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NATIONAL NEWS:

- The 2016 BRICS Convention on Tourism was held at UNESCO World heritage site Khajuraho in Madhya Pradesh to promote intra-regional tourism.
- The first BRICS film festival has begun at the Sirifort Auditorium Complex in New Delhi. The film festival is the run up to the BRICS summit, which is to be held in Goa in October 2016.
- Indian film Thithi won the best film award at the first BRICS Film Festival concluded in New Delhi.
- The 2016 BRICS Labour & Employment Ministerial Meet was held in New Delhi from September 27- 28, 2016 to deliberate on issues including job creation and social security for workers.
- The third edition of BRICS Urbanisation Forum Meet has started in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- The Union Government has constituted four-member expert committee to study silt in river Ganga in Bihar. The team will be headed by member of Ganga Flood Control commission A .K. Sinha. The committee will submit its report within 10 days.
- The Guinness World Records has officially designation Assam's Majuli as the largest river island in the world. It is situated in the Brahmaputra River.
- India has been placed at the 35th rank in the World Bank's 2016 Logistics Performance Index (LPI) among 160 countries. World Bank recently released the index in its report titled 'Connecting to Complete 2016'. India has leapfrogged by 19 spots to 35th rank compared with 54th rank in 2014 LPI.
- The Election Commission of India (ECI) has granted national party status to All India Trinamool Congress (TMC) Party led by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.
- The Union Health Ministry has recently launched the "Leprosy Case Detection Campaign (LCDC)" to eradicate leprosy from the country. LCDC aims to cover more than 1,600 blocks in the 149 districts across 20 states where nearly 3 lakh health teams will undertake door-to-door visits to detect leprosy cases.

- India has officially received certificates from World Health Organisation (WHO), recognizing the elimination of Yaws and Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus (MNT) from the country.
- The Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE) has handed over Tihayu, a Water Jet Fast Attack Craft (WJFAC) to the Indian Navy.
- The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has successfully conducted a technical flight of the new indigenous Light Utility Helicopter (LUH). The flawless test was conducted by HAL engineers and technicians in the air for 15 minutes inside the HAL complex in Bengaluru, Karnataka. Key Facts Light Utility Helicopter (LUH) is eight-seater chopper under development for the armed forces.
- The Union Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas has launched #Gas4India campaign, aimed at promoting the use of natural gas in the country.
- The first edition of 'IoT (Internet of Things) India Congress, 2016' began in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- India's largest private sector bank ICICI Bank has successfully deployed 'Software Robotics' for power banking operations. With this, it becomes first bank in the country and among few globally to deploy 'Software Robotics'.
- India's first LIGO (Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory) laboratory will be set up in Aundh in Hingoli district of Maharashtra.
- The Union Government has launched Urja Mitra Helpline through which customers can get information on power outages from distribution companies by dialing 14401.
- The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has launched 'e-nivaran' (electronic resolution) facility for online redressal of taxpayers' grievances.
- The first BRICS Wellness Workshop has begun in Bengaluru, Karnataka from September 10, 2016. Besides, National Fair on comprehensive Indian Medicine system (AROGYA) was also inaugurated.
- The meeting of BRICS Representatives in charge of security was held in New Delhi, India. It was hosted National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval. They agreed to intensify cooperation against terror groups like the Islamic State in West Asia and North Africa region (WANA). WANA comprises 27 countries with almost 600 million inhabitants with Morocco in west, Pakistan and Afghanistan in east, Turkey in north, and Ethiopia and Sudan in south.
- India has officially declared itself free from highly contagious Avian Influenza (H5N1) or bird flu and has notified the same to the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE).

