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Miscellaneous

- **Important Days**

- March 8 - International **Women's** Day
- March 15 - World Consumer Rights Day
- March 18 - Ordinance Factory Day
- March 20 - World Sparrow Day, International **Day of Happiness**
- March 21 - World **Forest** Day
- March 22 - World **Water** Day
- March 23 - World **Meteorological** Day
 - **HQ of World Meteorological Organization - Geneva, Switzerland**
- March 24 - World **TB** Day
 - It is caused by a **bacterium** - **Mycobacterium tuberculosis**
- **46th National Safety Day/ Week celebrated**
 - March 4th - National Safety Day
 - March 4-10th - National Safety Week.
- **World Kidney Day**
 - Every year the **second Thursday of March** was celebrated as world Kidney Day.
 - This year March 9, 2017 was celebrated as World Kidney Day.

- **Awards**

- Sahitya Academy Award 2016
 - **Poornachalam** was awarded the Sahitya academy award for Translation.
 - He was awarded for the book '*Poruppumikka Manitharkal*' which was the translated version of the book 'Serious Men' written by Manu Joseph.
- **Nari Shakti Awards 2017**
 - President Pranab Mukherjee presented the Nari Shakti purashkar.
 - The awardee are
 1. Kalpana Shankar
 2. V Nanammal

3. Kalyani Pramod Balakrishnan
 4. Nandita Shah
- **Saraswati Samman Award 2016.**
 - Mahabaleshwar Sail - has been award the Saraswati Samman Award 2016 for this novel **Hawthan**
 - **SKYTRAX Award 2016**
 - **Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru** won the **Best Regional airport in India and Central Asia award (Skytrax Award)**.
 - **Dinanath Pandey Smart Innovaton award**
 - **Anag Tadar** won the award for his invention '**Goggle for Blind**'
 - This goggle uses the principle of echolocation by having the ultrasonic and infrared sensors
 - **Kirti Chakra Award**
 - Major Rohit Suri was awarded the Kirti Chakra Award by the President of India.
 - It is the second highest peacetime gallantary award of India.
 - It was awarded for Rohit for his contributions in the Surgical strikes
 - **Abel Prize 2017**
 - **Yves Meyer** was awarded the **Abel Prize** for the year 2017.
 - This award was **given by 'The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letter'** for outstanding persons in the **field of Mathematics.**
 - Yves Meyer was given this award for his contribution to the **'Theory of Wavelets'.**
 - Books
 - **A Guide to Fort St. George**
 - It is a book written by Historian V. Sriram
 - It details about 30 buildings inside the Fort St. George.
 - Midnight's Children - written by Salman Rushde
 - The Essential Ambedkar - written by Bhalchandra Mungekar.
 - The Book of Indian Dogs - by S.Theodore Baskaran.
 - **My Story** - An Autobiography written by **Australian Cricket Player, Micheal Clarke.**
 - A Gift of Goddess Lakshmi: A Candid Biography of the first transgender Principle - written by Manobi Bandyopadhyay.
 - **Kurukh**
 - It is an endangered tribal language spoken by the Oraon tribal community in West Bengal.
 - This language belongs to the dravidian family.
 - Anjali Amir

- She is a transsexual women who is going to do a lead role (Heroine) in Tamil film 'Peranbu' starring Mamooty.
- **Air India 173**
 - Air India 173 flight set a record by circling around the world with all-women crew members.
 - The entire flight crew including the other ground staffs were women.
 - It started its journey from Indira Gandhi International Airport (New Delhi) on Feb 27, 2017 to San Francisco and reached Indira Gandhi International Airport on 3rd March 2017.
- **Two Airports Renamed**
 - The Andhra Pradesh Govt has renamed two airports
 1. Tripathi airport as Sri Venkateshwara Airport and
 2. Gannavaram Airport as NTR Amaravati Airport.
- **Syed Shahabuddin**
 - He was a former diplomat (IFS) and MP from Jharkhand who passed away recently.
 - He also served as the leader of the Babri Action Committee.
- **The National Library**
 - It is the Largest Library of India, located in **Alipore in Kolkata**.
- **TN CM inaugurated Audio alert system in Buses.**
 - The Chief minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the audio alert system in buses.
 - This system alerts the passengers about the next stop like in the local trains.
 - This system helps the visually challenged persons travelling in the buses.
- **Dr. Thomas Starzl**
 - He is a pioneer Liver transplant surgeon who died recently.
 - He is the first person to perform world's first liver transplant.
- **Jack Preger**
 - He is an 86 year old physician from UK who offers free treatment for the poor in Kolkata.
 - Recently a documentary was made based on his life named 'Doctor Jack - One man, One Life One Fight.'
- **Times Higher Education's Best Small Universities 2017 ranking**
 - The IISc - Indian Institute of Science located in Bengaluru was placed at the rank of 8.
- **Tipu's Armoury Relocated**
 - Tipu Sultan's Armoury is located at Srirangapatnam in Mysuru.
 - It was constructed in the 18th Century.
 - The Railway has relocated the entire Armoury monument 100 metre far from its original location.

