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BUSINESS NEWS

1. \$65 million to venture into this startup jungle.



Jungle venture, which focuses on investment in south Asia and India, has raised commitment of

\$65 million for its second fund from investors like Singapore's sovereign wealth fund Temasek's, National Research foundation of Singapore and Singapore's Thakral Family. The firm expects to make a final close for the fund, which is targeting a \$100 million corpus, in the next 2-3 months.

The new fund is the successor to \$10 million first funds for jungle venture. "From the first fund, where the institutional investors were fairly small, now we see a healthy mix of family offices, institutions and tech entrepreneurs across India and Southeast Asia," said Anurag Srivastava, managing partner of the firm.

The VC firm is now looking to step up its pace of investment, deploying the fund across 15-20 companies in the next 12-24 months. Jungle Venture's new fund will invest in series-A and series-B stages, starting with deals ranging from \$35 million to \$5 million.

According to a filing with the US regulator SEC, the firm is raising another seed-stage fund called SeedPlus Singapore, which will raise \$20 million. The fund is focusing on sectors like software as a service (SaaS), financial technology, commerce and online marketplace in India. Jungle Venture roped in Ratan Tata as a special advisor earlier this year.

2. Eyeing less taxing space, Grofers shifts Base to Singapore.



Online grocery delivery company Grofers is moving its base to Singapore, joining a growing list of Indian startups that have moved their base to overseas market because of their business-friendly tax regimes and regulation.

The sequoia capital-backed company's India operations will be controlled by a new subsidiary, Grofer India (GIPL), Albinder Dhindsa, cofounder and CEO of Grofers said "GIPL will be 100% owned subsidiary of Singapore-based Grofers International," "The move also opens up avenues of the international listing future when you are a startup, restructuring is easier," Albinder Dhindsa added.

The restructuring at Grofers is expected to facilitate faster fund raising as its institutional investors are based overseas. Grofers' rivals PepperTap, Bigbasket and Swiggy have recently raised their fund to fuel their expansion plan.

Grofers joins a flurry of Indian startups such as Druva, Freshdesk, Flipkart, Adnear and Mobikon which have already moved their base to either Singapore or the US to benefit from the friendlier regulation and tax regimes in these markets.

3. If the Richest persons gave their money to the poor



The Robinhood Index shows how the net worth of each country's wealthiest person compares to the livelihood of his fellow countrymen by calculating the lump sum in dollar each person living in poverty would get if the assets of the richest citizen were liquidated and redistributed. The Bloomberg billionaires Index and the CIA world fact book were the references point.

The net worth of Bill Gates would turn into one-off payment of \$1736 if distributed to the neediest 15% of Americans. But India's large population means Mukesh Ambani's \$19.2-billion net worth amounts to the smallest payout to the poor of any other country analyzed. His net worth is 13.6 million times more than the gross domestic product of his fellow Indians...

The Robinhood index

Country of Citizenship	Richest billionaires	Net worth	GDP per capita	\$ per person in poverty
Cyprus	John Frederickson	\$15b	\$26,115	\$45,987
Sweden	Ingvar Kamprad	45	58,491	33,149
Taiwan	Tsai Eng-Meng	9	22,598	26,893
Switzerland	Ernesto Bertarelli	15	87,475	24,893
Austria	Dietrich Matesschitz	9	51,307	24,828
Hong Kong	Lika-shing	31	39,817	21,572
Ireland	John P Grayken	5	53,462	19,819
Singapore	Wee Cho Yaw	8	43,837	18,406
New Zealand	Graeme Richard Hart	8	10,804	16,207
Malaysia	Robert Kuok Hock Nien	16	54,597	14,084
US	Bill Gates	84	1,627	1,736
India	Mukesh D Ambani	22	1,627	59

4. Emission Crisis Looms Large over Volkswagen CEO's Days in office.



Martin Winterkorn's days as head of Volkswagen AG appeared numbered after the German car maker said scandal over falsified vehicle emission test in United States counted 11 million of cars worldwide.

The Tagesspiegel newspaper, citing unidentified sources on Volkswagen supervisory board, said the board would decide to replace the 68-year-old with Matthias Mueller, the head of the automaker's Porsche sports car business. A Volkswagen spokesperson denied the report. Winterkorn did not mention his future in a video message posted on the company's website in which he repeated his apology for the scandal.

Volkswagen, which for several years has been airing US TV Commercial lauding its "clean diesel" cars, was challenged by authorities as far back as 2014 over test showing emissions exceeding California State and U.S. federal limits. The company attributed the excess emissions to "various technical issues" and "unexpected" real world condition. It wasn't until EPA and the California Air Resources Board threatened to withhold certification for its 2016 diesel models that Volkswagen in early September admitted its wrongdoing.

5. Firm got 10000 crores (INR) from investors.



The arrest of managing director of Ponzi firm Rose Valley, Shibomoy Dutta and Ashok Kumar Saha by the Central Bureau Investigation (CBI) has blown the lid off of the 10000-crores scam with the two confessing that there are 23 hotels and three amusement parks owned by the Rose valley group. Dutta and Saha are presently in transit remand and are likely to be produced before the Odisha court. Initial questioning of the two also revealed that the scam is four times bigger than Saradha scam spread across West Bengal, Odisha, Assam. The group was running two major schemes from which they lured investors and then duped them, said officials.

6. Now Ratan Tata to invest in Zivame.



Online lingerie retailer Zivame has become the latest startup to get funded by Tata Sons chairman emeritus Ratan Tata, according to two people familiar with the matter. Zivame recently closed a series C funding round of 250 crores (INR) from Zodium Technology Fund and Khazanah Nasional Berhad, the strategic investment fund of the government of Malaysia.

(Tata) invested in the company much before it raised the latest round” said one of the persons aware of the deal, requesting anonymity. The estimated market opportunity in the online lingerie segment is large-the total lingerie or sleep wear market in India was valued at \$3 billion last year, of which around 1% was online, according to a report by Indian retail.

7. Safeguard duty may help steel firms lift volumes, not price.



With the safeguard duty in place, the focus for steel companies will be to improve capacity utilization rather than raising prices. At best, the prices could increase by 1000 (INR) tons over the next 200 days that is, till the time the duty is applicable. There has been no price increase ever since the safeguard duty was imposed and very little price increase will happen. In absolute terms, it can go up to maximum of 1000 (INR) a tons over 200 days. “There is already too much capacity and demand is not that strong”, JSW steel group chairman and managing director Sajjan Jindal said. JSW steel happens to be the largest steel makers in the private sector in India.

The industry, however, is treading cautiously on price, for more reasons than one. First, China has already dropped prices by 10%. Imports of hot rolled coils are now at \$297 a ton compared to ex-plant price of \$400 a ton for the home steel. They are now threatening to reduce prices by another 10%, Jindal said.

The steel industry has already made representation to the government to extend the safeguard duty on the entire value chain of steel products, cold rolled, galvanized, wire rods and TOR steel. The safeguard duty is applicable on import of hot rolled flat product of non-alloy and other alloy steel with a width of 600mm or above.

8. Aircel to improve 4G coverage by December to meet deadline.



Chennai based telecom operator Aircel which is already offering 4G services to enterprise clients via leased lines and Wi-Fi devices, said it would increase the number of 4G sites in all eight circles where it has license by the end of this year to meet spectrum auction rules.

“We are optimizing our network coverage in 2G, 3G and 4G bandwidths by rolling out new sites. The network up gradation for 4G is to meet with the MRO (minimum rollout obligation),” said Samir Dave, chief technology officer at Aircel. Aircel had won broadband wireless access for 4G licenses in Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Bihar, Odisha, Assam, north- eastern states and J&K in the 2010 spectrum auction.

