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### 16 September

- The Hungarian Government has declared a state of emergency in its two regions of Csongrad and Bacs-Kiskun to cope with the influx of refugees. It was declared by Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban.
- Indian-origin British author Sunjeev Sahota is among six writers who has been shortlisted for the prestigious Man Booker Prize for Fiction for 2015 for his novel "The Year of the Runaways"
- 15-year-old Indian-American teen Swetha Prabhakaran has been selected by the White House for the prestigious Champions of Change award for empowering the community by imparting Internet coding through her non-profit organisation "Everybody Code Now!"
- Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina of Bangladesh has been announced as one of the winners of the United Nations Champions of the Earth award in recognition of her country's initiatives to address climate change.
- Jeremy Corbyn was elected as the leader of the Labour Party in the United Kingdom. He also became the leader of the opposition in the House of Commons. The election became necessary after Ed Miliband resigned from the post following the defeat of the party in 2015 general election.
- Indian-origin British MPs Seema Malhotra and Lisa Nandy were appointed as the shadow chief secretary for Treasury and for energy and climate change respectively by the newly elected Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn.
- United Nations General Assembly has adopted a resolutions that proclaims 9 December as International Day of Commemoration & Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime.
- Gujarat has been placed to top position in World Bank's first ever ranking of States on the ease of doing business in India.
- Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott was ousted from power as leader of the ruling centre-right Liberal Party by challenger Malcolm Turnbull.
- Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has recognized the Indian Kalaripayattu Federation (IKF) as Regional Sports Federation (RSF) with an immediate effect. Kalaripayattu sport is a Martial art played/performed in Southern state of Kerala and in contiguous parts of Tamil Nadu.

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- The Pentagon has established a first-ever country special cell to speed up its defence ties with India and accelerate the process of co-development and co-production of hi-tech military equipment in the country. The India Rapid Reaction Cell will be headed by Keith Webster.
- Chinese city Hangzhou will host 2022 Asian games. Jakarta (Indonesia) will host the 2018 edition.
- An RTI query by The Indian Express revealed that two stamps featuring Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi, launched by the Department of Posts in December 2008, have been discontinued.
- Veteran Classical dancer Kalamandalam Sathyabhama passed away in Palakkad district of Kerala. Sathyabhama is credited with purifying the Mohiniyattam dance form by weeding out external influences.
- Narsingh Pantham Yadav won bronze medal at the 2015 World Wrestling Championships in Las Vegas, USA. He won the medal in the Men's 74kg Freestyle category. His win confirmed quota place for India in the 2016 Rio Olympics. This is the first time that an Indian wrestler has earned an Olympic berth with a medal at the World Championship.
- Natura Brasil was selected for the 2015 UNEP Champions of the Earth Award in the entrepreneurial vision category. It is a Brazilian brand leader in cosmetics, fragrances and personal care in the direct selling model. National Geographic Society was selected for the UNEP Champions of the Earth award in the Science and Innovation category. NGS is headquartered in Washington DC, the USA.
- American Boxer Floyd Mayweather Jr announced retirement from the 19-year old career in the ring. He took this decision after winning against Andre Berto in the Welterweight World Championships held at the MGM Grand Arena in Las Vegas, the USA.
- A team of scientists led by Rhodri Davies, an earth scientist at Australian National University, have discovered the longest chain of continental volcanoes of the world in Australia, stretching almost 2000 km along Australia's east coast. The 1240-mile-long (2000 kilometres) chain of fire spanned most of eastern Australia, from Hillsborough in the north, where rainforest meets the Great Barrier Reef to the island of Tasmania in the south.
- Delhi Government approved the Victim Compensation Scheme. It enhanced the upper limit of compensation to rape victims to 5 lakh rupees from existing 3 lakh rupees and to the victims of acid attack to 7 lakh rupees from 3 lakh rupees.
- Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM). The Mission approved with an outlay of 5142.08 crore rupees is a

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bid to transform rural areas to economically, socially and physically sustainable spaces. The mission aims to create 300 Rurban growth clusters over the next 3 years, across the country.

