

Dishes of India

cheese... Read more

Gulab Jamun are balls of cottage



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RIDDLES

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following 15 fish hidden...

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Our planet, Earth, seems to have found a new friend for it! According to NASA, a "quasi-satellite" has been orbiting the Sun and the Earth too. Called 2016 HO3, this small asteroid was discovered in April by the Pan-STARRS-1 asteroid survey telescope in Hawaii. This new neighbour, seems to be of no threat to our home as it is likely to keep a distance of nine million miles from us.

"Our calculations indicate 2016 HO3 has been a stable quasi-satellite of Earth for almost a century, and it will continue to follow this pattern as Earth's companion for centuries to come," said Paul Chodas, the Manager of the Center for Near-Earth Object Studies at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

Though the size of the asteroid has not been determined yet or is yet to be determined, it seems to be "likely larger than 120 feet and smaller than 300 feet" in diameter.

"The asteroid's loops around Earth drift a little ahead or behind from year to year, but when they drift too far forward or backward, Earth's gravity is just strong enough to reverse the drift and hold onto the asteroid so that it never wanders farther away than about 100 times the distance of the moon," Chodas explained. "The same effect also prevents the asteroid from approaching much closer than about 38 times the distance of the moon. In effect, this small asteroid is caught in a little dance with Earth," he added.

JEST APP DEVELOPERS IN IN

At ages 15 and 14, Shravan Kumaran (15 year old) and Sanjay Kumaran (14 year old), the two techie brothers, are identified as the youngest mobile application programmers in India. Founders of GoDimensions, the duo have been running the company since 2012. They have been developing mobile apps for Android and iOS.

"We code our apps and learnt by getting a lot of books, reading them thoroughly and trying and solve all the problems in the books. That is how we learnt programming," said Sanjay Kumaran in an interview with The Economic Times.

Claiming to be a dad-funded company, the brothers very happily present their ideas to their father whom they call their pillar of support. The only investment, they say, is of their gadgets.

Going beyond gadgets, the two have also developed their own virtual reality device.

"Using our headset you can place your phone and experience virtual reality named GoVR. There are a couple of other products in the market, but they are really expensive. They are priced at ₹ 26,000- ₹ 40,000 per piece, but our device is available for a mere ₹ 799," Sanjay added.

Their first app was a game called Catch me Cop on the iOS platform involving an escaped convict.

The brothers aim to have 50 per cent of the world's smartphones to have their applications installed on them within a few years.





1. Jalebi is a famous dessert that is relished by people in north India. The batter for jalebi is made of wheat flour, which is fermented. The batter is squeezed into hot oil in circular coils and deep fried, before being soaked in sugar syrup. It is a delight to have hot jalebis in the bitter cold with a glass of warm milk. Some also prefer chilled rabri with it.





- 2. Kheer, Payesh or Payasam is known by different names in different parts of India. It is basically a rice pudding cooked in milk with dry fruits and sugar. Different variations of the same are also enjoyed in many states, some may substitute jaggery with sugar while others may prefer vermicelli over rice.
- 3. Shrikhand is a popular sweet delicacy in India, especially in Maharashtra and Gujarat. It is prepared with hung curd and flavoured with sugar, cardamom, saffron and seasonal fruits such as mango.





- 4. Mysore pak is a delicacy of Karnataka. This fudgy dessert is made from gram flour and sugar using generous amount of ghee, flavoured with cardamom.
- 5. Sandesh is a delicacy from Bengal. It is basically cottage cheese cooked with milk, sugar and cardamom to make it dense. It is also called *pranhara* ('The Heart Stealer') in Bangladesh.



6. Gulab Jamuns are balls of cottage cheese, which are deep fried before being soaked in scented sugar syrup. They are popular north Indian dessert. Served hot or cold, it is a favourite of many across all regions of India.





7. *Ila Ada* originated in Kerala. This dessert is made from rice flour dough spread on banana leaves and stuffed with jaggery, grated coconut and cardamom, and then steamed.

