

GENERAL AWARENESS-CURRENT AFFAIRS

MONTH OF OCTOBER-2017

List of Important Days

- October 1 - World Vegetarian Day.
- October 1 - International Day of Older Persons. (Theme - "Stepping into the Future: Tapping the Talents, Contributions and Participation of Older Persons in Society.")
- October 1 - National Voluntary Blood Donation Day.
- October 2 - International Day of Non-Violence.
- October 2 - (1st Monday of October) World Habitat Day. (Theme - "Housing Policies: Affordable Homes")
- October 2 - World Architecture Day. (Theme - "Climate Change Action!")
- October 4 - World Animal Day.
- October 4-10 - World Space Week (WSW). (Theme - "Exploring New Worlds In Space")
- October 5 - World Teachers' Day. (Theme - "Teaching in Freedom, Empowering Teachers")
- October 6 - (1st Friday of October) World Smile Day.
- October 7 - World Day for Decent Work. (Theme - "End Corporate Greed: The World Needs a Pay Rise")
- October 9 - World Post Day. (Theme - "Innovation, Integration and Inclusion")
- October 9 - Indian Foreign Service Day (IFS Day).
- October 10 - World Mental Health Day. (Theme - "Mental health in the workplace")
- October 11 - World Obesity Day.
- October 11 - International Day of the Girl Child. (Theme - "The Power of the Adolescent Girl: Vision for 2030.")
- October 12 - (2nd Thursday of October) World Sight Day (WSD). (Theme - "Make Vision Count")
- October 13 - International Day for Disaster Reduction. (Theme - "Sendai Seven")
- October 14 - World Standards Day / International standards day. (Theme - "Standards make cities smarter")
- October 15 - International Day of Rural Women. (Theme - "Challenges and opportunities in climate resilient agriculture for gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls")
- October 15 - Global Hand-washing Day. (Theme - "Our hands, our future!")
- October 16 - World Food Day. (Theme - "Change the future of migration. Invest in food security and rural development.")
- October 16 - World Spine Day. (Theme - "Your Back In Action")
- October 17 - International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. (Theme - "Answering the Call of October 17 to end poverty: A path toward peaceful and inclusive societies")
- October 17 - 2nd Ayurveda Day. (Theme - "Run for Ayurveda")
- October 21 - Police Commemoration Day.
- October 24 - World Polio Day.
- October 24 - United Nations Day.

- October 24 – World Development Information Day.
- October 24 – Independence Day of Zambia.
- October 27 – World Day for Audiovisual Heritage. (Theme - "Discover, remember and share")
- October 27 – Independence Day of Turkmenistan.
- October 27 – Indian Army's 70th Infantry Day.
- October 31 - World Savings Day. (Theme - "Our future starts with savings")
- October 31 – World Cities Day. (Theme - "Innovative Governance, Open Cities")
- October 31 – Hallows Day (All Saints' Day)

Reserve Bank of India

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is going to start printing **redesigned 100** currency notes around April next year.
- In its 4th bi-monthly policy review, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has kept the Repo rate **unchanged** at 6%.
 - **Reverse Repo Rate (RRR)** - 5.75 per cent
 - Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate at **6.25** per cent
 - The projection of real Gross Value Added (GVA) growth for 2017-18 has been revised down to 6.7 per cent from the August 2017 projection of 7.3 per cent, with risks evenly balanced.
 - The status quo comes after retail inflation hit a 5-month high of 3.36% in August.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced that **interoperability** amongst **KYC compliant Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs)** will be implemented within six months.
 - The revised norms in this regard will be issued by the bank on October 11. With this, users will be able to transfer funds between mobile wallet of one company or a bank to another as per requirements.
- RBI Governor **Urjit Patel** has announced that **India's economic growth** will pick up in the **third and fourth quarters to above 7%**.
 - He said inflation target should be achieved without losing sight of supporting economic growth.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has mandated **e-commerce firms** to settle **seller payments** within **two days** from the date of intimation of completion of transaction.
- To educate people on e-transactions, formal sector borrowings and insurance purchases, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is going to launch **financial literacy drive** in 80 blocks in **9 states** on pilot basis.
 - It will be commissioned in Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Odisha, Karnataka, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh by 6 NGOs in collaboration with sponsor banks.
- **Indian banks' bad loans** increased by **4.5%** in six months to hit a record **9.5 trillion** (\$145.56 billion) at the end of June.
 - In the previous six months, they had risen 5.8%. Further, stressed loans, as a percentage of total loans, reached 12.6% at end of June, the highest level in at least 15 years, according to the RBI data.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has directed **banks** and **non-bank** entities to make their **digital wallets/prepaid payment instruments (PPIs)**, interoperable through the **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** within six months.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) clarified that the linkage of **Aadhaar number** to **one's bank account is mandatory** in applicable cases.

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a penalty of **6 crore** on **Yes Bank** and **2 crore** on **IDFC Bank** for violating regulations issued by RBI.

State Bank of India

- The State Bank of India (SBI) has slashed **base rate** on **home loan** by **0.05%**. SBI - 8.95%
- The State Bank of India (SBI) has **waived off account closing charges** for all savings bank customers under the condition that their account has existed for over a year.
- The State Bank of India (SBI) signed agreement with **Escorts Ltd**, a leading **tractor** and construction equipment manufacturer based at **Faridabad, Haryana**, to finance farmers for purchase of Escorts tractors.
- State Bank of India (SBI), country's largest bank, revises its **one-year retail fixed deposit rates** up to **Rs. 1 crore to 6.50 percent**, down by 25 basis points (bps).
 - **Senior citizens** will now get an interest rate of **7 percent**, down from 7.25 percent.
 - From October 1, SBI also reduced its **base rate to 8.95 percent** p.a. (from 9 percent) while its **MCLR or marginal cost** based lending rate continued to be at **8 percent** on one-year tenure loans.

Other Banks

- **Bank of Baroda (BoB)**, **Andhra Bank**, and **Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC)** have also reduced the **base rate** on home loans by 0.35%, 0.15%, and 0.05%, respectively.
 - New base rates after reductions: BoB - 9.15% Andhra Bank - 9.55% OBC - 9.45%
- **Jio Payments Bank** will begin its operations in **December**.
 - Jio Payments Bank is a 70:30 joint ventures between Mukesh Ambani-led **Reliance Industries** and the **State Bank of India (SBI)**.
- The **Engineering Export Promotion Council (EEPC)** of India inked MoU with **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** to provide easy access to export finance for SMEs and merchant exporters of council.
- Private lender **Kotak Mahindra Bank** crossed **2 trillion in market capitalisation** for the first time, after its stock surged to an all-time high.
 - This makes it the **fourth** listed bank and 21st company to achieve this mark in India.
 - **HDFC Bank** is the most valued bank in India with a market capitalisation of 4.66 trillion.
- **IndusInd Bank** announced merger with microfinance lender **Bhart Financial Inclusion (BFIL)**.

Insurance

- State-run reinsurer **General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re)** launched its **Initial Public Offering (IPO)**, selling shares at 855-912 apiece to raise 11,370 crore in the three-day offer.
 - The IPO would be India's third largest ever, after Coal India's 15,200 crore and Reliance Power's 11,700 crore issues.

Supreme Court

- The Supreme Court of India has appointed senior advocate and former additional solicitor general **Amrendar Sharan** as **Amicus Curiae** on a petition seeking reprobe into assassination of Mahatma Gandhi.
- According to **Central Pollution Control Board data**, after the Supreme Court banned the sale of firecrackers in **Delhi** and NCR till November 1, the city witnessed its cleanest Diwali in three years.
- The Supreme Court ruled that having sexual intercourse with wife who is **below 18 years** of age will be considered as rape.
- The Supreme Court has made it mandatory for the **Indian Railways** to keep **Oxygen Cylinders** in **all trains** to help passengers suffering from respiratory problems.

- Supreme Court judge Justice **DY Chandrachud** has observed that a person doesn't need to stand up during the **National Anthem** in theatres to prove his/her patriotism.
- The **Supreme Court** has ruled that "no express or implied consent of the **husband** is required for getting a pregnancy terminated".
 - An adult woman has an "unimpeachable right" to give birth or terminate the pregnancy, the court added.

High Courts and Sessions Courts

- The **Gujarat High Court** commuted the **death** sentence of **11 convicts** in the **2002 Godhra train burning case** to life imprisonment.
- The **life ban imposed** on Indian fast bowler **S Sreesanth** by the **BCCI will continue**, the **Kerala High Court** has ruled.
- **Madras High Court** banned the use of **pictures of living persons** on "banners, signboards, flex boards across **Tamil Nadu**.

Election Commission

- **Maharashtra** has used **Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail machines** for the first time in during municipal elections in **Nanded**.
- The **Election Commission** announced that the Assembly elections in **Gujarat** will be held in two phases on **December 9 and 14**.

Central Government

- The government has made **Aadhaar mandatory** for all **post office deposits**, **PPF**, the **National Savings Certificate** scheme, and **Kisan Vikas Patra** deposits.
 - Existing depositors have been given time till **December 31**, to provide the 12-digit unique identification number.
- The Centre is planning to bring down the number of **public sector banks** from **21** to **10-15** in the country by merging some of the banks.
- The Union Government in consultation with Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched **Sovereign Gold Bonds 2017-18 - Series-III**.
 - The applications for bond will be accepted from **October 09, 2017 to December 27, 2017**.
 - The bonds will be sold through banks, Stock Holding Corporation of India Limited, designated post offices and recognised stock exchanges namely the **NSE and BSE**.
- As per the recommendations of the **Seventh Pay Commission**, the government has approved a pay hike for **7.5 lakh teachers** across government universities and colleges.
- To look into key issues related to oil and gas sector, the union government will soon set up a **high powered think tank** under **Ministry of Petroleum**.
- The government has made it mandatory for **banks and financial institutions** to compare the **photocopy of officially valid identification documents with the originals**, for the client's dealing in cash above the prescribed limit.
- The **Union Finance Ministry** has allowed banks, including top **three private sector lenders** to accept **deposits** under various **small savings schemes** in order to encourage savings.
 - Until now, most of the small savings schemes were sold through post offices.
- The centre will be introducing **mark sheets** for **gram panchayats** to assess their performance, in an attempt to **alleviate poverty in rural areas**.
- The Union Government has made use of **Public Finance Management System (PFMS) mandatory** for all **central schemes** to ensure that **benefits of government schemes** reach the last mile.

- In a first in **India**, the **Andhra Pradesh** government is going to make **Digital Prescriptions mandatory** for the sale of medicines.

States

- To reduce road accidents, the **Andhra Pradesh** state government introduced a 'No helmet, No petrol' rule for two-wheeler riders.
- The **Odisha** government has decided to **exempt fees** for differently-abled students in **government and government aided institutions** to encourage them for higher education.
- The **Delhi** government has directed all schools in the national capital to ban the "entry or stay" of outsiders on their campuses to ensure the safety of students.
- The **Uttar Pradesh** government has launched a mass marriage scheme titled '**Mukhyamantri Samoohik Vivaah Yojana**'.
- With an objective to conserve and improve the environment, the **Chhattisgarh** Government has banned use of **Chlorinated Plastic** and **Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)** with immediate effect.
- The **Tamil Nadu** government issued orders to **hike theatre ticket** prices by **25%**, with the maximum ticket price being **160** and the minimum price being **50**.
- **Karnataka** government is going to launch '**Anila Bhagya**' scheme in December, to provide **free LPG connections** to families living **Below Poverty Line**.
 - Aim: To provide clean cooking fuel to reduce health hazards caused by the use of conventional fossil fuel.
- **Madhya Pradesh** is going to provide financial assistance of **2 lakh** to **widows** who want to remarry.
- The **Delhi** government will start giving a reward of **Rs. 2,000** to people taking **accident victims to hospitals** from October-end.
- The **Andhra Pradesh** Cabinet has approved a new scheme providing financial aid of **Rs. 30,000** for **newly-married couples** belonging to **backward classes**.
- The **Odisha** government's Directorate of Treasuries and Inspection and the **State Bank of India (SBI)** have signed an MOU for integration of **SBI e-Pay with cyber treasury**.
- The **Tamil Nadu** government will soon set up coaching academies for **civil services** aspirants in all its 32 districts, state Education Minister KA Sengottaiyan announced.
- The **Kerala** government's **Public Relations Department** has banned use of the words '**Dalit**' and '**Harijan**' in government publications, official communications of the government, and publicity materials, recommending the use of the words **SC** and **ST** instead.
- To prevent wastage of funds, the **Uttar Pradesh** government is planning to form a '**UP Muslim Waqf Board**' by merging the separate Shia and Sunni Waqf boards.
- **Maharashtra** government issued a resolution allowing the city police to set up a '**Mumbai Police Foundation**'.
 - The foundation would allow Mumbai Police to accept donations from private firms under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).
- The **Chandigarh** administration has approved a provision for the **Transgender community** in the city to use a gender-neutral title '**Mx**' in all forms and applications.
- As many as **51 Pakistani Hindu migrant families** that had been living in **Chhattisgarh's Raipur** for several years were granted **Indian citizenship**.
 - With this, Chhattisgarh has become the first state to award citizenship after PM Narendra Modi entitled the state governments with this right in 2015.
 - Earlier, only the Union government had the power to grant citizenships.

- The **Karnataka** Cabinet cleared the state policy to safeguard **transgenders' rights**.
- In a first-of-its-kind initiative, **Maharashtra** government has tied up with online retail portal **Amazon** to sell forest produce developed by **Forest Development Corporation of Maharashtra**.

Place in the News

- **Mumbai's Gamdevi Police Station**, which was built in 1917, is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.
- The Union Cabinet gave its approval to rename **Gujarat's Kandla Port** as **Deendayal Port** after BJP ideologue Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya.
- **Uttar Pradesh's Mughalsarai** railway station has been renamed as **Deen Dayal Upadhyay (DDU) railway station** in a bid to revive the legacy of Pandit Upadhyay, who was found dead near the station in 1968.

Personalities

- The Nation pays homage to the Father of the Nation **Mahatma Gandhi** on his 147th Birth anniversary.
- Nation was observing **Rashtriya Ekta Diwas** (National Unity Day) to mark the 142nd birth anniversary of **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**.

