

National News

Trains to Mizoram, Manipur including Kamakhya-Vaishno Devi Katra weekly train

- passenger train services to **Mizoram** and **Manipur** on the newly-laid broad gauge line
 - **Kamakhya -Vaishno Devi Katra** weekly train has also been started
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Defense tenders bagged by Finmeccanica cancelled

- Union government has decided to cancel all ongoing tenders for defence equipment won by **Italy's Finmeccanica**.
 - Firm is being investigated for bribery in the **Agusta Westland VVIP chopper deal**.
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Rs.50 lakh fine on East Coast Railway

- National Green Tribunal (NGT) has imposed a fine of **50 lakh on East Coast Railway** for operating an illegal railway siding without consent of the **Odisha State Pollution Control Board**
 - the railway board to deposit the fine amount at the Jajpur Collectorate within 2 months as environmental compensation for five years for operation of the railway siding.
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State-wide campaigns against malnutrition in Gujarat

- Gujarat Chief Minister **Anandiben Patel** launched two state-wide campaigns against malnutrition in all districts of the state
 - two campaigns to **provide iron-rich supplementary food** children and women, whether they live in towns or remote forested areas,
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Ujjwala Yojana in Davangere district of Karnataka

- Ujjwala Scheme was launched by centre this month to provide LPG connections without security deposit to **5 crore women from BPL households** over the **next three years**.
 - **Rs. 8,000 crore** has been earmarked for providing 5 crore LPG connections to **BPL households**
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six language versions of PMO India website

- six language versions of PMO India website, the languages are **Bengali, Marathi, Gujarati, Malayalam, Tamil and Telugu**.
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Polls Cancelled On 2 Tamil Nadu Assembly Seats

- Election Commission of India has decided to call off the elections to the **two** Tamil Nadu constituencies such as **Thanjavur and Aravakurichi** that was postponed ahead of the May 16 polls in **Tamil Nadu**
 - pronouncement comes after ECI's found malpractices through **large scale distribution of money** and gifts to electors by the candidates and political parties
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Business and Economy

India among top 10 steel importers in 2015

- India imported more than China in 2015 while India exported **6 mt of steel in 2015**
 - China Exported during the same year at 111.6 mt
 - Steel demand will increase by 5.4 per cent in 2016 and 2017 reaching **88.3 mt in 2017**.
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Science and Technology

NASA successfully deploys space station's inflatable room

- NASA has successfully deployed the first trial inflatable room attached to the **International Space Station**
 - to take up less room on a spacecraft, but provide greater volume for astronauts.
 - The **Bigelow Expandable Activity Module (BEAM)** was built by Las Vegas-based Bigelow Aerospace under a \$17 million contract.
 - module weighs **1,400 kg and 1.5 metres** in length to reach **1.7 metres beyond** its packed configuration and an internal **diameter of 3.2 metres**
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Awards

Malti Gyan Peeth Puraskars awarded

- Instituted by Mohinder Singh Syngle Education & Research Society in honor of its founder Malti Mohinder Singh Syngle, an eminent educationist.
 - Award carries **one lakh cash prize**, certificate of excellence, a robe of honor and a medal.
 - Award presented annually **since 2013** to Government school teachers from Punjab Government's High & Higher Secondary Schools
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People in News

AR Karve takes charge of Southern Naval Command

- Vice-Admiral **AR Karve** assumed charge as the **Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Kochi based Southern Naval Command**
 - Currently the Chief of Personnel at Integrated Head Quarters, Ministry of Defence (Navy), Delhi.
 - He was awarded the **Ati Vishisht Seva Medal** in 2013 for his distinguished service.
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A V S Ramesh Chandra appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Romania

- Presently High Commissioner of **India to Uganda**.
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Sports

Discus thrower Seema Punia qualifies for Rio Olympics

- She is the **19th Indian track** and field athlete to have qualified for Rio Olympics.
 - Haryana-based athlete had also won a silver in the 2014 Glasgow CWG Commonwealth Games with an **effort of 61.61m**.
 - Won the silver medal at the Commonwealth Games and a gold at the **Asian Games in 2014**.
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Real Madrid FC wins 2016 UEFA Champions League

- Real Madrid FC won the 2016 UEFA Champions League **for the 11th time**
 - They beat Atletico Madrid FC **by 5-3 goals in penalty** corner.
 - Earlier the team had won **UEFA Champions League** in 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1966, 1998, 2000, 2002 and 2014.
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