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## Important Days

- April 2 - World **Autism** Day
- April 7 - World **Health** Day
- **April 18 - World Heritage Day.**
- **April 21 - Civil Services Day**
- **April 22 - Earth Day**
- **April 23 - World Book Day**
- **April 25 - World Malaria Day**
- April 26 - World **Veterinary** Day, World Intellectual Property Rights Day

## Miscellaneous

- **Maoists Attack**
  - 25 CRPF Men were killed in a Maoists attack on April 24, 2016.
  - The attack happened in Sukma district of Chhattisgarh.
- **Swachh award**
  - Aga Khan foundation has received the FICCI-India Sanitation coalition prize under the Swachh Bharat mission.
- **Sudarsan Pattnaik**
  - He won the jury prize gold medal at the 10th Moscow Sand Art Championship 2017.
- **Yakshagana - Folk dance of Karnataka.**
- **New CRPF Chief**
  - Rajiv Rai Bhatnagar was appointed as the new Chief of CRPF.
- **World Press Freedom Ranking 2017**
  - India Ranked 136th in the world Press freedom ranking 2017.
- **New chiefs appointed**
  - CRPF Chief - Rajiv Rai Bhatnagar
  - ITBT Chief - R K Pachnanda
- **Anti-Romeo Squads**

- It is the moral policing drive launched by the Uttar Pradesh.
- **En Charithiram**
  - It is an autobiography of Tamil Thatha Uu Ve Swaminatha Iyer.
- **Kalpiti Veerval**
  - A 17 year old student from Udaipur became the first to score 100% in JEE Main Exam.
- **Vinod Khanna**
  - He is a bollywood actor and also served as present MP of Loksabha.
  - He passed away recently.
- **Tribe and their Location**
  - Onge tribe - Andaman
  - Toda tribe - Tamil Nadu.
- **Khwaja Moinuddin Chisti**
  - He is the sufi saint of 12th Century AD.
- **Sachin - A billion Dollar Dream**
  - Film About - Sachin Tendulkar **directed by James Erskine**
- **Battle of Adyar (1746)**
  - The war was held between the forces of the Nawab of Arcot and the french Army.
  - It was held on the banks of the Adyar Estuary on October 1746.
  - The french forces were led by Captain Louis Pardis.
- **Tej Bahadur Yadav**
  - He is a BSF constable who earlier complained in facebook about the quality of food provided was dismissed from service.
- **Angad Thakur**
  - He is a social activist from bihar.
  - He plead the passengers to buy ticket in train.
- **Prithika Yashini**
  - She was the first transgender in India to become Sub-Inspector.
  - She was posted as a sub inspector in dharmapuri.
- **Manonmaniam Sundaranar University**
  - This university has decided to fully waive the fee for transgenders.
- **International Kite Festival**
  - International Kite festival to be held at Kozhikode in Kerala in september 2017.
  - Uttarayan Festival - It is the name of the international kite festival held at Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- **L&T 's New CEO**
  - S. N Subramaniam to become the new CEO of Larsen & Toubro company.

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- **Nilam Poothu Malarnna**
  - It is malayalam novel written by Manoj Kuroor about imaginary sangam period.
  - It was translated to tamil by K V Jeyasri titled 'Nilam Poothu Malarantha naal'
- **Champanan Satyagraha 100th Celebration**
  - The Bihar Govt has planned to celebrate the centenary of the Champanan Satyagrah headed by Mahatma Gandhi.
  - On **April 17, 1917 the champanan satyagraha was started for the indigo planters.**
- **Book**
  - **Mr and Mrs Jinnah** - written by **Sheela Reddy.**
  - Let's eradicate Completely, the Semai Karuvelam Tree - It is a book which contains a essays about Semai Karuvelam.
    - It was compiled by Advocate Commissioner K Swamidurai and Professer S Vincent.
- **Mathorubhagan**
  - It is a novel written by Perumal Murugan.
  - The English translation of this book, 'One Part Women' has won the Sahitya Academy Award for translation in English.
  - It was translated by Aniruddhan Vasudevan.
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- **Madras Exchange Light House (1796)**
  - It is a book on light houses written by D Hemchandra Rao.
- **Matoshree**
  - It is a book written by Sumitra Mahajan (Present Lok Sabha Speaker).
  - The book is about the life of Devi Ahilyabhai Holkar.
- **India's Longest Road Tunnel**
  - India's longest road tunnel was inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi in Jammu.
  - It is an all weather road tunnel of length **9.28 Km** connecting **Chenani with Nashri.**
- **National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2017**
  - The 2nd edition of the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2017 was published recently.
  - Category wise toppers follows
    - Common Overall Ranking 2017
      1. Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
      2. Indian Institute of Technology, Madras

3. Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
    - University Ranking 2017
      - 1st - Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore
      - 8th - Anna University Chennai.
    - Management Institutes Ranking 2017
      - 1st - Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad
    - Engineering Institutes Ranking
      - 1st - Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras
      - 2nd - Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay
      - 3rd - Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur
      - 8th - Anna University, Chennai
    - Colleges Ranking 2017
      - 1st - Miranda House, Delhi
      - 2nd - Loyola College, Chennai
      - 4th - Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirapalli
      - 10th - The Women's Christian College, Chennai
    - Pharmacy College Ranking 2017
      - 1st - Jamia Hamdard, Delhi
      - 9th - SRM, Chennai
- **Kishori Amonkar**
    - She is a famous Hindustani classical vocalist who passed away recently.
  - **N Krishnaswami**
    - He is a former Inspector General of Police of Tamil nadu who passed away recently.
    - He also belongs to the first batch of IPS officers recruited after the Independence.
  - **S Nandagopal**
    - He is a famous sculptor who passed away recently.
  - **R Sreenivasan**
    - He is a famous sculptor who passed away recently.
  - **Ma Aranganathan**
    - He is a tamil writer who passed away recently.
    - He also published the magazine 'Munril'.
  - **Narayan Sanyal**
    - Veteran CPI (Maoist) Leader who passed away recently.

Awards

- **Kirti Chakra Award**
  - **Lance Havildar Prem Bahadur Resmi Magar** was awarded the Kirti Chakra Award.
  - This award is the **second highest peacetime gallantry award in India.**
- **64th National Film Awards**
  - **Best popular Film - Santhamanam Bhavathi (Telugu Film)**
  - **Best Actor - Akshay Kumar for film Rustom**
  - **Best Actress - Surabhi Lakshmi for film Minnaminungu (Malayalam)**
  - **Best Director - Rajesh Mapuskar for film Ventilator (Marathi)**
  - **Best Film in Tamil - Joker (Director - Raju Murugan)**
  - **Best film on a social issue in the non-feature film category - I am jeeja.**
- **Matitali Kushti**
  - It is a Marathi short film which won the National award for Best Exploration / Adventure Film.
  - Directed by : Prantik Deshmukh.
  - This film is about Mud Wrestling.
- **Golden Globe Tigers award**
  - Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilisers and Chemicals Ltd has won the Golden Globe Tigers Award for Excellence and Leadership in CSR 2017
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- **Kamala Awards 2017**
  - It is awarded by the Crafts Council of India.
  - Awardees
    - Kabiraj Nayak - Shanta Prasad Award for excellence in craft
    - M R Ranganatha Rao - for contributions to crafts
    - Arun Pal - for craftsmanship
    - Ketha Lakshmi
- **Krishi Karman Award 2015-2016**
  - Tamil Nadu has bagged the Krishi Karman Award for the year 2015-2016.
  - TN produced 130 lakh tonnes of food grains in the year 2015-2016.
- **Tamil New Year Awards 2016**
  - Tamil Thai Award 2016 -Maanavar Mandram
  - Kabilar Award - L K Agniputran
  - U Ve Sa Award - M A Venkatakrishnan
  - Kambar Award - Jayaraj
  - Sollin Selvar Award - B Manikandan
  - G U Pope Award - Vaideki Herbert
  - Umarupulavar Award - M Abdul Khader

- Ilangovadigal Award - N Nanjundan
- Amma Ilakiya Award - Hamsa Dhanagopal
- Kanini Tamil Award 2015 -Selva Murali
- **Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2016**
  - K Vishwanath was named the 48th recipient of the Dadasaheb Phalke award.
- **Kaviko Award - Muthulingam.**
- **Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun**
  - Ashwani Kumar, the Union law minister has been selected for this award by the **Japan**.
- Frank Dubier - Veteran Jazz Trumpeter, who passed away recently.
- **TN MLAs Ship travel**
  - About 100 MLA's of TN, 14 Ministers and 4 MPs travelled in two ships to sea.
  - Name of the Ships
    1. INS Sumedha
    2. INS Chennai
  - Rocket Demonstration - INS Ranvir.
- **Dr. Paduru Gururaja Bhat Memorial Award 2017**
  - Archaeologist A.V. Narasimha Murthi was award the Dr. Paduru Gururaja Bhat Memorial Award 2017.

