

#### 04 Riddles

You will always find me  
in the past

#### 05 last lines

"Stopped."

# WORLD in FOCUS

#### 06 Did you Know

Egyptian wooden  
pillows



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## Australia's Pink Lake

If you fly over Australia's Lake Hillier, the thing that will fascinate you is , but its unique colour of bubble-gum pink. It is on Middle Island, the largest of the islands that make up the Recherche Archipelago off the southern coast of Western Australia. Matthew Flinders, a British explorer, came upon this lake when he was mapping the islands. On further investigation, Flinders and his crew discovered that the pink lake was almost as salty as the Dead Sea.

However, Hillier is not the only lake which is pink. *Dunaliella salina*, a species of red-pigmented algae, thrives in salty Retba Lake of Senegal in Africa, lending it its unusual colour. Scientists believe that same algae are responsible for Lake Hillier's similar bubble-gum colour.



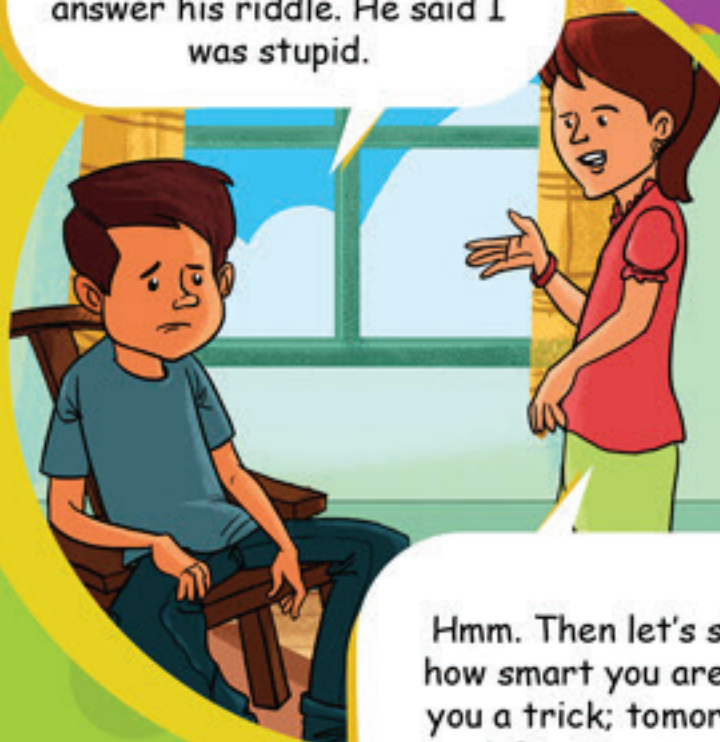


# *Baira and Bela*

## Comic Strip

One day Bela found Baira sitting gloomily in their room. She asked him what the matter was.

Today, Ravi made fun of me in class as I could not answer his riddle. He said I was stupid.



Hmm. Then let's show him how smart you are. I'll tell you a trick; tomorrow, you ask Ravi to answer this. OK?

The next day in class...

If you think you are smarter than me then answer this question of mine. How can you make iron float in water?



Baira, I give up. And I am sorry. I won't call you stupid again.



Baira then proceeded to show them how to solve the puzzle. He took a piece of wood and put it through the ring. After that when the ring was put in water, it floated on the surface.

Wood floats on water because its density is lesser than water, whereas, iron has greater density and hence it sinks. Putting the iron ring through the wood, we are basically giving iron a support of wood due to which both of them float in water.



Baira kept a small tub filled with water and an iron ring inside it. The ring sank to the bottom.





## WORD SEARCH



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Find the below given ice-cream flavours horizontally or vertically:

VANILLA

CHOCOLATE

BUTTERSCOTCH

BLACKCURRANT

MINT

STRAWBERRY

CARAMEL

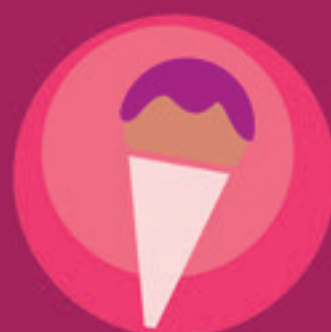
MANGO

BLUEBERRY

TUTTIFRUTTI

PISTACHIO

BANANA





1

You will always find me in the past. I can be created in the present, but the future can never taint me.  
What am I?

2

Wednesday, Tom and Joe went to a restaurant and ate dinner. When they were done they paid for the food and left. But Tom and Joe didn't pay for the food.  
Who did?

3

A seven letter word containing thousands of letters

4

The more you take, the more you leave behind.  
What am I?

5

It can be cracked, it can be made, it can be told, and it can be played.  
What is it?

