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The Gol Gumbaz in Bijapur, the romantic rocks of Badami, the fine architecture at Hampi, the sloth bear sanctuary in Bellary, the hills of Kemmangundi, and the beaches of Karwar and Murdeshwar.

the tiger sanctuary at Bandipur and Nagarhole, the Mysuru palace, the Ranganthittu bird sanctuary and the temples of Belur, Halebidu and Shravanabelagola.

**UDAN SCHEME – MYSURU + BIDAR**

**Anurag Tewari:** the water man of Bidar
SWADESH DARSHAN, 100% funding will be done by the central government for strengthening infrastructure, capacity building of staff and locals, finding new avenues to connect people with tourism activities

Ministry of Tourism – PRASAD - Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive and Swadesh Darshan

Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY) scheme - Urban Development Ministry
Under the Swadesh Darshan scheme, thirteen thematic circuits have been identified, for development namely:

Under Ramayana Circuit, 11 destinations spread across 6 states have been proposed. The destinations covered are: Ayodhya, Nandigram, Shringhverpur & Chitrakoot (Uttar Pradesh); Sitamarhi, Buxar & Darbhanga (Bihar); Jagdalpur (Chattisgarh); Bhadrachalam (Telangana); Hampi (Karnataka); and Rameshwaram (Tamil Nadu). Expert committee suggested to include Chitrakoot (Madhya Pradesh), Nashik & Nagpur (Maharashtra) and Mahendragiri (Odisha) in the proposed circuit.

Under Krishna circuit, 12 destinations spread across 5 states have been proposed. The destinations covered are: Dwarka (Gujarat); Nathdwara, Jaipur & Sikar (Rajasthan); Kurukshetra (Haryana), Mathura, Vrindavan, Gokul, Barsana, Nandgaon & Govardhan (Uttar Pradesh); Puri (Odisha). The destinations were approved by the expert committee.
• Anjanadri Hill in Anegundi
• Ruins of the 15th century Vijayanagar empire
• Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary, the river otter’s sanctuary in the backwaters of the Tungabhadra and serene hillocks of Anegundi.
• Virupapura Gadde, a forest land surrounded by the Tungabhadra
• Virupaksha temple, Hampi bazaar, Krishna Bazaar, Badavi Linga, Queen’s Bath, Vijaya Vitthala temple
Development of coastal areas as beach corridor

As many as nine beaches of Karnataka have been selected to be developed under Swadesh Darshan Scheme of the Union government. Two beaches each from Dakshina Kannada and Udupi and five beaches from Uttar Kannada district are the ones selected.
PRASAD Scheme was launched in 2014-15 with 12 identified sites namely Ajmer (Rajasthan), Amritsar (Punjab), Amaravati (Andhra Pradesh), Dwarka (Gujarat), Gaya (Bihar), Kedarnath (Uttarakhand), Kamakhya (Assam), Kanchipuram (Tamil Nadu), Mathura (Uttar Pradesh), Puri (Odisha), Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh) and Vellankani (Tamil Nadu).

During 2015-16, Patna (Bihar) and in 2016-17, 12 more sites were added in the scheme for development namely Ayodhya (Uttar Pradesh), Badrinath (Uttarakhand), Belur (West Bengal), Deoghar (Jharkhand), Guruvayur (Kerala), Hazratbal and Katra (Jammu & Kashmir), Omkareshwar (Madhya Pradesh), Somnath (Gujarat), Srisailam and Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh), Trimbakeshwar (Maharashtra).
Hriday Scheme

Deadline
November, 2018

Outlay of INR 500 Crores

the Scheme is being implemented in 12 identified Cities namely, Ajmer, Amaravati, Amritsar, Badami, Dwarka, Gaya, Kanchipuram, Mathura, Puri, Varanasi, Velankanni and Warangal.
Tiger count in Uttarakhand goes up to 242, 2nd highest in India

Uttarakhand has two tiger reserves – the Corbett Tiger Reserve and the Rajaji Tiger Reserve

Jim Corbett National Park is the oldest national park in India.