## Polity

- **VVPAT Machines**
  - VVPAT - Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail
  - The Central govt has given approval for buying 16.15 lakhs VVPAT machines.
- **Red beacon Light Completely Banned**
  - The Union Govt has banned the use of Red Beacon lights in all vehicles with effect from May 1, 2017.
  - The Emergency vehicles like ambulance, fire engines, police can use the Blue beacon light.
- **Abbreviation**
  - **PCPNDT Act 1994 - Prohibition of pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques.**
- **Senior Citizen**

- The Union govt has planned to adopt 60 years as the age for Senior Citizens.
  
- **Telangana Reservation**
  - Telangana Cabinet has recently approved for the increase in reservation for ST and Muslims
  - for Muslims from 5% to 12%
  - For ST 6% to 10 %.
- **Srinagar Byelection**
  - Farooq Abdullah of JK National Conference won the election.
- **Indian Army chief : Bipin Rawat**
- **National Security Advisor: Ajit Dowal**
- **Prime Minister of Nepal : Pushpa Kamala Dahal**
  
- **2nd National Lok Adalat in 2017**
  - It was held on April 8, 2017.
  - Over 6.6 lakhs of cases has been settled in a single day.
- **Birth and Death Certificate**
  - The Madras high court directed that the issue of birth and death certificates can be ordered only by the Executive magistrate not below the rank of RDOs (Revenue Divisional Officer) .
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- **HIV and AIDS (Control and Prevention) bill 2017**
  - The parliament has passed this bill.
  - The bill aims to prohibit discrimination against persons living with HIV in treatment and admissions.
- **The Motor Vehicle Amendment Bill 2016**
  - The lok sabha has passed the amendment bill recently.
- **RTE made Online in Tamil Nadu**
  - The Tamil Nadu state govt has made the application forms for the seats under Right to Education act 2005 online.
  - As per the act 25% of the seats in private schools at entry level will be reserved for the weaker section of the society.
  - This year applications can be submitted both online and offline.
  - TN districts with highest number of seats under RTE are
    - Thiruvallur - 5138
    - Chennai - 4914
    - Kancheepuram - 4042.



- **Draft Population Policy by Assam**
  - The important features of the Draft population policy published by Assam were
    - Denial of Govt jobs for those having more than two children.
    - Free Education for girls upto university.
- **Anantnag**
  - It is a Lok Sabha constituency located in Jammu and Kashmir.
  - Recently the bypoll which was scheduled to be held on April 12 was postponed to May 25 after broke out of large scale violence.
- **R K Nagar Byelection cancelled**
  - The Election commission has cancelled the RK Nagar byelection which is scheduled to be held on April 12, 2017.
  - It cited the reason as large scale bribing for voters by the parties.
- **Jallikattu violence Probe Commission**
  - Justice S. Rajeswaran was the head of the commission of inquiry to probe the caused that led to the violence during the Jallikattu protest.
- **Jhargram**
  - It is the new district (22nd) district of West Bengal.
- **Rajya Sabha Passed 4 GST Bills**
  - The Rajya Sabha has passed the 4 GST bills which was earlier passed by the Lok Sabha
    - Central GST Bill
    - Integrated GST Bill
    - GST Compensation Bill
    - Union Territory GST Bill.
- **Justice Indira Banerjee - CJ of Madras HC**
  - She was appointed as the chief justice of the Madras High court.
  - She became the second women to be appointed as the Chief Justice of Madras High Court.
  - First Women Chief Justice of Madras HC: Kanta Kumari Bhatnagar.
  - Article 217: Appointment of Judges of the High court.
  - The Madras High court was established in the Year : 1862
- **Uttarakhand HC declared natural resources as Legal entities.**

- Uttarakhand HC declared the following natural resources in the stare as Legal entities .
- Glaciers, rivers, streams, air, rivulets, lakes, meadows, dales, jungles, forests wetlands, grasslands, springs and waterfalls in the state.
- **150th Anniversary of Allahabad HC**
  - The 150th Anniversary of the Allahabad High Court was celebrated recently.
  - The Allahabad High Court was **established in 1866.**

