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1st April 2018

• Skipper Graeme Cremer, all coaching staff fired by -Zimbabwe Cricket

2nd April 2018

- China's out-of- control space station to soon crash into Earth was planned to hit on 31st March 2018
- India's antibiotic usage touching alarming levels among- Low and Middle-Income Countries
- First city in India to roll-out BS-VI fuel Delhi
- 114th Permanent Indus Commission meeting held in Delhi between India and Pakistan
- World Autism Awareness Day 2018 observed across the world on 2nd April 2018

3rd April 2018

- West Bengal introduces Rupashree scheme for marriage of poor girls on 28th March 2018
- Mithali Raj wins Sportsperson of the Year award on 31st March 2018
- Which country has become World's second largest mobile phone producer? India

- E-way Bill System rolled out in India on 1st April 2018
- ISRO loses contact with communication satellite GSAT-6A on 1st
- April 2018
- Nepal launched its first accessible trekking trail on- 29th March 2018
- Donald Trump declares DACA program dead on 2nd April 2018

- Government rolls back its decision to cancel accreditation of journalists caught generating fake news on 3rd April 2018
- Process of filing petitions for H-1B visa began on 2nd April 2018
- Import duty on key smartphone components levied by The Central Bureau of Excise and Customs under Finance Ministry
- SC rejects stay on its earlier verdict on SC/ST Act on 3rd April 2018Government launched Digital Initiative for Ease of Export on - 3rd April 2018
- New plant species discovered in Western Ghats Fimbristylis agasthyamalaensis
- Construction of first-ever nuclear plant launched by Turkey

- NASA successfully tested supersonic Mars landing parachute: ASPIRE
- MoU between Indian Army and HDFC Bank on defence salary package on- 3rd April 2018

- Most distant star ever seen captured by Hubble Telescope from NASA
- First large-scale age-map of Milky Way created by -European Southern Observatory
- Union Cabinet approves Protection of Human Rights (Amendments) Bill, 2018 on 4th April 2018
- International Mines Awareness Day celebrated on 4th April 2018
- Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) unveils 'Virtual ID' in - Beta Form
- Weightlifter Mirabai Chanu clinched first gold for India on -5th April 2018
- NASA successfully tests Mars landing parachute in March 2018

6th April 2018

• Russia's call to join spy poisoning probe rejected by -OPCW

- Cabinet approves MoU on Technical Cooperation in Rail Sector between India and - UAE
- 9th India, Japan, US trilateral meeting held in New DelhiSecond largest manufacturer of crude steel India
- Weightlifter Sanjita Chanu wins India's second Gold Medal on - 6th April 2018
- Government institutes committee to regulate online news on - 4th April 2018
- Panel set up to examine tax evasion risks posed by super rich by The Central Board of Direct Taxes
- Wi-Fi grid to bring down cost of internet by 90% by TRAI

- RBI directs banks to stop services to businesses dealing in virtual currencies on 5th April 2018
- International Day of Sport for Development and Peace 2018 observed globally on 6th April 2018
- Qatar to allow women to volunteer for national service by the Gulf Nation Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani
- RH300 sounding rocket launched for atmospheric studies by - Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre

- World Health Day observed across the globe on 7th April 2018
- Global Logistics Summit 2018 began in New Delhi on 5th April 2018

- President Ram Nath Kovind embarks on 3-nation Africa tour from - 7th April 2018
- RBI switches back to GDP model from GVA model to measure Economy
- Ganga Hariteema Yojana launched in 27 districts of Uttar Pradesh on - 7th April 2018
- IAF conducts biggest combat exercise Gaganshakti from -8th April 2018
- Justice Gita Mittal to be conferred 'Nari Shakti' award on women's day by - Ministry of Women and Child Development
- Rs.1000 crore for research in S and T under IMPRINT-II allocated by - HRD Ministry
- 46th Know India Programme invited 40 Participants

