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• **H H Court bans an a sacr ces n te p es**

- On September 1, the High Court of Himachal Pradesh *banned animal sacrifice to appease deities.*

The court ruled that no person *throughout the state* shall sacrifice any animal in any place of public religious worship.

- *The banned area also includes all lands and building near such places of religious worship that are ordinarily connected for religious purposes or in any ceremony / yagya / congregation or procession connected with any religious worship in a public street.*

• **wo wo en sc ent sts beco e rst wo en d rectors n II Counc**

- *Tessy Thomas and V. Ravindranath, the two women scientists became first women directors in IIT Council.*

Tessy Thomas, is the *Project Director for Agni-IV missile in DRDO*; and

V. Ravindranath, a *Padma Shree* awardee was the first to *initiate newer areas of research to revitalize the growth of modern neuroscience in India.*

- *IIT Council is the apex body of all the 16 IIT's with the Union Human Resource Development Minister as its head.*

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• **BI ssues u de nes on p e entat on o Base III Cap ta e u at ons**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued guidelines on the implementation of Basel III Capital Regulations.
- The issued guidelines are *to facilitate raising of non-equity regulatory capital instruments by banks* under Basel III framework.

The guidelines are applicable with immediate effect *i.e.* from September 1, 2014.

- **Revived Nalanda University starts its first session on September**
 - The Nalanda University has been revived following the *proposal of the former President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam*.
Dr. Kalam proposed the revival of the University in 2006.
 - The University came into existence by the *Nalanda University Act, 2010* that was passed by the Parliament and got its notification on November 15, 2010.
- **RBI asks banks to set a timeline to process loans**
 - The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has asked banks to set a timeline to process loans.
The direction was issued *to expedite credit decision*.
 - However, RBI didn't set any particular time frame for it.
- **Japan removes six Indian space and defence entities from foreign end users list**
 - On September 1, Japan removed six Indian space and defence entities from the foreign end users list, which *will help in defence technology cooperation*.
The decision was taken during the meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in Tokyo.
- **India ranked among top three medical tourism destinations in Asia**
 - KPMG-FICCI study on medical tourism destinations titled Medical Value Travel in India ranked India among top three medical tourism destinations in Asia
The other two countries within Asia that receive maximum medical tourists are *Thailand* and *Singapore*.
 - As per the Report, *these three countries together accounted for about 60 percent of the total Asian revenue in 2012*.
- **Libyan Government loses its control over state offices in response to Migrants**

- **Abdullah Thinni reappointed as Prime Minister**
 - Abdullah Thinni was originally named Prime Minister in March 2014, but that was challenged by the *Islamist-dominated General National Congress*, the rival parliament that has refused to disband.
- **United Bank of India declares Vijay Mallya as wilful defaulter**
 - On September 1, United Bank of India declared debt-ridden Kingfisher Airlines and its owner Vijay Mallya as wilful defaulters.
Three Kingfisher Airlines Ltd. directors *A.K. Ganguly, Subhash Gupte* and *Ravi Nedungadi* were also declared as wilful defaulters.
- **Venus tied up with Israel-based generic drug maker Teva**
 - On September 1, pharmaceutical firm Venus Remedies tied up with Israel-based generic drug maker Teva *for selling an anti-cancer drug in the Canadian market.*
- **SEBI postpones the implementation of anti-fraud Code**
- **Union Health Ministry launches revised strategy to eradicate Kala-azar**
 - On September 2, Union Health Ministry launched the revised strategy to eradicate Kala-azar from India by 2015.
Visceral leishmaniasis (VL), also known as kala-azar, black fever and Dumdum fever is the most severe form of leishmaniasis.
- **World's oldest test cricketer Norman Gordon dies**
 - The world's oldest test cricketer Norman Gordon (103) died in Johannesburg on September 2.
He was a *former South African international fast bowler.*
- **Vinod Mehta selected for GK Reddy Memorial Award**
 - Vinod Mehta, *eminent journalist* and *Editorial Chairman of Outlook group*, was selected for GK Reddy Memorial Award 2014.

- **Narendra Modi inaugurates TCS Japan Technology & Culture Academy**
 - Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the TCS Japan Technology & Culture Academy during his five-day visit to Japan on September 2. The TCS Japan Technology & Culture Academy *is a joint venture of Tata Consultancy Services and Mitsubishi Corporation.*
 - The aim of establishing this academy is *to enhance the technological and cultural knowledge* between Indian and Japanese IT professionals.