## Economy

- **First UDAN flight [Very Important]**
  - It was launched between **Shimla and Delhi.**
  - [Visit here to know more about UDAN Scheme.](#)
- **Honoraray consulate in GIFT City**
  - Belgium became the first country to open a honorary consulate in GIFT City of Gujarat.
- **BSE Reach 30000 Pts**
  - BSE's (Bombay Stock Exchange) Sensex reached 30000 pts for the first time.
- **DigiYatra**
  - It is an initiative proposed by the Ministry of civil aviation, which makes the air travel completely paperless.
- **171 Million Dollars hacked**
  - 171 Million US Dollars was hacked from the Union Bank of India in July 2016.
  - Chairman of Union Bank of India: Arun Tiwari.
- **Abbreviations**
  - **SWIFT** - Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication.
- **TN Tops MGNREGS**
  - Tamil Nadu tops the list in generation of person days (39.59 crore) under the Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Guarentee Scheme for the financial year 2016-2017.
- **2nd Phase of Operation Clean Money**

- The Income tax department has launched the 2nd phase of Operation Clean Money.
- It will probe over 60,000 persons for excessive cash transactions after demonetization.
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- **Habibganj Station**
  - It is located in **Bhopal of Rajasthan**.
  - The Railways has planned to hand over this railway station to private for operating it.
  - It would become the **first railway station in India to be operated by the private players**.
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- **FRBM Review Committee**
  - Chairman of the [Fiscal Responsibility and budget Management](#) Review Committee: **N. K. Singh**.
  - The committee recommended to maintain a fiscal deficit to GDP ratio of 3% till financial year 2019-2020.
- **Petrol and diesel Prices**
  - A pilot scheme to be implemented from May 1, in five Indian cities in which the petrol and diesel prices will be fixed as per the international on daily basis.
  - The five cities are
    - Puducherry
    - Visakhapatnam
    - Udaipur
    - Jamshedpur
    - Chandigarh.
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- **TN Chief Minister's Farmer Security Scheme.**
  - Tamil Nadu govt has increased the monetary assistance given under this scheme.
  - The amount was increased to Rs 20000 from Rs. 10000 for natural death.
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- **GSTN**
  - GSTN - Good and Services Tax Network
  - It is a non profit company set up to provide IT infrastructure for implementing the GST.
  - This network will have a high security and backup facility.
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- **Deendayal Antyodaya Rasoi Yojana**
  - It is the subsidized meal scheme launched by Madhya Pradesh.

- **RBI Policy Challenge Award 2017**
  - The Madras School of Economics in Chennai has won the RBI Policy Challenge award 2017.
  
- **RBI Governor: Urjit Patel.**
  
- **G20 Finance Ministers and Central Governors Meeting 2017**
  - The G20 Finance Ministers and Central Governors Meeting was held at Baden-Baden in Germany
  - During March 17-18, 2017.
- **Pradan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana**
  - The last date for declaring assets under this scheme is - March 31, 2017.
  
- **200 Rs Notes**
  - Central Govt is examining the proposal of RBI to introduce New 200 Rs Denominations.
  
- **Green Growth Equity Fund**
  - It is the joint fund to be contributed by **India and UK.**
  - The funds will be used to develop green infrastructure.
  
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- **Pradan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana**
  - The Union govt has extended the last date for disclosing the undisclosed wealth under the Pradan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana.
  - Last date: May 10, 2017.
- **World Bank Approved loan**
  - The World Bank has approved the a loan of 2400 crores to augment the capacity of national waterway 1.
  - National Waterway 1: Haldia to Allahabad

## Science & Tech

- **India's First Underwater Metro tunnel**

- India's first underwater metro tunnel is to be constructed under the Hoogly river.
- The proposed metro project connects Howrah with Kolkatta of length 16.6km.
- Of this 10.8 km stretch will run underground.
- 520 Metre will be underwater/ under the river Hoogly.
- **Vallur Thermal Power Station**
  - It is located in Thiruvallur District.
- **Kayamkulam Thermal Power Plant**
  - India's largest floating solar plant with 100 MW capacity is in Kayamkulam thermal power plant of Kerala.
- **Corona Effect**
  - It is an electrical discharge due to ionization of air surrounding a conductor.
  - It usually occurs in high voltage transmission lines characterized by a hissing noise and a violet glow.
  - It results in transmission loss.
- **Brahmos Test fired**
  - The long range variant of Brahmos was successfully test fired from Teg, an Indian Naval ship.
  - This is Indian Navy's maiden testfiring of the Brahmos for attacking the target inland.
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- **Kovvada Nuclear Power Plant**
  - It is the proposed India's biggest nuclear power plant to be set up in Andhra Pradesh.
- **Mongol Sat 1**
  - It is the first satellite of Mongolia launched recently.
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- **TN Arasu Cable Corporation ltd**
  - It became the first state run multi operator to get the Digital Addressable system licence from the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- **Aryabhata**
  - It is India's first Satellite launched on April 19, 1975 from a russian rocket.
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- **INS Chennai**
  - It is a Guided Missile destroyer ship dedicated to chennai on April 17, 2017 in a event held at Chennai.