Defence and National Security

- **Russia** has started delivering six second-hand **MiG-29 fighter jets** worth over 4,500 crore to **Serbia** for free.
 - Serbia will also receive 30 battle tanks and 30 armoured vehicles from Russia at no cost.
- **Indian Air Force's first three women fighter pilots** are set to be commissioned by the end of this year, Indian Air Force chief BS Dhanoa announced.
- The **US State Department** has approved a sale of the **THAAD missile defence system** worth over **98,000 crore** (\$15 billion) to **Saudi Arabia**.
- **Indian Air Force** celebrates its **85th anniversary** on October 8.
 - Motto: Touch the Sky with Glory
- The **CRPF** has sent **21,000 rounds** of newly-developed and “less lethal” **Plastic Bullets** to the **Kashmir Valley** to tackle **street protests** and reduce the use of **pellet guns**.
- The 1st **BIMSTEC Disaster Management Exercise-2017** (DMEx-2017) was started in **New Delhi**.
 - This exercise was held during 10th to 13th October 2017.
- Indian Naval Ships **Satpura** and **Kadmatt** participated in **Passage Exercise (PASSEX)** with **Japanese Marine Self Defence Force (JMSDF)** held at **Sasebo, Japan**.
 - These ships are participating in the exercise in pursuance of India’s Act East Policy and demonstration of India’s commitment to peace and stability in IndoPacific Region.
- The 5th **India-Sri Lanka** joint training exercise “**Mitra Shakti 2017**” was held **Aundh Military Station in Pune, Maharashtra**.
- Defence Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** commissioned the third indigenously built Anti-Submarine Warfare corvette **INS Kiltan** into the Indian Navy at **Visakhapatnam**.
- **India** and **Russia** began their first ten-day, tri service military exercise, **INDRA**.
 - Over 400 Indian personnel are taking part in the exercise being organized in **Russia**.
- **Indian Navy** Chief Admiral **Sunil Lanba** gave approval to deployment of '**mission-ready**' warships and aircraft in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) along the critical 'choke points'.
 - The step is being taken in response to growing sightings of China's naval units in the IOR.

- **Russia** is preparing to test its 100-tonne intercontinental ballistic missile, codenamed '**Satan 2**', which is capable of destroying the whole of UK or France.
- An indigenously-built anti-submarine warfare stealth corvette **INS Kiltan** was commissioned into the Indian Navy by Defence Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** at the Naval Dockyard, **Vishakhapatnam** on October 16.
- **Larsen and Toubro** (L&T) handed over offshore patrol vessel (OPV) named "**Vikram**" to the **Indian Coast Guard**.

Committees/Commissions

- President **Ram Nath Kovind** has appointed **5-member committee** to examine **sub-categorisation of Other Backward Classes (OBCs)**.
 - The committee has been established under **Article 340** of Constitution under which Mandal commission had recommended 27% reservation for socially and educationally backward classes.
 - Head of the Committee: **G. Rohini** (Retired Chief Justice of Delhi High Court)
- The Government has constituted a **high-level committee** for **proper management of water resources** in **North Eastern Region (NER)**.
 - Head of this committee : **Rajiv Kumar** (ViceChairman of NITI Aayog)
- In wake of regular ceasefire violations by **Pakistan**, the **Union Home Ministry** has formed **Study group** to examine various problems faced by people residing near **International Border (IB)** and **Line of Control (LOC)** in **Jammu and Kashmir**.
 - Head: **Rina Mitra** (Special Secretary in Home Ministry)
- A committee appointed by the Centre has submitted a draft **Haj policy** to Minority Affairs Minister **Mukhtar Naqvi**, proposing the abolishment of Haj subsidy.
 - The policy was reportedly in light of a Supreme Court order directing government to **abolish the subsidy by 2022**.
 - Another recommendation in the policy allows women aged above 45 years to travel without a male relative.
 - Head: **Afzal Amanullah**
- A University Grants Commission's panel has suggested the government to **remove word 'Muslim'** from **Aligarh Muslim University** and '**Hindu**' from **Banaras Hindu University** to reflect their secular character.
 - The panel suggested that AMU should either be called 'Aligarh University' or be named after its founder Sir Syed Ahmad Khan and gave a similar recommendation for BHU as well.
- The **GST Council** has constituted a **Group of Ministers (GoM)** to make the composition scheme more attractive and revisit the goods and services tax rates on restaurants.
 - Head: **Himanta Biswa Sarma** (Assam Finance Minister)
- The **Union ministry of electronics and information technology** has set up an **internal committee** to advise the government on a policy on **artificial intelligence (AI)**.
- Rajya Sabha Chairman **M Venkaiah Naidu** has constituted **5- member Search-cum-Selection committee** to select candidate for post of **editor-in-chief of Rajya Sabha TV (RSTV)**.
 - Head of this Committee: **A Surya Prakash** (Prasar Bharati Chairman)
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced a 10-member **task force** to review and determine the scope of a **Public Credit Registry (PCR)**.
 - Head of the Task Force: **YM Deosthalee** (Ex-CMD of L&T Finance Holdings)

Schemes/Initiatives

- Defence Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** has inaugurated the **Pratham-Shyok Bridge** in **Leh**, connecting the region to Karakoram in northeastern Ladakh.

- A 6-foot-tall statue of **Mahatma Gandhi** was unveiled in **Wales** to mark his 148th birth anniversary.
 - The 300-kg statue was unveiled by Indian High Commissioner to the UK, **YK Sinha**.
- The **Karnataka** government launched the 302-crore **Mathru Poorna** scheme.
 - Aim: To provide free mid-day meals to pregnant and lactating women in rural areas.
- The Union Government had launched **SECURE Himalaya**, a six-year project to ensure conservation of locally and globally significant biodiversity, land and forest resources in high Himalayan ecosystem spread over four states viz. **Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand and Sikkim**.
- The **National Highways Authority of India** (NHAI) launched a **Mobile application** which will allow commuters to rate the highways in the country and track the status of its 3,000 ongoing projects.
- **Modi** was inaugurated development projects worth 5,925 crore during his two-day visit to poll-bound **Gujarat**.
 - He also laid the foundation stone for widening of **Ahmedabad-Rajkot section of NH-47** to six lanes.
- President **Ram Nath Kovind** launched spiritual leader **Mata Amritanandamayi Math's** 100-crore clean water initiative for rural India in **Kerala's Kollam**.
 - He inaugurated '**Jivamritam**' filtration system which will provide drinking water to 10 million villagers across the country.
- President **Ram Nath Kovind** has inaugurated the 5th edition of **India Water Week** (IWW).
 - Theme - "Water and Energy for Inclusive Growth"
- To boost **Skill India Mission**, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved **two World Bank supported schemes**.
 - They are: **SANKALP** - Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion
STRIVE - Skill Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement
- Aiming at providing better connectivity in the countryside, the **Uttar Pradesh** Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** launched a fleet of 50 saffron '**Sankalp Seva**' buses.
- The **National Centre for Combustion Research and Development** (NCCRD), world's largest combustion research centre which will impart a major boost to the Indian scientific community was inaugurated at the Indian **Institute of Technology, Madras**.
 - The NCCRD was inaugurated by **V K Saraswat** (NITI Aayog member)
- The Union Government has launched **Sampoorna Bima Gram** (SBG) **Yojana** and expanded coverage of **Postal Life Insurance** (PLI) in a bid to provide affordable life insurance services to people particularly those living in **rural areas**.
- In an attempt to end Gender bias in **women for women**, the Ministry of Women and Child Development is undertaking online campaign **#IamThatWoman**.
 - This campaign was launched by WCD Minister Meneka Gandhi.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated **India's first roll on-roll off** or '**Ro-Ro**' ferry service between **Ghogha** and **Dahej**.

Summit/Conference

- The **Global Wildlife Programme** (GWP) **Conference** was held in **New Delhi**.
 - Theme - "Peoples' participation in wildlife conservation"
 - It was jointly hosted by **Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change** (MoEFCC), **World Bank** and **United Nations Development Programme**.
- The International conference on "**Dialogue of Civilizations - IV**" was inaugurated by Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Culture **Dr. Mahesh Sharma** in **New Delhi**.

- It was held from October 8 -15, 2017 at Delhi, Gandhinagar and Dholavira.
- The 3rd **International Conference on Yoga** was held in **New Delhi**. Theme - “Yoga for Wellness”.
- **India** has **not invited Pakistan** and **North Korea** to attend the 1st **Global Conference on Consumer Protection** which was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in **New Delhi**.
- The **International Conference of heads of Metrology Institutes** held in **Sevres, France** has decided that the **measure of kilogram** will no longer be pegged to cylinder.
 - From 2019 onwards, it will be set by value of Planck constant in combination with definitions of meter and second.
- **India** is going to host the 13th session of **United Nations' global wildlife summit on migratory species** (CMS COP13) in **2020**.
- The 14th **South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation in Law (SAARCLAW) Conference** was held at **Colombo, Sri Lanka** along with 11th **SAARC Chief Justices Conference**.
- The 1st **International Consumer Protection Conference** on empowering consumers in new markets for South, South East and East Asian Countries was held in **New Delhi** from 26 to 27 October 2017.
 - Theme - “Empowering Consumers in New Markets”.

Agreement/Deal/Signed

- **Bangladesh** signed a **\$4.5-billion**, third line of credit agreement with **India** for its infrastructure and social sector development.
- During the President **Ram Nath Kovind's** 1st visit, **India** and the Republic of **Djibouti** have signed an agreement to establish regular **Foreign Office-level bilateral consultations** between both countries.
- The Union Cabinet has approved MoU signed between **Ministry of Railways**, and **Federal Department of Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications of Swiss Confederation** on Technical Cooperation in Rail Sector.
- President **Ram Nath Kovind** and his Ethiopian counterpart **Mulatu Teshome** signed **Two** agreements at **Addis Ababa** in **Ethiopia**.
- Government has signed a **Finance Contract** with **European Investment Bank (EIB)** for lending of **€300 million** for **Bangalore Metro Rail Project Phase II Line R6**.
- The **Andhra Pradesh** government has entered into MoU with **Mastercard** to pave way for digital financial transactions in a secure environment.
- The Cabinet also approved signing of MoC between **India** and **Japan** on establishing a liquid, flexible and global **Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)** Market.
- The **UK** and **Germany** agreed that they will remain committed to the **2015 nuclear deal** with **Iran** after US President Donald Trump announced that he would not certify Iran's compliance with the pact.
- The **National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)** of **India** has signed an investment agreement worth **\$1 billion** with **Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA)**.
- **India** and **Japan** signed MoC on **Technical Intern Training Programme (TITP)**, aimed towards expanding bilateral cooperation between both countries in the field of skill development.
- **India, Brazil** and **South Africa** (IBSA) have signed the **IBSA Trust Fund Agreement**. This agreement seeks to fight poverty in developing countries.
 - It was signed at the 8th IBSA trilateral **Ministerial Commission Meeting in Durban, South Africa**.
- **Nicaragua** signed the **Paris climate agreement**, leaving the **US** and **Syria** as the only two countries out of the global pact.

- **Sri Lanka and India** signed **2 agreements** for construction of **1,200 houses** through **50 model villages** in the **island nation**, using Indian grant assistance of **600 million rupees**.
- The **Union Government** has inked **\$65.5 million loan** agreement with **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** to continue interventions to check coastal erosion on the **Western Coast in Karnataka**.
- **India and Italy** have signed **6 agreements** to boost cooperation in the fields of railways safety, energy and promoting mutual investments, among others.

Meet/Visit

- President **Ram Nath Kovind** was visited to **Djibouti and Ethiopia**.
- The 1st Meeting of **India-Australia Joint Steering Committee (JSC)** was held in **New Delhi**.
- Addressing the **UN General Assembly** meeting, **India** sought **zero tolerance** against **criminal acts committed** by personnel serving on **UN missions globally**.
- During his two-day visit to **Gujarat**, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** laid the **foundation stone** for a **Greenfield International Airport**, which is expected to cost **2,500 crore**, at **Rajkot**.
- Defence Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** has visited India's only Tri-service theater command in **Andaman and Nicobar Islands**.
- External Affairs Minister **Sushma Swaraj** was visited to **Dhaka** on a two-day visit to **Bangladesh**.
- Minister of State for External Affairs **M J Akbar** met **Egyptian** President **Abdel Fattah el-Sisi** and discussed ways to further strengthen the bilateral relationship.
- Defence Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** visited to **Philippines** for attend **Southeast Asian Defence Ministers' meeting**.
- US Secretary of State **Rex Tillerson** was visited India.
- The Union Government has inked **\$300 million** loan agreement with **Asian Development Bank** for **Second West Bengal Development Finance Program**.
- The 1st ever meeting of **BIMSTEC Task Force on Traditional Medicine (BITFM)** was held at Parvasi Bhartiya Kendra in **New Delhi**.
 - This meeting was organized by Union Ministry of **AYUSH**.
- **French** Defence Minister **Florence Parly** was visited to **India** and accorded with the **Guard of Honour**.
- The Foreign Minister of **Tunisia Khemaies Jhinaoui** visited to **India**.
 - During this visit, he was co-chairing the 12th **India-Tunisia Joint Commission Meeting** along with Smt. Sushma Swaraj, External Affairs Minister of India.
- **Italian** Prime Minister **Paolo Gentiloni** was visited to **India**.

Bills

- The Lower House of **French Parliament** passed a new **anti-terror law** that allows **police** to conduct house raids and searches **without a warrant**.
 - It also allows police to place restrictions on gatherings and close places of worship, among other measures.
- A new law targeting **hate speech** on **social media** platforms has come into effect in **Germany**.
 - This new law requires social media platforms to remove hate speech and offensive content within **24 hours** or within **seven days** if the content is difficult to evaluate.
 - Those failing to comply could face fines of up to **€50 million** (over 385 crore).
- A new **Bureau of Indian standards (BIS) Act 2016** which was notified on 22nd March, 2016, has been brought into force with effect from 12th October, 2017.

- This act replaced **Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 1986**.
- The Act establishes the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) as the **National Standards Body of India**.
- **Rajasthan** Government has introduced the **Code of Criminal Procedure (Rajasthan Amendment) Bill, 2017** in the state assembly to protect both serving and former judges, magistrates and public servants in state from being investigated for on-duty action without its prior sanction.
- The **Rajasthan Assembly** passed a bill increasing **Other Backward Classes (OBCs)** reservation in the state from **21% to 26%**.
 - It now grants 5% reservation to the five "most backward" OBC communities, including the Gujar community.
 - This brings the reservation in Rajasthan to 54%, crossing the 50% ceiling set by the Supreme Court.

Fund

- PM **Narendra Modi** announced that the government has decided to allot **10,000 crore** and autonomy to **10 public and 10 private universities** over the next five years, to make them **world-class**.
- The Union Government has announced Bank Recapitalisation Plan to infuse **Rs. 2.11 lakh crore** (\$32.4 billion) capital over next two years into **Public Sector Banks (PSBs)** and prioritised financing support for MSMEs in 50 clusters.
 - Shares of **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** gained nearly 50% after the government announced a 2.11 lakh crore capital infusion plan for public sector banks.
 - PNB was the biggest gainer among the banking stocks and its shares hit their 52-week high. Further, **SBI** gained around 26% adding **60,000** crore in market value, and **Canara Bank** surged nearly 40%.
- The **Union Government** and **World Bank** have signed **\$200 million Loan Agreement** for **Assam Agribusiness and Rural Transformation Project**.

Economy

- The **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** has lowered India's growth projection to **6.7%** in 2017, 0.5 percentage points less than its previous two forecasts in April and July.
 - The cut has been attributed to demonetisation and GST rollout.
- **Vanuatu**, a South Pacific archipelago, has become the first nation to accept **Bitcoins** as payment for its 'investment citizenship' program.
- **US** technology company **IBM** has launched **blockchain network** for **cross-border payments** that enables transfer of money in near real-time.
 - The banking network includes "12 currency corridors" that encompass **Australia** and **New Zealand** as well as smaller countries like **Fiji** and **Tonga**.
- The **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** has asked **India** to consider setting up an independent fiscal council.

