

K. Viswanath wins Dadasaheb Phalke Award for 2016

Veteran filmmaker and actor Kasinadhuni Viswanath has been conferred Dadasaheb Phalke award for 2016 by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The award consists of Swarn Kamal (Golden Lotus). A cash prize of Rs.10 lakhs and a shawl. He has also won 5 National Awards, 20 Nandi Awards, 10 Filmfare Awards including Lifetime Achievement Award. Dadasaheb Phalke Award is conferred by the Union Govt for outstanding contribution to the growth and development of Indian Cinema.



Prafulla Samantra selected for Goldman Environmental Prize 2017

Top environmental activist Prafulla Samantra of Odisha has been selected for Goldman Environmental Prize or Green Nobel from Asia region for Championing the cause of State's Dongria Kondh tribals and safeguarding their land and culture, Samantra, the sixth Indian to win the prize, had led a historic legal battle that protected the Niyamgiri Hills in Odisha. And safeguard the living area of Dongria kondh from massive destruction due to mining.

25 April World Malaria Day 2017

World Malaria Day is all about celebrating the successes there have been in the drive to eradicate malaria from the world as well as raising awareness of the disease and its prevention. This year the World Health Organisation (WHO) has made "ending malaria for good" its theme for World Malaria Day 2017. A Tropical disease which is spread by infected female anopheles mosquitoes.



Manpreet Kaur bags Gold at Asian Grand Prix Meet in China

Indian shot putter Manpreet Kaur has clinched a gold in the first leg of Asian Grand Prix Athletics Meet in Jinhua, China, Manpreet came up with the best throw of 18.86 meter, which has nearly one meter more than her earlier national record of 17.96 meters that she had set in 2015. With this performance, Manpreet also qualified for the IAAF World Championships to be held in August 2017 in London.

India replaces Japan as No. '2' LPG Importer

Import of LPG, which is mostly used as cooking fuel in India, during 2016-17 was 11 million tonnes. This marks a growth of 23% as compared to previous year. During the same period. Japan imported 10.6 million tonnes LPG, marking a 3.2% reduction as compared to previous year. In context of this news, it is to be noted that Japan is deliberately cutting back on usage of LPG as cooking fuel and is moving to cheaper alternatives such as Natural Gas. China has retained its position as world's top LPG importer.

India becomes World's fifth largest military spender

As per figures revealed by Stockholm International peace Research Institute (SIPRI), India has become World's fifth largest military spender in the year 2016. India's military expenditure for 2016 was \$ 55.9 billion, which marks 8.5% growth over 2015 figure. United States of America with \$ 611 billion. China with \$ 215 billion, and Russia with \$ 69.2 billion.