### 17 September

- Ashok-Alexander Sridharan became the first Person of Indian Origin (PIO) to be elected as the mayor of Bonn in Germany.
- Amogha-1, an indigenously-developed second generation, Anti-Tank Guided Missile having a range of 2.8 km, was successfully test-fired.
- Anupam Kher received the ‘Certificate of Recognition’ from the California legislature for his dedication to helping Kashmiri Hindu community.
- Internet Search Giant, Google celebrates 100th birthday of the famed Indian Artist, M.F.Husain.
- Railways shot putter Manpreet Kaur broke an 18-year-old national record en route to a sixth title at the 55th National Open Athletics Championship at Kolkata.
- On 15th September 2015, The International Day of Democracy was observed across the world with the theme Space for Civil Society.
- The Moin-ud Dowlah Gold Cup Tournament 2015-16 was won by India Cements by defeating Hyderabad XI held at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium in Hyderabad.
- 2015 Nansen Refugee Award by United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) was presented to Afghan refugee teacher Aqeela Asifi for dedicating her life to bring education to refugee girls in Pakistan.
- Five cities namely Paris, Rome, Los Angeles, Hamburg and Budapest are announced by International Olympic Committee (IOC) to host the 2024 Summer Olympics.
- Actor Nana Patekar established an organization named Naam Foundation to provide aid to farmers to overcome drought conditions.
- The Modi government has banned Naga rebel group National Socialist Council (NSCN-K) of Nagaland (Khaplang) for five years.
- India has slipped to 81st position in the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2015 report.
- Veteran Test cricket left-hander Shivnarine Chanderpaul has been honoured with the Icon Award by the Indo-Caribbean Alliance.
- The exhibition titled Shauryanjali celebrated the Golden Jubilee of Indo-Pak War of 1965.
- The Civil Aviation ministry has removed Robert Vadra, the son-in-law of Congress president Sonia Gandhi from the “no-frisk” list at airports across the country. Vadra was the only private

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person apart from the Dalai Lama, whose names figure in the list of 31 categories of persons exempted from frisking at airports.

- 16th September has been celebrated as World Ozone Day / International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer. This year's (2015) Theme : 30 Years of Healing the Ozone Together – “Ozone: All there is between you and UV.”
- The 55th National Open Athletics Championships has begun at the Sports Authority of India (SAI) complex, Kolkata.
- After seven years of painstaking efforts and deliberations, Nepal's Constituent Assembly approved the new Constitution and endorsed the Preamble of the draft Constitution. The new constitution was passed by a 507-25 vote in the 601-seat Assembly.
- The capital city of Zhejiang Province Hangzhou in East China was chosen by the Olympic Council of Asia to host the 2022 Asian Games.

### 18<sup>th</sup> September

- Perumanna grama panchayat in Kozhikode district has become the first panchayat in the State to declare a water policy on the lines of the State government's water policy declared in 2008.
- Godavari River was formally interlinked with the Krishna River at Ibrahimpatnam near Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh.
- Renowned Russian middle and long distance coach Dr Nikolai Snesev, resigned from his position of athletic coach for India.
- British Indian novelist Salman Rushdie released his book titled Two Years Eight Months and Twenty Eight Nights.
- The 4th meeting of the India-Kuwait Joint Working Group on Hydrocarbons was held in New Delhi.
- Hero Cycles, the world's largest bicycle manufacturer by volume, acquired Firefox Bikes Pvt. Ltd. for an undisclosed sum in an all-cash deal.
- Madhya Pradesh Government launched M-Shiksha-Mitra mobile app to provide various services and teaching-related work to teacher in a simple and easy way. The state has become the first to develop such mobile app for teachers.
- 21st meeting of Western Zonal Council held in Panaji. Next one will be held in Mumbai.
- The PIL filed by a 22-year old girl Kumari Vijayalakshmi Jha who in her plea questioned validity of Article 370 was accepted by Delhi HC.

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- Chakma-Hajong refugees came to India after being displaced from the area which became part of East Pakistan (now in Bangladesh) on construction of Kaptai hydro-electric dam in the Chittagong Hill Tracts.

