







## CURRENT AFFAIRS QUICK RECAP – FEBRUARY 2016

- 28) Two new Hindi writers **Amlendu Tiwari** and **Om Nagar** have been chosen for the 11th Navlekhan award of the Bharatiya Jnanpith, Tiwari for his novel 'Parityakt' and on Nagar for his non-fictional prose Nib Ke Cheere Se.
- 29) **Olympic champion Abhinav Bindra** has been conferred with the Diploma of Honour and President's Button by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) as an acknowledgment to his "contribution as an athlete" to the sport.
- 30) At the inaugural ceremony of MIFF 2016, Fadnavis and Col. Rathore honoured the veteran wildlife film maker **Naresh Bedi** with the V Shantaram Life Time Achievement Award.
- 31) **Waheeda Rehman** was honoured with a special award for her contribution to the film industry as curtains came down on Yashwant International Film Festival.
- 32) **Nisid Hajari** has won the 2016 William E. Colby Award for his book, "Midnight's Furies: The Deadly Legacy of India's Partition."
- 33) **Nitish Kumar** has been chosen for the K Veeramani Award for Social Justice 2015 for his contribution towards social justice as Chief Minister.
- 34) The Prince Mahidol Award Foundation has named **American professor Morton M. Mower** as the winner of the Prince Mahidol Award 2015 in the field of medicine.
- 35) The Prince Mahidol Award Foundation has named British researcher **Sir Michael Gideon Marmot** as the winner of the Prince Mahidol Award 2015 in the field of public health.
- 36) **Corporation Bank** has won three awards in 'Best Social Bank Excellence Award 2015', instituted by the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM).
- 37) Indian filmmaker Kanu Behl's **Titli** film has bagged the Best First Foreign Film Award conferred by the French Syndicate of Cinema Critics 2016 (FSCC).
- 38) **Megastar Amitabh Bachchan** has been presented with the lifetime achievement award at NDTV Indian of the Year Awards.
- 39) The Manipuri movie **Phum Shang** has won the Golden Conch award for the best documentary film (up to 60 minutes) at the 14th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) for Documentary, Animation and Short Films.
- 40) **Kerala's** all-women taxi cab service '**She-Taxi**', touted as the country's first 24x7 taxi network by women for women, has bagged the prestigious Chief Minister's Award for Innovation in Public Policy 2014.

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- 41) **Geetu Mohandas** won Sundance Institute Global Filmmaking Award 2016 on 30 January 2016 for her script of yet-to-be shot film Insha Allah.
- 42) **Sarang maestro Pandit Ram Narayan** has been chosen for the prestigious Bharat Ratna Pandit Bhimsen Joshi classical music award for 2015-2016.
- 43) Well-known actor **Nana Patekar** will get the ‘Godavari Gaurav’ award, instituted by city-based ‘Kusumagraj Prathishthan’. The other awardees include dancer Kanak Rele, Chetana Sinha, Dr Shashi Kumar Chitre, Dr Balkrishna Joshi and endurance cyclists Hitendra and Mahendra Mahajan for their contribution in various fields.
- 44) **Sanjay Leela Bhansali** and **Ranveer Singh** chosen for 2016 Dinanath Mangeshkar Award
- 45) **Bollywood actor Randeep Hooda** was felicitated by Melbourne based South Asian community members in Australia.

### The 2016 Oscars Winners – Complete List

- Best picture – “Spotlight”
- Best actor – Leonardo DiCaprio, “The Revenant”
- Best actress – Brie Larson, “Room”
- Best supporting actor – Mark Rylance, “Bridge of Spies”
- Best supporting actress – Alicia Vikander, “The Danish Girl”
- Best director – “The Revenant,” Alejandro G. Iñárritu
- Best original screenplay – “Spotlight,” by Josh Singer and Tom McCarthy
- Best adapted screenplay – “The Big Short,” Charles Randolph and Adam McKay
- Best costume design – “Mad Max: Fury Road,” Jenny Beavan
- Best production design – “Mad Max: Fury Road,” production design by Colin Gibson; set decoration by Lisa Thompson
- Best makeup and hairstyling – “Mad Max: Fury Road,” Lesley Vanderwalt, Elka Wardega and Damian Martin
- Best cinematography – “The Revenant,” Emmanuel Lubezki
- Best film editing – “Mad Max: Fury Road,” Margaret Sixel
- Best sound editing – “Mad Max: Fury Road,” Mark Mangini and David White
- Best sound mixing – “Mad Max: Fury Road,” Chris Jenkins, Gregg Rudloff and Ben Osmo

