

AWARDS & HONOURS

High profile British Indian actor Dev Patel was elected for the prestigious **Asia Game Changer award** in recognition of him using celebrity to place a spotlight on India's poor. The awards, now in their fourth year, recognize those making a transformative and positive difference for the future of Asia and the world.

James McCloughan, a 71-year-old former Army medic from Michigan who saved wounded comrades under fire during the Vietnam War was given the highest **U.S. military award** by President Donald Trump.

BUSINESS & CORPORATE

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched the 'She Means Business' programme on **Facebook** for women entrepreneurs in Odisha. Under the scheme, 25,000 women entrepreneurs and self-help-groups (SHG) members will be given training on digital marketing skills within the next one year.

In an apparent bid to take on Google-owned YouTube, **Facebook** rolled out 'Watch' — a redesigned video platform for creators and publishers.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi officially announced that India and United States will co-host the Global Entrepreneurship Summit 2017 (GES2017) at Hyderabad from 28-30 November.

Engineering conglomerate **Larsen & Toubro** announced a Rs 3,375 crore-worth metro order from the Mauritius government to design and build an Integrated Light Rail-based Urban Transit System in the African island nation.

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- The Union Cabinet gave its ex-post facto approval for a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed among India and various BRICs countries for establishment of the BRICS Agriculture Research Platform (BRICS-ARP).
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) constituted a committee on 'fair market conduct', which will be headed by former Lok Sabha secretary and law secretary T K Viswanathan. The panel will have representations from Sebi, mutual funds, brokers, audit firms, stock exchanges, data analytics firms and legal firms. The committee has been tasked with suggesting improvements to the existing Sebi norms, including on insider trading and fraudulent and unfair trade practices (FUTP).
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a total package of Rs 2,350 crore for all north eastern states hit by floods and immediate release of Rs 250 crore for flood-hit Assam. In addition to that, the prime minister announced a Rs 100 crore corpus for setting up a research project to study Brahmaputra river and its role in creating devastating flood.
- The Government of India announced to launch a new sub-scheme named "Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana (AGEY)" as part of the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM). The Self Help Groups under DAY-NRLM will operate road transport service in backward areas. This will help to provide safe, affordable and community monitored rural transport services to connect remote villages with key services and amenities (such as access to markets, education and health) for the overall economic development of backward rural areas. This will also provide an additional avenue of livelihood for SHGs.
- The Union Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation has come up with the Swachh Survekshan Gramin 2017. It is third party survey report by the Quality Council of India (QCI) noting on the effectiveness of Swachh Bharat Mission in rural India.

ECONOMY & FINANCE

- India's factory output, as measured in the terms of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), declined by 0.1% in the month of June, compared to a 1.7% rise in the previous, its first fall since June 2013. In terms of industries, eight of the 22 industries showed growth; pharmaceuticals and furniture posted the highest growth followed by tobacco and leather products.
- The Multi Commodity Exchange Ltd (MCX) received markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India's (Sebi) approval to launch country's first gold options contract.
- The Logistics Data Bank (LDB) project, unveiled in July 2016 to make India's logistics sector more efficient through the use of Information Technology, will soon expand operations to the country's southern region. So far, it had covered only the western logistics corridor. The facility — where every container is attached to a Radio Frequency Identification Tag (RFID) tag and then tracked through RFID readers — aids importers and exporters in tracking their goods in transit.
- The government announced the launch of its second exchange-traded fund (ETF), Bharat 22, which will comprise 22 stocks including those of central public sector enterprises (CPSEs), public sector banks and its holdings under the Specified Undertaking of Unit Trust of India (SUUTI). Finance minister Arun Jaitley said the ETF will have a diversified portfolio of companies from six sectors with a 20% cap on each sector and a 15% cap on each stock. Exchange-traded funds (ETFs) are essentially index funds that are listed and traded on exchanges like stocks. An ETF is a basket of stocks with assigned weights that reflects the composition of an index.
- In its third bimonthly policy review for the financial year 2017-18, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India reduced short-term lending rate, or repo rate, by 25 basis points to 6%. Reverse repo rate was also cut by 0.25 per cent to 5.75 per cent.
- The Rajya Sabha passed the Banking Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2017, which will enable the government to empower the RBI to direct lender banks to act against big loan defaulters. The bill, which amends the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, will replace the Banking Regulation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2017. The Lok Sabha had passed the bill earlier.
- The government ordered State-run oil companies to raise the price of subsidised cooking gas (LPG) by Rs. 4 a cylinder every month to eliminate all subsidies by March next year.
- The government announced that anti-dumping duty is in force on 93 products including chemicals and machinery items imported from China. The other Chinese products on which India has imposed this duty include steel and other metals; fibres and yarn; rubber or plastic; electric and electronics; and consumer goods. Countries impose anti-dumping duties to guard domestic industry from surge in below-cost imports.
- India ranked last at 43rd position in 2017 Global Retirement Index (GRI) published by French asset management company Natixis Global. The index ranks 43 countries on the basis of four factors namely the material means to live comfortably in retirement (Material Well-being); access to quality health services (Health); access to quality financial services to help preserve savings value and maximize income (Finances) and a clean and safe environment (Quality of Life). The Top three countries in 2017 GRI are Norway, Switzerland, and Iceland.