- India has been ranked 112th out of 159 countries in the 2016 World Economic Freedom Index (WEFI). The index was released as part of the 2016 annual report of the Economic Freedom. The report measures the economic freedom by analyzing the policies and institutions of all 159 countries and territories and was based on data from the year 2014.
- The Union Human Resource Development (HRD) Minister Prakash Javadekar has inaugurated the super computer PARAM ISHAN at IIT Guwahati campus. PARAM ISHAN is the fastest and most powerful computer in North East, Eastern and Southern region of India outside Bengaluru (Karnataka).
- The Union Cabinet has given its approval for provision of a direct communication link through a dedicated submarine Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) between Chennai (mainland India) and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The submarine OFC will connect mainland with Port Blair and five other islands viz. Little Andaman, Havelock, Car Nicobar, Kamorta and Great Nicobar.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has given its approval for initiating the process of winding up of Hindustan Diamond Company Private Limited (HDCPL). The winding up of HDCPL will not affect supply of rough diamonds to Indian diamond dealers as Indian diamond industry has grown in these years.
- The Union Cabinet has approved the proposals of Ministry of Finance to merge of Railway budget with the General budget. Merger of Railway Budget with the General Budget will be effective from the Budget 2017-18. It will end 92-year-old tradition as the presentation of separate Railway budget started in year 1924. Since then it has continued after independence as a convention rather than under Constitutional provisions
- The Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport has become Asia-Pacific's only and one of the world's few airports, to achieve a carbon neutral status.
- The Union Government has given its approval to change the name of Gurgaon to 'Gurugram'. With this both the city as well as the district of Gurgaon would be known as Gurugram.
- Anil Ambani led Reliance Communications (RCom) has signed a deal with Maxis Communications Berhad (MCB) for merger of wireless businesses of Aircel Limited with itself.
- The Union Cabinet has given its approval for closure of Hindustan Cables Limited (HCL), Kolkata as per the provisions of Companies Act, 1956/2013 and other relevant Acts.
- India has been ranked 39th among the 138 countries in the 2016-17 Global Competitiveness Index (GCI). The index was released as part of the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Global

Competitiveness Report for 2016-17. Key Facts Top 5 Countries: Switzerland (1st), Singapore (2nd), United States (3rd), Netherlands (4th) and Germany (5th).

- Multilateral funding agency Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved \$631 million loan for building India's first coastal industrial corridor between Visakhapatnam (Vizag) and Chennai. The fund will help develop the first key 800-km section of the planned 2,500-km East Coast Economic Corridor.
- The world's largest solar power plant with an installed capacity of 648MW was commissioned at Kamudhi in Ramanathapuram district of Tamil Nadu. Adani Group set up the plant on an area of around 5,000 acres at a total cost of Rs 4,550 crore. It was connected to the grid through a sub-station.
- The Tamil film "Visaranai" has been selected as the India's official entry to Oscars 2017 (89th Academy Awards) in the Foreign Language Film category.
- The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is going to launch Mission Parivar Vikas for improved family planning services in 145 High Focus districts in seven states.
- The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) has signed a contract with German company DST to design vessels suited to navigate the 1620 km stretch of National Waterway (NW-1). Under the contract, DST will have been initially tasked to develop low draft vessels for transportation of cars that can carry upto 150-200 vehicles.
- The Union Cabinet has approved the scheme for granting of Permanent Residency Status (PRS) to foreign investors.
 - In order to avail this scheme, the foreign investor will have to invest a minimum of 10 crores rupees within 18 months or 25 crores rupees within 36 months.
 - Further, the foreign investment should result in generating employment to at least 20 resident Indians every financial year.
- Indian Railways has launched an insurance scheme for passengers travelling on e- ticket. The insurance cover will be up to 10 lakh rupees
 - Person booking a train ticket through the IRCTC website will be eligible for the optional insurance after paying an additional **92 paisa premium**.
 - The insurance cover will not be applicable for children up to 5 years of age and foreign citizens.
 - The scheme offers travellers or nominees a compensation of 10 lakh Rupees in the event of death or total disability, 7.5 lakh Rupees for partial disability.