9. Myntra loses two top executives.



Fashion retailer Myntra lost two key executives. One is chief operating officer Ganesh Subramaniam, who is setting up a consumer technology start-up. The second is human resources head Pooja Gupta. She is leaving Myntra, now owned by Flipkart, after Ananth Narayanan, a former McKinsey chief executive joined the fashion retailer.

A Myntra spokesperson said both had spent five years in the organization. Gupta, who is helping find her replacement, would remain with the company as an advisor.

Narayanan was brought in after Myntra founder Mukesh Bansal began managing the larger e-commerce business of Flipkart. Bansal was also elevated as Myntra chairman. The exits come ahead of the important festival seasons, when e-commerce companies begin attracting more shoppers to buy goods, on mobile and online.

Myntra have aggressive plans, including building a portfolio of its own private brands that is hoped to earn annual revenue of \$100 million each over the next few years.

10. Vedanta goes on workforce reduction.



Mining giant Vedanta resources has resorted to “aggressive cost reduction” and “workforce reduction” in its aluminum segment amid subdued and volatile market conditions globally.

The Anil Agarwal-led mining conglomerate said sharp rise in Chinese exports has led to a short-term market saturation and the cost of the metal in global market suggest that over 50% of the world capacity is at loss, based on current price at the London Metal Exchange plus premium.

Vedanta is taking bold decision in the current low price environment. The ramp up of the first line of the 312 Kilo ton capacity at Jharsuguda will commence in the September quarter, it added.

National news

11. Narendra Modi signs on Indian flag, Sparks controversy



Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi was pictured signing on the tri color flag recently which has generated a lot of controversy. The flag, that was painted by a differently-abled child was supposed to be presented to U.S president Barak Obama.

“A differently-abled child drew the flag. It was not a proper flag in the first place, and did not even have the Ashoka wheel. So the question of attracting the Flag Code of India, 2002 or Prevention of Insults to National Honor Act, 1971, does not arise. The Prime minister, in a gesture meant to appreciate the initiative taken by the child and offer encouragement, autographed it,” DG (media & communications), government of India Frank Noronha was heard saying.

The Congress was quick to react on the issue and released a statement about how despite being the PM, Modi is still not above the flag and national interest of the country. The autographed flag was meant to be handed over by Chef Vikas Khanna to Barack Obama.

12. Government allots land for National Law University



The state government finally gave the nod to grant land for the national law university in Nagpur. The 60 acre land does not house any construction yet and lies in Kaldongri. "Our aim is to start the university in 2016-17. We will try to build the necessary infrastructure by then,"

"We have identified a 68-acre land in Mohegaon (off Amravati Road). We have got the no objection certificate (NOC) from the forest department and a clearance from MIDC is awaited," Guardian minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule said.

"We will spend 450 crores on it. Water sports will be started and many entertainment facilities will be made available. We also plan to include the lake in the sea plane circuit. It will fly between Khindsi and Koradi. If possible, we will try to land it in Ambazari Lake, he added. The plans to construct a Buddhist theme park are also on the cards in the same location.

13. Cancer data repeats in National Health profile 2015.



The National Health Profile (NHP) 2015, released by Health Minister J P Nadda on Tuesday, has reported the same grim predictions on cancer incidence in India as last year — a 20 per cent jump over the next five years, with the increase being higher in women than in men.

“The cancer data is collated in Bengaluru and sent to us. This year they never sent us any data. We decided to go with the existing data. However, we have asked for a clarification on the missing cancer data,” said Arvind Kumar, assistant director of the Central Bureau of Health.

Acute respiratory infections and the occurrence of chicken pox too have slightly risen in the recent past and the trend is expected to continue.

14. UAE Invited to participate in National Investment Infra fund



India has invited the United Arab Emirates to participate in the 20000 crores worth NIIF that aims at giving a solid push to the infrastructure projects in India.

External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj urged the Arab nation to use this opportunity to strengthen the ties between the two countries and utilize the current business friendly environment.

”We have recently announced the National Infrastructure Investment Fund and we sincerely hope that Abu Dhabi Investment Authority can look at investments of 10-20 percent of equity. The Fund is envisaged to be a commercial body which would be operated in a commercial manner. This would also give the UAE companies an edge when specific projects are announced,” she said.

“Our two countries have rightly denounced and opposed terrorism in all forms and manifestations and called all states to reject and abandon the use of terrorism against other countries. We should work together for the early adoption of India’s proposed Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism at the United Nations,” she added. “UAE plays home to over 2.6 million Indians”.

15. Plan for Wayside Amenities for National Highway



The Prime Minister’s office looks to finalize the name for its ambitious highway project and send it for approval before the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA).

Amenities like parking, restaurants, telephone booth/Wi-Fi, ATMs, fuel stations, minor repair shops, rest rooms, toilets etc. are all a part of this ambitious project. A senior government official said, “We are in the process of finalizing the draft policy for setting up wayside amenities. The consultant is identifying locations which can lend themselves to these kinds of activities. We will shortly send the proposal for CCEA approval”. He said. “These facilities will have standard design and dimensions. There will be 3-4 formats depending on the volume of traffic at a particular location. They will be set up on public- private partnership mode (PPP), in association with the tourism department, various state governments or on franchise basis. The idea is not to own the facility but rather to ensure that such places come up quickly in standard formats across national highways to provide comfort and safety to travelers,” added the official. India’s current national highway network is around 96000 km.

16. National Offshore Wind Energy Policy approved by the government



India's foray into offshore wind power looks to be simplified as per the new policy implemented by the cabinet. National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE) is the body that currently monitors the process and is in charge of off-shoring the wind energy.

“One of the key advantages of off-shore wind energy is that large sized projects of 1,000 MW and above can be built with the capacity utilization factor ranging from 45%-50%. This also enables better utilization of transmission infrastructure and better dispatch ability, with insignificant impact on land requirements,” said Tulsi Tanti, Suzlon's chairman, in a statement on Sept. 9. “We foresee offshore wind energy revolution in our country; given India's very long coast line. Tanti said that the decision will “simplify and create a single window system for relevant approvals from various central government departments and state maritime boards, too.” The country's current installed renewable capacity stands at 34 GW and plans are in place to extend it to 60 GW by 20

17. Former CEO of Fortis says that Healthcare still not prioritized in India.



Vishal Bali, co-founder of home health services company, Medwell Ventures and former CEO of Fortis said that India needs to prioritize healthcare if they aim to provide affordable means of treatment with new age technologies.

“One of the biggest issues in India, healthcare, is not a national agenda for us. This is not a sectorial need but a need for the advancement of healthcare for the country. One of the big challenges you have in this country is when you make healthcare as a national agenda, you will come up with more missions and more opportunity creation to deliver healthcare to the last mile,” said Bali.

"In budget after budget every year, we have the same conversation of how the government should spend more than 1% of India's GDP on healthcare and the government continues to spend 1%. The remaining 4.2% of the GDP on healthcare comes from private sector which means 80% of Indians pay out of their own pockets," He added.

The digital India campaign if implemented rightly will be a huge boost to the health sector and will provide solutions to many health issues.

18. National Leader tag sought for Shiv Sena founder



South Mumbai Shiv Sena MP Arvind Sawant wrote to chief minister Devendra Fadnavis asking for National leader tag for Shiv Sena founder BAL Thackeray.

"Without accepting any constitutional post, Thackeray taught the Marathi mannos how to fight against injustice while motivating pride among them," Sawant stated in his letter.

