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Important Dates

- World Breastfeeding Week is celebrated from 01st August to 07th August every year
- > National Mountain Climbing Day is celebrated on 01st August
- International Beer Day is celebrated on 03rd August
- > U.S. Coast Guard Day is celebrated on 04th August
- Friendship Day is celebrated on 05th August this year
- International Forgiveness Day is celebrated on 05th August
- Sister's Day is celebrated on first Sunday in August
- Hiroshima Day is celebrated on 06th August
- > National Lighthouse Day is celebrated on 07th August
- World Cat Day is Celebrated on 08th August
- International Day of the World's Indigenous People is celebrated on August 09th
- Nagasaki Peace Day is celebrated on 09th August
- National S'mores Day is celebrated on August 10th
- International Lefthanders Day is celebrated on August 13th
- International Youth Day is celebrated on August 13th
- Indian Independence Day is celebrated on 15th August
- Parsi New Year Day is celebrated on 17th August
- > World Photography Day is celebrated on 19th August
- > National Aviation Day is celebrated on August 19th
- > Ninoy Aquina Day is celebrated on 21st August



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- Women's Equality Day is celebrated on August 26th
- > Telugu Language Day is celebrated on 29th August
- > National Sports Day in India is celebrated on August 29th

AWARDS

- Gopalkrishna Gandhi to Get 24th Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award
- Indian-origin mathematician Akshay Venkatesh wins prestigious Fields Medal
- Javed Akhtar bestowed with Shalaka Samman, highest honour of Hindi Sahitya Academy
- Anvar Sadath: the first Indian to win the International Contributions Award
- Indian-origin prison guard Sashi Cheliah wins 10th MasterChef Australia 2018
- Indian-American Avi Goel Wins International Geography Bee World Championship
- Annie Zaidi wins The Hindu Playwright Award 2018
- Rifleman Aurangzeb, Major Aditya Kumar conferred with Shaurya Chakra
- Smitha V. Crishna tops list of India's wealthiest women
- ✤ Ang Lee To Be Honoured By Directors Guild of America
- Scarlett Johansson becomes world's highest paid female actress



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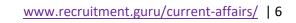
Agreement News

- India, Germany sign pact for collaboration in area of sustainable urban development
- Health Ministry signs MoU with Electronics Ministry to facilitate access of Ayushman Bharat
- StarAgri Finance signs MoU with Karur Vysya Bank to aid traders and farmers
- Lucknow Metro, BSNL ink pact to facilitate customer services through smart cards
- NHAI to Sign MoU with SBI for a long term, unsecured loan of Rs 25,000 Crore
- India, Germany Sign Pact on Financial and Technical Cooperation
- MoU between Environment & Skill Development Ministries to train one lakh RAC Service Technicians
- Reliance Jio, SBI ink pact to boost digital transactions
- HDFC Life inks pact with Vijaya Bank to sell insurance products
- PHDCCI And CNI Sign MoU To Set Up Indo-Nepal Centre
- Andhra govt and Holy tech sign MoU on setting up electronics manufacturing plant
- Italian Bike-Maker Benelli Signs MoU For Plant in Telangana
- MoU Signed Between TRIFED And National Medicinal Plant Board
- Amazon inked MoU with UP govt to boost MSME entrepreneurs under ODOP scheme
- Exim Bank Signs MoU With BRICS Development Banks





- REC inked pact with German bank for 200 mn euro loan for energy projects in India
- Myanmar Media Group Inks MoU With Prasar Bharati
- Centre signs MoU with 6 states for Lakhwar Yamuna basin project in Uttarakhand for water management







