

National News

artificial propagation programme of mahseer fish for conservation

- an artificial propagation **programme for its rehabilitation and conservation**.
 - Himachal Pradesh has set aside **Rs 6 crore** at Machhial near Jogindernagar town in Mandi district to rear the mahseer.
 - Himachal Pradesh fisheries department observed that the strength of the golden mahseer is lessening due to various causes, including construction of dams, barrages, pollution etc.
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Govt constitutes IEPF Authority

- bid to strengthen the framework for safeguarding the interest of investors union
 - move comes under the **Companies Act, 2013** that would be used **for multiple purposes**
 - that includes to distribute disgorged amount depositors ambit that **have suffered losses** due to wrongful acts by other entities.
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Gujarat CM launches 'Smart Village' program

- state government will select 300 villages for Smart Village program that will **get 80 lakh to 2 crore** rupees cash assistance to improve public facilities in the villages.
 - will felicitate villages that have **100 percent** completion of toilets.
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6,000 Gujarat villages become open defecation free

- **6,000 villages** in the state becomes open defecation free under **Swachh Bharat Abhiyan**.
 - state have built more than **12.50 lakh toilets across** Gujarat in the last two years.
 - 30 talukas in the state now have 100 per cent toilet facility.
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International

2016 Women Economic Forum (WEF) hosted by India

- **Theme:** "Women: Uplifting and Uniting the World"
 - **Sessions: 408 sessions on 28 themes** like business, technology, entrepreneurship, industry, health, travel, spirituality, peace, diplomacy, security, conflict resolution, personal leadership, innovation, research
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G7 finance summit held in Japan

- To give fillip for balancing the growth of the global economy amid the slowing down of the Chinese economy and those of other emerging countries.
 - First such meeting where macroeconomic challenges urged and seek ways to inspire growth and check instability in markets by pooling together **macroeconomic agendas**.
 - Japan, the US, Germany, Britain, France, Italy and Canada are the G7 countries.
 - G7 countries represent more **than 64% of the net** global wealth (**\$263 trillion**).
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Gaya-model lantern in Colombo

- The lantern is an additional attraction this year as it has been modelled on the “stupa” at the **Mahabodhi temple in Gaya, Bihar**.
 - Mahabodhi temple, one of the oldest brick structures in eastern India, was declared a **World Heritage Site by the UNESCO in June 2002**.
 - **one of the four holy sites related to the life of Buddha**.
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Business and Economy

World Bank announced Pandemic Insurance plan to mobilize funds

- Pandemic Emergency Financing Facility will generate global and national responses to disease outbreaks that threaten large population after the 2014 **Ebola Disaster in West Africa**
 - Aim is to **organize funds** quickly against virulent disease outbreaks
 - Combination of **disaster insurance and bonds**
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HSBC to halve branches in India

- HSBC will halve the number of branch in India to 26 from the present 50 and keeping focus on retail banking **over digital channels**
 - Branch Shut will lead to **over 300 employees being affected** also less than one per cent of its total workforce of **over 33,000 people**.
 - Branches that are being closed service less **than 10% of** its Indian customers
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People in News

Anurag Thakur becomes youngest BCCI president

- Replacement in respect of President was chosen by **Senior BCCI Vice president KC Khanna** headed the **Special General Meeting**
 - **Previous President:** Shashank Manohar
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Former IPS officer Kiran Bedi appointed as Lt Governor of Puducherry

- country's first woman to serve as IPS was put under the additional charge of Lt Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Island.
 - Bedi is the first woman to join the **Indian Police Service (IPS)** in 1972.
 - Bedi contested the 2015 Delhi Assembly election as the BJP's Chief Ministerial candidate
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Government promotes 4 general managers as directors at general insurers

- GIC Re and Hoda at United India Insurance, K K Rao at Oriental Insurance, P Venkatramaiah of National Insurance Company and Segar Sampath Kumar at New India Assurance have been promoted.
 - Centre also created one more post of whole-time director **at the country's sole reinsurer GIC Re**
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Sudhakar Rao steps down as USL's Independent Director

- former Chief Secretary of Karnataka, was appointed as an Additional Director of the **USL in 2013.**

World's Oldest Olympic champion Sandor Tarics dies

- He was the team member of the **Hungarian waterpolo team**
- gave triumph to its side in the Berlin Olympics in 1936, pushing Germany into **second place.**
- earned recognition in the USA as a designer of earthquake-**proof building technologies.**
- gave attendance to **the 2012 London Olympics** as the oldest living champion.

Science and Technology

New form of light discovered

- Researchers from Trinity College Dublin have discovered a new form of light that go **against predicted qualities of light**
- Earlier, findings says that the angular momentum could only be a multiple of a number called Planck's constant
- New findings details a new form of light with an angular momentum of just **half Planck's constant.**

Water staircases in seas proposed

- Possible mechanism by which the **upper layers of the Arctic Ocean warm up, causing the ice to melt.**
- Water staircases are **step like variations of density of water due to step like changes in temperature and salinity.**

India successfully launches reusable launch vehicle RLV-TD

- the Reusable Launch-Vehicle – Technology Demonstrator (RLV-TD) is the **first time that ISRO launches an indigenous space craft with delta wings.**
- test launch is considered a **significant step in India's space endeavor.**

Sports

Mohun Bagan beats Aizawl FC 5-0

- a record **5-0 margin** to regain the title after eight years, at the Indira Gandhi Stadium in Kolkata.
- Mizoram striker **Jeje Lalpekhlua** became the most prolific **Indian striker**, He scored eight goals, including a hat-trick in the contest

Ashwin retains No. 2 spot in Test bowlers ranking

Rank	Bowler	Batsman	All Rounders
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1	Stuart Broad	Steve Smith	R Ashwin
2	R. Ashwin	Joe Root	Shakib Al Hasan
3	James Anderson	Kane Williamson	Stuart Broad
4	Yasir Shah	Hashim Amla	Ben Stokes
5	Dayle Steyn	Younus Khan	Vernon Philander