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- **Belle-II**
  - It is the name of the experiment to be launched by the High energy accelerator research organisation of Japan.
  - In this experiment, highly intense electron and positron beams will be made to collide with each other.
  - As a result B-meson quarks will be produced.
- **Vistadome**
  - It is the glass railway coach which made its trail run in Vishakapatnam to Araku.
  
- **Koradi Thermal Power Plant**
  - It is located in **Nagpur of Mumbai**.
  - Capacity: 3300 MW.
  - It was dedicated to the nation recently.
- **Bhim - Aadhaar App**
  - It is a digital payment platform which uses aadhaar number for transactions.
  - To use this payment system the aadhaar number should be seeded with the bank account.
  - For merchant payment the customer just need to enter their aadhaar and the thumb impression will authorise the payment.
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- **Brabo**
  - It is India's First indigenously made industrial articulated robot for micro, small and medium scale industries.
  - It was developed by TAL, a subsidiary of Tata Motors.
  - It can handle payload - 10 kgs.
- **Rajnivas**
  - It is the name of the website **launched by the Lieutenant governor of Puducherry Kiren Bedi** for grievance redressal.
  - Address: **[www.rajnivas.py.gov.in](http://www.rajnivas.py.gov.in)**
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- **Nakshe Portal**
  - It is a web portal set up by the Survey of India, which is India's official Map Maker.
  - This portal have more than 7000 maps.
  - The Survey of India announced that the persons with aadhaar can only access the 3000 maps of the 7000.

- The Survey of India was set up in 1767.
- It recently celebrated its 250th anniversary of foundation.
  
- **World's Largest Artificial sun.**
  - It was set up at German Aerospace centre.
  - Consists of 149 solar powered Xenon Short arc lamps, which can generate a temperature of about 3000 deg C on targets.
  - Used to produce Hydrogen fuel.
- **Kepler 1649**
  - It is a planet which was discovered 219 light year away from earth.
  - It is considered as the twin of Venus Planer.
  
- **100 MB**
  - It is a mobile app launched by the former Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar.
  - MB is the short form of 'Master Blaster'
  - 100 denotes the 100 international centuries.
- **Sangam Radio**
  - It is **India's First Community radio** launched in **2008**.
  - Located at the Machnoor Village in Sangareddy district of Telangana.
- **Tu-142M (Nick named Bear)**
  - It is Indian Navy's long range anti-submarine aircraft which was decommissioned at Vishakapatnam recently.
  - Andhra pradesh has planned to convert it into a museum.
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- **Barak Missile**
  - It is a Long Range Surface to Air Missile.
  - Developed jointly by Israel and India.
  - Barak means Lightning in Hebrew language.
  
- **Pink Star**
  - It is a 59.6 carat diamond which fetched 71.2 Billion US dollars in an auction.
  - It was discovered in 1999 in Africa.
  
- **Kani Maranjandu**

- It is the name of a tree dwelling crab discovered in Western ghats of Kerala.
- It was named after the Kani tribe of Kerala.
- **India Takes Full control of Kudankulam Unit 1**
  - India has signed the agreement with Russia to takeover the full control of Unit 1 of Kudankulam Nuclear power plant.
- **AB17**
  - It is a mobile app launched by South African Cricket Player, A B De viliers.

## Environment & Health

- **Love Hormone – Oxytocin**
- **Killed Zika Virus vaccine**
  - It was developed by Bharat Biotech in Hyderabad.
  - This vaccine showed 100% efficacy in animal trails.
- **Ameenpur Lake**
  - It is located in Hyderabad of Telengana
  - It became the first site in urban area to get the biodiversity heritage site status.
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- **Keibul Lamjao National Park.**
  - It is located in Loktak lake in Manipur.
  - It is the only floating national park in the World.
- **Deadline for BS VI**
  - The BS VI norms will come to effect from April 1, 2020.
- **Ambedkar Park**
  - The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh laid the foundation stone for the 20 Acres Ambedkar park (Ambedkar Smriti Vanam) in Amaravati.
  - In which a 125 feet tall statue of Dr. BR Ambedkar is to be constructed.
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## World

