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### Indian-American Abraham Verghese to receive National Humanities Medal



- Indian-American physician-author Abraham Verghese (61-year) whose work has emphasised empathy in medicine has been selected for the prestigious National Humanities Medal 2015.
- US President Barack Obama will bestow the honour upon Verghese along with 11 others recipient's in Washington on 21st September 2016.
- Abraham Verghese is a professor of medicine at the Stanford School of Medicine.
- He was born in Ethiopia to parents from Kerala.

### Tourism Ministry approves Rs. 500 Crore for integrated development of tourism in J&K



- Tourism Ministry has approved Rs. 500 Crore as part of development package of Prime Minister Reconstruction Plan for integrated development of tourism in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).
- New projects include integrated development of tourist facilities at Mantalai – Sudhmahadev – Patnitop Circuit, Baramulla-Kupwara-Leh circuit, Rajouri – Bafliyaz – Shopian – Pulwama Circuit and Anantnag-Kishtwar- Pahalgam – Daksum – Ranjit Sagar Dam Circuit.
- Rs. 100 crore have been earmarked for each of the four projects and 100 crore rupees for integrated development of tourist facilities in lieu of damaged assets in the floods.

### **Commerce & Industry Ministry sets up task force on Innovation**



- Commerce and Industry Ministry has set up an eight-member task force on Innovation.
- The Team comprises of government officials and experts from private organisations.
- The task force will assess India's position as an innovative country and suggest measures to enhance the innovation ecosystem in India.
- Innovation is widely recognized as a central driver of economic growth and development.

### **Centre bans sharing of individual's Aadhaar details publicly**



- According to Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) CEO Ajay Bhushan Pandey Aadhaar number of an individual will not be allowed to publish or post the information publicly.
- Under the Aadhaar Act, Agencies will have to ensure security and confidentiality of the 12-digit resident identification number.
- Any violation of the Aadhaar Act will constitute an offence and is punishable under the Act.

### **World Bank chief Jim Yong Kim heads for 2nd 5-year term**





- World Bank President Jim Yong Kim (56-years) has won second five-year term after nominations to lead the global development bank closed, no other candidates proposed.
- It would formally meet with Kim as a candidate with the expectation of completing the selection process by the 2016 Annual Meetings, which take place on 7th to 9th of October.

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### **EU leaders to meet in Slovakia to chart post-Brexit future**



- European Union (EU) leaders will meet in Bratislava, Slovakia to chart their post-Brexit future.
- They are focusing on defence cooperation and border security in a bid to heal deep divisions in particular over migration.
- The 27 leaders will hold a special summit to launch a road-map for the post-Brexit European Union.

### **Sourabh Varma reaches quarterfinals of Belgian Open**



- Indian shuttler Sourabh Varma has reached the quarterfinals of the Belgian International badminton Challenge.
- He has defeated the sixth-seeded Lucas Claerbout of France 21-19, 16-21, 21-15 in the pre-quarterfinal men's singles contest.
- Sourabh will next take on Scotland's Kieran Merrilees.

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## Indian football team jumps four places in latest FIFA rankings



- The Indian football team has jumped four places (now –148th) in the latest FIFA rankings.
- Argentina continues to top the overall list, followed by Belgium, Germany, Colombia and Brazil.
- India is now 26th among Asian Football Confederation countries.
- The India national football team is governed by the All India Football Federation, Since 1948.

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