- Besides it will pay up to 2 lakh Rupees for hospitalization expenses and 10,000 rupees for transportation of mortal remains from the place of a train accident.
 - TVSN Prasad committee submitted its report to Home Secretary Rajiv Mehrishi. The committee was constituted to look into the alternatives to pellet guns. In its reports, the committee does not agree complete removal of the pellet guns in the Kashmir Valley but suggests that it should be replaced with rubber, polymer and paper bullets.
 - Later in end of September, The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has approved the use of Pelargonic Acid Vanillyl Amide (PAVA) shells as an alternative to pellet guns for crowd controlling in Jammu and Kashmir.
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MOU, Agreements & Contracts

- India and Egypt have signed an agreement in the area of Maritime Transport to step up co-operation on the seas.
- The Union Cabinet has given its approval for the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Kenya on cooperation in the field of National Housing Policy Development and Management (NHPDM).
- The Union Cabinet has apprised of the MoU between India and South Africa for promoting bilateral cooperation in the field of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT).
- Union Cabinet has given its approval for signing of the Bilateral Technical Arrangement (BTA) between India and Switzerland on the identification and return of Indian and Swiss Nationals and its implementation.
- India and Afghanistan have signed an Extradition Treaty to facilitate exchange of wanted terrorists and criminals.
- India and Nepal have signed three MOU's for post-earthquake reconstruction, Road infrastructure in Tarai and Line of Credit. These agreements were inked during the four days (from 15 to 18 September 2016) official state visit of Nepal Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda to India.
- The Union Cabinet has given its approval for signing and ratification of Agreement between India and Samoa for the exchange of information with respect to Taxes. It will help to

stimulate the flow of exchange of information between India and Samoa for tax purposes, which will help curb tax avoidance and tax evasion.

DEFENCE NEWS:

- India, Kazakhstan joint bilateral military exercise PRABAL DOSTYK-16 began in Karaganda region of Kazakhstan. The fourteen day (till 17 September 2016) will be a significant step towards fostering military as well as diplomatic ties between both countries. 'Prabal Dostyk' means 'Robust Friendship'.
- China has claimed that it has successfully developed and tested a radar system that uses quantum entanglement to beat the stealth technology of modern military aircrafts. The Intelligent Perception Technology Laboratory developed this first Chinese quantum radar. Prior to it, US was only the country stealth-defeating quantum radar.
- The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has commissioned well-equipped offshore patrolling (OPV) vessel named 'Sarathi'.
- The joint military training exercise between India and United States dubbed as "Yudh Abhyas 2016" has begun in Chaubattia in Uttarakhand. It is the 12th edition of the joint military exercise hosted alternately by the two countries.
- Indian Navy's indigenously built most Advanced Guided Missile Stealth Destroyer 'Mormugao' was launched in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The eighth edition of joint military exercise 'Indra-2016' between India and Russia has begun in Russian city of Vladivostok. The main focus of this edition of bilateral military exercise is on Counter-Terrorism Operations in semi mountainous and jungle terrain under United Nations Mandate.
- Indian Air Force (IAF) has successfully fired recently acquired long-range air-to-air MICA missile from Mirage-2000 Upgrade combat aircraft on a maneuvering target. During the test, the missile achieved a direct hit on a target, which was much smaller than an actual aircraft, and flying at a low altitude.
- India and France has signed an Inter-Governmental Agreement for the purchase of 36 Rafale fighter jets at a cost of 7.87 billion Euros.

- The first military exercise between Russia and Pakistan named Druzhba-2016 (Friendship-2016) has kicked off in Pakistan. With this, Pakistani Army and Russian Ground Forces (RGF) have come together for the first time in military exercises reflecting growing military ties between two former Cold War rivals.
 - China and Russia have carried out joint naval exercises dubbed as Joint Sea-2016 in the resource-rich South China Sea (SCS) off China's southern Guangdong province.
 - India and Israel jointly developed most advanced long range surface-to-air missile (LR-SAM) Barak-8 was successfully test fired off the Odisha coast.
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SPACE NEWS:

- The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has successfully launched advanced weather satellite INSAT-3DR.
- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), a US space agency has launched OSIRIS-REx spacecraft to collect samples from an asteroid 101955 Bennu and return to Earth.
- China has successfully launched Tiangong-2 space lab to develop expertise for a future space station and conduct science experiments. The space lab was launched on board of Long March-2F T2 rocket from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwestern China's Gobi desert.
- NASA's Cassini spacecraft after studying Saturn, its rings and moons for more than 12 years, has entered in the final year of its epic voyage. In its epic voyage, the Cassini spacecraft will make the closest-ever observations of the planet. Beginning November 30, 2016 Cassini will make the closest-ever observations of Saturn.
- China has built world's largest radio telescope nicknamed Tianyan (Heavenly Eye" or "The Eye of Heaven) or the five-hundred-metre aperture spherical radio telescope (FAST). It has started its operation and is part of China's drive to become a science powerhouse. It is located in the Dawodang depression (vast natural crater), a natural basin in Pingtang County in the Guizhou Province, Southwest China.
- Supreme Court has quashed the CPI (M)-led West Bengal government's acquisition of 997 acres of agricultural land for Tata Motors' Nano (small car) plant in Singur.

STATES NEWS

- The Gujarat government has inked a tripartite memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Civil Aviation and the Airport Authority of India (AAI).
 - Under these MoUs, 11 small airports and airstrips will be developed under the Centre's Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) to boost regional air connectivity in the State.
 - These 11 unserved or underserved airports and airstrips are in Bhavnagar, Jamnagar, Surat, Bhuj, Mehsana, Porbandar, Amreli, Mandavi, Kandla, Keshod and Deesa.
 - The Central Government will provide the financial resources under viability gap funding of the RCS.
 - India's first international conference on cooking gas took place in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
 - The annual socio-religious Solung festival of Adi tribe has started in Arunachal Pradesh. Solung is 5-day long agro-based festival is celebrated every year by the Adi tribe in the first week of September.
 - The Union Government has announced a special package of 200 crore rupees for Jammu and Kashmir to engage youth of the state in constructive sporting activities. The package will provide construction of indoor sporting halls in all districts of the state to provide playing facilities to youth during long winter.
 - Gumthala Garhu Village near Pehowa in Kurukshetra district in Haryana became the first Wifi hotspot village in Haryana circle.
 - Haryana has won 'Best Horticulture State' award of the Indian Council of Food and Agriculture (ICFA).
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- Canada's British Columbia province has become the first foreign government to issue of masala bonds, a rupee-denominated bond.
- The World Health Organisation (WHO) has officially declared Sri Lanka a malaria-free, after certifying that the life-threatening disease had been completely eliminated in the island. With

this, Sri Lanka became second country in the South-East Asia Region declared as malaria after Maldives by the WHO.

- The world's first daily driverless bus service has started in Lyon, France which will run in the city's Confluence area. The driverless bus service includes two electric shuttles that will transport passengers on a ten-minute route hosting five stops.
- It has features like LIDAR radar technology and motion sensors will help to avoid accidents. LIDAR is acronym of Light Detection And Ranging. Originally it was created as a portmanteau of "light" and "radar".
- State owned Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has granted prestigious membership of Asia-Pacific Aerospace Quality Group (APAQG) under category 'Full Member with voting rights'.
- The 193 countries of the United Nations (UN) have signed a landmark declaration to rid the world of drug-resistant infections or Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) or superbugs. It is the fourth time a UN declaration has been reached on a health issue, following HIV in 2001, non-communicable diseases in 2011 and Ebola in 2013.
- Syrian aid group White Helmets has won the prestigious Right Livelihood Award, which is also known as 'alternative Nobel' prize. The White Helmets also known as the Syria Civil Defence is a Syrian civil organisation of emergency responders in rebel-held areas.
- The world's first three-parent baby boy was born in Mexico to a Jordanian couple with the help a controversial new fertility technique that incorporates DNA from three people in the embryo. The 'three-parent' technique also known as Mitochondrial donation (Mitochondrial Replacement Therapy) allows parents with rare genetic mutations to have healthy babies.

PERSON in NEWS

- Former Finance Secretary Ashok Chawla has been appointed as the new Chancellor of The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) University.
- Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, Chairperson and Managing Director of Biocon Limited was appointed Knight of the National Order of the French Legion of Honour (Chevalier de l'Ordre National de la Légion d'Honneur).

