

## National News

### Lok Sabha passes Bankruptcy Bill

- Bill passed: **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code Bill, 2016.**
  - **will help improve India's ranking in the World Bank's 'Ease of Doing Business' index.**
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### Indo-Japan Collaboration in the Field of Science & Technology

- India and Japan are in **close collaboration on several focus areas Science & Technology.**
  - India and Japan **agreed to exchange sportspersons, coaches, experts and administrators to improve the standard of the game in both nations.**
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### Rs 9,367 cr under MGNREGA to drought-hit states

- Relaxed norms under the Scheme to make **available additional employment of 50 days per household over and above the 100 days in areas affected by natural calamities during 2015-16.**
  - MGNREGA aims **to enhance livelihood security in rural areas by providing at least 100 days of wage employment in a year to every household**
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### gram panchayats in Odisha to increase by 500 to 600

- Move is to **encourage making of more than 500 panchayats in Odisha.**
  - There would be **one panchayat for each 1,000 populace.**
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## International

### Mumbai's international airport four times more assemblages than other airports

- **About 34,000 passengers rushing for space in an acre at the international airport.**
  - **India's busiest airport- Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport caters to 8,980 passengers per acre.**
  - **Bangalore International Airport is 4,528 passengers per acre.**
  - **Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad, is 2,197 passengers per acre.**
  - **Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, Texas, is 3,566 passengers per acre**
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### Zimbabwe to print own version of US dollar

- To introduce its **own version of US dollars Known as bond notes in order to ease a cash shortage in the country.**
  - Will introduce bond notes of **\$2, \$5, \$10, and \$20, which will hold the same value as their US dollar counterparts.**
  - Bond notes will be assisted by **\$200 million provided by the Africa Export Import Bank.**
  - Country announced the US dollar after **ditching its own currency in 2009 following sustained hyperinflation.**
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## Business and Economy

### **ICICI Bank signs MoU with BRICS Grouping-promoted New Development Bank**

- To create a platform **for sharing knowledge and deepening network connectivity between NDB and ICICI Bank**
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### **Federal Bank ties up with US based Payments Company for faster international remittances**

- LLC for **facilitating online inward remittance to India in Rupees for their NRI customers based in USA.**
  - US-based NRI customers can **transfer money instantly to their NRI account in India from their US bank account even by using Debit card/ Credit card.**
  - Transfastis a **prominent omni-channel provider of cross-border payments solutions and operates a best-in-class network across 120+ countries in the USA, Asia, Europe and Africa.**
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### **BHEL commissions 500 MW thermal power unit in Jharkhand**

- 500 MW thermal power unit at **Bokaro Thermal Power-A Station of Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) in Jharkhand.**
  - Has added another **coal-based power plant to the grid by successfully commissioning thermal unit on engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) basis.**
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## People in News

### **Kumar Rajesh Chandra appointed Chief of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security**

- Body is **responsible to lay down standards and measures in respect of security of civil flights at international and domestic airports in India.**
  - **Bihar cadre 1985 batch IPS officer** Chandra is currently working as Additional Director General (Modernization), Bihar Police.
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### **Four Judges For SC and transfer of Uttarakhand Chief Justice to Andhra Pradesh**

- These are **recommendations passed by the Collegium.**
  - Supreme Court's **current strength of judges is 25, beside the sanctioned strength of 31.** With the **elevation the strength will go upto 29**
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### **Biography of Shashi Kapoor released**

- Biography titled **Shashi Kapoor – the Householder, the Star**, has **been authored by film journalist Aseem Chhabra on veteran actor Shashi Kapoor**.
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## Science and Technology

### SpaceX rocket launches satellite, then lands on ship at sea

- **Driverless SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket** launched from Florida **to put a communications satellite into orbit**, then **made a swift return landing on an ocean platform**
  - **Second successful landing** after similar attempts were made in last month.
  - Company successfully landed a rocket on a floating landing pad in April **after four failed attempts**.
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### Offshore patrol vessel ICGS Shaurya launched

- Indigenously designed Indian Coast Guard ship Shaurya' launched at the shipyard at Vasco.
  - Will be **commissioned into service in early 2017**
  - Fifth in a series of six off-shore patrol vessels
  - Capable of **travelling at a speed of 23 knots and has a range of 6,000 nautical miles**
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## Environment

### 8000-year-old paddy discovered in China

- Could be the **earliest wet rice farming site in the world**.
  - also found carbonized rice that was confirmed to **have grown more than 8,000 years ago based on carbon dating**
  - Was discovered at the **Neolithic ruins of Hanjing in Sihong County in east China's Jiangsu province in November last year**.
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## Awards

### Singer Angelique Kidjo wins human rights award

- For **Standing up to injustice by Amnesty International and showing exceptional courage**.
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### Excellence Award on Empowering MSMEs 2016

- **Mangalore based Corporation Bank** has been awarded with Excellence Award on Empowering MSMEs 2016
  - Award is instituted by the **Federation of Industry, Trade and Services [FITS]**.
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### Swiss government honours Yash Chopra with statue

- Bollywood director **Yash Chopra** has been honored with a special statue by the **government of Switzerland**.
  - Director who shot most of his romantic dramas in the lush mountains of Switzerland.
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## Sports

### BWF rankings released

- **K Srikanth – 12, HS Prannoy-25 and Ajay Jayaram-21 in Men’s Singles**
  - **Manu Attri and B Sumeeth Reddy- 20 in Men’s Double Rankings**
  - **Saina Nehwal-8 and PV Sindhu-10 in Women’s Singles**
  - **Jwala Gutta and Ashwini Ponappa-14 in Women’s Doubles rankings**
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### India finish fourth in junior shooting World Cup

- Indian shooters won **bronze medal in the women’s 25m Pistol event on the ISSF Junior World Cup held in Suhl, Germany.**
  - women’s team of **Sanjana Sehrawat, Chinki Yadav and Gauri Sheoran shot a total of 1695**
  - **Russia won the gold medal** with a total of 1708 points
  - **Germany had to settle for the silver medal** with a total of 1698 points.
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