- **Ashwin Sundar**
 - He is an Indian Car racer from Tamil nadu who died in a car accident recently.
- **International Buddhist Conclave 2017**
 - It was held at Nalanda in Rajgir.
 - Event Title: Buddhism in the 21st Century - perspectives and responses to Global Challenges and Crises
- **Namami Brahmaputra**
 - It is a river festival organised by Assam Government on River Brahmaputra.
- **Ashokamitran (Original Name: Tyagarajan)**
 - Famous Tamil writer who passed recently.
 - He has won the Sahitya Academy award in 1996 for his book 'Appavin Snegithar'.
 - S Nagarajan - MD of National Dairy development Board.
- **Kunnamthanam Village**
 - It is a village in Kerala which has taken various steps to be reach the 'Kerala's First Complete Yoga Village' title.
 - June 21 - World Yoga Day.
- **Rani Maria**
 - She is a **Nun from Kerala** whose beatification (sainthood) was approved by the Vatican.
 - Canonization in catholic involves four stages
 - Servant of God
 - Venerable
 - Blessed
 - Beatification
- **Karan Singha**
 - He is the newly appointed **Chennai Police Commissioner**.
- **Tanushree Pareek**
 - She became the **first woman combat officer of the BSF** - Border Security Force.
- **Sunil Lamba - Indian Navy Chief**
- **Ajit Dowal - National Security Advisor of India.**
- **Aanavaal Pidi**
 - It is an Unique ritual held at Umayanallur Sree Bala Subramanya Swamy Temple at Kollam in Kerala.
 - In this ritual the devotees chase elephant to catch its tail.

Polity

- **Five State Assembly Election Results 2017**

State	Total Seats	1 st and 2 nd Place
Uttar Pradesh	403	BJP 312 Seats SP – 47 Seats
Uttarakhand	70	BJP – 57 Seats INC – 11
Punjab	117	INC – 77 AAP – 20
Manipur	60	INC – 28 Bjp – 21
Goa	40	INC – 17 BJP - 13

- **New Goa CM**

- **Manohar Parrikar** was appointed as the New Chief Minister of Goa.
- He belongs to the **Bharatya Janata Party**.
- The oath was administered by the **governor of Goa - Mridula Sinha**.

- **New Manipur CM**

- **Biren Singh** was appointed as the New Chief Minister of Manipur.
- He belongs to the **Bharatya Janata Party**.
- **Governor of Manipur - Nijam Heptulla**.

- **New Punjab CM**

- **Capt. Amarinder Singh** was appointed as the **new Chief Minister of Punjab**.
- This is the **Second term** for him as CM.
- **Governor of Punjab: V. P. Singh**
- [Article 164 \(1\) - Appointment of Chief Minister by the Governor](#)

- **New Uttarakhand CM**

- **Trivendra Rawat** was appointed as the new Chief minister of Uttarakhand
- Governor of Uttarakhand: K K Paul

- **New UP CM**

- Yogi Adityanath - he was appointed as the new Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh.
- Two Deputy Chief Minister were also appointed
 1. Keshav Prasad Maurya
 2. Dinesh Sharma

- Governor of UP - Ram Naik
- **Arun Jaitley**
 - The former Defence Minister (Manoha Parriakar) was appointed as the New Goa CM.
 - The Present Finance Minister Arun Jaitley was given additional charge of the **Defence Ministry**.
- NHRC issued Notice to Karnataka and Maharashtra
 - The National Human Rights Commission issued notice to Karnataka and Maharashtra States to report on the large number of Hysterectomy performed in certain hospitals in their states.
 - Hysterectomy means the surgical operation to remove the Uterus Completely.
- Annual City Governance Ranking 2016
 - Thiruvananthapuram bagged the rank 1st in the list.
 - Pune and Kolkata gets the 2nd and third place in the list.
- **Niranjan Mardi**
 - He was appointed as the New Home Secretary of Tamil Nadu.
- **Stuti Kacker**
 - She is the chairman of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights.
 - National Commission for Protection of Child Rights was established in December 2005.
- **Nizam Zaidi - Chief Election Commissioner of India**
- **Lok Sabha Approved the Maternity Benefit amendment Bill 2016.**
 - This bill provides for a 26 weeks paid maternity leave for the women working in the organised sector from the present period of paid maternity leave was 12 weeks .
 - It applies to all organisations employing 10 and more than 10 workers.
 - Women can make avail this benefit for the first two children.
- **Supreme Court Issued Warrant against a HC Judge**
 - The Supreme Court issued warrant against the sitting High court Judge of Calcutta, Justice C S Karnan.
 - This is for the first time that the sitting judge has been issued a bailable warrant.
- **TN not to register Marshland Property**
 - In order to discourage the encroachments in the marshland, the TN Govt has informed that marshland property will not be registered by the Registration Department.
- **T N Padmaja Devi**
 - She was named the Returning officer of the Byelection which will be held in the RK Nagar (Radha Krishnan Nagar) in april 12, 2017.