Companies/Industry

- India's largest telecom operator **Bharti Airtel** is going to launch a **4G enabled smartphone** in the first week of October, with its price set at around 2,000.
- Electronic commerce and cloud computing company **Amazon** is planning to start selling **medicines online**.
- India's largest telecom operator **Bharti Airtel** has agreed to a merger with **Tata Group's consumer mobile business**.
 - Bharti Airtel will absorb Tata Group's operations across 19 circles under **Tata Teleservices** and **Tata Teleservices (Maharashtra)**.

- Social media giant **Facebook** is testing a **Resume** feature that lets users list their **contact details** along with **professional experience and education** on their Facebook accounts.
- **Australia's** near 100-year automotive industry ended after **Holden**, a unit of US carmaker **General Motors**, closed its plant to move manufacturing to cheaper locations.
- Electric carmaker **Tesla** has signed a deal with the **Shanghai government** to set up its own manufacturing facility in the city's free-trade zone in **China**.
- E-commerce major **eBay** has acquired a **5.4%** stake in **Flipkart**.
 - The acquisition follows the sale of eBay India business to Flipkart for \$211 million, which was completed in August. Earlier this year, eBay also invested \$500 million into the Indian e-commerce startup.

Stock Market

- The **Multi-Commodity Exchange of India Ltd (MCX)** launched India's first commodity options in **Gold**, giving stakeholders a new set of financial instruments to hedge their price risks.
 - Launched by: Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley

Exports/Imports

- **Iran** has **banned** the **export** of fuel to **Iraq's Kurdistan** as a retaliatory measure against the region's independence referendum.
- **India** imposed an **anti-dumping duty** on the **import** of some **flat steel products** from **China** and the **European Union** to curb the influx of cheaper imports and help local producers.
- **India** sent its first-ever consignment of **wheat** to **Afghanistan** by sea through **Iran's Chabahar Port**, marking the inauguration of the trade route bypassing Pakistan.

Taxation/Trade

- The **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** began collecting new "**Sin Taxes**" on **tobacco products, energy drinks, and soft drinks**.
 - Tobacco and energy drinks will be taxed at 100%, while a 50% tax will be levied on soft drinks.
 - Sin Tax: a tax on items such as alcohol or tobacco.
- The government has reduced **GST rates** on **27 products** and services and introduced a **0.1%** GST rate for merchant exporters, offering relief from the full-applicable GST rates on their procurements.
 - GST on products like sliced dried mangos, khakhra, plain chapattis is reduced to 5% from 12%, and services like zari work are down from 12% to 5%.
 - Tax rate on man-made yarn has been reduced to 12% from the current 18%.
 - Tax rate on unbranded namkeen, unbranded ayurvedic medicine, e-waste, and sliced dried mango has been reduced to 5%.
- The **GST Council** has raised the threshold limit for **Composition Scheme** to **1 crore** from the current 75 lakh to ease tax filing for **small traders**.
 - The scheme allows small businesses, including eateries, to pay **1-5% tax** without going through tedious formalities.
- The Centre is proposing to levy **Water Conservation Fee** on private townships, apartments, industries, recreational clubs among others based on the amount of **groundwater extracted** by them.
- The **Income Tax Department** has launched an '**Online Chat**' service for **taxpayers** seeking answers to basic queries and doubts relating to direct tax issues.
- The **Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN)** has launched **excel-based offline facility** to allow taxpayers to finalize their **GSTR-3B forms** on their own computers before uploading it onto the portal in order to minimise chances of errors before uploading on portal.

- The government is considering imposing a **Cyber Security Cess** on each online payment.
 - This cess, like the **Swachh Bharat Cess**, could be used to create better infrastructure to secure digital transactions.
- The **Gujarat government** cut the **Value Added Tax (VAT)** on fuel by **4%**, becoming the first state to do so.
 - After the reduction in VAT, petrol will get cheaper by 2.93 per litre and diesel by 2.72 per litre in the state.
- **Maharashtra** became the second state after **Gujarat** to cut **Value Added Tax (VAT)** on petrol and diesel bringing them down by Rs. 2 and Rs. 1 per litre.
- The **Punjab** government issued a notice saying that people have to **pay tax to keep and raise domestic animals**.

Agriculture/Production

- To celebrate and promote women entrepreneurs and farmers in the organic sector from across India, the **Ministry of Women and Child Development** was hosting the 3rd annual '**Women of India Organic Festival**' from 1st October 2017 to 15th October 2017, in **New Delhi**.
 - Theme - "Good for Women; Good for India; Good for You"
- The **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)** has taken up a programme for promotion of **north eastern products in Bangladesh and Myanmar**.

Space

- Elon Musk-led space exploration startup **SpaceX** has successfully launched its 14th **Falcon 9 rocket** in 2017 from **California**.
 - The rocket which carried 10 satellites to orbit for American communications company Iridium, has also returned to its floating drone ship in the Pacific Ocean. The launch marked SpaceX's third mission for Iridium.
- China-based **Five-hundred-metre Aperture Spherical Telescope (FAST)** has announced the discovery of **multiple pulsars**, marking the first confirmed finds from the world's largest radio telescope.
- The **Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)** successfully launched **Michibiki-4 satellite (QZSS-4)** onboard of **H-IIA rocket** from **Tanegashima Space Centre**.
- The **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)** is offering people to send in their names aboard the **InSight Mars lander**, due to be launched in **May 2018**.
- **China's National Space Administration** has notified the **UN** that its 8.5-tonne space station, **Tiangong-1**, will crash to the Earth between October 2017 and April 2018.
- The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** has begun preparation for its second lunar mission, **Chandrayaan-2**, in March next year, nearly a decade after its first mission.
 - Chairman of ISRO: AS Kiran Kumar

Science and Technology

- **US-based researchers** have developed a computer security system using **heart's dimensions** as the identifier, which they describe as safer, more effective alternative to passwords and other biometrics.
- **Sweden-based researchers** have developed a **storage method** in which a **heart-lung machine** supplies a **donor heart** with vital substances in an **oxygenated solution**, extending its preservation time from **four hours** to **12 hours** before transplantation.

Health/Diseases/Drugs

- **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)**, the national food regulator, has asked all the states and **Union Territories** to appoint trained '**food safety supervisors**' for all food businesses with 25 or more people handling food.
- To accelerate full immunization coverage to more than **90%** by **December 2018**, the **Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** has launched **Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI)**.
- **Peru** has become the latest country to legalize **marijuana** for **medicinal use**.
 - **Uruguay** was first in 2013, allowing sales of cannabis any purpose, followed by Mexico, Argentina, Colombia and Chile.
 - Cannabis is normally prescribed for conditions like muscle spasms, chronic pain, PTSD, epilepsy and cancer.

Energy/Gas/Oil

- **India** received first ever shipment of **US crude oil** of 1.6 million barrels, purchased by state-run **Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)** at **Paradip Port** in **Odisha**.
- The world's first "**Negative Emissions**" plant that turns **carbon dioxide** into **carbonate rocks** has begun operations in **Iceland**.
 - The engineering experiment by Swiss firm **Climeworks** aims to capture 50 tonnes of atmospheric CO₂ over a year, equalling a US household's greenhouse emission.
- **Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL)**, a public sector oil company became first Indian oil company to **trade lubricants** in **Myanmar**.
- As many as **29 nuclear reactors** in **France** are vulnerable to natural disasters, the country's nuclear safety watchdog has warned.
- The world's first **floating wind farm** has started operating in **Scotland**, delivering electricity to the northern part of the country.
- Aiming at reducing the carbon footprint, the Railway Minister **Piyush Goyal** launched the Railways' first set of **solar plants** with a total capacity of **5 megawatt peak** in **Delhi**.

Environment

- To chalk out future road map for wildlife conservation, the **Union Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC)** has unveiled the **3rd National Wildlife Action Plan for 2017-2031**.
- According to the **Indian Meteorological Department, Bengaluru** in the current year (2017) witnessed the highest rainfall in the recorded history of 115 years.

Education

- **Rajasthan** became first state in the country to incorporate **skill development programme** in **higher education**.
- On the occasion of the **2nd Ayurveda Day**, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the first ever **All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)** in **Delhi**.
- 70 new Indian words, including **Vada, Jugaad, Gulab Jamun, Bachcha, Bapu, and Dadagiri**, were added to the **Oxford English Dictionary** in its September update.

Transport/Cars/Scooters

- The **Bengaluru Metro** which was launched as south India's first **Metro service**, has completed six years of operation.
 - The Metro, which is India's second largest operational network, runs 50 trains.

- The world's **first hybrid electric tram powered by hydrogen fuel cells** has started running in **China**.
- State-owned **Saudi Arabian Airlines** started flying regularly to **Iraq** after a 27-year break.

Films and Film Festival

- The 1st **Guwahati International Film Festival** has begun on October 29.

Festival

- **Valmiki Jayanti** was observed on October 5.
 - It is the birth anniversary of the 1st poet of Sanskrit literature Maharishi Valmiki.
- First Edition of **ASEAN India Music Festival** started at **Purana Qila, New Delhi**.
 - The 3 day festival was organized by **External Affairs Ministry** in collaboration with **Culture Ministry** to celebrate the 25th year anniversary of ASEAN-India Dialogue Relations.
 - Aim: To boost cultural influences among the peoples of the ASEAN member states and India
- For the first time, Indian city **Kolkata** was hosted 'PUN (Puppets Unite Neighbours) **International Puppet Festival**' from 26th to 31st October 2017.
- **Shillong** (Meghalaya) will host its second **Cherry Blossom Festival** between November 8 and 11.
- **India** celebrates **Diwali**, the Festival of Lights.

Media /I.T / Telecommunication

- The **All India Radio (AIR)** has announced plans to expand its **global operations** and launch new services in **Japan, Germany, Canada** and **Maldives**, among other countries.

Appointments/Election (or) Latest who is who?

- BJP's national spokesperson **Sambit Patra** was appointed as a **Non-official Director** on the board of **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd (ONGC)**, a public sector undertaking.
- **Brenda Hale** has been sworn in as the first **female President of the UK's Supreme Court**.
- Brigadier (Retd) **B.D. Mishra** was sworn in as **Governor of Arunachal Pradesh** by Gauhati High Court Chief Justice Ajit Singh at the Raj Bhavan.
- The government named **Rajnish Kumar** as the new **Chairman of State Bank of India (SBI)** for a period of three years.
- The **World Health Organisation (WHO)** appointed Indian doctor **Soumya Swaminathan** as its **Deputy Director General**, the second-highest position at the UN's health agency.
- **Satya Pal Malik** was sworn-in as 35th **Governor of Bihar**.
- The **Mongolian Parliament** confirmed **Ukhnaa Khurelsukh** as the country's new **Prime Minister**.
- The newly appointed Meghalaya Governor, **Ganga Prasad**, sworn in as the 17th governor of the state at a function at the Raj Bhavan in Shillong.
- **Banwarilal Purohit** was sworn in as 25th Governor of **Tamil Nadu**.
- **Golriz Ghahraman** is going to become first immigrant **MP of New Zealand**. She's daughter of Iranian political asylum seeker.
- **Admiral D K Joshi** sworn in as **Lieutenant Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands**.
- Private lender **Axis Bank** announced that it has completed the acquisition of mobile wallet firm **Free Charge** and appointed **Sangram Singh** as its CEO.
- President **Ram Nath Kovind** has appointed Justice **Humchadakatte Gopalaiah Ramesh** as the new **Acting Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court**.

- Professor **Jagdish Mukhi** took oath as the new **Governor of Assam**.
- The government has cleared the appointment of **Leslie Thng** as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of **Tata Sons-Singapore Airlines** joint venture airline **Vistara**.
- **Anupam Kher** has been appointed the new **Chairman** of the **Film and Television Institute of India (FTII)**.
- Indian cricketer **Yuvraj Singh** was announced as the first **Indian ambassador** of the **Laureus sports foundation**.
- **Nisha Biswal**, who had served as **Assistant State Secretary for South and Central Asia** under exUS President Barack Obama's government, has been appointed as the **President of US-India Business Council's (USIBC)**.
- **HSBC Holdings** has appointed head of retail banking and wealth management, **John Flint** as the new **CEO**.
- The **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)**'s executive board chose former French Culture Minister **Audrey Azoulay** to be the **UN cultural agency's next leader**.
- India's High Commissioner to Pakistan, **Gautam H. Bambawale** was appointed as **next Ambassador to China**.
- **Norwegian** Defence Minister **Ine Eriksen** was appointed as the **Minister of Foreign Affairs**.
- The Vice President of United Arab Emirates (UAE) **Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum** announced the appointment of **Omar Sultan Al-Olama** as the country's first-ever **Artificial Intelligence Minister**.
- **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** has appointed **Suresh Sethi**, ex-MD of Vodafone's payment bank MPesa, as its MD and CEO.
- **Nitin Sethi**, former Chief Operating Officer (COO) of homegrown e-commerce startup Flipkart has joined US based technology services firm **Incedo**.
- Banking giant **HSBC** has appointed an Indian CEO after 8 years for its India operations, by naming **Jayant Rikhye** for the role.
- The Indian government has decided to hold dialogue on **Kashmir issue**.
 - In this regard, the government has appointed former Intelligence Bureau (IB) Director **Dineshwar Sharma** to be the Centre's "special representative" in **Jammu and Kashmir**.
- Gujarat-cadre IPS officer **Rakesh Asthana** was appointed the **special director** of the **CBI**.
- **New Zealand** swore in **Jacinda Ardern (37)** as the country's 3rd Woman and the youngest **Prime Minister** in 150 years.
- Senior IPS officer **YC Modi**, who was part of a Supreme Court appointed team that probed the **2002 Gujarat riots cases**, took over as **NIA chief**.
- **Vikram Singh**, a 1997-batch officer of the **Indian Railway Traffic Service**, was appointed **Private Secretary to President Ramnath Kovind**.

Resignation/Dismissed/Retired/Quit

- **Meeran Chadha Borwankar** retired as **Director General, Bureau of Police Research and Development**.
- The State Bank of India (SBI)'s first woman Chairman **Arundhati Bhattacharya** retired, over 40 years after joining the country's largest lender as a probationary officer.
- Indian cricket player **Ashish Nehra (38)** announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.

- The **Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)** has suspended **Pakistan Football Federation** with immediate effect, following which the national and club teams will not be allowed to take part in international competitions till the suspension is lifted.
- The **World Health Organisation (WHO)** cancelled **Zimbabwean** President **Robert Mugabe's** appointment as the body's **goodwill ambassador to help tackle non-communicable diseases** such as heart attacks and asthma across Africa.

