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Important Dates and Events

- National Doctor's Day is celebrated on July 1st every year.
- International Joke Day is celebrated on 1st July every year.
- World Sports Journalist Day is celebrated on 2nd July.
- World UFO Day is celebrated on July 2nd.
- American Independence Day is celebrated on July 4th.
- World Zoonoses Day is celebrated on 6th July.
- World Chocolate Day is celebrated on July 7th.
- International Day of Cooperatives is celebrated on July 7th.
- Global Forgiveness Day is celebrated on 7th July.
- National Blueberry Day is celebrated on 8th July.
- National Sugar Cookie Day is celebrated on 09th July.
- Teddy Bear Picnic Day is celebrated on July 10th.
- World Population Day is celebrated on 11th July.
- International Malala Day is celebrated on July 12th.
- Fool's Paradise Day is celebrated on 13th July.
- National French Fries Day is celebrated on July 13th.
- Bastille Day is celebrated on 14th July.
- Pandemonium Day is celebrated on July 14th.
- World Youth Skills Day is celebrated on 15th July.
- World Snake Day is celebrated on July 16th.





- World Emoji Day is celebrated on 17th July.
- Yellow Pig Day is celebrated on July 17th.
- International Justice Day is celebrated on 17th July.
- International Nelson Mandela Day is celebrated on July 17th.
- National Caviar Day is celebrated on 18th July.
- National Daiquiri Day is celebrated on July 19th.
- National Lollipop Day is celebrated on 20th July.
- National Parents Day is celebrated on Fourth Sunday in July.
- Kargil Vijay Diwas 19th anniversary was observed on 26th July by India.
- World Hepatitis Day is celebrated on 28th July.
- International Tiger Day is celebrated on 29th July.





Agreements

- Odisha, RIMES sign MoU for effective disaster management.
- Nissan signs MoU with Kerala government for digital hub.
- IndiaFirst ties up with Oxigen to sell its insurance products at Oxigen retail outlets.
- Maharashtra Govt signs MoU with MCX.
- Repatriation of Bru persons: agreement signed between Centre and state govts of Tripura nd Mizoram.
- Infosys signs MoU with Siemens to develop advanced IoT solutions.
- NASSCOM signs MoU with Niti Aayog.
- CEAT signs MoU for greenfield plan.
- British Council & West Bengal govt. sign MoU on cultural, edu exchange.
- India, South Korea sign agreements on trade and commerce.
- Microsoft & Rajasthan govt sign MOU for digital training to 9,500 students.
- Gujarat signs MoU with KOTRA to strengthen trade, industrial relations.
- MoU on Defence Salary Package signed between Indian Army and State Bank of India (SBI).
- University of Houston & Indian Institute of Petroleum and Energy (IIPE) sign MOU for collaboration.





- Oxigen announces signs MOU with Fincare Small Finance Bank for partnership in branchless banking.
- Invest India, Business France sign MoU to promote investment in the private sector.
- Odisha signs MoU with Sightsavers to strengthen education for blind students.
- Invest India and UAE Ministry sign MoU for technological cooperation.

Defence

- > INS Sahyadri wins praise for integrating yoga into regime.
- Agni-V to be part of nuclear arsenal soon.
- Ministry of Defence approves construction of 17 new baffle firing ranges.
- ➢ ISRO's first PAT (pad abort test) successful.
- Tejas fighter aircraft begins operations from Sulur station in Tamilnadu.
- > Australia Fleet space to launch first 2 satellites with ISRO, SpaceX.
- INS Tarangini participates in Tall Ship Races 2018 during its Lokayan-18 voyage.
- Israeli unmanned spacecraft to land on Moon in 2019.
- > To monitor India, China launched 2 spy satellites for Pakistan.





