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January to April-2017

PERSONS

January

1. Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh visited Sri Lanka, looking to discuss about solutions to Fishermen Issues.
2. American astronaut Eugene A. Cernan, last man to walk on Moon passed away. He landed on Moon in December 1972 during NASA's Apollo 17 mission.
3. **Antonio Costa, Prime Minister of Portugal Visited India. He was chief of Guest of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2017**, annual global convention for the Indian diaspora held in Bangalore. MoUs Defence, Renewable Energy, Marine Research and Resources, Agriculture and Allied Sectors, Information Technology and Electronics, Establishment of an ICCR Chair of Indian Studies in University of Lisbon.
4. Boris Johnson, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of UK visited India.
5. Carlos Alberto Fortes Mesquita, Transport Minister of Mozambique Visited India.
6. **Chinese Table Tennis Olympic champion Li Xiaoxia Announced Retirement.**
7. Emmy award winning USA actress Mary Tyler Moore passed away.
8. **Former Iranian President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani passed away.**
9. Former Pakistani Cricketer Imtiaz Ahmed passed away.
10. **Former President of Germany, Roman Herzog passed away.**
11. Former Punjab Chief Minister Surjit Singh Barnala passed away.
12. H S Mahadev Prasad, Minister for Cooperation and Sugar In Karnataka Government has passed away.
13. Israeli Agriculture and Rural Development Minister Uri Ariel Visited India.
14. Japanese Minister of Economy Trade and Industry, Hiroshige Seko Visited India.
15. Karnataka's Cooperation and Sugar Minister H S Mahadeva Prasad passed away.
16. **Mario Soares, Former Prime Minister of Portugal Passed Away.**
17. Nagaland's former Minister and former President of Pradesh Congress Committee (NPCC) K V Pusa passed away.
18. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) will send First African American astronaut Jeanette Epps to International Space Station (ISS) in 2018.
19. National Award Winner Filmmaker Deepak Roy passed away. He won National award for his movie "Limit to Freedom" in 1996.
20. Noted American Actor Mary Tyler Moore passed away.
21. Noted British Singer Peter Eardley Sarstedt passed away.
22. Noted British actor John Hurt passed away.
23. Noted British economist Tony Atkinson Passed Away. His research in income distribution influenced studies of poverty and inequality in India.
24. Noted British war correspondent Clare Hollingworth passed away. He is named for breaking the news that Second World War had started.
25. Noted Chinese linguist Zhou Youguang (father of Pinyin writing system a system for the romanization of Mandarin Chinese) passed away at age of 111 years.

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26. Noted Congress Leader from Maharashtra, Eknathrao VikhePatil passed away.
27. Noted French actress Emmanuelle Riva passed away.
28. Noted Indian Scientist CV Vishveshwara Passed Away. He was Indian pioneer in discovery of black hole.
29. Noted Manipur based historian and litterateur, Gangmumei Kamei passed away.
30. Noted US Author William Peter Blatty passed away, best known for his novel "The Exorcist".
31. Noted Urdu poet and lyricist Naqsh Lyallpuri passed away (born as Jaswant Rai Sharmaon).
32. Noted actor Bengali Actress Gita Sen (Wife of Mrinal Sen) passed Away.
33. Noted political and social activist Mangal Singh Negi passed away.
34. Noted sociologist of Poland, Zygmunt Bauman passed away.
35. Pakistan Returned Sepoy Chandu Babulal Chavan back to India, who had crossed over to Pak Occupied Kashmir from own Krishna in September 16.
36. Ravindra Wijegunaratne, Chief of Sri Lankan Navy Visited India.
37. Renowned sitar player Abdul Halim Jaffer Khan passed away.
38. Russian Ambassador to India, Alexander Kadakin passed away.
39. USA First Lady Michelle Obama selected Indian American Swetha Prabakaran to serve in inaugural Student Advisory Board's 'Better Make Room' education campaign.
40. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of Kenya Visited India. MOU signed for Cooperation in agriculture and allied sector Agreements and India Offered Loan for US\$100 million to Kenya for agricultural mechanization.

