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Aditya L1 Mission ISRO first sun mission to take off in 2019

✚ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is set to launch first Solar mission Aditya-L1 in 2019. It will be India's first dedicated scientific mission to Sun.

✚ The mission aims to put 1,500-kg heavy class Aditya-L1 satellite into a halo orbit around Lagrangian point L1, a point between Sun and Earth.

Nirmala Sitharaman Elected IDSA President

✚ Union Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman elected as President of the Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA).

✚ The previous Defence Minister, Manohar Parrikar, had resigned from the post after shifting to Goa as Chief Minister.

Trump Tower Launched in Kolkata

✚ The iconic Trump Tower comprising 140 ultra-luxury apartments launched in Kolkata and its Indian developers are expecting to garner around Rs. 700 crore in sales from this project.

✚ This is the third Trump Tower to be launched in India. Realty firms Unimark Group, RDB Group, and Tribeca Developers have already sold about 50 percent units since the project was soft-launched in mid-October.

Professor Hiroshi Marui conferred with 3rd ICCR Distinguished Indologist Award

✚ President Ram Nath Kovind conferred the 3rd Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) Distinguished Indologist Award on Professor Hiroshi Marui of Japan at a function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Forty-eighth Edition of International Film Festival of India Concludes

✚ The festival concluded with the world premiere of Indo-Argentinian co-production "Thinking of Him", directed by Pablo Cesar.

✚ Amitabh Bachchan was honoured with the Indian Film Personality of the Year Award at the glittering Closing Ceremony.

Madhya Pradesh becomes 1st state to launch Panch Parmeshwar Portal for digital gram panchayats

✚ Madhya Pradesh becomes the first state in the country to adopt Panch Parmeshwar Portal and app system for making panchayat functioning more transparent, easy, and reliable.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi to inaugurate HT Leadership Summit in New Delhi

✚ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Hindustan Times Leadership Summit in New Delhi.

✚ Former US President Barack Obama, Afghanistan Chief Executive Abdullah, Union Ministers Arun Jaitley, Ravi Shankar Prasad, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, and Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh will also address different sessions during the two-day event.

Indian Railways introduced facility for booking tickets through BHIM App

✚ Indian Railway Ministry introduced the facility for booking of railway tickets from railway counters through Unified Payments Interface (UPI)/ Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM) App.

✚ Now there is no tension to carry cash for booking railway tickets as to give a major boost to Government's key initiative of cashless transactions and passenger friendly measures.

India wins award for putting high effort to combat Illegal Wildlife Trade

✚ India awarded the Certificate of Commendation for its effort to combat illegal wildlife trade.

The award was given to Wildlife Crime Control Bureau yesterday by the Secretary-General of Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) at Geneva, Switzerland by Environment Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan.

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Dia Mirza appointed as UN Environment Goodwill Ambassador for India

✚ Actor-activist Dia Mirza appointed UN (United Nations) Environment Goodwill Ambassador for India.

✚ As a Goodwill Ambassador, she will work with the UN to further spread the message on priority areas including clean air, clean seas, wildlife protection, and climate change.

'Lipstick Under My Burkha' wins tves Global Sustainability Film award in London

✚ 'Lipstick Under My Burkha,' which explores women's sexuality, has bagged a top prize at the time Global Sustainability Film Awards 2017. 'Lipstick Under My Burkha' is produced by Prakash Jha and directed by Alankrita Shrivastava and stars Konkona SenSharma and Ratna Pathak Shah.

✚ The Founders Award for Sustainability on the Big Screen was introduced this year and sponsored by philanthropist Surina Narula.

Manushi Chhillar awarded Indian of the Year Special Achievement Award

✚ Miss World 2017, Manushi Chhillar, was awarded the Indian of the year special achievement award by Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Arun Jaitley, at a recent event at New Delhi.

North Korea tested Hwasong-15 most powerful ICBM

✚ North Korea claimed that "Hwasong-15" test-fired on 29th November 2017 is a new type of Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) that can strike anywhere on the US mainland.

✚ It represents the most successful and formidable part of its ballistic missile arsenal. "Hwasong-15" was North Korea's 20th launch of a ballistic missile in 2017.

The missile was reported to have flown for 50 minutes on a very high trajectory, reaching 2,796 miles (4,500km) above the earth (more than 10 times higher than the orbit of the International Space Station) before coming down nearly 621 miles from the launch site off the west coast of Japan.

Kenyatta Sworn in as President of Kenya

✚ Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta in for a second and final five-year term, a month after winning a bitterly disputed election rerun marked by delays and boycott.

✚ Kenyatta, 55, won 98 percent of the votes cast in October's poll, which was boycotted by the main opposition leader, Raila Odinga, who alleged the poll wouldn't be free and fair.

Gold and Bronze medals in Asian Archery Championship

✚ Abhishek Verma won a gold medal and Jyothi Surekha Vennam, a bronze medal at the Asian Archery Championship.

✚ The tournament began in 1980 and it was first hosted in India.

Indian Men and Women Teams Win 2017 Asian Kabaddi Championships

The Indian Men's and Women's Kabaddi teams were both crowned the Champions of Asia after beating Pakistan and South Korea in Gorgan, Iran.

Gopi Thonakal becomes 1st Indian man to win Asian Marathon Championship

✚ Gopi Thonakal created history by becoming first Indian man to win Asian Marathon Championship.

✚ He achieved the feat in the 16th edition of the prestigious event in China.

India Win 10 Medals in Para Badminton World Championships

✚ Indian contingent to BWF Para-Badminton World Championships in Ulsan, South Korea clinched 10 medals, including two golds.

✚ India's Parul Parmar defeated Thailand's Wannapha Tdee Kamtam in the finals of the women's singles Standing Lower (SL 3). Other gold was also won by Parul Parmar, who paired with Japan's Akiko Sugino in women's doubles (SL 3-4) final.

Shiva Keshavan Wins Gold in Asian Luge Championships

✚ The sole Indian participant and defending Asian champion Shiva Keshavan retained his title with a time of 55.60 seconds. India's veteran Winter Olympian Shiva Keshavan won a gold medal at the Asian Luge Championships at Altenberg, Germany.

World Boxing Champion Mary Kom resigns as the national observer

✚ World Boxing Champion Mary Kom resigned from the post of the National Observer for Indian boxing after Sports Minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore made it clear that active sportspersons will not be considered for the position.

✚ She resigned as national observer 10 days ago after having a word with the Minister.

History Celebrated - One Rupee Note Celebrated a Century



✚ The first one rupee note was introduced on November 30, 1917, with the photo of King George V have been all but tumultuous for this creation. The Reserve Bank website says its issuance was discontinued first in 1926 on cost-benefit considerations.

✚ It got reintroduced in 1940, only to be discontinued in 1994 again. The little note got back again in 2015.

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