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Dear Enlightened Readers,

We are privileged to wish Happy Diwali / Shuvo Deepabali to all. Today with the celebration of Bhai Dooj, five days long festivities of Diwali come to end with positivity and happiness in full measures! Our news-basket is full this week also:

- Canadian Parliament came under attack—two persons killed;
- Indonesia got a new President from outside military-politico background after long, long time;
- ISIS mayhem continued. Man killed for photographing Hqr;
- Hong Kong talks made no progress;
- LoC violations by Pakistan continued;
- First indigenously designed and developed long-distance N-capable missile by India;
- India begins setting up SAARC group communication system;
- Diesel price deregulated in India;
- Ordinance issued on coal blocks allotment;
- Departmental enquiry to continue after retirement also;
- Jayalalitha granted conditional bail;
- October 21, duly observed as Police Commemoration Day;
- Indo Tibetan Border Police observes 53rd Raising Day (24 Oct, 2014.)

Thanking you & with regards,
Yours sincerely,

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Geopolitical:

India Begins Talks To Set UP SAARC Grid: This was announced after a meeting of SAARC ministers in Delhi. Pakistan, however, did not attend. [\(All Press, October 18, 2014\)](#)

Pak Violates Ceasefire, Targets Forward BOPs: This happened in Pargwal and jourian areas of Akhnoor in the morning hours of October 19, 2014. [\(PTI, The Statesman, October 20, 2014\)](#)

Indonesia Gets A New President: Joko Widodo, popularly called "Jokowi", is the first leader from outside the political or military elite. This former governor of Jakarta won legions of fans with his man-of-the-people image and is the first such elected leader since the end of Suharto' three decades of dictatorship. [\(AFP, 21 Oct, 2014\)](#)

International Terrorism:

ISIS Training To Fly Syria Warplane: They are being trained by Sadam Hussein's pilots to fly three jets captured from the Syrian military. [\(All Press, October 18, 2014\)](#)

Qaeda Throws Weight Behind ISIS: Describing that the air-strikes against the ISIS was a 'war against Islam', the Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) declared its support to the ISIS. [\(AFP, Asian Age, 18 Oct, 2014\)](#)

In Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Rumours of Instability Abound As Fears of IS Grow: Fears that Islamic State is gaining influence in Central Asia have been growing for months. <http://www.security-risks.com/security-issues-south-asia/terrorism/in-tajikistan-kyrgyzstan-rumors-of-instability-abound-as-fears-of-is-grow-3712.html>

Anti-ISIS Rebels Take 15- year-old as hostage: This was according to a Britain-based monitoring organisation, covering the crisis. [\(The Independent, Times of India, October 20, 2014\)](#)

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ISIS Suffers Heavy Losses in Syrian battleground at Kobane: This was on October 19.34 jihadists were killed. Spain will train Iraqis against ISIS. ([AFP, The Asian Age, October 19, 2014](#))

Hong Kong Imbroglio: Hong On Fire Again: Several hurt as pro-democracy protesters and cops battle on streets again, dimming the chances of proposed talks to resolve the crisis. ([Indian Express, 20 Oct, 2014](#))

ISIS Seizes Weapons Meant For Kurds: This was displayed on video, which seemed authentic, as stated by the Britain-based Syrian Observatory For Human Rights on October 21, 2014. ([AP, AFP, The Asian Age 22, 2014](#))

Assam Youths Getting Jihadi Training In Bangladesh: DGP: The latter confirmed this information to the press on October 21, 2014. ([The Pioneer, October 22, 2014](#))

Canadian Parliament Attacked, Two Soldiers Dead: The shooting started at the war memorial and then moved inside the parliament premises. This happened on Wednesday. Earlier this month, Canada had announced having joined the US-led campaign against the ISIS. ([All Agencies, All Press, October 23, 2014](#))

National Defence:

PM's surprise visit to Siachen: Celebrates Diwali with officers and jawans of the Indian Armed Forces. It is a rare opportunity to be called upon to defend the country in such difficult conditions says PM Modi.

www.security-risks.com/security-trends-south-asia/india-defence/pms-surprise-visit-to-siachen;-celebrates-diwali-with-officers-and-jawans-of-the-indian-armed-forces-3707.html



N-capable Nirbhay's Test-Fire Successful: This was India's first indigenously designed and developed long range cruise missile. This major milestone was achieved on October 17, 2014. ([All Press, October 18, 2014](#))

Home Minister Announces Up gradation of Border Infrastructure: The Home Minister also announced that 54 new Border Out Posts (BOPs) have been sanctioned by the Ministry to fill the gaps on the border of Arunachal Pradesh. <http://www.security-risks.com/security-trends-south-asia/india-defence/home-minister-announces-upgradation-of-border-infrastructure-3717.html>

Terrorism:

5 Jihadis arrested for killing Shiv Sena leader Ramesh Jadhav: Shiv Sena leader Ramesh Jadhav was murdered on 22 October. The arrested accused were identified as Gullu Ali Mohammad Sajida (45), Yusuf Sajida (25), Sohail Ansari (25), Imran Kazi and a minor. <http://www.mid-day.com/articles/mumbai-shiv-sena-leader-died-in-bid-to-stop-neighbour-from-being-attacked/15705157>

