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Important Dates & Events

- May Day, the first of May is celebrated around the world on 1st May.
- Loyalty Day is celebrated on May 1st in the US.
- Save the Rhino Day is celebrated on 1st May in Africa.
- > Law Day is celebrated on 1st May every year by the United States.
- World Asthma Day is an annual event organized by the Global Initiative for Asthma which is celebrated on 1st May
- Baby Day is celebrated on May 2nd.
- > National Paranormal Day is held on May 3rd of every year.
- > World Password Day is held on May 3rd of this year.
- World Press Freedom Day is celebrated on May 3 which is recognized by United Nations General Assembly.
- International Energy Day is celebrated on 3rd May.
- National Garden Meditation Day is an annual celebration observed on May 3rd.
- > International Firefighters Day is held on May 4th of every year.
- International Space Day is celebrated on the First Friday of each May.
- National Renewal Day is an annual observance held on May 4th of every year.
- International Midwives Day is an annual celebration held on May 5th of every year.

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- National Cartoonists Day is an annual celebration held on May 5th of every year.
- Wildfire Community Preparedness Day is an annual observance held on the First Saturday in Every May.
- Infidelity Hurts Awareness Day is an annual observation held on May 5th of this year.
- > National Beverage Day is an annual feast celebrated on May 6th.
- Iris Day is celebrated on May 6th of every year.
- World Red Cross Day or World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day are celebrated on the May 8 of every year.
- > Free Trade Day celebrated on May 8 of every year.
- National Moscato Day is celebrated on May 9th every year.
- National Receptionists Day celebrated on second Wednesday of every May. This year it will be celebrated on May 9
- > World Lupus Day is celebrated on May 10 of every year.
- > The Mother Ocean Day is celebrated on May 10th of every year.
- National Public Gardens Day is celebrated on every Friday before Mother's Day of May.
- > National Train Day is celebrated on second Saturday of every May.
- International Nurses Day is celebrated on May 12 of every year.
- > National Odometer Day is celebrated on every year of May 12th.
- National Windmill Day is celebrated on second Saturday of every May.

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- International Mother's Day is celebrated on Second Saturday of Every May.
- National Buttermilk Biscuit Day is celebrated on May 14th of every year.
- National Chocolate Chip Day is celebrated on May 15th of every year.
- > National Drawing Day is celebrated on May 16 of every year.
- > World Hypertension Day is celebrated on May 17 of every year.
- National Notebook Day is an annual celebration observed on Third Thursday of May.
- International Museum Day is celebrated on May 18 of every year.
- World Fiddle Day is an annual music celebration day celebrated on the Third Saturday of May.
- Armed Forces Day is annual celebration observed on Third Saturday of May.
- > National Waitstaff Day is celebrated on the May 21 of every year.
- National Memo Day is celebrated on May 21 of every year.
- > World Turtle Day is celebrated on May 23 of every year.
- > National Brothers Day celebrated on May 24 of every year.
- World Schizophrenia Day is an annual observance celebrated on May 24th of every year.
- National Wine Day is an annual feast celebrated on May 25th of every year.
- National Paper Airplane Day is a yearly celebration and is held on May 26th.





- World Dracula Day is an annual observance and is held on May 26th of each year.
- > National Sun Screen Day is celebrated on May 27 of every year.
- > National Biscuit Day is celebrated on May 29 of every year.
- Loomis Day is an annual observance and is celebrated on May 30th of every year.
- > World No Tobacco Day comes on May 31 of every year.

Agreements

Important Cabinet approvals by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

Cabinet approves accession to protocol under WHO Framework Convention.

The Dominican Republic ties with China and at the same time break with Taiwan.

India signs up for USD 200-million loan from World Bank for nutrition mission.

Gujarat-Poland sign MoU on Organizing Independence Centenary.

India and Peru Signs an Agreement in Field of Renewable Energy at Lima.

Punjab signs MoU with the UK for setting up biogas, bio CNG plants.