Deaths

- **US** musician **Tom Petty** (66) passed away.
- Former President of Iraq and its first non-Arab head of state, **Jalal Talabani** (83), has passed away.
- The former Chief Executive Officer of Intel, **Paul Otellini** (66), passed away
- Filmmaker **Kundan Shah** (69), who directed films like 'Jaane Bhi Do Yaaro' and 'Kabhi Haan Kabhi Naa' passed away.
- Filmmaker-actor **Lekh Tandon** (88), who gave Shah Rukh Khan his first break with the TV serial 'Dil Dariya', passed away.
- India's first Olympic swimmer **Shamsher Khan** (92) passed away.
- Thumri singer and Padma Vibhushan awardee **Girija Devi** (88) passed away.
- Gutkha baron and Chairman of Manikchand Group **Rasiklal Manikchand Dhariwal** (78) passed away.
- American rock and roll legend **Fats Domino** (89), who sold more than 65 million records, passed away.
- **Abdul Karim Telgi** (56), who was convicted in the 20,000-crore fake stamp paper scam, died.
- BCCI's former head of Cricket Operations **MV Sridhar** (51) passed away of a heart attack.

Awards/Honours

- American scientists **Jeffrey C Hall**, **Michael Rosbash** and **Michael W Young** have been awarded the **2017 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine** for "Discoveries of molecular mechanisms controlling circadian rhythms".
- The **British city of Oxford** has revoked the '**Freedom of Oxford**' honour awarded to **Myanmar** leader **Aung San Suu Kyi** over her response to the Rohingya crisis.
 - The council which granted the honour to Suu Kyi in 1997 for her "struggle for democracy" said it was "no longer appropriate" for her to hold it.
- **American** scientists **Rainer Weiss**, **Barry C Barish** and **Kip S Thorne** from the LIGO/VIRGO collaboration, which first detected the gravitational waves, have been awarded the **2017 Nobel Prize in Physics**.
- The **Meenakshi Temple** in Tamil Nadu's Madurai has been named the cleanest iconic place in India under the '**Swachhata Hi Seva**' programme.
- The **2017 Nobel Prize in Chemistry** has been awarded to three scientists **Jacques Dubochet**, **Joachim Frank**, and **Richard Henderson** for developing cryo-electron microscopy.
- The **2017 Nobel Prize in Literature** has been awarded to Japan-born English author **Kazuo Ishiguro**.
- The International Campaign to **Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)** has been awarded the **2017 Nobel Peace Prize** for its "work to draw attention to the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons".

- **Bengaluru** journalist **Gauri Lankesh**, who was murdered recently, has become the first Indian journalist to win annual **Anna Politkovskaya Award**.
 - Lankesh shared the award given in the memory of a slain Russian journalist and political activist with 31- year-old Pakistani peace activist **Gulalai Ismail**.
- Former RBI Governor **Raghuram Rajan** has featured in this year's list of **six** possible winners for the **Nobel Prize in Economics**.
- American economist **Richard H Thaler** has been awarded the 2017 **Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences**.
 - He was honored with this award "for his contributions to behavioural economics".
- President of India **Ram Nath Kovind** presented the **Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence in Public Administration, Academics and Management** for the year 2017 to **Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak** at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- The **Gujarat Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd (GCMMF)**, which markets **Amul** brand of milk and milk products was recognized as **India's best Fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) Company** in food sector by International Advertising Association (IAA).
 - For this recognition, Amul was presented **5th IAA Leadership Award**.
- Renowned writer **M K Sanu** was chosen for **Mathrubhumi Literary Award** for the year 2016 to honour his contribution to the **Malayalam** literature.
- Carnatic vocalist **T M Krishna** has won **30th Indira Gandhi Award** for National Integration for 2015 -16 for his services in promoting and preserving national integration in the country.
- Bollywood actor **Varun Dhawan** will get a **wax statue** at **Madame Tussauds Hong Kong**.
- **50 Indian peacekeepers** stationed in **South Sudan** have been awarded the **UN Medal** for their professionalism and service in protecting civilians and building durable peace in the conflict-ridden country.
 - The Indian peacekeepers are part of the **UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)**.
 - They are deployed with the Indian battalion stationed at Bor in the Jonglei region of South Sudan.
- **American** author **George Saunders** has won the **Man Booker prize** for his novel '**Lincoln in the Bardo**'.
- The **Jaipur** and **Srinagar Airports** were ranked first and second respectively in **ACI (Airports Council International)-ASQ (Airport Service Quality)** Survey in the category of 2-5 million passengers.
- The **kea**, the only alpine parrot in the world, has been crowned the **New Zealand bird** of the year in the **13th** annual competition.
- Real Madrid forward **Cristiano Ronaldo** was named the **Best FIFA Men's Player of the year** for the second consecutive time, finishing ahead of Barcelona's Lionel Messi and PSG's Neymar Jr. Real
 - Madrid coach **Zinedine Zidane** has won the **Best FIFA Men's Coach Award**.
- **Setsuko Thurlow**, a survivor of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, will jointly accept the 2017 **Nobel Peace Prize** with this year's laureate, the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN).
- Soviet submarine officer **Vasili Arkhipov** who averted the outbreak of a nuclear conflict during the **Cold War** will be awarded a \$50,000 (£38,182) prize by a US-based organisation whose advisory board includes **Stephen Hawking** and **Elon Musk**.
- **Andhra Pradesh** Chief Minister **N Chandrababu Naidu** has received the '**Golden Peacock Award**' under the **Global Leadership** in Public Service and Economic Transformation category at a convention in **London**.

- Veteran Bollywood lyricist **Javed Akhtar** was honoured with the **Hridaynath Mangeshkar Award 2017**.
- Veteran Bollywood actress **Sharmila Tagore** was honoured with **Lifetime Achievement Award 2017** by **PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI)** for her contribution in the field of cinema.

Sports/Game

- World number 133 Ukrainian tennis player **Kateryna Bondarenko** became the first mother to win a **WTA singles title** since former player **Kim Clijsters** won the 2011 **Australian Open**.
 - Bondarenko, who had become a mother in 2012, defeated Hungary's Timea Babos in the final of the **Tashkent Open**.
- **Russia** and **China** were among 9 nations **suspended** from **weightlifting competitions** for up to 12 months after the **International Weightlifting Federation** retested samples from Beijing 2008 and London 2012 Olympics.
- **Pooja Kadian** has become the first ever Indian sportsperson to win a **Gold** medal at the **Wushu World Championship**.
- Racer **Mahaveer Raghunathan** beat 19 European racers to become the first Indian to clinch the **Boss GP Championship** (Formula Class).
- **India** has finished **second** in the recently-concluded 20th **Asia Masters Athletics Championships** in **Rugao**.
- Mercedes' British Formula One driver **Lewis Hamilton** won the **Japanese Grand Prix 2017**.
- **Barcelona** captain **Andres Iniesta** signed the club's first lifetime contract, in a deal that will keep him at the **Catalan club** for the rest of his career.
- Indian shuttler **Samiya Imad Farooqui** clinched the **Gold** medal at the **Under-15 women's singles competition** after defeating Indonesia's Widjaja Stephani at the **Asian Junior Championship** at **Yangon** (Myanmar).
- World number one Spanish tennis player **Rafael Nadal** has defeated Australia's **Nick Kyrgios** to clinch the **China Open**, his career's 75th title and sixth of the year.
- **Iceland** has become the smallest country ever to qualify for the final stage of the **FIFA World Cup**, after topping its qualifying group.
- The **Indian women's cricket team** will begin their **ICC Women's Championship** campaign against **South Africa** in **February 2018**.
- 16-year-old **Jeakson Thounaojam** became the first player in history to score for India in a **FIFA World Cup**.
- **India's Anupama Ramachandran** won **World Open Under- 16 Snooker Championship** title in girls category held at **St. Petersburg** in **Russia**.
- The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has approved the **trial of four-day Test matches**, which will run through until the **2019 Cricket World Cup**.
 - This comes after **South Africa** had sought permission to host **Zimbabwe** in a four-day Test later this year.
- **Saudi Arabia's Sports Authority** has officially banned **Nightwear** at sports venues across the country.
- **India** crashed out of the **U-17 FIFA World Cup** after losing their last Group A match against two-time U-17 champions **Ghana** in **Delhi**.
 - It was the first-ever FIFA tournament that India participated in.

- **Indian duo Deborah Herold and Aleena Reji** have qualified for the **UCI Track Cycling World Cup** to be held in **Manchester, England** from 10th to 12th November.
- **Switzerland's Roger Federer** defeated world number one Rafael Nadal for the fourth time in as many matches this year to claim his sixth title of 2017 and 94th overall at the **Shanghai Masters**.
- Former world number one tennis player **Maria Sharapova** won her first title since returning from a 15-month doping ban, clinching the **Tianjin Open**.
- Young Indian paddler **Selena Selvakumar** wins **triple gold** medal at **Egypt Junior and Cadet Open Table Tennis Championship**.
- **Kavita Devi**, a former weightlifter and South Asian Games gold medalist, has become the **first-ever Indian woman** to sign with the **WWE**.
 - WWE also signed **Shadia Bseiso**, its first female performer from an **Arab** nation.
- **South Africa** overtook **India** to reclaim the **No.1 spot** in the **ODI** rankings after defeating Bangladesh by 104 runs in the second ODI.
- Indian woman cricketer **Veda Krishnamurthy** has become only the 3rd player from India to sign up for **Women's Big Bash League** after Harmanpreet Kaur and Smriti Mandhana.
- The **Indian** compound archery team of **Trisha Deb, Lily Chanu Paonam and Jyothi Surekha Vennam** won India a **Silver** medal at the **World Archery Championships** in **Mexico City**.
- **Indian** skipper **Virat Kohli** has become the **top run-scorer** at the **200 ODI-mark**, after taking the field against New Zealand in the first ODI at Mumbai.
 - With this, he became only the **second** batsman in cricket history to hit a **century** in his 200th ODI.
 - South Africa's **AB de Villiers** is the only other player to hit a ton in his 200th ODI.
- **Indian boxers** win eight medals, including **four Gold** at **Youth International Championships Balkan Open 2017** at Sofia, **Bulgari**.
- **India** defeated **Malaysia** in final of the **Hockey Asia Cup** in **Dhaka**, to win the tournament for the 3rd time.
- Mercedes' British driver **Lewis Hamilton** won the **US Grand Prix**.
- Indian shuttler **Kidambi Srikanth** defeated South Korea's Lee Hyun Il to win the **Denmark Open**, his third Super series title this year.
- Indian golfer **Gaganjeet Bhullar** won his 8th Asian Tour title at the **Macao Open**.
- Indian shooters **Heena Sidhu** and **Jitu Rai** won India its first gold medal of the **ISSF Shooting World Cup** in the 10-metre air pistol mixed team event.
- 17-year-old paddler **Manav Thakkar** has become the first Indian to occupy the top spot on the **International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) World Junior Circuit** standings.
- **Indian** shooter **Sangram Dahiya** won a **Silver** medal in the final round of the men's double trap at the ISSF Shooting World Cup Final.
 - India's **Amanpreet Singh** also won a **bronze** medal in 50m pistol category to push India's medal tally to three in the tournament.
- The 32 countries competing at the **2018 World Cup** will share **\$400 million** (2,600 crore) in prize money, **FIFA** announced.
 - The tournament will be played across 11 cities in **Russia** from June 14 to July 15.
- **Patna Pirates** defeated **Gujarat Fortunegiants** to win the 5th edition of **Pro Kabaddi**.
- **Virat Kohli** became the **fastest cricketer** to complete **9,000 ODI runs**, achieving the feat in his 194th innings against **New Zealand**.

- **British** boxer **Anthony Joshua** defended his **WBA and IBF world heavyweight titles** after defeating France's Carlos Takam in 10 rounds by a technical knockout.
- **Roger Federer** defeated Juan Martin del Potro to win record **eighth** title in his hometown **Basel**, which is his seventh title of 2017 and 95th of his career.
- Mercedes' British driver **Lewis Hamilton** won his fourth **Formula One** championship at **Mexico Grand Prix 2017**.
- The **Indian junior men's hockey team** won **Bronze** at the 7th **Sultan of Johor Cup** by defeating hosts **Malaysia** in the third fourth place classification match.
- India's **Kidambi Srikanth** clinched his second consecutive Superseries title of the year at the **French Open**, becoming the first-ever Indian shuttler to win **four Superseries in a year**.
 - He had earlier won Indonesia Open, Australian Open and Denmark Open this year.
- **England** won 17th edition of **FIFA U-17 World Cup** by defeating **Spain**.
- **Indian** shooter **Heena Sidhu** clinched a **Gold** medal in the **women's 10m air pistol** event at the **Commonwealth Shooting Championships in Brisbane**.
- **Hong Kong** is set to become the first Asian city to host the **Gay Games**, after it won the right to host the **Games in 2022**, beating the likes of Mexico's Guadalajara and Washington DC.

Report

- **Housing 12.77 lakh** of the total 33.69 lakh people **authorised to carry weapons** all over India (as of December 31, 2016) **Uttar Pradesh** tops the list of states with active gun licenses.
 - **Jammu & Kashmir** and **Punjab** stood at 2nd and 3rd positions with 3.69 lakh and 3.59 lakh active licenses.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** is the 3rd most followed world leader on **Twitter** with over 34 million followers, according to the latest report by Twiplomacy.
 - US President **Donald Trump** topped the list followed by **Pope Francis**.
- Reliance Industries Chairman **Mukesh Ambani** has **topped Forbes India Rich List** for the tenth consecutive year with a wealth of \$38 billion.
 - **Wipro** Chairman **Azim Premji** is **second** on the list with a wealth of \$19 billion, half of Ambani's.
- **India** ranked 100th position among 119 countries on **Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2017** report released by Washington-based International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI).
 - India stood at 97th position in last year's rankings.
- According to Brand Finance's recently released **Nation Brands 2017** report, **India** was ranked 8th out of 100 countries on a list of most valuable nation brands.
 - Top 10: United States, China, Germany, Japan, United Kingdom, France, Canada, India, Italy, and South Korea.
- **Japanese** capital city **Tokyo** has topped **The Economist Intelligence Unit's Safe Cities Index 2017**, which ranked 60 cities on parameters including personal and health security.
 - **Singapore** and **Japanese** city **Osaka** have ranked second and third.
 - Indian cities **Delhi** and **Mumbai** have ranked 43rd and 45th respectively.
 - **Pakistani** city **Karachi** has been ranked the least safe city in the list.
 - The world's 10 safest Cities: Tokyo, Singapore, Osaka, Toronto, Melbourne, Amsterdam, Sydney, Stockholm, and Hongo Kong.
- The national capital **Delhi** was ranked 4th on the list of the **world's worst megacities**, after **Cairo**, **Karachi**, and **Kinshasa** for **sexual violence against women**, a survey by the Thomson Reuters Foundation has revealed.
 - **Tokyo** was named the **safest city for women**.

