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Awards and Honours

- Bollywood stars **Shah Rukh Khan and Akshay Kumar** are the two Indians to have made it to the **'World's 100 highest-Paid Celebrities'** list, released by Forbes.
- South African writer, filmmaker and photographer **Lidudumalingani Mqomboti** has won the 17th edition of prestigious **Caine Prize 2016** for his short story "**Memories We Lost**".
- **The Advertising Club, Madras**, has in its diamond jubilee year, conferred the Distinguished Service Award (DSA) to **Srinivasan K Swamy**, Chairman and Managing Director, RK SWAMY BBDO.
- **Nimi Sunilkumar**, **cookbook author and food blogger**, has presented this repository of snacks to the world, and been rewarded with a **Gourmand World Cookbook Award for 2015-16**.
- **Radhika Menon** the first woman in the world to receive International Maritime Organization's (IMO) **Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea** for saving the lives of 7 fishermen .
- **The President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee** conferred the **51st Jnanpith Award on renowned writer, Dr. Raghuvver Chaudhari** at a function held at Parliament Library Building, New Delhi.

Appointments

- Senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officer **Ashok Patnaik** was appointed as the CEO of **National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID)**, an ambitious intelligence gathering mechanism conceived in the wake of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks.
- The **University of North Texas College of Information (UNT)** has named **Dr. Kinshuk**, who former alumni of the University of Rajasthan, as its new dean.
- **K.V.R. Murthy** has taken over as chairman-cum-managing director of the **Jute Corporation of India Ltd.**
- **Sushila Karki** has become the 1st woman **Chief Justice of Nepal** after taking oath of office and secrecy at a special programme organised at the Presidential Residence, Sheetal Niwas.
- **D Rajkumar** has been appointed as the **new Chairman and Managing Director at Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd**, while Utpal Bora will be the head of Oil India Ltd.
- **Tripura Governor Tathagata Roy** has sworn in as the acting Governor of **Arunachal Pradesh**, in the Darbar Hall of Raj Bhavan in Itanagar.
- **Costa Rica** nominated former **United Nations climate chief Christiana Figures** to be the next U.N. Secretary-General to enter the race ahead of the first Security Council secret ballot.
- **Sanjay Gupta**, who had been officiating as **Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. (KRCL)**, has been appointed as the CMD of the corporation.

- **Kevin Turner's** 11-year stint as **Microsoft's Chief Operating Officer (CEO)** is about to come to an end. He would now be joining **Citadel Securities as Chief Executive Officer.**
- Indian IT bellwether **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** stated that **PhirozVandrevala** has relinquished office of Non-Executive Director of the company.
- Senior bureaucrat **SK Kohli** has been appointed as **Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA).**
- **IDFC Mutual Fund** has appointed **Vishal Kapoor**, a senior executive from **Standard Chartered Bank**, as its chief executive officer.
- **BhartiAirtel's** Consumer Business Director India has quit the company and will join **Deutsche Telekom** on October 1st as a member of new board member for Europe business.

Banking and Economy

- India's top public sector bank **SBI**, has signed a MoU with the **Indian Institute of Technology Society for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (SINE)**, to promote innovation by startups in the financial sector.
- **IDFC Bank** has signed a share purchase agreement with **Tamil Nadu-headquartered microfinance institution GramaVidyal Micro Finance (GVMFL)** is estimated at nearly **Rs 300 crore.**
- The **RBI** removed the 7 year old restriction on fresh purchase of state-owned Punjab National Bank's shares by foreign investors.
- A MOU was signed between **SIDBI** and **YES BANK** under the partial risk sharing facility (PRSF) for financing energy efficiency projects programme sponsored by the World Bank.

