

## National News

### Setting up of India Post Payments Bank approved

- Setting up the **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** as a Public Limited Company under the Department of Posts with 100% Government of India (GOI) equity share.
  - **Total Expenditure incurred:** Rs. 800 Crore.
  - All Indian Citizens and 40% of the Country's People in outside the country will be benefitted.
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### Social welfare benefits to transgender community in Odisha

- **Odisha** State Government has initiated to provide the **social welfare benefits** to **Transgender** who are belongs to most deprived.
  - **Aim:** To improve their overall social and economic status.
  - Odisha is the first state to undertake this measure.
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### MoU To Enhance Cooperation on Energy Security, Clean Energy & Climate Change

- Memorandum of Understanding ( MoU) between the Government of India and the Government of the United States of America was signed **to enhance cooperation on energy security, clean energy and climate change**
  - **Objective:** Contribute to a global effort to reduce the rise in greenhouse gas emissions.
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### Memorandum of Understanding between India and Qatar

- Approval for the **three agreements between India and Qatar.**
  - **Purpose:** Cooperation in the field of Skill development, Tourism and Customs.
  - Skill Development: Facilitate workforce mobility, skill development and placement of Indian youth in overseas jobs in Qatar
  - Tourism: India received approximately 6,313 tourists from Qatar in 2015
  - Customs: Co-operation and mutual assistance in customs matter.
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### Sachin Tendulkar's to feature in Kerala Government's Anti-Drug Campaign

- **Sachin Tendulkar** has agreed to feature a campaign against drug and liquor abuse in the state after a request of **CPI-M LDF government** in Kerala.
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## International

### 2 Indian-origin women in Forbes' self-made American women list

- Forbes' annual list of **America's 60 wealthiest and most successful self-made women entrepreneurs** list **two Indian-origin women** have featured.
- India-born **Neerja Sethi, who is a** co-founder of IT consulting and outsourcing **firm Syntel with her husband Bharat Desai**
- ranked **16th on 'America's Richest Self-made Women'** list
- president and CEO of Arista Networks **Jayshree Ullal** is **ranked 30th.**

- richest self-made woman in America is topped by ABC Supply owner Diane Hendricks is worth **4.9 billion US dollars**

### **India among top five in 2015 in green energy spending**

- India being ranked among the top five nations in new investments, and in the top four as regards creating jobs in the green energy sector.
- India's investments in renewable energy sector increased to \$10.2 billion in 2015, when compared to \$8.3 billion in 2014.

Country	Rank
China	1
US	2
Japan	3
UK	4
India	5

## **Business and Economy**

### **BRICS bank to issue first Yuan denominated bonds**

- **Shanghai** Based New Development Bank of the **BRICS** countries is set to issue its **first Yuan denominated bonds**
- plans to release more bonds in local currencies including in Indian Rupee
- **Involving nations:** Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS); **Head:** Indian banker M V Kamath
- **Focus:** To finance sustainable development projects in the emerging markets and developing countries

### **Trai launches mobile app to take on pesky call, SMS complaints**

- The **1909 DND toll-free number service** exists right now as well, and users can file complaints
- Telecom Regulatory Authority of India have launched an app named '**DND Services**'
- will help mobile users to manage unsolicited commercial communications to curb the pesky call menace.
- The DND service allows residents of India to block pesky callers and texters, along with telemarketers

### **Johnson & Johnson to buy Vogue International for about \$3.3 billion**

- **Johnson & Johnson** would acquire personal-care products company **Vogue International** for about \$3.3 billion in all cash deal.

- move would increase its position in the hair care market and potentially build up its consumer products segment.
  - beauty products of Vogue are sold in the United States and **in 38 other countries.**
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### TERI signs MoU with IKSL

- New Delhi based **Energy and Resources Institute** and a subsidiary of Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited **Kisan Sanchar Limited (IKSL)** inked a pact
  - MoU helps farmers by providing them information about efficient use of natural resources to help them increase their productivity.
  - cooperation will include **creating awareness and benefits** of clean lighting and cooking solutions,
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## People in News

### Navin Agarwal appointed NADA chief

- **Navin Agarwal** was appointed chief of National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA), working for dope-free sports for five years.
  - He is a **1986 batch IPS officer.**
  - NADA is the national nodal agency responsible for promoting, coordinating, and monitoring the doping control program in sports in all its forms in India.
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## Sports

### Novak Djokovic becomes the first player to win a \$100m prize money

- **Novak Djokovic** became the **first professional tennis player** to **earn \$100 million** in prize money
  - he made his 10th French Open quarter-finals beating 14th seed Spain's Roberto Bautista Agut
  - Tennis great Roger Federer earned **\$98,011,727** since he turned **pro in 1998**, is the next closest player to breaking that barrier.
  - American Women's tennis great Serena Williams is the leader, having earned a total prize money of \$75,929,696 in **21 years in women's** section.
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