Defense & Science & Technology

- The successful test on Naval LCA marks a milestone
- India test-fires interceptor missile
- China successfully tests first hypersonic aircraft: Xingkong-2 or Starry Sky-2
- India To Launch 2nd Lunar Mission 'Chandrayaan-2' on January 3, 2019
- Nasa Launches Parker Solar Probe to Touch Sun
- DAC Approves Procurement for Services Amounting to Rs46,000 Crores
- Chandrayaan-2 Lander to be named 'Vikram' after the father of Indian space programme
- Exercise SCO Peace Mission 2018 Started in Russia
- INS Vikramaditya To Get Upgrade for Its Air Wing from Russia
- Barak 8: India-Israel missile defense system to be procured by Israeli Navy
- Aditya L1: First Indian mission to study the Sun to be launched in 2019
- World's oldest cheese discovered from Egyptian Tomb
- India successfully tests smart anti-airfield weapon
- World's most wear-resistant metal alloy created by US Scientists;
 100 times more durable than steel
- Indigenous anti-tank guided missile system HELINA successfully flight tested



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Appointments

- o C B Ananthakrishnan assumes charge as Director (Finance) of HAL
- Deepak Parekh re-appointed as Non-Executive Director on the board of HDFC
- o IIFL Mutual Fund appoints Anup Maheshwari as joint CEO and CIO
- Oscar Kerketta appointed the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Rwanda
- o Emmerson Mnangagwa re-elected as Zimbabwe president
- Anurag Sachan appointed MD, DFCCIL
- PepsiCo's Indra Nooyi To Step Down As CEO
- Gomez retires from international football
- o Ajay Data, first Indian in ICANN
- o Nikhil Nanda Appointed As Chairman And MD of Escorts
- Aditya Vikram and Pramod Chandra Mody appointed CBDT members
- S Gopakumar joins United India Insurance as Director & GM
- Germany's Mario Gomez retired from international football
- o Ivan Duque sworn in as Colombian President
- Harivansh Narayan Singh Elected Deputy Chairperson of Rajya Sabha
- o Chile's Michelle Bachelet appointed as next UN Human Rights Chief
- Dr. R. G Anand appointed Member, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights

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- Rekha Sharma appointed chairperson of NCW
- o Rajendra Menon Sworn in As Chief Justice of Delhi HC
- Justice Vijaya Kamlesh Tahilramani appointed as the Chief Justice of Madras High Court
- Justice Gitta Mittal became the first woman Chief Justice of J&K High Court
- Aniruddha Bose appointed as the 12th CJ of Jharkhand HC
- Rajendra Menon appointed as Chief Justice Of Delhi High Court
- Rekha Sharma appointed chairperson of NCW
- R S Sharma re-appointed TRAI chairperson till 2020
- Paresh Sukthankar resigned from HDFC Bank's deputy managing director position
- Justice Jhaveri appointed as the 30th Chief Justice of Odisha HC
- Justice Manjula Chellur appointed as APTEL Chairperson: Power Ministry
- Ashish Kumar Bhutani has been appointed CEO of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)
- Ramesh Powar has been appointed as Head Coach of Indian women's cricket team: BCCI
- o Anandiben Patel takes oath as Governor of Chhattisgarh
- D Bala Venkatesh Varma appointed the new Ambassador of India to Russia
- Akshay Kumar Singh takes charge as Director-Pipeline of Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)



- David Silva: Spanish International Player and Manchester City Midfielder retired
- o Ibrahim Boubacar Keita re-elected Mali president
- Mario Abdo Benítez sworn in as new President of Paraguay
- Egon Zehnder International appointed 'Knowledge Partner' to Banks Board Bureau (BBB)
- N Raghuram Elected Chair of International Nitrogen Initiative (INI)
- K S Srinivas appointed as Chairman of Marine Products Export Development Authority.
- Infosys CFO MD Ranganath Resigns
- SS Mundra Appointed Independent Director of Indiabulls Housing Finance
- Srikumar Menon concurrently appointed the next Ambassador of India to Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe
- o UK Varma Appointed Assocham Secretary General
- Jhulan Goswami Announces Her Retirement from T20 Internationals
- Satyadeo Narayan Arya becomes 17th Governor of Haryana
- o G Satheesh Reddy appointed as DRDO chief for two years