"I have sent the letter to Fadnavis so that he can make his recommendations to the Union government as Maharashtra's CM. I will also write to Prime Minister Narendra Modi about the same," said Sawant. The MNS supremo played an influential role in the propagation of pro Maratha ideology and is a cult figure in Maharashtra.

19. India free of new born Tetanus



India PM Narendra Modi proudly declared that the country has successfully eliminated maternal and newborn tetanus. The infection has been responsible for over 2 lakh deaths in the past and it is indeed a landmark achievement.

“These remarkable successes in the field of maternal and child health have been possible through our National Health Mission. The Mission, with its urban and rural health components — perhaps one of the largest public health program in the world — has resulted in improved health outcomes.

Fifty-two per cent of India’s under-five mortality is contributed to by deaths of newborns in the first month of life. Under NHM, our approach emphasizes a continuum of newborn care both at the community and facility level,” said Modi in his inaugural address at the third Global Call to Action Summit 2015.

20. India prepared for Military action says Army Chief



Army Chief General Dalbir Singh recently said that India was prepared for offensive military action at its borders.

The issue arises in the wake of constant ceasefire violations by Pakistan in Jammu Kashmir. New Delhi has been made aware of the matter and is constantly on the watch.

“As we look ahead we can see that our threats and challenges become more complex. As a result the commitments of the Indian Army have increased manifold in scope and intensity in past few years. The frequent ceasefire violations and infiltration bids by our western neighbor always remain live and active,” Dalbir said.

International News

21. 717 people dead: What caused the Hajj stampede?



More than 2 million Muslims from around the world are in Saudi Arabia for the Hajj, a pilgrimage that all Muslims who have the financial and physical ability make at some point in their lives. The millions of people must perform a litany of rituals in five days, including the symbolic stoning of the devil in Mina, about 2 miles away from the Mecca holy site.

That's where the deadly stampede took place on the third day of the five-day event. Officials say 717 people died and 900 were injured. Iran's semi-official FARS news agency said that 131 Iranians were among the dead. Another 365 remained missing, the state-run IRNA news agency reported, cautioning against assuming they have died.

The dead were from at least 13 nations. India's foreign minister reported on Twitter that 14 Indian citizens had died. Egypt counted 14 deaths and at least 30 people injured. Somalia reported seven of its citizens were dead; Pakistan, six; Senegal, five; Turkey, four; and Kenya and Algeria, three each. Two people from Indonesia and two from Nigeria were reported killed, along with one each from the Philippines and the Netherlands. Saudi Arabia said six members of its civil defense forces were injured in the stampede.

Even though Saudi officials are extremely versed in hosting Hajj crowds, many of the pilgrims are making the journey for the first time and might not be prepared to follow all directions or handle the chaos. "If any mistake happens -- if a group makes the wrong turn -- that will cause a disaster," Jamal Khashoggi of Saudi Arabia's El Arab TV told CNN. "And that's exactly what happened yesterday."

Maj. Gen. Mansour Al-Turki, the Saudi Interior Ministry's security spokesman, hinted that the problem may have stemmed from some pilgrims not following established guidelines, the Saudi Press Agency reported. And novice pilgrims might try to "go on their own, or try to take a shortcut," Khashoggi said.

Iranian officials, however, accused Saudi officials of mismanaging the event.

Thursday's disaster was the deadliest at Mina since 1990, when 1,426 people died. The latest calamity also came 13 days after a crane collapse killed more than 100 people at another major Islamic holy site, the Grand Mosque in Mecca.

After a stampede during Hajj killed 363 people in 2006, the Saudi government erected three massive pillars and completed a \$1.2 billion, five-story bridge near the site where pilgrims can toss stones. But after the latest mass tragedy, many are wondering what more can be done to prevent another disaster.

In remarks Thursday, Pope Francis offered his condolences. "My sentiments of closeness in the face of the tragedy that they suffered in Mecca. In this moment I give them assurances of my prayers. I unite myself with you all in prayer to the Almighty God, all merciful."

22. The 17 Ambitious UN Development Goals



It's an ambitious list: Seventeen goals for the next 15 years to make the world a better place. World leaders and officials were scheduled to meet from Friday to Sunday at the United Nations to discuss and adopt new sustainable development goals to replace the millennium development goals that ended this year.

The worldwide goals are meant to help create sustainable development in areas that include climate change and ending poverty until 2030. The U.N. hopes the goals will be a "launch pad for action by the international community and by national governments to promote shared prosperity and well-being." The goals call for action from all countries, from the richest to the poorest. Here's a look at some of the most ambitious goals:

The first aims to "end poverty in all its forms everywhere." The U.N. estimated that 836 million people are living in extreme poverty today, mostly in South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. Going hand in hand with this goal was the promotion of sustained and inclusive economic growth and employment for all, as well as the reduction of inequality. Global unemployment has increased in recent years with 75 million young men and women out of work.

Ending hunger and achieving food security, improving nutrition and promoting sustainable agriculture all make up the second far-reaching goal. Approximately 795 million around the world are still undernourished, the U.N. reported. Along with this goal, the U.N. was promoting access to water and sanitation as well as "well-being for all ages."

With the creation of the U.N. Women agency in 2010, the development goals have a stronger focus on gender equality with one goal focusing on achieving equality and empowering women and girls. Part of this is another goal that ensures education for all.

An entire goal was devoted to combating climate change and comes at an important moment with world leaders scheduled to descend on Paris in November to try and agree on a universal climate deal. One related goal aims to ensure modern and sustainable energy, and another looks to ensure that infrastructure built will be resilient.

Demonstrators gathered during a rally in Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, Sept. 24, 2015, in New York. The mass mobilization came the night before world leaders met at the United Nations to adopt the Global Goals at the U.N. Sustainable Development Summit 2015 Sept. 25-27. Additional goals include ensuring sustainable consumption and production, conserving and sustainably using marine resources, protecting ecosystems, making cities inclusive and peaceful and strengthening global partnerships to make sustainable development possible.

23. What does Putin get from meeting Obama?



The Kremlin and White House have confirmed that Vladimir Putin and Barack Obama will meet on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly next week in New York. It will be the first time the two leaders have met face to face since last November at the Asia- Pacific Economic Cooperation summit when they only "exchanged a few words" according to the Kremlin.

There appear to be divisions, however, about the key content of next week's meeting. White House press secretary Josh Earnest told reporters that when President Obama speaks to Putin "the top item on his agenda will be Ukraine." He said Obama was going to focus the meeting on making sure Russia complies with its obligations under the Minsk agreements, which are aimed at ending the conflict in eastern Ukraine.

The Kremlin, on the other hand, has said the focus of the meeting will be the situation in Syria. In comments repeated in Russian state media, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said, "Quite naturally, Syria is problem number one." Asked whether Ukraine would be discussed, he said: "Well, if time allows."

Distancing the United States from attempts to bring Russia back into the international fold, a senior US official stressed that the meeting had been agreed to because it would be "irresponsible" not to. Putin is also arriving in New York at a time when the West has been criticized for a lack of a coherent approach to the crisis in Syria. Both Russia and the United States share particular concerns about the rise of Islamic State in Syria and Vladimir Putin will use his appearance at the UN General Assembly next week to push Russia as being key to solving the conflict there.

24. US, China Agree To Stop Hacking Business Secrets



The United States and China will no longer support cyber-espionage that results in the theft of trade secrets or confidential business information, leaders from both countries announced Friday. It's the first meaningful cooperation between the two countries on cyber-security but falls well short of the Obama administration's previously stated goals.