- **New Public Account Committee Chairman**
 - **Mallikarjun Kharge** (Congress) to become the **next Public Account Committee Chairman**.
 - He will succeed the present PAC Chairman K V Thomas whose term ends on April 30, 2017.
- **Ganga and Yamuna - Living Entity**
 - The Uttarakhand High court declared the river Ganga and Yamuna as Living entities.
 - This is the first time in India, that a river being declared as a living entity.
 - Newzealand became the first country to declare a river as living entity.
 - Newzealand declared River Whanganui as a Legal entity.
- **Pyarimohan Mohapatra**
 - He is the former Rajya Sabha MP and also known as Chanakya of Odisha Politics passed away recently.
- **Resolution to appeal Myanmar to stop Border Fencing**
 - **The Nagaland Assembly** passed a resolution requesting the central government to appeal the Myanmar to stop the border fencing along the Indo-Myanmar border.
 - The Naga people lives on both the sides of the Indo Myanmar border, the fencing will make the permanent separation between the nagas living in both the border areas.
- **Uttarakhand HC banned Mining for four Months**
 - The Uttarakhand High court has banned the mining activities in the entire state to curb illegal mining.
- **Honorary General of Nepalese Army**
 - **Indian Army Chief Bipin Rawat** was conferred the title "Honorary General of Nepalese Army' by the **Nepalese President, Bidhya Devi Bhandari**.
 - Earlier **Nepalese Army Chief Gen. Rajendra Chettri** was conferred the title 'honorary general of Indian Army in Feb 2017.
 - The reciprocal tradition to each other's army general was started in the year **1969**.
- **Lok Sabha Passed GST Bill**
 - The Lok Sabha has passed the GST bill on March 29, 2017.

Economy

- The Specified Bank Notes (Cessation of Liabilities) Act, 2017.

- This act made possessing more than 10 number of old notes by individual and more than 25 number of old notes for study and numismatic purposes a crime.
- Possessing more number of such old notes would attract a fine of Rs 10000 or five times the value of the money or whichever is higher.
- The act received the President's assent on February 27, 2017.
- **GST**
 - The Central Govt has planned to roll out the Goods and Services Tax from Sept 1, 2017.
- **Aadhaar Compulsary for Rail Tickets**
 - The Railway minister Suresh Prabhu has announced that for availing the concessions for senior citizens they have to produce their aadhaar.
 - It will come effect from April 1, 2017.
 - Very soon for online ticket booking also the Aadhaar will be made compulsory.
- **TN hiked VAT on Petrol and Diesel**
 - The Tamil Nadu govt raised the Value Added Price on Petrol and Diesel which came effect from March 6, 2017.
 - **Petrol** from 27% to **34%** [New VAT %]
 - **Diesel** From 21.43% to **25%** [New VAT %]
- **Abbreviations**
 - NIIF - National Investment and Infrastructure fund.
- **FIPB**
 - FIPB - Foreign Investment and Promotion Board.
 - The central govt has planned to abolish this board and replace it with a new one.
- **CAG**
 - Shashi Kant Sharma - [The Comptroller and Auditor General of India \(CAG\)](#)
- **Transparency International Report 2017 - Bribery rate**
 - Transparency International recently conducted the survey among 16 Asia-Pacific Countries.
 - India was ranked 1st in terms of Bribery Rate (Highest Bribery rate).
 - Vietnam has the second highest bribery rate.
 - Japan has the least bribery rate.
- **D.Jayakumar**
 - The New Finance Minister of Tamil nadu to present the state Budget of Tamil Nadu on March 16, 2017.
- **Cash Withdrawal limits in Saving Account Ends**
 - RBI has announced that the cash withdrawal limits on saving account ends on March 13, 2017.