- Governor of Maharashtra Chennamaneni Vidyasagar Rao, was sworn in as the acting Governor of Tamil Nadu.
- Mother Teresa, a Roman Catholic religious sister and missionary was proclaimed a Saint by Pope Francis in a ceremony at the Vatican. She was canonised at the ceremony held in St Peter's Square in Vatican.
- Noted Assamese poet, author and literary critic Nalinidhar Bhattacharyya passed away in Guwahati, Assam due to age-old ailments.
- Eminent economist, consultant and banker Dr. Urjit Patel has assumed charge as the 24th Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- Assam-based ecologist and conservation activist Bibhuti Lahkar has won prestigious 'Heritage Heroes Award' of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
- CK Asnani has taken charge as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of state owned Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL).
- Stuart Blackburn's Novel based on Apatani tribe of Arunachal Pradesh titled **"Into the Hidden Valley"** has won 2016 MM Bennetts Award for Historical Fiction in the United Kingdom.
- The Union Government has appointed S. Sivakumar as a full-time Member of the 21st Law Commission of India (LCI). He is the professor at the Indian Law Institute (ILI) in New Delhi. He hails from Kerala and has authored several books on law.
- Union Government has chosen 105-year-old Kunwar Bai from Chhattisgarh's Dhamtari district as the 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' mascot. PM Modi felicitated the old but spirited lady at a function held in New Delhi to mark 'Swachhta Diwas' on September 17, 2016
- President Pranab Mukherjee has appointed former IAS officer Alka Sirohi as chairman of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) as per Article 316 of Constitution.
- In Indian-origin South African Ravi Reddy has been appointed as the Head of International Society for Blood Transfusion (ISBT).
- Anandi Ramalingam has assumed charge as Director Marketing of the Public sector Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL).
- Renowned Hindi and Urdu writer, playwright and television personality Reoti Saran Sharma passed away in New Delhi. He was 92. He was pioneer in radio plays in All India Radio (AIR).

For his contribution to theatre (dramatic literature and performance) he was conferred with Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 2007.

- Senior IPS officer R. K. Pachnanda was appointed as Director General of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF). He is a 1983 batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer from West Bengal cadre. Prior to this appointment he was serving as ADG of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).
- Jim Yong Kim has been re-appointed as President of World Bank for a second five-year term beginning 1 July 2017. The Executive Directors of the World Bank unanimously chose him.
- Noted Dalit voice, poet and Telugu writer Prof. Kalakaluri Enoch was conferred with the prestigious Moortidevi Award of Bharatiya Jnanpith for the year 2015. The prestigious literary award was bestowed upon him, for his novel Anantajivanam by Veteran art historian Dr Kapila Vatsyayana function in New Delhi.

SPORTS NEWS:

- Indian pair of Pranaav Jerry Chopra and N Sikki Reddy have won the 2016 Brazil Open Grand Prix title of Badminton in the mixed doubles category. It was their maiden Grand Prix title.
- Mariyappan Thangavelu won India's first gold medal at the 2016 Rio Paralympics. He won the gold medal in the Men's High Jump T-42 event with jump of 1.89 metres. With this, Thangavelu became the first Indian high jumper to win gold at the Paralympics. This was India's overall third gold at the Paralympics and the first after 12 years.
- In addition, India's Varun Singh Bhati won the bronze medal in same event with the jump of 1.86 metres to finish third. Sam Grewe of United States won the silver medal. India had won its first ever Paralympics Gold medal in the 1972 Heidelberg Games. Swimmer Murlikant Petkar won it.
- Stan Wawrinka (World no 3) from Switzerland has won the 2016 US Open men's singles title. This is Wawrinka's maiden US Open title and his third major title.
- Deepa Malik has created history by winning silver medal in Women's shotput at the 2016 Rio Paralympics. With this she becomes first Indian woman to win a medal at the Paralympics. It is India's 3rd medal in the ongoing Paralympics games at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

