

National News

Aadhaar bill 2016 passed

- **Aadhaar card** to be **mandatory** to avail the **subsidies and schemes** of the Government
 - Aims to ensure **targeted services** to **intended beneficiaries** through Aadhaar card
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370 crore mobilized for Swachh Bharat Khosh

- It is a fund created to **support the various cleanliness programs** across the nation
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IMF and India to establish SAARTAC

- To further **strengthen the economic operations of the Nation**
 - **Regional cooperation center** will be established in **Delhi**
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India to supply Locomotives to Myanmar

- **18 Meter Gauge 1350 HP Diesel Electric Locomotives** will be supplied to **Myanmar Railways**.
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Haryana to join UDAY scheme

- Scheme for **restructuring debt of power distribution companies** (discoms) in the state.
 - **Seven states** have already joined the **UDAY (Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana)** scheme
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NITI Aayog launches Women Transforming India Campaign

- Seeks for entries in the form of **written essays/stories**.
 - Should reflect **new ground broken by women in empowering themselves/others, or of challenging stereotypes**.
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Kakrapar nuclear plant shut down

- There was **heavy water leakage** at the plant.
- A **small leak in the Primary Heat Transport (PHT) System**.

- **No harmful, radioactive leakage and the backup safety mechanisms were active**
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International

Mumbai and Bangalore among cheapest cities to live

- **London was sixth and New York seventh**
 - **Survey was done by a top London forecast group (EIU)**
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Serbia declares state of emergency over floods

- **Heavy rains are causing extensive flooding and might force thousands to leave their homes**
 - **More than 50 people died in the deluge and about 700 homes were flooded across the country**
 - **170 people needing to be moved for their safety forcing thousands to leave their homes.**
 - **2 billion euros worth of damage caused.**
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India, US launch Fulbright-Kalam Climate Fellowship

- **Initiative will advance bilateral cooperation on climate change**
 - **Will enable Indian research scholars to work with American institutions in the field.**
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Business and Economy

Employees to get incentive for 1 year from EPFO

- **Incentive for the employees who register between January and December 2016.**
 - **Employees can claim 5 to 10% of administrative charges for 1 year**
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Yes Bank signs pact with Indo-Brazil chamber for strategic co-op

- **Yes Bank is India's fifth largest private sector Bank**
- **Core sectors covered under this MoU are**
 - **Sports,**
 - **Media and entertainment with**

- Special focus on IT,
 - Infrastructure,
 - Broadcast driven business opportunities
 - MoU emphasizes strategic grouping of **Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS)**.
 - Yes Bank and IBCC will jointly effort to **explore exchange of best practices in sports goods manufacturing, CSR in sports, SM&E talent management.**
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PSUs Spent Over Rs 2400 Crore in CSR in 2014-15

- **Rs 2447.59 crore** was spent on **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)** activities in 2014-15.
 - A meeting would be called to monitor spending of these funds.
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Uber opens Asia's first engineering hub in India

- Tech Hub to have **software engineers, product developers** and others working initially on **problems specific to users in India,**
 - Will expand to **improving Uber's customer support worldwide.**
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BSNL Jumps into Video-On-Demand Service

- Have announced partnership with **DTH Major Tata Sky** to kick-start their operations.
 - Tata Sky, which has a user base of **about 11 million,** will approach potential subscribers across the country.
 - Will offer its **VoD service free for the first month to download content worth up to Rs 500.**
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Science and Technology

Plastic Decaying Bacteria Discovered

- **Japan researchers** have discovered a **new species of bacteria** that is capable of **breaking down plastic**
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Railway launches online 'clean my coach' service

- You can **ask for your coach or toilet to be cleaned** by putting a **request on the app.**

- A total of **18,709 requests have already been served** since the service was launched.
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Google's next operating system is 'Android N'

- Upgraded OS "**Android N**" for now, offers a **split-screen feature** so users can toggle between apps more easily.
 - Enables users to **reply directly to notifications**
 - New edition initially being **recommended only for mobile app makers**
 - Will only work on a **few smartphones and tablets**.
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People in News

Ajit Singh & Satish Mittal sworn-in as Guwahati & Rajasthan HC CJ respectively

- **Justice Satish Kumar Mittal** was sworn in as **Chief Justice of the Rajasthan High Court**.
 - **Justice Ajit Singh** was sworn in as **Chief Justice of the Guwahati High Court**.
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Lt Gen N P S Hira appointed as Deputy Chief of Army Staff

- Has been the **commander of Sikh Light Infantry**
 - Has **wide experience in counter insurgency operations in J&K**
 - Has commanded **Assam battalion during high violence period**
 - He has **experience in North eastern states**
 - He commanded **10 Infantry Division in Jammu and Kashmir** on the **Line of Control with distinction** for which he was awarded the **Ati Vishisht Seva Medal**.
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Keyboardist Keith Emerson dies

- Emerson's first commercial success with the **Nice in the late 1960s**
 - **Founding member of Emerson, Lake and Palmer** one of the **early super groups, in 1970**.
 - Considered as one of the **top keyboard players of the progressive rock era**.
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Awards

Tezpur and JNU won Visitors Award for 2016

- **Tezpur University** won the **annual Visitor's Award for the Best University.**
 - **Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)** has won the **Visitor's Awards for Research and Innovation.**
 - **Professor Rakesh Bhatnagar** of JNU Won **Visitors Award for Innovation** for **development of a vaccine and a therapeutic antibody against anthrax**
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Kerala Tourism campaign wins Golden City Gate Award

- It won the award at the **travel trade show ITB in Berlin.**
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