- According to a **United Nations Fund for Population Activities'** report, around **27% children** in India are married before the age of 18 years as compared to the global average of **28%**.
- The **Indian Institute of Science (IISc)** has been ranked **India's best university for engineering and technology** in the 2018 Times Higher Education World University Rankings.
 - While IISc has been ranked **89 globally**, **IIT Bombay** falls in the 126-150 category followed by **IIT Delhi**, **IIT Kanpur** and **IIT Kharagpur** in the 201-250 category.
 - The list has been topped by **Stanford University**.
- **JK Rowling** (author of the Harry Potter series), has been named **Europe's highest paid celebrity of 2017** by Forbes.
 - The second position on the list was taken by footballer **Cristiano Ronaldo**, who earned \$93 million.
- According to a recently released survey by ESPN magazine, **India coach Ravi Shastri** is the **World's Highest Paid Cricket Coach**.
 - **Australia's Darren Lehmann** stood at the Second position in the list.
- **India** has **topped** the List of countries with **pollution related deaths** in 2015, with 2.51 million people dying prematurely in the country that year due to diseases linked to air, water and other forms of pollution, according to a new study published in the reputed medical journal, The Lancet.
- **Chile** has been named the **Best country to visit** next year by Lonely Planet in its 'Best in Travel 2018' list.
 - Top 5: Chile, South Korea, Portugal, Djibouti, and New Zealand.
- **Singapore's passport** has become the **Most Powerful** in the World with a Visa-Free Score of 159, according to the Passport Index developed by advisory firm Arton Capital.
 - **India** secured the **75th** rank in the index with a Visa-Free Score of 51.
- **India** will become the **world's third fastest growing aviation market** by 2036 after witnessing a growth from 141 million passengers in 2016 to 478 million passengers, the International Air Transport Association announced.
 - India will be ranked behind **China**, which is expected to add 921 million passengers, and the **US**, which is expected to add 401 million passengers.
- The **Lahaul & Spiti district (Himachal Pradesh)** has been named among the Top 10 regions to visit next year by Lonely Planet in its '**Best in Travel 2018**' list.
 - The list has been topped by **Belfast** and the **Causeway coast in Northern Ireland**, followed by **United States' Alaska** and **Slovenia's Julian Alps**.
- **Asia** now has the **most billionaires** in the world, surpassing the **US** for the first time.
 - The number of billionaires in Asia rose by 117 to 637, whereas the US added 25 billionaires for a total of 563 in 2016.
- **India** has become the 2nd largest smart phone market in the world after overtaking the **United States**.
 - India now stands behind **China** on the list.
- Amazon Founder **Jeff Bezos** has overtaken **Bill Gates** to become the **World's Richest Person** with a net worth of \$91.6 billion.
- Late singer **Michael Jackson** has been named the **highest-earning dead celebrity** for the 5th consecutive year by Forbes.

National Parties/Regional Parties

- **Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee** adopted a resolution urging party Vice President **Rahul Gandhi** to take over as the party President.

- **Four Dutch political parties** agreed to form a coalition government after 208 days of negotiations, the longest time taken in the country's history to form a government.
- In an effort to end a decade-long rift, the **Palestinian** political parties **Hamas** and **Fatah** have signed **reconciliation deal**.
- **China's Communist Party** added President **Xi Jinping's** name and his political ideology to the party's constitution, making him the country's **most powerful leader** since Mao Zedong, the founder of modern China.

General - National

- The Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways, Shipping and Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, **Nitin Gadkari** launched **NHAI's countrywide Free Eye Check-up Campaign** and distribution of spectacles for truck drivers, cleaners and helpers.
 - NHAI - National Highways Authority of India
- **India** is among **13 nations** which voted against a **United Nations Human Rights Council resolution** to denounce death penalty for consensual same-sex relations.
- The **Union Ministry of Water Resources** has approved project to set up **Turtle sanctuary** in **Allahabad** along with River Biodiversity Park at Sangam in Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh under Namami Gange programme.
- The **Union Ministry of Tourism** in collaboration with Other Union Ministries and State Governments has launched nationwide '**Paryatan Parv**' to showcase cultural diversity of country and reinforce the principle of '**Tourism for All**'.
 - It was inaugurated at Humayun's Tomb and was held across the country from the 5th to 25th October 2017.
 - Objective of Paryatan Parv: To draw focus on the benefits of tourism.
- The **World Bank** has supported **GST implementation in India** claiming that it will have a 'hugely positive impact' on the country's economy.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has announced the setting up of India's first **marine police training institute** at **Gujarat's Devbhumi Dwarka** district.
- The **Finance Ministry** has announced that **PAN** and **Aadhaar details** will not be **mandatory** for **jewellery purchases** above **50,000**.
 - Any entity dealing with gems and jewellery and with an annual turnover of 2 crore or more shall not be covered under the Prevention of money laundering act.
- **Germany** is going to limit the **intake** of **refugees** to **2 lakh** annually, as part of a deal between German Chancellor **Angela Merkel's** party and its coalition ally that has long demanded a cap on the intake.
- The **Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)** is going to use **handheld explosive trace detectors** in **Airports**.
- **RunForUnity** was organized across the country to observe birth anniversary of **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel** on 31st October, 2017.
- **Akshay Ruparelia**, a 19-year-old Indian-origin youth, has become one of **UK's youngest millionaires** after his online estate agency business was valued at **£12 million** in just over a year.
- The **Indo Tibetan Border Police Force (ITBP)** was celebrated its 56th Raising day on October 24. The force was raised on 24th October in 1962.
- Finance Minister **Arun Jaitley** announced that the government will celebrate '**Anti-Black Money Day**' on **November 8th** to mark one year since the demonetisation announcement.

- The **deadline to link Aadhaar card to avail benefits of welfare schemes** has been extended to **March 31, 2018**.
- Ministries of **Power and Textiles** have joined hands under **SAATHI** (Sustainable and Accelerated Adoption of efficient Textile technologies to Help small Industries) initiative.
- The **Environment Ministry** has passed orders **cancelling the recognition** of all **circuses in India** that make wild animals perform tricks.
- **Mobile Aadhaar** (m-Aadhaar) can now be used as an **identity proof** to enter **airports**, a circular by the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security of India has stated.
- The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is set to move a proposal before the **Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS)** for taking over the **Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS)**, currently under the **Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA)**.
- **China's top leadership** is considering digging a 1,000-km long tunnel, which if completed would be the world's longest by a huge margin, to divert the waters of the **Brahmaputra** from **Tibet**, before it enters Arunachal Pradesh.
- The **Union Ministry of Tourism** gave Letters of Intent (LoI) to **7 shortlisted companies** for adopting 14 monuments under **Adopt a Heritage Scheme** at the closing ceremony of 'Paryatan Parv' held in New Delhi.
- **Transgenders** will now have the option of identifying **themselves** as the **third gender** with the **Railway Board modifying reservation forms** to provide the option 'T', besides 'M' (Male) and 'F' (Female).

General - International

- The **US Federal Reserve** fined banking giant **HSBC** \$175 million (1,142 crore) for "unsafe and unsound practices" in its foreign exchange trading business. HSBC had failed to monitor chat rooms where traders swapped information about investment positions.
- **Austria's ban** on **Islamic face veils** in public places came into effect.
- Aiming at combatting unrealistic body images, the **France** has introduced a new law mandating all **photo shopped commercial photos** to carry a warning that they have been altered.
- **Japan** has given initial approval to restart **two** reactors at **Kashiwazaki-Kariwa**, the world's biggest nuclear power plant, which was shut down post the 2011 magnitude-9 earthquake.
- A **US House of Representatives'** panel has approved a legislation to provide **\$10 billion** (65,000 crore) for the construction of **President Donald Trump's wall** along the **US-Mexico border**.
- US bank **Wells Fargo** has upgraded over **5,000 ATMs** that allow customers to withdraw cash with a smart phone instead of debit or credit cards.
 - The ATMs have near-field communications (NFC) module that allows customers to tap a phone configured with mobile wallet systems like Apple Pay and Android Pay.
- The **UK city of Oxford** has announced plans to create the world's first **zero-emissions zone** by banning all **petrol and diesel cars** from its centre to curb pollution.
- The **United States** announced its **withdrawal** from **The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)**, for the second time in 33 years.
- Following **United State's** withdrawal from **UNESCO** citing "anti-Israel bias", **Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu** announced that his country would also quit the UN heritage organization.
 - Both the US and Israel have opposed Palestine's inclusion in UNESCO.
- **Pakistan** won a seat on the **United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)** by more than two thirds vote as the **General Assembly** elected 15 countries to serve on the 47-member body.

- The **European Union** imposed new sanctions against **North Korea** in response to its nuclear programme.
- The **United States** launched its first air strike against **ISIS** in **Yemen**.
 - The strike targeted two camps in the **Yakla** and **al-Abl** in southern al-Bayda province that were used to train militants to conduct terror attacks using machine guns and grenade launchers.
- US President **Donald Trump** has announced that he will allow the **release of classified documents** relating to the assassination of former President **John F Kennedy**, who was shot dead while visiting Dallas, Texas, in the year 1963.
- US President **Donald Trump** signed an executive order ending his **temporary ban** which suspended the processing of all **refugees** to the US for a period of 120 days.
- **Indonesian** lawmakers approved a presidential decree **banning civil organizations** deemed to go against the country's secular state ideology.
- The **United States** will **no longer approve** the extension of non-immigrant visas such as **H-1B and L1** by default.
 - Earlier, if a person was once found to be eligible for a work visa initially, they would usually be considered for extension of their visa.
- **Saudi Arabia** has become the world's first country to grant **citizenship** to a **Robot**. The country offered citizenship to a humanoid named **Sophia**.
- **Burundi** became the first country to **withdraw** from the **International Criminal Court (ICC)**.
- The **Catalan Parliament** voted in favour of a **resolution to declare independence** from **Spain**.
- **Saudi Arabia** will allow **women to enter sports stadiums** starting **2018**, authorities have announced.
 - Women have long been barred from stadiums due to rules on gender segregation in public.

Books and Authors

Book's Name

Author's Name

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| • Hema Malini: Beyond the Dream Girl | Ram Kamal Mukherjee |
| • Indian women's cricket team captain Mithali Raj is writing her autobiography, which will release in 2018. Raj, who became the all-time highest run-scorer in women's ODIs in July this year, was named in BBC's 100 most influential women list in September. | |
| • Bollywood Actor Nawazuddin Siddiqui's biography titled ' An Ordinary Life : A Memoir ' is set to be released this month. This book was co-authored by journalist Rituparna Chatterjee . | |

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TO THE POINTS: OCTOBER-2017

- **Ramesh Narayan** has been unanimously elected President of the India Chapter of the International Advertising Association (IAA).
- India and the European Union hold their 14th summit talks on **New Delhi**.
- India will receive its first ever shipment of US crude oil when a very large crude carrier (VLCC) docks at Paradip port in **Odisha**.
- **Austria** bans the wearing of Islamic face veils in public places came into effect.
- All India Radio (AIR) has announced plans to expand its global operations and launch new services in **Japan, Canada and Germany**.
- **Max Verstappen** won the Malaysian Grand Prix title 2017.
- President Ramnath Kovind inaugurated the Shirdi airport in Ahmednagar district of **Maharashtra**.
- **Russia and China** were among nine nations suspended from weightlifting competitions for up to 12 months.
- **Jeffrey C Hall, Michael Rosbash and Michael W Young** won the 2017 Nobel Medicine Prize for their work on internal biological clocks known as the circadian rhythm.
- Brenda Hale has been sworn in as first female president of the **UK Supreme Court**.
- The Meenakshi Sundareswarar Temple has been adjudged best 'Swachh Iconic Place' in India as on October 1, the temple located in **Madurai**.
- The World Health Organisation announced **Soumya Swaminathan** as its Deputy Director General, the second-highest position at the UN's health agency.
- Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City)'s International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) has bagged the **Tenth** spot in the latest edition of Global Financial Centres Index.
- **Karnataka** has launched the Mathru Poorna scheme meant to meet the nutritional needs of pregnant and lactating mothers.
- **Rainer Weiss, Barry C Barish and Kip S Thorne** have been awarded the 2017 Nobel Prize in Physics.
- Global Entrepreneurship Summit, which will be held November 28-30 in **Hyderabad**.
- President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed a five-member Committee to examine sub-categorization of Other Backward Classes, the Committee will be headed by **G Rohini**.
- **Ministry of Culture** and its 43 organisations observed Swachhta Pakhwada and Swachhta hi Seva Abhiyaan from 16th September to 2nd October, 2017.
- Reserve Bank has opened a banking ombudsman office in **Dehradun** recently.
- The Railways Ministry has decided to extend service charge exemption on train tickets booked online till **March 2018**.
- **Nepal** and India will undertake a joint tiger census next month in their national parks, forests and protected areas adjoining the two countries using a globally-recognised method.
- Former Indian cricketer **Mohammad Kaif** has reportedly been approached by the Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) for the post of the team's head coach.
- **Jacques Dubochet, Joachim Frank and Richard Henderson** won the 2017 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for developing cryo-electron microscopy, which simplifies and improves the imaging of biomolecules.
- Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) announced appointment of **Param Shah** as the new Director for the United Kingdom (UK) operations.

- **Rajnish Kumar** has been appointed as new chairman of State Bank of India.
- The Centre has approved setting up a turtle sanctuary in **Allahabad**.
- The Union Cabinet has given its approval for the signing and ratification of the Extradition Treaty between India and **Lithuania**.
- Cabinet apprised of the MoU between India and **Switzerland** on technical cooperation in rail sector.
- Cabinet approved MoU on upgradation of the women's police training centre at Yamethin, **Myanmar**.
- **Russia** has launched the world's largest nuclear-powered icebreaker ship in a bid to expand its strategic presence in the resource-rich, terrain of the Arctic.
- The Repo Rate on October 07 2017 is – **6.00%**.
- **Bangladesh** has signed USD 4.5 billion third line of credit (LoC) agreement with India for its infrastructure and social sector development.
- **Germany** designed a law to combat hate speech on social media platforms has come into force.
- Jalal Talabani who passed away recently, he was a former president of **Iraq**.
- **Kazuo Ishiguro** won the Nobel Literature Prize 2017.
- The 2017 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to **International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)**.
- **Gauri Lankesh** becomes first Indian journalist to win Anna Politkovskaya Award.
- Zafar Mehmood Abbasi has took charge as new naval chief Admiral of **Pakistan**.
- In an attempt to boost cultural ties, a memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed by **Uttar Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya** under the 'Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat' programme.
- Centre has set up a high-level committee for proper management of water resources in the North-Eastern region. The Committee will be headed by **Rajiv Kumar**.
- First Edition of the ASEAN India Music Festival held in **New Delhi**.
- India and **European Investment Bank** have signed the finance contract for lending of 300 million euros (about Rs 2,293 crore) for Bangalore Metro Rail Project.
- **Vijaya Bank** has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) for enabling all HPCL retail outlets with BHIM/UPI merchant solutions.
- The 8th conference of the Association of SAARC Speakers and Parliamentarians (ASSP) took place from October 4 to 6 in **Sri Lanka**.
- **HDFC Life Insurance** has launched Neo – a servicing bot for Twitter that uses artificial intelligence for customer service.
- **Tata AIA Life** has announced the launch of 'Eazy Connect' that will extend online customer service to social media platforms.
- The World Government Summit announced that **India** is a guest country in its upcoming gathering.
- Digital payments firm **Mobikwik** has announced its partnership with IRCTC Rail connect app, which will allow customers book railway tickets using the former's payment gateway.
- **Magicbricks** has announced the launch of India's first online bidding platform for residential and commercial properties.
- **J Sagar Associates** is the first law firm to have opened an office at Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT).

