

Inauguration of MITS Mega Food Park at Rayagada, Odisha



The first Mega Food Park in the state of Odisha M/s MITS Mega Food Park Pvt. Ltd. at Rayagada has been inaugurated today the 1st June, 2017 by Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal, Hon^{ble} Minister of Food Processing Industries.

- This is the 7th Mega Food Park operationalized in the last 3 years by the present government.
- On this occasion Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon^{ble} MoS (I/C) of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti, Hon^{ble} MoS (Food Processing Industries), Government of India, were also present.
- Speaking on the occasion Hon^{ble} Minister said that under the Visionary guidance of Hon^{ble} Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Ministry of Food Processing Industries is focusing on boosting the food processing industry so that agriculture sector grows exponentially and become a major contributor to doubling the farmer's income and „Make In India“ initiative of the government.

Rajnath Singh presents awards at 15th BSF Investiture Ceremony



The Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh presented the Police Medal for Gallantry and Police Medal for Meritorious Services to the BSF officials at the 15th BSF Investiture Ceremony and Rustamji Memorial Lecture held here today.

- This year 29 medals were awarded to the BSF officials.
- The Government of India honours brave officers and men of BSF with medals for gallantry in recognition of their acts of valour and sacrifices in the service of the nation.
- Const Harinder Singh, BSF Bronze medalist of 6th Asian Para Cycling Championship-2017 was also awarded during the function.
- Speaking on the occasion, Shri Rajnath Singh said that the country is proud of the sacrifices made by the forces while defending the country.
- He said that when somebody decides to join BSF, CAPFs or Army, then a passion to serve the nation must be in their mind. He said that national self-esteem is very important for anybody along with personal self-esteem and nobody shall ever compromise with his self-esteem.
- The national self esteem cannot be compromised when any foreign power tries to disturb peace at the border of India.

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AWARDS

Karnataka's Nandini K R tops civil services exam



The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) on Wednesday declared results of the prestigious civil services examination.

- This year's topper, Nandini K R, is an officer of the Indian Revenue Service, and at present undergoing training at the National Academy of Customs, Excise and Narcotics in Faridabad.
- Anmol Sher Singh Bedi is the topper among male candidates securing overall second rank.
- He is an engineering graduate in computer science from BITS, Pilani.
- Ronanki Gopal Krishna from Palasa in Srikakulam district has bagged the 3rd rank.
- The top 25 candidates comprise 18 men and 7 women.
- An Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer, Nandini, who hails from Kolar (known for gold mining) in Karnataka, cracked the exam in her fourth attempt.
- "It is like a dream come true. I always wanted to be an IAS officer," she told PTI from the National Academy of Customs, Excise and Narcotics in Faridabad, where she is undergoing probation.

Delhi Assembly Passes State Good And Services Tax (GST) Bill



The Delhi Assembly on Wednesday passed the state Goods and Services Tax (GST) Bill even as Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal pitched for capping the tax rate at a maximum of 10 per cent.

- A special session of the Assembly, which saw clashes between a few AAP legislators and sacked minister Kapil Mishra, cleared the bill following an extensive discussion while also adopting a resolution on lowering tax slabs.
- Parliament had on April 6 passed four legislations to pave the way for nationwide roll-out of the GST from July 1.
- Talking to reporters outside the House, Kejriwal said under the GST regime, tax slabs should be 10 per cent, 5 per cent each for the Centre and the states, claiming that higher tax slabs may trigger inflation.
- "GST is the biggest tax reform and in principle we all are with it. But we have concerns pertaining to its implementation.
- We believe higher tax slabs may trigger inflation and it will not be good for the country.
- The GST Council has approved four-tier tax slabs of 5, 12, 18 and 28 per cent plus an additional cess on demerit goods like luxury cars, aerated drinks and tobacco products

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ECONOMY

Rs 350 crore plan to spruce up Ayodhya



Chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday announced development initiatives worth Rs 350 crore in Ayodhya, including Rs 50 crore earmarked for construction of roads in the temple town.

- He also said that beautification work of Ram Ki Paidi would be done and efforts would be made to ensure Saryu water reached all major ghats of the town. He would direct irrigation department officials to prepare a plan.
- Beautification work of Ram ki Paidi was initiated by the Kalyan Singh government. However, not much progress has been made since.
- Development work on Ram Janki Marg connecting Ayodhya with Janakpuri would begin soon.
- He also assured the residents of Ayodhya that arrangements were being made to ensure uninterrupted Ramleela. Besides, the CM announced that Rs 45 crore would be spent on sprucing up Lakshman Fort and Guptar Ghat.
- Putting special focus on the cleaning of the river Saryu, Yogi announced that an STP would be installed in the holy river. He also announced to start Saryu Aarti and Saryu Mahotsava.
- Holding a review meeting of the Faizabad division, the CM said that the memorial site of former chief of Ramjanmabhoomi Trust, Ramchandra Das Paramhans, would be spruced up. Later, he also inaugurated a passport seva kendra in Faizabad.

India, Spain sign 7 agreements during PM Modi's visit



India and Spain on 31 May 2017 signed seven Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) including one on cyber security and technical cooperation in civil aviation.

- The MoUs were signed during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Spain.
- The two sides signed one MoU on transfer of sentenced persons to respective countries.
- One of the MoUs was for the visa waiver scheme for holders of diplomatic passports.
- Four MoUs were signed between the two countries on cooperation in organ transplantation, cyber security, renewable energy and civil aviation.
- One MoU was signed between India's Foreign Service Institute and Diplomatic Academy of Spain.

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NASA announced its first solar mission in 2018



The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) on 31 May 2017 renamed the Solar Probe Plus Spacecraft, NASA's first mission to a star which will be launched in 2018, as the Parker Solar Probe in honour of astrophysicist Eugene Parker.

- The announcement was made at a ceremony at the University of Chicago, where Eugene Parker serves as the S Chandrasekhar Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus at the Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics.
- NASA renames Solar Probe Mission to honour Eugene Parker
- Eugene Parker was the first to predict the existence of the solar wind back in 1958. He theorized that the sun constantly sends out a flow of particles and energy called the solar wind.
- This is the first time NASA has named a spacecraft for a living individual.
- In 1958, Eugene Parker published an article in the Astrophysical Journal called "Dynamics of the interplanetary gas and magnetic fields."
- The article was based on the observations of Parker which showed that there was high speed matter and magnetism constantly escaping the sun which affected the planets and space throughout our solar system.
- He proposed a number of concepts about how stars including sun give off energy.
- This phenomenon has been proven to exist repeatedly through direct observation and it was named as the Solar Wind.
- Parker's observation forms the basis for understanding about how stars interact with the worlds that orbit them.

Ramachandra Guha resigns as BCCI Administrator



Historian Ramachandra Guha on 1 June 2017 resigned as member of the four-member Committee of Administrators (CoA) of the Board of Control for Cricket in India. Guha cited personal reasons for his resignation.

- Following his resignation, the Supreme Court asked Guha to file plea in registry which will be taken up in the court in July 2017.
- Guha's resignation comes at a time when the Champions Trophy 2017 is about to kick start.
- The Committee of Administrators headed by Vinod Rai was appointed by the Supreme Court in January 2017 to oversee BCCI administration after the BCCI showed reluctant to implement the Lodha panel report.
- The other two members of the Committee are former Indian women's cricket team captain Diana Edulji and IDFC Limited's Managing Director Vikram Limaye.
- As per the SC order, Rai, Guha, Edulji and Limaye were asked to function as the interim bosses of the BCCI and run its day-to-day administration until the Lodha Committee reforms are fully implemented and elections are held.

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