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Banking and Economy

1. **Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) Ltd has launched a new service for algorithm trading test** facility for investors on its derivatives and equity platform
What is Algorithm Trading? Algorithmic trading in financial markets refers to transaction orders generated by using advanced mathematical models that involve automated execution of trade.
2. World Bank to fund 20 million US dollar for reconstructing Indira Gandhi Zoological Park
3. India's Dinesh Sharma on 17 January 2016 was elected to the 12-member board of directors of the China-sponsored Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). A secret ballot for the post was held on 16 January 2016.
4. The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) on 19 January 2016 released World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2015 report.

Highlights of the Report:

-Global growth is estimated at a mere 2.4 percent in 2015.

-The world economy is projected to grow by 2.9 percent in 2016 and 3.2 per cent in 2017.

-GDP growth in the least developed countries is expected to rebound from 4.5 percent in 2015 to 5.6 percent growth in 2016.

-Global energy related carbon emissions experienced no growth in 2014 for the first time in 20 years.

Appointments

1. India's largest automaker (by revenue) Tata Motors Ltd's has appointed **Guenter Butschek as chief executive officer (CEO) and managing director (MD) of the company.**
2. **India's Dinesh Sharma has been elected to the board of directors of the** China-sponsored Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (**AIIB**). He has been elected to the 12-member board through a secret ballot.
3. Justice Sanjay Mishra was on 28 January 2016 appointed as Lokayukta of Uttar Pradesh. His appointment was approved by the Supreme Court.
4. Micro blogging site Twitter has appointed Leslie Berland as its Chief Marketing Officer (CMO) of the company.

5. Senior IPS officer Datta Padsalgikar has been appointed as the Commissioner of Police of MuUnion Government has appointed Dr. Kamlesh Kumar Pandey as the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD) for a period of three years.

Important National News

1. **Sikkim has formally become India's first fully organic state** after it successfully implemented organic farming practices on around 75,000 hectares of agricultural land. On this occasion, PM also launched three new orchid species developed in Sikkim which is also known as the Land of Flowers viz. Cymbidium Sardar (named after Sardar Patel), Cymbidium Deen Dayal (named after Deen Dayal Upadhyay) and Cymbidium Namu (named after Narendra Modi).
2. Union Government launched 4 Mobile Health Services to strengthen public health infrastructure
3. Union Government released Draft for the Rights of Transgender Persons Bill, 2015
4. Union Cabinet approved Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana to boost the farming sector
5. Kerala became the first state in the country to achieve 100 percent primary education. To this effect, a declaration was made by the Vice President of India Hamid Ansari on 12 January 2016 at a special ceremony organised at Thiruvananthapuram in Kerala.
6. The 20th National Youth Festival was on 12 January 2016 inaugurated by Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari at Rajyostav Sthal in Naya Raipur, Chhattisgarh to mark the National Youth Day.
7. The Union Government on 1 January 2016 signed a Financing Agreement of 50 million US dollars with the World Bank for Nai Manzil Scheme- Education and Skills Training for Minorities.
8. The Union Government on 1 January 2015 decided to rollout a LPG-like direct benefit transfer (DBT) scheme for kerosene. The scheme will be started from 1 April 2016.
9. In the initial phase, the scheme will be implemented in selected 26 districts of eight states: **Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab and Rajasthan.**
10. Union Railway Minister Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu on 11 January 2016 inaugurated implementation of **E-enabled Track Management System (TMS)** and **Mobile Application of TMS** on Indian Railway at Rail Bhawan in New Delhi.
11. Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways and Shipping Nitin Gadkari on 11 January 2016 unveiled measures to improve road safety across the country.
12. The Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoPNG) on 9 January 2016 launched an Online Initiative to engage the LPG Consumers and Citizens in providing efficient and citizen friendly services in LPG distribution.

