



1. UJALA scheme launched in Malaysia



UJALA, One of the successful schemes by the Government of India has been launched in Melaka, Malaysia. It aims to sell **LED bulbs at affordable price** through Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), under Ministry of Power.

- Under this scheme, each household in Melaka will get 10 high quality 9-watt LED bulbs at a cost of only MYR 10 which is almost half the price offered in the market.
- **Green Growth Asia**, a non-profit organization will provide logistical assistance and facilitation support in the implementation of the scheme.
- Launching the scheme Melaka Chief Minister said, “In due course of time, the successful Indian model of UJALA scheme has become a sought-after example for the different nations of the world.

2. China Bans Raising Funds through Crypto currencies

China has banned individuals and organizations from raising funds through **Initial Coin Offerings (ICO)**, or launches of digital currencies, saying the practice constituted illegal fund-raising.

- ICOs have become a bonanza for digital currency entrepreneurs, globally and in China, allowing them to raise large sums quickly by creating and selling digital “tokens” with little or no regulatory oversight.



3. Task Force Constituted for Job Creation



To provide a major thrust to job creation by enhancing India’s exports, NITI Aayog has constituted an Expert Task Force under the **chairmanship NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Dr Rajiv Kumar**.

The task force will submit its report by **November 2017**.

- NITI Aayog said that to address India’s unemployment and under-employment issues, an urgent and sustained expansion of the organized sector is essential.
- The panel will give recommendations on sector-specific policy interventions in key employment sectors and measures to enhance trade in services with high employment potential.
- It will also propose a comprehensive plan of action to generate employment and alleviate under-employment in both goods and services sectors and low wages by boosting India's exports in key labour-intensive industries.

4. BN Srikrishna Committee to Identify Key Data Protection Issues



Justice BN Srikrishna

An expert committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of former apex court judge Justice **BN Srikrishna** to identify key data protection issues in India and recommend methods to address them.

- The committee will study various issues and make specific suggestions for consideration of the government on the principles to be considered for data protection.
- On the basis of the Committee's report, a law regulating data protection will be passed, if required.



5. Punj Lloyd-Varaha Awarded NHAI Project in Myanmar

The National Highway Authority of India has awarded its first international project in **Myanmar** to a joint venture of **Punj Lloyd-Varaha**. This is for the upgradation of the **Yagyi-Kalewa** section in Myanmar to two lanes.

- The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 1177 crore and it will be completed within 36 months.
- Punj Lloyd-Varaha's bid was identified as the most competitive among four qualified bidders.



6. India Beat Sri Lanka in All Formats of Cricket



India beat Sri Lanka by seven wickets in the T-20 International cricket match in Colombo

- Set to score 171 runs for a win, Team India surpassed the target by making 174 for 3.
- It was the **first time** that an Indian cricket team registered an all-win record **across formats in an overseas tour**.

7. Ankur Mittal Wins Silver at ISSF World Cup

India's Ankur Mittal won his first ISSF World Cup medal by clinching silver in the double trap event of the edition being held in Moscow.

- Mittal scored 74 points in the final round while the gold medallist James Willett from Australia scored 75 points with a new world record.



8. Duleep Trophy Begins in Lucknow



Duleep Trophy has begun with the opening match played between India Green and India Red at the newly constructed Ekana International Stadium, Lucknow.

A big cricket tournament like Duleep Trophy is being played in Lucknow after a gap of 12 years.

- Final match will also be played at the same stadium.
- India Blue won the Duleep Trophy in 2016.

9. Journalist Gauri Lankesh Is No More



Gauri Lankesh, a fearless and outspoken journalist was shot dead in Bengaluru while she was returning to her home. She was known for her secularist criticism of right-wing and Hindu nationalists, including members of the BJP

- She worked for The Times of India and later ran an independent newspaper Gauri Lankesh Patrike.

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