8. Coconut cake is a popular Goan sweet dish. This moist and dense rose water scented coconut cake is made with four different types of coconuts. It is also called *baath*.





9. *Malpua* is a pancake made with wheat flour, deep fried and soaked in scented sugar syrup; it is served hot with fresh pistachios on the top.

10. Burfi is a milk-based dessert made by constantly cooking the milk till it becomes thick and fudgy. It is often flavoured with different fruits and dry fruits such as cashews, pistachios and dates.













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Teacher: If you have ₹ 2 and you ask your mother for ₹ 2 more.

How much will you have?

Student: ₹ 2. **Teacher**: How?

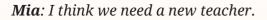
Student: My mother won't give me any money.

Teacher: Give me an example of an animal which can live on both

water and land. **Student**: Frog

Teacher: Good. Now give me another example.

Student: It's frog's mother!



Mom: Why?

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Mia: Our teacher does not know anything. She

keeps asking us for answers.

Pappu during Computer viva:

Teacher: What is Microsoft Excel?

Pappu: It is a branch of Surf Excel, used for

cleaning computers.

Teacher: What is your native place?

Rahul: Maharashtra, ma'am.

Teacher: Can you spell it?

Rahul: I think my native place is Goa.

Teacher: Tomorrow there will be a lecture on

Neptune and Pluto. Everyone must read and come.

Pinki: I won't be able to come, ma'am; my mom

won't allow me to go so far.

Teacher: Tim, I know you are bad at spellings.

That is why I asked you to write this sentence ten

times. But you have written it only four times.

Why?

Tim: Ma'am, I am bad at Maths also!

Teacher: What happened in 1809?

Student: Abraham Lincoln was born.

Teacher: Very good. What happened in 1819?

Student: Abraham Lincoln was 10 years old.

Teacher: Mike, you are late today.

Mike: I was just following the signs, sir.

Teacher: Which signs?

Mike: The one that said 'School Ahead, Go Slow'.





Q.1: In a one-storey pink house, there was a pink person, a pink cat, a pink fish, a pink computer, a pink chair, a pink table, a pink telephone, a pink shower—everything was pink!

Can you tell what colour were the stairs in this house?

Q.2: Throw off the outside and cook the inside, then eat the outside and throw off the inside. Name the thing.

Q.3: If you remove my first letter, I sound the same. Remove my last letter, I still sound the same. Remove my letter in the middle, I will still sound the same. What word am I?

Q.4: Once a man was driving his truck and the headlights of the truck were not on. There was no moon in the sky too. Up ahead, a man was crossing the street. How did he see him?

Q.5: Mr. Blue lives in the blue house, Mr. Pink lives in the pink house and Mr. Red lives in the red house. Think and tell who lives in the white house then.

Q.6: Tuesday, Sam and Peter went to a restaurant to have lunch. After having their lunch, they paid the bill. Sam and Peter did not pay the bill, then who did?

Q.7: A monkey, a squirrel and a bird were racing to the top of a coconut tree. Tell which animal would get the banana first, the monkey, the squirrel, or the bird?

Q.8: Two fathers and two sons went on a fishing trip. They each caught a fish and brought three fish home. How is it possible?

Q.9: A lawyer, a cobbler and a hat maker were walking down the street. Name the person with the biggest hat?

Q.10: Name a thing which has keys but no locks, has space but no room. You can enter but cannot go outside.



















The given grid has the names of following 14 fish hidden in it. Find them vertically, horizontally and backwards.

HERRING

SHARK

CATFISH

COD

MACKEREL

POMFRET

BASS

Answers

- ☐ TUNA☐ SALMON☐ RED EMPEROR☐ BARRAMUNDI
- ☐ FLATHEAD
 ☐ FLOUNDER
 ☐ COLE



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K	F	Е	D	S	Α	Z	0	C	V	В	Ν	Е
Р	0	M	F	R	Е	T	L	Κ	L	Р	0	R
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В	Α	R	R	Α	M	U	Ν	D	1	Н	G	Р
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Ans 1: There weren't any stairs because it was a one-storey house.