- **Al Kausar**
  - It is an Indian cargo ship which was hijacked by the somalian pirates.
- **Sheikh Hasina**
  - Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina to visit India for a 3 day official visit.
- **S Jaishankar - Indian foreign secretary.**
- **Mother of all bombs**
  - It is the nick name of the US's largest non-nuclear bomb '**GBU-43/B Massive Ordnance Air Blast Bomb**'.
  - Weight: 21600 pounds
  - US Army dropped this bomb targeting the IS in Nangarhar province of Afghan.
- **Dr. Mark Wainberg**
  - He is a pioneer in AIDS/HIV Drugs, who passed away recently.
- **Economic Emergency**
  - The Colombia Govt has declared economic emergency in Mocoa town in southern colombia.
  - It was affected by mudslides which took over 270 lives
- **Kazakhstan's 3rd Consulate**
  - Kazakhstan opened its 3rd third consulate in India in chennai.
  - Suraj Santakumar was appointed as its head.
- **Miss Teen Universe 2017 - Srishti Kaur from India**
- **Yusra Mardini**
  - She was appointed as the goodwill ambassador of UNHCR
  - UNHCR - United Nations High Commissioner for refugees.
- **Type 001-A**
  - It is China's First domestically built aircraft carrier.
  - It was inaugurated at the Dalian Shipyard in China.
- **Cyprus President's India Visit**
  - Cyprus President- **Nicos Anastasiades** visited India on an official tour.
- **Pope Francis Visited Egypt**
  - **Sheikh Ahmed al Tayeb** is the iman of the Al-Azhar which is the highest muslim authority in Eygpt.
- **Operation Mansouri**
  - It is launched by the Talibans to attack the foreign forces.

- It is also termed as spring offensive.
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- **Hana Katib**
  - She is the first female judge of Israel in Muslim sharia court.
- **China Bans Muslim Naming**
  - The Chinese Govt prohibited parents to name children the following muslims names
    - Muhammed, Arafat, Jihad, Muhajid, Medina.
- **Wikitribune**
  - It is an e-publication launched by Wikipedia.
  - It aims to fight fake news,
- **Top Five largest Military Spenders in the World**
  - India ranked 5th in the list released by Stocholm Peace Research Institute
    - USA
    - China
    - Russia
    - Saudi Arabia
    - India
- **Goldman Environmental Award**
  - The other name of this award is Green Nobel Prize.
  - Prafulla Samantra (an Indian social activist) has been announced the winner of this award from Asia region.
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- **India-Bangladesh Friendship Bridge**
  - It is a 150 Metre bridge to be constructed over the river Feni.
  - It connects Sabroom of Tripura in India with the Ramgarh of Bangladesh.
- **Roman Seleznev**
  - He is a russian hacker who was sentenced to 27 Years in Prison.
  - It is the longest sentence given for hacking related activities in USA.
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- **Pongal in Virginia**
  - The American State's general assembly has recognized the pongal as a harvest festival.
  - From 2018 onwards, Jan 14 will be celebrated as pongal day in Virginia.
- **China renames 6 places in its official records**
  - China has renamed 6 places in Arunachal Pradesh on its official maps.

- The names given by china are Wo'gyainling, Mila Ri, Qoidengarbo Ri, Mainquka, Bumo La and Namkapub Ri.
- New and Old Names
- - Wo'gyainling - Ugyen Ling (birthplace of 6th Dalai Lama)
  - Mainquka - Mechuka
  - Qoidengarbo Ri - Choten Karpo Ri,
  - Bumo - Bumla.
- **UN to Issue stamps on Yoga.**
  - The United Nations Postal Administration has planned to issue stamps showing 10 yoga postures to mark the International Yoga Day on June 21, 2017.
- **457 Visa - Australia**
  - It is a visa for foreign workers in Australia.
  - Australia recently scrapped this visa in order to tackle its own growing unemployment.
- **Nepal President: Bidhya Devi Bhandari**
- **USS Carl Vinson Carrier**
  - It is the name of the ship which was ordered by the US President Donald Trump to sail off the korean peninsula.
  - After this announcement, the North Korea threatened to strike it.
- **457 Visa**
  - It is visa programme which was recently decided to cut by the Australia.
  - This visa allows the Australian companies to hire Skilled Indian Labour.
- **Violet Brown**
  - A Jaimaicn women who became the world's oldest women (117 Year old).
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- **Tianzhou- 1**
  - It is china's first cargo spacecraft scheduled to be launched in April 2017.
- **North Korea's Founding President**
  - Kim Il Sung was the founding president of North Korea.
  - Recently the 105th birth anniversary was celebrated.
- **Miss Congo UK Beauty Pageant**
  - Horcelie Sinda Wa Mbongo - a HIV Positive, won the Miss Congo UK Beauty Pageant title for the year 2017.
- **Marathi International Film Festival 2017**

