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- Surface temperatures on KELT-9b reach 4,327 Centigrade - more than 1,100 Centigrade than the previous record.
- The huge gas giant is 650 light years

away and is so close to its host star its orbit takes just a day and a half.

- KELT-9b lies in the constellation of Cygnus and is hotter than most stars.
- Bizarrely the discovery of the scorched world may help astronomers search for extraterrestrial life.
- Professor Scott Gaudi, of The Ohio State University, said: "The astronomical community is clearly focused on finding Earth like planets around small, cooler stars like our sun."

India, Pakistan Become Full Members Of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation



The Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi launched the integrated case management system of the Supreme Court on 10 May 2017 at a function in New Delhi.

- The inaugural event was attended by the Chief Justice of India, Union Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad and judges of the apex court.
- The Integrated Case Management System will be connected with the Supreme Court website.
- This move is the apex court's first step towards becoming a paperless, digital court.
- The new digital system will enable the litigants to access their data and retrieve any information required online.
- Chief Justice of India, Jagdish Singh Khehar has proposed to integrate the system with all the 24 high courts and subordinate courts in the country.
- Such a system will help bring in more transparency in the system, reduce manipulation and make the litigant aware about the progress of the case on a real time basis.

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Minister of Railways Inaugurates 1st Indian Railways Human Resources Round Table Conference



Minister of Railways Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu inaugurated Indian Railways' 1st HR Round Table Conference here today.

- Chairman, Railway Board, Shri A. K. Mital, Member Staff Shri Pradeep Kumar, other Railway Board Members and senior officials

were also present on the occasion.

- On the occasion, Minister for Railways Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu said that Railway is a large organisation & for every big organisation, it is necessary to revisit the basic issues, introspect them and bring a change to be competitive, versatile & efficient. People in the organisation has to take a decision of change.
- Organisational change can happen only if the shortcomings are realised. Railways is a complex organization.
- It has commercial role, social role and welfare role and has to meet expectations of people which are unique and conflicting.
- It also has to play a role of national transporter. Railways is the most important strategic asset of country.
- It is important for economic, social aspect which cannot be overlooked. Organisation must constantly revisit its objective and try to cater to the needs of people.
- For development of Railways, people in the organisation should be created to face the challenges. Railways need to clearly define the corporate goals, it should create the organised structure then it should place the right people in the organisation.
- The change should start from the top level so it should be discernible to the people. Railways as an organisation should cater to the larger corporate goals, corporate goals should cater to societal priorities.
- The action & attention should be at Divisional level, Railway Divisions as a business unit should be a focal point of the changes.

Theresa May to form new government with help of DUP



British Prime Minister Theresa May has pledged to form a government that will provide "certainty" and guide the country through Brexit, after voters delivered her party a huge blow at the polls.

- May, who visited Buckingham Palace to

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meet with Queen Elizabeth II Friday, said she would work with Northern Ireland's Democratic Unionist Party, which she described as her "friends and allies"

- Promising to move towards a Brexit deal, enabling Britain to exit the European Union, May said the new government would "be able to work together in the interests of the whole United Kingdom."
- But Brexit talks -- which are due to start in 10 day's time -- could be delayed and the Prime Minister's personal authority undermined by the shock result.

Centre clears Kambala Bill, legalising the Buffalo race



The Union Ministry of Law and Justice has cleared the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Karnataka Amendment) Bill 2017, legalising Kambala, a traditional race involving buffaloes.

- The bill will now be sent to the President for his assent, after which it would become a law. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Bharatiya Janata Party have been in huge

favour of sports such as Kambala that have a strong link with the local culture.

- In November 2016, the Karnataka high court banned kambala (annual buffalo race) along with bull-cart race in the state while hearing a case filed by the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) citing animal cruelty.
- The high court had stayed these traditional sports in view of the Supreme Court's ban on jallikattu, a traditional bull taming sport of Tamil Nadu.

Muttiah Muralitharan inducted into ICC Cricket Hall of Fame



Legendary off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan was on 8 June 2017 inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame by ICC Chief Executive David Richardson after the India versus Sri Lanka ICC Champions Trophy match at The Oval.

- With this, Muralitharan became the first Sri Lankan to be inducted into the prestigious list.
- He is the 83rd player overall to be formally inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame.
- He was awarded the honour along with Arthur Morris, George Lohmann and Karen Rolton by fellow ICC Cricket Hall of Famers.
- Muralitharan is the most successful Test bowler in Tests and One Day Internationals with 800 wickets in 133 matches.
- He has taken 67 five-wicket innings hauls and 22 10-wicket match hauls in

Test matches.

Eminent social rights activist Mehrunnisa Dalwai no more



Mehrunnisa Dalwai, eminent social activist, author and wife of the late thinker and Marathi writer Hamid Dalwai passed away at her residence on 8 June 2017. She was 87.

- Mehrunnisa worked for justice and equal rights for Muslim women and spearheaded a march in Mumbai seeking abolition of triple 'talaq'.
- She also founded Islamic Research Institute and Maharashtra Talaq Mukti Morcha.
- Her body will be donated as per her wishes.
- She was born in Pune on 25 May 1930.
- She married one of Maharashtra's most remarkable and formidable social reformers, Hamid Dalwai in 1956.
- Hamid, the author of the classic –Indhan, devoted himself completely to the cause of uplifting the status of women within the Muslim community.
- The couple together worked tirelessly to liberalise the Muslim community and take a stand against Brahminical Hinduism and fanatical Islamism.

Veteran Congress leader, P Govardhan Reddy passes away after cardiac arrest



Veteran Congress leader and Rajya Sabha MP, Palvai Govardhan Reddy passed away on 9 June 2017 after suffering a cardiac arrest. He was 80.

- Govardhan Reddy is reported to have suffered the attack early in the morning, while he was on his way to Manali to attend a parliamentary standing committee meeting. He was immediately rushed to a government hospital in Shimla, where he is reported to have passed away.
- He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter.
- Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao expressed his shock and grief over the Congress leader's sudden demise.
- Rao also directed Chief Secretary SP Singh and Resident Commissioner Arvind Kumar to make arrangements to bring Reddy's mortal remains back to Hyderabad from Kulu.

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