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National News

- Cabinet clears 46 amendments to GST laws
- Cabinet approved LIC-IDBI deal of LIC acquiring 51% stake at IDBI Bank
- Rajasthan becomes first State to implement Centre's 'Biofuel Policy'
- 'State Energy Efficiency Preparedness Index' released by BEE and AEEE
- Seva Bhoj Yojna: new scheme worth Rs.325 crore launched by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India
- Logo, tagline for GI launched by Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu.
- Textile ministry launches SAATHI initiative
- India & Japan to cooperate in bamboo sector in Tripura
- Maharashtra govt approves over Rs 7,000 crore for water projects
- Shaur nahin' mobile app launched in Shimla, Manali by Himachal Pradesh Government to curb noise pollution.
- 'Swachha Meva Jayate': cleanliness campaign launched by Karnataka government
- 122 New Research Project selected at a cost of Rs 112 Crore under IMPRINT-2: HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar
- Fugitive Economic Offenders Bill 2018 gets President's assent
- Mughalsarai Junction Renamed as Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Junction
- Government Approves 122 New Research Projects Under 'IMPRINT-2' Scheme



- Defence Minister Launches Defence India Startup Challenge
- Online system launched to manage road construction bids
- Nitish Kumar launches 'Mukhyamantri Kanya Utthan Yojana'
- B-Hub: country's first hub for biotech, pharma sector set up in Telangana
- ✤ AP CM Naidu inaugurates world's first high energy storage device
- Government Sets Up GoM To Decide on RCEP Talks
- Parliament Passes Bill to Grant Constitutional Status To NCBC
- International Conference on 'Sustainable Growth through Material Recycling' Inaugurated in New Delhi
- Dr. Mahesh Sharma inaugurated the 64th Foundation Day Celebrations of Lalit Kala Akademi in New Delhi
- Parliament passes Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 2018
- TRAI Integrates Its Mobile App DND 2.0 & MyCall With UMANG Platform
- Government, NABARD and NWDA Sign Revised MoA for Funding of Projects Under PMKS
- 3rd India-Nepal Coordination Meeting Starts in New Delhi
- Bihar CM Nitish Kumar launched Mukhyamantri Kanya Utthan Yojana for empowerment of girls
- Maharashtra Government announces special assistance of Rs 500 crore for OBC community
- Project 'SWAYAM' Launched by HRD Ministry



- Khangchendzonga Becomes 11th Biosphere Reserve To be Included in WNBR
- Government sets up 4-member GoM committee headed by Suresh Prabhu to decide on participation in RCEP agreements
- Pacific Endeavor-2018 (PE-18) started in Kathmandu, Nepal
- Global Innovation Index, GII- 2018 Launched in India
- President Ram Nath Kovind Inaugurates 'One District One Product' Summit
- Parliament passes National Sports University Bill, 2018
- Defence Industrial Corridor Launched in Aligarh, UP
- Prathibandhit Sahitya Mein Swatantrata Sangram' Inaugurated by Ministry of Culture
- Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana extended beyond 12th 5-year plan
- India Science Technology and Innovation portal launched by Vigyan Prasar
- Santhali Becomes India's 1st Tribal Language to Get Own Wikipedia
 Edition
- IT Minister Released 'Digital North East Vision 2022' in Guwahati
- Government Provides Fund of Rs 66000 crore To Increase Country's Forest Cover
- 'Digital North East Vision 2022' released by Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad
- Ease of Living Index 2018 released by MoS Housing and Urban Affairs



- Centre approves proposal for setting up water aerodromes for improved air connectivity
- Chhattisgarh first state to provide Right to Skills' Development to youth
- 2 new Space Research Technology Centres to come up in Jammu and Agartala
- Rs 66,000 crore fund released by Centre to increase India's green cover
- New Central Sector scheme for promoting Pharmacovigilance of AYUSH Drugs released by AYUSH ministry
- Bharti Axa Ties Up with Airtel Payments Bank to Offer Jeevan Jyoti Bima
- BSNL Launches VOIP Based WINGS Service
- Rajnath Singh Inaugurates NDMC Smart City Projects
- ✤ 3 mobile apps launched for e-filing of cases by CJI Dipak Misra
- Telangana CM launched 2 schemes for people of the state on 72nd Independence Day
- Bharti Axa Ties Up with Airtel Payments Bank to Offer Jeevan Jyoti Bima
- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launches
 Dial 100 Police Mobile App
- Ministry of Agriculture Proposes to UNFAO To Declare 2019 as 'International Year of Millets'
- Telangana Government launches Disaster Response Force (DRF) vehicles