Appointments & Resignations

- ICC elects 3 Board Associate Member Directors.
- Indian American Seema Nanda appointed CEO of Democratic National Committee (DNC) of United States.
- BoM MD and CEO Ravindra Marathe and executive director R K Gupta divested of duties.
- K B Vijay Srinivas appointed as Director & GM of United India Insurance Company.
- Alka Tiwari is the new Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) secretary.
- Andrés Manuel Lopez Obrador, Mexican Leftist elected as Mexico's new President.
- SBI appointed Arijit Basu as MD.
- Saraswati Prasad assumes charge as SAIL CMD.
- P K Shrivastava is the new director general and chairman of Ordnance Factory Board (OFB).
- DDCA elects Senior journalist Rajat Sharma as president.
- Vishwas Patel appointed as Chairman of Payments Council of India.
- Indian-American Uttam Dhillon appointed the Acting Director of Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), United States.
- Uruguay's Major General Jos Eladio Alcain appointed Head of UNMOGIP.
- Rajat Sharma becomes DDCA president.





- Former Patna HC CJ.L Narasimha Reddy appointed as CAT Chairman.
- Justice L Narasimha Reddy appointed the University of Hyderabad (UoH) Chancellor.
- P K Shrivastava takes the appointment as the new DG of OFB.
- Muthoot Pappachan Group appoints Vidya Balan as its brand ambassador.
- Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel appointed Chairperson of National Green Tribunal.
- SC judge AK Goel appointed as New Chairman of National Green Tribunal.
- Uday Kumar Varma appointed BCCC member.
- Justice A K Goel retires from Supreme Court.
- Sun Pharma signs Akshay Kumar as brand ambassador for Revital H.
- Panasonic appoints Vivek Sharma as new MD for Indian Electricals Business.
- Brexit Secretary David Davis resigns.
- Dhanlaxmi Bank Appointed T. Latha as MD and CEO.
- Lupin appoints Yashwant Mahadik as Global HR President.
- Manoj Kumar Pingua is appointed as MD of NFDC.
- Tushar Arothe resigns as India women's cricket coach.
- Mohammad Kaif retires from all form of cricket.





Awards & Honors

- Irfan Khan is honored with Icon Award at London Indian Film Festival.
- Artist Anjolie Ela Menon conferred the Kalidas Award for visual arts.
- Himachal Pradesh gets national award for best performance under PMSMA.
- Milan Shankar Tare selected for the 2018 National Maritime Search and Rescue Award.
- Swachhata Awards 2018 of MSME Ministry.
- NHRC announces winners for silver jubilee logo, slogan-tagline contests.
- Dr Ravi Mehrotra receives lifetime achievement award at Seatrade
 30th Anniversary Awards Event.
- Dr. T.K Chand gets Knowledge Excellence Award for Outstanding Contribution in Aluminium Knowledge domain.
- Michael Ondaatje's 'The English Patient' wins Golden Booker Prize.
- India's ICZM Project wins World Bank's internal award.
- Ishwar Sharma: 8-year-old yoga champion named 'British Indian of the Year'.
- Ravi Mehrotra receives lifetime achievement award at seatrade 30th Anniversary.
- Cricketer Virat Kohli was presented with International Player of the Year award for 2017 and 2018 by The Barmy Army.





- Ramakanta Rath conferred Odisha's highest literary award.
- Mohun Bagan 'Ratna' conferred on former India international Pradip Chowdhury.

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





National

- India gets its 37th WORLD UNESCO World HERITAGE SITE.
- Telangana CM lays foundation stone for Rs 554-crore Gattu irrigation project.
- Central Reserve Police Force launches 24 hour 'Madadgaar helpline' in Jammu & Kashmir.
- Jodhpur Institute of Hospitality Management inaugurated by Tourism Minister Shri K.J. Alphons.
- Bhitarkanika national park has become the largest habitat of the endangered estuarine crocodiles in India.
- Mumbai Airport Among Least Punctual Airports In The World: Study by OAG.
- Government forms panel to upgrade norms for state, district level economic data collection.
- Tax department launches instant PAN card services.
- Aadhaar, PAN linking deadline extended to March 31 Next year.
- Andhra mulls issuing bonds for Rs. 42,000 crores to fund construction of Amravati.
- Sathyasri Sharmila from Tamil Nadu becomes first Transgender Lawyer of India.
- Haryana government will host 2018 World Union of Wholesale Markets.
- The 2021 census data to be stored electronically.





