India’s leading FMCG Britannia to set up largest plant in – Maharashtra

**Key Points:**
India’s leading FMCG Britannia Industries would set up its largest plant in Maharashtra in a food park at Ranjangaon.

Britannia HQ – Bengaluru
CEO - Varun Berry

The person who has been appointed as Executive Director of World Bank - S Aparna

**Key Points:**
World Bank HQ – Washington D.C
President - Jim Yong Kim

Iran’s official news agency says two Iranian companies have signed the country’s biggest-ever car deal with – Renault

**Key Points:**
Iran’s deal with French multinational automobile manufacturer Group Renault to produce 150,000 cars, beginning in 2018.

Country – Iran
Capital – Tehran
Currency – Iranian Rial
Renault HQ - Boulogne-Billancourt, France

An Indian businessman in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) honoured by UAE government - Firoz Merchant

**Key Points:**
Firoz Merchant, has spent over USD 4 million to help free prisoners languishing in jails due to non-payment of debts.

Country – United Arab Emirates
Capital – Abu Dhabi
Currency – UAE Dirham

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has beaten this team to win MCC-Murugappa Gold Cup - Bengaluru Hockey Association

**Key Points:**
91st All India MCC-Murugappa Gold cup Hockey Tournament
Winner – ONGC
Runner – Bengaluru Hockey Association
Best forward: Jenjen Singh (Bengaluru HA)
Best mid-fielder: Machaiah (ONGC)
Best goalkeeper-defender: Diwakar Ram
Most promising player: Sanjay Xalxo (Odisha)
Man of the final: Rajkumar Pal (BHA).

- **Kerala High Court ordered Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to lift the life ban imposed on Cricketer – Sreesanth**
  **Key Points:**
  He was banned from cricket in connection with the 2013 IPL spot-fixing scandal.

- **8th meeting of Regional Technical Group on Trade, Commerce and Investment CBM of the Heart of Asia – Istanbul Process held in - New Delhi**
  **Key Points:**
  Country – Turkey
  Capital – Istanbul
  Currency – Turkish Lira

- **Flipkart has launched an exclusive programme aimed at Flipkart employees - 'Budding Star Programme'**
  **Key Points:**
  Flipkart HQ – Bengaluru
  CEO - Kalyan Krishnamurthy

- **India’s first micro forest being built in – Chhattisgarh**
  **Key Points:**
  The land of 19 acres of land which housed around 70 government office buildings in Chhattisgarh’s Raipur is being converted into India’s first micro forest to create an oxy-zone.
  State – Chhattisgarh
  Capital – Raipur
  CM – Raman Singh
  Governor - Balram das Tandon

- **NITI Aayog announces partnership with 6 states to transform - Health & Education sectors**
  **Key Points:**
  Uttar Pradesh, Assam and Karnataka under its ‘Sustainable Action for Transforming Human Capital’, SATH initiative to handhold them and transform their health sector.
  Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Odisha under its SATH initiative to transform their education sector.
  NITI Aayog Chairman – PM Modi
  Vice Chairman – Rajiv kumar
  CEO - Amitabh Kant
Bajaj Auto has announced a global partnership recently - Triumph Motorcycles UK

**Key Points:**
- Bajaj Auto HQ – Pune
- CEO of Bajaj Auto - Rajiv Bajaj
- Triumph Motorcycles HQ – Hinckley, United Kingdom
- Owner – John Bloor

Hritik Roshan has been signed as a brand ambassador by a health and wellness startup - Cure.fit

**Key Points:**
- A deal worth Rs 100 crore.
- He will be associated with the brand for five years.

The next Chief Justice of India has been appointed by Union Government - Justice Dipak Misra

**Key Points:**
- Justice Dipak Misra will be replacing incumbent Justice J S Khehar, who is set to retire on August 27, 2017.
- Present & 44th CJI - Justice J S Khehar
- 1st CJI – H J Kania
- Next & 45th CJI - Justice Dipak Misra

Indian American who has been appointed as Deputy Comptroller for Minority Affairs in New York's Nassau county - Dilip Chauhan

**Key Points:**
- Country – Bahamas
- Capital – Nassau
- Currency – Bahamian Dollar

Indian-origin actor to be honored with Asia Society Game Changers Award - Dev Patel

**Key Points:**
- London-born Dev Patel, who became popular with his debut film Slumdog Millionaire.

Indian shooter who won a bronze in men's trap event at the 7th Asian Championship Shotgun at Astana, Kazakhstan - Kynan Chenai

**Key Points:**
- 7th Asian Shotgun Championship - Astana, Kazakhstan
- Country – Kazakhstan
- Capital – Astana
- Currency - Kazakhstani Tenge

According to the survey, almost all rural households in these states had access to a toilet - Kerala and Haryana
Key Points:
The survey is released by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation and was carried out by the Quality Council of India (QCI).