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- Best visual effects – “Ex Machina,” Andrew Whitehurst, Paul Norris, Mark Ardington and Sara Bennett
- Best animated short film – “Bear Story,” Gabriel Osorio and Pato Escala
- Best animated feature film – “Inside Out,” Pete Docter and Jonas Rivera
- Best documentary, short subject – “A Girl in the River: The Price of Forgiveness,” Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy
- Best documentary feature – “Amy,” Asif Kapadia and James Gay-Rees
- Best live-action short film – “Stutterer,” Benjamin Cleary and Serena Armitage
- Best foreign-language film – “Son of Saul,” Hungary
- Best original song – “Writing’s on the Wall” from “Spectre” Music and lyric by Jimmy Napes and Sam Smith
- Best original score – “The Hateful Eight,” Ennio Morricone

### APPOINTMENTS

- 1) Railway officer **Vinay Kumar Singh** has been chosen for appointment as **Managing Director of the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC)**.
- 2) **Amar Singh** has been appointed the **police commissioner** of Malaysia’s capital **Kuala Lumpur**, the highest police rank achieved by a Sikh in the Muslim-majority country.
- 3) **Metropolitan Stock Exchange of India** (formerly MCX Stock Exchange) has appointed its interim Managing Director & CEO **Udai Kumar** as **MD & CEO** after receiving necessary approvals from securities regulator SEBI.
- 4) **KN Vyas**, Distinguished Scientist and Associate Director, Reactor Projects Group of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) took over as **Director, BARC** from Dr. Sekhar Basu.
- 5) Bangladesh limited-overs captain **Mashrafe Bin Mortaza** is set to be named as the United Nations Development Programme’s (UNDP) “**national goodwill ambassador for youth**”.
- 6) Japanese car manufacturer **Nissan** named Indian cricketer **Rohit Sharma** as their new **global ambassador**.
- 7) The **Diageo-controlled United Spirits USL**) has announced the appointment of **MK Sharma** as its new **chairman**, a day after the embattled liquor baron Vijay Mallya resigned from the post.

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- 8) **Rajendra Singh** will be the new **director general** of the **Coast Guard**.
- 9) Online fashion store **Jabong** on 26 Feb 2016 announced the appointment of **Muralikrishnan B**, former eBay India country manager, and senior e-commerce and consumer internet executive, as the company's **chief operating officer**.
- 10) **Justice Subhro Kamal Mukherjee** took oath as the **28th Chief Justice** of the High Court of **Karnataka** on 25 Feb 2016.
- 11) India's leading private lender **Yes Bank** has been awarded inaugural **Green Bond Pioneer Award** at a ceremony held in London, United Kingdom.
- 12) Union Government has selected former **Chief Justice of India (CJI) H L Dattu** as new **Chairman of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)**.
- 13) World football's governing body elected the Swiss-Italian lawyer **Gianni Infantino** after he defeated nearest rival **Bahrain's Sheikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa** in the second round of voting.
- 14) **Dr. Vilas A Tonapi** has been appointed Director of Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR), Rajendranagar.
- 15) **Senior IRS officer Jayant Misra** has been appointed as Director General of Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI).
- 16) The Union Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley inaugurated the Non Tax Receipt Portal (NTRP), developed by the Office of Controller General of Accounts (CGA).
- 17) **West Bengal Finance Minister Amit Mitra** has been named the new chairman of the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers on Goods and Services Tax (GST).
- 18) Bollywood actress **Kajol and Shashi Shekhar Vempati**, who heads an online media company, were appointed as part-time members of the Prasar Bharati board which runs public broadcasters Doordarshan and All India Radio (AIR).
- 19) Former chief of The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) RK Pachauri has been appointed executive vice-chairman of the organization.
- 20) The Governing Council of TERI appointed Ashok Chawla, former Union Finance Secretary and former Chairman of the Competition Commission, as its new chairman.
- 21) Australia has announced the appointment of Harinder Sidhu, India-origin as the new High Commissioner-designate.
- 22) Davinder Singh, Indian-origin lawyer in Singapore has been named as vice-chairman of the Paris-based International Chamber of Commerce Commission.
- 23) United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has appointed Tamar Hahn as Israel Director of the United