"The United States and China agree that neither country's government will conduct or knowingly support cyber-enabled theft of intellectual property, including trade secrets or other confidential business information, with the intent of providing competitive advantages to companies or commercial sectors," Obama said at a news conference Friday. "This is progress, but I have to insist that our work is not yet done." U.S. officials previously suggested that the two countries would agree to not use cyber-weapons against each other's critical infrastructure, but that was not part of this deal.

Washington and Beijing will open a new cyber "hotline," where senior officials can "escalate" concerning technical issues. They have also agreed to create a senior experts group to continue discussing cyber-warfare and the protection of intellectual property. "In order to come to an agreement on critical infrastructure then you have to admit you have those capabilities," said Ken Westin, senior security analyst at the cyber-security company Tripwire.

"China is taking the stance that they're completely inexperienced and almost naïve in this area," he said. "They play more the victim when it comes to cyber- security, they haven't talked about things like the OPM hack, they can't even communicate on the risks of cyber-war and cyber-espionage."

25. Possible 'hostage' boat found on Militant Island: Philippine military



Philippine authorities have found a boat they suspect was used by kidnappers to take a group of mainly Western hostages to an island stronghold of Islamic militants, the military said on Saturday. The outrigger boat was found Friday on Jolo, more than 500 kilometers (311 miles) southwest of the Samal island resort where two Canadians, a Norwegian and a Filipina were abducted late Monday, Brigadier-General Alan Arrojado announced. Jolo is the main base of the Abu Sayyaf, an Al-Qaeda-linked group that has been blamed for the Asian country's deadliest terror attacks as well as ransom kidnappings of foreign tourists and Christian missionaries. "We have eyeballed the seacraft, but not the kidnap victims from Samal," Arrojado, head of a Jolo counter- terrorism task force, told reporters.

Officials would not say if the discovery pointed to possible Abu Sayyaf involvement in the kidnapping of Canadian tourists John Ridsdel, 68, and Robert Hall, 50, as well as Norwegian resort manager Kjartan Sekkingstad and Hall's Filipina girlfriend. No group has claimed responsibility for the abductions, the latest in Mindanao, a southern region plagued by decades of Muslim as well as communist insurgencies.

26. Syria rebels give equipment to al-Qaeda



A group of US-trained Syrian rebels has handed over their vehicles and ammunition to fighters linked to al-Qaeda, the US military has admitted. It said one rebel unit had surrendered six pick-up trucks and ammunition to the al-Nusra Front this week - apparently to gain safe passage. Congress has approved \$500m (£323m) to train and equip about 5,000 rebels to fight against Islamic State militants. But the first 54 graduates were routed by al-Nusra Front, the military said. Gen Lloyd Austin told US lawmakers last week that only "four or five" US-trained rebels were still fighting.

"Unfortunately, we learned late today that the NSF (New Syrian Forces) unit now says it did in fact provide six pick-up trucks and a portion of their ammunition to a suspected al- Nusra Front (group)," Pentagon spokesman Capt. Jeff Davis said on Friday. Meanwhile, Col Patrick Ryder, a spokesman for US Central Command (Centcom), said this happened on 21-22 September. He added that the surrendered vehicles and ammunition amounted to roughly 25% of the equipment issued to the unit. "If accurate, the report of NSF members providing equipment to al-Nusra Front is very concerning and a violation of Syria train-and-equip programme guidelines," Col Ryder said.

The unit was part of some 70 rebel fighters who participated in the second US training course. The train-and-equip programme is at an early stage, but this is just the latest in a series of setbacks, the BBC's Laura Bickers in Washington says.

27. Merkel addresses refugee crisis at UN



Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) aim to eradicate extreme poverty, fight inequality and injustice, provide quality education to all and achieve economic growth by 2030. World leaders passed the ambitious agenda on Friday, which was the result of years of consultations with governments and civil society, during a high-level summit just before the week-long United Nations General Assembly marking the 70th anniversary of the UN.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel called for global partnership to achieve development goals and pledged to increase Germany's budget for development.

"Each and every one of us should work and must work to implement the agenda, so that people all over the world can live a life of dignity," Merkel said.

Germany will stand by its obligation to allocate 0.7 percent of its gross domestic product to finance development and will also increase its development "substantially," Merkel announced at the UN.

Germany expects about 800,000 asylum applications in 2015 - according to some figures, that number could be as high as one million. The German government and regional states have agreed on a package of measures on dealing with the mass influx of refugees. More money will flow to each state depending on how many refugees arrive. Each of the federal states will receive 670 Euros (about 751 dollars) per asylum seeker, per month.

28. Hafiz Saeed slams Pakistan govt for not doing enough for Kashmiris



JuD chief Hafiz Saeed on Friday criticized the Pakistan government for not doing enough to support Kashmiris as he led Eid-ul-Azha prayers at Qaddafi Stadium here amid tight security.

"The Pakistani government should fully support Kashmiris in their struggle to get freedom," he said. The government is not only providing security to Saeed but also to his public meetings across the country especially in Punjab. Saeed, also the founder of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), is having a USD 10 million bounty on his head. He said the people should come forward and support the cause of Kashmiris.

"India should understand what the Kashmiris want as it can no longer force them to live under its rule" he said. India says Saeed is the mastermind behind Mumbai terror attacks in 2008, conspiracy for which was hatched, planned and executed out of Pakistan. The attacks claimed 166 lives.

29. ISIS Recruitment Based On Apocalyptic Claim



In order to recruit and expand, the Islamic State group relies heavily on the idea that the end of the world is near. The extremist Sunni Muslim group uses Islamic scriptures and prophecies to support its apocalyptic claim, all the while ignoring another contradicting prophecy.

“How did the Islamic State attract so many followers and conquer so much land? By being more ruthless, more apocalyptic and more devoted to state-building than its competitors,” according to a new book called "The ISIS Apocalypse: The History, Strategy, and Doomsday Vision of the Islamic State" by William McCant, the ISIS director of the Project on U.S. Relations with the Islamic World at the Brookings Institution.

Emphases such as "on-state building now" and "don't put off the caliphate" because "we are waging the final battles of the apocalyptic" are attractive to young Islamic men across the world, McCant argued in his book, USNI News reported. ISIS reportedly advocates the idea that the apocalypse is imminent and that Islamic fighters will battle the “infidels” of the West in Dabiq, a Syrian town now under ISIS control.

30. Islamic State greatest challenge, must delink terrorism from religion: PM Modi



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has acknowledged that the dreaded terror group Islamic State poses one of the greatest challenges facing the international community today and said there is a need to "delink terrorism from religion".

During a meeting with King Abdullah of Jordan on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly session, Modi discussed ways to prevent radicalization of youth and to counteract extremist messaging, External Affairs Ministry spokesman Vikas Swarup said after the meeting.

"Both leaders acknowledged that ISIS was one of the greatest challenges facing the international community. The Prime Minister said that there is a need to delink terrorism from religion," Swarup said.

Modi said the only way to combat international terrorism and the menace of organizations like IS (also known as ISIS) was to have a global response. He specially referred to the long pending proposal of a comprehensive convention on international terrorism, saying the time has now come for the international community to speak on one voice on this important issue and adopt this global convention.

"Prime Minister mentioned that it was inconceivable that a country as large as India representing one sixth of humanity was not in the Security Council," he said.