Bihar and Uttar Pradesh has least access to toilets compared to other states.

Minister of Drinking Water and Sanitation – Narendra Singh Tomar
Constituency – Gwalior, MP

The company which has announced the launch of virtual customer service (VCS) model in 4 Indian cities – Amazon

Key Points:
VCS has currently been launched in Hyderabad, Pune, Coimbatore, and Noida.
Amazon HQ – Seattle, Washington, United States
CEO - Jeff Bezos

The National Green Tribunal bans use of non-biodegradable plastic bags in – Delhi

Key Points:
Interim ban on use of non-biodegradable plastic bags which are less than 50 microns in the entire national capital
NGT – National Green Tribunal
Union Territory – New Delhi
CM – Arvind Kejriwal
Governor – Anil Baijal

External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj Attends 15th BIMSTEC Meeting in – Nepal

Key Points:
15th BIMSTEC Meeting – Kathmandu, Nepal
BIMSTEC - Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation
Union minister for external affairs – Sushma Swaraj
Constituency – Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh
Country – Nepal
Capital – Kathmandu
Currency – Nepalese Rupee

India has ratified the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol

Key Points:
India became the 80th country to accept the amendment relating to the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, the international emissions reduction treaty.
The Kyoto Protocol was adopted in Kyoto, Japan, in December 1997 and entered into force in February 2005.
Kyoto a city in Japan
Country – Japan
Capital – Tokyo
Currency – Japanese Yen

- **India’s rank in 2017 Global Retirement Index (GRI) - 43rd position**
  
  **Key Points:**
  
  It is published by French asset management company **Natixis Global**.

  1\(^{st}\) Country in GRI – Norway
  
  2\(^{nd}\) Country in GRI – Switzerland
  
  3\(^{rd}\) Country in GRI – Iceland

- **Private sector lender IDFC Bank has partnered with digital payments company – Zeta**
  
  **Key Points:**

  IDFC Bank HQ – Mumbai
  
  MD & CEO of IDFC Bank – Sunil Kakar

- **Vijaya Bank opens self-employment training institute in – Indore**
  
  **Key Points:**

  Vijaya Bank Self Employment Training Institute (VIBSETI) in Bhenslay Village, Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

  Vijaya Bank HQ – Bengaluru

  MD & CEO – Kishore Sansi

  Tagline – A friend you can bank up on

- **An Indo-Canadian entrepreneur, has been appointed Canada's consul general in San Francisco - Rana Sarkar**
  
  **Key Points:**

  Country – Canada

  Capital – Ottawa

  Currency – Canadian Dollar

- **Uttar Pradesh Government has launched a new awareness drive called - Namami Gange Jagriti Yatra**
  
  **Key Points:**

  The drive will be focusing on cleanliness along the banks of Ganga river and maintain hygiene.

  The drive will be covering a total area of **around 1,025 kms**.

  State – Uttar Pradesh

  Capital – Lucknow

  CM – Yogi Adityanath
Governor - Ram Naik

- Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar launches mobile therapy van for – elderly people, widows and other section

  **Key Points:**
  - The CM flagged off mobile therapy vans to launch “Buniyadi Sanjivani Sewa”.
  - State – Bihar
  - Capital – Patna
  - CM – Nitish Kumar
  - Deputy CM – Sushil Kumar Modi
  - Governor – Kesari Nath Tripathi

- Oxford University Press (OUP) has launched online dictionaries in - Tamil and Gujarati

  **Key Points:**
  - Oxford University Press HQ – Oxford, United Kingdom

- Who has launched the NCERT’s Web portal for supply of textbooks to schools and individuals in New Delhi - Upendra Kushwaha

  **Key Points:**
  - Minister of state for Human Resource Development – Upendra Kushwaha
  - Constituency – Karakat, Bihar
  - NCERT – National Council of Educational Research and Training