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- 24) United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) in Buenos Aires, which serves Argentina and Uruguay. Rasna chairman Piruz Khambatta has been named ambassador of the government's 'Make in India' initiative by the Government of India.
- 25) **Leslie Berland** has been named as Twitter's new chief marketing executive
- 26) Government of India has appointed **Gurdeep Singh** as the chairman and managing director of NTPC Ltd, India's biggest power producer.
- 27) **Dr. Kamlesh Kumar Pandey** has been appointed as the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD) for a period of three years.
- 28) **Ten** part-time Non-Official Directors (NODs) have been appointed by the government on the board of various public sector banks
- 29) **Vice Admiral Girish Luthra**, AVSM, VSM took over charge as the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Southern Naval Command from Vice Admiral Sunil Lanba, PVSM, AVSM.
- 30) Telecom secretary **Rakesh Garg** has been appointed secretary of the minority affairs ministry as part of a top-level bureaucratic reshuffle.
- 31) **JS Deepak** has been appointed as the new secretary, department of telecommunications.
- 32) Senior Indian Revenue Service officer **Atulesh Jindal** is all set to take charge as the new chairman of the CBDT, the controlling body of the income tax department.
- 33) Senior IFS officer **Muktesh Kumar Pardeshi** has been appointed India's next Ambassador to Mexico.
- 34) Senior IPS officer **Archana Ramasundram** has been appointed as Director-General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), the first woman to head a paramilitary force.
- 35) Former India cricketer **Virender Sehwal** has been appointed mentor of the Kings XI Punjab for the upcoming Indian Premier League (IPL).
- 36) **Saroj Kumar Jha** has been appointed Senior Director for the Fragility, Conflict and Violence Group at the World Bank
- 37) Union Government has appointed senior IPS officer **K Durga Prasad** as Director General (DG) of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).
- 38) Online furniture store Urban Ladder has named **Sanjay Gupta** as its chief marketing officer.
- 39) Analytics services provider Mu Sigma Inc. has appointed **Ambiga Dhiraj** as its chief executive officer (CEO).
- 40) The Principal Adviser (Cost), **Mrs. Aruna Sethi (ICoAS 1985)** took over the charge of Indian Cost Accounts Service (ICoAS) as head.



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- 41) Former chief secretary of Gujarat **DJ Pandian** has been appointed vice-president and chief investment officer of the newly-created Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).
- 42) **Major General Jai Shanker Menon** has been appointed to head the UN Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF), which monitors the Syria-Israel ceasefire in the Golan Heights.
- 43) The government has appointed **Parameshwaran Iyer** as the new Secretary of the Drinking Water and Sanitation Department.
- 44) **Senior IPS officer Alok Kumar Verma** took charge as the new Commissioner of Delhi Police
- 45) **Dinesh Sharma** becomes the Chairperson of the Governing Council of International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD).