Ans 2: Corn on the cob as you throw off the husk, cook and eat the kernels, and then throw off the cob.

Ans 3: EMPTY Ans 4: It was a bright and sunny day! Ans 5: The American President!

Ans 6: Tuesday. Ans 7: None of them. We cannot get a banana from a coconut tree!

Ans 8. Because the trip consisted of a grandfather, father and the son!

Ans 9: The person with the biggest head Ans 10: A keyboard





- 1. The only part of the body that cannot repair itself is the tooth.
- The bees visit four million flowers to make one kilo of honey.
- Birds are the descendants of a type of dinosaurs called Theropods.
- 4. The skin of the fluffy white polar bear is actually black in colour.
- 5. Drones are the unmanned aircraft, which are usually controlled by computers.



- Uranus was the first planet to be discovered by the telescope.
- 7. The orca or the killer whale is actually a type of dolphin.
- 8. The earliest sketch of a humanoid robot was made by Leonardo Da Vinci in 1495.
- 9. Out of all the major oceans, the Atlantic Ocean is the saltiest.
- 10. Humans use 2000 different types of plants as their food.



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3 April 2016

• The Indian Railways flags off Gatimaan Express between Hazrat Nizamuddin and Agra Cantonment, the country's fastest train which will cover the distance in 90 minutes.



- Thailand's Ratchanok Intanon wins the women's singles and Kento Momota of Japan wins the men's singles title at the 2016 Yonex-Sunrise India Open badminton championship in New Delhi.
- The West Indies win a last-over thriller, thanks to the efforts of Marlon Samuels (85 not out) and Carlos Brathwaite (34 not out off 10 balls), defeating England in the world Twenty20 final in Kolkata.

5 April 2016

- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi launches Stand-Up India Scheme to promote entrepreneurship among Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes and Women entrepreneurs.
- The Bihar Government decides to impose a total ban on alcohol in towns and cities.



6 April 2016

- Iceland's Prime Minister Sigmundur Gunnlaugsson resigns, the first major political casualty of the leak of the Panama Papers.
- Nguyen Xuan Phuc (61) elected the Prime Minister of Vietnam.
- Indian men win the 2016 Asian Nations Cup Chess tournament in Abu Dhabi.

April 2016

7 April 2016

- The Government decides to double the fee of the Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT) from the coming academic session.
- The leader of the Democratic Party of Kosovo, Hashim Thaci, sworn-in as President of Kosovo.

8 April 2016

- The Shani Shingnapur temple in Maharashtra lifts the 400-year-old ban on the entry of women at the sanctum sanctorum.
- Mother Teresa posthumously conferred with the UK's prestigious Founders Award 2016.

9 April 2016

Priyadarshini Chatterjee crowned the FBB Femina Miss India World 2016 in Mumbai.



10 April 2016

At least 110 people were charred to death in a fire accident at Puttingal Devi temple during a festival at Paravur, Kerala.

11 April 2016

- India and Maldives sign six agreements to boost the bilateral relations between the two countries. The agreements were signed in New Delhi during the twoday official visit of Maldivian President Abdulla Yameen Abdul Gayoom to India.
- The Haryana Government decides to rename Gurgaon as Gurugram and Mewat as Nuh.



April 2016

14 April 2016

- On the 125th birth anniversary of Baba Saheb Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar, Prime Minister Modi launches 'Gram Uday Se Bharat Uday Abhiyan' at Mhow, Madhya Pradesh, at the birthplace of Ambedkar to strengthen Panchayati Raj in villages and to ensure social harmony in villages.
- The Government reconstitutes the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) Trust with immediate effect.
- India wins three Gold, 2 Silver and 3 Bronze medals in Asian Youth Chess Championship in Mongolia.

