

National

National Electoral Roll Purification to minimize the voter list errors

- NREP 2016 will ensure single electoral register entry for every eligible elector with unique Elector Photo Identity Card (EPIC) number, removal of all absent, shifted or dead electors' entries and repeat entries.
 - NERP is formulated in view of improving health of ERs by-inclusion of all eligible citizens in mission mode; ERs to be Free from errors.
 - Single ER entry for every eligible elector with unique Elector Photo Identity Card (EPIC) number.
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Foundation Stone of AIIMS in Gorakhpur

- **AIIMS:** The institute is being estimated cost of Rs. 1,011 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana and will have 750 beds and emergency as well as ayush sections.
 - **Fertilizer plant:** The fertilizer plant had been lying idle for the last 26 years, which was set up in 1969 but it was locked up in 1990.
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NDMC ties up with NEERI to develop sewage treatment plants

- New Delhi Municipal Council (**NDMC**) has signed an agreement with National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (**NEERI**) to **develop 12 sewage treatment plants (STP)** in order to develop and restructure the green area big and small parks.
 - new agreement will help in **increasing the green covering** NMDC areas and also to reduce the dust pollution.
 - **a total of 12 STP** are going to be laid across the NMDC areas.
 - These plants will have a sewage water treating capacity of **50000-1 lakh litre a day**. They also started tree plantation in the barren land in order to curb dust pollution by planting 2 lakh trees in the laden land.
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New NIT in Andhra Pradesh

- With a estimate of **226 crores for three years, initially 40 crores has been released** by the central Government for the establishment of a new NIT in Andhra Pradesh.
 - NIT in Andhra Pradesh has been established in lines with the provisions of **Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014**. The Reorganisation Act, 2014 provides for a NIT for the state after its bifurcation as the existing NIT went to Telangana.
 - **In order to make India prosperous** the basic sciences and basic research has to be the thrust of higher education as Innovation is the product of research.
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Odisha govt forms judicial panel for reforms in Jagannath temple management

- Odisha government set up a one-member judicial commission to make reforms in the management of the **Lord Jagannath temple in Puri**.
 - commission was formed demanding suggestions on well-organized rituals, darshan of deities, security arrangements, training and conservation of heritage and culture in the temple.
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IAF plane with 29 people on board goes missing

- The **Antonov An-32** Airforce Plane disappeared after the plane has lost Radar Signal, on the way to the Andaman Nicobar's Port Blair over Bay of Bengal.
 - Airforce Carrier was carrying **29 persons** on board lost its Radar signal passing 150 nautical miles on **route to Blair from Chennai**
 - Plane An-32 is a Russian made one that was inducted in the Indian Air Force Decades back, which can remain flying for a maximum of four and half hours. The Indian Defence forces on full-fledged searching to locate the plane.
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Haryana Bans 15-Year-Old Petrol, 10-Year-Old Diesel Vehicles

- Haryana has announced ban on 15 year old petrol vehicles and 10 year old diesel vehicles to curb air pollution.
 - Ban will be effective in the National Capital Region that consists of (NCR): **Gurgaon, Faridabad, Sonapat, and Jhajjar.**
 - These cities composed together accounts over 20 lakh registered vehicles.
 - This move comes after the National Green Tribunal has banned 10 and 15-year-old diesel vehicles in Delhi.
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International

India ranks 110th on Sustainable Development Index

- India **ranks 110** on the Sustainable Development Goal Index of the United Nations has released the ranking of 149 nations assessed on where they stand with regard to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.
 - The list is topped by Sweden.
 - SDSN network has launched a new Development Index and Dashboard to provide a report card for following up the SDG Goals progress and ensuring accountability.
 - These 17 global goals are within reach if countries work towards them with clarity and determination. The SDG Index and Dashboard will help the country to chart out a practical path for achieving the Goals.
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RBI is all set to monitor the customer rights in the commercial banks

- This step is adopted by the banker's bank to enhance the banking experience of the customers
- The **five core areas** to be monitored by the RBI are:-
 - ♦ Right to privacy,
 - ♦ Right to fair treatment & transparency,
 - ♦ Fair and honest dealing,
 - ♦ Right to suitability and
 - ♦ Right to grievance redress & compensation.
- RBI had put out a charter of customer rights in public domain sometime back, asking banks to implement it after their board's approval.

- RBI will start monitoring and regulation cum supervision of the banks in all the matters related to the customer rights.
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People in News

Ajay Bhushan Pandey appointed as CEO of UIDAI

- Pandey is a Maharashtra cadre-1984 batch IAS officer. He has been working in Unique Identification Authority of India since last August.
 - Aadhaar, which is a 12 digit unique number, linked with an individual's demographic and biometric information used in governments Financial and other Subsidies, Benefits and Services.
 - 102 crore Aadhaar IDs have been generated as of July 2016.
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Former French cyclist Dominique Arnaud passes away

- Former French cyclist Dominique **Arnaud** has passed away after following a cancer in a hospital in Dax.
 - Arnaud rode in **eleven editions** of the Tour de France and won three stages of the Vuelta a Espana.
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Science and Technology

Aquila – first ever high-altitude solar plane successfully tested by FACEBOOK

- **Facebook** has successfully tested the first flight of a high-altitude solar plane to bring internet access to remote parts of the world.
 - Aquila drone has the **wingspan of an airliner but weighs less than a car**. While cruising it consumes just 5,000 watts – the same as three hairdryers or a powerful microwave.
 - The company ultimately hopes to have a fleet of Aquilas that can fly for at **least three months at a time at 18,290 meters** and communicate with each other to deliver internet access.
 - Facebook, which has more than **1.6 billion users**, has invested billions of dollars in getting more people online, both through an **internet.org** and **by building drones**.
 - Facebook intends Aquila to be part of a fleet of planes that will provide the internet to 4 billion people in **sub-Saharan Africa** and other remote regions that do not have access currently.
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Awards

PATA awards 2016 – Kerala Tourism bags two awards for their marketing initiatives

- **Kerala Tourism** has secured two **Gold Awards** at the prestigious **Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA)** awards witnessing its trendsetting marketing initiatives to develop the field of tourism.
- two gold medals for 'Marketing Media' are in the categories of 'Travel Advertisement Broadcast Media' was clinched by '**Visit Kerala**' television commercial campaign and 'E-Newsletter' was clinched by the popular Kerala Tourism **E-Newsletter**.

- this year's awards attracted **212 entries from 71 organizations** and individuals worldwide and these awards will be presented at the PATA Gold Awards Launch on and Presentation on **September 9 in Jakarta**.
 - **Visit Kerala** commercials which aim to promote domestic tourism – were conceptualized by **Stark Communications of Kerala** and the Kerala Tourism **E-Newsletter is designed by Invis Multimedia**.
 - Kerala Tourism was also awarded **PATA Gold in the Heritage and Culture category for Muziris Heritage Project**.
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Sports

India women's hockey team beats hosts USA 2-1 in Pennsylvania

- Both the teams were goal less in the maiden quarter of the contest with neither able to breach the rival defense and create openings.
 - The Indians capitalized the game by 1-0. The team has assured the win in the final minute of the third quarter when Preeti Dubey scored a goal.
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