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## **Law Ministry rejects Finance move to link small savings to Aadhaar**

The Law Ministry has turned down Finance Ministry's proposal that a person investing in small savings schemes — these attract gross deposits of over Rs 2 lakh crore each year — be made to link the accounts to his or her Aadhaar number. Ahead of launching the demonetisation drive, the Finance Ministry had sought Law Ministry's opinion whether Aadhaar submission could be made compulsory for small savings schemes like Kisan Vikas Patra, Public Provident Fund, National Savings Certificate, Senior Citizen Saving Scheme and Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana.

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## **India second largest arms purchaser after Saudi Arabia: Report**

As India embarks on a massive modernisation plan for its defence forces, it has emerged as the second largest purchaser of arms among developing nations after Saudi Arabia, a latest Congressional report has said.

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## **Vice-President Hamid Ansari calls for transparency in global standardisation process**

Noting that the adoption of best standards can help the country improve its productivity and trade imbalances, Vice President Hamid Ansari on Tuesday emphasised that global standardisation process needs to become more transparent and not just remain specific to a few developed countries. "The global standardisation process needs to become much more transparent so that interested parties can better understand the potential competitive effects of particular standards," he said delivering the sixth M Visvesvaraya memorial lecture in New Delhi.

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