6

Feed me and I live, yet give me a drink and I die.

# Riddles

## 2

7

What is black when you buy it, red when you use it, and grey when you throw it away?

8

What is harder to catch the faster you run?

9

What can you catch but not throw?

10

What body part is pronounced as one letter but written with three, only two different letters are used?

10. Eye.

1. History, 2. Wednesday, 3. Mailbox, 4. Footsteps, 5. A joke, 6. Fire, 7. Coal, 8. Your breath, 9. A cold,

Answers







Interesting people, interesting

## LAST LINES

Playwright Eugene O'Neill was born in a room at the Broadway Hotel on the Times Square and at age 65, he died in a Boston hotel. His last words? "I knew it! I knew it! Born in a hotel room and, goddamn it, dying in a hotel room."

Jack Soo was an actor on the comedy TV series *Barney Miller*. On the show, there was a gag about Soo's character making bad coffee in the office. Soo developed cancer of the oesophagus. When he was being wheeled into an operating room, Soo joked to *Barney Miller* co-star Hal Linden, "It must have been the coffee." In a tribute episode, cast members raised coffee cups in Soo's memory.

As he was dying, English film director Alfred Hitchcock said, "One never knows the ending. One has to die to know exactly what happens after death, although Catholics have their hopes."

Thomas Fantet de Lagny was a mathematician. On his deathbed, at a time when he no longer recognised the people surrounding him, he was asked, "What is the square of 12?" His last words: "One hundred and forty-four."

Sir Winston Churchill's last words were, "I'm bored with it all."

Surgeon Joseph Henry Green was checking his own pulse as he lay dying. His last word: "Stopped."

Late president of the United States, John F. Kennedy was having a conversation with his friends before his assassination, when the wife of the governor John Connally remarked, "You certainly cannot say that the people of Dallas haven't given you a nice welcome, Mr President." To which Kennedy replied, "No, you certainly can't." Moments later, the fatal shots were fired.

American distiller and the founder of the Jack Daniels whiskey distillery, Jack Daniel's last words were "One last drink please."

Vladimir Nabokov was a renowned Russian-American novelist. He had a passion for butterflies. His last words to his wife on deathbed, "A certain butterfly is already on the wing."

Errol Flynn was a famous Australian-born Hollywood actor. His parting shot just before dying from a massive heart attack was, "I've had a hell of a lot of fun and I've enjoyed every minute of it."

"One Last drink please!"



## Did you **Know?**



**1** Did you know that the Leg bones of a bat are so thin that no bat can walk?

**2** Did you know that a shrimp's heart is in its head?



**3** Did you know that try as you might, it is physically impossible for you to Lick your elbow?

**4** Did you know that the chicken is the closest Living relative of Tyrannosaurus rex?



**5** Did you know that rats multiply so quickly that in 18 months, two rats could have over a million descendants?

**6** Did you know how a sea star, also known as a starfish, eats? It attaches itself to a prey and brings its own stomach out of its body. Enzymes of the stomach help a sea star to digest the prey, and the digested material enters its stomach.



## Did you **Know?**

- 7** Did you know that if you sneeze too hard you can fracture a rib? If you try to suppress a sneeze you can rupture a blood vessel in your head or neck and die.



- 8** Did you know that mockingbirds can imitate many sounds from a squeaking door to a cat meowing? In cities, they can even imitate mobile phone rings and car alarms.

- 9** Did you know that the Komodo dragons are the biggest and heaviest lizards on Earth? They are also ruthless predators. They wait patiently in bushes or tall grasses using camouflage for an unsuspecting victim to pass by. They use their jagged, shark-like teeth to crush their prey. Did you know that there is no escape from a Komodo dragon even if a victim escapes its jaws? Its bite is venomous, and the victim dies soon. The Komodo dragon calmly tracks its wounded victim for miles, using its sense of smell, and eats the prey when it collapses.



- 10** Did you know that ancient Egyptians used to sleep on pillows made of wood or stone?



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# Current Event Updates

## JULY

July 1:

At least 11 persons were killed and 17 went missing due to landslides and flash floods caused by heavy rains in Uttarakhand's Pithoragarh and Chamoli districts.

The police arrest the suspected killer of Infosys software engineer S. Swathi (24) in Tirunelveli. S. Swathi was killed at the Nungambakkam railway station in Chennai last week.

July 2:

Two overnight bombings in Baghdad, most of them in busy areas, killed at least 130 people, including children and women, as residents shopped ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr.

At least seven men stormed the popular Spanish Holey Artisan Bakery in Dhaka's diplomatic zone taking more than 30 people hostage. Twenty hostages were brutally murdered during the 12-hour siege before Bangladeshi forces stormed the cafe and rescue 13 hostages. Six terrorists were killed in the army-led 'Operation Thunderbolt'.