- Five day Marathi international film festival to be held in Stockholm of Sweden.
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- **Turkey Referendum 2017**
  - Turkish President Recep Erdogan won the Referendum to make some key changes in the constitution.
  - The new constitution to have the following features
    - The post of Prime minister to be scrapped.
    - Next President election to be held on Nov 3, 2019.
    - The President will have the power to intervene in Judiciary.
    - Term of President - 5 years.
    - Maximum no of term for President - 2 times.
- **US Vice President: Mike Pence**
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- **Emma Morano**
  - She is an Italian who held the oldest human being record passed away at the age of 117.
- **Cyclone Maarutha**
  - It is the tropical cyclone which hit Myanmar.
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- **Malabar Exercise**
  - It is a joint trilateral naval exercise among India , Japan and the US.
  - Australia has requested the observer status for this exercise which scheduled to be held in July 2017.
- **Qalbu Maryam Mosque**
  - It is the second mosque inaugurated in US which is completely led by woman.
  - It is located at Berkely in California.
- **Robert Taylor**
  - He is a pioneer in modern computing who passed away recently.
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- **Gurudwara Guru Nanak Darbar Sikh Temple**
  - Located in Dubai sets Guinness World Records by serving free breakfast to over 600 people from 101 nationalities.
- **Sagarmatha Friendship 2017[VERY IMPORTANT]**
  - It is the first ever [joint military exercise](#) between **China and Nepal.**
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- **Malala Yousafzai**

- She is a nobel laureate from Pakistan who was given the **honorary Canadian Citizenship.**
- She became the 6th person in the world to get the honorary Canadian Citizenship.
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- **Messenger of Peace**
  - UN has appointed Malala Yousafzai as a UN Messenger of Peace to promote girls education.
- **101th Pulitzer Prize 2017**
  - For Fiction - Colson Whitehead, for novel - 'The Underground Railroad'.
  - For national Reporting - David Fahrenthold.
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- **Silk Road Train**
  - The First freight train from UK to Britain was flagged off from the London Gateway Container port.
  - It will reach Yiwu of China after 18 days journey of over 12000 km distance.
  - Earlier the first train from china to UK reached on Jan 18 2017.
  - It will travel across several countries like
    - France
    - Belgium
    - Germany
    - Poland
    - Belarus
    - Russia
    - Kazakhstan.
- **Kulbhushan Jadhav**
  - He is a former Indian Navy Officer who was given death sentence by the Pakistan's Military court.
- **Neil M Gorsuch**
  - He sworn in as the 113th Judge of the Supreme court of US.
- **Australian PM : Malcolm Turnbull**
  - Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull visited India on an official tour.
- **Emergency Declared in Egypt**
  - Emergency was declared in Egypt for 3 months following a terror attack in two churches
  - over 44 killed in two bomb attacks.

- **Maitree Express II**
  - Also called as Friendship express II, is a train service between India and Bangladesh from Khulna to Kolkata.
  - It travels 176 km.
  
- **Nomadic Elephant**
  - It is a [joint military exercise between India and Mongolia](#).
  - The 12th edition of this exercise was held at Vairengte in Mizoram.
  
- **Trincomalee oil tank farm**
  - This is a world war era oil storage facility located in the Trincomalee port in Colombo.
  - India and Sri Lanka has planned to jointly develop this port.
  
- **Feldheim Village**
  - It is a village located in Berlin of Germany.
  - This village has become self sufficient in electricity that too from renewable energy.
  
- **US Attacked Syrian base**
  - After an suspected chemical attack in Syrian town of Khan Sheikhoun which killed over 80 people, US attacked a base in Syria.
  
- **Eleven Madison park**
  - It is the name of the restaurant which was named the World's Best restaurant for the year 2017.
  - It is located in New York.
  
- **Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award**
  - It is given for literature aimed at children.
  - Wolf Erlbruch was awarded this prize.
  
- **Peggy Whitson**
  - She is an American astronaut who set two records recently.