PEOPLE IN NEWS

Justice **Dipak Misra** was sworn in as the 45th Chief Justice of India (CJI). He will have a 14-month tenure till October 2018. He takes over from chief justice J.S. Khehar.

Air Marshal **Hemant Narayan Bhagwat** took over as Air Officer-in-Charge Administration of Indian Air Force.

Ustad **Hussain Sayeeduddin Dagar**, maestro and custodian of the venerable Dhrupad tradition of Hindustani classical music and a member of the eminent Dagar family, passed away at 78.

Former Union Minister **M Venkaiah Naidu** was sworn in as 13th Vice President of India.

The Centre appointed **Mohammad Mustafa**, a 1995 batch IAS officer, as Chairman and Managing Director of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).

Dr **PM Bhargava**, the founder-director of Hyderabad-based Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) died at 89. He belonged to the generation of nation building scientists, who built the edifice of Indian science. He was an internationally recognized molecular biologist, thinker, and institution builder.

Noted Bollywood lyricist-screenwriter and ad guru **Prasoon Joshi** replaced Pahlaj Nihalani as CBFC (Central Board of Film Certification). Prasoon Joshi, who was conferred with the Padma Shri in 2015, has written lyrics for songs in Bollywood films such as Lajja, Fanaa, Rang De Basanti, Taare Zameen Par, Black and Delhi 6 among others.

The Union Government appointed economist **Rajiv Kumar** as the new vice-chairman of National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog.

S. Aparna, an IAS officer from Gujarat cadre was appointed as Executive Director, World Bank to represent the constituency of India, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Sri Lanka for three years. A 1988-batch IAS, she is currently Principal Secretary to Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani. At the World Bank, she will replace Subhash Garg, who was recently appointed Economic Affairs Secretary, Ministry of Finance.

Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, a politician educated in the United States, and Pakistan's Petroleum Minister was elected the 18th Prime Minister of Pakistan. Parliament held a special election to replace his predecessor and mentor, Nawaz Sharif, who was disqualified on corruption charges.

Renowned economist and journalist Dr. **Sanjaya Baru** was appointed as the secretary general of FICCI.

Poet and writer **Vijay Nambisan**, who became the first All India Poetry Champion in 1988, passed away at 54.

SPORTS

Former India hockey captain **Dhanraj Pillay** was honoured by East Bengal football club on its foundation day with its highest award, Bharat Gaurav.

Ravindra Jadeja, addressed by his captain Virat Kohli as a 'sword-fighter' edged out Bangladesh's Shakib Al Hasan to claim the top rank among all-rounders apart from maintaining pole position in the bowlers' chart in the latest ICC Test cricket rankings.

