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Important Dates and Events

51st World Day of Peace is celebrated on 1st January.

New Year is celebrated on January 1st Every year.

Bus Day in Bengaluru is celebrated on 4th January.

World Braille Day is annually celebrated on January 4, the birthday of Braille inventor, Louis Braille.

70th Independence Day of Myanmar took place on 4th January.

World Day of War Orphans is celebrated on 6th January.

Orthodox Christmas Day is celebrated on January 7th.

15th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas is done on 9th January.

World Laughter Day is celebrated on January 10th every year.

World Hindi Day is on 10th January

National Youth Day is celebrated on 12th January on the birth of Swami Vivekananda.

70th National Army Day is celebrated on 15th January.

Religious Freedom Day is celebrated on 16th January.

National Immunization Day is celebrated on 17th January.

Martin Luther King Day is celebrated on January 18th.

World Hug Day is celebrated on 21st January.

11th National Girl Child Day is celebrated on 24th January.

8th National Voters' Day took place on 25th January.

National Tourism Day in India is celebrated on 25th January every year.

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69th Republic day of India is celebrated on 26th January.

International Customs Day is celebrated on 26th January.

International Holocaust Remembrance Day is celebrated on 27th January.

Data Privacy Day (Data Protection Day) is celebrated on 28th January.

National Immunization Day is celebrated on 29th January.

National Cleanliness Day is celebrated on 30th January.

World Leprosy Day is celebrated on 31st January.

Science and Technology News

NASA to build robotic satellites to reduce space pollution.

Astronauts identify unknown microbes in space for the first time.

ISRO ready for the first satellite launch in 4 Months after failure in August.

SpaceX to launch world's most powerful rocket by 'end of January'.

China's 8.5-tonne space lab set to fall to earth by March.

Isro releases the first image captured by Cartosat-2 series.

NASA astronauts conduct first spacewalk of 2018.

Appointments News

- ❖ NC Goel appointed as new Chief Secretary of Rajasthan.
- ❖ Vinay Sahasrabuddhe Named ICCR Chief.
- ❖ Govt appoints Vijay Keshav Gokhale as foreign secretary.
- ❖ AB Mathur takes the appointment as interlocutor for talks with ULFA.
- ❖ Former RAW chief Rajinder Khanna appointed deputy NSA.
- ❖ Senior IPS officer Abhay takes the appointment as NCB chief.
- ❖ Prof Gopal Guru takes the appointment as editor of EPW.
- ❖ Former Watford coach Mazzarri takes the appointment as Torino head coach.
- ❖ Ricky Ponting takes the appointment as Delhi Daredevils head coach.
- ❖ PHF appoints Hasan Sardar as chief coach of Pakistan hockey team.
- ❖ Lenovo India appoints Alok Garodia as CFO.
- ❖ Canadian Nicholas Latifi appointed Force India F1 reserve.
- ❖ Volkswagen US sales chief Ron Stach quits.
- ❖ Ashish Dikshit was appointed as the managing director of Aditya Birla Fashion.
- ❖ Indian-origin businessman Sunny Verghese has been appointed as the Chairman of World Business Council for Sustainable Development.

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- ❖ Former minister Dr Rajeev Bindal was elected as the Speaker of the Himachal Pradesh Assembly.
- ❖ Renowned scientist Sivan K was appointed as the chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation.
- ❖ CRPF DG Sudeep Lakhtakia has been appointed as the new chief of National Security Guard.
- ❖ Former Gujarat Chief Minister Anandiben Patel was appointed as the Governor of Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ Manchester United great Ryan Giggs takes the appointment as new Wales manager.
- ❖ Paul Lambert takes the appointment as Stoke City manager.
- ❖ Lt. Gen Anil Chauhan takes charge as DGMO of Indian Army.
- ❖ Vijay Keshav Gokhale takes the appointment as foreign secretary.

Defense News

Agni-5, Nuclear-capable fire and forget missile, successfully test-fired.