1. Oldest women to perform spacewalk - 57 Years Old.
  2. most number of spacewalks by a women - eight.
- **Cyclone Debbie**
    - It is the cyclone which attacked **Northern Australia** Recently in March 2017.
  - **Malaysian PM's India Visit -**
    - Malaysian PM **Mohd Najib bin tun Abdul Razak (Najib Razak)** visited India.
    - He held talks with PM Narendra Modi and signed 6 Bilateral agreements.
  - **Myitsone Dam**
    - It is the dam proposed to be constructed over the **Irrawaddy river in Myanmar.**
    - China has planned to finance the project.
  - **Dalai Lama**
    - Tibetan leader visited Bomdila in West Kameng District Arunachal Pradesh.
    - Earlier the chinese foreign minister has warned his visit as it could cause serious damage to bilateral ties.
  - **ICGS Shoor**
    - It is the ship that helped Srilanka to fight the fire caught in m.v .Daniella a cargo ship off the colombo coast.
    - Indian Coast gaurd helped after the request from the Srilanka for assistance.
  - **Egypt President : Abdel Fattah al Sisi**
  - **Colombia Landslides**
    - Due to flooding and landslides over 250 were killed in Colombia.

## Sports

- **National Youth Athletics Meet 2017**
  - Haryana State won the championship title.
- **Hero**

- It is the **biography of Sachin Tendulkar** written by **Devendra Prabhudesai**.
- **Monte Carlo Masters 2017**
  - Singles
    - Rafael nadal won the title against Albert Ramos in the Final
  - Doubles
    - Rohan Bipanna and Pablo Chevas won the title against Feliciano lopez and Marc lopez.
- **Younis Khan**
  - He became the first Pakistani cricketer to reach 10000 runs in Test matches.
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- **Upcoming Asian Games**
  - 2014 - Incheon - South Korea
  - 2018 - Jakarta-Palembang- Indonesia
  - 2022- Hangzhou - China
  - E-sports or video game will be introduced as a demonstration sport at the upcoming Asian games 2018 in Indonesia
  - It will be introduced as a full sport in 2022 asian games.
- **Muttiah Muralitharan**
  - He is a srilankan cricket player, who became the first srilankan to be inducted into the ICC hall of fame.
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- **6th Asian Billiards title 2017**
  - Pankaj advani won the 6th Asian Billiards title against Sourav Kothari in the final.
- **JK Tyre Arunachal Festival of Speed.**
  - **Amanpreet Ahluwalia** has won the title.
  - K M Bopaiah got the second place.
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- **Sultan Of Johar Cup 2017**
  - It is scheduled to be held in Malaysia.
- **US Masters 2017 (Golf)**
  - Sergio Garcia (Spain) won the title against Justin Rose (UK) in the final round.
  - Green Jacket was also presented to the winner.
- **Aslan Shah Cup 2017 [Hockey]**
  - The 26th edition for the Aslan Shah Cup 2017, will be held in Ipoh in Malaysia.



- **Davis Cup - Tennis**
- **Australian Grand Prix 2017**
  - **Sebastian vettel (Germany)** won the Australian Grand Prix 2017.
- **Chinese Grand Prix 2017 Result**
  - 1st Place - Lewis Hamilton (Britian - Mercedes)
  - 2nd - Sebastian Vettel (German - Ferrari)
- **Bahrain Grand Prix 2017**
  - Sebastian Vettel won the Bahrain grand Prix.
  - 2nd Place - Lewis Hamilton
  - 3rd place - Valtteri Bottas
- **Singapore Open 2017 (Badminton)**
  - **B Sai Praneeth (Ind)** won the title against K Srikanth in the final.
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- **P Iniyan**
  - He is a **14 Year old chess player from erode district** of Tamil nadu won the **International Master Title.**
- **Miami Open 2017**
  - Men's single
    - **Rojer Federer (Switzerland)** won the title against Rafael Nadal (Spain) in the final.
  - Women's single
    - Johanna Konta (UK) won the title against Caroline Woznaicki (Denmark) in the final.
- **Indian Open 2017 (Badminton)**
  - Women's Single
    - **P V Sindhu defeated Caolina Marin of Spain to win the title.**
  - Men's single
    - Viktor Axelsen (Denmark) defeated Chou Tien Chen in the final
- **Rashid Khan**
  - He is an Afghanistan Cricketer.
  - He became the youngest to take 50 wicket in ODI at 18 Years and 185 days of age.
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- **Wisden's Leading Cricketer in the world for 2016**
  - Virat Kohli was named the Wisden's Leading Cricketer in the world in male category.
  - Ellyse Perry (Australia ) was named the Wisden's Leading Cricketer in the world in female category.
- **Asian Snooker Championship 2017**

- **Pankaj Advani** of India has won the silver.

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