July 3:

At least 119 people were killed in a suicide car bombing in a busy shopping district of Baghdad, the capital city of Iraq. The Islamic State (IS) claimed the responsibility of the attack.

July 4:

The CBI arrests IAS officer Rajendra Kumar, the Principal Secretary to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, and four others on corruption charges. They were accused of giving 'undue favours' to a private firm in awarding government contracts worth over 50 crore.

It was double bonanza for India at the Canada Open as B. Sai Praneeth and the Rio-bound men's doubles pair of Manu Attri and B. Sumeeth Reddy triumph at the \$55,000 Grand Prix badminton tournament.

July 5:

Prime Minister Modi's expansion of his Council of Ministers saw a redrawing of his entire team, with major changes in portfolios held by senior members. Prakash Javadekar, has been promoted to Cabinet rank, and now holds the prestigious Human Resources Development portfolio.



The solar-powered Juno spacecraft successfully enters Jupiter's orbit after a five-year journey from the Earth, in a giant step

to understand the origin and evolution of the biggest planet of the solar system.

July 6:

A court in Spain sentences Barcelona striker Lionel Messi and his father to 21 months in jail for tax fraud.

July 7:

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) in Mumbai unearths a 'Banking-hawala' scam, in which reputed public sector banks illegally remitted 2,240 crore overseas based on forged documentation and declarations of traded goods by exporters and importers.

July 8:

Every death caused by the Armed Forces in a disturbed area, whether the victim is a dreaded criminal or a militant or a terrorist or an insurgent, should be thoroughly enquired into, the Supreme Court said. This is to address any allegation of use of excessive or retaliatory force beyond the call of duty, the court said.

Hizbul Mujahideen commander Burhan Wani (22), known on social media as the poster boy of militancy in the Kashmir Valley, was killed along with two other militants in an encounter in Anantnag district.

Kerala announces a 14.5 per cent 'fat tax' on pizzas, burgers, sandwiches and tacos sold through branded outlets. This move is in tune with the World Health Organization's advocacy of using fiscal tools to promote healthy eating.



At least 13 Muslims from Kasaragod district, who have been missing for a month now, are suspected to have joined the IS fighters.

A sniper kills five policemen and injures six in Dallas during a protest march against the death of two African-American men at the hands of the police within the last 48 hours in two US cities.

July 9:

Prime Minister Modi travels on a train from Pentrich Road to the Pietermaritzburg railway station where a young Mahatma Gandhi was thrown out of a compartment in 1893 when he refused to obey a racist order to move from a first-class compartment to a third-class one.

Even as the Union Home Ministry said it is analysing CDs of Muslim evangelist Zakir Naik, who has come under the scanner after the Dhaka terror attacks, the government plans to probe the financial records for massive contributions that the preacher's

organisations received in the past.

July 10:

Kashmir Valley witnesses violence sparked by militant Burhan Wani's killing. Fresh attacks on security installations and violent clashes leave five more dead, including a policeman, taking the death toll to 20.

Days after Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee expresses concern over motorbike riders without helmets, the Kolkata police issued a notification stating that motorcyclists will not be allowed to buy fuel if they are not wearing helmets.

India seeks to enhance its ties with resource-rich Tanzania and has extended its full support to the country to meet its development needs. It has signed five agreements, including one for providing a Line of Credit of \$92 million in the water resources sector.

Britain's Andy Murray claims his second Wimbledon title.

July 11:

At least 300 Indians have been left stranded as one of Africa's oldest civil wars broke out on 7 July in Juba, the capital of South Sudan.

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan told the State Assembly that 21 persons declared missing in the state are suspected to be in the camps of the Islamic State (IS) in Syria or Afghanistan.

Around 100 snakes ruthlessly killed as part of a 'magic show' at the Karachi zoo.

Substitute Eder's thunderous finish deep into extra time secured Portugal first European Championship title after it overcame the early loss of Cristiano Ronaldo to snatch a 1-0 victory over host France.

July 12:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi chairs a high-level meeting on the ongoing unrest in the Kashmir Valley following the killing of Hizbul Mujahideen commander Burhan Wani (22) on 8 July 2016.

July 13:

India seeks Iran's help in tracing 17 persons from Kerala, who have been missing for over a month, and are suspected to have joined the Islamic State (IS).

Acting Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Tathagata Roy asks Chief Minister Nabam Tuki to prove his majority on the floor of the Assembly by 16 July.

July 14:

A Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court unanimously quashes Arunachal Pradesh Governor J.P. Rajkhawa's order to advance the Assembly session from 14 January 2016 to 16 December 2015, which triggered a political crisis in the border state and culminated in the declaration of President's rule on 26 January.