- **Union Government constitutes Committee to review environment laws**
 - On September 2, Union Government constituted a high-level Committee to review five environment laws. The Cabinet Secretary, *T.S.R. Subramanian* will head the committee comprising of four members.
 - The members of the committee are former Environment Ministry Secretary Viswanath Anand, Justice (Retd.) A.K. Srivastav and Senior Advocate of Supreme Court K.N. Bhat.
 - The Environment Ministry has asked the panel to submit its report regarding the environment laws *within two months.*

- **J&K forms panel for transgender issues**
 - The panel will be headed by the Chief Secretary of J&K. Earlier on April 15, 2014; the Supreme Court in a judgment recognised transgender as the *third gender*. The honourable court gave out *26 recommendations* for the welfare of transgender including *formation of a National policy on transgenders* and *inclusion of a Section in Indian Penal Code (IPC) to deal with sexual assault & crimes against transgenders.*
 - In 2008, *Tamil Nadu became the first State in India to form a Welfare Board* for transgenders. In fact it is not only the first state in India to do so but also the *first in the world to do so.*
 - On June 20, Karnataka Government issued a draft titled, ‘State Policy for Transgenders’ and on August 28, Maharashtra Government decided to form ‘Transgender Welfare Board’.

- **new Government amends rule of Lokpal Search Committee**
 - The new rules gave autonomy to the Lokpal Search Committee *to shortlist and recommend names of members of the Lokpal including Chairman from outside the list* provided by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT).
- **President releases a set of eight commemorative postage stamps**
 - On September 3, the President of India, Pranab Mukherjee released a set of eight commemorative postage stamps on Indian musicians including Pandit Ravi Shankar, Pandit Bhimsen Joshi, D.K. Pattammal, Pandit Mallikarjun Mansur, Gangubai Hangal, Pandit Kumar Gandharva, Ustad Vilayat Khan and Ustad Ali Akbar Khan.
- **Indian team to lead Asian Hockey team in Asian Games**
- **Japan Minister unveils new Cabinet**
 - Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe named five women for his new Cabinet.
These five women make up the *quarter* of the Cabinet that comprises *18 members*.
- **Out Archdenial to Dalai Lama for Nobel**
- **Researcher unveils battery developed at IIC Hyderabad**
- **Case on Government to carry its stand on Children's surrogate mothers**
 - On September 4, the Supreme Court of India asked the Union Government to clarify its stand on granting dual citizenship *to children who are born in India via an Indian surrogate mother*, while the biological mother of children is a foreign national.
- **HR releases first global report on suicide prevention**
 - The report was launched just a week before World Suicide Prevention Day which is observed every year on September 10.

- **C andrababu Naidu announces Vijayawada as the new capital of Andhra Pradesh**
 - On September 4, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu formally announced that the new capital of Andhra Pradesh would be located around Vijayawada.

Vijayawada is located at the centre of the Andhra Pradesh.
 - Andhra Pradesh will share capital *Hyderabad* with Telangana for 10 years, after which the capital of Andhra will be around Vijayawada.
- **Tony Abbott announces New Colombo Plan**
 - Australian Government's New Colombo Plan for India was launched at Mumbai University on September 4 by Prime Minister of Australia, Tony Abbott.

The plan was launched and the MoUs were signed at the time when Abbott is on a two day visit to India.
 - Abbott was on a two day visit of India from September 4 to September 5.
- **Enormous species of Dinosaur that weighs nearly 10 tons discovered in Argentina**
- **India's largest offshore patrol vessel INS Sumitra commissioned into Indian Navy**
 - India's largest naval offshore patrol vessel (NOPV) INS Sumitra was commissioned into Indian Navy on September 4. It was commissioned by Admiral R.K. Dhowan at Chennai Port Trust.

Dhowan is the Chief of the Naval Staff of India.
 - INS Sumitra would join the *Eastern Naval Command fleet for maritime surveillance and coastal security*. Moreover, the vessel would further the coastal surveillance, anti-piracy and counter maritime terrorism operations of the Indian Navy.
- **Cup of distaff trades Government decision to use gold as second official currency**