- It was established in 1936 as Hailey National Park to protect the endangered Bengal tiger. Jim Corbett was born on July 25, 1875 which makes today his 142nd birth anniversary.

According to the data, at least 208 tigers have been identified in Corbett Tiger Reserve, up from last year’s 163. Also six cubs were identified there. At least 34 tigers have been identified in Rajaji Tiger Reserve in 2016-17, up from previous year’s 16

Karnataka has the highest, with a population of 400 tigers
According to the seventh elephant census

The current census lists the total number of elephants in India at 27,312. Karnataka has the highest number of elephants at 6,049, followed by Assam (5,719).

3rd Kerala

Total elephants – 27,312
NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog announced its partnership with six states to bring transformative change in Health & Education sectors under its 'Sustainable Action for Transforming Human Capital (SATH)' initiative.

Uttar Pradesh, Assam and Karnataka were shortlisted under SATH initiative to transform their health sector.

On the other hand, three states namely - Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Odisha – were selected to transform their education sector under its SATH initiative.
The Union Government has approved assistance for drought affected Karnataka.

The amount given: Rs. 1782.44 Crore

Decision was taken during a meeting of the High Level Committee chaired by Home Minister Rajnath Singh.

Grant has been given after examining the proposal based on the reports of the Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) which visited the state.

Amount is drawn from National Disaster Relief Fund (NDRF).
Karnataka government has decided to allow the sale of white kerosene in open market.

Order was issued by State Food and Civil Supplies Minister UT Khader.

Dealers interested in selling white kerosene in open market can approach the office of the Food and Civil Supplies in their districts.

The decision was taken to legalize the Kambala and Bullock Cart Race which is a traditional festival held annually in Karnataka.

The Karnataka High Court banned the Kambala after animal rights group filed a petition to ban the sport as it showed cruelty against animals in sports like bull-taming and buffalo-racing.
India’s first Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSK) at Metagalli post office in Mysuru

It was inaugurated by Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers Ananth Kumar.

The second POPSK simultaneously opened in Gujarat.

These are the pilot projects inaugurated at the Mysuru Head Post office in Karnataka and at Dahod in Gujarat.
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It has been launched to expand the passport services over a wide area and simplify the process to travel abroad.

The Ministry of External Affairs and the Department of Posts (DOP) made Joint Venture to implement the project of delivering passport-related services.

Theme of the three day PBD 2017 was Redefining Engagement with the Indian Diaspora.

The PBD began on January 7 with the Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas.

The theme of Youth PBD was ‘Role of Diaspora Youth in the Transformation of India’.
The event was chaired by Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Vijay Goel and co-chaired by Minister of State for External Affairs, Dr V.K. Singh.

Special Guest at the Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) : Vice President of Suriname Michael Ashwin Adhin

He addressed the young overseas Indian delegates at the inaugural session along with Minister of External Affairs Smt Sushma Swaraj, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah among others.
The main event of the PBD event started on January 8, 2017.

Inaugurated by: Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Chief Guest of the Convention: Prime Minister of Portugal, Dr Antonio Costa

PM Modi emphasized the contributions made by the Non-residential Indians and Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) in the development of India and addressed the OCIs facing difficulty in getting the OCI cards.
The deadline for PIO card conversions to OCI has also been extended from December 31, 2016, to June 30, 2017, without any penalty.

**List of Pravasi Bharatiya Samman-2017 Awardees**

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Gujarat has maximum of 12 cities among the top 50 cleanest, followed by Madhya Pradesh with 11 and Andhra Pradesh with eight.

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American aerospace major Boeing Corporation launched the Boeing India Engineering & Technology Center (BIETC) in Bengaluru

In order to enhance its aerospace innovation in global emerging market like India.
Indian-American entrepreneur, philanthropist and venture capitalist Gururaj Deshpande has decided to launch India’s largest startup incubation centre at Hubballi (earlier Hubli) in Karnataka.

