

OCTOBER 2, 2017

-The United Nations' (UN) International Day of Non-Violence is observed every year on October 2 to mark the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian independence movement and pioneer of the philosophy and strategy of non-violence. The day is an occasion to disseminate the message of non-violence, including through education and public awareness. This day is referred to in India as Gandhi Jayanti.

-Nitin Gadkari, the Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, has launch the nationwide Free Eye Check-up Campaign and distributed spectacles for truck drivers, cleaners and helpers on October 2, 2017 at Panjari Toll Plaza, Nagpur Bypass in Maharashtra. The objective of this initiative is to ensure clearer vision and safe travel for truck drivers who are the most frequent users of national highways.

-The Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institute decided to award the 2017 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine jointly to the American trio of Jeffrey C. Hall, Michael Rosbash and Michael W. Young for their discoveries of molecular mechanisms controlling the circadian rhythm.

-Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City)'s International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) bagged the 10th spot in the latest edition of Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI), London.

-The Meenakshi Sundareswarar Temple awarded as best 'Swachh Iconic Place' in India.

-Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu launched Swachh Andhra Mission on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. Shuttle Player PV Sindhu chosen as the brand ambassador of Swachh Andhra.

-Sumitra Mahajan to lead Indian delegation at eighth Conference of Association of SAARC Speakers and Parliamentarians to be held in Colombo

-Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the All India Medical Science (AIIMS) Bilaspur and IIT Una from Luhnu Indoor stadium in Bilaspur town of Himachal Pradesh.

-Nepal and India will undertake a joint tiger census in their national parks, forests and protected areas adjoining the two countries using a globally-recognized method. The counting of tigers will begin from the second week of November. Tiger is an endangered animal listed in the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES).

- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare adjudged as the best department for its contribution during Swachhta Pakhwada, an inter-Ministry initiative of Swachh Bharat Mission of Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation.

-The Union Cabinet has given its approval for signing and ratification of the Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) between the India and Belarus on Investments. The Treaty is supposed to increase investment flows between the two countries. It is expected to improve the confidence of the investors resulting in an increase in FDI and Overseas Director Investment (ODI) opportunities and this will have a positive impact on employment generation.

-World Habitat Day was observed all over the world on october 2nd. The theme for World Habitat Day 2017 is 'Housing Policies: Affordable Homes'. This day is celebrated to reflect on the state of our towns and cities, and to emphasize the basic right of all to receive adequate shelter.

-Anil Ambani-led Reliance Communications (RCom) has called off plans to merge its wireless business with rival Aircel.

-FIFA has selected 7 female support referees, for the first time for a men's tournament. They will work along with 70 male referees to officiate the 52 matches in the FIFA U-17 World Cup.

-The third edition of India International Science Festival will be held from October 13-16 at IIT-Chennai. The festival will have a thematic session on 'Deep Ocean Research'. An attempt to set up a Guinness World Record by holding a "largest biology class" of 1000 students will be made.

-Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Mr. Hardeep Singh Puri announced that five more States viz., Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chattisgarh, Jharkhand and Haryana have reached the milestone of making all cities and towns Open Defecation Free.

-A 38-year-old Sikh lawyer was elected the leader of Canada's New Democratic Party, becoming the first non-white politician to head a major political party in the country. Jagmeet Singh, the Ontario provincial lawmaker, was elected on the first ballot to lead the party into the 2019 election against Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Liberals.

- 'No helmet, no petrol' rule for two-wheeler riders to reduce road accident deaths has come into force in Andhra Pradesh, with chief minister Chandrababu Naidu urging all the petrol bunk dealers to cooperate. Chandrababu has sanctioned Rs 10 crore for equipment to implement this rule.

- Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah launched the "Mathru Purna" scheme, which aims to provide nutritious meals to about 12 lakh pregnant women and lactating mothers in the state. Besides nutritional supplements, counselling and other maternity benefits will also be provided at the Anganwadi centres under the scheme.

- Red Bull's Max Verstappen won the last Malaysian Grand Prix. The victory was the second of Verstappen's Grand Prix career, after a first in Spain last year.

-L&T Infotech, the infotech arm of engineering giant Larsen & Toubro has bagged \$ 100-mn Government contract for an initiative to use social media analytics to identify tax non-compliance.

-Turkey has opened its largest military base in Africa, in Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia to train Somali Soldiers.

-The U.S. Federal Reserve fined HSBC Holdings PLC \$175 million for "unsafe and unsound practices" in its foreign exchange trading business.

-BJP's national spokesperson Mr.Sambit Patra was appointed as the Non-Official Director on the board of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC).

-India received its first-ever shipment of US crude oil at Paradip port, in Odisha, as a part of purchases made by Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL).

-Birendra Prasad Baishya the President of Indian Weightlifting Federation has been elected as chairman of two sub-committees of International Weightlifting Federation (IWF)

-Qatar Airways, one of the Middle East's biggest carriers has announced that it has completed the acquisition of a 49 per cent stake in Italy's AQA Holding.