- ✤ 1st All India Rural Financial Inclusion Survey by NABARD Released
- India, Singapore Sign 2nd Protocol Amending Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement
- India Banking Conclave 2018 held in New Delhi
- India's First ISTS connected Wind Power Project Commissioned
- 'Speedex' Contract launched by IAF for speedy delivery of consignments
- Government announces regulations for safe commercial usage of drones





International News

- First 'Nepal-India Think Tank' Summit held in Kathmandu for bilateral cooperation
- India imposed safeguard duty on solar cells imports from China and Malaysia for two years
- Typhoon Jongdari hits Shanghai
- > Apple Becomes First U.S. Company to Hit \$1 Trillion Value
- Facebook launches digital literacy library
- Iran officially joins ASEAN treaty
- Japan become world's 2nd largest stock market
- France's Parliament Signed into Law, Asylum and Immigration Bill.
- NDA Act 2019 Passed, Capping US Aid to Pakistan To \$150 million.
- World's First Intertidal Art Gallery Opened in Maldives
- India elected president of Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development for 2 years
- EAM Sushma Swaraj in Kyrgyzstan as part of her 3-central asian nations' tour
- India-Israel collaborate to strengthen sectors of agriculture, health & environment
- ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meet Held in Singapore
- UK Announces New Organ Donation Plan to Address Indian-Origin Shortages
- Chinese scientists create first single-chromosome yeast
- Sri Lanka's Hambantota to become Indian Ocean's leading port





- Saudi Arabia Freezes Trade Ties with Canada
- Indo-Thailand Joint Exercise 'Maitree 2018' Begins in Thailand
- Pacific Endeavor-2018 Under MCIP Starts in Kathmandu
- Google releases AI-packed Android 9 Pie
- 51st ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting was held in Singapore
- Google Launches Video Q&A App Cameos Aimed at Celebrities
- NASA set to launch 'touch the Sun' spacecraft
- Exercise SCO Peace Mission 2018 To Be Conducted in Russia
- Israel Opens Visa Application Centre In Kolkata
- Nepal-India Literature Festival 2018 Begins in Birgunj
- Meeting of Senior Officials of BIMSTEC held in Kathmandu
- Vienna tops EIU's Liveability list, Delhi top in South Asia
- > Australia recommences its adoption programme with India
- India hands 1st lot of houses in Sri Lanka
- 'Understand India' programme to be launched in China
- Nepal receives special gifts on India's Independence Day
- India releases additional funds for Nepal's Postal Highway
- 24th World Congress of Philosophy held in Beijing, China for the first time
- Ibrahim Boubacar Keita re-elected Mali president
- Mario Abdo Benítez sworn in as new President of Paraguay
- Egon Zehnder International appointed 'Knowledge Partner' to Banks Board Bureau (BBB)



- US Forms 'Iran Action Group' For Post-Nuclear Deal Policy
- Qatar To Invest 15 billion in Turkey's Financial Markets and Banks
- Nepal to join BIMSTEC military exercise in India next month
- Israeli Navy to procure Barak 8 missile defence system, jointly developed by India, Israel
- Imran Khan becomes the 22nd Prime Minister of Pakistan
- > 11th World Hindi Conference begins in Mauritius
- India, Thailand conclude 'Maitree' military exercise
- EAM Sushma Swaraj Inaugurates 'Panini Language Laboratory' in Mauritius
- Esala Maha Perehera festival begins in Sri Lanka
- Germany surpasses Japan again with world's largest current account surplus: Ifo
- 9th edition of Mountain Echoes Literary Festival 2018 held in Bhutan
- > NABARD All India Financial Inclusion Survey (NAFIS) 2016-17
- Bondi bond: world's first blockchain public bond launched by World Bank
- Scott Morrison has been sworn in as Australia's 30th Prime Minister
- Vietnam to host Indian Ocean conference
- EU-India join hands to develop new Influenza vaccine



