The details of the logistic support will be decided by the two governments.

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India Ranks 44th In 2016 Global Connectivity Index

"India ranked 44th with total score of 30 among 50 different countries in the 2016 Global Connectivity Index (GCI) report. Chinese telecom giant Huawei has released its third Global Connectivity Index report during the Global Analyst Summit 2016 in Shenzhen, China. The GCI analyzes the full spectrum of measurements for connectivity and provides a detailed map of the global digital economy. The index benchmarks 50 countries on the basis of its ICT infrastructure including broadband, data centers, cloud services, big data and IoT in the scale ranging from 0 to 100. These 50 countries, account for 90 percent of global GDP. Top 10 countries in 2016 GCI: United States (score-74), Singapore (72), Sweden (70), Switzerland (68), United Kingdom (65), Denmark (64), South Korea (63), Netherlands (63) and Japan (62)."

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Maharashtra Legislative Council clears Dance bar bill

The Legislative Assembly of Maharashtra passed the dance bar regulation bill with regulations against the violators.

Bar owners or operators face up to five years in jail and fines of up to Rs 25,000 for violations.

The dance bars should be at least a km away from any education or religious institution, and they should operate between 6 pm and 11.30 pm.

It also bans running bars in the residential buildings and permits them in semi-residential ones only if the three-fourths residents approval.

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PM Narendra Modi launches Gram Uday Se Bharat Uday Abhiyan

PM Narendra Modi on 14 April launched 'Gram Uday Se Bharat Uday Abhiyan' at Mhow, Madhya Pradesh. The Abhiyan (campaign) was launched on the 125th birth anniversary of Babasaheb Ambedkar at his birthplace to strengthen Panchayati Raj in villages and ensure social harmony in villages. It is eleven day campaign (from 14th April to 24th April 2016) will mainly focus on generating nationwide efforts on promoting above mentioned aim of the campaign. The campaign will be run jointly by the Union Ministries of Rural Development, Social Justice, Agriculture, Labour and Information and Broadcasting along with the States Governments.

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Maharashtra Gov become first to bring law against Social boycott & launched Mission Drinking Water

The Maharashtra Assembly lead by Devendra Fadnavis passed the Prohibition of Social Boycott Bill 2016 to becoming the first State to enact such a law. He also launched the 'Mission Drinking Water' to conquer water crisis.

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Supercomputer 'Param Kanchenjunga' Unveiled at NIT Sikkim