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13. President Pranab Mukherjee on 7 January 2016 promulgated the Enemy Property (Amendment and Validation) Ordinance, 2016 to make amendments to the Enemy Property Act, 1968. These amendments will help in dealing with the loopholes of the Enemy Property Act, 1968.
14. The French soldiers will march down the Rajpath on Republic Day along with Indian troops in the presence of President Francois Hollande.
Hollande is the Chief Guest for 26 January 2016 celebrations.
15. Union Government on 7 January 2016 merged the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs (MOIA) with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in keeping with its broad principle.
16. Union Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) on 7 January 2016 approved the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) for Punjab and Uttarakhand for the year 2015-16.
17. The Union Government on 8 January 2016 allowed the conduct of the traditional bull-taming sports, Jallikattu, in Tamil Nadu.
18. Union Government on 6 January 2016 launched the Phase-I of the River Information System (RIS) of India in New Delhi. It was inaugurated by Nitin Gadkari, the Union Minister of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways. The Phase-I of the RIS, which is first of its kind in India, was launched on the **Sagar- Farakka stretch** of National Waterway-1 on River Ganges to facilitate safe and accurate navigation.
19. The Union Cabinet, presided by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on 6 January 2016 gave its ex-post-facto approval for the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Bangladesh.
20. Union Cabinet on 6 January 2016 gave its ex-post facto approval for signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Airports Authority of India and Singapore Cooperation Enterprise in Civil Aviation. The MoU aims at establishing mutual cooperation in the field of civil aviation, which will cover the airports of Jaipur and Ahmedabad. This cooperation will be extended to other airports with mutual consent.
21. The Union Cabinet on 6 January 2016 approved the Stand Up India Scheme to promote entrepreneurship among Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes and Women entrepreneurs.
22. The Union Minister of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Uma Bharti on 5 January 2016 launched **Ganga Gram Yojana** at Village Puth in Hapur district of Uttar Pradesh (UP). Under the scheme, 1600 villages of UP situated along the banks of river Ganga will be developed.
23. Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh on 5 January 2016 approved the 33 percent posts at constable level to be filled up by women. The step was taken with a view to enhance representation of women in Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs).
24. The Supreme Court (SC) on 4 January 2016 directed the Gujarat government to make functional the Gujarat State Cooperative Tribunal by filling up the vacant posts including that of judicial members, which is the bone of contention.

25. The Union Government on 1 January 2016 signed a Financing Agreement of 50 million US dollars with the World Bank for Nai Manzil Scheme- Education and Skills Training for Minorities.
26. India celebrated 67th Republic day
- Key Highlights**
- The Parade was led by Lieutenant General Rajan Ravindran.
 - Women officer's contingents of Indian Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard also participated as 2nd in command.
 - For the first time in the history of Republic Day parade foreign contingent participated. It was 76-member contingent 35th Infantry Regiment of the French Army led by Lt Col Paul Bury.
 - Army's dog squad from the Remount Veterinary Corps also took part in the parade after a gap of 26 years.
27. The Supreme Court (SC) on 29 January 2016 directed the Union Government to set up a committee to investigate the living conditions and salary structure of over 3 lakh nurses employed in private hospitals and nursing homes across the country.
28. Union Government announced 1st batch of 20 smart cities from 11 States and Delhi
29. The Legislative Department in the Ministry of Law & Justice on 28 January 2016 constituted an expert committee to review the Specific Relief Act, 1963. The committee will have five members besides the Chairman.
30. The Union Cabinet on 27 January 2016 approved increase in the Authorized Share Capital of the National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC).
- About National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC)**
- It provides loans through its Channelizing Agencies at concessional interest rates for self-employment & economic development activities to its target group.
31. Union government on 25 January 2016 approved fitting of roof top solar energy panels over 10000 houses belonging to Economically Weaker Sections in Tamil Nadu at a cost of 253 crore rupees.
- About Prime Minister's Awas Yojana (PMAY)(Urban):**
- Housing Scheme for All 2022 was renamed to Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY).
 - This scheme was launched on 25th June 2015 by PM Narendra Modi
 - People who will be benefited through this scheme will be homeless ones, poor urban people and belonging to EWS and LIG categories.
 - The main beneficiaries of this latest housing for all scheme 2022 will be
 - a) Women
 - b) People belonging to Scheduled Casts(SC)
 - c) People belonging to Scheduled tribes (ST)
 - d) Economically weaker section (EWS)
32. International Solar Alliance headquartered in India with United Nations as Strategic Partner
- About International Solar Alliance:**

- It was jointly launched in Paris by India and France on 30 November 2015 during the United Nations climate change conference (COP21).

- It develops innovative financial mechanisms to reduce cost of capital and builds a common knowledge e-Portal.

33. Indigenously-built surface-to-air Akash missile was successfully test fired from complex-3 of the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipuri in Odisha. Test: It was as part of a user trial mission in which 3 rounds of test were carried out by Indian Air Force (IAF) aiming at para-barrel targets.