The Congress pulls off a dramatic success in



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Arunachal Pradesh, winning back its rebels by choosing a new leader.

At a meeting of the Congress Legislature Party in Itanagar, Chief Minister Nabam Tuki agrees to step down for a new leader. Minutes later, he proposes the name of Pema Khandu (36), son of the late Chief Minister Dorjee Khandu.



The archaeological site of Nalanda Mahavihara (Nalanda University) in Bihar has been included in the UNESCO's World Heritage List, which also features new sites from China, Iran and Micronesia.

July 15:

An attacker ploughs a truck into crowds celebrating Bastille Day on the French Riviera, killing at least 84 people in what President Francois Hollande called a terrorist act by an enemy determined to strike all nations that share France's values.

July 16:

Turkey's government rounds up thousands of military personnel who were said to have taken part in an attempted coup, moving swiftly to re-establish control after a night of chaos that left 250 dead.

July 17:

Pema Khandu sworn in as the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh at the head of a Congress government.

India basks in the glow of UNESCO honours as Khangchendzonga Park in Sikkim and buildings in Chandigarh are added to World Heritage Site List.

A Gujarat bandh, called by Dalit groups protesting the flogging of a family for skinning a dead cow in Una, is near total as protesters took to the streets, forced closure of shops and establishments, halted rail and road traffic and attacked public transport.

July 20:

Indian hockey legend Mohammad Shahid (56), known for his wizardly stick work during his playing days, passes away due to multiple organ failure.

July 21:

The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) rejects Russia's appeal against a doping ban on its athletics team from the Rio Olympics drawing an angry condemnation from Moscow.

July 22:

An An-32 aircraft of the Indian Air Force en route to Port Blair from Chennai with 29

persons on board goes missing over the Bay of Bengal about 30 minutes after it took off from the Tambaram air base near Chennai. A full-scale search is underway.

Both Houses of Parliament adjourned following loud protests led by the treasury benches over AAP Party member Bhagwant Mann secretly filming the journey from his home to Parliament and live streaming it on his Facebook page.

July 23:

Judith D'Souza, the Indian aid worker who was kidnapped in Kabul last month, rescued from her captors.

At least 80 people were killed and another 231 wounded in the Afghan capital when a suicide bomber detonated explosives among a large crowd of demonstrators.

Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra breaks the junior World Record on his way to the gold medal in the IAAF World under-20 athletics championship at Bydgoszcz, Poland.

July 24:

Nepal's K.P. Sharma Oli resigns as Prime Minister minutes before facing a no-confidence motion in Parliament he was certain to lose.

Top wrestler Narsingh Yadav tests positive for a banned substance and may miss out on participating in the coming Rio Olympics.



R. Ashwin's magnificent all-round performance is instrumental in India's victory by an innings and 92 runs in the first Test against the West Indies in Antigua.

July 25:

The Supreme Court allows a rape victim based in Mumbai to abort her 24-week-old abnormal foetus after the Centre clarified that a 20-week cap on termination of pregnancy is not applicable if the pregnant woman's life is found to be in grave danger.

India confirms Pakistani newspaper reports that the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has termed Islamabad a 'non-school' posting for Indian diplomats.

July 26:

A large natural gas discovery has been made in the Indian Ocean following a joint expedition by India and the U.S., opening up a new resource to meet energy needs.

July 27:

Bezwada Wilson, a renowned campaigner against manual scavenging, and Carnatic singer T.M. Krishna from Chennai, receive

the prestigious Ramon Magsaysay Award.

A massive bomb blast claimed by the Islamic State (IS) kills at least 44 people and wounds dozens in the Kurdish-majority Syrian city of Qamishli.

July 28:

Mahasweta Devi, a colossal figure in Bengali literature and a respected social activist who lent her voice to the oppressed, passes away. The 90-year-old litterateur was honoured with the Sahitya Akademi, Jnanpith and the Magsaysay awards.

July 30:

Heavy monsoon claims 85 lives in Assam, Bihar and Odisha, displacing 68 lakh people and rendering thousands homeless.

July 31:

Skydiver, Luke Aikins (42), makes history when he became the first person to leap without a parachute and land in a net instead.

## AUGUST

Aug. 1:

The Parliament passes Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Bill, 2016 for uniform entrance examination for admission to all medical educational institutions.

The Government caps the prices of 24 essential drugs used for treatment of cancer, HIV, bacterial infections, anxiety and cardiac conditions.

The Patna Pirates beats Jaipur Pink Panthers to win the fourth edition of Star Sports-Pro Kabaddi League in Hyderabad.

The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) gives a clean chit to wrestler Narsingh Yadav in the doping case.

Aug. 2:

Rajasthan becomes the first state to approve sewage and waste water policy.