The decision is based on the idea of expansion of the Deshpande Foundation’s initial incubation center, Sandbox, which was founded by Deshpande and his wife Jaishree in 2008.
Nearly 50 startups are part of the Sandbox.

The new incubator centre would be spread over an area of 85,000 sq ft alongside the new campus of information technology giant Infosys and will be able to house 1,200 people at a time.

This will pave way for at least 200 startups.

The Deshpande Foundation’s startup incubation centre will be built at a cost of Rs 30 crore, and is expected to be completed by September 2017.
Karnataka Cooperation and Sugar Minister H S Mahadev Prasad died of a massive heart attack at a private resort in Koppa in Chikkamagaluru district.

He represented Gundlupete constituency in Chamarajanagar district.
The 11th biennial edition of International Aerospace and Defence Exhibition – Aero India 2017 started at the Air Force Station, Yelahanka in Bengaluru.

The five day event was inaugurated by then Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar.

Conducted and organized by Defence Exhibition Organisation (DEO).

For the first time China also participated with a five member team.
One of the major event of Aero India 2017 on February 14, 2017 was the handing over of Airborne Early Warning and Control System (AEW&C) to the Indian Air Force by the Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO).

The Indian aerospace and defence PSU Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) has launched a new communication radio for the Indian Armed Forces, called STARS-V Mk III.

Radio is completely designed, developed and made in BEL.

The state-of-the-art radio is a multi brand, high data rate, software intensive IP radio with mobile ad hoc networking (MANET) functions supporting up to 64 notes.
Bangalore based defence manufacturer and technological services provider Alpha Design Technologies Pvt. Limited (ADTL) signed a USD 30 million deal with Israel’s Elbit Systems.

The contract was signed between the two jointly upgrade 90 MI-17 ‘Hip’ helicopters of the Indian Air Force (IAF).
Reliance Aerostructure Limited (RAL) has entered into a Joint Venture with Rafale fighter jet manufacturer Dassault Reliance Aerospace Ltd (DRAL) to become the key player in the execution of offset obligations between India and France for the purchase of Rafale jets

RAL will have 51% shareholding in the JV while DRAL will have the remaining 49 percent

US-based defence technology and research leader Raytheon Company has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Tata Advanced Systems on February 17, 2017 to jointly produce Stinger air defence missile components.
Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah launched a comprehensive web-based platform Pratibimba.

To showcase the government’s performance and achievements to the citizens.

This dashboard will serve as a tool to improve efficiency in governance and allow citizens to track government’s progress.

It is available both in English and Kannada.
The Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore is the only Indian University to be placed among the top 10 global universities by Times Higher Education (THE)

**List of Top 10 Universities**

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The Times Higher Education (THE) released its Asia University Rankings 2017.

The top rank in the Asia University Rankings was attained by the National University of Singapore (NUS) for the second consecutive year.

Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bengaluru has been ranked best Indian University and has been placed at 27th position among the universities in Asia.
Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay was another Indian university among top 50 placed at 42 position followed by Chennai-based private institute Veltech University at 43.

Asia’s Top 5 Universities

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Worldwide Cost of Living Index released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)

Four Indian cities are among the cheapest cities to live in globally.

As per the report, Singapore was the most expensive city to live among 133 for the fourth consecutive year.

While Almaty in Kazakhstan was the cheapest city in the world, placed at the bottom of the list at 133
## Top 10 Cheapest Cities

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The Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) will set up its regional entrepreneurship centre at Bengaluru based Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (CCAMP), a biotechnology innovation incubator.

Aimed to increase portfolio through partnerships with startups and entrepreneurs.
Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited partnered with Karnataka Power Corporation Ltd (KPCL) has commenced commercial operations of its first highest-rating coal-based supercritical thermal power plant.

Capacity : 800 MW

The company has supplied and executed 4,010 MW of coal-based sets for KPCL and its joint ventures, which account for 95 per cent of the utility’s coal-based installed capacity.
Bengaluru based ABB India has won the India Smart Grid Foundation (ISGF)'s Smart Technology of the Year 2016

Won the award for restoring the crucial power infrastructure of Sharavathi hydropower plant in Karnataka.