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Business News

- RBI releases its Third Bi-monthly Policy on August 1, 2018
- Indian Bank revises interest rates on FCNR(B) deposits
- Bandhan Bank surpasses YES Bank market capitalisation; becomes 7th most valued bank
- Apple has become the world's first publicly traded company to be valued at USD 1 trillion
- DIPP starts programme for startups in energy sector
- India Post Payments Bank will be launched by PM Modi on August
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- Umbrella Organisation' to revive Urban Co-op Banking: RBI
- Startup India Launches Academia Alliance Programme
- GST Council Announces Cashback for Digital Transactions
- Banks collect Rs 5,000 crore as minimum balance penalty in FY 2017-18
- Rs 4,989.55 crore collected from customers in FY18 by 24 banks for not maintaining minimum account balance
- HDFC Bank raised fixed deposit rates by up to 0.6%
- Google releases AI-packed Android 9 Pie
- PayU, Reliance Money Announced Strategic Partnership for Instant Loan
- Mobile Wallet Transactions Hit Record Rs14,632 crore in June: RBI Data
- MOPAD: a unified payment terminal POS machine launched by SBI

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- Import duty on 328 textile products doubled to 20% to boost production: CBIC
- RBI to transfer Rs 50,000 cr surplus to government
- SBI launches unified payment terminal- MOPAD
- HSBC launches online platform "MyDeal" to raise funds through capital markets
- PayPal & HDFC Bank partner to offer seamless payment experiences to card holders
- Paytm buys savings management start-up Balance Tech
- Google Launches Video Q&A App Cameos Aimed at Celebrities
- Bajaj Allianz General Insurance and Vijaya Bank Entered into Bancassurance Deal
- 1st of its kind iris authentication for Aadhaar-based transactions introduced by Axis Bank
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- UAE top source of inward remittances in 2016-17: RBI
- Paytm acquired Bengaluru-based Balance Technology
- SBI ranked as India's most patriotic brand: Survey by UK based YouGov
- ICICI Bank Hikes Fixed Deposit (FD) Interest Rates
- Cosmos Bank's server hacked; Rs 94 cr transferred off in 2 days via Visa and Rupay payment gateways



- Edelweiss Tokio Life signs up Fincare Small Finance Bank as bancassurance partner
- BSNL Launches VOIP Based WINGS Service
- GDP likely to expand by 7.4% in FY'19: Ficci's Economic Outlook Survey'
- Bharti Axa Ties Up with Airtel Payments Bank to Offer Jeevan Jyoti Bima
- Andhra Bank raised MCLR by 0.15% for various tenors
- PhonePe partners with IRCTC app Rail connect to facilitate convenient payments
- UPI 2.0 version: new & improved interface released by RBI governor Dr. Urjit Patel.
- Sarvatra technologies launches 450th cooperative bank 'Sevalia Urban Co-operative Bank'
- TCS piped RIL to become most valued Indian company: BSE
- HAL becomes first PSU to transact on TReDS: RXIL
- Walmart acquires 77% stake in Flipkart Group
- India's CAD to widen to 2.8 pc of GDP this fiscal: Nomura report
- All India Financial Inclusion Survey (NAFIS) released by NABARD
- IRDAI directs insurance companies to cover mental illness in policies
- Axis Securities launched commodity trading with MCX