The International Olympic Committee announced Paris and Los Angeles as hosts of **Summer Olympics** 2024 and 2028 respectively.

Eight-time Olympic gold medallist **Usain Bolt** of Jamaica announced his retirement from athletics.

MISCELLANEOUS

World

- The International Youth Day was celebrated on August 12 with the theme 'Youth Building Peace'.
- The International Bio-diesel Day was celebrated on August 10 to create awareness about non fossil-fuels (Green Fuels).
- Qatar's Cabinet approved a draft law making permanent residency available to some non-citizens, becoming the first Gulf Arab State to do so.
- India and China are home to 39 per cent of the 830 million young people worldwide who use the Internet, according to a UN report.
- The UN World Health Organisation (WHO) announced that it had not recorded any case of polio disease in Somalia in the last three years, declaring the country polio free.
- Israel launched the country's first environmental research satellite in a joint venture between the Israel Space Agency (ISA) and its French counterpart.
- Spanning an awesome 1621 feet and rising as high as 279 feet, the newly opened Charles Kuonen Suspension Bridge in Switzerland has broken the record for the world's longest pedestrian suspension bridge.

India

- The Uttar Pradesh Government launched Namami Gange Jagriti Yatra, an awareness drive along banks of Ganga River to maintain cleanliness.
- Devendra Fadnavis, Maharashtra CM, launched 'Namo Yuva Rozgar Kendra', (farmers' market on wheels). The mobile farmers' market will be selling fresh vegetables at competitive prices.

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The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) conferred the '**best performance award**' for 2015-16 and 2016-17 to Karnataka Vikas Grameen Bank (KVGB) for its work in the field of credit-linking joint liability groups (JLGs). The KVGB is sponsored by syndicate bank.

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik conferred the **Biju Patnaik Award** for Scientific Excellence for the year 2016 to Prof Digambar Behera – a senior professor and Head, Department of Pulmonary Medicine, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) in Chandigarh.

Five Indian-origin persons, including Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar, featured in **Fortune's annual list** of 40 young and influential people in the field of business inspiring others with their work. Fortune's 2017 '40 Under 40' list is an annual ranking of the most influential young people who are under 40 in business, whom the magazine termed as "disruptors, innovators, rebels and artists" inspiring others. The list was topped by 39-year-old French President Emmanuel Macron "France's youngest leader since Napoleon" who swept the presidential elections in May "obliterating the two-party system that had governed the country for generations." The Indian-origin persons on the list are 26-year-old Divya Nag, who oversees Apple's ambitious ResearchKit and CareKit programmes that encourage developers to build health-related apps, Rishi Shah, 31, and Shradha Agarwal, 32, who helm more than 10-year-old health-tech firm Outcome Health and CEO and founder of non-profit Samasource 31-year-old Leila Janah. Varadkar, 38, whose father was born in India, has been ranked fifth on the list.

Preethi Srinivasan, the former State under-19 cricket captain, was bestowed with the 2017 **Kalpana Chawla Award** for courage and daring enterprise.

Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar was selected for the prestigious **National Agriculture Leadership Award-2017** by the Indian Council of Food and Agriculture (ICFA).

National Sports Awards are given every year to recognize and reward excellence in sports. Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award is given for the spectacular and most outstanding performance in the field of sports by a sportsperson over a period of four year, Arjuna Award is given for consistency outstanding performance for four years, Dronacharya Award for coaches for producing medal winners at prestigious International sports events, Dhyan Chand Award for life time contribution to sports development.

Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna 2017

S. No.	Name of the Awardee	Discipline
1.	Shri Devendra	Para Athlete
2.	Shri Sardar Singh	Hockey

Dronacharya Awards 2017

S. No.	Name of the Awardee	Discipline
1.	Late Dr. R. Gandhi	Athletics
2.	Mr. Heera Nand Kataria	Kabaddi
3.	Mr. G.S.S.V. Prasad	Badminton (Lifetime)
4.	Mr. Brij Bhushan Mohanty	Boxing (Lifetime)
5.	Mr. P.A. Raphel	Hockey (Lifetime)
6.	Mr. Sanjoy Chakraverthy	Shooting (Lifetime)
7.	Mr. Roshan Lal	Wrestling (Lifetime)

Arjuna Awards 2017

S. No.	Name of the Awardees	Discipline
1.	Ms. V.J. Surekha	Archery
2.	Ms. Khushbir Kaur	Athletics
3.	Mr. Arokia Rajiv	Athletics
4.	Ms. Prasanthi Singh	Basketball
5.	Sub. Laishram Debendro Singh	Boxing
6.	Mr. Cheteshwar Pujara	Cricket
7.	Ms. Harmanpreet Kaur	Cricket
8.	Ms. Oinam Bembem Devi	Football
9.	Mr. S.S.P. Chawrasia	Golf
10.	Mr. S.V. Sunil	Hockey
11.	Mr. Jasvir Singh	Kabaddi
12.	Mr. P. N. Prakash	Shooting
13.	Mr. A. Amalraj	Table Tennis
14.	Mr. Saketh Myneni	Tennis
15.	Mr. Satyawart Kadian	Wrestling
16.	Mr. Mariyappan	Para-Athlete
17.	Mr. Varun Singh Bhati	Para-Athlete

Dhyan Chand Award

S. No.	Name (S/Shri)	Discipline
1 .	Mr. Bhupender Singh	Athletics
2.	Mr. Syed Shahid Hakim	Football
3.	Ms. Sumarai Tete	Hockey

Noted Konkani writer Mahabaleshwar Sail was bestowed with prestigious **Saraswati Samman** 2016 for his novel "Hawthan".

BUSINESS & CORPORATE

Rajiv Bansal, a 1988 batch IAS officer of Nagaland cadre, was appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of **Air India**.

Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL) launched its mobile wallet "BSNL Wallet" in partnership with MobiKwik to enable one-tap bill payment for its over 100 million subscribers.

Ashish Kumar Chauhan was re-appointed as the new Managing Director and CEO of **Bombay Stock Exchange** (BSE) for a period of 5 years w.e.f November 2, 2017.

Nandan Nilekani, the Infosys co-founder and the architect of Aadhaar, was appointed as the new non-executive chairman of the board of directors of **Infosys**.

The Karnataka Government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with software giant **Microsoft India** to develop a unique "farm price forecasting model" using latest IT tools in a bid to help farmers, administrators and other stakeholders to understand the market behaviour in advance.

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- The Union Cabinet approved the proposal of the Election Commission of India to enter into Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation in the field of electoral management and administration with the Election Management Bodies of other countries/International Agencies. These are as follows:
 - ❖ The National Electoral Council of Ecuador
 - ❖ The Central Election Commission of Albania
 - ❖ The Election Commission of Bhutan;
 - ❖ The Independent Election Commission of Afghanistan
 - ❖ The National Independent Electoral Commission of Guinea
 - ❖ The Union Election Commission of Myanmar
 - ❖ The India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM) and the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA).

These MoUs would promote bilateral cooperation, aimed at building technical assistance / capacity support for the said Election Management Bodies.

- The Union Cabinet approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Israel on "India-Israel Industrial R&D and Technological Innovation Fund (I4F)". India and Israel will make an contribution of four million US Dollars each for the Fund, both equivalent amount, annually for five years.
- The Union Cabinet gave its approval to the norms for establishing equivalence of posts in Government and posts in PSUs, PSBs etc. for claiming benefit of OBC reservations. This addresses an issue pending for nearly 24 years. This will ensure that the children of those serving in lower categories in PSUs and other institutions can get the benefit of OBC reservations, on par with children of people serving in lower categories in Government.
- The Union Cabinet gave its approval to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Sweden on cooperation in the field of Intellectual Property (IPRs). The MoU establishes a wide ranging and flexible mechanism through which both countries can exchange best practices and work together on training programs and technical exchanges to raise awareness on IPRs and better protect intellectual property rights.
- Yogi Adityanath, the Uttar Pradesh chief Minister, launched the Startup Yatra programme in Lucknow. As per programme, the state government will provide financial assistance of Rs 15 thousand per month and maximum Rs 10 lakh rupees in a year to those who will begin startups.
- Rajnath Singh, the Union Home Minister, inaugurated YUVA – a skill development programme and an initiative by Delhi Police under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY).