- India will provide tariff concessions on 3,142 items to APTA members.
- Jharkhand to setup country 1st Khadi Mall.
- ➢ MOD approves construction of 17 New Baffle Firing Ranges.
- Ist meeting of Cauvery Water Management Board held in Central Water Commission, Delhi.
- Madhya Pradesh govt to implement Ayushman Bharat Yojana under PMRSS Mission on Independence day.
- Country's first e-waste recycling unit to come up in Bengaluru.
- India's First Global Mobility Summit to be organized by NITI Aayog in 7th-8th September 2018.
- Govt sets up panel to frame norms for surrogacy centres.
- Nitin Gadkari flags off taxi ambulance services.
- Agartala Airport to be named after Maharaja Bir Bikram Manikya Kishore.
- Coal Mine Surveillance & Management System (CMSMS) and 'Khan Prahari' App launched by Shri Piyush Goyal.
- Process to empanel hospitals under Ayushman Bharat launched by National Health Agency(NHA).
- Karnataka budget announces Rs 34,000 crore farm loan waiver, increase in taxes on fuel.
- Design University for Gaming to come up in Vishakhapatnam: UNESCO.
- Civil Aviation Research Organization (CARO) to be set up in Hyderabad by AAI for Rs.1200 crore.





- Telangana allots 200 acres to women entrepreneurs.
- ICAT releases first BS-IV engine certificate.
- Sth International Convention of Saurashtra Patel Cultural Samaj addressed by PM Modi.
- India gets its first biofortified sorghum (jowar) Parbhani Shakti.
- Meghalaya CM releases policy document on jackfruit mission.
- > Haryana CM launches plantation campaign.
- Korean President Moon Jae-in to attend India-Korea Business Forum in New Delhi.
- World's largest mobile manufacturing factory of Samsung to be inaugurated in Noida.
- Paper on 'National Health Stack' released by NITI Aayog.
- Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu becomes first Chairman of Rajya Sabha to sign an MOU with Rwanda.
- Maharashtra govt schools to get electricity at lower rates.
- Varanasi would be the host of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2019.
- First-ever metal craft exhibition inaugurated in Leh.
- PM inaugurates 'Dharohar Bhawan' the new Headquarters of Archaeological Survey of India in New Delhi.
- Net Neutrality approved by Telecom Commission, Department of Telecommunications.
- First phase of Anna Canteens launched in Andhra Pradesh by CM N Chandrababu Naidu.





- 4th National Conclave on Mines and Minerals will strengthen mineral auction regime.
- Haryana tops states in per capita revenue collection under GST and 4th highest generator of e-way bills in India.
- > 2nd National Tourism Conclave organised in Rajasthan by Elets.
- 'Bijli Mitra' Mobile app for replacement of transformers in Rajasthan.
- Odisha CM launches 'Green Mahanadi Mission'.
- Tamil Nadu government unveils draft state forest policy.
- International conference on India-Vietnam economic ties held in New Delhi.
- Odisha CM inaugurated Rs 300 crore Rukura irrigation dam project in Sundargarh.
- Gajyatra" begins in Delhi on August 1 to raise awareness on conservation of elephants.
- HC declares Arunachal Pradesh Parliamentary Secretaries Act as 'unconstitutional'.
- 2 day Bilateral exercise on pollution conducted by India and B'desh Coast Guards.
- 6th India-UK Science & Innovation Council (SIC) Meeting held in New Delhi.
- PRANAM Act: Country's first of a kind act launched by Assam Government.
- Gujarat government announces, 'Urban Sanitation and Cleanliness Policy'.





International

- China conducts drill in Tibet for the 1st time since Dokalm Standoff.
- Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador elected as Mexico's President.
- o Interpol issues red notice against Nirav Modi.
- 9th meeting of Eminent Persons Group (EPG) on Indo-Nepal relations held in Kathmandu.
- Bangladesh bagged World Bank's support on management of Rohingya crisis.
- China approves \$1 billion aid to Pak after its selection in FATF's grey list.
- 5th Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Intersessional Ministerial Meeting held in Tokyo, Japan.
- New America, a US think tank announces India US Fellows Exchange programme.
- Indian and Pakistan exchanges list of Civilian prisoners and fishermen.
- Sri Lanka moves its naval base to China run Hambantota port.
- Epidiolex is the world's first medicine made from marijuana.
- Air India removes Taiwan from its website due to China Pressure.
- MORI Building Digital Art Museum in Tokyo: World's First All-Digital Psychedelic Art Museum.
- Russia offers to jointly design, build submarines.