- **Health records ends Ebola survivor's blood to treat EVD**
 - On September 5, the World Health Organization (WHO) announced in Geneva *to use the Ebola survivor's blood to treat Ebola Virus Disease (EVD)*.
It is an experimental Ebola treatment as there is no licensed treatment.
- **Student Jayant wins gold medal at IIT Bombay Masters in Mathematics**
- **Union Government approves task force to monitor citizens' Long Term Visa (LTV) applications**
 - On September 5, Union Home Ministry approved setting up of a task force *to monitor and expedite* the processing of citizenship and Long Term Visa (LTV) applications.
The task force will be headed by a Joint Secretary level officer and will start its operation in next two weeks.
- **Iran and Russia announce cease-fire in Syria**
- **India and Australia sign pact on civil nuclear energy deal**
 - India and Australia signed a pact on civil nuclear energy deal on September 5.
This inking of the pact on civil nuclear energy deal *has opened decks for the sale of Australian uranium to India*. Now, Australian uranium will be purchased by India to support its growing energy needs.
- **India wins the 2014 Dadasaheb Phalke Award for Best Feature Film**
- **Australian PM Tony Abbott returns stolen Hindu deities to India**
 - Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott returned two stolen antique statues of Hindu deities to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
One of the idols is a *Nataraja*, the dancing Shiva that belongs to the Chola dynasty of *11th-12th, century*.
The other sculpture is of *Ardhanariswara* which represents Shiva in half-female form. It belonged to the *10th, century*.

- **Union Health Minister launches first National Anti-Tuberculosis Drug Resistance Survey of India**
 - On September 6, Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan launched the first Anti-Tuberculosis Drug Resistance Survey of India for the year 2014-15.
- **Indian movie Court wins best debut award at Venice Film Festival**
 - On September 7, 'Court', an Indian movie written and directed by Indian writer Chaitanya Tamhane, won the *Lion of the Future* – Luigi De Laurentiis award for a Debut feature at the 71st, Venice Film Festival.
The film that is a *multilingual courtroom drama*, won the award for its *striking narrative style*.
- **NAADC and NBCC signs MoU for development of AF properties**
 - On September 8, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the *National WAQF Development Corporation* (NAWADCO) and the *National Building Construction Corporation* (NBCC) for developing the WAQF properties.
- **Barclays announces agreement with Eaton towers in Africa**
- **Electrolux agrees to buy GE Appliances or home appliances**
 - On September 8, the *Swedish company*, Electrolux agreed to buy a home-appliances unit of General Electric Company (GE) of *Louisville* for 3.3 billion US dollars in cash.
This acquisition would enable Electrolux to compete with Whirlpool in US Market.
- **Tribal bodies in Tripura reject demand for a separate state**
 - On September 8, major tribal bodies in Tripura rejected the demands for a separate state called *Twipraland*.
Twipraland was to be carved out of the *Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council* (TTAADC).

- **Union Government announces mandatory for scientists to undertake lectures in schools and colleges**

- Union Minister for Science and Technology, Jitendra Singh announced that Union Government has mandated the Scientists to formally take classes in schools and colleges in an academic year.

Scientists working in different central agencies including the *Council for Scientific and Industrial Research* (CSIR) will undertake *12 hours of lectures/classes* in an academic year in *public funded schools and colleges* across the country.

- This will be implemented in coordination with the Union Ministry of Human Resources Development (MHRD).
- This is a kind of engagement is *free of any honorarium* and it will be *part of the duty the scientists*.

- **First evidence of water ice clouds found outside of our system**

- The first evidence of water ice clouds was found on an object *Brown Dwarf* outside the Solar System.

The evidence was found by a team of scientists led by *Jacqueline K. Faherty*.

- **Kamal Bawa wins MIDORI prize in Biodiversity**

- Dr. Kamal Bawa, an *Indian scientist* won the MIDORI prize in Biodiversity 2014.

Bawa was honoured for his research that included climate change in the Himalayas.

- **Government extends deadline for employees to declare assets**

- Union Government extended the deadline for Central Government employees to file the details of their assets and liabilities till December 31, 2014.

The *previous date* for filing the details was *September 15, 2014*.

- As mandated in the Lokpal Act, 2013 the employee of the Central government needs to file the details of assets of their spouses and dependent children.

- **Union Government announces new pay structure for central government employees**