- **TIES**
 - **TIES it stands for Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme**
 - It is a new scheme launched by central govt to **boost export related infrastructure.**
 - The scheme will replace the existing ASIDE scheme.
 - ASIDE - Assistance to States for Creating Infrastructure for the development and growth of Exports.
- **Domestic tourism Arrivals 2016**
 - It is a ranking based on the number of domestic tourists published **by Union Tourism ministry.**
 - Rankings
 - **1st Rank - Tamil Nadu**
 - 2nd Rank - Uttar Pradesh
- **Tamil Nadu Budget 2017**
 - TN Finance Minister: **D Jaya Kumar**
 - The **fiscal deficit is 4.58% of the GSDP** ([Gross State Domestic Product](#)).
 - It is higher than the [FRBM act](#) prescribed limit of 3% of GSDP.
- **Namma Canteens**
 - It is a food subsidization programme similar to 'Amma Unavagam of Tamil nadu' to be introduced in **Karnataka.**
 - It provided food at cheaper price to the people.
 - **Amma Unavagam was introduced in 2013.**
- Plastic 10 rs notes to be released soon by RBI
 - The Plastic notes have longer life than the present cotton based notes.
- **Vodafone and Idea Merger**
 - Vodafone and Idea Cellular has planned to merge together
 - The merger will make it the India's largest Telecom Service provider with 39.25 Crore Customers
- **World Happiness Index 2017**
 - It is released by United Nations
 - Rankings
 - 1st - Norway
 - 2nd - Denmark
 - 3rd - Iceland
 - 122nd - India
- **Global Energy Architecture Performance Index 2017**
 - It was released by **World Economic Forum**
 - **India Ranks 87th** in Energy Architecture Performance Index 2017.
 - Top Three Countries
 1. Switzerland

- 2. Norway
- 3. Sweden
- **Cash Transaction Limit reduced**
 - The Central govt has panned to reduce the limit for cash transactions from 3 lakhs to 2 lakhs.
 - It may come to effect from April 1 ,2017
 - Those who transact cash above the limit will be fined 100% of the value of transaction.
- **Human Development Index 2016**
 - It was released by the United Nations Development Programme.
 - Rankings
 - 0. 1st - Norway
 - 1. 2nd - Australia
 - 2. 3rd - Switzerland
 - 3. 130 - India
 - **India - 130th Rank in HDI 2016.**
- **Miyar Hydroelectric Project**
 - It is proposed on the River Chenab in Himachal Pradesh.
- **Finance Bill 2017.**
 - The Lok Sabha Passed the finance bill, 2017 on March 22, 2017.
 - This bill **makes Aadhaar Card Mandatory for issuing PAN Card.**
 - This move will find out those who are having more than one Pan card.
- **TN Private School Fee Determination Committee**
 - **Justice Masilamani** has been appointed as the Chairman of the TN Private School Fee Determination Committee.
- **TANGEDCO sets up New Museum**
 - The Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation (TANGEDCO) has set ups a new museum at **Kundah near Ooty.**
 - It displays various initiatives in the Power generation.
- **UDAN Scheme**
 - It is the central govt's regional air connectivity scheme to connect the country's underserved and unserved airport.
 - Under this Scheme the fare will be capped to **Rs 2500 for flight journey less than 1 hr and 500 kms.**
 - **[For more details about UDAN Scheme for TNPSC Group 1&2 Mains Exams](#)**
- **India's First Loan Agreement with NDB.**
 - India has signed its **first loan agreement with New Development Bank.**
 - **The loan amount of 350 US dollars will be used for the development of district roads in Madhya Pradesh.**

- **New Development Bank** also called as BRICS bank.
- NDB Hq: Shanghai.
- NDB President: K V Kamath.

Environment & Health

- **India's First Genetically Modified Varieties of Cotton seeds**
 - It was developed by the Punjab Agricultural university.
 - The main advantage of these seeds is that the farmers can use the harvested seed for the next sowing.
 - The seed names were
 - PAU Bt1 , F1861 and RS2013
- Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary is in Assam.
- Melanosis
 - It is a disease caused by Aresenic Poisoning.
 - It creates white marks on the skin mostly over the chest, abdomen and thigh areas.
 - The safe and permissible limit for arsenic in drinking water is 5 ppm.
- Miracle Drug
 - The Penicilin is also known as the Miracle Drug.
 - It was discovered by Alexander Flemming.
 - Recently the mould in which the penicilin was created was sold for 97.5 Lakh.
- **Humboldt Penguin**
 - It is a native penguin species of South America.
 - It is listed as Vulnerable species by the IUCN - International Union for Conservation of Nature.
- **Gahirmatha Sanctuary**
 - It is located in the State of Odisha.
 - It is one of the largest nesting grounds for the Olive ridley turtles.
- **Kolleru Lake**
 - It is located in Godawari District of Andhra Pradesh.
- **Lopinavir Syrup**
 - It is a life saving drug for Children affected by HIV.
 - The stock of this drug has been reducing as Cipla, the only manufacturer of this drug stopped production citing delayed payments made by the Govt.
- **Ropar Wetland**