Appointments & Resignations

- Mallikarjun Kharge re-appointed as the Chairman of PAC (Public Accounts Committee).
- Hockey India appoints Harendra Singh as chief coach of men's team.
- IIS officer Sitanshu Ranjan Kar takes over as PIB DG.
- Uday Kotak redesignated as CEO & MD.
- Cabinet secretary PK Sinha gets another one-year extension.
- Shabana Azmi named ambassador for Women in Public Service Project.
- Malaysia gets oldest Prime Minister in the world.
- Mohit Chauhan nominated as the Green Ambassador of Sikkim.
- Nirman Singh elected for JK Assembly Speaker.
- Pawan Kumar Agarwal gets the extension as CEO FSSAI.
- Singer Mohit Chauhan roped in as Green Ambassador of Sikkim.
- Rajput named Zimbabwe's interim head coach.
- Justice Ramalingam Sudhakar was sworn in as chief justice of Manipur high court.
- Anil Kumar Jha takes the appointment as CMD of Coal India Ltd.
- Amit Khare takes the appointment as new I&B secretary.
- Yeddyurappa resigns as Karnataka CM.
- Rajinder Singh named Hockey India president.





- AB de Villiers retires from international cricket.
- Ireland's Ed Joyce retires from cricket.
- Sudha Balakrishnan takes the appointment first CFO of RBI.
- Jan Koum, CEO of WhatsApp quits Facebook.

Defense News

NASA to launch their first mission to study the deep interior of Mars. Isro develops desi atomic clock, to be used in navigation satellites. BrahMos to attain 76% localisation in six months. China Launches 'APSTAR-6C' Communication Sat. IAF successfully conducts the online test for recruiting airmen. SpaceX postpones next-gen reuseable Falcon 9 rocket launch. Indian Army tests 'Air Cavalry' concept.





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

- Maharashtra to get the new airport in Sindhudurg.
- 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas to be held in Varanasi.
- ✤ ISA created ecosystems for the startups in Solar Innovations.
- MoS, Ranjan Gohain and Chhattisgarh CM, Raman Singh flagged off Antyodaya Express.
- In New Delhi, the 9th India- Japan Energy Dialogue takes place.
- Swachh Bharat Mission launches a scheme called Gobar-Dhan Scheme.
- HM Rajnath Singh inaugurates the 19th 'Navoli Jyotirdinam' Celebrations.
- Government releases the draft for the new Telecom Policy.
- Army's 'Vijay Prahar' exercise underway in Rajasthan.
- After Nepal visit, PM Modi to meet Hasina in Bengal.
- China removes import duties on 28 medicines; India to get the boost.
- Sushma Swaraj holds talks with Serbian counterpart; vows to boost trade, defence ties.
- NSA heads first meet of defence planning panel.
- South Korean President to meet PM Modi in July.
- Govt recommends green registration plates for electric vehicles.
- Fort, Marine Drive set to get Unesco world heritage tag.

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- Karnataka set to be the 5th state to grant farm loan waiver since last year.
- Sushma Swaraj meets Northeast CMs on 'Act East Policy'.
- ✤ 13 projects worth Rs 100 crore & above underway in Maharashtra.
- Narendra Singh Tomar addresses Kaushal Vikas Melas.
- PCI rejects World Press Freedom Index citing 'lack of clarity'.
- Centre to provide Rs 2,000 cr for Godavari waterway.
- BRO to celebrate its 58th Raising Day.
- Govt launches NWIC to maintain water data.
- 251 new buses to hit Delhi roads by September.
- E-buses set to hit Kolkata streets next month.
- Railways may soon switch to AC coaches on suburban routes.
- Smriti Irani to lead the eight-member panel to Cannes.
- Nitish Kumar, Sushil Modi, Rabri Devi take oath as members of Bihar legislative council.
- PM Modi's third visit to Nepal in 4 years this week 'to reset ties'.
- PM Modi to inaugurate alternate route to Vaishno Devi Shrine on May 19.
- PM Modi likely to inaugurate Pakyong airport in Sikkim.
- Andaman & Nicobar Command set to get IAF fighter base.
- Madya Pradesh gets India's first smart cities control centre.
- Two-wheeler helmets to have mandatory BIS certification: Nitin Gadkari.





