Match Point

- Winner of the first Noor Inayat Khan Prize – **Geetakshi Arora**
- The honorary climate change ambassador appointed by the United Nations recently – **Angry Birds' Red**
- World sparrow day – **20 Mar**
- Winner of the women's singles title of the 2016 Swiss Open Grand Prix Gold badminton – **He Bingjiao**
- The relaxed limit for FDI in insurance sector without prior approval – **49 per cent**
- The railway stations ranked as cleanest among A1 category stations as per a recent survey of the IRCTC – **Surat**
- The state which won Krishi Karman Award for its landmark achievement in showing highest production of food grains in year 2014-15 – **Himachal Pradesh**
- The new global brand ambassador of the Chinese tech firm Huawei – **Lionel Messi**
- The day on which the Earth Hour was observed across the globe from 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm – **19 Mar**
- The state where BHEL has commissioned a 270 MW unit at Goindwal Sahib coal-fired power project – **Punjab**
- The film which won the Best Film award at the 10th Asian Film Awards in Macau, China – ***The Assassin***
- The Union Minister who won the Skoch Lifetime Achievement Award recently – **Venkaiah Naidu**
- The fashion designer appointed advisor to KVIC for promotion of khadi in India and across the world – **Ritu Beri**
- The state govt which has classified Feni, a country liquor, as the heritage spirit of the state – **Goa**
- Winner of the men's singles title of the BNP Paribas Open recently – **Novak Djokovic**
- The country which has started its own credit-ratings firm named ACRA – **Russia**
- Winner of the 2016 Australian Grand Prix F1 championship – **Nico Rosberg**
- The date on which the govt has announced to open its one-time retro tax settlement scheme – **1 Jun**
- Winner of the men's singles title of the 2016 Swiss Open Grand Prix Gold badminton tournament – **HS Prannoy**
- The day and night combat and firepower exercise of the Indian Air Force held in Pokharan firing range recently – **Iron Fist**
- The first bank to commence the sale of Indian Gold Coin (IGC) in the domestic market recently – **Indian Overseas Bank**
- The new interest rate on PPF after the govt slashed the rate recently – **8.1per cent**
- The venue of the recently held India Aviation 2016, the country's biggest civil aviation show – **Hyderabad**
- The actress appointed by the UNDP as its Goodwill Ambassador recently – **Michelle Yeoh**
- India's ranking on the World Happiness Index 2016 topped by Switzerland – **118th**
- The new governor of the central bank of Bangladesh – **Fazle Kabir**
- The first in the world to formally adopt the UN agenda for the world's sustainable development and 17 goals identified for its implementation – **India Inc**
- India's next ambassador to San Marino – **Anil Wadhwa**

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- The venue of the SAARC Ministerial meet held recently – **Pokhara**
- The headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) – **Montreal, Canada**
- Winner of the women's singles title of the All England Badminton 2016 – **Nozomi Okuhara**
- The state where a Mega Food Park in Khammam District has been approved by the Central Govt – **Telangana**
- The interval at which the RBI has mandated the banks to credit interest on savings deposits – **Quarterly or shorter**
- The venue of the 4th World Congress of Biosphere Reserves – **Lima, Peru**
- The economist and Nobel laureate who passed away recently – **Lloyd Stowell Shapley**
- The first civilian President elected by the parliament of Myanmar recently – **Htin Kyaw**
- Winner of the Global Teacher Prize – **Hanan al Hroub**
- Winner of the men's singles title of the All England badminton title 2016 – **Lin Dan**
- The High Court which celebrated 150 years of its existence recently – **Allahabad High Court**
- The Irish Prime Minister who resigned recently – **Enda Kenny**
- Winner of the 70th Santosh Trophy football title – **Services**
- The headquarters of the Arab League – **Cairo**
- The total fund mobilised under Swachh Bharat Kosh (SBK) as on Jan 31, 2016 – **₹369.74 cr**
- The present President of Turkey – **Recep Tayyip Erdogan**
- The city declared the world's most expensive city in 2016 – **Singapore**
- The summit co-hosted by India and the IMF on Asia's economic challenges in New Delhi recently – **Advancing Asia**
- The city where Uber Inc inaugurated its first engineering centre in Asia recently – **Bengaluru**
- The newly appointed Deputy Chief of Army – **Lt Gen NPS Hira**
- The industrialist conferred with *Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur* (Knight of the Legion of Honour) by the French authorities recently – **Anand Mahindra**
- The fellowship launched by India and the US to address climate change issues – **Fulbright-Kalam Climate Fellowship**
- The bank which has launched "iWork@home" scheme that allows women employees to work from home – **ICICI Bank**
- The new name of LED-based Domestic Efficient Lighting Programme (DELP) – **UJALA**
- The stock exchange which has got SEBI's nod to list itself on a bourse – **Bombay Stock Exchange**
- Winner of the 2016 WGC-Cadillac Championship – **Adam Scott**
- The acclaimed Brazilian musician who died recently – **Nana Vasconcelos**
- The bank which has launched a credit-linked subsidy scheme under PMAY programme – **ICICI Bank**
- The convention on international carriage by air – **Montreal Convention**
- The atomic power plant in Gujarat which was recently shut due to leakage – **Kakrapar Atomic Power Station**
- The institution which annually publishes 'Global Economic Prospects' – **World Bank**
- The country with which India has signed a pact to supply 18 Meter Gauge 1350 HP Diesel Electric Locomotives – **Myanmar**
- The first female umpire to officiate in the ICC World Twenty20 recently – **Kathleen Cross**
- The new brand ambassador of Reebok India – **Kangana Ranaut**
- Winner of the Irani Cup 2016 – **Rest of India**
- The Egyptian who is the new Secretary General of the Arab League – **Ahmed Abul Gheit**
- The new Chairman of the 21st Law Commission – **Balbir Singh Chauhan**
- The Ministry which is promoting Project Mausam – **Union Ministry of Culture**
- The headquarters of the BIMSTEC grouping – **Dhaka**
- The new Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court – **Ajit Singh**
- The contribution of the real-estate sector to the national GDP – **Nine per cent**
- The automaker which recently announced a four-year partnership with the BCCI – **Hyundai**
- The Dogri poetess who has been awarded *Krutitava Semagra Samman* for 2015 – **Padma Sachdev**
- The commission which submitted its report on Muzaffarnagar riots recently – **Justice Vishnu Sahai Commission**