ABB India has restored and modernised the critical 1,035 MW Sharavathi hydropower plant which will accounts for 25 per cent of Karnataka Power Corporation’s generation.
INS Tillanchang, a Water Jet Fast Attack Craft (WJFAC) was commissioned into the Indian Navy.

It was commissioned by Vice Admiral Girish Luthra, the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief Western Naval Command at Karwar, Karnataka.

INS Tillanchang is the third ship of four follow-on WJFAC built by the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Kolkata.
First vertical garden of India has setup at the Hosur Road Electronics City Flyover in Bengaluru.

Aim to control the pollution level of the city.

It will also act as a sound proofing barrier.

The garden is an initiative of SayTrees which is an NGO having ordinary citizens as its members who are determined to protect nature.
The garden has an automatic drip irrigation system allowing the plants to get 100 milliliters of water on a daily basis.

The world's first vertical gardens were setup in China.
CPC in Bengaluru gets new pin code for taxpayers benefit

The Central Processing Centre (CPC)
CPC is the central database centre of the department which receives all Income Tax Returns (ITRs), both e-filed and sent through post, and processes them for issuance of refunds and also deals with other tax related documents of a taxpayer

The new pin code is-560500-while the CPC earlier old pin code was-560100.
The Department of Post has allotted the pin code to the Central Processing Centre (CPC)

To ensure that letters and mails sent by taxpayers and assesses are not lost and reach the centre without delay.
Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah launched a Mobile App Suraksha & Pink petrol for the safety of women in the city.

**Features of the App**

The app, that can be downloaded free on smartphones, help women in distress to alert police for help.

It is linked with the Police control room and Patrolling vehicles in the city.

In Suraksha app one can list at least 2 contacts in case of emergency, along with the police when the power button on the app is pressed 5 times.
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The police have identified various places like colleges, offices, temples, shopping malls, and theatres where Pink Hoysalas will be placed.

Police will conduct review meetings at regular intervals to measure crime rate against women and restructure the sanctioned areas on the city crime graph.

The vehicles are equipped with GPS (Global Positioning System) and camera for the staff at the police control room to monitor the video.
The Centre for Media Studies (CMS) released its 11th round of the annual corruption study ‘CMS India Corruption Study 2017.

According to survey based on 20 states **karnataka is the most corrupt state** in the country.

According to the survey, "77% of respondents" in Karnataka experienced corruption in accessing public services.
This is followed by Andhra Pradesh (74%), Tamil Nadu (68%), Maharashtra (57%), Jammu and Kashmir (44%) and Punjab (42%).

In 2005, the more corrupt states were Bihar (74%), Jammu and Kashmir (69%) Odisha (60%).
Bengaluru ranked world's most affordable tech city

As per Savills Tech Cities 2017 rankings, Bengaluru is the most affordable city having the lowest cost of living out of 22 tech cities across the world.

The **mainstream weekly residential rent in Bengaluru is $236** which is much cheaper as compared to all 22 tech cities average of $368.

Established tech firm office rent in Bengaluru is $12 per square feet as compared to all 22 tech cities average of $53 per square feet.

One way ticket on local transport costs $0.31 in Bengaluru as compared all 22 tech cities average of $2.13
It is to be noted that cost of living does not include the property cost.

Cost of living is one of the parameter under the category of City Buzz and Wellness.
Rank of Bengaluru in other categories

**Business Environment**: This category evaluates investment avenues and established R&D facilities

- **Bangalore**: 19th out of 22 cities
- **New York**: 1st out of 22 cities
**Tech Environment:** This category evaluates size and value of tech infrastructure.

**Banglore:** 21st

**San Francisco:** 1st

**Talent Pool:** This category evaluates immigration and talent attractiveness and higher education opportunities.

**Bengaluru** ranked 17th.

**Boston** ranked first in this category
Real Estate Cost:

Bengaluru has ranked 5th.

