

## MS LEENA NAIR TAKES OVER AS SECRETARY TRIBAL AFFAIRS



Ms Leena Nair took over the charge of Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs in New Delhi Today. She is an IAS officer of 1982 batch of Tamil Nadu cadre. Before this appointment Leena Nair was serving as Secretary for Ministry of Women and Child Development. The Ministry was set up in 1999 after the bifurcation of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment with the objective of providing more focused approach on the integrated socio-economic development of the Scheduled Tribes (STs), the most underprivileged of the Indian Society, in a coordinated and planned manner.

## UN CHIEF NAMES BRITAIN'S MARK LOWCOCK AS HUMANITARIAN CHIEF



Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed British humanitarian expert Mark Lowcock to be the next U.N. humanitarian chief. UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric announced yesterday that Lowcock will replace Undersecretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs Stephen O'Brien in September. He said O'Brien, who is also British, will stay until the end of August to complete several initiatives and reforms.

## NITI AAYOG TO PARTNER UTTAR PRADESH FOR HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT



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In a move aimed for holistic development Yogi Adityanath government in Uttar Pradesh (UP), Niti Aayog on Thursday said it will partner with the state in implementing policies focussed on doubling the farmers' income, livelihood opportunities, enterprise, investment and growth in the state. In a marked departure from the past practices and keeping in mind the spirit of co-operative federalism, a high level delegation led by Niti vice-chairman Arvind Panagariya held day long deliberations on Wednesday in Lucknow on developmental challenges before UP.

## DR HUBERT MINNIS SWORN IN AS BAHAMAS PRIME MINISTER



Dr Hubert Minnis was on Thursday sworn in as the fourth Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas since the country gained political independence from Britain in 1973. Minnis, a medical doctor and former minister of health was sworn into office late Thursday at Government House by Governor General Dame Marguerite Pindling. In his first speech as Prime Minister, he paid tribute to the electoral system saying "our democracy is the envy of many countries around the world.

## **RBI PUTS RESTRICTION ON UCO BANK BUSINESS, ASKS BOARD TO TAKE CORRECTIVE ACTION**



Reserve Bank of India has put restriction on Uco Bank lending and branch expansion plans as the state-run lender made net losses for the two successive fiscal amid severe stress on asset quality. There would be check on management compensation and directors' fees as well as the sector regulator has invoked prompt corrective action (PCA) for the bank, aiming to bring it back on recovery path. Uco has become the second lender to face business restrictions after IDBI BankBSE -1.06 % after RBI revised its PCA framework last month.

## **ARMY BRINGS BACK CASO AS PART OF COUNTER-TERROR OPS IN KASHMIR**



Signalling an aggressive stance, The Army has decided to re-introduce cordon and search operations (CASO) as a “permanent feature” of its campaign against militants, nearly 15 years after the practice was abandoned. Army sources said CASO will be carried out in a major way in militancy-hit areas of Kulgam, Pulwama, Tral, Budgam and Shopian in south Kashmir. “CASO will be a permanent feature as part of counter-terror operations after a gap of 15 years,” sources told.

## INDIA, ITALY STRESS DEVELOPMENT OF BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS



India and Italy reiterated the importance of the Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation (JCEC) towards the development of bilateral economic and trade relations through facilitating dialogue and enhancing cooperation on a wide range of issues of mutual interest. The 19th Session of the India-Italy Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation was held on May 11-12 in Rome. The Joint Commission was co-chaired by the Minister of Economic Development Carlo Calenda from the Italian side and by the Minister of Commerce and Industry Nirmala Sitharaman from the Indian side.

## INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY OBSERVED ON 12TH MAY 2017



Timed to coincide with Nurses Day, the letter warns that life for some 21st century nurses in Britain means having to use food banks, work second jobs or take hardship grants due to capped pay. The letter says it is "little wonder" there are 24,000 unfilled nursing jobs in the NHS in England. "Years of real-terms pay cuts have left nurses heading for the door, with some going to stack shelves in the supermarket instead," it says.