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- The place where the foundation for India's first "Octomax" unit for the production of high-octane gasoline was laid recently – **Mathura**
- The venue of the National Special Olympic for special children – **Shimla**
- Winner of the third season of the Pro Kabaddi League – **Patna Pirates**
- The new brand ambassador of Sun Pharma's Revital H brand – **MS Dhoni**
- The outlay for the Pradhan Mantri Ujwala Yojana for three years for Providing free LPG connections to Women from BPL Households – **₹8,000 cr**
- The joint training exercise held between India and Indonesia recently in Magelang, Indonesia – **Garuda Shakti**
- The country to which the Exim Bank, on behalf of the Govt of India, extended a USD 2-bn line of credit recently – **Bangladesh**
- The venue of the first Maritime India Summit 2016 scheduled to be held from 14 to 16 Apr 2016 – **Mumbai**
- The country supporting the govt's 'Smart Cities' programme by taking up projects in Bhubaneswar, Kochi and Coimbatore – **Germany**
- The state which has launched *Mukhyamantri Santwana Harish Yojana* for accident victims' free treatment – **Karnataka**
- The carrier which flew the "world's longest" all-women-operated flight from Delhi to San Francisco recently – **Air India**
- The city where India is going to host BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave Apr 14-16 – **Mumbai**
- The private bank which launched all-women-operated bank branch 'Yes Grace' in Bengaluru recently – **Yes Bank**
- The headquarters of the Tata Group which has become the first heritage building to get top green rating – **Bombay House**
- The noted agriculture scientist who died recently – **MV Rao**
- The amount disbursed by banks under PM MUDRA Yojana so far – **₹1.15 lakh cr**
- The woman tennis player who was provisionally suspended after failing drug test recently – **Maria Sharapova**
- The sixth satellite of ISRO's IRNSS navigation system launched recently – **IRNSS-1F**
- The crown prince of Saudi Arabia awarded with the *Legion d'Honneur*, France's highest honour – **Mohammed bin Nayef**
- The total allocation for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare in the Union Budget for 2016-17 – **₹35,984 cr**
- The venue of the national conference on "Women Legislators: Building Resurgent India" held recently – **New Delhi**
- The country against whom India recently moved to the WTO on the issue of imposition of high fees on temporary working visas – **US**
- The present CEO and MD of Punjab National Bank – **Usha Ananthasubramanian**
- The country where the billionaire tycoon Babak Zanjani has been sentenced to death for corruption – **Iran**
- The present chairman of Mumbai-headquartered NABARD – **Harsh Kumar Bhanwala**
- The legendary film archivist who died recently – **PK Nair**
- The city where Amazon is setting up its largest facility outside the US – **Hyderabad**
- A new type of NBFC for which the RBI released a draft regulatory framework recently – **Account Aggregator**
- The Indian state also known as the "land of the dawn-lit mountains" – **Arunachal Pradesh**
- The US astronaut who returned an inch taller after the record 340-day mission in the space – **Scott Kelly**
- The new MD and CEO of the Multi-Commodity Exchange – **Mrugank Paranjape**
- The amount the govt will infuse in public sector banks in 2016-17 – **₹25,000 cr**
- The person who has topped 84 Indian billionaires in Forbes 2016 list – **Mukesh Ambani**
- The former Lok Sabha speaker who died recently – **PA Sangma**
- Winner of the Col CK Nayudu Trophy (U-23) 2015-16 – **Mumbai**
- The 47th recipient of the coveted Dadasaheb Phalke award – **Manoj Kumar**
- The most expensive train station in the world opened recently – **New York**
- The ₹50,800-cr project to ensure highways without railway crossings by 2019 – **Setu Bharatam**
- The new chairperson of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) – **HL Dattu**