The Parliament passes the Institutes of Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2016 to set up six new Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs).

Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' (61), Communist Party of Nepal-Maoist Chairperson (CPN-MC), elected as the 39th Prime Minister of Nepal.

Aug. 3:

Gujarat Chief Minister Anandiben resigns due to infighting in the party and huge disenchantment on the ground.

Over 300 people, most of whom are Indians, have a miraculous escape when an Emirates flight from Thiruvananthapuram to Dubai crash-landed and exploded on the runway, forcing one of the world's busiest airports to shut down.



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Aug. 4:

In a major blow to the AAP government in Delhi, the Delhi High Court holds that the Lieutenant Governor is its 'administrative head' and that it 'continues to be a Union Territory'.

Launching a direct attack on Pakistan at the SAARC conference in Islamabad, Home Minister Rajnath Singh said that 'terrorists should not be eulogised as martyrs' and those who give them support and safe haven or any other assistance must be isolated.

Aug. 5:

China successfully launches the first satellite dubbed as the Tiantong-01 for mobile telecommunication.

The Union Government has launched a nation-wide breast feeding programme called MAA (Mothers' Absolute Affection).



Twenty-five blackbucks found dead after consuming pesticide and fertilisers used for maize crop in the village of Gummadam on the banks of Krishna.

The 31st edition of the Summer Olympic Games declared open by the Acting Brazilian President Michel Temer at the Maracana Stadium in the Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro. The theme of the Games was 'World Peace and Environment'.

Chairperson of Reliance Foundation, Nita Ambani, elected as an individual member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Aug. 7:

Vijay Rupani (60) sworn in as the 16th Chief Minister of Gujarat.

Grandmaster and former world junior champion Abhijeet Gupta retains his Commonwealth Chess championship crown in the 20th edition, while International Master Tania Sachdev also wins a gold medal.

Gymnast Dipa Karmakar (22) creates history by becoming the first Indian gymnast to qualify for the apparatus finals of artistic gymnastics at the Rio Olympics.

Aug. 8:

The Parliament passes the Constitution (122nd Amendment) (GST) Bill, 2014 after it was unanimously passed by the Lok Sabha by approving all the amendments made by Rajya Sabha earlier.

Explosives packed with ball-bearings carried by a suicide bomber kill at least 70 people, most of them lawyers, in a hospital in Pakistan.

Aug. 9:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launches Yaad Karo Kurbani (Remember the Sacrifices) celebrations to commemorate 75th anniversary of the Quit India Movement and 70 years of Independence at the birthplace of freedom fighter Chandra Shekhar Azad in Madhya Pradesh.

Former Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Kalikho Pul allegedly kills himself. This takes place less than a month after the Supreme Court removed him and reinstated his rival Nabam Tuki.

Aug. 10:

The Iron Lady Irom Chanu Sharmila (44) ends her 16-year-long hunger strike, which she started demanding the repealing of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) of 1958 from Manipur.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin dedicate the first unit of the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project (KKNPP) in Tamil Nadu to the nation through video conferencing from Delhi and Moscow, respectively. It has India's single largest nuclear generation unit with capacity of 1000 megawatt (MW).

Aug. 11:

The Rajya Sabha passes the Maternity Benefits (Amendment) Bill, 2016 to raise maternity leave for working women from 12 weeks to 26 weeks for two surviving children.

Assam becomes the first state to ratify the Constitution (122nd Amendment) (GST) Bill, 2014.

At an all-party meeting on Kashmir, the Prime Minister applauds security personnel for showing restraint in dealing with the situation in the Valley.

Aug. 12:

India's top squash player Dipika Pallikal wins the prestigious PSA Australian Open held in Melbourne.



Aug. 16:

President Pranab Mukherjee appoints former Union Minister Najma Heptulla (76) as Governor of Manipur.

The volatile situation in Kashmir takes a turn for the worse when five civilians were killed and 52 injured, including 24 security men.

The first two-day SAARC Youth Parliamentarians Conference on 'Peace

and Harmony for Development' held in Islamabad.

Aug. 17:

Freestyle wrestler Sakshi Malik (23) wins India's first medal at the 2016 Rio Olympics by clinching the bronze in the 58 kg category.

Aug. 18:

The world's oldest tigress in the wild, Machhli, dies in Ranthambore National Park after prolonged illness.

Indian wrestler Narsingh Yadav banned from all competitive sporting events for four years by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) based in Lausanne, Switzerland.