February

1. Japanese comic art legwend (Known for manga Art), Jiro Taniguchi passed away.
2. Minister of State (I/C) for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Dharmendra Pradhan visited Myanmar.
3. Neeti Mohan became first Indian female singer to collaborate with United Nations for women empowerment. She will collaborate to UN Voluntary Trust Fund project titled Music To Inspire Artists United Against Human Trafficking.
4. Nobel winning American economist and mathematician Kenneth J. Arrow passed away.
5. **Noted Bangladeshi Painter and Freedom fighter Shahabuddin Ahmed will be first foreign artist to live in Rashtrapati Bhavan as a guest of Pranab Mukherjee.**
6. Noted Bengali singer Banasree Sengupta passed away.
7. Noted Hindi novelist Ved Prakash Sharma passed away.
8. Noted Hindi writer and journalist Pandit Dharmasheel Chaturvedi passed away.
9. Noted Indian columnist, humorist and playwright Taarak Mehta passed away.
10. Noted Marathi journalist Yudhisthir Joshi passed away.
11. Noted Odia theatre personality Asim Basu passed away.
12. Noted educationist and litterateur Pathani Patnaik passed away.
13. Noted journalist T V Parasuram passed away.
14. Admiral Sunil Lanba, Chief of Indian Navy Visited United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Oman.
15. As a First Ever Move of Its Kind, Supreme Court issued contempt notice to Calcutta High Court Judge CS Karnam; Taking away all His Judicial Powers.
16. Bollywood Actor Shah Rukh Khan will host Hindi Version of popular International Show TED Talks, to be broadcast by Star India.
17. English physicist and Nobel laureate Peter Mansfield Passed Away. He had developed Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Technology.
18. Feb 27 is martyrdom day of Great Indian Indian freedom fighter Chandra Shekhar Azad.
19. Former Chief Justice of India, Altamas Kabir passed away.
20. Former Union minister and Indian Union Muslim League leader E Ahamed passed away.
21. Freedom Fighter Racharla Samrajyam passed away.
22. **Guinness World Record recognised sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik's 48.8 feet (14.84 metre) tall world peace featuring sand castle** at Puri beach in Odisha as tallest sand castle in world.
23. In order to focus on deep space missions, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) will set up of 2 Space Technology Research Institutes (STRIs) in Centre for Utilization of Biological

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Engineering in Space (CUBES) and Institute for UltraStrong Composites by Computational Design (USCOMP).

24. Indian Actor and Model Milind Soman successfully completed a 517.5 km race, an extremely high endurance event called Ultraman held in Florida. The race that was divided into three days included swimming, cycling and running. The 51 year old man completed whole event barefoot and gained title of Ultraman.
25. Indian National Army veteran Colonel Nizamuddin passed away. He served as driver and guard of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.
26. **Indian-origin neuro surgeon Shawna Pandya shortlisted by NASA for its 2018 space mission under the Citizen Science Astronaut (CSA) programme.**
27. Pakistani Cricketer Shahid Afridi announced retirement from all formats of international cricket.
28. **Prasad Erande** from Pune travelled **14,576 Kilometers on a bicycle** across India, establishing a Guinness World Record for longest journey by bicycle in a single country.
29. Renowned Pakistani Urdu novelist and playwright Bano Qudsia passed away.
30. Toshiba Corporation's Chairman Shigenori Shiga resigned amid company reporting huge losses.