- India and Germany signed a pact on technical cooperation under the Indo-German Energy Programme – Green Energy Corridors (IGEN-GEC). The main purpose of this programme component is to improve the sector framework and conditions for grid integration of renewable energy.
- The Kerala government launched a new 'E-Waste Disposal' scheme in its state schools with an aim to process the electronic waste in IT labs, offices and stores.
- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nepal (ICAN) to establish mutual co-operation for the advancement of accounting knowledge, professional and intellectual development.
- NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant launched the Mentor India Campaign in New Delhi - a strategic nation building initiative to engage leaders who can nurture and guide students at more than 900 Atal Tinkering Labs.
- The Karnataka Government launched an ambitious clouding seeding Project Varshadhari in Bengaluru to deal with poor monsoons in the state.
- The Telangana government launched an exclusive 24×7 helpline '181' for women welfare.
- The Karnataka government and Congress Vice President Rahul Gandhi launched 'Indira Canteen' in Bengaluru with an aim to reach out to the poorer sections of the society. The canteens will offer breakfast at Rs 5 and lunch and dinner at Rs 10 per plate.

ECONOMY & FINANCE

- The Union Cabinet gave its in-principle approval for Public Sector Banks to amalgamate through an Alternative Mechanism (AM). The decision would facilitate consolidation among the Nationalised Banks to create strong and competitive banks. The salient features of the approval Framework for Consolidation of Public Sector Banks are as follows:
 - ❖ The decision regarding creating strong and competitive banks would be solely based on commercial considerations.
 - ❖ The proposal must start from the Boards of Banks.
 - ❖ The proposals received from Banks for in-principle approval to formulate schemes of amalgamation shall be placed before the Alternative Mechanism (AM).
 - ❖ After in-principle approval, the Banks will take steps in accordance with law and SEBI's requirements.
 - ❖ The final scheme will be notified by Central Government in consultation with the Reserve Bank of India.
- The Union Cabinet approved a new Metro Rail Policy that seeks to enable realization of growing metro rail aspirations of a large number of cities but in a responsible manner. The policy opens a big window for private investments across a range of metro operations making PPP component mandatory for availing central assistance for new metro projects. Private investment and other innovative forms of financing of metro projects have been made compulsory to meet the huge resource demand for capital intensive high capacity metro projects. The new Metro Rail Policy provides for rigorous assessment of new metro proposals and proposes an independent third party assessment by agencies to be identified by the Government. Taking note of substantial social, economic and environmental gains of metro projects, the Policy stipulated a shift from the present 'Financial Internal Rate of Return of 8%' to 'Economic Internal Rate of Return of 14%' for approving metro projects, in line with global practices.
- The Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (SFB) Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ujjivan Financial Services Ltd., was included in the Second Schedule of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Act, 1934. With this, Ujjivan SFB attained the status of a Scheduled Bank. The headquarters of Ujjivan SFB is located in Bengaluru.
- The Indian Commodity Exchange (ICEX) became the world's first derivatives exchange to launch diamond futures contract, creating an entirely new market for the diamond players where sellers can deliver their certified diamonds to different buyers.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) appointed committee on Household Finance recommended that banks should link their home loan rates to the RBI's repo rate, the rate at which it lends to banks. The committee was chaired by Dr Tarun Ramadorai, who is Professor of Financial Economics, Imperial College Business School in London.
- The Union Cabinet increased the 'creamy layer' ceiling for the Other Backward Classes (OBC) category to Rs 8 lakh per annum from the existing Rs 6 lakh for central government jobs. With this, those in the OBC category earning up to Rs 8 lakh per annum would now get reservation benefits.
- The Government of India (GoI) signed Global Environment Facility (GEF) Grant Agreement with the World Bank (WB) for \$24.64 million for Ecosystems Service Improvement Project (ESIP).