### BANKING AND ECONOMY

- 1) In order to enhance economic cooperation and strengthen financial stability, **RBI** has **extended the USD 2 billion currency swap** arrangement to **SAARC nations** till mid-**November 2017**.
- 2) **Mastercard** is launching new mobile technologies that will allow customers to **authenticate** their online purchases using **selfies or fingerprints**.
- 3) Banking giant **SBI** has taken another leap in this space with the launch of **SBI e-Smart SME**, a working capital loan offering for **sellers on ecommerce platforms**.
- 4) State-owned **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** has declared 904 borrowers who owed it a combined Rs.10,869.71 crore as of **December-end** as wilful defaulters.
- 5) The **Reserve Bank of India** has announced an **open market operation (OMO)** purchase of government securities worth Rs 12,000 crore on **March 3**.
- 6) Ahead of the Union Budget (scheduled on 29 Feb 2016), the Economic Survey on 26 Feb 2016 termed external environment as challenging but projected a **7-7.5 per cent GDP growth rate** in the next fiscal (April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017) which could accelerate to **eight per cent** in a couple of years.
- 7) **Retirement fund body EPFO** has tightened norms on **withdrawal of provident fund** as well investment of such amount in **Varishtha Pension Bima Yojana** for its over five crore subscribers.











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- 49) Ratan Tata has invested an undisclosed amount in Delhi-based biopharmaceutical firm Invictus Oncology Pvt Ltd, next generation cancer therapeutic startup. The investment in Invictus Oncology is Tata's fifth in 2016
- 50) Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) entering into a tie up with leading tea cafe chain Chaayos.
- 51) Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) will enter into a partnership with Delhi Police, in which it will help develop a mechanism to facilitate "predictive policing" and "live crime mapping".
- 52) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has barred telecom service providers from charging differential rates for data services, effectively prohibiting Facebook's Free Basics and Airtel Zero platform by Airtel in their current form.
- 53) India will focus on the north-eastern region to expand its hydrocarbon and petrochemical industries with an eye on markets such as Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar and Thailand.
- 54) Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IIT-M) has partnered with Nokia Networks to create technology solutions that will enhance broadband connectivity in rural India.
- 55) The National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) advised private entities, including cooperative and philanthropic organisations, to reserve 27% of all hiring for people from the so-called other backward classes (OBCs).
- 56) JP Nadda, the Health Minister has launched the National Framework for Malaria Elimination (NFME) 2016-2030, which outlines India's strategy for elimination of the disease by 2030.
- 57) The US Chamber of Commerce has released its 4th annual International IP Index -Infinite Possibilities- which measured the IP environment in India has placed India at number 37 out of 38 countries.
- 58) The unreserved ticketing mobile application which was launched in South Central Railway - 'UTSONMOBILE'.
- 59) NRI billionaire Anil Agarwal has announced that his firm Twinstar Display Technologies will set up India's first LCD manufacturing facility in Maharashtra,
- 60) Kicking off the 'Make In India Week', Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Make In India Centre at the MMRDA Grounds in Mumbai.
- 61) According to a study released by the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), India has been ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> among the top five.









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- 10) The UN has urged **Pakistan** to resolve the status of more than **2.5 million Afghan refugees** living in Pakistan whose registration cards have expired or who remain unregistered.
- 11) A US appeals court has handed **Samsung a win** over **Apple** in a long-running patent fight, overriding a jury verdict ordering it to pay \$119.6 million to the iPhone maker.
- 12) The **Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)** will launch a sleek, 132-foot unmanned ocean drone from Portland, OR, testing its abilities over a succeeding period of 18 months.
- 13) An Australian company unearthed a massive 404-carat diamond in **Angola** valued at as much as \$14 million.
- 14) The Sindh Assembly of Pakistan has passed the **Hindu Marriage Bill 2015**, thus becoming the first province in the country to allow the minority community to register their marriages.
- 15) The Union Cabinet was apprised of the **BRICS memorandum of understanding** on cooperation in the fields of science, technology and innovation signed last year.
- 16) China has deployed surface-to-air missile launchers on an island in the **South China Sea**.
- 17) The first freight train to resurrect the ancient **Silk Road route** arrived in Iran from China.
- 18) Google's balloon-powered high-speed internet service known as 'Project Loon' began its first tests in **Sri Lanka**.
- 19) A team led by an Indian-origin scientist in US has discovered a new kind of **2D semiconducting material** for electronics that opens the door for much speedier computers and smartphones that consume a lot less power.
- 20) US President Barack Obama has signed legislation imposing new **sanctions against North Korea** in response to Pyongyang's nuclear and missile tests.
- 21) China is to ban foreign firms from "**online publishing**" under new rules issued this week, as the country increasingly seeks to minimize Western influence.
- 22) The International Monetary Fund its board re-elected Managing Director **Christine Lagarde** to a second five-year term, starting on July 5.
- 23) **David Cameron** said that he had reached a deal to give the UK "special status" in the EU.
- 24) **Faustin Archange Touadera**, a former prime minister and maths teacher standing as an independent, has been elected president of the **Central African Republic**.
- 25) North Korean state media has confirmed that the country has a new military chief following earlier reports in Seoul that the former holder of the post had been executed.

