

## **Government to Promote Indigenous Games and take them to an International Level: Vijay Goel**

Union Minister of State (I/C) for Youth Affairs and Sports Shri Vijay Goel today inaugurated the first edition of the Akhil Bhartiya Kabaddi Championship at the Motilal Nehru School of Sports in Rai, Sonapat (Haryana). The competition aims at popularising the sport among youngsters and to promote it as a game of the masses.

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## **First Part of Budget Session, 2017 of Parliament concludes**

The Budget Session, 2017 of Parliament commenced on Tuesday, 31st January, 2017 and subject to exigencies of government business, will be adjourned sine die on Wednesday, 12th April, 2017. Both the Houses have been adjourned for recess for a period of 27 days on Thursday, 9th February, 2017

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## **Defence Minister Holds Telephone Conversation with US Defence Secretary**

The Defence Minister, Shri Manohar Parrikar held a telephone conversation with the Defence Secretary of the United States, James Mattis on the evening of Feb 08, 2017.

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## **India-UK Deal to Allow More Flights to Boost Tourism and Trade for Global**

## **India & Britain**

India and the UK signed a MoU to ease restrictions on the number of scheduled flights between the two countries, following successful talks in India this week. Limits on flights from key Indian cities including Chennai and Kolkata have been scrapped, allowing for a greater range

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## **First Time a Buffer Stock of Pulses Crosses 10 lakh MT**

The meeting of Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) on prices and availability of select essential commodities held on February 9, 2017 under the chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs noted that for the first time a buffer stock of 10 lakh MT of pulses has been created through domestic procurement and imports.