

National News

Maritime India Summit 2016 Inaugurated

- **Rs. 1 Lakh Crore investment** for Port Development
 - **140 agreements signed**
 - **Sagarmala National Perspective Plan Released**
 - **Rs 35,000 crore investment intentions for Gujarat**
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Bhimrao Ambedkar Awas Yojana for widows in Jarkhand

- Target of **11,000 units (houses)** has been set in the current financial year
 - **Rs 80 crore** has been earmarked in the budget for it.
 - **Rs 75,000 would be granted to build a house in districts in hilly terrains** and **Rs 70,000 in plains** in three installments. **Widows would also get pension**
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Panagarh airbase renamed after former IAF Chief Arjan Singh

- This occurred on the **97th birthday of Arjan Singh, Marshal of the Indian Air Force.**
 - Air base station is located in **Burdwan district** which is around **150 kms from Kolkata.**
 - Air Force Station played a **significant role in the 1965 and 1971 wars with Pakistan.**
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Trimbakeshwar allows entry of women with certain rules

- **Trimbakeshwar Devasthan Trust** in Maharashtra to **allow women into the sanctum sanctorum of Shiva temple for an hour every day.**
 - Allowed with a rider that **women must wear wet cotton or silk clothes while offering prayers in the core area.**
 - Women activists have refused to abide by the rule and lodged a police complaint against the Temple Trust.
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International

Delhi ranked 44th among world's 50 'future-ready cities'

- Efforts put in by the Delhi and Union government to make a digitally enabled nation has put Delhi in the list.
 - **San Jose tops the list. San Francisco, Singapore, and London are the others that follow.**
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New York Mayor declares April 14 as Bindeshwar Pathak Day

- **April 14 as 'Bindeshwar Pathak Day'** in recognition of the contributions made by the **Indian social activist** and **'Sulabh International' founder** for **improving the lives of people engaged in the "most dehumanizing situation"**.
 - Honored Pathak for his **outstanding work to improve health and hygiene and "moving the world forward"**.
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Business and Economy

Apollo ties up with Google Health Card in India

- This new feature aims to give people **access to health information quickly and easily**.
 - Apollo Hospitals had collected **comprehensive information on 400 diseases including malaria and dengue** which would show up once the keyword of the disease was typed in.
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Bihar to ban supply of medicinal drugs with alcohol content

- Bihar to **restrict the supply of all medicinal drugs with alcohol content**
 - Banned medicines mostly are in the **analgesics, anti-depressant and psychotic condition segment**.
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People in News

Dhoni quits as Amrapali Brand Ambassador

- Micro blogging twitter hashtag **#AmrapaliMisuseDhoni** saw a total of **70,000 tweets, forcing Dhoni to react to it a day later at a press briefing**.
 - Indian captain was the **brand ambassador of the company for the last 6-7 years**.
 - Residents turned **unhappy of a housing project in Noida from Amrapali**.
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Rudra Gaurav Shresth appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Mozambique

- He is an **IFS Officer from 1999 cadre, presently Director in the Ministry**.
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Geetha Johri becomes Gujarat's first woman DGP

- Promoted from the **rank of ADGP to Director General of Police**
 - She is a **1982-batch IPS officer, who is originally from Tamil Nadu**.
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Thomas Cook elevates Mahesh Iyer to COO post

- Currently the **head of its foreign exchange division**
 - Will be **responsible for day to day business management**.
 - Will also be **responsible for managing the visa and foreign exchange business in India, Mauritius and Sri Lanka**.
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Iconic African photographer Malick Sidibe passes away at 80

- Malick is **known for his street scenes and studio shots that render a portrait of photos of Mali's post-colonial period helped people see the Mali's in a new light.**
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Science and Technology

Super computer Param Kanchenjunga launched at Sikkim NIT

- The institute achieved the distinction of the **most powerful and fastest among all the 31 NITs.**
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ISRO to launch 21 satellites in one shot

- The Space Organization will put **Indian Spacecraft as well as 21 small and mostly foreign commercial satellites into the orbit by PSLV-C33 launcher.**
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Environment and Ecology

Twin quakes kill 29 in south Japan, many trapped

- Two powerful earthquakes hit **South Western Japan a day apart, killing at least 29 people and injuring 1,500, as thousands left their home in the tragedy.**
 - **Magnitude-3 quake hit the Kumamoto region on the southwestern island of Kyushu.**
 - The next day **the nation was hit by a magnitude-6.5 quake that left 10 dead.**
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Awards

T N Ninan gets Mumbai Press Club's lifetime achievement award

- T N Ninan is the **Chairman and Editorial Director of Business Standard.**
 - **Extensive contribution to business journalism through good editorial leadership** which he provided over the years to a host of publications.
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