



1. Japanese PM Shinzo Abe to skip Delhi, restricted visit to Gujarat



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's September 13-15 visit to India for the annual summit between the two countries is likely to take him only to his counterpart's home state.

- A wide-ranging itinerary is being put in place for Abe in Gujarat, including laying the foundation stones for the Ahmedabad-Mumbai bullet train and a second Japanese-run industrial cluster in the state. This will be a rare occasion when Abe or any other important international leader

skips New Delhi during a stand-alone bilateral visit by a head of state or government to the country.



2. CGWB enters into MoA with IIS Bangalore for development of ground water flow models

Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), Ministry of Water Resources, RD & GR has entered into an Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore for 'Development of ground water flow models and preparation of aquifer management plans for parts of Karnataka'.

- This mathematical model being developed as a part of the aquifer mapping and management programme will render better understanding of existing groundwater scenarios, predicting response of groundwater system to various stress conditions expected to arise in the future and developing effective management plans incorporating different demand and supply side interventions. The study will cover an area of 48000 sq. kms comprising Chikballapur and Kolar Districts and parts of Bagalkot, Bangalore Rural, Belgaum, Bellary, Chitradurga, Davanagere, Gadag, Gulbarga and Yadgir districts. The study has to be completed within a year.



3. MRF inks deal with EPL clubs



English Premier League (EPL) clubs Newcastle United, West Ham and West Brom announced sponsorship deals with MRF. The Newcastle and West Ham jerseys will feature the tyre major's logo as part of the sleeve sponsorship, while West Brom has signed up the Indian manufacturer as its official tyre sponsor.

- The 2017-18 season is the first year since the inception of the Premier League in 1992 that the Football Association has allowed

sleeve sponsorships.

- Earlier, sponsor brand names could feature only on the front of the shirts.

4. Nestle sets up food safety institute in Manesar

Swiss food major Nestle set up a food safety institute to help develop standards in food safety and quality.

- Inaugurating the Nestle Food Safety Institute (NFSI) in Manesar, Haryana, Food Safety Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) CEO Pawan Agarwal, told mediapersons that unlike its counterparts in the developed world, the food regulator in India faces many challenges. “No country has such a diverse food ecosystem in the world like India. Ensuring food safety and quality in India is a huge task, considering we have such a diverse range of food operators,” Agarwal said.



5. Amazon opens country's largest fulfilment centre in Hyderabad



American e-commerce company Amazon opened its largest fulfilment centre (FC) in the country at the GMR-led Rajiv Gandhi International Airport in Hyderabad.

- The new facility has a carpet area of around 4 lakh square feet, along with a storage space of close to 2.1 million cubic feet. This is Amazon's fifth fulfilment centre in Telangana, thereby increasing the firm's overall storage capacity to 3.3 million square feet in the state.
- Founder of Amazon: Jeff Bezos



6. Hockey Coach Appointed

The Joint Committee Meeting of SAI and HI appointed Shri Harendra Singh, Dronacharya Awardee, Hockey Coach as High Performance Specialist Coach for Indian Senior Women Hockey Team.

- Under his coaching the junior men team won the Junior Men World Cup in 2016 at Lucknow.
- The present Chief Coach of Indian senior women Hockey Team, Mr. Waltherus Norbertus Maria Marijne will take over as Chief Coach of Indian Senior Men Hockey Team on his return from the on-going Europe tour.



7. Viveck Goenka elected new PTI Chairman



Viveck Goenka, Chairman and Managing Director of the Express Group was unanimously elected Chairman of Press Trust of India, the country's largest news agency.

- Mr. Goenka (60) succeeds Riyad Mathew, who is Senior Assistant Editor and a member of the Manorama management. Mr. Goenka, an engineer by qualification and a publisher by profession, is also a director of the Indian Newspaper Society (INS).

8. Sandhu triumphs; Joshna stuns top seed Annie Au

Harinder Pal Sandhu won his fifth straight PSA title, and 10th overall, defeating Md. Syafiq Kamal of Malaysia 11-8, 10-12, 11-3, 9-11, 11-6 in the Malaysian Squash Tour X-2017

- In Hong Kong, Joshna Chinappa shocked top seed Annie Au of Hong Kong 11-9, 10-12, 11-7, 8-11, 11-9 to storm into the final of the \$25,000 HKFC International.



Deaths

9. Kannada actor RN Sudarshan dies at 78 in Bengaluru

Veteran Kannada actor RN Sudarshan died at the age of 78 in Bengaluru. The actor-producer breathed his last in a hospital in Bengaluru. He was suffering from kidney-related ailments.

- Rattihalli Nagendra Sudarshan, better known as RN Sudarshan, has acted in many Kannada, Tamil, Telugu and Hindi films. He was last seen in the 2010 Kannada film Super (2010).