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- 26) UK wind energy industry received a boost with the announcement of the world's biggest offshore wind farm, to be built off the north-east coast.
- 27) A UN Panel panel has proposed long-sought greenhouse gas emissions standards for airliners and cargo planes.
- 28) World powers pressed Russia to stop bombing around Aleppo in support of a Syrian government offensive to recapture the city.
- 29) The Obama administration has proposed \$860 million aid for Pakistan, including \$265 million for military hardware, which it said would help the country fight terrorists, secure nuclear weapons and improve ties with India.
- 30) YouTube has launched its first original movies and series' exclusively for which subscribers - YouTube Red.
- 31) NATO and the European Union have signed an agreement to improve cooperation in Cyber defence.
- 32) United States and Cuba will sign a bilateral agreement to restore regular flights between the two countries after more than half a century.
- 33) Canada, the US and Mexico signed a deal in Winnipeg, Canada, to tap into energy cooperation among them
- 34) The US government has approved the sale of F-16 fighter jets to Pakistan.
- 35) Dubai said it would build the world's largest shopping mall despite an economic slowdown looming in the region.
- 36) The United States has temporarily deployed an additional Patriot missile battery in South Korea
- 37) Titanic II, a replica of the Titanic, which infamously was declared "unsinkable" and promptly sank on its maiden voyage after hitting an iceberg in 1912, killing 1,503 people, is being built for a whole new journey across the Atlantic to set sail in 2018.
- 38) BandPage has been acquired by Google owned YouTube for a reported \$8 million.
- 39) **Tom Hanks** is officially America's favourite Hollywood star.
- 40) A total of **Thirty One** countries have signed the Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement (MCAA) for the automatic exchange of Country-by-Country reports.
- 41) Axiata Group Berhad (Axiata) and Bharti Airtel will merge their telecom operations in **Bangladesh**.
- 42) **Apple Inc** has acquired education-technology startup LearnSprout, which creates software for schools and teachers to track students' performance.



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- 6) **Indian Railways** has joined hands with **Sweden** for technical cooperation in rail sector to run goods trains in cold conditions.
- 7) As part of the ongoing India-Myanmar defence relations, Navies of the two countries have conducted **IMCOR** along the Maritime boundary since 2013.
- 8) A 12-member team of the Indian Army is participating in the “**Cobra Gold**” multilateral exercises being hosted by Thailand, along with its counterparts from China and Pakistan.
- 9) **India** and **Armenia** have signed an agreement for cooperation in the agriculture sector.
- 10) Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Nepal Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli have jointly inaugurated a power transmission line from **Muzaffarpur (India) to Dhalkebar (Nepal)**.
- 11) Indian and Chinese armies are breaking new grounds of friendship on the sensitive Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the cold desert of Ladakh.
- 12) The 14 day Indo-Nepal Combined Military Exercise at general area, Pithoragarh which commenced on 08 February 2016 and will culminate on 21 February 2016 - Surya Kiran IX
- 13) United Arab Emirates’ (UAE) Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) will store crude oil in India’s 1.5 million tonnes-Mangalore strategic petroleum reserve using it as a wholesale storage capacity.
- 14) Kalyani Group has tied up with Swedish defence major Saab to form a joint venture firm for the multi-billion dollar contract for short range surface to air missile and man-portable very short-range air defense (VSHORAD) programme.
- 15) Visiting Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan India held talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on various issues of mutual concern inked many agreements.
- 16) India and Sweden have resolved to scale up bilateral relations and expressed their commitment to a transparent, fair and predictable global traderegime under the World trade Organisation (WTO).
- 17) **Vietnam** has formally lifted the ban on import of Indian groundnut, thereby providing market access after nine months.
- 18) Delhi and **Kabul** ink pact for visa-free travel of envoys and An agreement for visa-free travel for diplomatic passport holders of the two countries.
- 19) National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) has signed an MoU with **RUSNANO OJSC** of Russia to cooperate in diverse sectors and facilitate high-technology investments in India.