- Haryana CM meets Israel president, discusses farmers' issues.
- India, Ethiopia vow to boost counter-terror cooperation.
- Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan asked to use water judiciously.
- The US approves the appointment of Pakistan's new ambassador.
- ✤ J&K launches fellowship named after Mufti Sayeed.
- CM Pema Khandu inaugurates the Arunachal Pradesh's biggest Solar Plant.
- Telangana Government has launched Rythu Bandhu Scheme for farmers.
- President Ram Nath Kovind became the 2nd President to visit Army Base in Siachen.
- Pradhan, UAE minister flag off the first consignment of ADNOC crude for India.
- Shri J P Nadda holds a high-level review meeting on Vector Borne diseases in Delhi.
- Govt set to expand Buddhist tourism circuit to 21 more states.
- First defence ship by private company ICGS Vikram under 'Make in India' docks at New Mangalore Port.
- Ravinder Raina catapulted as new J&K BJP chief.
- ✤ Karnataka voters break past records with 72% turnout.
- Piyush Goyal To Take Over Finance Ministry, Smriti Irani Moved Out Of I&B.
- IIM-Ahmedabad Launches Bharat Inclusive Initiative.





- High-Level Committee Approves Central Assistance Of Rs1,161 Crores To 4 States And A UT.
- Union Minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore gets independent charge of I&B Ministry.
- ✤ 4th Meeting of SAWEN took place in Kolkata.
- Frozen Semen Station Being Set Up in Maranga, Purnea, Bihar.
- Madhya Pradesh to be declared ODF by October this year.
- IIM-Ahmedabad Launches Bharat Inclusive Initiative.
- First All-Woman Post Office Passport Seva Kendra Starts Operations.
- Delhi to overtake Tokyo as world's most populous city by 2028: UN report.
- VK Singh visits North Korea, the first high-level visit from India in 20 years.
- Indore the cleanest city, followed by Bhopal and Chandigarh: Swachh Bharat survey.
- IndiGo to start flight operations to Hubli from June 28.
- Samsung Galaxy S9 smartphones now support Google's ARCore.
- DGCA to issue licences to air traffic controllers.
- India slams OIC for raking up Kashmir at its Dhaka meet.
- By 2035, Delhi will be almost Mumbai + Kolkata.
- India-US two-plus-two dialogue likely in early July.
- Trinamool Congress wins all 19 Zilla Parishad, the clean sweep in 10.

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- Shivangi Pathak Becomes Youngest Indian Woman to Scale Mount Everest.
- NITI Aayog's 3-Day Venture Capital Symposium 2018 Begins.
- PM Modi Laid Foundation Stone of India's Longest Road Tunnel in J&K.
- Railways plans to go veg on Gandhi Jayanti.
- Government earns Rs 1,400 crore as revenue from e-tourist visa.
- Kudankulam-3 generator to be ready in 3 months.
- ✤ 1st oil ship from UAE docks at Mangaluru.
- INSV Tarini with all-women crew completes historic circumnavigation.
- SP has the highest income among 32 regional parties, shows study.
- Reservation quota could go up after 2021 census: Nitish Kumar.
- The Indo-Bangladesh border will be sealed by December: Sarbananda Sonowal.
- Patanjali group to start channels in three languages.
- PM Modi launches Eastern Peripheral Expressway in Baghpat
- Akshay Kumar launches twin pit toilet technology campaign in New Delhi.
- PM Modi Launches Survey on NaMo App.
- India, US, Japan all set for Malabar exercise with China in the crosshairs.
- Sangeeta Bahl, 53, becomes oldest Indian woman to scale Mount Everest.





International

- ➢ US, China begin trade talks centred around tech rivalry.
- Indian hits jackpot wins \$1.9 million in Abu Dhabi lottery.
- China installs cruise missiles on South China Sea outposts, says report.
- Bilateral Trade resumes through Nathu La Border between India and China.
- India-South Africa business summit happens in Johannesburg.
- Harimau Shakti 2018: India and Malaysia Joint Military Exercise begins.
- India, Pak to join SCO's Counter-Terror Exercise.
- International Labor Day celebrated around the world on 1st May.
- China's heavy military transport aircraft conducts first airborne training.
- Mahathir, 92, to be sworn in as Malaysia prime minister after historic poll win.
- World Bank denies reports that Nawaz Sharif laundered \$4.9 billion to India.
- > The US pulls out from Iran nuclear deal.
- US, Philippines launch largest military drills under Rodrigo Duterte.
- Vladimir Putin takes an oath of office for the 4th term as Russian president.
- New York Attorney General resigns after being accused of physical abuse.





