

National News

India, Maldives sign six agreements

- Signed **6 agreements** in the fields of **defense, tourism, taxation, space research, and conservation of mosques.**
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2% employment for meritorious sports persons in Jarkhand

- **2% job quota** for **medal-winning sports persons** was provided only in **state police department.**
 - Now it is **applicable in all departments.**
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First transgender person in Tamil Nadu to contest in the assembly elections

- Devi from Salem is the **first transgender person** in Tamil Nadu to contest the assembly elections.
 - Will be contesting on behalf of the **Tamil party, NaamTamilarKatchi.**
 - She will face **AIADMK chief Jayalalithaa** in the **RK Nagar constituency** in Chennai.
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CCRH has signed two MOUs with Canada and Armenia

- MOUs between **CCRH and College of Homeopaths of Ontario, Canada** and another between **CCRH and Yerevan State Medical University, Armenia,**
 - were signed during **two day International Convention on World Homoeopathy Day**
 - several presentations on clinical research including latest research updates, and **role of Homoeopathy in malaria, dengue, natural disasters, brain injuries, chronic ear infection, sciatica** etc. were presented at the event
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International

Pakistan, China launch joint air force training exercise

- These exercises and exchanges between **Chinese and Pakistani air forces** has **deepened cooperation between both the sides.**
 - The **fifth such edition** between the two countries.
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Business and Economy

Polaris Ties up with Snapdeal to sell ATVs

- Has listed **18 models of the off-road vehicles**, ranging from Outlaw 50 at Rs. 2.86 lakh to RZR XP Turbo at Rs. 28 lakh.
 - Customers have to pay a **Rs. 3,000 non-refundable booking amount** and can book the Polaris of their choice.
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Environment and Ecology

Endangered bird spoon-billed sandpiper spotted in China

- Spotted in **tropical island of China's Hainan area**
 - **Fewer than 200 spoon-billed sandpipers** living in the wild due to environmental degradation
 - Listed as **critically endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature.**
 - The **first time it was spotted** on the island was in **2009.**
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People in News

Ex-Chhattisgarh HC Judge N K Agarwal to be Haryana's next Lokayukta

- He **succeeds Justice Pritam Pal .**
 - NK Aggarwal was **recommended by a committee and has been approved by Governor**
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Virat Kohli as brand ambassador of Premier Futsal

- Futsal league was launched in Mumbai last week in the presence of the founding team and FAI representative
 - **50 International Futsalers from four Continents and 21 countries**
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Ukraine Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk resigns

- Arseniy Yatsenyuk announced his **resignation two months after he survived a no-confidence vote in parliament.**

- Yatsenyuk served in the government of Ukraine as **Minister of Economy from 2005 to 2006.**
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Former Union MoS Dr C Silvera passes away

- Only leader from **Mizoram** to be in the **union council of ministers.**
 - Elected to **Rajya Sabha in 1985** and to **ninth, tenth and eleventh Lok Sabha.**
 - Inducted as **union minister of state for health and family welfare** and was allotted to the **industry portfolio**
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Awards

Khadija Ismayilova to receive UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize

- In recognition of her **outstanding contribution to press freedom in difficult circumstances.**
 - Prize will be awarded during the **celebration of World Press Freedom Day on 3rd May 2016** hosted in Finland.
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Priyanka Chopra to be conferred with Dadasaheb Phalke Film Foundation Award 2016

- This will be her **second award from the Foundation**
 - She received her first one for **Most Memorable Performance in 2011** for her role in **Vishal Bhardwaj's**
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Varanasi Kathak dancer breaks world record

- Soni Chaurasiya is a **Kathak dancer from Varanasi**
 - Has broken the world record of longest dance performance by **continuously dancing for 123 hours and 30 minutes.**
 - **No official from the Guinness World Records** attended the performance.
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IIT-Kharagpur wins top award for patents

- **National IP Award** carries an amount of **Rs 1,00,000, a citation and a memento.**

- Award will be given on April 26 in Delhi at a function jointly organized for the celebration of World IP Day by the Indian Intellectual Property office.
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Sports

Lee Chong Wei wins Malaysian Open

- Malaysian Open Badminton Lee Chong Wei **defeated world No.1 shuttler Chen Long of China**
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Danny Willett, first Briton to win US Masters golf 2016

- **First Briton** to claim **US Master's title** under his belt which is to become the **first British victory in 20 years.**
 - He is **one of the golf's rising stars,**
 - He climbed **from outside the top 100 to inside the top 10 in less than two years.**
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