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- 20) India and **Brunei** have decided to boost defence ties by conducting joint military exercises as the two countries signed three agreements after Vice President Hamid Ansari held talks with the top leadership.
- 21) The Cabinet was apprised about signing of a Joint Declaration between the India and Germany on the extension of the tenure of the **Indo-German Science & Technology Centre (IGSTC)**.
- 22) **India and Sri Lanka** have reviewed the progress made in their bilateral ties discussing various issues, including that of fishermen, a major irritant in the relations, as the two countries signed MoUs in education and health sectors.
- 23) As announced by the Prime Minister, the Visa on Arrival for Japanese nationals is being launched from tomorrow i.e. 1st March, 2016. This facility will be available at six airports viz. **Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bangalore and Hyderabad**.
- 24) **Lamitye 2016**, the seventh Indo-Seychelles joint training exercises, aiming to improve interoperability between both armies in counter-insurgency operations, has concluded at **Victoria, Mahe Island in Seychelles**.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- 1) **Facebook** has announced the **Telecom Infra Project**, which will look at developing new and alternative technologies to build and deploy telecom infrastructure, with partners including **Aricent, HCL Technologies, Intel, Nokia and T-Mobile**.
- 2) The first **fast-acting anti-rabies drug** of the world, which instantly deactivates the **rabies virus and provides immediate protection in severe dog bite cases**, is set for a launch in India this year.
- 3) **Astronaut Scott Kelly** is preparing to return to Earth after spending an unprecedented year on the **International Space Station**.
- 4) World's first fast-acting anti-rabies drug **Rabies Human Monoclonal Antibody (RMAb)** will be launched in India.
- 5) Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) is working towards the establishment of a **Satellite Tracking & Data Reception Station and Data Processing Facility in Vietnam for ASEAN** Member countries.
- 6) India has successfully test fired its indigenously developed **Prithvi-II missile** from Chandipur off the Odisha coast.





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- 21) NASA's first-ever “**integrated-photonics**” modem will be tested aboard the International Space Station beginning in 2020 as part of Nasa's multi-year Laser Communications Relay Demonstration (LCRD).
- 22) France will partner India in its next Mars mission, which the Indian Space Research Organisation plans to launch in **2018**.
- 23) A Japanese firm plans to open the world's first fully automated, human-free farm – which means robots will do almost every job from watering seedlings to harvesting crops to start operating the farm by **2017**.
- 24) Scientists, led by an Indian-origin researcher, have created an artificial material with a structure similar to the ‘**wonder material**’ **graphene**.
- 25) The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has launched India's first anti-diabetic ayurvedic drug for type two Diabetes mellitus. The drug named **BGR-34**.
- 26) **Iran** has asked Indian refiners such as Essar Oil and Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd (MRPL) to clear its past oil dues amounting to over **\$6 billion** in euros within six months.
- 27) **Indian Space Research Organisation** (ISRO) chairman A S Kiran Kumar signaled country's readiness for **Chandrayaan II mission**, which will be India's second mission to the moon.

