

### INTERNATIONAL

#### 1. Nagaland's Kohima declared 'smoke-free city'

Nagaland's capital Kohima has been declared as a 'smoke-free city'.

- ❖ The official declaration was made by the Deputy Commissioner of Kohima, Rovilatuo Mor.
- ❖ A Tobacco product contains 4000 chemicals which destroy any part of the body and causes death to one million people in India every year.

#### NAGALAND

- ❖ **Capital : Kohima**
- ❖ **CM : T.R. Zeliang**
- ❖ **Governor: Padmanabha Acharya**

#### 2. Gujarat govt. decides to provide 10% reservation to economically backward of higher castes

Gujarat Government will issue an ordinance on 1<sup>st</sup> May to provide 10% reservation to economically backwards of higher caste.

- ❖ Any persons, whose monthly family income is less than Rs. 50 thousand will entitle for this new quota.
- ❖ There will be no change in reservations presently available to SC, ST and OBCs in the state.
- ❖ The ordinance will be drafted in a way that constitution provisions regarding reservations would not be violated.

#### 3. BSF to put tallest 'Tiranga' at Wagah border by January 2017

The Border Security Force (BSF) is planning to install the tallest national flag near the Attari-Wagah Joint Check Post, famously known as the Wagah border.

- ❖ The flag at 350 feet is part of BSF's expansion plans for the visitors' gallery at the site of the iconic Retreat ceremony.

#### 4. NITI Aayog launched urban management programme for capacity building of states and urban local bodies

NITI Aayog chaired by Vice Chairman Dr. Arvind Panagariya has launched the Urban Management Programme in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

- ❖ The Programme is designed by NITI Aayog, Temasek Foundation and Singapore Cooperation Enterprise (SCE) under the platform of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between

NITI Aayog and the Singapore Cooperation Enterprise (SCE).

- ❖ It was to tap the expertise of Singapore in urban sector to build capacities in State Governments and ULBs to design efficient solutions to urban problems.

#### 5. Indian Naval Ships Veer and Nipat Decommissioned

Two Indian Naval Ships 'Veer' and 'Nipat' were decommissioned at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai.

- ❖ The decommissioning ceremony was held in the presence of Vice Admiral Sunil Lanba, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief Western Naval Command.

#### 6. Rahuri in Ahmednagar Becomes First to have Digi-Locker

Rahuri Municipal Council of Ahmednagar district in Maharashtra has become the first Municipal Council to attain the status of integrated with digital locker for the issuance of all essential Documents.

- ❖ Sh. Ravi Shankar Prasad formally launched these services as part of Digital India Programme.
- ❖ With this facility, the citizen of the area can now apply for the certificates like Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates like Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates online without going to Municipal Council and these documents will be available in the Digilocker signed to the citizens.

#### 7. EC launches mobile app e-voter for Kerala assembly polls

The Election Commission of India (ECL) has launched an innovative mobile application titled e-voter with comprehensive details about the forthcoming 2016 Assembly polls in Kerala.

- ❖ The app is envisaged for voters' facilitation for search in electoral roll, information regarding candidates, location of polling station, affidavit filed by them, filing of complaint and so on.
- ❖ The e-voter app was developed by the state IT Mission. It aims at ensuring great transparency and conduct of free and fair elections.

#### KERALA

- ❖ **Capital : Thiruvananthapuram**
- ❖ **CM : Oommen Chandy**
- ❖ **Governor: P. Santhasivam**

### TRADE/BANKING

#### 8. First time direct tax details published by CBDT

First time in the history, a total of 84 page data has been released and put in the public domain, as the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has published direct tax related data including income disclosed in tax returns by various categories of tax payer from 2000 to 2015.

- ❖ The data also include the information of PAN card allocation in the country across categories and gender.

#### CBDT

- ❖ **Established : 1944**
- ❖ **Chairman : Atulesh Jindal**

#### 9. Govt plans to keep 1% of highways project cost for road safety

The Union Minister Nitin Gadkari stated that the government plans to make it mandatory to set aside 1% of total cost of any highway project for road safety.

- ❖ As India witnesses as high as 5 lakh road accidents per annum in which 1.5 lakh people die and another 3 lakh are crippled.
- ❖ The government is committed to reducing the number of road accidents and fatalities by 50 per cent in next two to three years.
- ❖ Presently, road accidents cause an annual loss equivalent to 3 per cent of the GDP.