March

1. Amazon.com founder and CEO Jeff Bezos became World's second richest person with his net worth increased to \$ 75.6 billion, second only to Microsoft Cofounder Bill Gates' net worth of \$ 86 billion.
2. Australian Minister for Resources, Matthew Canavan Visited India.
3. **Cricketer Sachin Tendulkar launched his mobile app called 100 MB (MB standing for Master Blaster).**
4. Denis Manturov, Russian Trade & Industry Minister visited India to attend 6th International Engineering Sourcing Show(IESS) held at Chennai and IndiaRussia Military Industrial Conference in Delhi.
5. Famous British Formula One racer John Surtees passed away.
6. Famous French Footballer Raymond Kopa passed away.
7. Faye AlTarawneh, Chief Justice of Jordan Visited India.
8. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley visited United Kingdom, particularly to represent India at royal event of 2017 UKIndia Year of Culture. He also visited Nepal, to attend Nepal Investment Summit 2017.
9. Former Lok Sabha speaker Rabi Ray passed away.
10. Former President of Haiti, Rene Preval passed away. He was noted agronomist and champion of the poor.
11. Gauri Singh from Rajasthan became first Indian girl swim from Sea Link near Worli Koliwada to Gateway of India in the Arabia Sea (36 KM).
12. Indian Army Chief Bipin Rawat visited Nepal and Bangladesh. He was conferred title of honorary General of Nepal Army by Nepalese President Bidya Devi Bhandari.
13. King of Swaziland, Mswati III visited India.
14. Negeri Lencho, Minister of Communications Affairs of Ethiopia Visited India.
15. Nepal's Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister Bimalendra Nidhi visited India.
16. Nicolas Sarkozy, former President of France visited India.
17. Nobel Prize winner Hungarian Chemist George Olah passed away.
18. Noted Advocate and Jurist TR Andhyarujina Passed Away.
19. Noted American Rock and roll Musician Chuck Berry passed away.
20. Noted American surgeon Thomas E Starzl passed away. He performed first successful human liver transplant in 1967.
21. Noted Bengali folk singer Kalika Prasad Bhattacharya passed away.
22. Noted Malayalam film director Diphan passed away.
23. Noted Meteorologist (known as Monsoon Man and Father of Indian Meteorology) and former director of Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Dev Raj Sikka passed away.
24. Noted Scottish physicist Ronald Drever passed away. He was among cofounders of Laser Interferometer Gravitational wave Observatory (LIGO) detectors that detected gravitational waves emitted by merger of a binary black hole pair.
25. Noted Tamil writer Ashokamitran passed away.

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26. Noted journalist Arvind Padmanabhan passed away.
27. Noted playwright Arun Sarma passed away.
28. Peggy Whitson created new record for most spacewalks by surpassing Indian American Sumita Williams's record of 7 spacewalks.
29. Playback singer Vaikom Vijayalakshmi recently has set a new world record by playing maximum number of songs in the shortest time on a single string musical instrument. She played songs on Gayatri Veena Continuously for over 5 hours.
30. Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) Chief Mohan Bhagwat conferred with honorary degree of "Doctor of Science" by Maharashtra Animal and Fishery Sciences University.
31. Ruhakana Rugunda, Prime Minister of Uganda visited India.
32. Shashank Manohar resigned as Chairman of International Cricket Council.
33. Showkutally Soodhun, Vice Prime Minister of Mauritius visited India. During this visit, India and Mauritius signed MoU to execute USD 20 million social housing project in Mauritius.
34. Soumen Ghosh resigned as Chief of Reliance Capital, after long stint of 9 years. While, Devang Mody is appointed as CEO of Reliance Commercial Finance Ltd (a subsidiary of Reliance Capital).
35. South African sailor Chris Bertish became first to cross Atlantic Ocean on a standup paddleboard, completing 4050 mile voyage alone.
36. South Africa's revered Indian origin antiapartheid activist Ahmed Kathrada passed away.
37. University of Mumbai conferred Honorary D.Litt on Noted Indian Geneticist MS Swaminathan.
38. Vladimir Korolev, Chief of Russian Navy visited India.
39. Werner Hoyer, President of European Investment Bank visited India.

April

1. Harjit Singh Sajjan, Defence Minister of Canada Visited India.
2. Hindu Youth Raj Kumar from Pakistan is among 10 people from across the world to have been selected for 2nd edition of 'Emerging Young Leaders Award' given by USA.
3. A Pakistani Military Court announced death sentence to Indian Person Kulbhushan Jadhav, who was arrested last year on spying charges.
4. **American singer and song writer Bob Dylan accepted 2016 Nobel Prize for literature that he was awarded by in December 2016. He is first song writer to win this award and first American to win Nobel literature prize since Toni Morrison in 1993.**
5. Astronaut Peggy Whitson has set a new space record for most days in space by a US astronaut, breaking previous record set by Jeff Williams who had spent total 534 days in space.
6. British Finance Minister Philip Hammond (Also called Chancellor of the Exchequer) visited India Participated in 9th UK-India Economic and Financial Dialogue in New Delhi. India and UK launched joint UKIndia Fund, namely a Green Growth Equity Fund which aims to leverage private sector investments from London in green infrastructure projects in India. Both governments will invest up to £120 million each (i.e. totally £ 240 million) in joint fund which will be established under NIIF framework.
7. FIFA (International Federation of Association Football) Banned Guatemala's former football Chief Brayan Jimenez for life time over corruption.
8. Famous Sufi singer Begum Yaman K. Khan Passed Away. She was daughter of legendary Sitar Maestro Ustad Vilayat Ali Khan.
9. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley visited USA. He Participated in Spring Meetings of World Bank, IMF. He also participated in Sessions of International Monetary and Finance Committee (IMFC) and of World Economic Leaders (IMFC Plenary).
10. Finance Minister of Georgia, Giorgi Gakharia visited India. India and Georgia launched Joint Feasibility Study on Free Trade Agreement between both countries.
11. Former Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Girish Chandra Saxena Passed Away.
12. Former India Cricketer MS Dhoni has been appointed as CEO of Gulf Oil India for a Single day.
13. Google paid tribute to noted Kannada actor Rajkumar with a special doodle on His 88th birthday on 24 April 2017.