Tamil Nadu to host first ever Defense Expo in April, says
Nirmala Sitharaman.

Agreements News

Cabinet approves Indo-Myanmar agreement on the land border crossing.

Football Delhi and ASSOCHAM signs MoU to develop the sport.

India, and Canada to sign an MoU for cooperation in Science and Technology.

India to revive missile deal with Israel.

Maharashtra govt signs MoU with Israel firm.

Awards

Indian Origin artist Aziz Ansari becomes first Asian to win Golden Globe award.

Virat Kohli wins Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for Cricketer of the Year and ODI Cricketer of the Year award.

China, Pakistan ink 6 agreements for the development of Gwadar port.

Other Important Updates

Top 10 Countries in World that attract most FDI according to Chinadaily.com

- United States
- Germany
- China
- United Kingdom
- Canada
- Japan
- France
- India
- Australia
- Singapore

Top 10 Economies Countries in World according to Investopedia

- United States
- China
- Japan
- Germany
- United Kingdom
- India
- France
- Brazil
- Italy

National News

- Haryana Government launches 'Bhavantar Bharpayee Yojana' for vegetable growers on 1st January.
- Assam Gets Rs 1,250 Cr Central Fund for Inland Water Transport.
- Canal-top solar plant to be commissioned in Kochi Airport.
- Arunachal Pradesh Declared Open Defecation Free.
- Govt to set up Centre on Brahmaputra studies at IIT-Guwahati.
- Mumbai-Delhi Rajdhani Express to get a makeover by March end.
- The two-plus-two dialogue between India and US to begin in April.
- CM Yogi to lay the foundation of the 660MW plant at Panki.
- India, Pakistan exchange list of nuclear installations.
- Telangana starts free, 24-hour power supply to farmers.
- Maneka Gandhi launches NARI, one portal for all schemes for women.
- Parliament passes Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code Amendment Bill.
- Surat first to have CCTV cameras in courtrooms.
- Union minister Hardeep Puri filed Rajya Sabha nomination from Uttar Pradesh.
- Isro working on the design of Small Satellite Launch Vehicle.
- Cabinet approves Zojila Pass tunnel project.
- Railways to install GPS devices on 2,700 electric locomotives.

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- Assamese, Manipuri first North-East languages to feature on PMO website.
- Govt launches Swachh Survekshan 2018 on January 5th.
- Lok Sabha passed a bill to hike salaries of SC, HC judges.
- Mamata launched West Bengal govt's official emblem.
- 10 Himachal Pradesh districts gets new deputy commissioners.
- Naveen Patnaik launched online registration system for the safety of senior citizens.
- Mukesh Agnihotri is new CLP leader in Himachal Pradesh.
- Haryana Government frames rehabilitation policy for slum-dwellers.
- Assam Government keen on starting flight operations between Guwahati and ASEAN nations.
- Indigo starts service from Tirupati to Hyderabad and Bengaluru.
- Indian Railways to equip all 8,500 stations with Wi-Fi to boost Digital India.
- Uttar Pradesh government orders removal of unauthorized loudspeakers.
- Centre gave nod to construction of 14,000 bunkers along LoC, IB.
- India's fastest supercomputer established at IITM Pune.
- Indian Space Research Organisation to launch 31 satellites.
- Supreme Court makes national anthem optional in theaters.
- The first all-women station in India, Matunga on Central Railway (CR) has entered the Limca Book of Records.

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- Maharashtra govt to create quota for orphans aspiring to take competitive exams.
- Indian Space Research Organisation launched its 100th satellite from Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota.
- India to get 10,000 seaplanes in the next 2 years.
- India and Malaysia held a 5th Bilateral Technical Meeting in New Delhi.
- National Youth Day was celebrated on January 12.
- Maharashtra power transmission company to purchase 1000 MW solar power.
- Teen Murti Chowk in Delhi, renamed after Israeli city Haifa.
- Shiv Sena, NCP joined hands to capture power in Thane Zilla Parishad.
- Government to launch 'operation digital board'.
- Indo-US joint military exercise Vajra Prahar to take place in Seattle.
- India to buy guns worth Rs 3,547 crore for border troops on the fast-track basis.
- India attends its first Shanghai Cooperation organisation military cooperation meeting.
- Odisha government appoints new collectors in eight districts.
- Uttar Pradesh government plans metro services in Agra, Kanpur, Meerut by 2024.
- Suresh Prabhu says India to become \$5 trillion economies in 8-9 years.