- The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) will set up a research centre in **Guwahati** for start ups, academicians, environmentalists and entrepreneurs.
- Pooja Kadian has bagged India's first ever **Gold** medal at Wushu World Championships in Russia.
- Kundan Shah who passed away was a **Movie Director**.
- Purushottam Lal Kaushik who passed away recently was a **Politician**.
- **Sangram Singh** has been appointed as CEO of Freecharge.
- President launched 100 crore rupees Mata Amritanandamayi Math Project "Jeevamritham" to provide filtration system for cleaning drinking water to 5000 villages in **Kerala**.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has unveiled a plaque to mark the laying of Foundation Stone of Bhadbhut Barrage over the River **Narmada**.
- The First Meeting of India-Australia Joint Steering Committee was held in **New Delhi**.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has launched the Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) in **Gujarat**.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the setting up of India's first marine police training institute in **Gujarat**.
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) is celebrating its 85th anniversary day on **October 08**.
- The world's top oil exporter Saudi Aramco has opened an office in India in **Gurugram**.
- **Amazon** is reportedly planning to start selling medicines online, according to an email from the e-commerce giant.
- India and **Ethiopia** have signed agreements on trade, communication and media.
- **Rafael Nadal** won the China open title 2017.
- **Lewis Hamilton** won the Japan grand prix title 2017.
- **Richard H. Thaler** won the Nobel Prize in Economics 2017.
- **Rajesh Nath** has been conferred with the 'Cross of the Order of Merit', the highest civilian honour awarded to individuals for their services to Germany.
- **Madya Pradesh** government providing financial assistance of Rs.2 lakh to widows who want to remarry.
- **Ashish Srivastava** has been appointed as MD and CEO of PNB MetLife India Insurance Company Ltd (PNB MetLife).
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has mandated e-commerce firms to settle seller payments within **Two** days from the date of intimation of completion of transaction.
- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu inaugurated a two-day International Blockchain Business Conference in **Vishakhapatnam**.
- President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed Justice Humchadakatte Gopalaiah Ramesh as the new Acting Chief Justice of the **Karnataka High Court**.
- The Department of Tourism of **Kerala** has launched a three-year long Continuous Tourist Survey (CTS) from this year.
- The country's first portal dedicated to para-sports was launched named **nationspride.com**.
- International conference on "Dialogue of Civilizations - IV" held in **New Delhi**.
- **Anupama Ramachandran** won the World Open Under-16 Snooker Championship titles in women's category.
- **Amul** has been recognized as the country's best Fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) Company in the food sector.

- Matam Venkata Rao took charge as Executive Director of **Canara Bank**.
- Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the third International Conference on Yoga in **New Delhi**.
- **Karnataka** will launch 'Anila Bhagya' scheme to provide free LPG connections to families living Below Poverty Line in December.
- **Sandeep Bhushan** has been named as the interim managing director of Facebook India.
- The Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated the four-day (BIMSTEC DMEx-2017) exercise in **New Delhi**.
- **Gujarat** becoming the first state to cut the Value Added Tax (VAT) on fuel by 4%.
- The President of India Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated India Water Week-2017(October 10, 2017) in **New Delhi**.
- India ranked **eighth** in the most valuable nation brand list according to Brand Finance's Nation Brands 2017.
- IIT-Kharagpur has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Samsung India** for the setting up of a digital academy on the institute's campus.
- Indian Institutes of Technology in **Delhi and Madras** have developed a machine learning tool that can fish out new ways of synthesising novel molecules.
- **Maharashtra** became the second state to cut Value Added Tax (VAT) on petrol and diesel.
- US-based fintech company MasterCard has announced the launch of its global research and development arm MasterCard Labs in **India**.
- Indian banks' bad loans increased by 4.5% in six months to hit a record **9.5 trillion** at the end of June.
- **Anupam Kher** has been appointed as Chairman of Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune.
- The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of "Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC)" between India and **Japan** on the "Technical Intern Training Program (TITP)".
- **Nisha Desai Biswal** has been appointed as the new president of US India Business Council (USIBC).
- The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between India and **Japan** on establishing a liquid, flexible and global LNG Market.
- **Priyanka Chopra** has been named as one of the Power of Women honourees by American magazine 'Variety'.
- **Himachal Pradesh** implemented the Senior Citizen Health Insurance Scheme (SCHIS) to provide easy access to curative geriatric health care services by way of additional cover.
- The Union Cabinet has given its ex-post facto approval for a Memorandum of Understanding between India and **Belarus** for cooperation in the field of Vocational Education and Training (VET).
- The Union Cabinet has given its approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and **Financial Services Commission**.
- **ICICI Bank** committed financial assistance of Rs.10 crore to the Indian Armed Forces.
- Vinay Mohan Kwatra has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to **Monaco**.
- The Union Cabinet has given its approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) by SEBI with Capital Markets Authority (CMA), **Kuwait** for mutual co-operation and technical assistance.

- The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has bought an additional 7% stake in Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) for Rs.900 crore from **IDBI Bank**.
- The Union Cabinet has given its approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and **Morocco** on cooperation in the field of water resources.
- Visa has tied up with the **Andhra Pradesh** government for Digital Dhan Sankalp project.
- World's largest radio telescope makes its first discovery in **China**.
- HSBC has chosen **John Flint** as its next chief executive.
- **Bihar** approved reservations for persons with disabilities in government jobs and educational institutions.
- The State Election Commission used Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail machines for the first time in **Maharashtra**.
- The nation's largest lender State Bank of India is creating a 15,000-sqft innovation centre in **Mumbai**.
- **Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines** have begun coordinated air patrols to intensify their fight against Islamic militants.
- **HSBC Bank** announced the launch of a mobile app – Trade Transaction Tracker – to help customers track the status of their trade transactions on a real-time basis.
- India ranked **100** out of 119 countries, according to the Global Hunger Index.
- **RMV Gurusaidutt** won the Bulgarian International Future Series badminton tournament.
- **Andhra Pradesh** Cabinet has approved a new scheme providing financial aid of Rs.30,000 for newly-married couples belonging to backward classes.
- **LG India** announced the launch of an exclusive OEM co-branded card in partnership with Bajaj Finserv.
- **Gurbax Singh Sandhu** has been honoured with the National Awards for senior citizens by President Ramnath Kovind.
- FIFA has decided to suspend the **Pakistan** with immediate effect.
- **Yuvraj Singh** becomes Laureus' first Indian ambassador and joins a host of cricket legends in the Laureus Family.
- **M K Sanu** has been chosen for the Mathrubhumi Literary Award for 2016 in recognition of his rich contribution to the Malayalam Literature.
- **Audrey Azoulay** has been elected as new Director-General of UNESCO.
- Rukaiya Rangwala has been appointed as the Business Head of **MobiKwik** Payment Gateway.
- **Gujarat** has announced the Garments and Apparel Policy-2017, with the aim of creating more opportunities in the garment sector.
- **Kerala** is taking the dictum 'health is wealth' seriously and making plans to become a 100 per cent healthy State by replicating its resounding success in literacy.
- **Odisha** government's Directorate of Treasuries and Inspection and the State Bank of India have signed an MOU for integration of SBI e-Pay with cyber treasury.
- The Union Minister for Finance Arun Jaitley participated in the G-20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) Meeting in **Washington D.C**.
- The world's first "negative emissions" plant that turns carbon dioxide into carbonate rocks has begun operations in **Iceland**.
- The world's largest combustion research centre which will impart a major boost to the Indian scientific community was inaugurated at the Indian Institute of Technology **Madras**.

- Gautam Bambawale was appointed as India's new Ambassador to **China**.
- **IndusInd Bank** and Bharat Financial Inclusion Ltd have approved the merger of two companies through a composite scheme of arrangement.
- **Tokyo** has topped The Economist Intelligence Unit's Safe Cities Index 2017.
- **USA and Israel** withdraw from the United Nations Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).
- **Vanuatu** is the first country to accept Bitcoins for citizenship.
- **Esther Staubli** became the first female referee to officiate at U-17 World Cup.
- Satish Chandra who passed away recently was a **Historian**.
- **Prabha Varma** has been selected for the Padma Prabha Puraskaram award 2017.
- The government of India has appointed **Mahesh Kumar Gupta and D K Gayen** as the two new members in the Railway Board.
- **Mahindra & Mahindra** has launched a programme, Prerna, to empower women working in the agriculture sector by promoting efficient and ergonomic farm tools and equipment.
- Under the government's skill development programme, 3 lakh technical interns will be sent to **Japan** for on-the-job training for a period of three to five years.
- **Rajasthan** assembly has become the first in India to call attention and adjournment motions and proposals online from legislators to send them to the state government.
- **Maharashtra** has appointed over 12 private advertising agencies to publicise its policies and schemes effectively, especially on social media.
- **Myntra** launched its CSR initiative in association with the Union Textile Ministry, to work directly with weavers and elevate their economic stature.
- Defence minister Nirmala Sitharaman commissioned the indigenously-built anti-submarine warfare stealth corvette INS Kiltan in **Visakhapatnam**.
- **Shillong** will organise India International Cherry Blossom Festival.
- **Shakib Al Hasan** became the first cricketer from Bangladesh to be inducted in the MCC World Cricket Committee under the chairmanship of Mike Gatting.
- **Roger Federer** won the Shanghai Masters title 2017.
- **Kavita Devi** has become the first ever Indian woman to be signed by the World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE).
- 50 Indian peacekeepers stationed in **South Sudan** have been awarded the UN Medal for their professionalism and service in protecting civilians.
- On the occasion of National Ayurveda Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) in **Delhi**.
- **Delhi** has been named as world's worst megacity for sexual violence against women in a survey conducted by the Thomson Reuters Foundation.
- **Yes Bank** has committed Rs.156 crore to fund first Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) to be constructed at Varanasi under Hybrid Annuity-PPP Model.
- Actress Hema Malini biography, titled Beyond The Dream Girl, is written by **Ram Kamal Mukherjee**.
- Union Bank of India has launched an Android app, **Union Sahyog** as part of its drive to digitise customer-facing banking services.
- 2nd National Ayurveda Day was observed on **October 17**.

- **IBM** and a network of banks have begun using digital currency and blockchain software to move money across borders throughout the South Pacific.
- Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM) and **Yes Bank** have signed a memorandum of understanding to further foster cross-border exchange.
- **Pakistan** has once again secured a seat at the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) among countries representing the Asia-Pacific Region.
- **Maria Sharapova** won the Tianjin Open title in women's category.
- Shamsheer Khan who passed away recently, he was a famous **Swimmer**.
- **George Saunders** won the Man Booker Prize 2017.
- **Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas** has been awarded with Swachh Bharat Inter-Ministerial Award by Minister of State, Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation S.S. Ahluwalia held in New Delhi.
- **CSS Corp** has been named as the winner of the Customer Service Excellence Award 2017 by NASSCOM, India's premier IT industry body.
- **Madya Pradesh** launched the ambitious 'Bhavantar Bhugtan Yojna' for the farmers of the state.
- The Ministry of Women and Child Development is undertaking an online campaign #IamThatWoman. **Maneka Gandhi** is the minister of Women and Child Development.
- **Kotak Mahindra Bank** and Zeta, a fintech pioneer has announced the launch of 'Paymint', a comprehensive digital wallet to manage multiple employee benefits.
- **Kotak Mahindra Bank** has tied up with Samsung, under which its cardholders will be able to tap and pay using smartphones.
- North East Small Finance Bank has commenced operations recently, North East Small Finance Bank headquarters located in **Guwahati**.
- **Google** has emerged as the most authentic brand in India.
- **India, Brazil and South Africa** signed the IBSA Trust Fund Agreement that seeks to fight poverty in developing countries.
- Game of Thrones actor Roy Dotrice who passed away recently, he was from **UK**.
- Poet Laureate and Pulitzer Winner Richard Wilbur who passed away recently, he was from **USA**.
- The World Business Council for Sustainable Development has appointed **Sunny Verghese** as the new chairman of the organization from 2018.
- Manika Jain has been appointed as the country's next Ambassador to **Cambodia**.
- The Govardhan Eco Village in Palghar district, has won the 'green platinum award', the village located in **Maharashtra**.
- Arunachal Pradesh Assembly has passed a bill paving way for creation of a new district to be named Kamle, Kamle is the **23rd** district of Arunachal Pradesh.
- **Jaipur and Srinagar** airports have been ranked among the best aerodromes in the world in the 2-5 million passengers per annum category by the Airport Council International (ACI).
- The Indian Army has organized 'Jashn-e-Breng' festival in **Jammu and Kashmir** to promote peace and brotherhood between security forces and the local population.
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) launched an innovative health mobile App named **MedWatch** on the occasion of its 85th anniversary.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will provide funds to women SHGs (self help groups) in rural areas at 7% under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana.

- **Canada** will be the partner country in India's largest knowledge and technology conference and exhibition to be held from November 14 to 15, 2017 in New Delhi.
- India and **Russia** have begun their first mega tri-services war game involving their armies, navies and air forces with an aim to boost their operational coordination.
- **Veda Krishnamurthy** has become only the third player from India to sign up for Women's Big Bash League.
- William J. Lombardy who passed away recently, he was a **Chess player**.
- Jacinda Ardern has been elected as new Prime Minister of **New Zealand**.
- **Maharashtra** has released a sum of Rs.4,000 crore under the first phase of the over Rs.34,000 crore farm loan waiver scheme.
- **Ine Eriksen** has been appointed as the Minister of Foreign Affairs, making her the first woman to hold the post in Norway.
- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has laid the foundation stone for the TU142M aircraft museum in **Visakhapatnam**.
- **France** parliament has adopted a controversial anti-terror bill that gives the authorities permanent new powers to search homes, shut places of worship and restrict freedom of movement.
- **Indian Institute of Technology Bombay** has emerged as the only Indian institute to better its performance among the top 100 universities in the latest Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Asia University Rankings 2018.
- India's young paddler Selena Selvakumar won **Gold** in the Egypt Junior and Cadet Table Tennis Open singles and doubles titles at Sharm El Sheikh in Egypt.
- **Cristiano Ronaldo** has been named Europe's richest sportsperson, and the second-highest paid European celeb, in Forbes' list of highest-paid European Celebs.
- **Purnachandra Rao Surapaneni** has been elected unanimously as the Regional President for South India Council of The Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC).
- Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao laid the foundation stone for Kakatiya Mega Textile Park in **Warangal** district.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched India's first roll on-roll off or 'Ro-Ro' ferry services in **Gujarat**.
- Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan has inaugurated Odisha's first PNG (Piped Natural Gas) project in **Bhubaneswar**.
- **Akinwumi Ayodeji Adesina** will be recognized as the 2017 World Food Prize Laureate.
- The National Police Commemoration Day was observed on **October 21**.
- **Kerala** government has given green signal to a proposal of the state Startup Mission (KSUM) to accord sabbatical leave to the faculty members of all colleges.
- **Rajasthan** has passed an ordinance, which seeks to protect both serving and former judges, magistrates and public servants in state from being investigated for on-duty action without its prior sanction.
- Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman going to attend Southeast Asian defence ministers' meeting in **Philippines**.
- India won **8** medals in third Youth International Boxing Championships Balkan Open 2017 at Sofia, Bulgaria.
- Playback singers **Alka Yagnik and Udit Narayan** have been selected for the Madhya Pradesh governments prestigious National Lata Mangeshkar Award.