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- Over-the- counter sale of 14 steroid creams banned by - Health Ministry
- Free chemotherapy units for cancer patients to be started by

 Maharashtra
- Goa government to launch app-based taxi service on 9th April 2018
- Name of two endangered languages discovered Walmiki and Malhar
- Digitally signed QR code with photo on e-Aadhaar launched by UIDAI
- Heena Sindhu clinches gold in women's 25m pistol in CWG 2018
- India, Bangladesh sign six MoUs including 129.5 km oil pipeline deal on 9th April 2018
- 11th April 2018
 - Who has been appointed as member of UPSC?- M Sathiyavathy
 - World's first microfactory for e-waste developed by Indian origin scientist
 - Project Dhoop to address vitamin D deficiency amongst youngsters launched by FSSAI

- World Homoeopathy Day celebrated on April 10th 2018
- Who has been appointed as DG of CISF ? Rajesh Ranjan
- India signed MoU with World Expo 2020 Dubai on 10th April 2018

- India's first high-speed electric locomotive of 12000HP capacity launched by PM Narendra Modi
- 11th World Hindi Conference to be held in Mauritius
- Shreyasi Singh wins Double Trap Gold in Commonwealth Games 2018
- India's first 5G lab installed by IIT-Delhi
- Cabinet approves MoU on return of Illegal Migrants among India, UK and Northern Ireland approved by - Union Cabinet
- Law on equal wages for men, women approved by UAE

- Cabinet delegates power to Finance and Oil Ministers to -Award oil and gas blocks
- India, Timor Leste sign MoU to expand cooperation in healthcare on 11th April 2018

- ISRO successfully puts navigation satellite IRNSS-1I into orbit on 12th April 2018
- New rehabilitation policy for slum dwellers approved by - Haryana Cabinet
- Reporting norms for Liberalised Remittance Scheme tightened by RBI
- Industrial production grows 7.1% in February 2018 by
 - CSO

- Artificial intelligence device to detect diabetic eye problems approved by US
- Government constitutes 13-member Task Force for fast-tracking implementation of UAV technology

15th April 2018

• Vinod Khanna posthumously honoured with Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2017 on - 13th April 2018

- India to host second edition of IMC in October 2018 in New Delhi
- UN Road Safety Trust Fund launched by United Nations

- Gram Swaraj Abhiyan launched by The Union Government
- China develops 3D conic device to increase solar-thermal conversion by Zhu Jia scientists team
- Dharmendra to be conferred Raj Kapoor Lifetime Achievement award shared on - 15th April 2018

- Generalized System of Preferences: US announces eligibility review of India
- e-FRRO scheme launched by government to facilitate -Hassle-free travel for foreigners
- Indian mosquitoes susceptible to Zika virus: NIV study
- India-Wiesbaden Conference 2018 held in New Delhi
- Beta portal for comparing telcos' tariffs launched by TRAI
- Plastic-eating enzyme developed by Scientists
- \$48 million Loan agreement inked with World Bank for
 Meghalaya Landscapes Management Project

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- Elections to UN's NGO committee won by India
- Union Environment Ministry notifies Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2018 on - 16th April 2018
- FAO designates 14 new sites as Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems on - 19th April 2018
- US Supreme Court restricts deportation of convicted immigrants on 17th April 2018
- SC stays NGT declaration of Amarnath shrine as 'silence zone' on 16th April 2018
- Union Environment Ministry releases the draft of National Clean Air Programme on - 17th April 2018

- NASA launched CHESS mission to study matter between stars on 7th April 2018
- 1st meeting of National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges held in New Delhi for - POSHAN Abhiyaan
- Over 95 percent of world's population breathing unhealthy air reported in State of Global Air Report 2018

- Study in India programme to attract foreign students launched by Government
- India forms committee to reform higher defence planning on - 18th April 2018
- Nasscom, TechUK launched UK-India Tech Alliance

