

UNMANNED US AIR FORCE SPACE PLANE LANDS AFTER SECRET, TWO-YEAR ORBIT



The US military's experimental space plane, X-37B landed on 7 May 2017 at NASA's Kennedy Space Centre in Florida after completing a two-year-long classified space mission. The unmanned Boeing-built space plane, which resembles a miniature space shuttle, blasted off in May 2015 aboard an Atlas 5 rocket built by United Launch Alliance, a joint effort between Lockheed Martin Corp and Boeing Co.

BAAHUBALI 2 BECOMES FIRST INDIAN FILM TO COLLECT RS 1000 CRORE WORLDWIDE



SS Rajamouli's Baahubali 2: The Conclusion became the first Indian film to cross the RS 1000 crore mark with its worldwide collections. Reports suggest that trade analysts have reported that the film has made over Rs 800 crore in India and more than Rs 200 crore in the international markets. The two films in the series namely Baahubali: The Beginning and Baahubali 2: The Conclusion had a budget of around Rs 450 crore.

ICC CHAMPIONS TROPHY 2017: BCCI ANNOUNCES 15-MEMBER INDIA SQUAD



The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on 8 May 2017 announced the 15 man Indian squad which will take part in International Cricket Council, ICC Champions Trophy which is scheduled to be held in June 2017 in England. This announcement came after BCCI cleared the Indian team's participation in the upcoming ICC Champions Trophy in its Special General Meeting.

EMMA WATSON CONFERRED FIRST EVER 'GENDERLESS' AWARD



Harry Potter fame star, Emma Watson was conferred the first ever 'Genderless Acting Award' for Best Actor category on 7 May 2017 at the annual MTV Movie and TV Awards ceremony held at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles, California. The actor in her acceptance speech praised MTV for making their awards genderless. She further added that for her acting is about the ability to put oneself into someone else's shoes and that doesn't need to be separated into two different categories.

EVERY HOUSE IN HARYANA TO GET A SMART HOUSE ID UNDER A SPECIAL MISSION



GOVT. OF HARYANA

In Haryana, detailed data will be collected of every resident and every house would be allotted a smart house ID under a special mission. It was announced by the state's Chief Secretary, D.S. Dhese while presiding over a meeting of the Deputy Commissioners of the state through video conferencing on 7 May 2017 in Chandigarh. Dhese stated that the smart house ID would be generated through a tablet by visiting every house. The work on the project is expected to commence from 15 June 2017 and would be completed by 15 August 2017.

RJD CHIEF LALU PRASAD TO BE TRIED IN ALL CASES SEPARATELY IN MULTI-CRORE FODDER SCAM CASE



The Supreme Court on 8 May 2017 ordered initiation of criminal conspiracy charges against Rashtriya Janata Dal chief Lalu Prasad in the Rs 900 crore fodder scam case. Other accused of the case will also face separate trials. Other accused of the case include Jagannath Mishra and ex-top bureaucrat Sajal Chakraborty. The court also directed to complete the trial within nine months. The order was passed by the apex court bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra while hearing the appeal filed by the CBI that opposed the dropping of criminal conspiracy charges by the Jharkhand High Court against the former Bihar Chief Minister.

TWO INDIAN WARSHIPS INS MUMBAI AND INS ADITYA VISIT EGYPTIAN PORT CITY



Two Indian warships INS Mumbai and INS Aditya arrived in Alexandria, the Mediterranean port city in Egypt on 5 May 2017. The warships visited Egypt as a part of Indian Navy's overseas deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and the west coast of Africa. They are a part of Indian Navy's Western Naval Command based in Mumbai. Upon their arrival, the warships engaged extensively in professional interactions with the Egyptian navy.

BHARTI AIRTEL AND OLA CABS TIE-UP TO OFFER INTEGRATED DIGITAL SERVICES



Telecommunications services provider Bharti Airtel on 8 May 2017 partnered with taxi app aggregator Ola Cabs to offer a range of exciting digital services to customers. Both the companies will collaborate to deliver enhanced convenience for customers by leveraging the strengths of their respective portfolios. Ola will leverage Airtel's integrated suite of enterprise services to power its operations, while Airtel will leverage Ola's vast network of hundreds and thousands of driver partners.

CRPF COMMAND SHIFTED FROM KOLKATA TO CHHATTISGARH



The strategic anti-Naxal operations CRPF Command headquarters of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has been shifted back from Kolkata to Raipur. In 2010, the central zone command headquarters was shifted from Raipur to Kolkata owing to logistics and connectivity issues. The recent decision comes at the backdrop of ambush in Sukma district that killed 37 jawans of the paramilitary force.

LEGENDARY PAKISTANI SITARIST USTAD RAEES KHAN DIES



India-born legendary sitar player Ustad Raees Khan passed away in Pakistan on Saturday . He was 77. He was reportedly diagnosed with an ailment and had been bedridden for quite some time. He breathed his last in Karachi. He is survived by his wife, renowned singer Bilquees Khanum, and four sons, according to Tribune Pakistan. Ustad Raees was born in 1939 in Indore, India in a family of musicians. He belonged to the Mewati Gharana of Indian classical music. His maternal grandfather Inayat Ali Khan was also considered one of the finest sitar players in the subcontinent.