India and the World

- **Ministry of External Affairs** launches operation "**sankatmochan**" to evacuate Indian nationals from war torn South Sudan.
- **New Delhi** and **Nepal's** famous tourist spot **Pokhara** are now connected by road after a direct bus service was launched between the two cities.
- **Bangladesh-India Friendship Power Company (Pvt) Limited (BIFPCL)** signed the agreement for Main Plant EPC (Turnkey) Package with **Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL).**
- As part of programmes to implement the **Roadmap for Disaster Risk Reduction in Bihar (2015-30)**, the state government signed a MoU with **Bangkok-based Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC).**
- Commerce and Industry Minister, **Smt. NirmalaSitharaman**, held a bilateral meeting with Mr. SajidJavid, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, **UK**, in **New Delhi.**

- **Bangladesh** has released photos of ten suspected terrorists and has shared the photos with the Indian government.
- **India and South Africa** announced MoUs and Programme in four areas of bilateral cooperation. The MoUs are in the area of **Information and Communication technology, Tourism, Grass root innovation and ‘art and culture’**.
- India has handed over **30 Mahindra SUVs** to Mozambique, completing the delivery of \$4.5 million grant assistance.
- **India** has set up an **apparel training centre** in **Nigeria** to promote skill development in the textiles sector of the West African nation.
- Commerce & Industry Minister, **Nirmala Sitharaman** to lead the delegation of over 110 Indian companies which showcase India’s engineering prowess at the Russian engineering and technology event under the Brand India Engineering campaign.
- India is the partner country for **‘INNOPROM 2016. INNOPROM**, one of the largest annual international industrial trade fair of Russia, organized to showcase engineering innovations from across the world
- To promote **India** among travellers, the **ministry of external affairs** is holding the country’s first **SAARC Tourism Summit** in **Aurangabad**, which is also considered the tourism capital of **Maharashtra**, in the second week of October.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** signed a second MoU with South African country **Mozambique**. India and Mozambique have signed three agreements in the area of **drug trafficking, pulse trading and youth affairs & sports**.
- **Home Minister Rajnath Singh** will inaugurate the second **Anti-drug Working Group meeting** of Heads of Drug Control Agencies of BRICS countries in **New Delhi**.

National Round-Up

- Minority Affairs Minister **Najma Heptulla** and **GM Siddeswara**, Minister of State for Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises, who had crossed 75 years, have been dropped from the Union council of ministers.
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- The Navy’s dedicated base for its Special Operation Forces – **MARCOS (Marine Commandos)** – **INS Karna** was commissioned here by **Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Sunil Lanba**.
- Union Government launched Intensified **Diarrhoea Control Fortnight (IDCF)** it will be observed from 11th to 23rd July across the country has been planned including visits by **ASHA workers** to all such households which have children under the age of five.
- **Swiss cement giant LafargeHolcim** today announced agreement for sale of its assets in Lafarge India to **soaps and chemicals maker Nirma Ltd** for \$1.4 billion (about Rs.9,400 crore).
- **Revenue Department** has slapped anti-dumping duty of up to **USD 168.76 per tonne** on import of a chemical used in textile industry from five countries, including **China, Iran, Indonesia, Malaysia and Taiwan**, to protect domestic manufacturers.

- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** has signed Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with **IIT-Bombay** and **Madras** to establish a bi-nodal 'Centre of Propulsion Technology' (CoPT) at the two institutions.
- The Union Minister for Drinking Water and Sanitation **Narendra Singh Tomar** has stated that government will carry out a drive to clean 10 iconic places in the country as part of a pilot project under the **Swachh Bharat mission**.