- Mattala International Airport the world's emptiest airport to operate through India-Sri Lanka joint venture.
- Beijing eyes UNESCO status for Mao tomb, Tiananmen Square.
- India & Nepal joint working group on tourism.
- Approval of USD 6.69 billion for 13 peacekeeping operations in 2018-19 by UN member states; first in 40 years.
- Nawaz Sharif is sentenced to 10 years in jail.
- Turkey to sell four corvette warships to Pakistan.
- Union HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar to inaugurate 17th World Sanskrit Conference in Vancouver, Canada.
- UK launches new visas open to Indian scientists, academics.
- Bengaluru, Delhi top in startup funding : report by CB Insights.
- China, India clinch deal to reduce tariffs on Indian medicines, anticancer drugs.
- Library for Nepali academicians inaugurated by PM of Nepal KP Sharma Oli.
- Indian naval ship INS Sumitra becomes first-ever warship to enter port of Sabang in Indonesia.
- Global Innovation Index (GII): India ranks 57^{th.}
- Second India-China Maritime Affairs Dialogue in Beijing, China.
- Portugal parliament approves new gender change law.
- New radio telescope unveiled by South Africa for clearer image of distant galaxies.





- UN Secretary General sets up panel on digital cooperation to tackle cybersecurity threats.
- India and Pakistan to be part of an anti-terror drill in Russia organized by SCO from August.
- UNSC imposes arms embargo on South Sudan.
- India becomes vice chair of Asia Pacific Region of World Customs Organization.
- Thaawarchand Gehlot Attended Global Disability Summit 2018 in London, UK.
- Indian Air Force for first time participates in multinational exercise in Australia.
- Pakistan's cricket legend Imran Khan elected as the next Prime Minister Pakistan.
- Bombali Virus (BOMV): New strain of Ebola virus discovered in Sierra Leone.





BUSINESS NEWS

- BSE & BME tie-up to develop commodity derivatives markets.
- Tata Steel starts a JV with Germany's Thyssenkrupp to create new Europe's 2nd largest steel giant.
- FPI outflows hits 10 year high at Rs. 48,000 crores.
- India increases GEF grants to 15 million dollar from 12 million dollar.
- LIC gets IRDAI's nod to buy stake in IDBI Bank.
- NSE & Nasdaq to work together for post-trade delivery technology.
- First stainless steel bodied Mainline Electric Multiple Unit(MEMU) launched by Integral Coach Factory.
- NRL becomes 1st oil PSU to introduce online legal compliance.
- NABARD sanctions Rs.735 Cr for 86 projects in West Bengal under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund(RIDF).
- PNB and Allahabad Bank hikes lending rates by up to 10 basis points.
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni to start new innings with SoundLogic.
- Manappuram Finance to acquire 85% stake in ISFC for Rs 212 crore.
- Natco Pharma launches Hepatitis C drug in India named Hepcinat Plus.
- World Bank arm International Finance Corporation (IFC) invests
 \$100 mn in Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Ltd. (M&M).





- Two 50MW Solar Projects in Ananthapuramu Solar Park commissioned by Tata Power.
- Bank of China soon to operate in India; RBI gives nod to the second bank from China.
- Yes Bank's new Mutual Fund business to operate after Sebi's final nod.
- Fusion Microfinance reduces interest rate by 140 points to 23 pc for existing customers.
- ✤ Google aims to add 40 million WiFi users in India by 2019.
- HDFC Bank most valuable bank in the emerging market outside China.
- RIL, by paying Rs.9844 crore in FY18 ,becomes India's largest tax payer in the private sector.
- Made-in-India by Integral Coach Factory to run from September 2018.
- BHEL to partner Ukraine's Zorya for overhaul of warship turbines.
- MindSphere: cloud based OS developed by Infosys & Siemens PLM Software.
- RBI cancels licence of Alwar Urban Co-operative Bank.
- United Bank of India to raise equity capital of Rs 1,500 crore.
- Infosys foundation to contribute Rs. 200 Cr for metro work.
- Second production line for BrahMos TLC launched by L&T in Vadodara, Gujarat.
- HCL Technologies gets government's nod to set up SEZ in Andhra Pradesh.