- It is located in Punjab.
 - **Mattu Gulla**
 - It is a Brinjal Variety native to Karnataka which has already received the GI Tag.
 - **Pinkathan**
 - It is a run campaign held in Kolkatta to create awareness about the women's Welfare and breast Cancer.
 - **Kudimaramathu Scheme**
 - It is a new scheme launched in Tamil Nadu which aims to rejuvenate waterbodies in 30 districts.
 - This project involves desilting of the lakes in partnership with citizens and other farmers associations.
 - This project is to be carried out at a cost of 100 crores.
 - **Polka Dot Tree Frog**
 - It is the **world's first fluroscnet frog** discovered by scientists in Argentina.
 - The scientific name of this frog is - *Hypsiboas punctatus*.
 - **National Health Policy 2017 - Features**
 - To raise the public health expenditure as a % GDP.
 - From current 1.15% of GDP to 2.5% of GDP by 2025.
 - To reduce household health expenditure to 25% by 2025.
 - Utilization of public health facilities by 50% by 2025.
 - Introduction of E-Health Card for individuals.
 - Safe water for all by 2020.
 - **West Bengal**
 - WB State has the highest number of Arsenic affected people in India.
 - **Arctic Ice Record Low [Useful for Mains]**
 - In Arctic region the polar ice sheet will be in its maximum extent in the month of March.
 - Like that after summer melt the ice sheet will be in its minimum extent in the month of september.
 - This year in March the maximum ice coverage is 14.42 Million sq. Km which is lowest of the past 38 years.
 - **Tuberculosis [For mains]**
 - It is caused by the Bacterium - *Mycobacterium Tuberculosis*.
 - It is a contagious disease spread through air.
 - TB attack the lungs and also capable of spreading to other body parts like brain and spine.
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- DRTB - Drug Resistant Tuberculosis, is a form of TB which develops resistant to the drug which are usually treated for TB.
- One in four in the world is affected by DRTB.
- The Medicine approved by the WHO to treat DRTB are -
 - Delaminid.
 - Bedaquiline.
- March 24 -World TB Day.
- **Earth Hour 2017**
 - It is an event observed to highlight the effect of Global warming.
 - It was first observed in the Year 2007.
 - The Earth Hour 2017 was observed on March 25, 2017.
- **India Govt has planned redefined the definition of Blindness**
 - India's Present definition for Blindness as per the National Programme for Control of Blindness is 'a person unable to count fingers from a distance of **Six meters** is categorised as Blind'.
 - As per WHO definition 'a person unable to count fingers from a distance of **Three meters** is categorised as Blind'.
 - Now Indian govt has planned to take the definition as stated by the WHO.
 - WHO Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland.
- **Ipomea Carnea**
 - It is the scientific name of the ornamental plant 'Neyveli Kaatumanakku'.
 - It is a highly adaptive plant which can grow both on wet and dry land.
 - It clogs the waterbodies, makes it shallow and gradually an island in the waterbodies.
- **Kanha Tiger reserve**
 - It became the first Tiger reserve in the country to have a official mascot.
 - Mascot : Bhoorshing the Barashingha (swamp deer).
 - Kanha Tiger Reserve: in Madhya Pradesh.