15 April 2016

Within days of a request from the Enforcement Directorate, in connection with a money laundering probe in the over 900-crore IDBI Bank loan fraud case, the MEA suspends liquor baron and politician Vijay Mallya's diplomatic passport.

16 April 2016

- A high-intensity earthquake of magnitude 7.8 on the Richter Scale struck the South American country of Ecuador.
- Australia lifts the 25th edition of the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup defeating India 4-0 in the final in Ipoh, Malaysia.

17 April 2016

Indian gymnast Dipa Karmakar creates history by becoming the first Indian woman gymnast to qualify for Olympics.



20 April 2016

In a step towards giving equal status to women officers, the Navy grants permanent commission to seven officers and formalises plans for granting permanent commission in eight branches from 2017.



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April 2016

21 April 2016

- The Uttarakhand High Court quashes the imposition of President's Rule in Uttarakhand and revives the term of Congress Government headed by Harish Rawat.
- Idriss Deby elected as the President of Chad.

22 April 2016

The Rashtrapati Bhavan approves a list of six nominated members to the Rajya Sabha, including senior BJP leader Subramanian Swamy, former BJP MP Navjyot Singh Sidhu, boxing legend Mary Kom, Malayalam filmstar Suresh Gopi, among others.

23 April 2016

The Government launches India's first online interactive portal, Sahapedia.org, on the cultural heritage of the country.

24 April 2016

Mouamba Clement, the former Congolese Finance Minister, appointed Prime Minister of Congo.

26 April 2016

A massive fire destroys the National Museum of Natural History in New Delhi. The fire destroyed several fossils, including a 160-million-year-old dinosaur skeleton, a collection of bird eggs and several stuffed animals, preserved butterflies, amphibian and reptile specimens.

27 April 2016

Lobsang Sangay has been re-elected as the Prime Minister of the Tibetan government-in-exile based in Dharamshala.

30 April 2016

Over 10,000 forest staff and three teams of the National Disaster Response Force were deployed to contain the flames as large parts of Uttarakhand's forests are engulfed by fire that has been blazing for three months.

May 2016

1 May 2016

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launches the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) at Ballia, Uttar Pradesh. The scheme aims to provide cooking gas connections to five crore below-povertyline beneficiaries over the next three years at a cost of ₹8,000 crore.
- Indian team bags one Silver and two Bronze medals at Archery World Cup at the Yuanshen Stadium in Shanghai.

2 May 2016

Taoiseach Enda Kenny re-elected as Prime Minister of Ireland.

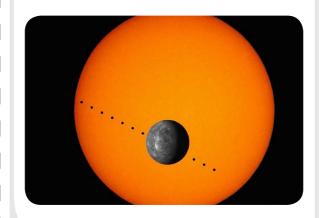


3 May 2016

Indian artist Anjali Chandrashekar's poster titled 'Cutting Barriers through Peace' wins the third prize in UN Poster for Peace contest.

4 May 2016

- Sunil Lanba, the Flag officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command appointed the next Chief of Naval Staff
- Mercury's transit across the Sun, a rare phenomenon that occurs when the Sun, Mercury and the Earth are lined up, witnessed by many



May 2016

9 May 2016

India finish third with three Silver and a Bronze medal in boxing at the 7th Asian Youth Championships held in Kazakhstan.

12 May 2016

- On the occasion of International Nurses Day, President Pranab Mukherjee confers the Florence Nightingale Awards to 35 nurses.
- The spiritual head of the Sant Nirankari Mission, Baba Hardev Singh (62), dies in a road accident in Montreal, Canada.
- The British Labour party's Sadiq Khan becomes the first to become the Mayor of London.

15 May 2016

Indian women's squash team settle for Silver in the Asian Team Championship as it loses to Malaysia 0-2 in the final in Chinese Taipei.



16 May 2016

- The Vegetarian wins its author Han Kang of South Korea, the 2016 Man Booker International Prize.
- World No. 1 women's doubles team of Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis win the Italian Open title.