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- Maharashtra new policy to create 10,000 start-ups and 5 lakh jobs in the state.
- Mumbai's first textile museum project is finally on track.
- Nitish Kumar launches project worth over Rs. 400 Crores.
- Nine new cities added to Smart Cities Mission.
- Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry to bring out a livability index of 116 cities.
- Union Government to come up with India's first National Urban Policy framework.
- 111 women were felicitated by President Ram Nath Kovind for their work in their respective fields.
- India became a member of export control regime Australia Group.
- Lockheed Martin proposes to manufacture F-16 fighter jets in India.
- Piyush Goyal plans railway stations completely safe by 2022.
- India, Japan to introduce AI, robotics in defence sector.
- India to have automated ocean pollution system from April.
- PM Modi holds global CEO meet, pitches for business opportunities in India.
- Madhya Pradesh budget session to begin on February 26.
- Engine-less train with 160 kmph to be out in June.
- RSS to hold biggest volunteers' meet in Meerut on Feb 25.
- India, China to co-host energy meet in Delhi.

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- India-UAE investment task force to facilitate over \$1 billion into India.
- Bihar govt sanctions Rs 100 crore a year for minorities.
- Shiv Sena won't ally with BJP in 2019 polls.
- The US congratulates India for joining Australia Group.
- UP Budget session from February 8 to March 20.
- Amit Shah says BJP will contest Karnataka polls on its own.
- Naveen Patnaik suspends LS MP Bijayant Panda from BJD.
- After 20 years, ITBP float returns to republic day featuring China border.
- First flight from Jewar likely by December 2021.
- Army gifts T-55 battle tank to Azam Khan's university in Rampur.
- ADR report shows BJP received 89% of corporate donations in 2016-17.
- Faridabad second most polluted city in the country, Gurgaon stands at 12th.
- Foundation stone for Bandhwari waste unit likely to take place on Feb 15.
- JD(U)'s Sharad Yadav faction to launch new party in February.
- Rahul Gandhi to kick-start poll campaign in Karnataka on Feb 10.
- Himachal Pradesh launches a new model to help distressed farmers.

International News

- North and South Korea has official talks on January 9.
- Pakistan denies reports of Chinese military base near Gwadar.
- Pakistan test-fires naval cruise missile 'Harba'.
- High-tech ship en route to resuming the hunt for MH370.
- Beijing meets 2017 air pollution target set under 2013 clean-up plan.
- Iran reopens all border posts with Iraqi Kurdistan.
- China to invest \$1 billion in mega Sri Lanka project.
- Saudi and UAE introduce VAT in a first for the Gulf.
- China develops underwater surveillance networks in the Indian Ocean, South China Sea.
- Israel Withdraws from UNESCO.
- Nepal bans Solo Climbing on Mount Everest.
- First security dialogue between India and Indonesia was held in New Delhi.
- Indian company Adani among top 15 global utility solar power developers.
- Chinese city gets face recognition tech for registering marriages.
- Chinese startup unveils 'car of future' for \$45,000.
- China begins building the third aircraft carrier.
- China develops new underwater surveillance network.

