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A VERY HAPPY HOLI!

**DO's**
- Holi is a festival of joy, celebrate it in a spirit of friendship and harmony.
- Extend your cooperation to our "Safai Karamcharis". Help them to keep the city clean.
- All residents must ensure segregation of garbage and its disposal in the appropriate dust bins.
- Dispose your garbage in the nearest dhalao/waste collection centres.
- Maintain cleanliness in and around your premises.
- Use only chemical-free, herbal colours in public places, to help their easy cleaning.

**DON'T's**
- Don't use chemical based or toxic colours.
- Don't throw mud or dirt on people.
- Don't throw garbage outside your home.
- Don't waste water or throw coloured water on roads.
- Don't litter the parks or harm the plants & trees.
- Don't throw plastic bags in water outlets/drains.
- Don't play holi in public places with permanent colours, to avoid difficulty in their cleaning.

The HINDU
Analysis
13th March
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DATA POINT

Saffron rush

The rise of the BJP as the central force in Indian politics is seen in the fact that the party and its allies control power in 15 of 30 Assemblies.

The BJP reigns supreme in the north and the west, while in the south and the east, other parties still hold sway.

(Source: Census 2011)
India
States and Union Territories
- State Capital
- Union Territory Capital
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Electronic Voting Machines

- **Intro:** Psephologists - चुनाव विश्लेषक
- **Electronic Voting Machines** ("EVM") are being used in Indian General and State Elections to implement electronic voting in part from 1999 elections and in total since 2004 elections.
- The EVMs reduce the time in both casting a vote and declaring the results compared to the old paper ballot system.
- There were earlier claims regarding EVMs' security which have not been proved.
- After rulings of Delhi High Court, Supreme Court and demands from various political parties, Election Commission decided to introduce EVMs with Voter-verified paper audit trail (VVPAT) system.
- The Voter-verified paper audit trail (VVPAT) system was introduced in 8 of 543 parliamentary constituencies as a pilot project in Indian general election, 2014.
- manufactured by Bharat Electronics Limited, Bangalore and Electronics Corporation of India Limited, Hyderabad.
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Allowing for a sibling

- **Intro:** The one child policy, a part of the family planning policy, was a population planning policy of China.
- It was introduced in 1979 and began to be formally phased out in 2015.
- This January, China’s National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFPC) announced that there were 17.86 million births in 2016, a 7.9% increase from 2015 when the country’s controversial one-child policy came to an end.
- About 45% of babies were born to families that already had one child, it said.
- The NHFPC also anticipates a baby boom, estimating the number of births annually to be between 17 and 20 million by 2020.
- Regarding the selective nature of the one-child policy, the 2015 shift removed its last remnant. Under a 2013 relaxation, a couple was permitted to have two children.
- In February, the NHFPC said the government was contemplating incentives to parents so that they would not be deterred by the economic burdens that would result from having a second baby.
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Conclusion...

- Providing **maternity and paternity leave** and provisions for parents to attend to sick children are among the proposals.
- Official surveys point to a **large number of women** who are **not particularly keen** to have a second child.
- A **challenge** for the Chinese government would be to
  - 1) **Raise investment** in the provision of **child-care services**, when it is already faced with a
  - 2) **Large ageing population** and
  - 3) **Shrinking numbers** in the **working-age** population.
India to lose presence on U.N. scientific panel.

Even as India strenuously lobbies for seats in global high tables such as the United Nations Security Council and the Nuclear Suppliers Group, it will for the first time in two decades not have a member in a prestigious, U.N. scientific body that decides what portions of the seabed can be exclusively mined for natural resources such as oil, precious metals and minerals.

India’s current member to the 21-person body, called Commission on Legal Continental Shelf (CLCS) and part of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

The CLCS has a five-year tenure and elections are due in June for the 2017-2022 term.

Not having an Indian in this 21-member group would mean that China and Pakistan would likely “grab” two of the five seats allotted to the so-called Asia-Pacific group.
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Endosulfan is an off-patent organochlorine insecticide that is being phased out globally. Endosulfan has been used in agriculture around the world to control insect pests including whiteflies, aphids, leafhoppers, Colorado potato beetles and cabbage worms. Because of its threats to human health and the environment, a global ban on the manufacture and use of endosulfan was negotiated under the Stockholm Convention in April 2011. It is still used extensively in India, China, and few other countries.
Conclusion...

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- After a hiatus (खाली जगह) of seven years, the frenzied mass cattle festival Mylar returned
- Mylar cattle festival in Chittoor (Andhra Pradesh).
- The event witnessed the participation of over 50,000 people
- The mob frenzy left two bulls killed, while about 10 youth received minor injuries as they ran after the animals.
Intro: 334 km of Kerala roads to become NH

The in-principle decision to increase the NH network is based on the recommendation by the State government two years ago.

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is an autonomous agency of the Government of India, responsible for management of a network of over 70,000 km of National Highways in India.