- Sibi George has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to **Switzerland**.
- **Malaysia Airlines** has appointed Izham Ismail as group chief executive officer.
- **Karnataka** has decided to ban pillion riding on two-wheelers with less than 100 cc engine.
- **Kandla Port Trust** has received environment clearance for setting up a Rs.1,176-crore smart industrial port city in Kutch, Gujarat.
- India is the **Second** largest market globally for investments in fitness tech startups.
- Robert Mugabe has been removed as a goodwill ambassador for the World Health Organisation; he is the President of **Zimbabwe**.
- **India** won the Asia Cup hockey title 2017.
- Indian golfer **Gaganjeet Bhullar** won his 8th Asian Tour title at the Macao Open.
- **Kidambi Srikanth** won the Denmark Open Super Series title 2017.
- **Gitanjali Rao** is the winner of this year's Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge for her sensor that can detect lead levels in water better than traditional methods.
- **Rakesh Asthana** has been appointed as special director of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).
- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) appointed **Suresh Sethi** as its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer.
- Association of Mutual Funds in India or AMFI has appointed **NS Venkatesh** as chief executive officer.
- **HSBC Bank** has appointed Jayant Rikhye as the Chief Executive Officer for India Operations.
- Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has inaugurated India's first Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra (PMKK) for Skilling in Smart Cities in **Delhi**.
- The Reserve Bank of India announced a 10-member high level task force to review and determine the scope of a Public Credit Registry, the task force headed by **YM Deosthalee**.
- **IndusInd Bank** in association with MobiKwik has announced the launch of a co-branded wallet.
- The Indian government has approved a state bank recapitalisation plan of **2.11 lakh** crore over the next two years.
- The world's first floating wind farm has started generating electricity in waters off the coast of **Scotland**.
- The government has made it mandatory for banks and financial institutions to check the original identification documents for transactions above **50000**.
- The 2nd World Congress on Marxism is scheduled to be held in **Beijing** next May.
- Myanmar has planned to launch its own satellite system MyanmarSat-2 in June in **2019**.
- **Bangladesh** has signed a long-term sales and purchase agreement with an Indian refiner to import gas oil to meet the country's energy demand.
- **Nicaragua** signed the Paris climate agreement, leaving the United States and Syria as the only two holdouts on the global climate pact.
- **State Bank of India** has launched the second edition of its Hackathon named 'Digitize For Bank'.
- **Cristiano Ronaldo** won the 'The Best FIFA Men's Player' award.
- **Zinedine Zidane** has been named the Men's Coach of the Year at The Best FIFA Football Awards.
- **Lewis Hamilton** won the US Grand Prix 2017.
- **Amjyot Singh** became the third Indian to walk into the National Basketball Association (NBA) league.

- George Young who passed away recently was a **Musician**.
- I V Sasi who passed away recently was a **Movie director**.
- **Maharashtra** government has approved two more metro projects with an aggregate value Rs.15,088 crore.
- The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, Edapaddi K Palanswami has laid the foundation stone for an aerospace park at **Kanchipuram** district.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is set to make LEI compulsory for companies having aggregate fund-based and non-fund based exposure over **5 crore**.
- **Madya Pradesh** has emerged as the top state in terms of digital initiatives undertaken, with a maximum score of 100.1 on performance index.
- **Mumbai** is set to host the second Ahimsa festival that seeks to spread a cruelty free lifestyle.
- Reserve Bank of India has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs.2 crore on **IDFC Bank** for contravention of regulatory restrictions pertaining to loans and advances.
- Asian Development Bank and the Government of India signed **\$300** million loan to continue a series of fiscal reforms in the State of West Bengal to improve the quality of public service delivery.
- The deadline to link Aadhaar card to avail benefits of welfare schemes has been extended to **March 31, 2018**.
- **Ministry of Power and Ministry of Textiles** have jointly launched its new initiative named Sustainable and Accelerated Adoption of efficient Textile technologies to Help small Industries (SAATHI).
- The Engineering Export Promotion Council (EEPC) of India has signed an MoU with **Punjab National Bank** to provide easy access to finance for SMEs and merchant exporters of the council.
- 30th edition of CORPAT exercise began between Indian and **Indonesia** navy.
- **UK** scientists have found a simple and affordable method to 3D print a flexible and wearable 'battery'.
- **Singapore** has the world's "most powerful" passport, according to a global ranking.
- **Chile** named best country to visit in 2018.
- **Manav Thakkar** became the first Indian to occupy the top spot (3,455 points) on the ITTF World Junior Circuit Standings.
- Girija Devi who passed away recently was a **Singer**.
- Senior IAS officer Utpal Kumar Singh assumed charge as the new chief secretary of **Uttarakhand**.
- The Minister of State for Home Affairs Shri Kiren Rijiju inaugurated the Special Centre for Disaster Research in **New Delhi**.
- The Cricket Association of **Puducherry** was chosen by the Committee of Administrators (CoA) as an associate member of the BCCI.
- GMR Hyderabad International Airport Ltd and **Malaysia** Airports Holdings Berhad and Tourism Promotion Board signed a MoU to promote the growth of tourism traffic.
- **Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas** launched Rs. 320 crore startup funds for entrepreneurs.
- **L&T Technology Services Ltd** was conferred with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Industrial Innovation Award, 2017.
- The six-day International Puppet festival held in **Kolkata**.
- To strengthen maritime security, India and the **USA** have agreed to implement the programme for Helicopter Operations from Ships other Than Aircraft Carriers (HOSTAC).

- Estonian capital city **Tallinn** has been named the best destination to visit for value for money by Lonely Planet in its 'Best in Travel 2018' list.
- Indian-origin South African researchers **Salim Abdool Karim and Quarraisha Abdool Karim** were honored with a prestigious award for their exceptional contributions in the field of HIV/ AIDS.
- **Gina Miller** has been named the UK's most influential black person of the year.
- Spanish city **Seville** has been named the best city to visit next year by Lonely Planet in its 'Best in Travel 2018' list.
- 3rd Global Investors' India Forum Held in **New Delhi**.
- **China** has unveiled a track-less train that runs on virtual rails in a bid to speed up public transportation in major cities.
- **Qatar** is to introduce a minimum wage for workers recently.
- Virat Kohli ranked **Seventh** in Forbes most valuable brands among athletes.
- Gaur Kishore Ganguli who passed away recently was a **Freedom fighter**.
- Famous musician Fats Domino passed away recently, he was from **USA**.
- **Andra Pradesh** chief minister has received the Golden Peacock Award under the category – Global Leadership in Public Service and Economic Transformation – at a convention in London.
- **Setsuko Thurlow** will jointly accept the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize together with this year's laureate, the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons.
- **Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India** has received an award from All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) for supporting start-ups.
- **Javed Akhtar** has been honoured with the Hridaynath Mangeshkar Award.
- **Anil Khaitan** has taken over as the new president of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
- **Karnataka** cabinet has cleared the State Policy for Transgenders, 2017 with an aim of bringing the community into the mainstream and safeguarding them from exploitation.
- **West Bengal** dedicated 'Analytics city' to support frontier areas in IT space in the state.
- **HDFC Bank** has been given the green signal for setting up a call centre-cum-residential training centre in Mohali district, Punjab, at a cost of Rs.194 crore.
- First international conference on 'Implementation Strategies for Sustainable Innovations' held in **Chennai**.
- **Saudi Arabia** has become the first country to grant citizenship to a robot.
- **Burundi** has become the first country to withdraw from the International Criminal Court.
- Blue Origin, has successfully test fired the world's most powerful methane-burning rocket engine, Blue Origin is the private space launch company of **USA**.
- **Catalonia** declared independence from Spain in defiance of the Madrid Government.
- Sangram Dahiya and Amanpreet Singh related to **Shooting**.
- Punathil Kunjabdulla who passed away recently, he was a famous **Malayalam** writer.

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MODEL QUESTIONS

List of Important Days

1. What is the theme of 2017 World Spine Day (WSD)?
(1) Keep People Moving (2) Your Back at Work (3) Your Back in Action
(4) Straighten Up and Move (5) None of these
2. What is the theme of 2017 Global Handwashing Day (GHD)?
(1) Our hands, our future!
(2) Make handwashing a habit!
(3) Raise a hand for hygiene!
(4) Raise hands for future!
(5) None of these
3. The 56th raising day of the Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) has celebrated on which date?
(1) October 23 (2) October 21 (3) October 24 (4) October 22 (5) None of these
4. The 2017 World Development Information Day (WDID) is observed on which date?
(1) October 23 (2) October 22 (3) October 24 (4) October 21 (5) None of these
5. The 2017 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (IDEP) is observed on which date?
(1) October 18 (2) October 17 (3) October 16 (4) October 19 (5) None of these
6. What is the theme of the 2017 Vigilance Awareness Week (VAW)?
(1) Vision to promote Corruption Free India
(2) My Vision-Corruption Free India
(3) Preventive Vigilance as a tool of Good Governance
(4) Public participation to promote integrity
(5) None of these

Reserve Bank of India

7. What is the current repo rate, according to recently released 4th bi-monthly monetary policy review statement for the year 2017-18?
(1) 6% (2) 6.25% (3) 5.75% (4) 5.5% (5) None of these
8. As per RBI's revised guidelines on interest subvention scheme, banks will provide funds to women SHGs in rural areas at how much percentage under DAY-NRLM for FY18?
(1) 7.0% (2) 7.1% (3) 6.5% (4) 6.9% (5) None of these
9. Who will be head of the newly constituted task force of RBI on Public Credit Registry (PCR)?
(1) M Deosthalee (2) Sekar Karnam (3) Vishaka Mulye
(4) Rashesh Shah (5) None of these
10. RBI will make LEI compulsory for companies with over Rs 5 crore exposure. What does 'LEI' stands for?
(1) Legal Enact Identifier (2) Legal Enaction Identifier (3) Legal Ennuu Identifier
(4) Legal Entity Identifier (5) None of these

State Bank of India

11. Which Indian bank has recently signed MoU with Escorts for tractor financing?
(1) ICICI Bank (2) Dena Bank (3) State Bank of India
(4) Bank of India (5) None of these

Other Banks

12. Which insurance company has launched 'Neo' a servicing bot for Twitter?
(1) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance (2) SBI Life (3) PNB Metlife
(4) HDFC Life (5) None of these
13. EEPIC India has signed pact with which Indian bank for export finance?
(1) Punjab National Bank (2) State Bank of India (3) Bank of India
(4) Dena Bank (5) None of these

Insurance

14. Which state government has recently implemented the Senior Citizen Health Insurance Scheme (SCHIS)?
(1) Jharkhand (2) Sikkim (3) Arunachal Pradesh
(4) Himachal Pradesh (5) None of these

Central Government

15. For the first time, India and which neighboring state will conduct joint tiger census using a globally-recognised method?
(1) Myanmar (2) Sri Lanka (3) Nepal (4) Bangladesh (5) None of these

States

16. Which state government has launched a state-wide campaign against child marriage and dowry on the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary?
(1) Odisha (2) Bihar (3) Uttar Pradesh (4) Rajasthan (5) None of these
17. Which of the following has become the first Open Defecation Free (ODF) tribe district of Rajasthan?
(1) Dungarpur (2) Ajmer (3) Churu (4) Tonk (5) None of these
18. The Andhra Pradesh government has tied up with which financial services company for Vizag Digital Dhan Sankalp (VDDS) project?
(1) Religare (2) Angle Broking (3) Visa (4) Muthoot Fin (5) None of these
19. Which Indian state has topped in digital initiatives, as per recent report by Coeus Age Consulting?
(1) Karnataka (2) Madhya Pradesh (3) Maharashtra
(4) Andhra Pradesh (5) None of these
20. Which state will be the 'Focus State' at World Food India (WFI) 2017?
(1) Odisha (2) West Bengal (3) Assam (4) Karnataka (5) None of these

Place in the News

21. The Port of Benghazi which is officially opened for the first time in 3 years, is situated in which African country?
(1) Egypt (2) Sudan (3) Libya (4) Tunisia (5) None of these
22. Where is the headquarters of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI)?
(1) New Delhi (2) Lucknow (3) Gandhinagar (4) Kochi (5) None of these
23. The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) will analyse social media trends & data in monitoring security. Where is the headquarters of CISF?
(1) Kanpur (2) Bhopal (3) Kolkata (4) New Delhi (5) None of these

24. The Chhulchhila Wildlife Sanctuary (CWS) is located in which state?
(1) Sikkim (2) Mizoram (3) Haryana (4) Nagaland (5) None of these
25. Which state to host the 36th edition of National Games of India in 2018?
(1) Goa (2) Assam (3) Kerala (4) Jharkhand (5) None of these

Defence and National Security

26. India and which country have agreed to implement HOSTAC to strengthen maritime security?
(1) Japan (2) United States (3) Germany (4) Russia (5) None of these

Committees/Commissions

27. Which committee has drafted the 3rd National Wildlife Action Plan (NWAP) for 2017-2031?
(1) Krishna Murthy committee
(2) JC Kala committee
(3) Prabhakar Reddy committee
(4) K C Patan committee
(5) None of these
28. Which high-level committee has been constituted by the Union government for proper management of water resources in the NE region?
(1) Rajiv Kumar committee (2) Jagdish Mukhi committee (3) Ram Das committee
(4) B D Mishra committee (5) None of these
29. Who will head the 2nd National Judicial Pay Commission (NJPC) to look into pay hike issue of lower court judges?
(1) R C Lahoti (2) E Padhmanabhan (3) Jagannatha Shetty
(4) PV Reddi (5) None of these
30. Which parliamentary committee on External Affairs has been formed to examine India-China relations?
(1) Subhash Ramrao Bhamre committee
(2) Shashi Tharoor committee
(3) Sushma Swaraj committee
(4) Jial Oram committee
(5) None of these
31. Which committee has been constituted to select candidate for post of editor-in-chief of Rajya Sabha TV (RSTV)?
(1) PPK Ramacharyulu committee
(2) Shashi Shekhar Vempati committee
(3) A Surya Prakash committee
(4) Rahul Srivastava committee
(5) None of these
32. Which ministerial committee has been constituted by the Central Government on PSU bank mergers?
(1) Piyush Goyal committee
(2) Arun Jaitley committee
(3) Rajiv Kumar committee
(4) Nirmala Sitharaman committee
(5) None of these