PEOPLE IN NEWS

Arun Jaitley, the Union Finance Minister, chaired the 17th meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) in New Delhi. The Council discussed the issues and challenges facing the Indian economy.

The Union Government appointed **Ashwani Lohani** as the new Chairman of the Railway Board (Ministry of Railways).

Dr **Bhakti Yadav**, the first woman doctor of Madhya Pradesh, passed away in Indore at 92.

Brian Aldiss, one of the most prolific and influential science fiction writers of the 20th century, passed away in Oxford, England at 92.

Dhruv Garg, an Indian-origin boy in south east England, got the highest possible score of 162 on a Mensa IQ test that placed him in the top 1% people in the world who achieved this feat.

Justice **Dipak Misra** (64) was sworn in as the 45th Chief Justice of India (CJI). He succeeds Chief Justice J S Khehar and will have tenure of 14 months till October 2018.

After Kalpana Chawla, **Jasleen Kaur Josan** has become the 2nd Indian woman and first Sikh woman to be selected by NASA for the Mars Expedition happening in 2030.

Jay Thomas, a well-known comic and character actor, passed away in California, United States at 69.

Jerry Lewis, a famous comedian and Filmmaker, passed away in Las Vegas, United States at 91.

Dr. **Mamta Suri** took charge as Executive Director of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) in New Delhi.

Kolkata-based **Nitasha Biswas** was crowned India's first-ever Miss TransQueen 2017 in Gurugram, Haryana.

Dr. **R.K. Raghavan**, a 1963 cadre IPS officer, was appointed as the new High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Cyprus.

Rahul Doshi (12), an Indian-origin boy, was crowned as the UK's 'Child Genius' in a popular television quiz competition, after answering all questions correctly.

Rajiv Gauba, a 1982-batch IAS officer of Jharkhand cadre, took charge as the Union Home Secretary after incumbent Rajiv Mehrishi retired from service.

Rajiv Mehrishi, the former home secretary, will be the new Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India. He will replace the present incumbent Shashi Kant Sharma who completes his term on September 30, 2017.

Home Minister **Rajnath Singh** launched a digital police portal under Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems Project (CCTNS).

Former Manipur Chief Minister and veteran Congress leader **Rishang Keishing** passed away at 96. He was a freedom fighter and a member of India's first parliament (1952-57). He had served as the Chief Minister of Manipur for four terms from 1980 to 1988 and 1994 to 1997.

Noted photographer **S Paul** passed away at the age of 88.

Sunil Arora, a 1980 batch IAS officer of the Rajasthan cadre, was appointed as the new Election Commissioner (EC).

Sushma Swaraj, the Union External affairs minister, led the Indian delegation at the Indian Ocean Conference 2017 (IOC 2017), which is started in Colombo, Sri Lanka on August 31, 2017.

Sumiteru Taniguchi, a prominent nuclear disarmament campaigner and peace activist, passed away at the age of 88 in Japan.

Tony de Brum passed away at 72. He was a leading advocate for the landmark Paris Agreement and a noted climate awareness activist.

SPORTS

Ahmed Khan, legendary footballer and Olympian, passed away at the age of 90.

The National Sports Day (NSD) was celebrated on 29th August to mark the birthday of legendary hockey player **Dhyan Chand**.

Indian football team won the 2017 South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) under-15 football Championship by defeating Nepal in the finals.

Young Indian shuttler **Lakshya Sen** clinched the 2017 Bulgaria Open International Series title.

Lewis Hamilton, a British racing driver who races in Formula One for the Mercedes AMG Petronas team, won the 2017 Belgian Grand Prix.