## SPORTS POINT

- 1) **Jaypee Punjab Warriors** was crowned **Hockey India League (HIL)** champions as they clinched their maiden title after thrashing **Kalinga Lancers** 6-1 in a lop-sided summit clash.
- 2) **Former French Open champion Francesca Schiavone** won her first title since 2013 when she defeated Shelby Rogers of the United States 2-6, 6-2, 6-2 in the **Rio de Janeiro final**.
- 3) **Santina**, the world number one doubles **pair have lost** for the first time in **41 matches**, at the Qatar Open.
- 4) Indian tennis ace Sania Mirza and her Swiss partner Martina Hingis extended their winning streak to 40 after clinching the St. Petersburg Ladies Trophy.
- 5) The Indian under-19 cricket team's quest for an unprecedented fourth World Cup title ended in disaster as the West Indies out-witted the Rahul Dravid-coached side.
- 6) Indian Railways has won The National Chess team Championship for the first time.

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- 7) Rio Haryanto will become Indonesia's first Formula One driver after signing a deal with Manor Racing.
- 8) Brendon McCullum has blasted the fastest century in Test history, a 54-ball effort that broke the record jointly held by Viv Richards and Misbah-ul-Haq.
- 9) India continued to dominate on the second day of the 12th South Asian Games (SAG) with Sapna Devi, winning gold in the women's Wushu Taolu (Changquan) competition
- 10) India's Anirban Lahiri has been voted as the Hilton Asian Tour Golfer of Year by fans in an online poll.
- 11) Indian long-distance runner Kavita Raut has qualified for the Rio Olympics in women's marathon after winning the event in the 12th South Asian Games.
- 12) India, the overall champion over all the 11 previous editions of the South Asian Games, has crossed a historic milestone of winning its 1,000th gold.
- 13) The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has banned Asad Rauf, Pakistani umpire for five years after its disciplinary committee found him guilty of corrupt practices
- 14) **Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis** have won their 3rd Grand Slam title and 36th match on the trot.
- 15) **Germany's Angelique Kerber** stunned world number one Serena Williams in three sets to win her first Grand Slam title at the Australian Open.
- 16) **World number one Novak Djokovic** hammered a misfiring Andy Murray in straight sets to win a record-equalling sixth Australian Open title.
- 17) **Brazilian Pietro Fittipaldi** clinched the title at the MMRT track in Sriperumbudur.
- 18) **Kidambi Srikanth** made a rollicking start to the new season as he clinched the Syed Modi Grand Prix Gold with a convincing win over China's Huang Yuxiang in the men's singles final.
- 19) **Virat Kohli** was rewarded for his stupendous performance in India's clean sweep against Australia in the T20 internationals as he replaced Aaron Finch as the top-ranked batsman in the ICC list for the shortest format.
- 20) South Korean **Song Young-han** held his nerve to edge his role model, world number one Jordan Spieth, by a shot to win the **Singapore Open**.
- 21) **India** became the number one side in the ICC T20 rankings after whitewashing Australia in the three-match series.
- 22) **Aditya Mehta** has won the National Snooker Championship 2016.

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- 23) **Kerala** has emerged champions in the 61st National School Athletics Meet, which began on January 29 and concluded on February 2.
- 24) **Swapnil Dhopade**, Grandmaster of Maharashtra, with an overall tally of eight points, emerged victorious in the Rs 7.5 lakh prize money, who won the IIFL Wealth Mumbai International Open Chess tournament.
- 25) London Olympian **Basant Bahadur Singh Rana** clinched the gold medal in men's 50km race walk event on the second and final day of the National Championships in Jaipur.

### OBITUARY

- 1) **Ramon Castro**, a life-long rancher and farmer who bore a strong physical resemblance to younger brother Fidel Castro, has died.
- 2) **BK Garudachar**, India's oldest first class cricketer from the pre-independence era passed away.
- 3) South Indian filmmaker **Rajesh Pillai** died due to liver problem at the age of 42.
- 4) Popular southern composer **Rajamani** has passed away at the age of 60 due to sudden cardiac arrest.
- 5) Renowned short story writer and novelist **Akbar Kakkattil** (62) passed away in Kozhikode, Kerala.
- 6) Former **UN Secretary General Boutros Ghali**, a veteran Egyptian diplomat who helped negotiate his country's landmark peace deal with Israel, has died at the age of 93.
- 7) Veteran Hindustani classical vocalist **Ustad Abdul Rashid Khan** passed away in Kolkata due to old age problems at the age of 107.
- 8) The novelist and intellectual **Umberto Eco** has died aged 84.
- 9) **Harper Lee**, the author of the classic novel To Kill a Mockingbird, has died in her hometown of Monroeville, Ala.
- 10) Renowned singer **Bhubaneswari Mishra** passed away in New Delhi following a cardiac arrest at the age of 67.
- 11) Renowned Urdu and Hindi poet who has died in Mumbai at the age of 78 - Nida Fazli
- 12) Former Prime Minister of Nepal and Nepali Congress President who passed away due to Pneumonia at the age of 79 - Sushil Koirala
- 13) The brave army man who was battling for his life at the Army's Research & Referral hospital in New Delhi, has passed away - Lance Naik Hanamantappa
- 14) Veteran film director who passed away at the age of 97 - Aurobindo Mukherjee