- India named world's sixth largest economy by surpassing France: World Bank data.
- HDFC securities launched MF transactions on Facebook messenger through Arya.
- BSNL starts first internet telephony service in India.
- Railways launched its first consolidated Bridge Management System.
- SEBI approves Bharti Infratel, Indus Tower merger deal.
- SoftBank and Paytm partner to launch cashless payments service in Japan.





SPORTS NEWS

- Asian Gold Medalist Mary Kom to skip 2018 Asian Games.
- India won the Kabaddi Masters Dubai 2018 title.
- Rahul Dravid becomes the fifth Indian cricketer to be inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame.
- Max Verstappen wins Austrian Grand Prix in Austria.
- Indian para-athlete Yogesh Kathuniya sets world record in discus throw.
- Australia wins Champions Trophy 2018 (hockey).
- Vikram Dogra become the first Indian Army officer to complete world's toughest Ironman Triathlon. Shot putter Inderjeet Singh gets 4-year ban for dope violation.
- Sports authority of India to be renamed as Sports India.
- Kerala to host world kayaking tourney.
- Rani Rampal to lead Indian women's hockey team in Asian Games.
- Bajrang Punia claims gold at Tbilisi Grand Prix, Deepak wins bronze.
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni reaches coveted milestone of playing 500 international matches.
- Dipa wins gold in Gymnastics World Cup.
- Goalkeeper PR Sreejesh to lead Indian hockey team.
- India's Jhilli Dalabehera bags bronze in 2018 IWF Junior World Weightlifting Championships at Tashkent.





- Indian shuttler Ajay Jayaram finishes runner-up at White Nights International Challenge.
- Anju Khosla Oldest Indian woman to complete Ironman Triathlon.
- Vettel wins Silverstone epic four-way battle ahead.
- Cristiano Ronaldo moves to Juventus after 9 years at Real Madrid.
- France won the 2018 FIFA world Cup which took place in Russia.
- Entire Men's Hockey team included in Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS).
- Mohammad Kaif retires from all form of cricket.
- Chelsea appoint Maurizio Sarri as manager to replace Antonio Conte on three-year deal.
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni becomes 4th Indian batsman to score 10,000 runs in ODIs.
- India bagged 4 medals in Asia Cup World Archery Ranking Tournament.
- Hima Das becomes first women to win gold in World Jr. Athletics Championships.
- Anish and Mamu won gold in shooting.
- The Junior Asian Wrestling Championship was held in New Delhi from July 17-22, 2018.
- 15th National Youth Athletics Championships were held at Manjalpur Sports Complex in Vadodara from July 21- 23, 2018.
- India U-20 coach Floyd Pinto named head coach of Indian Arrows in I-League.





- Indian women's compound archery team bag number 1 spot in world rankings.
- India won 15 medals including two gold, three silvers and ten bronze.
- A world record of 58.00sec set by Kathleen Baker at the US Swimming Championship.







OBITUARY NEWS

- Ex-Navy Chief Admiral JG Nadkarni Passed away.
- Marwar Rajmata Krishna Kumari passes away.
- Tony Award Winner Liliane Montevecchi dies at 85.
- Former Navy Chief J.G Nadkarni Passes away.
- Kumaoni folk singer Kabutari Devi dies.
- Senior Congress Leader M M Jacob passes away.
- J N Sadhu, the Veteran journalist has passed away.
- World's Ugliest Dog Zsa Zsa Passes Away.
- Spiritual leader, head of Sadhu Vaswani mission Dada JP Vaswani passes away.
- Dr.N N Wig Doyen of Indian Psychiatry dies at 88 in Chandigarh.
- Former DGCA chief Kanu Gohain passed away.
- Senior journalist Kalpesh Yagnik passed away.
- Kannada poet M.N. Vyasa Rao passes away.
- Veteran sports journalist Swapan Sarkar passes away
- Former Kerala Minister Cherkallam Abdullah passes away.
- World's oldest person Chiyo Miyako, a Japanese woman, dies at 117.





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