Science & Technology

31. The Launch of Apple iPhone 6S & 6S Plus

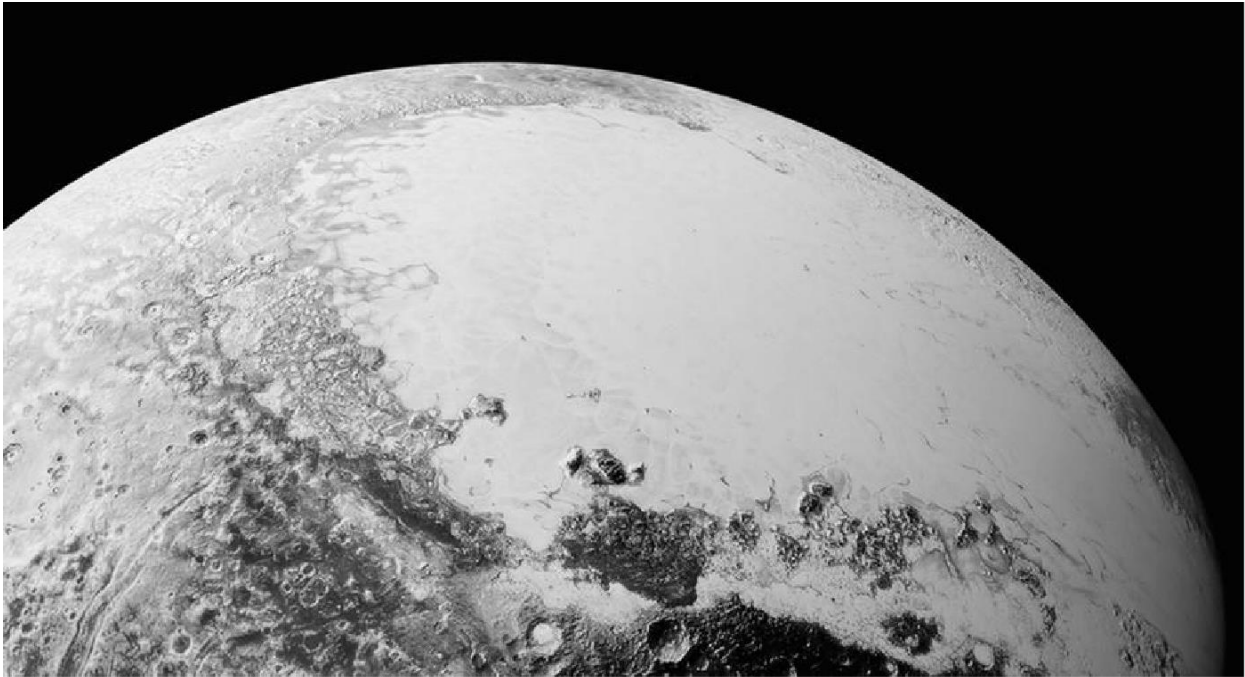


Apple has unveiled the iPhone 6s and iPhone 6s plus - described by CEO Tim Cook as the "most advanced phones ever" - at a special event in San Francisco on Wednesday. Pre-orders for the new iPhone models begin this Saturday and they have a launch date (start shipping) in twelve countries on September 25.

The price for the iPhone 6s and iPhone 6s Plus remain unchanged compared to their predecessors. The phones come with new 3D touch, which is a pressure sensitive screen that lets you perform different actions dependent on the amount of pressure you put. For example, you can light press to preview content, while tap normally to go view it as usual. Or you can 3D Touch the Facebook icon on your home screen and post an update without having to open an app. The iPhone 6s and iPhone 6s Plus come with a new 12-megapixel rear camera that also supports 4K video recording. Apple claims improved color accuracy, quicker autofocus, and enhanced lowlight performance. Front camera has been bumped up to 5-megapixels. Apple is introducing technology where the display will light up to act as flash for the front camera.

The iPhone 6s and iPhone 6s Plus come with new 'live photos' that lets you capture audio to go with your 'photos', including frames just before and after the moment you capture. They will come with support for 23 LTE bands and faster LTE as well as Wi-Fi. They also come with a new Touch ID fingerprint scanner that's twice as fast. The iPhone 6s and iPhone 6s Plus are powered by a new A9 SoC, with M9 motion co-processor integrated into the chip, enabling always on 'Hey Siri' - you can now invoke Apple's virtual assistant without pressing any buttons.

32. NASA released new Earth-like pictures of Pluto



Spectacular new photos of Pluto have revealed "majestic" icy mountains, sweeping plains and a low-lying haze over the distant dwarf planet. Stunned NASA scientists said the latest images captured by the New Horizons spacecraft showed it to be "surprisingly Earth-like", with evidence of a process similar to the water cycle.

Scientists with the New Horizons mission to Pluto released a new batch of images that they called both "stunning" and "a scientific bonanza." So far, images have mostly shown the region in two-dimensions, as seen from above. But the new images show the edge of the plain in relief, where it meets massive mountains on its southwest edge.

The images were taken as New Horizons sped past Pluto on July 14. They are backlit by the sun, allowing scientists to see not just the mountains' majesty but also more than a dozen layers of haze as much as 60 miles above Pluto's surface.

"In addition to being visually stunning, these low-lying hazes hint at the weather changing from day to day on Pluto, just like it does here on Earth," Will Grundy, lead of the New Horizons Composition team from the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz., said in a statement. The New Horizons mission was managed from the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel.

33. The launch of Apple iPad Pro

iPad Pro

Combining two Worlds



Apple has announced the launch of the iPad Pro, 'the biggest news in iPad since [the original] iPad'. The iPad Pro comes with a 12.9-inch 2732x2048 pixel display, giving you more than 5.6 million pixels to play with. The iPad Pro will ship this November in Silver, Gold, Space Grey colors at a price of \$799 for 32GB storage (Wi-Fi only), \$949 for 128GB storage (Wi-Fi only), and \$1079 for 128GB storage Wi-Fi+LTE variant.

The iPad Pro is powered by a new "desktop class" A9X chip, which is 1.8X times faster than its predecessor in CPU tasks. Phil Schiller, Senior Vice President Worldwide Marketing at Apple claimed the iPad Pro is faster than a majority of the PCs that shipped in the last six months. Apple says the new iPad Pro is powerful enough to edit three 4K streams at once.

The iPad Pro is 6.9mm thin and comes with the standard 10 hour battery life that we've come to expect from iPad models. iPad Pro comes with a magnetic connector for the new Smart Keyboard cover, a cover for your iPad with a built-in physical keyboard. Apple also announced the Apple Pencil, a stylus for the iPad Pro. The Apple Pencil has sensors for force, angle, position, and a faster digitizer. iOS apps like Mail and Notes have been update to support the Apple Pencil. The Apple Pencil will cost \$99 and the Smart Keyboard will be priced at \$169, both will ship November.

The iPad Pro comes with four speakers, and the iPad auto balances left and right, depending upon the way you are holding the iPad.



Microsoft unveiled Azure Cloud Switch, a boring-sounding product that's only interesting to developers and IT professionals working on the bleeding edge of networking technology. Linux, created in the early 1990s by incredibly influential programming firebrand Linus Torvalds and further developed by a veritable army of volunteers from around the world, never quite toppled the dominance of Microsoft Windows on the desktop. But it's the operating system of choice in the data center, where "free" is a very important part of the equation. When you're planning on installing the software on hundreds of thousands of servers.

Under Ballmer, Microsoft treated Linux as enemy number one, given the threat it posed to its all-important Windows business. Microsoft had an internal "Linux compete" initiative with strategies to combat the Operating system in all sorts of ways, from product to marketing. Microsoft's new CEO, Satya Nadella, softened his stance on Linux considerably. Under his leadership, Microsoft has begun enabling support for Linux on flagship products like its Microsoft Azure cloud computing platform. Nadella even boldly declared that "Microsoft Loves Linux" at a press event shortly after taking command of the company. Azure Cloud Switch is a super-specialized version of Linux, according to the Microsoft blog post announcing the product. Also of note is that it integrates network management technology from the Facebook-led Open Compute Project, which pushes open standards in the data center.