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- Winner of the 2016 Asia Cup T20 Final – **India**
- The first state in the country to launch the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine as a public health programme for school children – **Delhi**
- The venue of the FORCE 18 exercise, the largest multinational Field Training Exercise (FTX) on Indian soil conducted recently – **Pune**
- The country which has topped the list compiled by the WEF based on energy security and access across the world – **Switzerland**

  – India's ranking on the list – **90th**
- The Indian IT services firm recognised as a Global Top Employer recently by the Top Employers Institute – **TCS**
- The head of the committee set up for granting of ST status to six OBC communities in Assam – **Mahesh Kumar Singla**
- The firm that acquired Jaypee Group's cement assets for ₹16,500 cr recently – **UltraTech**
- The small car of Maruti Suzuki whose sales crossed the 30-lakh mark recently – **Alto**
- The bilateral annual military training exercise held recently between the US and Japan – **Iron Fist**
- The state where the Muziris Heritage Project was held recently – **Kerala**
- The new chairman of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) Athletes' Commission – **Rozle Prezelj**
- The first Asian to win Golden Reel Award – **Resul Pookutty**
- The amount allocated for MGNREGA scheme in the Union Budget for 2016-17 – **₹38,500 cr**
- The first chairman of the proposed Banks Board Bureau (BBB) – **Vinod Rai**
- The state declared as India's first digital state by the President Pranab Mukherjee recently – **Kerala**
- India's oldest cricketer who died recently – **BK Garudachar**
- Winners of the Pandit Dinanath Mangeshkar award 2016 – **Ranveer Singh, Sanjay Leela Bhansali**
- The captain of Bangladesh cricket team named national goodwill ambassador for youth by the UNDP recently – **Mashrafe bin Mortaza**
- The new president of Kosovo – **Hashim Thaci**
- The new FIFA President – **Gianni Infantino**
- The chemical sciences researcher conferred Germany's prestigious 'Cross of the Order of Merit' recently – **Goverdhan Mehta**
- Winner of the Astronautical Society of India's Aryabhata Award 2016 – **Avinash Chander**
- The venue of the recent G20 Finance Ministers and central bank governors summit – **Shanghai**
- The venue of the 13th World Spice Congress held recently – **Ahmedabad**
- The estimated capital requirement for PSBs by 2018-19 – **₹1.8 tn**
- Winner of the Ranji Trophy 2015-16 – **Mumbai**
- The new chairman of the Diageo-controlled United Spirits (USL) – **MK Sharma**
- The PSB which has got Sebi's nod to raise ₹3,771 cr via QIP – **IDBI Bank**
- The new Chief Justice of Meghalaya High Court – **Dinesh Maheshwari**
- The new brand ambassador of Nissan Motors – **Rohit Sharma**
- The chairman of the Standing Committee on Finance which submitted its report on NPAs of PSBs recently – **M Veerappa Moily**
- The bank awarded inaugural Green Bond Pioneer Award in London recently – **Yes Bank**
- The new Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court – **Subhro Kamal Mukherjee**
- The cyclone-hit country to which India has granted an immediate assistance of one million dollars – **Fiji**
- The city declared world's best city to live in as per the 18th Mercer Quality of Life study – **Vienna**
- – The best Indian city to live in as per the 18th Mercer Quality of Life study – **Hyderabad**
- The state where the Voter Verifiable Paper Trial (VVPT) will be introduced in 10 constituencies for the first time in the upcoming assembly polls – **Assam**
- The art lover and playwright knighted by the French govt recently – **Ismail Mahomed**
- The venue of the fifth edition of IBSAMAR 2016 trilateral naval exercise held recently – **Goa**

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