Buenos Aires is the least expensive

Tokyo is the most expensive for owning Real Estate
City Buzz and Wellness: This category evaluates urban environment, pollution levels, healthcare facilities, civic amenities, equality in pay, night life, entertainment avenues and cost of living.

Bengaluru ranked lowest at 22nd in this category.

Berlin ranked first in this category.
## Overall Ranking of Top 10 Tech Cities

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The Annual Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise commenced at Naval Station Karwar.

It is named as Karavali Karunya.

The exercise is being conducted by Indian Navy’s Western Naval Command.

It involves both professional exchange and actual disaster response mechanisms which is set on a Tsunami disaster scenario.
Noted film producer and wife of Kannada thespian Rajkumar, Paravathamma Rajkumar passed away in Bengaluru

She was 78 yrs old

Under the banners Vajreshwari Combines and Poornima Enterprises, Parvathamma produced about 80 movies

Blockbuster movies produced by her: Trimurthy, Haalu Jenu, Kaviratna Kalidasa and Jeevana Chaitra.
President Pranab Mukerjee inaugurated the Green Line of Phase I of Namma Metro in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

The 5-km stretch of the Green Line will connect Nagasandra in the north to Yelachanahalli in the south.

Green Line will not only bring south Bengalureans on board, it will allow commuters on the North-South and East-West corridors to switch lines at the Kempegowda-Majestic Interchange.

The commercial operations for the Green Line starts on June 18, 2017.
CM Siddaramaiah has launched a public bicycle sharing system in Mysuru.

A total of 450 bicycles can be borrowed for a nominal fee from 48 automated docking stations.

The World Bank, Global Environmental Fund and state govt have jointly funded the initiative.

A public bicycle sharing system TrinTrin was launched on 4th of June by chief minister Siddaramaiah.

The project is being operated by Green Wheel Ride, a city-based manufacturer of eco friendly bicycles.
The technology Samsung India has signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).

Signed to open two more technical training schools in Bengaluru and Jamshedpur.
The company also announced the several programme

MSME-Samsung Technical School Scholarship programme: for girls and differently-abled trainees. 1,000 girls and differently-abled trainees will get Rs 20,000.

A Meritorious Reward Programme for toppers - Rs.20,000 to toppers

The government joined hands with Samsung to creating an industry-ready workforce and provide industry-oriented skills to our youth under the Skill India programme.
Bengaluru has become the country's first city where one can have fuel delivered at one's doorstep.

Mypetrolpump, a 1-year-old startup, conducted a soft launch with 3 delivery vehicles, each with a capacity of 950 litres.

For up to 100 litres, the one-time delivery charge is Rs 99. Above 100 litres, one needs to pay the day's running diesel price plus one additional rupee per litre.
Bengaluru headquarterd Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) has won the ‘Raksha Mantri’s Award for Excellence.

Won under the group award category for design and development of 180 tonnes class electric hydraulic excavator - BE1800E.

Union Minister for Finance and Defence, Arun Jaitley presented the cash award to Deepak Kumar Hota, the Chairman and Managing Director, BEML.

Subhash Bhamre, Minister of State for Defence, presented the Certificate of Excellence to B R Viswanatha, Director-Mining & Construction, BEML.
Kannada poet and playwright H S Shivaprakash has honoured with the prestigious Kusumagraja Rashtriya Puraskar.

Other Awardees

Latur-based Menka Dhumale was presented YCMOU's Baburao Bagul story writing award for year 2016 for her book Korda Paus.

Shivaprakash has given prestigious Kusumagraja Rashtriya Puraskar for his outstanding contribution to social and educational fields.
The award is constituted by the Nashik-based Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University’s (YCMOU) Kusumagra jaadhyasan (Chairman).

It carries a cash prize of Rs one lakh, a memento and a citation.
Bengaluru girl Sahithi Pingali to get planet named after her for research

A twelfth grader from Bengaluru will get a minor planet in Milky Way named after her as reward for developing a crowd-sourced method to monitor pollution in water bodies.