Science and Tech

- **BMD - Ballistic Missile Defence**
 - Ballistic Missile Defence is a two layered interceptor missile system developed by DRDO.
 - It consists of two missiles
Prithvi Defence Vehicle - for intercepting targets in exo-atmosphere at altitude over 85 Km.
 - Advanced Area Defence missile - for intercepting targets in endo-atmosphere at altitude of 15 km.
- **1st Antyodaya Express**
 - Antyodaya express is a fully unreserved superfast unreserved train.
 - The first Antyodaya express was launched between Ernakulam and Howrah (Westbengal).
- **Chandryaan II**
 - It is India's 2nd mission to Moon which is expected to be launched in 2018.
 - ISRO Chairman: A.S Kiran Kumar
- **Swati**
 - It is a Weapon Locating Radar WLR system developed by the DRDO.
 - It can accurately locate all enemy weapons in its range like mortars, shells and rocket firing.
- **Kalvari**
 - It is India's first Scorpene submarine.
 - An anti ship missile was test from it recently.
- **ICEGOV 2017**
 - ICEGOV - International Conference on Theory and Practise of Electronic Governance 2017 was held at New Delhi.
 - It the first time India is hosting this event.
- **INS Viraat**
 - It is the oldest aircraft carrier of the Indian Navy.
 - It weighs 27800 tonnes.
 - It was decommissioned from service on March 6, 2017.
 - The Andhra Pradesh govt has proposed to convert it to an entertainment hub.
 - The decommissioning ceremony of the INS Viraat was held at the western naval command in Mumbai.
- **India's Longest Cable Bridge**

- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the India's Longest Cable Bridge over the Narmada River at Baruch in Gujarat.
- The length of the bridge : 1344m.
- **Scientists found New Canyon system**
 - Scientists found a new canyon system in the Bay of Bengal near **Kovvada in Srikakulam District in Odisha.**
 - It may have developed because of the river **Kandivalasa.**
- **Chandrayaan-1**
 - It was launched on October 22, 2008.
- **Hyperloop**
 - It is a transport system in which magnetically levitating capsules are sent at high speeds through the Vacuum
 - The idea of Hyperloop was first proposed by Eden Musk.
 - Through Hyperloop we can travel at a top speed of 1200 kmph.
 - The world's first commercial hyperloop transportation system is to be built between Dubai and Abu Dhabi.
- **Ammavin Aran**
 - It is an app published by AIADMK Party.
 - This app has various safety features for women.
- **Cloud seeding**
 - It is an artificial way of inducing moisture in the cloud to produce precipitation.
 - **Silver iodide** is used for cloud seeding.
- **Dev Raj Sikka**
 - He is a famous Indian meteorologist who passed away recently.
 - He was the first one to link the El Nino effect with the Indian Monsoon.
- **India's Longest Road Tunnel**
 - Chenani-Nashiri Road Tunnel is the India's Longest road tunnel in which the trail run was completed.
 - It is located in Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir.
 - Length - 9 Km
- **Medha**
 - It is India's first fully Indian made train built at ICF Chennai.
 - It was flagged off from Dadar Station in Mumbai.
- **INS Viraat**
 - It was the oldest warship which was decommissioned recently.
 - The Andhra Pradesh has proposed the Centre to make it as a museum as a Joint venture which was turned down by the centre.
- **World's Largest Hypersonic Wind Tunnel**
 - ISRO commissioned the World's Largest Hypersonic Wind Tunnel at **Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre in Thiruvananthapuram.**

- It will be useful in studying the aerodynamic characteristics of the space vehicles in hypersonic environment.
- **Barak Missile**
 - It is a short range surface to air missile.
 - It was test fired from the INS Vikramaditya, an aircraft carrier.
- **Aadhaar Now Mandatory for Mobile Connection**
 - The Department of Telecommunications has issued notice to all service provider to reverify the KYC through Aadhaar based eKYC.
 - KYC - Know Your Customer
- **Brown Dwarf**
 - It is an intermediate between the Planet and a fully fledged star.
 - Recently scientist found a brown dwarf named SDSS J0104+1535 at 750 Light years away.
- **EVM - Electronic Voting Machine Limits**
 - The Election Commission of India uses EVM Manufactured by the two manufactures namely
 1. Bharat Electronics Limited
 2. Electronics Corporation of India
 - EVMs manufactured by Bharat Electronics Limited are designed for maximum of 64 Candidates.
 - EVMs manufactured by Electronics Corporation of India are designed for maximum of 383 Candidates + 1 NOTA. so total 384.
- **TU-142M**
 - It is a long range maritime patrol aircraft which was decommissioned by the Indian Navy.
- **BS-IV**
 - Indian Govt has planned to force the BS-IV (Bharat Stage Emissions) from April 1, 2017.
- **SC Banned the Sale of BS-III vehicles**
 - The Supreme Court has banned the sale and registration of the BS-III vehicles which comes into effect from April 1, 2017.
- **GSAT-9**
 - The GSAT-9 satellite or the South Asia Satellite / SAARC satellite is expected to be launched in April 2017.
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World

