

1. Embassy of India hosted a reception on the occasion of 69th Republic day of India. Deputy foreign minister of the Russian Federation Igor Morgulov graced the evening as chief guest. The reception had ministerial and ambassadorial representation along with friends from Russia.



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2. Hon'ble Finance Minister of India Mr. Arun Jaitley presented annual Budget in the Parliament of India on 1st February, 2018.

Indian economy is now 2.5 trillion dollar economy – seventh largest in the world. India is expected to become the fifth largest economy very soon. On Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) basis, we are already the third largest economy. FM stated, “GDP growth at 6.3% in the second quarter signaled turnaround of the economy. We hope to grow at 7.2% to 7.5% in the second half. IMF, in its latest Update, has forecast that India will grow at 7.4% next year.

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3. Former Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to India, H.E. Late Alexander Mikhailovich Kadakin was on India's Republic Day, 26th January 2018, conferred the third highest civilian award in India, the Padma Bhushan, for his contribution to India-Russia relations.



4. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, who became the first Indian prime minister to address the World Economic Forum (WEF) annual summit in Davos in two decades, delivered a strong message against protectionism and inward-focused economic policies as he pitched for creating a “heaven of freedom” free from divisions.



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5. Rosoboronexport company jointly with the Russian Foreign Ministry presented today a photo album *Russia-India: Milestones of Military-Technical Cooperation* which provides a picture of the history of military & technical cooperation between two countries which lasts almost six decades.



6. Ambassador of India H.E Pankaj Saran met Mufti Sheikh Ravil Gaynutdin, Chairman of the council of Muftis of Russia on 30th January, 2018.