International News

1. French President Francois Hollande has declared a state of economic emergency to redefine France's economic and social model
2. United States (US) has removed a wide range of nuclear sanctions against Iran after it has met its commitments to roll back its nuclear programme. These sanctions were lifted after International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) confirmed that Iran has met its commitments under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPA) or Vienna agreement with P5+1 countries signed in July 2015. So called P5+1 countries include the five permanent members of the UN Security Council (UNSC) viz. USA, Russia, China, UK, France and non-permanent member Germany.
3. Chinese scientists have developed a new bio-artificial liver from liver failure long enough for an organ transplant that can help patients to survive
4. The World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) on 18 January 2016 released the World Tourism Barometer, which reviewed trends in tourism at the regional and global level for 2015 and enumerated prospects for 2016.
5. Taiwan elected Tsai Ing-wen as first female President
6. The World Health Organisation (WHO) on 14 January 2016 declared West Africa free from Ebola outbreak. The decision was taken by the WHO as all known chains of transmission have been stopped in Liberia, which was worst affected among all the nations in the region.
7. Nepal formed 4-member EPG to review agreements with India
8. The US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) on 12 January 2016 notified revised petition fees for H-1B and L-1 visas
9. Union Cabinet approved MoU between India and Maldives for co-operation in health sector
10. United States and Jordan on 11 January 2016 signed a Joint Action Plan (JAP) to improve efforts against nuclear and radiological smuggling. The partnership will help in enhancing the efforts to combat nuclear terrorism.
The JAP was signed by Secretary of State John Kerry and Jordan's Foreign Minister Nasser Judeh in Washington.

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11. Sri Lanka on 9 January 2016 began the process to formulate new constitution. In this regard, the Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe presented a resolution in the Parliament to set up a Constitutional Assembly.]
12. The 14th Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas (PBD) was held on 9 January 2016 in New Delhi. The event was inaugurated by the External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and attended by Priti Patel, MoS for Employment, United Kingdom.
13. Nepal on 9 January 2016 was elected to the UNICEF executive board, representing the group of Asia-Pacific countries for the term 2016-2018
14. In order to protect children, Kenya on 8 January 2016 published new broadcast regulations that place strict limits on sexual content
15. South Korea's Parliament adopted a resolution denouncing DPRK's fourth nuclear test
16. To combat recruitment of Americans to extremist groups like the so-called Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS), US on 8 January 2016 introduced new initiatives. These initiatives aim at halting the extremist groups from radicalising and encourage violence online.
17. California declared state of emergency in Los Angeles after methane gas leak
18. US President Barack Obama on 4 January 2016 took executive action to unveil steps to reduce gun violence.
19. Sri Lanka and Pakistan on 5 January 2015 signed 8 Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) to enhance the cooperation between the two countries in several fields in Colombo.
20. India-Nepal Bus Service on 4 January 2016 resumed after a gap of 27 years.
21. The Union Cabinet on 30 December 2015 gave ex-post facto approval for signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) among BRICS countries on BRICS Network University.
22. Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir on 3 January 2016 announced that his country has broken off diplomatic ties with Iran.
23. Denmark Parliament approved law on seizing valuables from refugees
24. Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa on 24 January 2016 won the Presidential election of Portugal. Sousa, a centre-right Social Democrats candidate and a former journalist, won the election by securing 52 percent of votes.
25. India-France inked 16 pacts including chopper venture
26. Japan on 22 January 2016 lifted sanctions on Iran, falling in line with major world powers. The announcement was made by Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga.

27. 2016 NTI Nuclear Security Index released
 - The Index assessed global nuclear security conditions in 176 countries in two areas - the potential theft of weapons-usable nuclear materials and the potential sabotage of nuclear facilities.