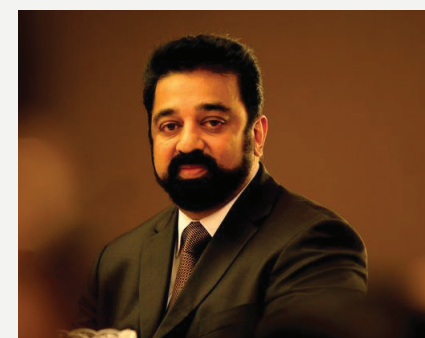
Aug. 19:

Deputy Governor of RBI Urjit Patel (52) is appointed as the 24th Governor of RBI for three years. He takes over from Raghuram Rajan.

Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt wins his third gold medal of Rio Olympics in 4x100m relay. With this win, Bolt becomes the first athlete to win nine gold medals in sprinting events at the Olympics.

Aug. 21:

Prominent film actor Kamal Haasan (61) selected by France for its prestigious Chevalier de L'Ordre Arts et Lettres.



BRICS Women Parliamentarians' Forum unanimously passes the 19-point Jaipur Declaration on the concluding day of the two-day Forum's meeting held in Jaipur.

China opens the world's highest and longest glass-bottomed bridge which connects two mountain cliffs known as the Avatar Mountains in Zhangjiajie, Hunan province.

Prime Minister Modi and Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani jointly tele-inaugurate the restored Stor Palace in Kabul.

A suicide bomber as young as 12 kills 51 people at a wedding in Turkey.

President of Indian Olympic Association (IOA), N. Ramachandran, awarded the Olympic Order for his outstanding services to the Olympic movement.

The Government announces Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awards to four players: P.V. Sindhu (Badminton), Sakshi Malik (Wrestling), Dipa Karmakar (Gymnastics) and Jitu Rai (Shooting).

The 2016 Rio Olympics end after 16 days of



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sporting spectacle. United States tops the medals tally with 46 gold, 37 silver and 38 bronze. India finished 67th with one silver and one bronze.

Aug. 22:

Maharashtra becomes the first state to draft its own internal security legislation, the Maharashtra Protection of Internal Security Act (MPISA), 2016.

V.P. Singh Badnore (69) sworn in as the new Governor of Punjab and Administrator of Chandigarh.

Hindi scholar and writer Sunita Jain awarded the prestigious 25th Vyas Samman 2015 for her poetry collection Kshama (published in 2008).

A Delhi court awards death sentence to two of the three convicts in the Jigisha murder case of 2009, observing that 'there is a rise in gruesome crimes against women'.

The Indian-origin former Singapore President S.R. Nathan (92), who was the sixth and longest-serving President of Singapore, passes away.

Aug. 23:

President Pranab Mukherjee launches Akashvani Maitree radio channel and its multimedia website in Bengali language for listeners in West Bengal and Bangladesh and other parts of the globe.

The Union Cabinet gives its approval for the signing of an MoU between India and Myanmar in the field of Traditional Systems of Medicine that will provide structured framework for promotion of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy) systems of medicine and conservation, production and standardisation in Myanmar.

Aug. 24:

A powerful earthquake hits central Italy killing over 120 people.

India begins multiple investigations to determine the extent of damage caused by the reported leak of huge quantity of secret data of the Indian Navy's soon-to-be-inducted Scorpene submarines.

Aug. 25:

Maneka Gandhi, Union Minister of Women and Child Development, launches Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) e-box, an online complaint management system for easy and direct reporting of sexual offences against children.

Aug. 26:

Bombay High Court allows women's entry to the sanctum sanctorum in Haji Ali Dargah in Mumbai.

Aug. 27:

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti meets Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi and presents a three-point action plan, including

substantive dialogue with the separatists and Pakistan, to end the unrest in the state.

Aug. 29:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launches the first phase of SAUNI (Saurashtra Narmada Avatara Irrigation) Yojana at Sanodara of Jamnagar district in Gujarat.

The U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry visits India to review the progress made in bilateral ties at the second India-US Strategic and Commercial Dialogue in New Delhi.

Curfew and security restrictions lifted in Kashmir after 51 days.

The West Bengal Assembly passes a resolution changing the name of the state to Bengal in English and Bangla in Bengali.

NASA's solar-powered Juno spacecraft successfully executes its first flyby of Jupiter, our solar system's most massive planet.

North Korea executes a vice premier for showing disrespect during a meeting presided over by leader Kim Jong-un.

Aug. 31:

Indian wrestler Yogeshwar Dutt's bronze medal from the 2012 London Summer Olympics upgraded to silver after silver medallist late Besik Kudukhov from Russia was stripped off his medal for failing a dope test.

## SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1:

Uzbek President Islam Karimov passes away after suffering a stroke at the age of 78. Karimov was the first President of Uzbekistan, in office from 1990 to 2016.

Sept. 2:

Reliance Industries Limited launches the Reliance Jio Service offering free voice calls and zero roaming charges for its customers as a part of Jio welcome offer.