The **National Sports Museum** will be established in New Delhi that will showcase India's achievements in sports and also focus on the traditional sports within the country.

Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu officially launched the Union Sports Ministry's **National Sports Talent Search Portal** in New Delhi. The portal will enable any person from across country to upload his/her information and as per that the Ministry will tap their talent and train them further in their respective disciplines.

Japanese shuttler **Nozomi Okuhara** won the 2017 women's singles World Badminton championships (WBC) by defeating P V Sindhu in the finals.

Saina Nehwal won bronze in the 2017 women's singles World Badminton championships (WBC).

Sanjivani Jadhav, a marathon runner from Nashik, clinched silver medal in the women's 10,000-metre at the 29th World University Games in Taipei, Taiwan.

Stephen Wooldridge, Australia's former Olympic and world cycle champion, passed away in Australia at 39.

Bulgarian weightlifter **Velichko Cholakov**, an Olympic and world medalist, passed away at 35.

MISCELLANEOUS

World

- The International Day against Nuclear Tests (IDANT) was observed on August 29 to raise public awareness about the effects of global nuclear weapon tests.
- The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) launched the world's first IAEA Low Enriched Uranium (LEU) bank at the Ulba Metallurgical Plant (UMP) in Oskemen, Kazakhstan. The \$150 million facility will help ensure a steady supply of low enriched uranium for countries' nuclear power programmes.
- Nepal launched the world's first climate-smart snow-leopard management plan to safeguard this endangered species of snow leopard and its habitat.
- According to a 2017 report by the United Nations World Tourism (UNWTO), the island of Tuvalu was the least visited country in 2016.
- The International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition was observed by UNESCO on August 23.
- The 2017 International Military Music Festival "Spasskaya Tower" started in Moscow, Russia on August 24 and will continue till September 3, 2017.
- The World Mosquito Day (WMD) was observed on August 20 is to raise awareness about the threat of malaria and other diseases transmitted by mosquitoes.
- The World Humanitarian Day (WHD) was observed on August 19 to pay tribute to aid workers who risk their lives in humanitarian service.
- Melbourne was declared the world's most liveable city for the 7th consecutive year by The Economist's annual global liveability survey.

India

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched its navigation satellite IRNSS-1H into the orbit by the rocket PSLV C39 from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- The researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati have successfully created an implantable bioartificial pancreas model grown within a 3D silk scaffold.
- The 10th India-European Union Counter Terrorism Dialogue was held at New Delhi. The Indian delegation was led by Mahaveer Singhvi, Joint Secretary for Counter Terrorism at the Ministry of External Affairs of India, while the European Union side was led by Pawel Herczynski, Director for Security Policy of European External Action Service (EEAS). The 11th India-European Union Counter Terrorism Dialogue will take place in Brussels in 2018 on a mutually convenient date.
- The Union Cabinet announced that India and Canada have mutually agreed to jointly issue a set of two Commemorative Postage Stamps on the theme Diwali.
- The Nungthaang Tampak village in Manipur has become North-East (NE)'s first 100% computer literacy village.

- The Indian Institutes of Technology, Bombay and Indore, jointly developed a biosensor that makes it possible to detect kidney disorders in less than 8 minutes.
- In a landmark decision, the Supreme Court of India declared right to privacy a fundamental right under the constitution.
- The first edition of Miss Transqueen India, a beauty pageant for transgenders, was held in Gurugram, Haryana.
- The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the Union Ministry of Health inked a pact with the International Vaccine Institute (IVI) to collaborate on vaccine research and development.
- The 8th World Renewable Energy Technology Congress & Expo-2017 started in New Delhi from August 21, 2017.
- Dr Vishwanath Karad MIT World Peace University (MITWPU), the first of its kind in India, was inaugurated by chief minister of Maharashtra Devendra Fadnavis in Pune.
- The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) launched two mobile Apps namely MyFASTag and FASTag Partner in New Delhi to ensure smooth functioning of the Electronic Toll Collection system.