- Lebanese vote in the first general election in nine years.
- ➤ US oil rises above \$70 for the first time since November 2014.
- California's economy is world's 5th biggest.
- Saudi firm to set up 300 MW windmill project in Kutch.
- Singapore-Kuala Lumpur is world's busiest international air route.
- The US warns China of 'consequences' of the military buildup in the South China Sea.
- Donald Trump says will meet North Korea's Kim Jong Un on June 12 in Singapore.
- Iran targets Israeli bases across Syrian frontier, Israel pounds Syria.
- SCO Tourism Ministers' conference takes place in China.
- The U.S. cancels carbon monitoring project.
- China's first domestically developed aircraft carrier began sea trials today.
- > WHO Launches 'REPLACE' To Eliminate Trans Fat In Foods By 2023.
- North Korea pledges to dismantle its nuclear site between 23 to 25 May.
- China approves \$1 billion loans for Sri Lanka highway.
- Nepal to hold BIMSTEC 2018.
- First-ever UK-India Week to promote bilateral trade and investments.
- Nepali Sherpa summits Mount Everest for record 22nd time.
- US Senate confirms Gina Haspel as first woman CIA director.





- Nepal's communists unite to form the biggest left party.
- > China's first home-built aircraft carrier completes maiden sea trial.
- SpaceX CEO Elon Musk plans 240-km per hour city travel at just \$1.
- > World's first floating nuclear power station opened in Russia.
- > UN to send War Crimes Investigators to Gaza.
- Pope Francis to create 14 new cardinals in June.
- China to purchase more US goods to reduce the trade deficit.
- Pakistan general election proposed on July 25-27.
- Gobind Singh Deo is Malaysia's first Sikh minister.
- Israel says the first country to use US-made F-35 in combat.
- BRICS Bank plans to launch Americas Regional Office in Brazil.





Business

- Volvo Car to increase focus on manufacturing in India.
- Barbeque Nation MD's coset to buy Toscano.
- Jaypee Infratech lenders to meet on May 7 to consider Lakshadweep bid.
- Telecom Commission approves the Data & Voice Services in flights.
- ✤ Walmart picks up 77% stake in Flipkart for \$16 billion.
- eBay to sell a stake in Flipkart for about \$1.1 billion, to relaunch eBay India.
- Japanese retailer Uniqlo opens first Indian store in Delhi next year.
- L&T, BrahMos unveil naval launcher.
- Google aims to revive its IoT platform.
- Elon Musk outlines plan to get into the brick-making business.
- Nestle pays \$7.15 billion to sell Starbucks products.
- HPCL begins home-delivery of diesel.
- Patanjali makes the highest bid for broke Ruchi Soya.
- Apple to shut down Texture's Windows magazine app.
- RBI announced Rs.10,000 crore bond purchases.
- ✤ ADB projects India's growth at 7.3% in 2018.
- India tops the list of fastest-growing economies for coming decade: Harvard study.
- Instagram launches payments feature for brands, services.





- Google.org announces \$3 million grants to Indian non-profits.
- ✤ Walmart looks to open 50 new stores in India in 4-5 years.
- Google rolls out new voices for Assistant in the US.
- Fino Payments Bank launches digital suite.
- ✤ Apple is almost a \$1 trillion company.
- German online bank uses Bitcoins to transfer loans.
- China's plans to import Indian drugs fail to enthuse Indian pharma firms.
- Snapchat rolls out new app redesign for iOS users.
- Chinese state-run bank launches the India-dedicated investment fund.
- Foxconn Unit Writes Off Another \$40 Million In Snapdeal Investment.
- Bharti Airtel Completes Acquisition of Telenor India.
- India third largest solar market in the World: Mercom Communications.
- India may miss solar, wind energy targets by 2022, says CEO survey.
- Numetal doubles bid for Essar Steel to Rs 37,000 crore.
- Facebook debuts India-first features for its stories format.
- Boost launched in 180ml Tetra Pak.
- LG Electronics completes 21 years of operations in India.
- eSIMs in India get go-ahead from DoT.
- World Bank extends \$300 million credit.

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- Hero's cheapest bicycle priced at Rs 1999, likely to take launch by June end.
- App developers want better revenue cut from Apple.
- Paytm buys TicketNew from Alibaba.
- SoftBank confirms selling 'entire stake' in Flipkart to Walmart.
- Patanjali ties up with BSNL to launch 'Swadeshi Samriddhi' SIM cards.
- Singapore Airlines to start world's longest non-stop flight.
- Ramdev launches messaging app Kimbho that will rival WhatsApp.
- Russia gives Apple 1 month to remove Telegram from App Store.





