

National

Public Grievance Redressal Act in Bihar

- **Bihar Public Grievance Redressal Act** enabling people to get their grievances redressed within a specific time period in the State.
 - **Feature:** The Act has enabled people to get their issues redressed.
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Narayanasamy sworn in as Puducherry CM

- **V Narayanasamy** was sworn in as Puducherry Chief Minister Along with Narayanasamy, **five Congress legislators** will be sworn-in as ministers.
 - **Lt Governor Kiran Bedi** administered the oath of office and secrecy to the team of ministers at Puducherry.
 - **Narayanasamy** for whom this is the first term and was elected leader of the 15-member Congress Legislature party.
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Dia Mirza is ambassador for Swachh Saathi program

- **Bollywood actress Dia Mirza Sangha** has been appointed as the ambassador for **Swachh Bharat Mission's Swachh Saathi program**.
 - more than 2,000 interns would be enrolled, who would coordinate with around 10,000 schools across the country
 - **Mirza**, was a second runner up at **Femina Miss India 2000**. She also became the first Indian to win this title in 29 years.
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International

Vice President Hamid Ansari visits Morocco and Tunisia

- Five-day visit to Morocco and Tunisia to build on diplomatic gains from the India-Africa Summit and place platform for a future partnership.
 - Maiden visit by an Indian Vice-President in 50 years to the two nations
 - **Hosted by:** Prime Minister Abdelilah Benkairane, Morocco.
 - **Focus:** To discuss the issues of terrorism, UN Security Council expansion, investments in private sector and to strengthen Africa and regional matters.
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India ranks second on GRD index on ease of doing business

- **India** has moved 13 positions to rank **2nd** among 30 developing countries in 2016 on ease of doing business
 - **China** is top in the list.
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G Ashok Kumar assumes charge as Deputy Chief of Naval Staff

- Vice **Admiral G Ashok Kumar** took charge as the **Deputy Chief of Naval Staff**.
 - He is an alumnus of Pune National Defence Academy,
 - He has served as the navigating officer of Indian Naval Ships Beas, Nilgiri, Ranvir and Vikrant also specialized in **navigation and direction**.
 - Worked as the commanding officer of INS Kulish and Ranvir, and executive officer onboard INS Brahmaputra.
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Servion Global appoints Sameet Gupte as CEO

- Chennai based Everstone Capital and Solmark owned Servion Global Solutions Ltd appointed **Sameet Gupte** as its new **CEO and Member of Board**
 - He was serving as **Executive Vice-President** and Global Head of financial services for Virtusa Polaris.
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Awards

Sudarsan Pattnaik wins gold in People's Choice Prize

- sand artist **Sudarsan Pattnaik** has won gold medal in **people's choice prize** at world championship festival in Bulgaria
 - Theme of the championship was **Sport World and Olympic Symbols** and the height of the sculpture was two meters.
 - He has been selected for the prize for his sculpture **Drugs kill Sports** which is the 2 metre height sculpture.
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Science and Technology

BHEL commissions 3 supercritical thermal units in Uttar Pradesh

- **Bharat Heavy Electricals** has commissioned all the 3 supercritical units of **660 MW each** at the 1980 MW coal-based Lalitpur Super Thermal Power Project (STPP), in Uttar Pradesh.
 - Commissioning comes from the company within a span less than three months as a result of enhanced focus on project execution
 - Main plant package contract of this **1980 MW power** plant is being executed by the power major BHEL.
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All train coaches will have bio-toilets by 2019

- Indian Railways will fit bio-toilets on all its **55,000 coaches with two** years ahead of **schedule by 2019**
- All of coaches would be fitted with **1,40,000 bio-toilets**.

- As of March this year Railways board have installed around 35,000 bio-toilets in 10,000 railway coaches
 - Ministry also confident about phasing out such **toilets by 2020-21 under its** Swachh Rail-Swachh Bharat (**Clean Rail-Clean India**) program.
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Sports

Rohan Bopanna direct entry for Rio

- **Rohan Bopanna** officially secured a direct entry into the men's doubles event of the Rio Olympic Games by returning to **top-10 in the ATP ranking Men's doubles chart**.
 - also has the choice to pick his partner for the men's doubles event regardless of his ranking.
 - **Sania Mirza continued** to be joint world number one with Swiss partner **Martina Hingis** in the Women's Doubles chart.
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