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- Indian Peacekeepers rebuild bridge in South Sudan.
- India ranked 30th on WEF global manufacturing index.
- Sri Lanka lifts ban on women buying, selling alcohol.
- Saudi Women allowed to attend a football game for the first time.
- Julian Assange gets Ecuador citizenship.
- Two Indian-origin MPs get promoted in Theresa May's government reshuffle.
- US to sell F-35 jets worth \$6.53 billion to Belgium.
- Niklaus-Samuel Gugger becomes first Indian-origin MP in Switzerland.
- The US tests nuclear power system to sustain astronauts on Mars.
- Indian origin MP is first female Muslim minister to address British parliament.
- The US withholds \$65 million from Palestinian aid programs.
- Uber limits driver hours in Britain to 10.
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- Muhajirs in US launch 'Free Karachi' campaign.
- Chinese company launches bike-sharing platform in Indian cities.
- China to build 6-lane "Intelligent Expressway" by 2022.
- Scientists discover a piece of America in Australia.
- Canadian PM Justin Trudeau to visit India from February 17 to 23.
- China donates over 32,000 solar power generators to Nepal.
- UAE launches an app for Indians seeking work visas.

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- Chinese Navy gets new electronic warfare aircraft.
- Saudi Arabia coalition announces \$1.5 billion in aid for Yemen.
- Island volcano in Papua New Guinea erupts.
- Pakistan extends Munabao-Khokhrapar rail link for three years.
- North Korea cancels the joint performance with South Korea.
- India Institute launched at Birmingham University.



Business News

- IDBI Bank Gets Rs. 2,729 Crore from Government.
- ONGC makes significant oil, gas discovery in the Arabian Sea.
- Amazon shipped over 5 billion items in 2017 via Prime service.
- Micromax to launch first Android Go smartphone this month.
- China to set up \$2 billion AI Research Park in Beijing.
- Apple acquires Canada-based app development service buddybuild.
- Google plans to sell Zagat, restaurant review platform it acquired in 2011.
- Air India ties up with foreign banks to acquire 3 B777 planes.
- Patanjali Ayurved to partner with eight leading e-tailers and aggregators.
- Uber re-launches autorickshaw service in India.
- Khadi ties-up with retailer Globus to launch Khadi Korner, a shop-in-shop concept, at an outlet in Noida.
- ICICI Bank and Ola partners to offer integrated services.
- IDFC Bank to merge with Capital First.
- Amazon and Patni Joint Venture gets Rs 100 crore in funding.
- Norwegian fertiliser giant Yara International, announced the completion of its acquisition of Tata Chemicals Ltd's urea plant.
- Israel to invest \$68.6 million in India to boost cooperation.

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- Bank of Baroda to sell Nainital Bank.
- Vatika Hotels buyout Goldman Sach's stake.
- Rewa Solar to get Rs. 2,800 crore funding from International Finance Corporation.
- KKR-backed Emerald Media buys Ketan Mehta's animation studio.
- Patanjali products enter fair price shops in Himachal Pradesh.
- Uber-SoftBank deal has closed, making SoftBank largest shareholder.
- Emirates throws Airbus A380 a lifeline with \$16-billion deal.
- L&T Technology Services wins \$50-million contract.
- Motorola to open 50 Moto Hubs in Delhi-NCR this month.
- Ravi Shankar's brand Sri Sri Tattva to open 1000 stores by December.
- TCS wins \$6 billion in contracts in a month.
- RCom to lay \$600 million submarine cable to carry data across Europe, Asia.
- Patanjali to launch textile portfolio comprising clothing line, footwear around Nov.
- Nestle sells US candy business to Ferrero for \$2.8 billion amid health push.
- TCS bags Marks & Spencer deal to help become a digital-first business.
- Micromax to launch India's first Android Go smartphone this month.