28. Moldovan parliament on 20 January 2016 appointed Pavel Filip as the Prime Minister. He would be the third prime minister of Moldova in less than a year.
29. Cabinet of Somalia on 28 January 2016 agreed on Election Model outlined by the Mogadishu Declaration.
30. India and France on 24 January 2016 inked 16 agreements at the India-France Business Summit in Chandigarh. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) covered a wide range of sectors like urban development, urban transport, water and waste treatment and solar energy.
31. Danish Parliament, Folketing, on 26 January 2016 voted on a proposal to confiscate asylum seekers' personal possessions in order to pay their upkeep.
32. Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa on 24 January 2016 won the Presidential election of Portugal. Sousa, a centre-right Social Democrats candidate and a former journalist, won the election.
33. India and France on 25 January 2016 inked 14 Agreements/MoUs in Delhi. The agreements including MoU on purchase of 36 Rafale Aircrafts were signed during the State Visit of President Francois Hollande of France to India.
33. India and Armenia on 27 January 2016 signed a protocol to amend the India-Armenia Double Taxation Avoidance Convention.
34. Eritrea's Department of Religious Affairs in the fourth week of January 2016 issued a law that makes it mandatory for men of the nation to marry at least two wives. Failing to adhere by the orders will lead to life imprisonment with hard labour.
35. China, Iran signed 17 agreements to broaden bilateral cooperation
36. The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) launched a 2.8 billion US dollar appeal to reach 43 million children in humanitarian emergencies worldwide on 26 January 2016.
37. 31 countries on 27 January 2016 signed the Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement (MCAA) to boost transparency in the functioning of multinational enterprises (MNEs) by allowing automatic exchange of Country-by-Country reports by tax administrators.
38. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) on 27 January 2016 implemented the long-pending 2010 Quota and Governance Reforms
39. Iran and Airbus on 28 January 2016 signed two agreements covering new aircraft orders and a comprehensive civil aviation co-operation package. The agreement includes purchase of 118 new Airbus aircrafts.
40. Cabinet of Somalia on 28 January 2016 agreed on Election Model outlined by the Mogadishu Declaration.

Science and Technology

1. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has successfully launched the SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket carrying Jason-3 Ocean-monitoring satellite. It was launched from California's Vandenberg Air Force Base and the satellite has been successfully inserted it in the desired orbit.

2. Widest Planet System comprising of lonely planet 2MASS J2126 and its distant star TYC 9486-927-1 discovered
3. Intelsat, the commercial satellite giant, on 27 January 2016 announced that Inteslat 29e, the first of the Intelsat EpicNG high throughput satellites, was successfully launched. The satellites were launched from French Guiana aboard an Ariane 5 vehicle.
4. Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) and National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) on 21 January 2016 signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for monitoring mining activity through satellite technology. The MoU was signed by IBM Controller General R K Sinha and NRSC Director V K Dadhwal in the presence of joint secretary, Union Ministry of Mines, Subhash Chandra.
5. The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on 18 January 2016 launched Algorithm Trading Test Environment (ATTE) service in partnership with Symphony Fintech Solutions Pvt Ltd. The BSE is Asia's oldest stock exchange and, at present, is the world's fastest stock exchange with a speed of 6 microseconds.
6. Konstantin Batygin and Michael E. Brown, the researchers at the California Institute of Technology claimed it as a possible ninth planet and their research papers were published in The Astronomical Journal on 20 January 2016 with the title 'Evidence for a distant Giant Planet in the Solar System.'
7. Japanese astronomers' team discovered the second largest black hole in Milky Way. They mapped high-velocity compact cloud called CO-0.40-0.22 with a mass 100000 times that of the Sun around 200 light years away from the centre of the Milky Way.
8. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) on 7 January 2016 announced that it had formalized its ongoing program for detecting and tracking near-Earth objects (NEOs) as the Planetary Defense Coordination Office (PDCO).
Main functions of PDCO:
 - It will supervise all NASA-funded projects to find and characterize asteroids and comets that pass near the orbit of the Earth around the sun.
 - It will also issue notices of close passes and warnings of any detected potential threats, based on credible science data.
9. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on 20 January 2016 successfully launched the Indian Regional Navigational Satellite System (IRNSS) 1-E satellite. The satellite will provide navigation, tracking and mapping services to the Indian sub continent.
The satellite is the fifth of the IRNSS constellation. It was launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SHAR), Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh on-board the PSLV-C31.
10. A mosquito-borne virus called Zinka was in news in the third week of January 2016. It was found that the virus is spreading rapidly through the American continent. The first case was confirmed in Texas, USA in January 2016 when a traveler returning from Latin America.
11. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) on 17 January 2016 launched the SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from California's Vandenberg Air Force Base in the USA.

12. National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) on 13 January 2016 signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) under Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) and North East Centre for Technology Application and Research (NECTAR) to use spatial technology for monitoring and managing National Highways.
13. An international team of scientists led by Indian-American Sukanya Chakrabarti devised a new method, galactoseismology, to detect dwarf galaxies dominated by dark matter. The method also explains ripples on the outer disk of the galaxy.
14. Scientists at Central Institute for Research on Buffaloes (CIRB) in Hisar on 10 January 2016 claimed to have successfully produced a cloned buffalo offspring Cirb Gaurav. CIRB Director Dr. Inderjeet Singh stated that the scientists achieved the success on 11 December 2015.
15. The International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) on 30 December 2015 announced discovery and assignment of elements with atomic numbers 113, 115, 117 and 118. The decision was taken by the IUPAC as the four elements met the discovery of elements of the IUPAP/IUPAC Transfermium Working Group (TWG) 1991 Discovery Criteria.