Sports

- Ankita to play in French Open qualifying round.
- Virat Kohli to play for Surrey in English County.
- New Zealand weighing first Pakistan cricket tour since 2003.
- Diego Costa helps Atletico Madrid sink Arsenal to reach final.
- Shahzar Rizvi, Indian Shooter becomes the World No 1 in 10m Air Pistol.
- At Satellite Fencing Championship, India's CA Bhavani Devi wins Silver.
- o Lewis Hamilton has won the Azarbaijan Grand Prix.
- IBFF is conducting 3rd Edition of National Blind Football Tournament.
- Nadal racks up the 48th successive set on clay.
- Afghanistan to host Bangladesh T20s in India.
- Bravo signs for Middlesex T20 matches.
- West Brom relegated from Premier League, Southampton win.
- Ajinkya Rahane to lead against Afghanistan.
- BCCI names Kohli for Ireland T20s despite county commitments.
- PV Sindhu, Kidambi Srikanth rested for Thomas and Uber Cup.
- Harbhajan Singh launches his talk show.
- India will not play D/N Test in Australia.
- Veteran Franck Ribery signs Bayern extension until 2019.





- India retains the overall title at South Asian Junior Athletics Championships.
- Gagan Narang-Pooja Ghatkar win silver medal in shooting meet.
- Manchester City lift Premier League trophy.
- Arsene Wenger wins on Emirates swansong as Arsenal seal sixth position.
- Saina Nehwal storms into top 10 in world rankings.
- Japan, Qatar get invites to 2019 Copa America in Brazil.
- Caster Semenya breaks her own national 1500m record.
- Rishabh Pant smashes maiden IPL hundred.
- Pakistan's Imam-ul-Haq set for Test debut against Ireland.
- Former Barcelona midfielder Arda Turan banned for 16-games.
- Indian U-16 football team wins the title in Serbia, beats Tajikistan in final.
- Hamilton wins Spanish GP to extend championship lead.
- Barcelona's unbeaten La Liga run ends with wild 5-4 loss to Levante.
- Heena bags gold in 10m air pistol in Hannover.
- Kevin O'Brien scores Ireland's first Test hundred.
- Griezmann fires Atletico Madrid to Europa League title.
- England pick Alexander-Arnold, omit Hart and Wilshere for FIFA World Cup.
- Bengaluru FC qualifies for AFC Cup knockouts.
- Guardiola extends Manchester City contract to 2021.





- Italy great Buffon to leave Juventus.
- Afghan teen spinner Mujeeb Ur Rahman signs for Hampshire.
- Paul Lambert leaves Stoke City after Premier League relegation.
- Carlos Carvalhal leaves Swansea after Premier League relegation.
- Andres Iniesta, Fernando Torres has given emotional La Liga send offs on season's final day.
- Iraq to host first international football tournament.
- Coach Lopetegui's contract with Spain extended until 2020.
- West Ham announces Manuel Pellegrini as the new manager.
- o Unai Emery succeeds Wenger as Arsenal manager.
- Queiroz to quit as Iran coach after World Cup.
- Mauricio Pochettino signs new 5-year deal with Tottenham Hotspur.
- Japan Win Uber Cup to End 37-Year Drought.
- Real Madrid Lifts Champions Trophy Defeating Liverpool.
- Rishabh Pant named Emerging Player of IPL 2018.
- Froome wins Giro d'Italia for Grand Tour treble.
- o Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo wins Monaco Grand Prix.





Obituary

Sitting Karnataka BJP MLA BN Vijaykumar dies of heart attack.

Ashok Mitra, Eminent economist, and former West Bengal Finance Minister died.

Former AIFF President P P Lakshaman passes away.

Lyricist Gurukrushna Goswami dies at 84.

Renowned Marathi singer Arun Date dies.

Lata Mangeshkar conferred with Swara Mauli award.

Actor Who Played Lois Lane In Superman Dead At 69.

Renowned physicist Dr E C G Sudarshan passes away at 86.

Pakistan Hockey Legend Mansoor Ahmed Passes Away.

Deepak Neogi the Reliance veteran passes away.

Senior writer Yaddanapudi Sulochana Rani no more.

Telugu film personality Madala Ranga Rao dies at 69 in Hyderabad.

Alan Bean, 4th Man to Walk on The Moon Died.

Karnataka Congress MLA Siddu Bhimappa Nyamgouda passes away.





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