It's supposed to make it easier for IT pros to manage their networking infrastructure across different types of hardware — important when you're running a bunch of networks across a bunch of data centers at different computing scales. But that's not the important part. The important part, for right now, is that Microsoft saw a problem, and decided Linux was the best way to fix it. These are strange times we live in.



YouTube, which spent the first 10 years of its life as a free service, is getting ready to start selling tickets. Google's video site appears to be finalizing launch plans for its long-in-the-making subscription service, and Industry sources say they've been told to expect a launch near the end of October. A blast email from YouTube to content owners, telling them they have to agree to new terms by Oct. 22 or their "videos will no longer be Available for public display or monetization in the United States," helps support that timeline.

But YouTube, which floated the idea of a new subscription service nearly a year ago, has never publicly committed to a timeline. Last spring, YouTube executives were telling content owners they were aiming for a mid-summer launch. It's possible the launch could keep slipping, even beyond 2015. Sources say that's because YouTube intends to bundle two different services into one offering: An update of its music service, which it launched in beta as YouTube Music Key last fall, and another service, yet to launch, that will give users the ability to watch anything on YouTube without seeing ads.

Video industry sources say Google has told them it intends to charge \$10 a month for the combined offering. It's hard to imagine how YouTube will make money at that pricing, since its music service was supposed to cost \$10 on its own, with the music labels and other copyright owners pocketing the majority of that.

36. Huawei Nexus 6P specs leaked

Tech specs



- 5.7" WQHD high-resolution screen
- Metal unibody, slim and sophisticated
- Powered by Android Marshmallow
- Qualcomm® Snapdragon™ 810 v2.1 processor
- 3450mAh battery
- Weight: 178 grams
- Dual front-ported speakers
- USB Type-C charger for faster charging and quicker data transfer rates

The leaks continue to flow out of Mountain View. The latest information on Huawei's Nexus 6P, the larger and presumably more expensive of the two Nexus devices Google is expected to announce next week, comes from a public image gallery posted to Imgur. It's a series of slides that appear to be designed for retail employees to use as an information and promotional tool. The slides include a set of hardware specifications and new photos.

The slide also confirms dual front-facing speakers, a USB Type-C charging and data port, and a Snapdragon 810 version 2.1 processor. The 5.7" screen has been mentioned since the first leak, and that WQHD resolution (2560x1440 16:9) matches the Nexus 6 and most of the flagship phones from this year.

Slides dedicated to the camera and fingerprint sensor don't reveal much that we didn't already know - the marketing text says the camera "allows in lighter," which probably just means a low F-stop value. The first slide in the deck includes a mention of Gorilla Glass 4, the latest design of enhanced tempered glass from Corning.

Other slides include more information on the benefits of Android 6.0 Marshmallow and Now on Tap, which most of you should be familiar with, and the last slide confirms that the Nexus 6P will be available in 32, 64, and 128GB capacities. Based on the Aluminum, Graphite, Frost, and Gold color choices, it looks like the body is made of aluminum (which is hardly surprising). And apparently that Gold color will only be available in Japan, at least during the initial launch of the phone. Google has a habit of releasing new colors late into a Nexus phone life cycle, so take that for what it's worth. One of the slides includes a slightly angled photo of the rear of the Nexus 6P, which shows that the camera "bump" so commonly derided in previous leaks may be less noticeable than we had hitherto thought.

37. A Study identifies possible treatment for preeclampsia



Until now, the only way to respond to preeclampsia has been the early removal of the developing child and placenta from the uterus. For the long-term health of the baby, keeping it in the uterus for as long as possible,

Preeclampsia is one of the main causes of children being born prematurely. It is a hypertension disorder, meaning it is characterized by high blood pressure. Hypertensive disorders of pregnancy, such as preeclampsia, complicate up to 10% of pregnancies worldwide. Preeclampsia typically occurs after the 20th week of pregnancy, and most often near term. There is a risk that preeclampsia goes unnoticed as it can be superimposed on other hypertension disorders. Other characteristics of preeclampsia include unusually high amounts of protein in the patient's urine. Spotting this in routine tests is often how preeclampsia is diagnosed. assuming growth continues is preferable. Untreated, a pregnancy for women with preeclampsia will last only another 3 days.

Researchers have now come up with one of the first treatments for preeclampsia that may prolong pregnancy. The treatment involves targeting the removal of soluble Fms-Like Tyrosine Kinase-1 (sFlt-1) in women with severe preterm preeclampsia. For the long-term health of the baby, keeping it in the uterus for as long as possible, assuming growth continues is preferable. Untreated, a pregnancy for women with preeclampsia will last only another 3 days.

Lead author Dr. Ravi Thadhani, professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, MA, and his colleagues conducted an open pilot study to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of removing sFlt-1 from the blood through a process called apheresis. The blood of the patient was passed through an apparatus lined with a material that binds to sFlt-1 and retains it while the rest of the blood is then returned to the circulation. The procedure was tested in 11 pregnant women with very preterm preeclampsia (23-32 weeks' gestation). Those treated once sustained their pregnancy for an average further 8 days, while those treated multiple times lasted a further 15 days, according to the results. Such a treatment is especially important for those women suffering from very preterm preeclampsia. However challenging to achieve, a randomized trial is needed, the research team says.

38. Bullet train, the virtual reality game with “The Matrix” like moments



Bullet Train, the latest virtual reality demo from developer Epic Games captures the awesome slow-motion fight scenes from The Matrix in a way no other game has done before. At this week's Oculus Connect 2 conference in Hollywood, Epic (known for action-packed blockbusters like Gears of War and Unreal Tournament) unveiled a first-person shooter where the player kills enemies using the wireless Oculus Touch motion controllers. These controllers simulate your hands and fingers in VR, allowing you to do things like pick up objects and throw them around.

While nothing's more common in games than shooting people with guns, the experience felt remarkably different with Bullet Train. Like in traditional shooters, you have to use the trigger buttons to fire your weapons. But the motion tracking in the Touch controllers offer a drastically different experience. You aim with your hands instead of with a mouse or analogue stick. It's so much faster to kill things that way.

Oculus Touch also provides a more tactile feel to the game because you actually have to pick up and hold onto the weapons before you can use them. This is what the middle trigger (where your middle finger rests) on the Touch controllers are for. With those held down, you use a separate trigger (resting underneath your index finger) to fire the guns.

Moving around in Bullet Train doesn't require as much thought as the weapons. It has a teleportation system that warps you to different parts of the train station by holding down one of the face buttons. Doing this also slows down time, the popular “bullet-time” effect from The Matrix, making it easier to retaliate or retreat to a safer spot.

