

# National

## 3rd Meeting of the Joint Committee at the Secretary Level under the India-Japan CEPA

- India staged many issues pertaining to providing greater market access to Indian Products like sesame seeds, marine products and pharmaceuticals in Japan.
  - The Indian side has demanded the counterpart to address these issues. The side also demanded Indian Organic Standards by their counterpart.
  - Japan highlighted several issues involving in taxation and investment concerns by the Japanese companies that are investing in India.
  - Indian side was headed by Commerce Secretary **Rita Teotia** and their counterpart was headed by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. **Keiichi Katakami**.
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## HP govt signs MoU with NTPC, NHPC for hydro engineering college in Bilaspur

- MoU to establish **first hydro engineering college in Bilaspur** to boost regional development.
  - will help in generation of a technical human resource specialized for specific requirement of this stream Power Production that also create potential employment.
  - move will help identifying the scholars to develop new areas of Potential power development from Hydro Space. This is the first of its kind in the state.
  - state has **over 20,000 MW hydropower potential** and NTPC and NHPC are involved in development of many projects.
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## Centre sanctions nearly Rs 620 crore to UP as drought assistance

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  - The funds were released on the basis of the centre team recommendations that paid visit to these states.
  - centre also set aside Rs. 80 crores for Rajasthan which was affected by hailstorm and Rs. 15 crores to Manipur that was affected by earthquake.
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## Strategic Forces Command exempted from RTI ambit

- Union government has exempted **Strategic Forces Command** upon providing information under Right to Information Act -2005 without citing any reason for exempting.
  - SFC under National Command Authority (NCA), has been included in the Second Schedule of the RTI that exempts security and intelligence establishments from its purview.
  - The Exemption has been put on the list of 26 intelligence and security agencies.
  - Strategic Forces Command that looks after the nuclear arsenal of the India comes under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's control.
  - agency however has to provide **allegations of corruption** and human rights violations if the RTI has been applied.
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### **Gujarat government selects Infibeam for e-com training programme**

- **Gujarat's Centre for Entrepreneurship Development (CED)** has selected the Ahmedabad-based e-commerce major **Infibeam as knowledge partner** for its e-commerce training and development program.
  - training program aimed at grooming budding entrepreneurs and individuals to set up their businesses for first generation entrepreneurs.
  - state has jointly with Infibeam launched an e-commerce workshop program **How to Start E-commerce Business**.
  - **participants were trained various modules of E commerce which could help build their existing business and start new Business.**
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### **foundation stone for Imphal Railway Station at Yurembam, Manipur**

- **Outlay: Rs.90 Crore**
  - **This is scheduled to be completed next year. The construction of the railway line reaching up to Imphal from Tupul in Tamenglong district is scheduled to be completed in 2020.**
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### **European Union Film Festival in New Delhi**

- A delegation of European Union including ambassadors from European Union member states was also present on the occasion.
  - opening film of the festival was famous Danish Film **Silent Heart** (Stille Hjerte) directed by Bille August.
  - **Bille August**, a Danish film director won the Palme d'Or, Academy Award and Golden Globe and he is one of only eight directors to win the Palme d'Or twice
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## **International**

### **3rd India Education Fair begins in Dhaka**

- Two-Day long **3rd India Education Fair has kicked off in Dhaka**
  - participants from over 35 premier Indian educational institutions including schools, colleges, and technical institutes.
  - aimed to deliver one roof to provide educational opportunities to Bangladeshi youths.
  - Fair providing information also provide discussions about the facilities and fee structure of participating institutions so as to help them make an informed choice to the students and parents.
  - Fair also provides participants free career aptitude tests also scholarships that offered by the educational institutions.
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## Business and Economy

### **"Pashudhan Bima Yojana", Insurance scheme for cattle breeders launched in Haryana**

- insurance Scheme for the cattle breeders has been announced by the BJP led Haryana Government named **Jokhim Prabandhan Aur Pashudhan Bima Yojana**.
  - Scheme is the result of recommendations made in Swaminathan Report
  - scheme insurance would offer a cover encompasses cows, bulls, buffaloes and camel at a premium of Rs 100 and for sheep, goats and pigs **at Rs 25 for 3 years**.
  - scheme is free of cost for cattle breeders belonging to **the Scheduled Castes**. That state also targeting to cover one lakh cattle under Pashudhan Bima Yojana.
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### **IRCTC to launch travel insurance facility at Rs 1**

- The scheme offers compensation
    - i. In the event of death or permanent total disability – **upto Rs 10 lakh**
    - ii. For permanent partial disability – **Rs 7.5 lakh**
    - iii. For hospitalisation expenses – **Rs 2 lakh**
    - iv. For transportation of mortal remains in the event of death or injury from a train accident or other untoward incident, including terrorist attacks, dacoity, rioting, shoot-out or arson, as well as for short termination, diverted route and Vikalp trains – **Rs 10,000**
  - Train accident and untoward incident cases will be handled according to definition under **Sections 123, 124 and 124A of the Railways Act, 1989**.
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### **A10 Networks acquires cloud firm Appcito**