- Malik had won the silver medal in the shotput F-53 event with her best throw of 4.61m in her six attempts.
- Army Green has won the 2016 Durand Cup Football Title by defeating Neroca FC. It was the 128th edition of the Durand Cup.
- India's Devendra Jhajharia (36) has won gold medal in the men's javelin throw, F46 event held at the 2016 Rio Paralympics. With this, he becomes only the second gold medallist at the Paralympics for the country. He won the gold medal with world-record throw of 63.97 metres.
- Gautam Gambhir-led India Blue has won the inaugural day/night 2016-17 Duleep Trophy Cricket tournament played with a pink ball. The 2016-17 was 55th season of Duleep Trophy.
- Cricketers Ajinkya Rahane and Rohit Sharma were conferred with the Arjuna Award for their contributions to sport of cricket. The award was bestowed upon them by Union Sports Minister Vijay Goel in New Delhi. Sharma was bestowed with the award for the year 2015 and Rahane for the year 2016.
- Young Indian shooter Subhankar Pramanick has won the gold medal at the ISSF Junior World Cup for pistol, rifle and shotgun in Gabala, Azerbaijan.
- India's Priyesh Deshmukh (23) has won a historic bronze medal in the first World Deaf Shooting Championships held in Kazan, Russia.
- India's squash player Velavan Senthilkumar has won the Under-19 Asian Junior Individual squash championship title.
- India's Pinky Balhara has won bronze medal in the sporting event of kurash at the 5th Asian Beach Games held at Da Nang, Vietnam.
- Indian paddler Sathiyar Gnanasekaran has won the Belgium Open title of the table tennis in the men's singles category. This was his first pro title.
- Indian women's beach kabaddi team has won the gold medal at the 5th Asian Beach Games held in Danang, Vietnam.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Teachers Day

- Every year 5th September is being observed as National Teachers Day in India.
- Significance of Day: Observance of this day commemorates the birthday of India's first Vice President and second President Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan since 1962.

International Literacy Day

- The International Literacy Day is being observed 08 September every year to emphasize the importance of literacy to individuals, society and communities. This year, the world is celebrating 50th International Literacy Day.
- The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) established the day in 1966.
- 2016 Theme: 'Reading the Past, Writing the Future'.

National Hindi Divas

- The National Hindi Divas, an annual literary-day is being observed on 14 September in Hindi speaking regions of India and other countries with Hindi speaking population.
- Hindi Divas is celebrated on 14th September every year to mark adaptation of Hindi language, as the official language of India by the Constituent Assembly of India on 14 September 1949.

International Democracy Day

- The International Democracy Day is being observed every year on 15 September to raise public awareness about the democratic system.
- 2016 Theme: "Democracy and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development".

International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer

- The International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer is observed every year on September 16 for the preservation of the Ozone Layer.
- Significance of the Day: The day is commemoration of the date in 1987 on which the Montreal Protocol was signed on substances that deplete the ozone layer.
- 2016 theme: "Ozone and climate: Restored by a world united".

International Day of Peace

- The International Day of Peace is observed across the world on 21 September every year to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples.
- Significance: The International Day of Peace acknowledges the efforts of those who have strived to end conflict and promote peace. This day is also observed as a day of ceasefire.
- 2016 Theme: “The Sustainable Development Goals: Building Blocks for Peace”.

World Tourism Day

- The World Tourism Day (WTD) is being observed annually on 27th September to raise awareness about the importance of tourism.
- Significance of the day: To foster awareness among the international community of the importance of tourism and its social, cultural, political and economic value.
- 2016 Theme: ‘Tourism for all – promoting universal accessibility’. It seeks to spread both the importance and immense benefits universal accessibility of tourism.

World Rabies Day

- The World Rabies Day is observed on 28 September across the world to raise awareness about the rabies disease and its preventable measures.
- Observance of the day seeks to raise awareness about the impact of rabies on animals and human beings. It also seeks to share information on how to prevent the disease.
- 2016 Theme: “Rabies: Educate. Vaccinate. Eliminate”.

World Maritime Day

- The World Maritime Day is observed across the world on 29 September to highlight the importance of shipping safety, maritime security and the marine environment.
- Several events are organized to mark this day by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), member Governments, maritime industry etc.
- 2016 Theme: “Shipping: indispensable to the world”.
- The theme focuses on the critical link between shipping and global society. It also raises awareness of the relevance of the role of IMO as the global regulatory body for international shipping.