- Which country opened its first movie theatre after 35 years Saudi Arabia
- 34 global technology firms sign Cybersecurity Tech Accord on –
- Cyber-security matters
- Chandrayaan-2 launch postponed to October-November 2018

- Make BCCI public body and bring under RTI by Law Commission
- World Liver Day celebrated on -19th April 2018
- e-SANAD portal and National Academic Depository integrated by - The Ministry of Human Resource Development

- Qatar approves draft law on property ownership by non-Qataris on 19th April 2018
- Facebook to roll out new privacy choices from 18th April 2018
- Swaziland King changes his country's name to 'Kingdom of eSwatini' on 19th April 2018
- GoM recommends uniform road tax structure for vehicles across country by -Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- Deepika Padukone, Virat Kohli among TIME's 100 Most Influential People published on - 19th April 2018
- Government to roll out initiative for prevention & control of viral hepatitis by The Union Health Ministry

22nd April 2018

North Korea to halt its Nulcear Tests declared on - 21st April 2018

23rd April 2018

- Ordinance for death penalty for child rapists approved by -The Union Cabinet
- Commonwealth Cyber Declaration adopted by Commonwealth countries

- Civil Services Day celebrated on April 21st 2018
- CCEA approves restructured Centrally Sponsored Scheme by
 Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan
- President promulgates Fugitive Economic Offenders Ordinance on
 22nd April 2018
- World Earth Day 2018 celebrated on 22nd April 2018

- World Book and Copyright Day 2018 observed globally on -23rd April 2018
- French National Assembly passes controversial immigration law on 22nd April 2018
- India's first \$100 billion IT company TCS
- First court in south India to introduce e-court fee payment facility Madras HC
- Gifting of obsolete weaponry to friendly countries is planned by Government
- Union Ministry of Road Transport inaugurated 29th National Road Safety Week on - 23rd April 2018
- Supreme Court seeks government's response on plea against Section 377 on - 23rd April 2018

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- Loan agreement with World Bank for Innovate in India for Inclusiveness Project signed by - The Union Government
- Giant mosquito with 11.15 cm wingspan found in China
- World's smallest land fern discovered in Western Ghats
- NASA's lunar orbital platform 'Gateway' to begin construction by Early 2019
- Government to tie up with US and Finland to jointly develop New pollution-forecast system
- CCEA approved restructured National Bamboo Mission on -25th April 2018

- Indo-Malaysian Armies to conduct defence exercise HARIMAU SHAKTI 2018 from - 30th April 2018
- Government sent second notice to Facebook, Cambridge Analytica on - 25th April 2018

• Indu Malhotra, first senior woman advocate to become SC Judge on - 27th April 2018

28th April 2018

- BARC developed cheaper, lightweight bulletproof jackets
 Bhabha Kavach
- 23rd meeting of Western Zonal Council in held in Gandhinagar
- Seed import-export portal launched by The Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

PM Modi launched Van Dhan Scheme to help increase tribal income on - 14th April 2018

- First license for Liquid Chlorine on all India basis granted by
 Bureau of Indian Standards
- Long Term Agreements for supply of iron ore to Japan and South Korea approved by Union Cabinet
- CSIR wins National Intellectual Property Award 2018 on -26th April 2018

29th April 2018

Kim Jong-un and Moon Jae-in agree on Korean Peninsula's complete denuclearisation during - Inter-Korean Summit World Day for Safety and Health at Work observed globally on - 28th April 2018

30th April 2018

- India-China Informal Summit held in Wuhan on April 27-28th 2018
- Acquisition of NAG Missile System for Army and long range guns
- for Navy approved by DAC
- Gujarati poet Sitanshu Yashaschandra chosen for Saraswati Samman 2017
- International Buddhist Conference held in Lumbini, Nepal on - 29-30th April 2018
- External borrowing norms to enable cheaper funds eased by - RBI
- Derby air-to-air beyond visual range missile test fired by - LCA Tejas

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