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May 2016

17 May 2016

The trial run of the country's first driverless Metro train flagged off in New Delhi



19 May 2016

- The results of the Assembly elections in four states and one union territory is announced. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Jayalalitha returns to power, the BJP is set to from its first government in Assam and opens its account in Kerala; Mamata Banerjee beats the combined might of the Congress and the Left Front to win West Bengal again. The Congress wins the Union Territory of Puducherry.
- Taiwan gets its first woman President in Tsai Ing-wen.

20 May 2016 Binali Yildirim becomes Turkey's Prime Minster.



22 May 2016

- Former IPS officer Kiran Bedi appointed as the Lieutenant Governor (LG) of Puducherry.
- India's ace cueist Pankaj Advani wins the Asian 6-Red snooker title in Abu Dhabi.
- Anurag Thakur unanimously elected as 34th Board of Control of Cricket in India President in Mumbai.

May 2016

23 May 2016

- Jayaraman Jayalalithaa sworn in as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.
- The Indian Space Research Organisation successfully tests the country's first winged body aerospace vehicle the Reusable Launch Vehicle from Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.



24 May 2016

- Former Union Minister Sarbanand Sonowal sworn in as the Chief Minister of Assam.
- Indian para athlete Amit Kumar Saroha clinches the Gold medal in men's club throw (F-51) at the French Open Athletics Championship.

25 May 2016

- Veteran CPI-M leader Pinarayi Vijayan sworn in as 12th Chief Minister of Kerala.
- The government gives its ex-facto approval to the Amendment to The Institutes of Technology Act, 1961 for incorporation of six new Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs).



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May 2016

26 May 2016

- Indian American student Rishi Nair wins the prestigious National Geographic Bee competition 2016.
- Baciro Dja becomes the Prime Minister of Guinea Bissau.

27 May 2016

Trinamool Congress chairperson Mamata Banerjee sworn in as the Chief Minister of West Bengal for the second successive five-year term.

29 May 2016

- Sunrisers Hyderabad lift their maiden IPL title after edging out Royal Challengers Bangalore by eight runs in a thrilling final in Bangalore.
- National football team goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu becomes the first Indian to play top-tier European football league match.



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30 May 2016

England cricket captain Alastair Cook (31) becomes the youngest cricketer to score 10,000 test runs.





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1 June 2016

A special trial court in Ahmedabad convicts 24 persons in the 2002 Gulbarg Society massacre case. A total of 69 people, including a former parliamentarian, were killed in the post-Godhra communal riots in Gujarat.



3 June 2016

- Muhammad Ali (74), the legendary boxer, passes away in Phoenix, U.S.A.
- Garbiñe Muguruza Blanco wins the French Open women's singles title defeating top seed and defending champion Serena Williams.

4 June 2016

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates the ₹ 1,700-crore Afghan-India Friendship Dam along with President Ashraf Ghani, in the strategically vital Herat province and promises India will continue to extend cooperation in war-torn Afghanistan.

5 June 2016

Novak Djokovic joins the tennis greats when he claims his maiden French Open title and holds all four Grand Slams at the same time.



June 2016

6 June 2016

- At least 17 people die in a major tragedy on the Mumbai-Pune expressway after a luxury bus reportedly hit two cars before crashing into a 20-foot ditch.
- During his two-day visit to Qatar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India and Qatar agree to share intelligence to combat 'hawala' transactions and terror financing as the two countries sign seven agreements.



7 June 2016

Hillary Clinton becomes the first woman to lead a major American political party when she reached the figure of 2,383 delegates needed to become the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee.