Urging Karnataka to embrace the principle of 'live and let live', the Supreme Court asks the state to consider taking steps to release Cauvery water to distressed Tamil Nadu to help the state continue to 'exist as an entity'.

Sept. 3:

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) approves the use of Pelargonic Acid Vanillyl Amide (PAVA) shells, also called Nonivamide, which are chilli-filled grenades, as an alternative to pellet guns for crowd controlling in Jammu and Kashmir.

India extends a \$500-million line of credit to Vietnam to deepen their defence cooperation and sign 12 agreements

including a deal to construct offshore patrol boats, amid China's muscle flexing in the disputed South China Sea and 'emerging regional challenges'.

Sept. 4:

On the eve of Mother Teresa's 19th death anniversary, Pope Francis declares her as a saint in a canonisation ceremony at St. Peter's Square in the Vatican City. Mother Teresa will now be known as Saint Teresa of Calcutta.

India and China must be 'sensitive to each other's concerns', Prime Minister Narendra Modi told Chinese President Xi Jinping, when the two leaders met on the sidelines of the G-20 summit in Hangzhou, China, in an attempt to reboot troubled ties between the two countries.

India and Japan pledge to strengthen ties in the key areas of counter-terrorism, civil nuclear cooperation, trade and investment as Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is in Laos to attend the ASEAN-India and the East Asia summits, held talks with his Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe.

Sept. 6:

India receives certificates from World Health Organization (WHO) recognising the elimination of Yaws and Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus (MNT) from the country.

Acclaimed Kannada movie 'Thithi' wins the Best Film Award at the first BRICS Film Festival (September 2-6), which concluded in New Delhi.

Sept. 7:

Senior BJP leader Om Prakash Kohli sworn in as the 26th Governor of Madhya Pradesh.



Former Indian women's cricket team captain Anjum Chopra awarded an honorary life membership of the Marylebone Cricket Club.

Sept. 8:

Assam's Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurates Majuli as the 35th district of Assam. With this, Majuli becomes India's first island district.

In the first such order in an acid attack case in Maharashtra, a special women's court sentenced Ankur Panwar to death. He was convicted of the charge of throwing acid on Preeti Rathi at Bandra station in 2013 after she chose to pursue her nursing career, declining his proposal for marriage.

The Delhi High Court sets aside the Aam



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Aadmi Party government's order appointing 21 MLAs as Parliamentary secretaries since it lacked the approval of the Lieutenant Governor (LG), the administrative head of Delhi.

Sept. 9:

Most parts of Karnataka, especially Bengaluru and Mysuru, shut down in response to the state-wide bandh called in protest against the Supreme Court order to release Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu.

Bakytzhan Sagintayev appointed as Prime Minister of Kazakhstan by Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev.

Sept. 10:

A fire broke out in a packaging factory at Tongi near Dhaka killing at least 25 persons.

A piece of aircraft wreckage found in June off Tanzania is confirmed as coming from the doomed airliner MH370, Malaysia said.

Mariyappan Thangavelu wins India's first Gold medal at the Rio Paralympics. He won the gold in the Men's High Jump T-42 event with a leap of 1.89 metres.

Germany's Angelique Kerber defeats Karolina Pliskova by 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 to win the 2016 US Open Women's Singles title.

Sept. 11:

Third seed Stan Wawrinka of Switzerland defeats world number one Novak Djokovic to lift the 2016 US Open Men's Singles title.

Sept. 12:

Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Jyoti Prasad Rajkhowa removed from the post of Arunachal Pradesh Governor.

Indian athlete Deepa Malik becomes the first Indian woman to bag a medal in the shotput F-53 event at the Paralympics. Deepa bagged a silver medal.

Sept. 13:

Javelin thrower Devendra Jhajharia becomes the first Indian to clinch two gold medals at the Paralympics. He won his previous gold in the 2004 Athens Games.

Andhra Pradesh becomes the 2nd state in the country after Gujarat to achieve 100 per cent electrification of households.

Sept. 14:

Indian cyclists win six medals, including three gold, two silver and one bronze on the opening day of the Track Asia Cup 2016 in New Delhi.

Sushmita Rai of Sikkim wins a bronze medal at the World Martial Arts Masterships 2016, held at Cheongju, Chungcheongbuk-do of South Korea.

Hearing-impaired Indian shooter Priyasha Deshmukh wins the bronze medal at the first World Deaf Shooting Championships held in Kazan, Russia.

Sept. 15:

The crisis in the ruling Samajwadi Party in Uttar Pradesh worsens as senior leader Shivpal Singh Yadav, who was recently stripped of key ministries by his nephew and Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav, resigns from all posts in the party and the government.