- Mangala Samaraweera - Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka.
- **Pakistan to take census**
 - Pakistan govt has started to take population census after 19 years.
 - The last census was taken in 1998.
- **Adams Bridge**
 - It is a chain of limestone shoals between Pamban Island to Mannar Island.
 - Length: 50 Km
- Joint Exercises
 - Al Nagah-II 2017
 - It is the second bilateral counter-terror exercise between India and Oman.
 - It will be held in the Dhauladhar Ranges at Bakloh in Himachal Pradesh.
 - **Foal Eagle**
 - It is a [joint military exercise](#) between USA and South Korea
 - **Surya-Kiran XI**
 - It is a [Joint military exercise between India and Nepal](#),
 - The 11th edition of this exercise was held in Uttarakhand.
- Penguin Random House
 - Penguin Random House Publication signed the contract to publish the memoirs of the former Barack Obama and Michelle Obama.
- India's WTO Ambassador
 - J S Deepak to be appointed as the new India's [WTO](#) Ambassador.
- Sweden to Reintroduce Conscription
 - Conscription means compulsory enlistment of people in Military service.
 - Earlier Sweden has ended the compulsory military service in 2010.
 - Now they have planned to reintroduce it.
- SAARC New Chief
 - Amjad Hussein B Sial of Pakistan was appointed as the new chief of SAARC.
 - SAARC - South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation.
 - HQ: Kathmandu (Nepal).
- Permanent Indus commission 2017
 - It is to be held at Lahore in March 2017.
 - Pakistan and India will discuss about the Indus water treaty in the meeting of the Permanent Indus Commission.
 - The talks will be negotiated by the World Bank.

- **Zeid Raad Al Hussein**
 - He is the United Nations High Commissioner of Human Rights.
- **Sergey Kislyak**
 - He is the Russian Ambassador to USA.
- **Muslim Ban 2.0**
 - American President Donald Trump signed a new executive order which bans citizens of Six countries from entering USA.
 - The Six Countries were
 1. Sudan
 2. Syria
 3. Iran
 4. Libya
 5. Somalia
 6. Yemen.
- **IORA - Indian Ocean Rim Association**
 - The 20th summit of the IORA was held at Jakarta in Indonesia.
- **San Brownback**
 - He is the governor of Kansas in US.
 - He has written a letter to Indian Prime Minister to express his regret over the killing of Srinivas Kuchibhotta, an indian national.
- **Donald Tusk**
 - He was the European union President who was reelected for the second term as the President of European Union
- **Hambantota Port**
 - It is located in Srilanka.
- **Pakistan passed the Hindu Marriage Bill**
 - Pak Parliament has passed the Hindu Marriage Bill 2017.
 - The bill says about a document 'Shadi Parath'.
 - This shadi parath has to be signed by the pandit and later must be registered with the govt.
- **Park Geun-hye**
 - She is the President of South Korea who was removed from the post by the Constitutional Court.
- **John Surtees**
 - He is the only person who have won both the world championship title in two wheeler and four wheeler racing.
 - He passed away recently.
- **J-20**
 - It is a Stealth fighter recently inducted by the Chinese Air force.
- **Fearless Girl Statue**

- It was installed at next to Wall Street in New York to mark the occasion of the International women's day.
- The height of the statue is - 50 Inch.
- **Operation Searchlight**
 - It is the name of the attack conducted by the Pakistan Army in (East Pakistan) Bangladesh in 1971.
 - Recently the Bangladesh parliament declared the date of Operation Searchlight March 25 as the Genocide Day.
- **Michel Temer - President of Brazil**
- **Recep Tayyip Erdogan - President of Turkey.**
- **Indrani Das**
 - She is an Indian-american who won the **top prize of 2,50,000 US Dollars in the Regeneron Science Talent Search Competition in the USA.**
 - Regeneron Science Talent Search Competition award is also nick named as **Junior Nobel Prize.**
 - **Indrani das** won this award for her **research on treating brain injury and disease.**
- **Whanganui River**
 - This **river is located in New Zealand.**
 - The New Zealand's **Parliament has recognized this river as a legal person** and declared as a **living entity.**
- **Mark Rutte**
 - He is the **Prime Minister of Netherlands.**
 - His party '**People's party for freedom and Democracy**' won the parliament election
- **First India-Russia Military Industrial conference**
 - It was held in **new Delhi.**
 - Two countries have signed the agreement for the long time supply of equipment to the Sukhoi fighter aircraft.
 - **Derek Walcott**
 - He is a **nobel prize winning poet** who passed away recently.
- **G20 Finance Minister meeting 2017**
 - It was held at Baden-Baden in Germany.
- **Global Teacher Prize**
 - Maggie MacDonnell, a canadian teacher who won the Global Teacher Prize.
- **Turkey President to Visit India**
 - Turkey President - Recep Tayyip Ergodan has planned to visit India in May 2017.
- **Martin McGuinness**