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14. Hindustani classical vocalist Kishori Amonkar passed away.
15. Indian Navy Chief Sunil Lanba visited Malaysia.
16. Italy's Emma Morano, known as world's oldest woman has passed away at age of 117 years. The title now comes to Jamaica's Violet Brown (Age 117 Years).
17. Japanese pioneer of digital music Ikutaro Kakehashi passed away. He was best known for founding Roland Corporation in 1972 and role in development of Roland drum machines and MIDI standard (Musical Instrument Digital Interface).
18. Jonathan Demme, Oscar winning American director of The Silence of the Lambs, passed away.
19. K Prithika Yashini became India's first transgender person to become a police official, after becoming sub-inspector in Tamil Nadu Police.
20. Mohd. Najib Bin Tun Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia visited India. MOUs signed include Air Services Agreement. Development of a Urea and Ammonia Manufacturing Plant in Malaysia. Co-operation in field of Sports, Mutual Recognition of Educational Qualifications. Indian and Malaysian firms signed 31 pacts with investments of USD 36 billion in sectors including construction, pharma and education, Hydrocarbons.
21. Nicos Anastasiades, President of Cyprus Visited India. Cyprus awarded its highest civilian honour, Grand Collar of the Order of Makarios III on President Pranab Mukherjee. MOU signed included Executive programme on culture, education and scientific cooperation for the years 2017 to 2020. Work plan under a programme of cooperation in agriculture for 2017-2018. Cooperation in merchant shipping and boost air services.
22. Nita Ambani has been made member of 2 commissions of IOC's governing body Olympic channel and Olympic education Commission. She already holds title of being India's first woman International Olympic Committee member.
23. Noted American Pop Artist James Rosenquist passed away.
24. Noted Bollywood Actor Vinod Khanna Passed Away.
25. Noted journalist Nora Chopra passed away.
26. PM Narendra Modi has become most followed world leader on photosharing app Instagram (7 million followers), surpassing US President Donald Trump.
27. President of Nepal, Bidya Devi Bhandari visited India. No MOU were signed as it was a Goodwill Visit.
28. Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, Ranil Wickremesinghe visited India. Sri Lanka Agreed to Let India construct a Large Oil Reservoir on Its western Coast, at cost of approx 2500 Crores. It will be finalized during PM Modi's Upcoming Visit to Sri Lanka. Several other Agreements were signed including construction of a regasified liquified natural gas (LNG) fired 500mega watt (MW) capacity power plant, LNG terminal and floating storage regasification unit (FSRU) in Colombo.
29. Sagar Baheti became first visually impaired Indian to complete historic Boston Marathon, covering distance of 42.16 km distance in Little over 4 hours. He finished 121st in 30000 Runners.
30. Telangana Minister KT Rama Rao has been invited to address World Environment and Water Resources Congress to organised in California in May 2017.
31. US National Security Advisor HR McMaster Visited India.
32. USA's Modern Computing and Internet Pioneer, Robert Taylor passed away.
33. United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Executive Secretary Patricia Espinosa Visited India.
34. Vedanta Resources Chairman Anil Agarwal became second largest shareholder (11.44 %) in a British mining group Anglo American, after he invested USD 2.4 billion (2.2 billion euros) in It.
35. Vice President Hamid Ansari Visited European Nations Armenia & Poland. India and Armenia signed 3 agreements peaceful uses of outer space, Cooperation in youth matters and a programme of cultural cooperation for 2017-2020. Poland assured its support for India's bid for membership in Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) and a permanent seat in UN Security Council.
36. Yousuf bin Alawi bin Abdullah, Foreign Minister of Oman visited India.