Sept. 16:

Forty-three out of forty-four Congress MLAs, including Chief Minister Pema Khandu, join the People's Party of Arunachal (PPA), a part of the North-East Democratic Alliance (NEDA), a BJP-led front.

Sept. 17:

After a very public power and ego tussle, things settle down in the ruling Samajwadi Party and its first family in Uttar Pradesh. Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav returns key portfolios that his uncle Shivpal Yadav had been stripped of, while also entrusting him with additional ministries.

Sept. 18:

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu appoints 26 MLAs as parliamentary secretaries to assist in the smooth functioning of his government.

In the biggest terror attack on the Army since 2002, four heavily armed terrorists carry out a pre-dawn strike on an Army administrative unit near its brigade headquarters in Baramulla district's Uri sector, which left 17 soldiers dead and 30 injured.

Young Indian shooter Subhankar Pramanick wins the gold medal at the ISSF Junior World Cup for pistol, rifle and shotgun in Gabala, Azerbaijan.

Sept. 19:

A day after the attack on an Army base in Uri, the government steps up a diplomatic offensive against Pakistan to have it declared a global 'terrorist state', even as the Army said it 'reserved the right to respond' at the 'time and place of its choosing'.

At least 35 persons are feared dead when a bus fell into a roadside pond in Madhubani district of Bihar.

Sept. 20:

The 193 countries of the United Nations (UN) sign a landmark declaration to rid the world of drug-resistant infections or antimicrobial resistance (AMR) or superbugs.

Sept. 21:

Adani Green Energy (Tamil Nadu) Limited dedicates the world's largest solar power plant of 648 megawatts to the nation.

Delhi's Race Course Road has been renamed as LokKalyan Marg.

Sept. 22:

India's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom Navtej Sarna appointed as

Ambassador to the US.

Sept. 23:

India and France ink the 7.8-billion Euro deal for 36 Rafale fighter jets. The deal was signed by Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar and his visiting French counterpart Jean Yves Le Drian 16 months after Prime Minister Modi announced India's plans to buy the fighter aircrafts in fly away condition during his trip to France.

Sept. 24:

India's Velavan Senthilkumar rallied from two games down to beat Mohammad Al Sarraj of Jordan in the final to emerge as the U-19 boys' champion in the Asian Junior individual squash championship in Kuala Lumpur.

Sathiyam Gnanasekaran becomes the first Indian to win an ITTF event in table tennis when he wins the men's singles title of the Belgium Open.

Indo-Czech pair of Sania Mirza and Barbora Strycovalit the women's doubles title tennis in the Toray Pan Pacific Open trophy in Tokyo.

Sept. 25:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi reaches out to Muslims as well as Dalits and seeks to underline the BJP's position on Muslims not as 'vote banks' but as 'our own'. While addressing the BJP's National Council meet in Kozhikode, Prime Minister Modi makes a powerful pitch to project the BJP as a pro-Dalit, pro-poor party dedicated to the idea of social justice.

Sept. 26:

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launches eight satellites in two different orbits in a single mission. These satellites were launched with the PSLV C35 from the first launch pad of the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota.



'Visarana' Vetrimaran selected as India's entry in the Foreign Language Film category for the 89th Academy Awards (Oscars) to be held in 2017

India defeats New Zealand by 197 runs to win its historic 500th cricket Test match in Kanpur.

Sept. 27:

Stepping up diplomatic pressure on Pakistan, India expresses its inability to participate in the November SAARC summit to be held in Islamabad.



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Sept. 28:

Hours after the Ministry of External Affairs announced India's decision to pull out of the forthcoming SAARC summit in Islamabad in November. Bangladesh, Bhutan and Afghanistan also withdraw from the talks, saying that the current atmosphere is not conducive to the talks going forward.

The nomination of Sharad Pawar, as 'alternate director for International Cricket Council (ICC) meetings' and BCCI president Anurag Thakur's role as representative of the board in Asian and international cricket bodies are among the few violations cited by the Justice R.M. Lodha Committee to push for the 'immediate' removal of the BCCI office-bearers by the Supreme Court.

Sept. 29:

The Indian Army conducts surgical strikes on terror launch pads across the Line of Control. Director General of Military Operations, Lieutenant General Ranbir Singh said the motive of the operation was to hit out at the terrorists who were planning to infiltrate into the Indian Territory.

Indian women's Kabbadi team bags gold medal at the 5th Asian Beach Games, fifth time in a row.



Sept. 30:

The Patna High Court sets aside the amended Bihar Prohibition and Excise Bill, 2016, which had banned the sale and consumption of liquor in the state.

Blaming India for derailing the SAARC Summit, Pakistan announces that the summit scheduled for 9 and 10 November in Islamabad will now be held on an alternate date, even as Sri Lanka joined others in opposing the summit under the 'prevailing environment'.