

1. **Sindhu lifts India Open Badminton title**

Olympic Silver medalist P.V. Sindhu defeated Carolina Marin in straight sets 21-19, 21-16 in 47 minutes at the India open Badminton Championship in New Delhi. Sindhu had lost to Caroline Marin in the Rio Olympics final and had to be content with silver medal. However the victory will be a huge booster for the Indian and soothe the pain of her Olympic defeat. Sindhu had also beaten Carolina in the Dubai World superseries Finals in December 2016.



2. **World Autism Awareness Day - 2nd April**

2nd April 2017 is the tenth annual World Autism Awareness Day. Since 2008 Organizations around the world celebrate and promote this day every year with awareness raising events. The 2017 the theme of the day is “Toward Autonomy and Self-Determination”. This day is an internationally recognized day, encouraging the member raise awareness about children with autism throughout the world.

3. **Joyciline smashes three world records at Prague Half Marathon**

Joyciline Jepkosgei smashed the world half marathon record at the sportisimo Prague Half Marathon. She also breaking three other world records on her way her time of 64:52. The Kenyan clocked splits of 30.05, 45:37 and 61:25 to improve the 10km, 15 km and 20 km world records respectively. Defending champion Violah Jepchumba finished second while Fancy chemtai wor third.



4. **81st Foundation Day of Odisha - Utkal Divas**

On April 1, 1936, Odisha was formed and since then the day is celebrated to mark the contributions and sacrifices made by people of the state in the formation days. The day is also called as “Utkal Divas”. Besides people from different walks of life paid tributes to the legends and renowned personalities like Utkala Gaurav Madhusudan Das, Utkalmani Gopabandhu Das, Maharaja Ramachandra Bhanjadeo, Maharaja Krushna Chandra Gajapati, Raja Baikuntha Nath Dey and so on helped Odisha to get status of separate linguistic state, which carved out Bengal-Bihar-Orissa province.

5. **Myanmar becomes SASEC’s 7th Member**

Myanmar become the seventh member of the South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) partnership, opening up new markets and supply chain links for trade and business between South Asia and Southeast Asia. SASEC countries Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal and Sri Lanka coordinate the planning of projects and activities to increase economic growth by building transport connectivity, facilitating faster and more efficient trade and promoting cross border power trade.