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Sports News

- Lewis Hamilton wins 6th Hungarian Formula 1 Grand Prix
- World Junior Squash Championships 2018 held in Chennai, India
- Karman Kaur Thandi became the sixth Indian woman tennis player to crack the top-200 rankings in singles; ranked 200th in WTA
- A 10-year-old named Clark Kent beat a record that Michael Phelps held for 23 years
- Gaganjeet Bhullar wins his first European Tour title at Fiji International (Golf)
- Virat Kohli's 22nd ton propels him to the top of ICC Test rankings for batsmen
- Netherlands Wins Women's Hockey World Cup 2018
- Bhullar wins Fiji International golf
- Gomez retires from international football
- Sports Minister welcomes Webb Ellis Cup on maiden India visit
- P V Sindhu settles for Silver in World Championships' women's singles title clash
- Russia's Kliment Kolesnikov sets 50m backstroke world record to win European title
- Swastika Ghosh wins bronze in Hong Kong Open (table tennis)
- India Women Win Blitz Gold in Asian Nations Cup Chess Tourney
- Rafael Nadal maintains 1st spot in ATP rankings
- Indian U-20 and U-16 Team Wins Titles in Football



- First Olympics to deploy facial recognition technology to increase security.
- Neeraj Chopra India's Flag Bearer At Asian Games 2018 Opening Ceremony
- Saina Nehwal out of top 10, Kidambi Srikanth at 8th spot in BWF ranking
- COTIF Cup(under-20): Argentina Won the Tournament by defeating Russia
- Teenage Saudi gamer Mosaad Aldossary wins FIFA eWorld Cup
- Rafael Nadal Lifts Rogers Cup 2018
- Virat Kohli tops 2018 charts for most runs scored in international cricket
- ITF men's Futures tennis tournament in Indonesia
- Lionel Messi assumes Barcelona captaincy
- Viraj Madappa becomes youngest Indian golfer to win on Asian tour
- James Anderson becomes 1st bowler to take 100 wickets at Lord's
- Rafael Nadal won Toronto master's by defeating Stefanos Tsitsipas
- Vaishali becomes India's latest Woman Grandmaster
- Chhetri named Best Sportsperson by Kolkata sports journalists
- Nihal Sarin Becomes 53rd Chess Grandmaster from India
- Madurai Panthers win first title with dominant win over Dindigul Dragons
- India improve to world no 96 in FIFA rankings





- Emirates Cricket Board to host 2018 Asia Cup: BCCI
- India's Esow Alben wins silver at 2018 UCI Junior Track Cycling World Championships
- Teen Cyclist Esow Alben Claimed India's 1st Ever Medal
- India beats Bangladesh to win SAFF U-15 Championship
- Mitchell Johnson bids adieu to all forms of cricket
- Novak Djokovic beats Roger Federer in Cincinnati master's final
- Jhulan Goswami Announces Her Retirement from T20 Internationals
- Tejinder Toor clinches gold in men's shot put with record throw
- Rashmi Ranjan Parida appointed coach of Odisha cricket team
- Sebastian Vettel Won Belgian Grand Prix 2018
- Manu Ginobili, four-time NBA champion with San Antonio Spurs, retires at 41 (basketball)





Obituary News

- Malayalam Ghazal maestro Umbayee passes away
- Library scientist Prof Krishna Shripadrao Deshpande passed away at 95
- Veteran Congress leader Rajinder Kumar Dhawan passes away
- Former the Hindu Business Line journalist, Mony K. Mathew, passes away
- Journalist Mony K. Mathew passes away
- Iconic politician Karunanidhi passes away
- Kannada writer Sumatheendra Nadig passes away
- Australian golfer Jarrod Lyle Passed away
- Ex-400m world champion Nicholas Bett dies
- Former Lok Sabha Speaker Somnath Chatterjee Passes Away
- Nobel Prize-winning author V.S. Naipaul passes away
- Communist veteran Somnath Chatterjee passes away
- Chhattisgarh Governor Balramji Dass Tandon dies
- ✤ Asian Games gold medallist Hakam Singh passes away
- Legendary India Captain Ajit Wadekar Passes Away At 77
- Former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee has passes Away
- Renowned Malayalam poet Chemmanam Chacko passes away
- Former India captain Wadekar passes away
- US Singer Aretha Franklin Passes Away at 76
- Former UN chief and Nobel laureate Kofi Annan Passes Away

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- Former member of Lok Sabha Chennupati Vidya dies of heart attack
- 'English Vinglish' actor Sujata Kumar passes away
- Israeli Journalist and Peace Activist Uri Avnery passes away





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