Jihadi duo planning to get trained in Afghanistan, held in Hyderabad: Two Jihadis from Maharashtra who were allegedly planning to go Afghanistan and undergo training at an Al Qaeda camp to establish an Islamic State in the country were arrested on Wednesday 22nd Oct.14. <http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/telangana/duo-planning-to-get-trained-in-alqaeda-camp-in-afghanistan-held-in-hyderabad/article6527349.ece>

Maoists Kill Policeman in Chhattisgarh: This happened in Sukma district when the ailing victim was travelling in a passenger bus to get medical treatment. The Maoists got the information, stopped the bus, identified the constable, got him out of the bus and killed him. ([All Press, October 19, 2014](#))

National Economy:

Coal Ordinance Promulgated On October 21: This was done to auction coal blocks through an electronic platform so as to ensure transparency in "auction process". ([PTI, All Press, October 22, 2014](#))

North-East India suffering from cancer of infiltration: Infiltrators get government facilities: Danger for national security. Infiltrators coming from Bangla Desh have created a new labour culture. They are ready to do any kind of work. They are also ready to do work that local workers avoid doing. Obtains fake papers to prove their Indian citizenship, also! http://dainiksanatanprabhat.blogspot.in/2014/10/blog-post_1167.html

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General:

Police Martyrs: October 21 - A Sacrosanct Day with the Indian Police all over the country. ([The Asian Age, October 21, 2014](#))

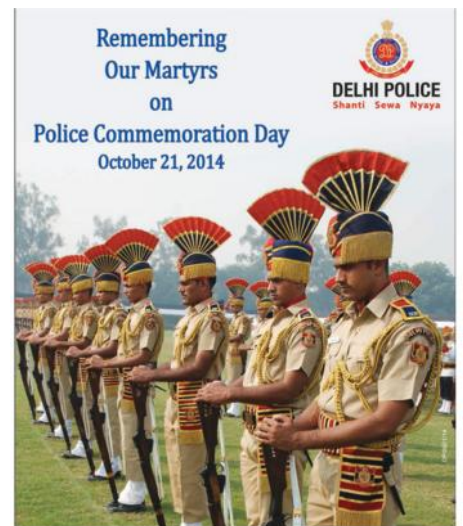
The Indo-Tibetan Border Force: The sentinels of the country in the Himalayas ITBP celebrate their 53rd Raising Day on October, 24, 2014.

Proceedings Against Govt Employees can Continue After Retirement: Commit a fault and you have no escape from departmental proceedings, tells the Supreme Court. ([All Press, October 21, 2014](#))



Generosity shown by Hindus should not be mistaken for their weakness: Puri Shankaracharya Shri Nishchalanand Saraswati: Although Vedic Sanatan Dharma teaches to show mercy to all beings, our generosity should not be misconstrued as our weakness and nobody should try to create problems in our ideals and for our existence. The above statement, full of 'Kshatra-tej' was made by His Holiness Puri Peethadhishwar Shankaracharya Nishchalanand Saraswatiiji Maharaj. He was

speaking on a topic of 'Concept of Sanatan Dharma and possibility of India becoming 'Vishwaguru' in future', in a program held in New Delhi. (http://dainiksanatanprabhat.blogspot.in/2014/10/blog-post_7727.html)



Cultural:

Vikram Samvat: Followed in India commemorates victory of King of Ujjain over Hunas or Sakas in 56 BC. He drove them out of India's natural frontiers at present day Khyber and Bolan. He earned thereby title of Vikramaditya. There are several winners of this title in history of India. Deepavali also marks start of Vikram New year, this year being year 2071. Many parts of India celebrate this new year where as many others observe Varshapratipada that comes in spring. India being ancient nation, vast and history replete with many memorable occasions, the divergence and diversity all add to delight, color and charm of celebrations of different kinds. What is common to be noted however is that every such celebration marks victory over demonic forces.

Religion:

Bhai Dooj / भाई दूज / Bhau-Beej / Bhai Tika / Bhai Phota is a festival celebrated by Hindus on the last day of the



five-day-long Diwali festival. This is the second day of the bright fortnight or Shukla Paksha of the Hindu lunar month of Kartika. On this day, sisters pray for a long and happy life for their brothers, by performing the Tika ceremony. On this day, in contrast to Raksha Bandhan, sisters present gifts to their brothers.

On the day of the festival, sisters invite their brothers for a sumptuous meal often including their favourite dishes. The whole ceremony signifies the duty of a brother to protect his sister, as well as a sister's blessings for her brother. Carrying forward the ceremony in traditional style, sisters perform aarti for their brother and apply a red tika on the brother's forehead signifying the sister's sincerest prayers for the long and happy life of her brother. In return brothers bless their sisters and treat them also with gifts or cash. As it is customary in Haryana, Maharashtra to celebrate the auspicious occasion of Bhau-beej, women who do not have a brother worship the moon god instead. On this day In Nepal, sisters pray to Yamraj for her brother's long life and

prosperity. Sisters put seven colored long tika on forehead of their brothers.

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