39. Pebble introduces its first round smartwatch



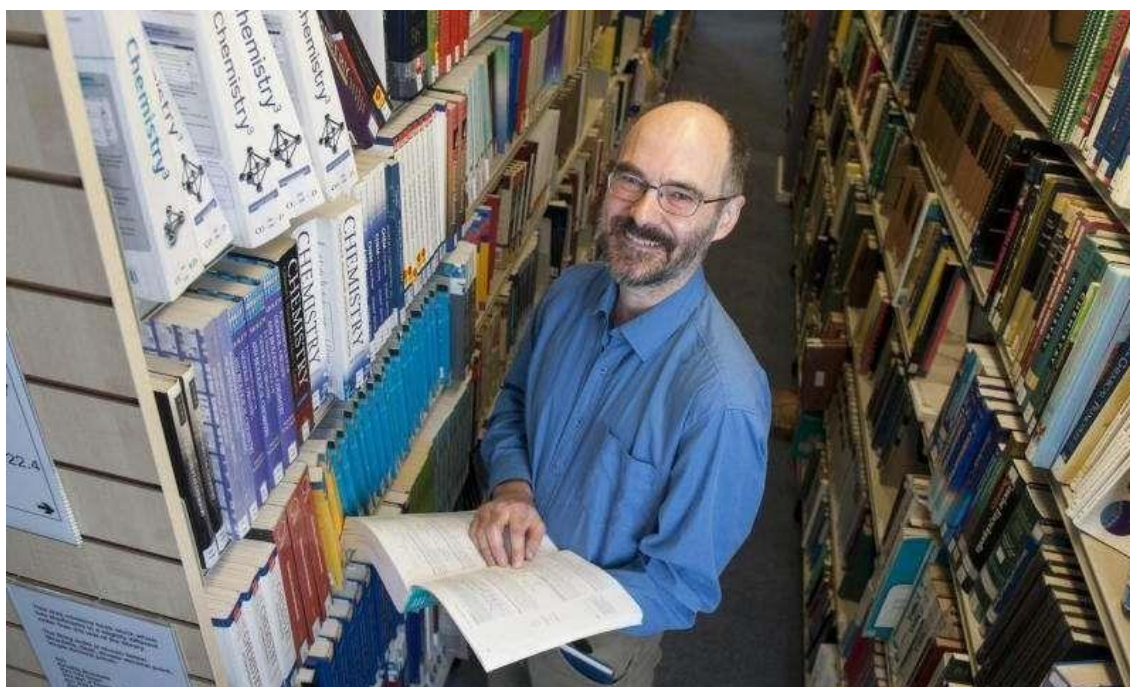
Pebble has launched its first circular smart watch, the Pebble Time Round to take on rivals Apple and Google in the wearable market. It is available in two band sizes and the watchmaker has claimed it is sleeker, thinner and lighter considering its 7.5mm thin and weighs just 28 grams. The Time Round is all metal, making it more similar to the Pebble Time Steel than the less-costly plastic Time. It has a 38.5mm face, though the round display does not fill it. Instead, a large bezel surrounds the screen, which makes the effective display size much smaller. Though multiple-day battery life has long been a selling point for Pebble (the Time Steel is advertised as lasting up to 10 days between charges), the Time Round will only go for two days before needing to juice up. To compensate for that, Pebble notes that the battery can top up very quickly, a mere 15 minutes of charging can power the watch for a full 24 hours.

Like the other watches in the Time range, the Time Round has a microphone for voice actions (which are available when the watch is used with an Android phone and will soon work with iOS too), a 64-color display with backlight, and splash resistance (though it's not as water resistant as the other models).

Taking a page from Apple, Motorola, and others, Pebble is offering two different versions of the Time Round, one geared toward a male audience, and one toward a female buyer. The overall size and shape of the two versions is the same, but the men's watch has a 20mm strap, while the women's version is 14mm. The 14mm size will also come in a rose gold finish, in addition to the silver and black finishes of the larger size.

To make its software work on a round display, Pebble reconfigured its Timeline to refresh an entire page at a time as you scroll, as opposed to scrolling line by line. That lets text wrap naturally on the round screen and maximizes how much information can be displayed on the admittedly small screen. Pebble is offering an SDK for developers to adapt their watch faces and apps for the new dimensions. The Time Round might be the most impressive watch Pebble has made yet — it's very comfortable to wear thanks to its thin profile and light weight, and it just looks like a normal watch you might wear on any given day.

40. A Researcher redefine the rules of chemistry



Research by a Northumbria academic could have a significant impact on the teaching of chemistry after he developed a radical new interpretation of a 99-year-old rule featured in all standard textbooks. Dr Marcus Durrant, a Reader in Northumbria's Department of Applied Sciences, realized that the treatment of treatment of hypervalency in the Lewis theory of chemical bonding was flawed while he was teaching the theory to students.

The Lewis model, which was first published in 1916, features in every elementary chemistry textbook and has been taught to generations of chemists. It states that a nitrogen atom cannot have five covalent bonds, as this would break the 'octet rule' which is a central part of Lewis' theory. However, the subject has been the matter of some dispute since the 1990s, when quantum calculations showed that the chemical bonds in nitrogen compounds are no different to those formed by heavier elements such as phosphorus, which often break the 'octet rule'.

After two years of research, Dr Durrant has developed a new definition of hypervalency that settles this dispute. His research has just been published in the Royal Society of Chemistry journal *Chemical Science* and has been described as having "exceptional significance for the foundations of chemistry."

Dr Durrant explained: "For generations we have been telling our students that there is a right and wrong way of writing potentially hyper valent chemical structures such as nitro groups." We continue to teach this convention even though the theory behind it was shown to be wrong 25 years ago. Some chemists have even suggested that the term 'hyper valent' should be abandoned altogether, even though it is still in widespread use. I was musing over this after discussing these problems in the classroom and decided to explore whether there was a way to settle the controversy. "In science there is a lot of tradition and to challenge long-held ideas needs a lot of very detailed research work. Nevertheless chemistry is an experimental science, so testing new ideas by experiment is the final arbiter in an argument.

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41. FIFA sets winter dates for Qatar World Cup



FIFA announced that the 2022 World Cup, to be held in Qatar, will start on November 21 with the final to be played on December 18 - cutting four days off the length of the competition.

World soccer's governing body had previously announced the date of the final but the start date of November 21 means the tournament will be just 28 days in duration -- the shortest since the competition switched to a 32- team tournament in 1998.

The 2014 World Cup in Brazil was held over 32 days while the shortest 32-team tournament had been 31 days.

The Qatar tournament will mark the first time that the event is held during Europe's winter months - previously the competition had been held in June and July.

42. Sebastian Vettel come out as 2015 Singapore Grand Prix champion.



Ferrari driver Sebastian Vettel from Germany on 20 September 2015 won the 2015 Singapore Grand Prix of Formula One.

While, Australian Daniel Ricciardo finished second. The race was held on the Marina Bay Street Circuit, which is the first street circuit in Asia.

The top 5 Teams of the 2015 Singapore Grand Prix of Formula One were Ferrari, Red Bull, Mercedes, Williams and Toro Rosso.

For Vettel, it was overall fourth victory in Singapore Grand Prix as he had earlier won in 2011, 2012 and 2013.

Moreover, this was his third victory of the season 2015. Earlier he had won Malaysian Grand Prix 2015 and Hungarian Grand Prix 2015.

43. IAF lifts Baba Farid Gold Cup hockey title



Indian Air Force (IAF) on 23 September 2015 won the 2015 All India Baba Farid Gold Cup hockey title in Faridkot, Punjab.

IAF defeated the Army XI 2-1 to lift the 24th edition of the championships.

Incidentally, all the three goals were scored in the first half of the match. The second half of the play went goal less despite both the teams getting several opportunities.

Army XI was the first to open the account with a goal by Bachittar in the ninth minute.

In the IAF side, Devinder Singh was the lone scorer with his equalizing goal in the 20th minute and the decider at the 33th minute.

44. Hangzhou in China selected as host of 2022 Asian Games



The capital city of Zhejiang Province Hangzhou in East China was on 15 September 2015 chosen by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) to host the 2022 Asian Games. The OCA made the decision at its 34th Congress meeting in Ashkhabad, Turkmenistan.