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- Alibaba-owned DingTalk enterprise messaging app launched in India.
- Ford plans \$11 billion investment, 40 electric vehicles by 2022.
- Google rolls out audiobooks with Assistant integration on Play Store.
- ONGC gets govt nod to sell a stake in IOC, GAIL to fund HPCL buy.
- Facebook invents a new time unit called 'Flicks'.
- Toys 'R' Us to shut about 180 US stores.
- Airtel's Wynk Music crosses over 75 million downloads.
- Apple joins Malala Fund to strengthen girl's education in India, and globally.
- Amazon to introduce voice commands on Alexa for Android.
- Honda Cars India recalls over 22,800 vehicles.
- Alibaba, Foxconn lead \$350 million in funding for Chinese electric car startup.
- Nokia introduces ReefShark 5G chipsets, will start shipping in Q3.
- OPPO partners Qualcomm to make 5G-ready smartphones.
- Petrol, diesel prices largely aligned to global rates.
- Microsoft acquires cloud-based gaming start-up PlayFab.
- A report says with \$8,230 billion, India is world's 6th wealthiest country.
- Ola to expand to the Australian market.

Sports News

- Indian golfer Shiv Kapur wins Royal Cup at Pattay.
- Silva signs for Leicester to end the long-running saga.
- Vidarbha lifts maiden Ranji Trophy title after beating Delhi.
- Diego Costa returns to Atletico Madrid bearing high expectations.
- Colin Munro became the first batsmen to hit three T20I centuries.
- Liverpool, forward Mohamed Salah named African Footballer of the Year.
- Chelsea complete signing of Barkley from Everton.
- Makhaya Ntini steps down as Zimbabwe's bowling coach.
- Barcelona sign 160-million-euro Coutinho in the 3rd richest deal.
- Everton's Mirallas re-joins Olympiakos on loan.
- Hyderabad Hunters won the PBL title by defeating Bengaluru Blasters.
- Kohli becomes second Indian to reach 900-point mark in ICC rankings.
- Gerard Pique renewed Barcelona contract until 2022.
- Everton FC signs Theo Walcott from Arsenal FC.
- Roger Federer receives twin nominations for 2018 Laureus Awards.
- India to host Afghanistan for the historic one-off Test match in Bengaluru from June 14.
- India's youth women boxers bag three gold and one bronze at Nations Cup.

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- Khelo India anthem launched by sports minister Rajyavardhan Rathore.
- P Gopichand inaugurates Bennett University sports complex.
- Mascherano joins galaxy of stars in China.
- Leganes knocked out Real Madrid from Copa del Rey.
- Atletico Madrid knocked out of Copa del Rey by Sevilla.
- Crystal Palace signs Poland defender Jaroslaw Jach on the three-year deal.
- Winger Aaron Lennon completes switch to Burnley from Everton.
- IPL 2018 to begin on April 7 in Mumbai.
- Sanchez signs for Manchester United, Mkhitarayan joins Arsenal.
- Watford hires former Malaga boss Javi Gracia to replace Marco Silva.
- Indian grandmaster Viswanathan Anand was defeated by Vladimir Kramnik of Russia in the seventh round of the Tata Steel Masters chess tournament, in Netherlands.
- Manchester City sign French defender Aymeric Laporte.
- WWE signs Shadia Bseiso, first woman wrestler from the Arab world.
- Beckham formally handed Miami MLS franchise.
- Liverpool's Daniel Sturridge moves to West Brom on loan.
- Australia to host World T20 in 2020 across eight cities.

Resignations and Retirements News

Bitcoin marketplace NiceHash CEO resigns.

Executive chairman of Breitbart News, Steve Bannon Steps down.

US Ambassador to Panama, John Feeley Resigns.

Vizhinjam Port CEO Santosh Kumar Mohapatra has resigned from his position.

Ronaldinho retires from football.

Obituary News

Senior NCP leader Vasant Davkhare died on 4th January due to Prolonged illness.

NASA astronaut John Young dies at 87.

Pakistan's first Air Marshal Asghar Khan dies aged 96.

Kapil Mohan, chairman of Mohan Meakin Ltd, manufacturer of Old Monk Rum passes away.

Journalist and writer Gnani Sankaran passes away.

Former Union minister Raghunath Jha has passed away.

Actor-director Kashinath passes away.

Veteran Akali leader Manjit Singh Calcutta passes away.

Zombie singer Dolores O'Riordan dies at 46.

Ex-Union Minister Raghunath Jha passes away.



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