SPORTS

1. World No. 22 Viktor Troicki from Serbia has won the 2016 WTA Apia International title of Tennis in the men's single category
2. Ronnie O'Sullivan on 17 January 2016 won his sixth Snooker Masters title after defeating Barry Hawkins 10-1 in the final at the Alexandra Palace in London
3. BCCI banned Ajit Chandila & Hiken Shah for involvement in 2013 IPL spot-fixing scandal. Ajit Chandila was banned for life, while Hiken Shah was banned for 5 years
4. Sahara Force India Academy racer Jehan Daruvala on 16 January 2016 won one of New Zealand's most prestigious events, the Lady Wigram Trophy.
5. Delhi Acers on 17 January 2016 emerged victorious over Mumbai Rockets by 4-3 in the summit clash to clinch the Premier Badminton League (PBL) title. The match was held at the Siri Fort Sports Complex in New Delhi.
6. Sania Mirza and her Swiss partner Martina Hingis on 15 January 2016 won the 2016 WTA Apia International Sydney title of Tennis in the women's doubles category in Sydney, Australia.
7. The Russian Tennis Federation on 14 January 2016 announced that former World No.1 tennis player Marat Safin joined the International Tennis Hall of Fame. The official ceremony to induct Safin has been scheduled for 16 July 2016.
8. Ronaldinho announced as Brand Ambassador of Nagjee International Club Football Tournament
9. The FIFA Emergency Committee on 9 January 2016 decided to dismiss Jerome Valcke from the position of FIFA Secretary General with immediate effect.

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10. Barcelona forward Lionel Messi on 11 January 2016 won the Ballon d'Or trophy for the world's best football player for the fifth time overall. In the 2014-15 season, Messi had played 61 games in which he scored 52 goals, and gave 26 assists.
11. Danish kayaker Rene Holten Poulsen on 9 January 2016 was named the Denmark's sportsman of the year 2015.
12. Stanislas Wawrinka on 10 January 2016 won Chennai Open title. In the summit clash at the Nungambakkam tennis stadium of Chennai, he defeated Croatian Borna Coric 6-3, 7-5.
13. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) on 3 January 2015 won the 26th Lal Bahadur Shastri Hockey tournament.
14. Justice RM Lodha Committee on IPL spot fixing on 4 January 2015 submitted its report to the Supreme Court suggesting reforms in the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).
15. India won the 2015 SAFF championships
16. The Philippines' Miguel Tabuena on 7 January 2016 was voted as the Hilton Asian Tour Golfer of Month for December 2015.
17. Indian shooter Apurvi Chandela broke the world record on 5 January 2016 to grab a gold medal in the women's 10 metre air rifle event at the Swedish Cup Grand Prix.
18. South African Cricketer Hashim Amla on 6 January 2016 resigned as Test captain of South Africa. ODI Skipper AB de Villiers will take over as Captain for the remaining two Tests.
19. Australia on 5 January 2016 withdrew from the Under-19 World Cup Tournament in Bangladesh. It pulled-out citing security reasons.
20. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on 5 January 2016 presented the ninth BCCI Awards 2014-15 at a ceremony held in Mumbai. The awards were presented by the BCCI president, Shashank Manohar.
21. Former Indian Wicket-Keeper Syed Kirmani was on 5 January 2016 awarded with the 2015 Col. CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award. On the other hand, Test captain Virat Kohli bagged the Polly Umrigar Trophy for Cricketer of the Year in the BCCI awards.
22. 15-year-old Pranav Dhanawade of Mumbai on 5 January 2016 became first cricketer ever to score 1000 runs in an innings. With this he became the world's highest individual scorer in all forms of cricket.
Pranav, batting for KC Gandhi Higher Secondary School for over two-days, scored unbeaten 1009 runs in a match against Arya Gurukul in the Bhandari Cup inter-school tournament. The event was organised by the Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA).
23. World Number One tennis player Novak Djokovic from Serbia has won the 2016 Australian Open Title in the men's singles category for.
24. Ace Indian shuttler Kidambi Srikanth won the 2016 Syed Modi International Grand prix Gold Championship Title of Badminton in men's singles category.

Women's single Title:

-Sayaka Sato (Japan) won the 2016 Syed Modi International Grand prix Gold Championship Title in women's singles category. In the final match, she defeated Sung

Ji Hyun (South Korea) by 12-21, 21-18, 21-18 score.