- application delivery controllers Specialist **A10 Networks** acquired the Software Company **Appcito** based in California
  - will help the A10 to become a comprehensive secure application services provider.
  - firm will bring various new solutions also comprise a cloud services controller for centralised application policy management and orchestration, elastic application traffic management capabilities.
  - company A10 is in the pipeline to release the Harmony-based cloud solution with Appcito technology later this year.
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## People in News

### **Justice Iqbal Ahmed Ansari Sworn in as Chief Justice Of Patna High Court**

- Justice Ahmed Ansari had worked twice as Acting Chief Justice of **Patna High Court** since December 2014 before being sworn in as its Chief Justice. He would retire on October of this year.
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**Satish Mathur appointed as new Maharashtra DGP**

- **Satish Mathur**, a 1981 IPS batch officer has been appointed as the new police chief of **Maharashtra**.
  - Mr.Mathur is currently holding the post of Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau. He will succeed Pravin Dixit
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**Railway Board chairman AK Mittal gets two year extension**

- term of the Railway Board Chairman **A K Mital** was extended by **two years**.
  - Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the re-appointment of Mital as Chairman, Railway Board, for a period of two years, till he attains the age of 62 years, with effect from August 1, 2016.
  - He has worked as Member Staff, Railway Board, and ex-officio Secretary to the Government of India.
  - also served as General Manager of South Western Railway Headquarters, Hubli.
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**JN Singh appointed as new Chief Secretary of Gujarat**

- Gujarat Government has appointed **Dr. J.N. Singh**, a 1983-batch IAS officer, as new Chief Secretary of the State
  - Dr. Singh is currently Additional **Chief Secretary (Finance)** and also officiating as **Managing Director of Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation (GSPC)**.
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**Rajjat A Barjatya, MD and CEO, Rajshri Media, passes away**

- **Rajjat Barjatya**, MD and CEO of **Rajshri Media** suffered from Leukemia, passed away
  - Barjatya is credited for turning around Rajshri Productions' digital fortunes with the creation of Rajshri.com
  - Rajshri Productions is one of the pillars of the **Hindi** film establishment.
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## Science and Technology

**Reliance Jio will provide Wi-Fi connectivity to all Government Colleges in Puducherry**

- Reliance Jio Company will provide Wi-Fi connectivity to **all Government Colleges in Puducherry** under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program.
  - Will extend to the tourist hot spot **Beach Promenade**.
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## Sports

**IWF bans Russian team from Rio Olympics**

- International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) **blanket ban on the Russian weightlifters** to compete in the Rio Olympics.
- Second Sports outfit to ban Russians after the track & field team effected ban few days back.
- 8 contestants were nominated by the Russian board to compete in the Rio events in the weightlifting games

- International Olympic Committee also announced that previously Suspended Russian athletes will not be eligible to **take part in the Rio**.

## ● Awards

- **National Tourism Awards for the year 2014-2015**

Award Winner	Category
Madhya Pradesh followed by Gujarat and Karnataka respectively	Best state for comprehensive development of tourism
Rajasthan's Sawai Madhopur railway station	Best Tourist Friendly railway station award
Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport	Best Airport award
Telangana's Warangal	Best Heritage City award
Monuments of Amarkantak in Madhya Pradesh.	Best maintained and disabled-friendly monument
Taj Exotica, Salcette, Goa	Best hotel award under the five star deluxe category
Fateh Prakash Palace in Udaipur, Coconut Lagoon at Kumarakom in Kottayam and Gajner Palace in Bikaner.	Best heritage hotel awards in three different categories
The Lalit in New Delhi received an award under the category of	Hotel providing best facilities for the differently-abled guests.
Kerala Tourism in the Tourism Promotion and Publishing category	Most Innovative use of Information Technology' – social media/mobile app.
The Wayanad initiative—Kerala	Responsible Tourism' category
Sargaalaya Arts and Crafts Village at Iringal, a small but thriving village in Kozhikode—Kerala	Kerala Tourism in the Rural Tourism project category
Kerala—Invis Multimedia and social media managed by Stark Communications	Tourism Promotion and Publishing' category
Turtle on the Beach, Kovalam—Kerala	Best hotel in the Five Star category
Coconut Lagoon, Kumarakom	Best Heritage Hotel in Classic

	Category
Coconut Creek Farm and Homestay, Kumarakom—Kerala	Best Incredible India Bed and Breakfast Establishment
Somatheeram Research Institute and Ayurveda Hospital Pvt Ltd, Thiruvananthapuram	Best Wellness Centre