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- 5) **Karnataka** government has announced housing **scheme for transgenders**, who are facing social boycott, in Bengaluru.
- 6) **Bihar** became the **sixth state** to join Union **Government's UDAY (Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana)** Scheme for financial restructuring of debt of power distribution companies.
- 7) The Food Processing Sector in **Jharkhand**, the first Mega Food Park in the State promoted by M/s. Jharkhand Mega Food Park Pvt. Ltd. has been inaugurated Harsimrat Kaur Badal, Union Minister of Food Processing Industries at Village Getalsud, District Ranchi.
- 8) Global computer giant **Oracle** is planning to set up a campus in **Bengaluru** and start an initiative to help more than half a million students in India develop computer science skills.
- 9) **Punjab** government would soon ink an MoU with British Pig Association (BPA) to develop and promote **piggery** on the latest and scientific lines in the state.
- 10) Tamil Nadu Chief Minister **Jayalalithaa** announced that senior citizens over the age of sixty could travel for free on government buses starting February 24.
- 11) West Bengal government has launched the **Utkarsh Bangla Scheme** with an aim of providing vocational training to school dropouts.
- 12) Gujarat government is planning to set up India's first civil aviation park in the state
- 13) Maharashtra has emerged as the top ranking state in terms of overall Internet readiness index, a new report published by the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) and Indicus Analytics.
- 14) Haryana government has inked an agreement with Indo-UK Healthcare Private Limited to establish medical institutions in the state with proposed investment of Rs 1,000 crore
- 15) The Tithal beach in Valsad district of Gujarat is all set to become the first disabled-friendly beach in India.
- 16) Peacock, the national bird of India, may soon be termed a vermin and culled ruthlessly in Goa.
- 17) **Tamil Nadu** is all set to establish the state's first 800 mw supercritical coal-based power plant, with Chief Minister Jayalalithaa laying the foundation stone for the Rs 6,000 crore project.
- 18) The opening ceremony of International Fleet Review 2016 was held on February 5, 2016 in **Visakhapatnam** at Indian Navy's Eastern Fleet Command Stadium INS Satavahana.



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- 12) Saying ‘hello’ online in Sindhi just got easier as Google Translate will now speak **Sindhi**. Along with Sindhi, Google has introduced 12 other new languages— Amharic, Corsican, Frisian, Kyrgyz, Hawaiian, Kurdish (Kurmanji), Luxembourgish, Samoan, Scots Gaelic, Shona, Pashto and Xhosa.
- 13) The Hindu minority community in Pakistan will soon have a marriage law as a parliamentary panel has unanimously approved the **Hindu Marriage Bill**.
- 14) **Hindustan Coca Cola Beverages Pvt. Ltd**, the largest bottler of Coca-Cola India, has stopped production at its bottling plant at Kaladera near Jaipur (Rajasthan), Vishakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) and Brynihat (Meghalaya).
- 15) After TRAI’s decision on discriminatory pricing, Facebook has announced that it has scrapped its controversial Free Basics initiative from India.
- 16) **Kirthiga Reddy**, Facebook Inc’s India managing director who said she is stepping down and returning to the United States to “explore new opportunities” at the company’s headquarters in Menlo Park, California.

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