Men's Doubles Title:

-Malaysian pair of Goh V Shem and Tan Wee Kiong won the 2016 Syed Modi International Grand prix Gold Championship Title in men's doubles category. They defeated Indian pair of Pranaav Jerry Chopra and Akshay Dewalkar by score of 14-21, 24-22, 21-8.

Women's Doubles Title:

-Indonesian pair Praveen Jordan and Deby Susanto won the 2016 Syed Modi International Grand prix Gold Championship Title in mixed doubles category. They defeated Thai pair Puavaranukroh Dechapol and Sapisree Tairattanchai by 23-25, 21-09, 21-16 score.

25. Brazilian racing driver Pietro Fittipaldi has won the 2015 MRF Challenge Formula 2000 by winning two of the four races. The racing event was held at Madras Motor Racing Track in Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu.

2015 MRF Challenge Formula 2000 Championship: It was the 4th running edition of the MRF Challenge Formula 2000 Championship. It had started in October 2015 at Yas Marina Circuit, Abu Dhabi and the series comprised of total 14 races. This edition of event concluded in January 2016 at the Madras Motor Racing Track.

26. Angelique Kerber from Germany has won the 2016 Australian Open Title of Tennis in the women's singles category. It was her maiden Grand Slam Tennis title. In the final match played at Melbourne, Australia she defeated defending champion Serena Williams (World No. 1) in three sets 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 score.

Men's Doubles:

-Jamie Murray (United Kingdom) and Bruno Soares (Brazil) pair won the 2016 Australia Open in the men's doubles category.

-In the final match, they defeated Daniel Nestor (Daniel Nestor) and Radek Štěpánek (Czech Republic) pair by 2-6, 6-4, 7-5 score.

Environment and Ecology

1. A team of scientists discovered a new bird species named Himalayan Forest Thrush in northeastern India and adjacent parts of China.
2. World Bank to fund 20 million US dollar for reconstructing Indira Gandhi Zoological Park
3. 2015 is Earth's warmest year since 1880: NOAA
4. Professor Sathyabhama Das Biju, popularly known as the frogman of India, and his team of researchers discovered a new genus of tree hole-breeding frogs in the forests of India's northeast and China.
5. 2015 is Earth's warmest year since 1880: NOAA
6. Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on 7 January 2016 decided to implement the Bharat Stage (BS) VI norms from 1 April 2020 to curb vehicular pollution.

Retirements and Obituaries

1. Renowned **Kannada filmmaker and lyricist Geethapriya passed away** after a battle with throat cancer in Bengaluru, Karnataka. He was 84.
2. Former Sikkim Governor and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Ventrapragada Rama Rao passed away in Hyderabad, Telangana following an illness. He was 81.
3. Noted filmmaker Anil Ganguly passed away in Mumbai, Maharashtra after a brief illness. He was 82.
4. Glenn Frey, a founding member and guitarist of the Eagles, one of the most popular and commercially successful artists of the 1970s, passed away on 18 January 2016 in New York, the USA. He was 67.
5. Eminent Tabla player Pandit Shankar Ghosh passed away on 22 January 2016 in Kolkata following a prolonged illness. He was 80.
6. American actor Abe Vigoda best known for roles in The Godfather and Barney Miller, a sitcom of 1970s passed away in New Jersey, US. He was 94.
7. Veteran British TV and radio presenter Sir Terry Wogan passed away in London after long battle with cancer. He was 77. In Britain, he was one of the most popular personalities on both radio and television for several decades and often described his profession as jobbing broadcaster.
8. Former Army Chief General Kotikalapudi Venkata Krishna Rao, passed away in New Delhi following a cardiac arrest at the military hospital. He was 92. He was the 14th Chief of the Army Staff of Indian Army and had played a key role in the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War.

List of Important Day in January

1. 9 January --- Parvasi Bhartiya Divas
2. 10 January --- World Hindi Day ,World Laughter Day
3. 12 January --- National Youth Day
4. 15 January--- 68th Army Day of India
5. 18 January--- National Immunization day(Polio)
6. 23 January --- Birth Anniversary Netaji Subhash Chandar Bose
7. 24 January--- National Girl Child Day
8. 25 January--- Indian Tourism Day
9. 26 January--- National Republic Day
- 10.28 January--- Birth Anniversary of Lala Lajpat Rai
- 11.30 January--- Death Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi (Also Known as Martyr's Day or Sarvodaya Day)

12.31 January---

World Leprosy Eradication Day

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