

IT in January 2017

General

- US President Donald Trump takes charge on January 20, 2017
- Elections to five States – UP, Goa, Punjab, Uttaranchal and Manipur announced on January 4, 2017; all results on March 11, 2017

Products

- Apple **iPhone** completes 10 years on January 9, 2017
- HMD Global (the new owner of Nokia brand) announced **Nokia 6** Android phone, initially for the Chinese market on January 8, 2016

Markets

- **Cisco** acquires India-born Jyoti Bansal founded **AppDynamics** (with about 400 staff) for \$ 3.6 Billion on January 24, 2017

Indian IT Companies

- **TCS** sets a new record - \$ 1 Billion quarterly profit in September - December 2016 quarter
- **Airtel Payments Bank** starts All India operations on Jan 12, 2017
- HBS (Harvard Business School) Case study on **PayTM** is getting renewed interest; it is more than an App and is a payment Bank today

MNC's in India

- **Ness Tech** (originally an Israeli IT Services company) to add 800 coders in Bangalore 2017
- **NetApp** announced its ₹ 1,000 Cr investment in Bangalore Center in January 2017
- **Boeing** R & D Center in Bangalore to get more investment in 2017 as per January announcement

Education & Research

- **Infosys Science Prize** award ceremony on January 7, 2017
- Five new **IIT's** get their Directors on January 7, 2017
 - **Dharwad** (Prof P **Seshu**, Mechanical Engineering Department of IIT-

- Bombay)
- **Palakkad** (Prof PB **Sunil Kumar** of Physics Department of IIT-Madras)
- **Tirupati** (Prof KN **Satya Narayana** of Construction Department of IIT-Madras))
- **Bhilai** (Prof Rajat **Moona** of CSE Department of IIT-Kanpur), and,
- **Goa** (Prof B K **Mishra** of Metallurgy Department of IIT-Kanpur)

People

- In a huge boost to the Indian IT professionals TCS CEO **N Chandra** was named the new **Chairman of Tata Sons** (a globally respected and India's largest corporate - 100+ billion dollar Salt to Software conglomerate) in January 12, 2017; **Rajesh Gopinathan** will be the new **TCS CEO** and **NG Subramanian** the new **TCS COO** - all effective February 21, 2017
- **Anant Maheshwari** is the **new Microsoft India Chairman** effective Jan 2017
- **IBM India MD Vanitha Narayanan** is elevated as **Chairman**; **Karen Bajwa** (ex Microsoft India MD) is the **new MD** effective January 2017
- **Justice Kher** takes charge on January 4, 2017 as the **44th Chief Justice of India**
- **Google CEO Sundar Pichai** visits India in January 2017 and visits his Alma Mater IIT-Kharagpur
- India-born **Ajit Pai** to head FCC (Federal Communications Commission) in USA

Interesting applications

- PVR Pictures introduces theatre-on-demand service

Interesting numbers

- Delhi Airport crosses 50-million passenger mark in December 2016
- Alibaba paid \$ 3.4 Billion in taxes; created 30 million jobs in the year 2016, globally
- Apple Stores record \$ 240 million sale on January 1, 2017
- Tirumala temple received Rs 1,018 Crores in *Hundi* in the year 2016
- IBM creates history - gets 8,000 patents in the year 2016 - the first time any company or organization earned more than 8,000 patents in a year -and the 24th consecutive years when IBM has been human history
- Microsoft's market value exceeds \$ 500 Billion after 17 years (during dot com boom)

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