

PM URGES MUSLIM COMMUNITY TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR INITIATING REFORM ON TRIPLE TALAQ ISSUE



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 9 May 2017 reiterated that the Muslim community should not allow the issue of Triple Talaq to be politicised. He reiterated his call while interacting with leaders of the Muslim community who called on the Prime Minister under the umbrella of the Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind. During the meet in New Delhi, PM Modi urged them to take the responsibility for initiating reform in this regard. The delegation also appreciated the Prime Minister's stand on the issue of Triple Talaq.

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE STAYS KULBHUSHAN JADHAV'S HANGING



The International Court of Justice (ICJ) on 9 May 2017 stayed the execution of Indian national Kulbhushan Jadhav who was sentenced to death by a Pakistani military court for alleged spying. The Hague-based ICJ said Pakistan must take all necessary measures to ensure that Jadhav is not executed. It also directed Pakistan to inform it about the action taken.

NARENDRA MODI TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL DAY OF VESAK CELEBRATIONS IN COLOMBO



Buddha Purnima or “Vesak”, the day of the Full Moon was observed globally on 10 May 2017. The day marks the birth of Gautam Buddha, who was born two and a half millennia ago in the year 623 B.C. It was also on this day that the Buddha attained enlightenment under the Mahabodhi tree at Bodh Gaya and it was on the day of Vesak that the Buddha passed away.

INDIA TO REPLACE ITS MAITRI RESEARCH STATION IN ANTARCTICA



India has decided to replace its Maitri research station in Antarctica with a new one in the next three to four years. The same was announced by Madhavan Nair Rajeevan, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences on 9 May 2017. Rajeevan made the announcement while speaking on the sidelines of a programme to formally commence ship building by Titagarh Wagons Ltd in Kolkatta, India.

DISCOVERY TO LAUNCH ITS FIRST HINDI GENERAL ENTERTAINMENT CHANNEL IN INDIA



Discovery Communications on 10 May 2017 announced its plan to roll out Discovery JEET, a new entertainment channel across India. The channel will be started by the end of 2017. After its launch, the channel will be airing a 65-episode scripted biopic series on Baba Ramdev with title Swami Baba Ramdev: The Untold Story.

VIJAY GOEL FLAGGED OFF FOUR CLEAN HIMALAYA EXPEDITIONS



Minister of Sports, Vijay Goel flagged off four Clean Himalaya expeditions and a Medical Mountaineering expedition to Mt Satopanth (7075 Mtrs) on 9 May 2017 at the Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF) in Delhi. Speaking on the occasion, Goel said that such initiatives by the IMF will not only help in ensuring safe practices during the conduct of adventure activities but will also add to the skill levels of the youth, enhancing their employability, discipline and courage.

KONKONA SEN SHARMA BAGS BEST DIRECTOR AND BEST ACTRESS AWARDS AT NEW YORK INDIAN FILM FESTIVAL



Konkona Sen Sharma in the first week of May 2017 grabbed the top honours at the 2017 New York Indian Film Festival (NYIFF). Konkona won the Best Director award for her directorial debut *A Death in the Gunj* and the Best Actress award for *Lipstick Under My Burkha* at 2017 NYIFF. *A Death in the Gunj* is a drama thriller, which stars Kalki Koechlin, Vikrant Massey, Jim Sarbh and Tanuja. The film also features one of the last performances by veteran actor Om Puri, who passed away in January 2017.

UNION GOVERNMENT SETS UP A TASK FORCE TO COMPUTE RELIABLE AND TIMELY EMPLOYMENT DATA



The Union Government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 9 May 2017 created a task force on employment data. The task force to be headed by NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Arvind Panagariya and will be responsible for creating a methodology to generate timely and reliable employment data. In view of the importance of timely and reliable data on employment, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has directed his Office and concerned Ministries to come up with a solution to fill the long-standing gap in the country's statistical architecture.

TWITTER ELEVATES TARANJEET SINGH AS COUNTRY DIRECTOR FOR INDIA



Twitter, the social networking giant elevated Taranjeet Singh as its Country Director for India on 10 May 2017. Singh was previously leading the charge for sales and marketing support for Twitter's advertisers in India. The official statement released by Twitter India read that Taranjeet in his new position would be leading the team by driving an integrated business strategy and spearheading cross-functional collaboration. His role would also include accelerating Twitter's audience and revenue growth in India, its key growth market.

MOON JAE-IN BEGAN HIS FIVE-YEAR TERM AS PRESIDENT OF SOUTH KOREA



Left-leaning former human rights lawyer Moon Jae-In began his five-year term as president of South Korea on Wednesday, following a landslide election win after a corruption scandal felled the country's last leader. Tuesday's ballot was called after Park Geun-Hye was ousted and indicted for corruption, and took place against a backdrop of high tensions with the nuclear-armed North.

SUPREME COURT BECOMES PAPERLESS, DIGITAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



Prime Minister Narendra Modi today launched the integrated case management system of the Supreme Court – the first step taken by the top court towards becoming a paperless and digital. The Chief Justice Jagdish Singh Khehar was also present at the inauguration. The new system will help litigants access data and retrieve information online.

DIPAM LAUNCHES ONLINE INVESTOR FACILITATION PLATFORM



Keen on creating more awareness about the forthcoming disinvestment issues, the Finance Ministry has set up an Investor Facilitation Platform that will provide information about stocks of public sector units. Set up by the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM), the platform will be an interactive forum for all stakeholders, including investors, investment banks, law firms, public sector units and administrative ministries that are involved in stake sales.

WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY OBSERVED EVERY YEAR ON 10 MAY



World Migratory Bird Day relies on a strong partnership: key organizations engaged in the conservation of migratory birds take action internationally and coordinate their activities around the annual theme of the campaign. The 2017 theme for World Migratory Bird Day is therefore in line with the priorities and activities of its key partners: BirdLife International (BLI), the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP), Wetlands International, the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC) and UN Environment (UNEP).

ORACLE LAUNCHES CLOUD COMPUTING SERVICE FOR INDIA



Technology giant Oracle has launched its cloud computing service for India, which aims to support the government's GST rollout in July and plans to open data centres in the country. Addressing a gathering of 12,000 attendees, which included technology partners, analysts and heads of state such as Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, at Oracle OpenWorld, CEO, Safra Catz, said that India is at an "amazing moment" in terms of sociological factors such as a high concentration of youth as well as efforts taken by the government to use technology more.

CASHKARO.COM TIES UP WITH YES BANK TO LAUNCH CARD-LINKED OFFERS



Banking on the Government's drive to promote a cash-less economy, cashback portal Cashkaro.com has tied up with YES Bank to launch card-linked offers as part of its loyalty programme for both offline and online shoppers. The offer will be currently available on all YES BANK debit cards, and will be extended to all other payment products of YES Bank in the near future, Cashkaro said in a statement.