- **Cipla announces collaboration with UK based S&D Pharma to distribute its products in the Czech Republic and Slovakia.**
 - On September 8, Indian pharmaceutical Cipla announced a commercial collaboration with UK based S&D Pharma to distribute its products in the *Czech Republic and Slovakia*.
- **Saakshar Bharat Awards presented**
 - President Pranab Mukherjee presented the Saakshar Bharat Awards 2014 at *International Literacy Day* celebrations on September 8. The function was organized by Union Ministry of Human Resource Development at New Delhi.
Saakshar Bharat Awards were instituted by the National Literacy Mission Authority, Government of India to encourage institutions working in the field of literacy and skill development.
- **Uttarakhand Government declares September 9 as Himalaya Diwas**
 - Uttarakhand Government officially declared September 9 as 'Himalaya Diwas'. The state will celebrate Himalaya Diwas *to spread the message of conservation of the Himalayan ecosystems*.
The Himalayan Diwas was declared by the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand on the proposal of a *senior BJP leader*, Ajay Bhatt, who is also the Leader of the Opposition in the state assembly.
 - The state government would celebrate the day from 2015 onwards.
- **ICC suspended Australian bowling action**
- **Solar power technology Electrodialysis unveiled in India to desalinate water**
 - A new solar power technology *Electrodialysis* was unveiled in India in second week of September *that can turn undrinkable salty water into clean and filtered drinking water*.
- **Highest percentage of red workers in Arunachal Pradesh Economic Census**

- **Assam withdraws Assamese as official language in Barak Valley**
 - The state government of Assam withdrew the controversial circular regarding the use of Assamese as an official language in Barak Valley on September 9.

Barak Valley is located in the *southern region of Assam*.
The official language of Barak valley is Bengali. In fact, the Bengali speaking population constituted a majority in the region.
 - However, a fresh circular was issued by the Government of Assam stating that Bengali will continue to be the official language of Barak valley.

- **Apple Inc announces initiative to work with one**

- **Indians MoU with Bangladesh on traditional medicines**
 - On September 9, India and Bangladesh signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the field of *traditional medicines* and *homeopathy*.

The MoU aims to enhance cooperation between the two countries in the health sector.

- **Barack recognizes transgender as third gender**

- **Union Government clears 679 member squad for Asian Games**
 - On September 9, Union Government cleared a 679 member squad to represent India in the 17th, edition of the Asian Games to be held in Incheon, South Korea from September 19 to October 4.

- **IC and Interpol meet to combat cyber crime and enhance cyber security**

- **Know Your Rights Portal launched**
 - On September 9, Union Ministry of Civil Aviation launched Know Your Rights Portal (KYR) of the *Directorate General of Civil Aviation* (DGCA) to mark 100 days of the new Government.

Moreover, the *Standards of Services Document* was also released that listed the services and transactions offered by DGCA to the public.

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 - On September 9, Union Civil Aviation Minister Pusapati Ashok Gajapathi Raju announced that the Union Government has identified five locations for development of no-frills airports in India.
The selected locations where the no-frills airports will be developed are *Tezu* in Arunachal Pradesh, *Kishangarh* in Rajasthan, *Jharsuguda* in Odisha, *Hubli* and *Belgaum* in Karnataka.
 - These no-frills airports (*low cost model airports*) will be developed to *promote regional and remote area connectivity with a focus on promoting tourism and other economic activities.*
- **u**b as C andra Gar s new Execut ve D rector o or d Ban
- **H** ac a s ns Mo w t G K EM I or ree a bu ance drop bac serv ce sc e e
 - On September 10, Himachal Pradesh Government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with GVK-EMRI to provide *free drop-back service on ambulance to women and infants.*
The facility will be launched on November 14 for pregnant women, women after delivery and sick children up to one year of age.
- **ICICI** aunc es card ess cas w t drawa serv ce
 - ICICI (Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India) launched a card-less cash withdrawal service.
The service allows its customers to transfer money from their account to anyone in India with a *mobile number.*
The recipient can withdraw without a debit card or even a bank account.

- **Central Assessments of the Eastern Zone Department Report released by NE and M**
- **Disinvestment of stake in CIL, ONGC and NHCL sets nod**
 - On September 10, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the disinvestment of the stake of *Coal India Limited* (CIL), *Oil and Natural Gas Company* (ONGC) and *National Hydro Power Corporation* (NHPC).
 - The stakes of the three organisations will be sold to garner a combined *43 thousand crore rupees*.
- **Supreme Court orders end of caste based discrimination at creator unions**
- **JNRA gives safety approval to restart two reactors of Sendai nuclear plant**
 - On September 10, *Japan Nuclear Regulation Authority* (JNRA) gave its final safety approval to restart two reactors of Sendai nuclear plant located in south-west Kyushu, Japan.
 - The permission to restart Sendai nuclear plant's two reactors was given after it met new standards that were introduced following the *Fukushima disaster* in 2011.
- **Chief Justice issues notice to Union and all State Governments on wet and conservat on**
 - On September 10, the Supreme Court issued notice to the Union Government and all State Governments on a plea to preserve wetland and to restrain construction on such land.
- **Union Government approves road projects in Ladakh region of J&K**
- **Integrated Coal Development Project gets approval for Five Year plan**
- **Bac Berry acquires Knowledge Technology start up Movirtu**