8 June 2016

- The International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC), the gatekeeper to the periodic table, announces the proposed names for elements Nihonium (Nh) for the element 113, Moscovium (Mc) for the element 115, Tennessine (Ts) for the element 117, and Oganesson (Og) for the element 118.
- Maria Sharapova, Russian former World No. 1 tennis player, handed a two-year ban by the International Tennis Federation following her positive test for banned drug meldonium at the 2016 Australian Open



June 2016

10 June 2016

- Judith D'Souza, an Indian aid worker with the Aga Khan Foundation, kidnapped by armed militants in Kabul
- A Delhi court awards imprisonment for entire life to all five convicts charged with raping a Danish woman in the capital in 2014.

11 June 2016

The ruling BJP gains 11 seats in the Rajya Sabha polls.

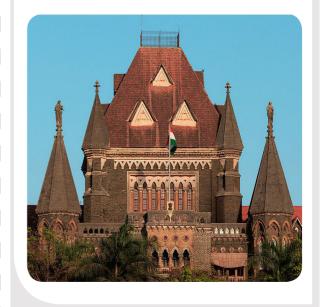


12 June 2016

- At least 50 people killed by a gunman at a gay night club in Orlando, Florida.
- Saina Nehwal clinches her second Australian Open title after defeating China's Sun Yu in a thrilling game.

13 June 2016

The Bombay High Court directs the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) to issue an 'A' certificate to the controversial drugthemedfilm 'Udta Punjab' (Punjab on a High).



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June 2016

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- The Government approves the country's first National Civil Aviation Policy for increasing air connectivity, allowing new domestic airlines to fly abroad quickly and opening up the skies for European and South Asian Association for Regional cooperation (SAARC) countries.
- India wins One Day International cricket series 3-0 against Zimbabwe in Harare.

16 June 2016

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) cancels the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) registration of Sabrang Trust, an NGO run by social activist Teesta Setalvad.



18 June 2016

- Mohana Singh (Rajasthan), Avani Chaturvedi (Madhya Pradesh) and Bhawana Kanth (Bihar), become India's first women fighter pilots, after their graduation in Hyderabad.
- Governor of the Reserve Bank of India Raghuram Rajan announces that he would not continue to head the central bank after his term expires on September 4.
- The Anti-Corruption Branch (ACB) registers an FIR in the alleged ₹ 400-crore water tanker 'scam' of Delhi Jal Board (DJB).
- The Indian hockey team settles for a Silver medal in its best ever Champions Trophy performance after the spirited side went down 1-3 to world champion Australia in a controversy-marred summit clash penalty shoot-out in London.

June 2016

21 June 2016

The second International Day of Yoga was celebrated the world over. PM Modi took part in the celebrations in Chandigarh.



22 June 2016

- At least 93 people die when lightning strikes in Bihar.
- ISRO launches 20 satellites on its PSLV C-34 rocket from Sriharikota in 26 minutes surpassing its 2008 record of 10 satellites in a single mission.
- Anil Kumble is the new head coach of the Indian cricket team.



23 June 2016

India's hopes for membership of the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) gets stuck over the question of the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) in Seoul even as the muchanticipated bilateral meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping in Tashkent ended without a statement of support from China.

June 2016

24 June 2016

- The United Kingdom opts for a momentous change of course by voting to leave the European Union (Brexit) in a closely-fought referendum.
- The annual plenary session of the Nuclear Suppliers Group in Seoul ends without taking any decision on India's application for membership.

25 June 2016

- Eight CRPF personnel and two militants were killed and more than 21 Jawans injured when a group of militants attacked a bus carrying security forces on the Srinagar-Jammu highway in the Pampore area.
- World Championship silver medallist Jitu Rai clinches Silver in air pistol in the Shooting World Cup in Baku, Azerbaijan.

27 June 2016

India joins the Missile Technology control Regime (MTCR) at a ceremony in New Delhi which was attended by Foreign Secretary Jaishankar and diplomats from the Netherlands, France and Luxembourg missions.

29 June 2016

- The Union Cabinet clears the recommendations of the Seventh Pay Commission for salary hike for over 1 crore government employees and pensioners.
- At least 41 people were killed including foreigners and 239 injured when the suicide bombers attack Istanbul's main international airport.