## FORBES MIDDLE EAST DECLARES TOP 100 INDIAN BUSINESS LEADERS



Retail Mogul Yusuff Ali and Pepsico executive Sanjeev Chadha are among the top 100 Indian business leaders in the Arab World 2017, according to a Forbes ranking for the Middle East. Ali, Managing Director of Lulu Group International topped the Indian business owners' category. Chadha, CEO, Asia, Middle East and Africa at PepsiCo International led the Indian executive's category. He was followed by Raghavan Seetharam, Group CEO of Doha Bank and Adnan Chilwan, Group CEO of Dubai Islamic Bank holding the top three positions.

## CHELSEA CLINCH 2016-17 PREMIER LEAGUE TITLE WITH WIN VS. WEST BROM



Antonio Conte's side ran out 1-0 winners on Friday night as the west Londoners clinched their sixth top flight title, and the fifth of the Premier League era. A late goal from substitute Michy Batshuayi, who had only been on the pitch for six minutes, ensured it was now mathematically impossible for the Blues to be caught by London rivals Tottenham.

## INDIA'S FIRST ELECTRIC RADIO CABS FLEET IS COMING TO NAGPUR



Not only does May 26 mark the completion of three-years of the Narendra Modi government, it also brings in India's first electric radio cabs. And the first city to get the electric radio cabs is none other than the hometown of Nitin Gadkari, Minister for Road Transport and Highways and Shipping. With India's pledge to go all electric by 2030, Nagpur will be the first city in the country to adopt electric cabs as the country moves a step closer to its goal.

## INTERNATIONAL MOTHERS DAY OBSERVED ON 14 MAY 2017



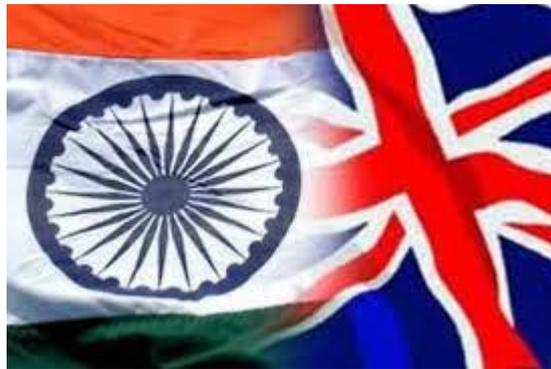
International Mothers Day is a ceremony honoring the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the importance of mothers in society. It is celebrated on various days in many parts of the world, most commonly in the months of March or May. It supplements similar celebrations honoring family members, such as Father's Day, Siblings Day, and Grandparents Day. International Mothers Day celebrates the moms in your life at one of these events happening around Metro Vancouver.

## FOREX RESERVES REACH LIFE-TIME HIGH OF \$375.71 BILLION



According to RBI, India's foreign exchange (Forex) reserves have increased by \$2.985 billion to touch a life-time high of \$375.71 billion in the week that ended on May 5. The increase was due to increase in foreign currency assets (FCAs). The reserves had increased by \$2.474 billion to \$351.53 billion in the previous week.

## INDIA AND UK TO SIGN MOU TO INCREASE EFFICIENCY OF URBAN TRANSPORT SYSTEM



India & UK have agreed to sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on bilateral cooperation between the Indian Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and Britain's Transport For London (TFL) in urban transport policy planning, technology transfer and institutional organization of transport on 12 May 2017. The decision was taken during the three-day official visit of Nitin Gadkari, the Minister of Road Transport & Highways and Shipping, to Britain.

## **KERALA TOPS, BIHAR LAST IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS INDEX (PAI) IN GOVERNANCE IN STATES**



Two South Indian States – Kerala and Tamil Nadu – secured first and second rankings for the second year in a row while poll-bound Gujarat gained two positions rising from five in 2016 to three in 2017 in public affairs index (PAI) in governance in States. Karnataka slipped from third position in 2016 to fourth in 2017 while Maharashtra stood fifth (4th in 2016) in governance indicators. There was no change in the last four positions among large States. Like in the previous year, Bihar (18th), Jharkhand (17th), Odisha (16th) and Assam (15th) are at the bottom of the table in PAI, a latest survey of think-tank Public Affairs Centre (PAC), Bengaluru, has revealed.