Hangzhou was the only candidate city for the 2022 Asian Games, the XIX edition of games.

It will be the third Chinese city to host the Asian games following Beijing in 1990 and Guangzhou in 2010. Hangzhou is best known for the West Lake, a placid and tourist attraction. It is also home base of Chinese Internet (ecommerce) giant Alibaba.

In 2014, Incheon, a South Korean city, hosted the Asian Games, while Indonesia's Jakarta city is going to host the 2018 Asian Games.

45. Ganguly to take charge of CAB



The decks have been cleared for Sourav Ganguly to take charge of the Cricket Association of Bengal, with the state's chief minister, Mamata Banerjee, announcing on Thursday that the association's senior officials had taken the decision. He will replace Jagmohan Dalmiya, who died on Sunday, and whose son Avishek will succeed Ganguly as secretary.

All of this will have to be officially approved by the CAB governing body but, given that the decisions have Banerjee's blessings, the approval should be a formality. Ganguly has been joint secretary of the CAB from July 2014. He has been involved in several administrative roles in the Board including being a member of the three-man cricket advisory committee along with his teammates Sachin Tendulkar and VVS Laxman and also is a part of the IPL Governing Council.

His elevation to the top post also queers the pitch in the race to fill the BCCI president's position, also held by Dalmiya. Ganguly will probably control two votes in the East Zone - those of the CAB and the National Cricket Club - and could become a lightning-rod for the other zonal associations, who had earlier gravitated to Dalmiya. If that happens, it will make him a more powerful player in BCCI politics.

46. Talvar: Arushi murder case is now a movie



Irrfan Khan and Konkana Sen Sharma starrer Talvar, which is based on Aarushi Talwar's murder will be releasing on October 2.

The first poster of the film, which looks edgy, was released on Friday night.

Irrfan looks very intense in the poster that also focuses on the blindfolded Lady Justice holding a sword in one hand and scales of justice in the other.

The poster reads: "India's most controversial case reopens on 2nd October".

Even Manish Gupta's directorial Rahasya, which featured actors Kay Menon and Tisca Chopra that released earlier this year, was also inspired by the Aarushi murder mystery case.

The story of Talvar revolves around the sensational murder of 14-year-old Aarushi Talwar and 45-year-old domestic helper Hemraj that took place in the year 2008 in Noida.

47. Bijapur Bulls crowned KPL 2015 champions



Despite the home team Mysuru Warriors not playing in the big game; it was a full house at the stadium. After a sedate start from openers R Samarth (27) and Rajoo Bhatkal (6), Bijapur were dealt a double blow by the medium pace of Kranthi Kumar.

Bijapur were 42/2 in 8.1 overs and further slumped to 60/3 in 11.2 overs. However, Uthappa (38 not out) and Akhil (36 not out) ensured there was no further damage. This was the best partnership of the match and turned out to be a title-winning one. Akhil was aggressive while Uthappa played cautiously.

In the final 5 overs, Bijapur needed 36 off 30 but the belligerence of Akhil brought the equation down to 16 off 24. From there, they cruised home as Akhil triggered wild celebrations in the team's dug- out with a boundary off Shivil Kaushik in the 18th over.

Bijapur received the winner's cheque of Rs 10 lakhs while Hubli got Rs 5 lakhs.

48. Marathi film 'Court' is India's entry for Oscars



Beating many big-ticket productions and box-office successes, Marathi film 'Court' was on Wednesday selected as India's official entry for the Oscars. Filmed on a shoestring budget of Rs 3.5 crore, debutant director Chaitanya Tamhane's film will now represent the country in the Best Foreign Film category at the Academy Awards. The winner will be announced in February.

Tamhane (28), who is currently in Japan, took to twitter to express his happiness. "At every juncture of the film's journey we have felt that it has given us more than we could ever imagine," the director and producer Vivek Gomber jointly said to the media through a release. "Once again, this has come as a genuine surprise to both Vivek and me. Ever since we started making the film, we kept our expectations low.

Especially in this case, since these results tend to be so unpredictable, it just felt like a wise thing to not expect too much. Now that it has actually happened, we would like to thank the jury for their decision and everyone who has supported the film so far."

'Court' won the coveted status following a marathon screening of over 40 films, spanning a week, in Hyderabad. The film takes a close look at India's dysfunctional judicial system - where cases drag on for decades even as the accused impatiently wait for judgment to be delivered - through the eyes of a folk artist.

49. The Angry Birds Movie First Teaser Features Anger Management



The first teaser trailer for *The Angry Birds Movie* shows why the birds are so angry and explains how they control their rage.

The trailer shows an island populated entirely by flightless birds. When the island is visited by mysterious green piggies, it's up to a group of unlikely outcasts that includes Red, Chuck, and Bomb to figure out what the pigs are up to.

Jason Sudeikis, Josh Gad and Danny McBride have given their voice to Red, Chuck and Bomb respectively. Meanwhile, Bill Hader has lent his voice to the pig.

The animated comedy is slated for a US release on May 20, 2016.

50. Vin Diesel vs. What's 'Beyond Evil' in the Last Witch Hunter Trailer



Vin Diesel features as the only ray of hope in the dramatic new trailer of *The Last Witch Hunter*, released by the makers of the movie.

Titled *The Awakening*, the clip teases the resurrection of a deadly villain set on "destroying humanity".

The Fast and the Furious actor plays the titular witch hunter Kaulder, an immortal warrior with the task of protecting New York City from a lethal plague.

Kaulder receives unlikely help in the form of a good witch played

By *Game of Thrones* actor Rose Leslie, who can transport people between the reality and the world of dreams?

Ciara's cover of the Rolling Stones' classic *Paint It Black*, recorded for the film, plays over the trailer as a bearded Vin Diesel brandishes an impressive, flaming sword at his paranormal enemies.

The supernatural action movie will also star Elijah Wood and Michael Caine, Julie Engelbrecht and Joseph Gilgun.

The Last Witch Hunter will be released in the UK on October 21, 2015.

Quiz

1. Jagmohan Dalmiya was a businessman before he turned Indian cricket into a business. In what business was he in?
2. Which media co has launched Gadget 360 an e-commerce site for gadgets?
3. HP has announced a large layoff of about 30,000 persons as it splits into 2 cos. What is the largest ever layoff in US as per Fortune magazine?
4. Which watch is the most preferred model of terrorists? This model is banned in Guantanamo bay because of this.
5. Which car co is recalling 2.24 lakh cars, making it the largest recall ever in India?
6. As per a recent expose by Gurumurthy who is the real owner of Vasan Eye Care, a popular chain of eye clinics in South India?
7. As per a recent order which postage stamps will be removed from circulation by department of posts?
8. Peter Drucker had prescribed a ceiling on the ratio of CEO: lowest paid employee salary for morale and productivity what was ratio?
9. Maruti Suzuki will be launching a premium hatchback soon to be marketed thru Nexa. What will it be called? (Clue: an old name is being brought back)
10. Who is endorsing the newly launched Mahindra TUV 300?

Answers for this issue will be published in next month's issue.

Answers of last month questions: -

1. Forrest Gump's speech that was muted at the Vietnam protest in the movie
2. P&G
3. London Underground map
4. Pro - Kabaddi League
5. The Wimbledon Effect
6. RK Laxman, RK Narayan and Ramachandra Guha
7. Crepe Suzette, Cape Suzette (Talespin)
8. Othello error
9. The iconic 'Welcome to Las Vegas' sign
10. Baymax, from Big Hero 6

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