She has presented her paper An Innovative Crowd sourcing Approach to Monitoring Freshwater Bodies at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF).

ii. She was awarded the second position prize and 3 special awards in the Earth and Environment Sciences category.
Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah announced a hosting of three-day International Conference on 'Reclaiming Social Justice, Revisiting Ambedkar'

To mark 126th birth Anniversary of Dr B R Ambedkar.

Over 2000 delegates participated in the Conference in which 83 International, 149 National and 80 state-level speakers took part.

Human Rights advocate and activist Martin Luther King III and AICC Vice President Rahul Gandhi were the Chief Guests for the Conference.
Bengaluru has ranked 40th out of 50 cities on Women Entrepreneur (WE) Cities Index 2017 study released by Dell.

The index ranks cities in terms of its ability to attract and foster growth of women-owned firms.

**Highlights:**

Only other Indian city in the top 50 list is Delhi at 49th spot.

Singapore was at the 8th spot, the only city from Asia Pacific and Japan region.
## Top 10 cities:

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US tech giant Oracle has announced the opening of its first 'Digital Hub' in the Asia Pacific region in B’luru.

It aimed at providing small and mid size businesses (SMBs) access to cloud solutions and resources they need to power digital transformation.

There will be five hubs across the Asia Pacific, but India is the first hub, and the other four Digital Hubs that will come up in the Asia Pacific region will be in Sydney, Singapore, Seoul and Beijing.

Oracle's Digital Hubs will provide a complete suite of cloud applications, platform, and infrastructure service
Karnataka has constituted a nine member committee to design a state flag.

If such a flag does come into being, Karnataka will only be the second state in the country to officially have a flag of its own.

Jammu & Kashmir is the only state to have its own flag as it enjoys a special status under Article 370 of the Constitution.

It is headed by Principal Secretary, Department of Kannada and Culture.
A rare white tiger with a pale skin color has been spotted for the first time in the Nilgiris by a wildlife photographer.

Photographer Nilanjan Ray from Bengaluru spotted the cat at an undisclosed location on a recent trip to the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve.

Scientific literature describes the cause as a genetic mutation among tigers that changes an amino acid responsible for the normal colour being formed, resulting in “natural polymorphism” (occurring in different forms).

Such cats lack pheomelanin, which is responsible for the red-yellow hue in the skin coat. White tigers have been reported predominantly from Rewa, Madhya Pradesh.
Former Karnataka Chief Minister N Dharam Singh passed away.

He was 80 years old.

He was the 17th Chief Minister of Karnataka

A member of the Janata Dal (Secular) and Congress alliance government between 2004 and 2006.

He was born in 1936 at Nelogi village in Kalaburgi district.

He also served as Member of Parliament in Lok Sabha.

He won seven straight Assembly election terms from the Jewargi constituency in Karnataka.
Internationally-renowned space scientist and ex ISRO Chief UR Rao passed away.

He was 85 years old and was born in Adampur village in Udupi, Karnataka.

About UR Rao’s work

The first Indian satellite ‘Aryabhata’ was launched in 1975 under his watch.

He served as the chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for about 10 years between 1984 to 1994.
After he took charge as Chairman of the Space Commission and Secretary, **Department of Space in 1984**, the rocket technology development in India got a boost.

He started **Geo Stationary Launch Vehicle (GSLV)** and the cryogenic technology projects in 1991.

Among other positions that Prof. Rao has held, he is remembered for his tenure at the **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)**.
He published more than 350 scientific and technical papers covering cosmic rays, interplanetary physics, high energy astronomy, space applications and satellite and rocket technology. He has also authored many books.

Before his death, he was serving as the Chairman of the governing council of the Physical Research Laboratory in Ahmedabad and the Chancellor of the Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology in Thiruvananthapuram.
Honors & Awards

UR Rao has won 10 international awards and many national awards.

In May 2016, Rao became the first Indian to be given the Hall of Fame award by the International Astronautical Federation (IAF).

Rao was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 1976 and the Padma Vibhushan in 2017 for his contribution to Indian space technology.
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