### 19 September

- India's environment ministry has requested the health ministry to ban the sale of multiple-dose vials of a painkiller called diclofenac whose use in the veterinary sector has pushed vultures in India to the brink of extinction.
- Metro Man' E Sreedharan has been invited to the United Nations' High Level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport (HLAG-ST).
- Veteran cricket Marathi commentator Bal Pandit who pioneered cricket commentary in Marathi and made the game more popular in Maharashtrian households passed away.
- Indian Railways announced that it has developed a prototype of Hybrid Vacuum Toilet. On trial basis, they are installed in the Delhi-Dibrugarh Rajdhani train.
- The Diet, Japan's parliament passed two security bills that allow overseas deployment of the Self Defense Forces (SDF) for military purposes.
- Mahesh Rangarajan resigned as the Director of the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML).
- The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), which issues Aadhaar cards, has been shifted to the administrative control of the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology from Niti Aayog.
- Australian scientist Colin Raston wins Ig Nobel prize for 'unboiling' an egg.
- The Cricket Club of India (CCI) has conferred honorary life membership on India's middle-order batsman Ajinkya Rahane in Mumbai.
- Home Minister Rajnath Singh's Operation Smile has rescued 19,000 missing children from being pushed into prostitution and bonded labor to ill-treatment by parents.
- US President Barack Obama has nominated Eric Fanning as Army secretary and make him the first openly gay person to serve in that role.

### 20 September

- LA filmmakers Wylie Overstreet and Alex Gorosh have created the world's first 7-mile-wide scale model of the solar system in the Black Rock desert.
- Noted Indian shuttler Ajay Jayaram won silver medal at Korea Open Super Series event.

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- British-born writer Jackie Collins passed away. She was 77 years old. She was also sister of actress Joan Collins.
- Indira Gandhi International Airport of Delhi was awarded with Best Airport Award.
- Sherif Ismail sworn in as the new PM of Egypt.
- Eminent Urdu Scholar Shamim Hanfi received the Jnangarima Manad Alankaran by Bharatiya Jnanpith at his home.
- The Director of CVRDE, P Sivakumarelevated as a Distinguished Scientist by the Union Ministry of Defense to recognize his efforts in the field.
- Bank of Baroda won the first prize under the Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar Scheme of GOI.
- Mariko Kipchumba of Kenya grabbed Beijing International Marathon.
- Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) chairman Jagmohan Dalmiya(75) passed away on 20 September 2015 due to Cardiac arrest in private hospital of Kolkata.
- Ferrari driver Sebastian Vettel of Germany won the Singapore Grand Prix Formula one race.

### 21 September

- China successfully launched a new, smaller type of rocket from its "Long March" family as part of the country's.
- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Jayalalithaa has inaugurated a butterfly park in Vandalur in line to the several moves taken by the state govt. to attract tourist arrivals.
- The International Day of Peace was observed on 21 September in world. The theme of International Day of Peace for the year 2015 is 'Partnerships for Peace- Dignity for All'
- Veteran Communist leader MP Sadhan Gupta passed away.
- The Jammu and Kashmir Government banned the sale of Ambuja Cements in the state. There were complaints of malpractices against the company.
- Veteran Test cricketer of West Indies Shivnarine Chanderpaul was honoured with the Icon Award by the Indo-Caribbean Alliance.

### 22 September

- Chang'e-5 was in news as China shipped Long March-5 carrier rocket from Tianjin port for a rehearsal of Chang'e-5 lunar mission.\
- Richie Richardson was appointed to the Elite Panel of ICC Match Referees by the International Cricket Council (ICC).
- As per the new secular constitution of Nepal, Cow was declared as the National Animal of Nepal.

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- Indian Coast Guard (ICG) commissioned two indigenously built ships Apoorva and C-421 at the Naval Dock in Mumbai.
- Vikram Pawah was appointed as the Managing Director of India operations of US cult bike maker Harley Davidson with immediate effect.
- Renowned Odia lyricist Nizam passed away in Bhubaneswar following cardiac arrest
- Famous American fantasy drama television series, Game of Thrones, created for HBO won 12 awards at the 67th Primetime Emmy Awards.