- He is the former Irish Republican Army commander and also who played a key role in Northern Ireland peace passed away recently.
- **Tomb of Jesus Christ**
 - The renovated Tomb of Jesus Christ to be unveiled soon.
 - It is located in Jerusalem of Israel.
- **UN High Commissioner for Human Rights - Zeid Raad Al Hussein.**
- **Treaty of Rome**
 - It was signed on March 25, 1957 to move towards a single market.
 - The European Union celebrated the **60th anniversary** of the Treaty this year 2017.
- **Ian Grillo**
 - He is an American who was honoured as 'A True American Hero' by the Indian-American Community in USA and also awarded 1 Lakh US Dollar.
 - He got a bullet injury while protecting an Indian during a gun shooting by a US Navy veteran.
- **March 26, 2017**
 - Bangladesh celebrated its 46th Year of Independence.
 - It announced its Independence on March 26, 1971.
- **Shanti Prayas-II**
 - It is the Joint Military Exercise Between Nepal and USA.
- **Carrie Lam**
 - She became the first Women chief executive of Hong Kong.
- **Ahmad Kathrada**
 - He is an anti-apartheid activist from south Africa who died recently.
- **Bob Dylan**
 - He is an American musician who was named the Nobel Literature Laureate for the year 2016.
- **BREXIT**
 - Britain has formally triggered the exit process by giving the Brexit notice to the European Council President, Donald Tusk.
 - Britain became the first country to trigger the Article 50 of the Lisbon treaty which deals about the exiting of the EU.
 - British PM : Teresa May.
- **Malaysian PM**
 - Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak, visited India.
- **5 Billion US Dollar LOC**
 - India has offered 5 Billion US dollar as line of credit to its neighbour, Bangladesh.
 - It is the highest Loc by India to Bangladesh.
- **Airport named after Cristiano Ronaldo**

- The airport in Madeira island of Portugal was renamed as Cristiano Ronaldo Airport.
- **Elsalvador**
 - It became the first country in the world to ban Metal Mining.

Sports

- ISSF World Cup 2017
 - International Shooting sport federation world cup was held in New Delhi.
 - Jitu Rai won the Bronze medal in the 10m air pistol category.
 - Jitu Rai won the Gold medal in the 50m air pistol category.
 - Amanpreet Singh won the Silver medal in the 50m air pistol category.
- BCCI Awards 2016
 - Col C K Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award - Ranjinder Goel and Padmakar Shivalkar
 - BCCI Lifetime Achievement Award for Women - Shanta Rangaswamy
 - BCCI Special Award - V V Kumar
 - Polly Umrigar Award - Virat Kohli
- **Nihan Sarin**
 - He is a 12 year old chess player from Trissur in Kerala.
 - He has fulfilled the requirements to become an International Master.
- **ATP Mexico Open 2017**
 - Men's Singles
 - Sam Quarrey (USA) won the title by beating Rafael Nadal (Spain) in the Final.
- **Indian Open Golf 2017**
 - Shiv Shankar Chowrasia won the Indian Open Golf 2017 Title.
- **Shashank Manohar**
 - He **resigned** his post as the **chairman of the International Cricket Council**.
 - Earlier he was appointed as the first Independent chairman of ICC.
- **Bangladesh**
 - **Bangladesh** cricket team became the **fastest test playing nation to play 100 tests**.
- **Chetashwar Pujara**
 - He faced 525 balls to score 202 in a Test Match against Australia.

- He made a record by facing most number of balls in an Innings.
- **Indian Well Master 2017**
 - Roger Federer won the title in the Men's Single Category
 - With this title he became the oldest person in the world to win the ATP Masters Title.
- **Vijay hazare Trophy 2017 (Cricket)**
 - Tamil Nadu won the final match against Bengal.
- **32nd Olympic Games to be held in Tokyo,Japan in 2020.**
 - 2016 - Riode jenero - Brazil
 - 2012 - London - UK.
- **ISSF World Cup (Shooting)**
 - Ankur Mittal (Ind) has won the gold in the shotgun double trap category.
- **Ajinkya Rahane**
 - He is an Indian Cricketer who became the 33rd Test Captain of the Indian Cricket Team.
- **Australian Grand Prix 2017**
 - Sebastin Vettel (Germany- Ferrari) finished in the first place.
 - Second Place - Lewis Hamilton (Britain - Mercedes)
- **Prof D. B. Deodhar Trophy (Cricket)**
 - Tamil nadu team won the Deodhar Trophy 2017 by beating 'India Red' team in the Final.

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