- **Strategic Force Command of India successfully test-fired Agni-I missile**
 - On September 11, Strategic Force Command of India successfully test-fired nuclear weapons capable ballistic missile Agni-I.
 - The missile was launched from the *Integrated Test Range* (ITR) at Wheeler Island, Balasore off the Odisha Coast.
Having the range capability of over 700-km, Agni-I was propelled by a solid rocket propellant system.
- **Reefer Vehicle Call-in-Centre (RVC) launched**
 - The Reefer Vehicle Call-in-Centre (RVC) was launched by the Union Government *for smooth transportation of perishable goods*.
The RVC will *facilitate in creation of a database of bottlenecks and their types experienced during the transportation of goods on the national highways*.
- **Edenport water tower dinosaur unveiled in Morocco**
- **Union Government decided to wind up HMT watches**
 - Union Government on September 11 decided to wind up HMT Watches in a phased manner.
HMT Watches is *a wholly owned subsidiary* of HMT Limited.
- **Barack Obama authorizes airstrikes against ISIS militants in Syria**
- **Union Government seeks clarification on transgender verdict from Supreme Court**
- **Union Government announced to fund Swachh Vidyalaya campaign**
 - On September 11, Union Human Resource Development Ministry announced to fund Swachh Vidyalaya campaign.
Funding of the campaign will be through *Swachh Bharat Kosh* that the Union Government has announced to set up to fund the Swachh Bharat Campaign.

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 - On September 13, Economic Outlook Survey of *Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry* (FICCI) was released.
The Survey estimated that India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is expected to expand by *5.6 percent* during financial year 2014-15.
 - The expected growth rate of 5.6 percent is *an improvement* over the 5.3 percent estimate that was indicated in the June 2014 edition of Economic Outlook Survey.
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 - India observed the national *Hindi Divas* on September 14.
Hindi Divas is observed *annually* in India.
 - It is observed on September 14, because on this day in the year 1949 the Constituent Assembly of India adopted Hindi written in Devanagari script as the Official Language of the Union. The International forms of Indian numerals were also accepted as numerals.
Hindi as a language is the *fourth most spoken language of the World*.
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- **CCEA approves the selected Enhancement of Competitiveness of the Capital Goods Sector**
 - On September 15, the *Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs* (CCEA) approved the scheme titled, '*Enhancement of Competitiveness of the Capital Goods Sector*'.
 - This scheme aims to make the Indian capital goods sector globally competitive.
 - It will mainly cover sectors such as machine tools, textile machinery, construction and mining machinery & process plant machinery.
 - The scheme will be implemented during the *12th, five year plan period* and spill over to the *13th, plan* with an estimated outlay of 930 crore rupees.

- **Union Cabinet approves the launch of National AYUSH Mission**
 - On September 15, the Union Cabinet approved the launching of *National AYUSH Mission* (NAM).
 - The word AYUSH stands for *Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy*.

- **India enters into pacts to strengthen trade partners**

- **SEBI extends deadline by six months to appoint at least one woman director on board**
 - Market regulator, Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) extended deadline by six months to appoint at least one women director on board.
 - SEBI has extended the deadline till *March 31, 2015*.
 - Earlier, all the listed companies were to have at least one woman director on the board by October 1, 2014.

- **First mobile phone sidewalks lane created in Chinese city**
 - First mobile phone sidewalks lane was created in Chinese city Chongqing on September 15.
 - The city authorities designated a *100ft cellphone lane for men and women* who use their phones while walking.
 - The source of this approach was supposed to be copied from Washington version.

- **Boxing India earns official recognition from AIBA**

- AIBA Executive Committee Bureau formally recognised Boxing India as the provisional AIBA National Federation to represent the sport of boxing in India.

The recognition of Boxing India was confirmed through an official letter of the President of the International Boxing Association (AIBA), Dr. Ching-Kuo Wu to the President of Boxing India Mr. Sandeep Jajodia.

- **Microsoft Corp acquires Microsoft's former Moan**

- **Inflation based on declined to 5 year low of 3.74 percent**

- Wholesale Price Index (WPI) based *inflation declined to 5 year low of 3.74 percent in August 2014*. This was revealed by the WPI data released on September 15 by the Office of the Economic Adviser under the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

The WPI *inflation in August 2014 is the lowest since October 2009*, when it stood at 1.8 percent.

- The inflation measured on WPI was at 5.19 percent in July 2014 and 6.99 percent in August 2013.

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