## AWARDS

### 10. Swat activist Tabassum Adnan wins 2016 Nelson Mandela Award

A women's rights activist from Swat valley of Pakistan, Tabassum Adnan, has won the Nelson Mandela Graca Machel Innovation Award 2016 in Bogota, Colombia.

- ❖ She won the award for the individual activist category on the concluding day of the International Civil Society Week held from April 25-28.
- ❖ A victim of child marriage, Tabassum Adnan was married at the age of 13. The marriage which was marked by frequent domestic abuse, ended after 20 years when she gathered the courage to divorce her abusive husband.

### 11. Mongolia confers highest civilian honour to two Indians

Mongolia has conferred its highest civilian award "North Star" to two noted Indian scholars-Lokesh Chandra and Mansura Haider for their contribution to Mongolian studies.

- ❖ It was presented by the Mongolian Foreign Minister Lundeg Purevsuren. This year is being the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Indo-Mongolian diplomatic relations in which Mr. Lokesh Chandra, president of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and Mansura Haider, former academic adviser at the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), have been presented with the award for their contribution to the development of friendly relations between India and Mongolia and promotion of Mongolian studies.

### Mongolia

- ❖ Capital : Ulaanbaatar
- ❖ Currency : Togrog

## APPOINTMENTS

### 12. Shri S.K. Bhagat appointed as DG of Railway Protection Force

Senior IPS officer (1982 batch) of Uttarakhand cadre Surender Kumar Bhagat has been appointed as the Director General (DG) of Railways Protection Force (RPF).

- ❖ He is presently working as Special Director General in Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) at Western Sector, Jammu & Kashmir.
- ❖ He will serve the Railway Protection Force till the date of his superannuation that is on 30 June 2017.

## SPORTS

### 13. Garima wins gold at Commonwealth Judo Championship

Garima Chaudhary has won gold medal (63-kg junior category) at the 2016 Commonwealth Judo Championship finals at Port Elizabeth in South Africa.

- ❖ In the year 2012, Judoka (26-year) was the only representative from India to contest for Judo Olympic medals at the London Olympic Games in 2012.
- ❖ The judoka has also participated in the previous edition of the competition held at Glasgow in 2014 but made an exit in quarter final.

## OTHER INFORMATION

### 14. Centre approves Rs. 9,005 Cr. Investment for affordable housing in three states

- The Government of India has approved an investment of Rs.9,005 crore for construction of 73,205 more houses for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in urban under Prime Minister's Awas Yojana (PMAY) in the States of Maharashtra, Punjab and Jammu & Kashmir.

### 15. SIDBI signs MoU with Saarc Development Fund

- Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and Saarc Development Fund (SDF) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for mutual cooperation and collaboration.

### 16. BlackBerry Launched BBM Money Transfer Service in India

- Smartphone maker BlackBerry, in partnership with digital payments platform Digit secure, has launched its money transfer service, called BBM Money, in India.
- BlackBerry users can download the BBM Money app and transfer funds to one another through BlackBerry Messenger.

### 17. NK Singh selected for Japan's highest civilian award

- Former bureaucrat and parliamentarian N.K. Singh will receive one of Japan's highest civilian honours for promoting economic, educational and cultural ties between India and Japan.

### 18. India, Papua New Guinea sign four agreements

- India and Papua New Guinea (PNG) have signed four Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) in various sectors to boost bilateral cooperation.
- The MoUs were signed in the presence of the visiting President Pranab Mukherjee and the Papua New Guinea Prime Minister Peter O'Neil in Port Moresby, capital of Papua New Guinea.

### 19. Odisha CM launches 100 piped water supply projects

- The Chief Minister of Odisha Naveen Patnaik dedicated to the people 100 piped water supply projects for rural areas and promise to make piped water provision in All Gram Panchayats by 2017.
- The project was inaugurated on the occasion of 'Utkal Gaurab Madhusudan Das' anniversary.

### 20. Rio Olympics: Abhinav Bindra joins Salman Khan as India's Good will Ambassador

- Beijing Olympics gold medalist and ace shooter Abhinav Bindra today accepted the offer of the Indian Olympic Association to become India's Goodwill Ambassador for the Rio Olympics.
- The IOA had stirred up a controversy last Sunday when they named Salman Khan as a Good will Ambassador.

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