- India and the United States will co-host the Global Entrepreneurship Summit at –Hyderabad

  **Key Points:**
  - President Donald Trump’s daughter Ivanka will lead the American delegation.
  - Country – United States of America
  - Capital – Washington D.C
  - Currency – US Dollar
  - President – Donald Trump
  - Ivanka – Daughter of Donald Trump

- The International Youth Day was observed across the world on – 12th August

  **Key Points:**
  - The theme for International Youth Day 2017 'Youth Building Peace'

- Government of India has decided to launch “AGEY” - “Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana (AGEY)”

  **Key Points:**
Turkey has started to construct a wall along the 500-km-long border with – Iran

Key Points:
Country – Turkey
Capital – Ankara
Currency – Turkish Lira

The new Chairman of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) for a period of three years - lyricist Prasoon Joshi

Key Points:
There are 12 members in the new board, which include Ms. Gautami Tadimalla, Narendra Kohli, Naresh Chandra Lal, Vivek Agnihotri and Ms Vidya Balan.

CBFC - Central Board of Film Certification
New Chairman - Prasoon Joshi
Preceded by - Pahlaj Nihalani

This person has been appointed WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Physical Activity in South-East Asia Region - Legendary Indian athlete Milkha Singh

Key Points:
WHO – World Health Organization
Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland
Director-General of WHO - Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
Nick Name of Milkha Singh – The Flying Sikh

Government of Telangana Launched ‘Smart Streets Lab’ in – Hyderabad

Key Points:
It is an effort to apply and figure out technology-based solutions for women and road safety in Hyderabad.
State – Telangana
Capital – Hyderabad
CM – Chandrashekar Rao
Governor – E. S. L. Narasimhan

Union Minister of State for HRD has launched an Indian National Anthem video in sign language - Mahendra Nath Pandey

Key Points:
Directed by filmmaker Govind Nihalani, the three-minute video features Bollywood actor Amitabh Bachchan along with physically challenged children performing the anthem in sign language with the Red Fort in the background.

The national anthem of India is "Jana Gana Mana" which was written by the Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore.

Union Minister of State for HRD - Mahendra Nath Pandey
Constituency – Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh

- The person who has been accredited as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of San Marino - Reenat Sandhu

  **Key Points:**
  
  Country – San Marino
  Capital – San Marino city
  Currency – Euro

- The new chief executive officer of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) - Dilip Asbe

  **Key Points:**
  
  NPCI - National Payments Corporation of India
  Chairman – Shri Balachandran M
  Headquarters – Mumbai

- Winner of the 2017 UEFA super cup football tournament - Real Madrid

  **Key Points:**
  
  Winner – Real Madrid
  Runner – Manchester United
  UEFA – Union of European Football Associations
  HQ of UEFA - : Nyon, Switzerland
  FIFA – Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA "International Federation of Association Football")
  FIFA HQ - Zürich, Switzerland
  President - Gianni Infantino

- A three-day annual cultural festival named ‘Fete de Puducherry’ begins in – Puducherry

  **Key Points:**
  
  The festival is held in association with the South Zone Cultural Centre (Tamil Nadu) every year to bring to focus the multi-faceted cultural features of various states.
  Union Territory – Puducherry
  CM – V. Narayanasamy
  Governor – Kiran Bedi
Three Indian firms, which are among Forbes' list of the world's 100 most innovative companies - Hindustan Unilever, Asian Paints and Bharti Airtel

Key Points:
1st – Salesforce.com (HQ - San Francisco, California, United States)
7th - Hindustan Unilever (India)
8th – Asian Paints (India)
78th - Bharti Airtel (India)

World Health Organisation (WHO) declared this country as free of polio – Somalia

Key Points:
Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan are the remaining countries where polio is still being recorded.
WHO – World Health Organisation
Headquarters - Geneva, Switzerland
Director-General – Tedros Adhanom
Country – Somalia
Capital – Mogadishu
Currency – Somali Shilling

The person who has been appointed as the chief of Rajya Sabha TV - Shashi Shekhar Vempati

Key Points:
New Chief of Rajya Sabha TV - Shashi Shekhar Vempati
Preceded by - Gurdeep Singh Sappal
Prasar Bharati HQ – New Delhi
Union Minister of Information & Broadcasting – Smriti Irani
Constituency – Gujarat, Rajya Sabha

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