Snippets from the States

- **Kerala** is all set to introduce the first ever '**fat tax**' to be levied on junk and fast food items.
- The **West Bengal Government** has taken up a project to set up **three biotechnology hubs** across the state to bring in more biotechnology innovations to the State.
- **Vice- President Hamid Ansari** would inaugurate the new building of **Uttar Pradesh State Information Commission (UPSIC)** in Gomtinagar area of the state capital.
- The state government plans to plant 5 crore saplings across the state to set a Guinness World Record. The initiative gives boost to the UP government's '**Clean UP, Green UP**' Mission.
- **Maharashtra police** has launched 4 mobile apps for timely intervention into emergency situations **PratisaadAsk, Police Mitra, Vahanchoritakrar and Railway helpline app** were launched by **Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis** a fortnight ago in Nagpur.
- **The Hemis festival** will be held between July 14 and July 15 at the **Hemis Monastery in Ladakh**.
- The Centre and the Bihar government have signed a **\$290 million credit agreement** with the **World Bank** under the state's rural development project '**JEEViKA-II**'.
- **The National Research Centre for Banana** would be set up at **Goraul in Bihar's Vaishali district**. While inaugurating a two-day '**Horti-Sangam**' 2016 organised by National Horticulture Board at Hajipur, the district headquarters of Vaishali.
- The government launched the '**Namami Gange**' project from **Haridwar in Uttarakhand**. To clean the Ganga throughout its route from **Gangotri in Uttarakhand** to **Ganga Sagar** in West Bengal.
- The **West Bengal Government** has taken up a project to set up **three biotechnology hubs** across the state to bring in more biotechnology innovations to the State. The three proposed biotechnology hubs will come in **Bardhaman, Kalimpong and Medinipur districts**.
- **Telangana government** has launched **Haritha Haram programme** aimed to plant 46 crore plants to improve **green belt**.
- Maharashtra Chief Minister **Devendra Fadnavis** expanded his council of ministers, inducting 11 ministers, including 10 new faces.

International Round-Up

- **China's navy** has conducted a routine combat drill in waters off the **Hainan and Xisha Islands**.
- **Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe** has declared victory in election, with his ruling coalition winning a majority of seats in Japan's upper house.
- The **Obama administration** has slapped sanctions on **North Korean** leader **Kim Jong Un** and 10 other regime officials for their alleged complicity in **human rights abuses** against the North Korean people.

Science and Technology

- Airtel has entered into an agreement with Aircel to acquire rights to use 4G spectrum of Aircel in 8 telecom circles these circles are Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Jammu and Kashmir, West Bengal, Assam, the North-East, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha.
- **Tech giant Google** launched the '**Android Skilling**' program in India that will aim to **train 2 million Android app developers** over the next 3 years to cash in on the high-quality talent pool in the country.
- The **National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM)** unveiled India's first **Centre of Excellence** focused on **Internet of Things (CoE- IoT)** at its Startup Warehouse in **Bengaluru**.

Sports Point

- **Portugal** has won the 2016 **UEFA European football championship** (Euro Cup 2016) at Saint-Denis in Paris by defeating France by 1-0 goal score. It is Portugal's **1st UEFA European Championship title**.
- Mercedes' **Lewis Hamilton** won the **British Grand Prix** for the third year in a row. It is his overall 4th British Grand Prix title after winning it in **2008, 2014 and 2015**.
- **Great Britain's Gordon Reid** landed his **Second Wimbledon** title of the weekend with a brilliant victory in the tournament's first wheelchair singles event.
- **Andy Murray** threw his racket into the crowd and punched the air in delight after demolishing **Milos Raonic** to secure his **second Wimbledon title**.
- World number one **Serena Williams** beat German fourth seed **Angelique Kerber** to win a seventh Wimbledon and 22nd Grand Slam title.
- Bengaluru para-swimmer **NiranjanMukundan** has won eight medals including **3 gold medals**, at the **International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports (IWAS) U-23 World Games in Prague, Czech Republic**.
- Indian Gymnast **DipaKarmakar** has scripted history by becoming the first Indian to be named as '**World Class Gymnast**' by the **Federation International de Gymnastique (FIG)**.

Obituary

- **William H McNeill**, an award-winning world historian and author, has died.

- Edhi Foundation Chairman, Pakistani philanthropist, social activist, ascetic and humanitarian **Abdul SattarEdhi** passed away.
- Veteran music director **Om PrakashSonik**, popularly known as Omi passed away due to brief illness, in a private hospital in Mumbai.

Important Days

Date	Day	Theme
July 11	World population day	Investing in Teenage Girls
July 12	Malala Day	—

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