It is a nodal agency of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

NHAI has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Indian Space Research Organisation for satellite mapping of highways.

Mr Yudhvir Singh Malik, IAS is the current Chairman while Dr. Yogendra Narain was the first Chairman of NHAI.
One with nature

Ritual dance: A Theyyam dancer passes through a sacred grove at Neeliyar Kottam near Kannur in north Kerala. The dance form, exclusive to the region, celebrates people's connect with nature. THULASI NARAYAN
i-school to come up on IIT Hyderabad campus.
A school for innovations on the lines of the University of Tokyo’s i.school will come up on the premises of Indian Institute of Technology-Hyderabad (IIT-H).
While the IIT-H will act as the nodal agency and take the lead role.  
i.school is an educational project established in 2009 by the Centre for Knowledge Structuring, University of Tokyo, with the aim of fostering innovative leaders.
This institute has been conducting workshops at IIT-H for the past five years with a mix of students from IIT-H and the University of Tokyo.
There are three types of creativity —  
1)-Combination,  
2)-Exploration and  
3)-Transformation — that turns an idea into reality.
SC cracks down on judicial delays
Non-performers and “deadwood” among judges should be weeded out as the judicial service is not just a job to be done with but a mission to serve the cause of justice.
Over two crore pending cases, the Supreme Court said subordinate judiciary “cannot rest in a state of helplessness.
There was no room for non-performers among the subordinate judiciary - “Public interest is above individual interest”.
Supreme Court fixed a time-bound hearing and disposing of criminal cases, especially in bail applications.
The Supreme Court suggested that bail applications be decided in a week by subordinate courts, while High Courts do the same within a month.
High Courts should monitor action plans for lower courts and keep a constant watch.
Conclusion...

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- Indo-Russian transport **plane JV** grounded.
- Multi-role Transport Aircraft Ltd. (MTAL), the Indo-Russian company that was to have spawned **India’s own military transport aircraft**.
- The board of **Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL)**, which is an equal partner in the venture
- In December **2015**, three joint projects were alive between the two countries: the MTA, the Fifth Generation Fighter Aircraft and the light helicopter Kamov Ka-226.

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- Antibiotic-free meat gets a foothold in U.S. as brands turn to organic
- Bio-inspired glue works under water
Bangladesh declares March 25 as ‘Genocide Day.’

Bangladesh’s unanimously adopted a resolution declaring March 25 as Genocide Day, in remembrance of the atrocities carried out by the Pakistani Army in the night of March 25, 1971.

The Pakistan Army swooped on unarmed civilians on the night of March 25, 1971, to crush the Bengali rebellion following refusal by the military leadership to accept the election results of 1970 in which the Awami League got thumping majority.

‘Operation Searchlight’ began in the first hours of March 25 in Dhaka.
Reforming trade in agri-products

Trading of agricultural commodities in India has been crippled by multiple structural and regulatory issues.

Traditionally, the lack of liquidity, quality testing and assurance, and guarantee of delivery kept small farmers as well as institutional traders sceptical of the market.

SEBI to introduce commodity options are positive signs.

Currently, a farmer can take the produce from the farm to a certified warehouse, get the quality inspected and receive a negotiable warehouse receipt (WR) with a unique identity (ISIN).

It provides better price realisation for farmers, safer collateral for lenders like banks and NBFCs, a more efficient market place.- The other issue is that the storage cost

Participation by farmers- Encourage private companies to directly buy from the farmers

Australia and Canada, there are “pool” programs that allow the farmer to sell their harvest at the average price of grain over a period of time.
What is hyperloop? When can we see it?

It was entrepreneur Elon Musk who came up with the idea for a hyperloop.

It is a system where magnetically levitating capsules are sent at high speeds through low-pressure tubes, thereby potentially reducing transport time — of people and goods — by more than 80%.

Such a system is now being developed to connect Abu Dhabi and Dubai.

The route choices for India are: Bengaluru-to-Chennai (334 km in 20 minutes), Bengaluru-to-Thiruvananthapuram (736 km in 41 minutes), Delhi-to-Mumbai via Jaipur and Indore (1,317 km in 55 minutes), Mumbai-to-Chennai via Bengaluru (1,102 km in 50 minutes), and Bengaluru to Chennai (334 km in 20 minutes).

Operations in India by 2021.

Any pros and cons?

Revolutionise the way business is conducted.

India really afford another transport system only to be used by businesses and businesspeople?
Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants is an international environmental treaty, signed in 2001 and effective from May 2004, that aims to eliminate or restrict the production and use of persistent organic pollutants (POPs).

A memorandum of understanding (MOU or MoU) is a formal agreement between two or more parties. Companies and organizations can use MOUs to establish official partnerships. MOUs are not legally binding but they carry a degree of seriousness and mutual respect, stronger than a gentlemen's agreement.