33. Who will head the parliamentary standing committee on defence to examine operational preparedness of armed forces?
(1) Bipin Rawat (2) B C Khanduri (3) Sanjay Mitra
(4) Nirmala Sitharaman (5) None of these

Schemes/Initiatives

34. Which union minister has launched SECURE Himalaya project in association with UNDP?
(1) Narendra Modi (2) Harsh Vardhan (3) Rajnath Singh
(4) Nitin Gadkari (5) None of these
35. From where the Union Ministry of Tourism has started 'Paryatan Parv' to promote tourism across India?
(1) Gandhi Nagar (2) Pune (3) Delhi
(4) Kochi (5) None of these
36. President Ram Nath Kovind has launched Mata Amritanandamayi Math Project 'Jeevamritham' from which state?
(1) Mizoram (2) Kerala (3) Andhra Pradesh
(4) Karnataka (5) None of these
37. Which online campaign has launched by Union Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD) to end gender bias in women against women?
(1) #IstandforWoman (2) #IamThatWoman (3) #IamForWoman
(4) #IsupportWoman (5) None of these

Summit/Conference

38. Which country to host the 6th edition of World Government Summit (WGS)?
(1) Israel (2) United States (3) India (4) UAE (5) None of these
39. The 8th Conference of Association of SAARC Speakers and Parliamentarians to be held in which country?
(1) China (2) India (3) Sri Lanka (4) Nepal (5) None of these
40. Which city is hosting the Global Wildlife Programme (GWP) conference-2017?
(1) New Delhi (2) Udaipur (3) Indore (4) Kanpur (5) None of these
41. Who is leading the Indian delegation at the 8th Conference of Association of SAARC Speakers and Parliamentarians?
(1) Maneka Gandhi (2) Sumitra Mahajan (3) Sushma Swaraj
(4) Arun Jaitley (5) None of these
42. Which city to host the first-ever conference of Partner NGOs?
(1) Pune (2) Ahmedabad (3) New Delhi (4) Lucknow (5) None of these
43. Which country is hosting the International Conference on Dialogue of Civilizations - IV?
(1) India (2) Turkey (3) Egypt (4) China (5) None of these
44. What is the theme of the 2017 International Conference on Yoga?
(1) Yoga for wellness (2) Yoga for holistic health (3) Yoga for life
(4) Yoga for body and beyond (5) None of these
45. Which city is hosting the 48th Conference of Governors?
(1) New Delhi (2) Ahmedabad (3) Kochi (4) Kolkata (5) None of these

46. Which union ministry will organize International mega food summit "World Food India 2017"?
- (1) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
 (2) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
 (3) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
 (4) Ministry of Food Processing Industries
 (5) None of these
47. Which country is hosting the 6th annual LNG Producers Consumer Conference - 2017?
- (1) Japan (2) India (3) South Korea (4) China (5) None of these
48. Which city is hosting the International Conference on Green Initiatives & Railway Electrification?
- (1) Kochi (2) Chennai (3) Guwahati (4) New Delhi (5) None of these
49. Which country is hosting the 14th South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation in Law (SAARCLAW) Conference?
- (1) Sri Lanka (2) India (3) Nepal (4) Myanmar (5) None of these

Agreement/Deal/Signed

50. Which IIT institute has signed a MoU with Samsung for digital academy?
- (1) IIT-Bombay (2) IIT-Madras (3) IIT-Kharagpur
 (4) IIT-Indore (5) None of these
51. India to sign pact with which country for setting up flexible LNG market?
- (1) South Korea (2) Japan (3) Myanmar (4) China (5) None of these
52. The NIIF of India has signed a pact worth \$1 billion with Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA). What does NIIF stands for?
- (1) National Investment and Infrastructure Fund
 (2) National Investment and Intelligence Fund
 (3) National Investment and Infra Fund
 (4) National Investment and Inter-cooperative Fund
 (5) None of these
53. Which state government has recently signed a pact with National Research Centre for Banana (NRCB) to develop technologies relating to banana production?
- (1) Uttar Pradesh (2) Andhra Pradesh (3) Kerala
 (4) Karnataka (5) None of these
54. Which e-commerce company has tied up with Union Ministry of Textile to promote handloom industry?
- (1) Myntra (2) HomeShop18 (3) Amazon (4) Indiatimes (5) None of these
55. Which state government will sign MoU with Microsoft to empower smallholder farmers with technology-oriented solutions?
- (1) Karnataka (2) Kerala (3) Andhra Pradesh
 (4) Madhya Pradesh (5) None of these

Meet/Visit

56. Who chaired the first meeting of the newly-constituted Economic Advisory Council to Prime Minister (EAC-PM)?
- (1) Ratan P. Watal (2) Surjit Bhalla (3) Bibey Debroy
 (4) Kirti Kumar (5) None of these

57. Which country hosted the first-ever meeting of BIMSTEC Task Force on Traditional Medicine?
(1) Myanmar (2) Bangladesh (3) India (4) Thailand (5) None of these

Bills

58. The Government of India (GoI) has constituted a Commission under which article of the Constitution to examine sub-categorization of OBCs in the central list?
(1) Article 341 (2) Article 342 (3) Article 340 (4) Article 343 (5) None of these

Fund

59. Bangladesh has signed how much amount of loan deal with India for its infrastructure and social sector development?
(1) \$4.5 billion (2) \$5.5 billion (3) \$6.5 billion (4) \$7.5 billion (5) None of these
60. The European Investment Bank (EIB) has signed how much of loan pact with India for Bangalore Metro Rail Project Phase II?
(1) € 400 million (2) € 500 million (3) € 300 million
(4) € 200 million (5) None of these
61. India has signed how much amount of loan agreement with Asian Development Bank (ADB) to support coastal protection in Karnataka?
(1) \$75.5 million (2) \$65.5 million (3) \$55.5 million
(4) \$75.5 million (5) None of these

Economy

62. What is the India's GDP forecast for FY18 by the World Bank (WB) in its South Asia Economic Focus (Fall 2017) report?
(1) 7.2% (2) 7.1% (3) 7.0% (4) 7.2% (5) None of these
63. What is the India's GDP forecast for FY18 by IMF in its latest World Economic Outlook (WEO) report?
(1) 7.0% (2) 6.7% (3) 7.1% (4) 6.5% (5) None of these

Stock Market

64. Which of the following commodity exchange has launched India's first commodity options in gold?
(1) Indian Commodity Exchange Limited (ICEX)
(2) National Spot Exchange Limited (NSEL)
(3) Multi-Commodity Exchange of India Ltd (MCX)
(4) National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX)
(5) None of these

Energy/Gas/Oil

65. Which state government has launched 'Solar Briefcase' to provide electricity in remote areas?
(1) Jharkhand (2) Uttarakhand (3) Uttar Pradesh
(4) Madhya Pradesh (5) None of these
66. Which of the following has become the first Indian Oil Marketing Company (OMC) to launch lubricants in Myanmar?
(1) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)
(2) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL)
(3) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL)
(4) Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL)
(5) None of these

Education

67. India's first-ever Industrial Training Institute for the Divyangans will come up in which state?
(1) Mizoram (2) Assam (3) Uttar Pradesh (4) Kerala (5) None of these
68. Which state has become the India's first state to incorporate skill development programme in higher education?
(1) Himachal Pradesh (2) Chattisgarh (3) Punjab
(4) Rajasthan (5) None of these

Transport/Cars/Scooters

69. The world's first hybrid electric tram powered by hydrogen fuel cells has started in which country?
(1) Germany (2) China (3) France (4) Australia (5) None of these

Festival

70. Which city is hosting the 3rd edition of Women of India Organic Festival?
(1) Lucknow (2) Jaipur (3) New Delhi (4) Guwahati (5) None of these
71. Which city is hosting the first ever ASEAN-India Music Festival?
(1) Lucknow (2) New Delhi (3) Guwahati (4) Chennai (5) None of these
72. Which city to host International Puppet Festival (IPF-2017)?
(1) Kolkata (2) New Delhi (3) Kochi (4) Lucknow (5) None of these
73. The AYUSH Festival of Stamps 2017 has started in which city?
(1) New Delhi (2) Chennai (3) Panaji (4) Gandhi Nagar (5) None of these
74. Which city is hosting the 3rd edition of the India International Science Festival (IISF-2017)?
(1) Lucknow (2) New Delhi (3) Guwahati (4) Chennai (5) None of these

Appointments/Election (or) Latest who is who?

75. Who has taken charge as new Director General (DG) of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)?
(1) Subhash Misra (2) R. K. Mishra (3) Navrang Saini
(4) Nandan Chauhan (5) None of these
76. Who has become the first Indian to hold deputy director general post at World Health Organisation (WHO)?
(1) Ritu Karidhal (2) Soumya Swaminathan (3) Minal Sampath
(4) Anuradha TK (5) None of these
77. Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Mongolia?
(1) Norovyn Altankhuyag (2) Jargaltulga Erdenebat (3) Khaltmaagiin
(4) Ukhnaa Khurelsukh (5) None of these
78. Who has been appointed the new Ambassador to Principality of Monaco?
(1) Sanjiv Singla (2) Arun Kumar Singh (3) Mohan Kumar
(4) V M Kwatra (5) None of these
79. Who has been appointed as the new chairman of World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)?
(1) Masami Yamamoto (2) Sunny Verghese (3) Amanda Sourry
(4) Bruno Lafont (5) None of these

80. Who has officially been sworn in as the new Prime minister of New Zealand?
 (1) Bill English (2) Dame Patsy Reddy (3) Winston Peters
 (4) Jacinda Ardern (5) None of these
81. Who has been appointed as the new High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Zambia?
 (1) Rahul B. Gajbhiye (2) Anil Khaitan (3) N.J.Gangte
 (4) Rajiv Mishra (5) None of these
82. Who has been appointed the Private Secretary to President Ram Nath Kovind?
 (1) Shashank Shekhar Singh (2) Vikram Singh (3) C R Chaudhary
 (4) P C Meena (5) None of these

Deaths

83. H. M. Marathe, the renowned journalist passed away. He hailed from which state?
 (1) Telangana (2) Rajasthan (3) Maharashtra
 (4) Chattisgarh (5) None of these
84. Lekh Tandon, who passed away recently, was the renowned personality of which field?
 (1) Politics (2) Sports (3) Journalism (4) Film Industry (5) None of these
85. Roy Dotrice, the veteran actor passed away. He hailed from which country?
 (1) Malaysia (2) Laos (3) Vietnam (4) England (5) None of these
86. Gaur Kishore Ganguli, the noted freedom fighter passed away. He hailed from which state?
 (1) Jharkhand (2) Odisha (3) West Bengal (4) Kerala (5) None of these
87. Girija Devi, who passed away recently, was the renowned classical singer of which gharana?
 (1) Seniya and Banaras gharanas
 (2) Gwalior and Kirana gharanas
 (3) Atrauli and Seniya gharanas
 (4) Patiala and Bhendi Bazaar gharanas
 (5) None of these
88. Digamber Singh, who passed away recently, was related to which field?
 (1) Politics (2) Sports (3) Journalism (4) Law (5) None of these
89. Punathil Kunjabdulla, the renowned Malayalam writer passed away. He hailed from which state?
 (1) Kerala (2) Karnataka (3) Andhra Pradesh
 (4) Telangana (5) None of these
90. Gautam Adhikari, who passed away recently, was the co-founder of which TV channel?
 (1) Zee TV (2) Star Plus (3) Sony (4) SAB TV (5) None of these

Awards/Honours

91. Which Indian entrepreneur has won the prestigious International Business Person of the Year award in London for innovative IT solutions?
 (1) Birendra Sasmal (2) Uday Lanje (3) Madhira Srinivasu
 (4) Ranjan Kumar (5) None of these
92. The 2017 Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded to International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN). Where is the headquarters of ICAN?
 (1) London (2) New York (3) Warsaw (4) Geneva (5) None of these

93. Which Indian personality has been conferred the 'Cross of the Order of Merit', the highest civilian honour of Germany?
 (1) Aditya Mangal (2) Rajesh Nath (3) Deepak Chauhan
 (4) Milind Gupta (5) None of these
94. Who has won the Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration for 2015 -16?
 (1) Shyam Benegal (2) T M Krishna (3) Javed Akhtar
 (4) P N Haksar (5) None of these
95. Which Indian-American personality has won the 2017 American Bazaar Philanthropy award?
 (1) Suri Sehgal (2) Frank Islam (3) Asif Ismail
 (4) Ajay Raju (5) None of these
96. Prof. Hans Joachim Schellnhuber has won the 2017 Blue Planet Prize. He hails from which country?
 (1) France (2) United States (3) Germany (4) Japan (5) None of these
97. Which state election department has entered the Limca Book of Records for formation of biggest human logo?
 (1) Meghalaya (2) Himachal Pradesh (3) Gujarat
 (4) Rajasthan (5) None of these
98. Which Indian origin couple has won the 2017 IHV Lifetime Achievement Award for AIDS research?
 (1) Shikha Chawla and Nitin Chawla
 (2) Saba Karim and Anna Karim
 (3) Naren Prabhu and Kirti Singh
 (4) Salim Abdool Karim and Quarraisha Abdool Karim
 (5) None of these
99. Who has been chosen for the 2017 Padma Prabha Puraskaram?
 (1) M Mukundan (2) Veerendra Kumar (3) Prabha Varma
 (4) Thomas Chandy (5) None of these
100. Who has been honoured with the Hridaynath Mangeshkar Award 2017?
 (1) Vishwanathan Anand (2) AR Rahman (3) Javed Akhtar
 (4) Sulochana Tai (5) None of these
101. Which state chief minister has been honoured with the Golden Peacock Award under the category 'Global Leadership in Public Service and Economic Transformation'?
 (1) Uttar Pradesh (2) Andhra Pradesh (3) Assam
 (4) Tripura (5) None of these
102. Which Bollywood personality has been bestowed with the 2017 PHDCCI Lifetime Achievement Award?
 (1) Dilip Kumar (2) Amitabh Bachchan (3) Dharmendra
 (4) Sharmila Tagore (5) None of these

Sports/Game

103. Which city is hosting the National Hard Court Tennis Championship?
 (1) Pune (2) New Delhi (3) Kochi (4) Lucknow (5) None of these

104. Pooja Kadian is associated with which sports?
 (1) Table Tennis (2) Badminton (3) Boxing
 (4) Wushu (5) None of these
105. Who has won the 2017 men singles title at the Bulgarian International Future Series Tennis tournament?
 (1) RMV Gurusaidutt (2) Ramkumar Ramanathan (3) Muhammed Ali Kurt
 (4) Sumit Nagal (5) None of these
106. Samiya Imad Farooqui has clinched gold at women's singles U-15 Asian Junior Championship (AJC). She hails from which city?
 (1) New Delhi (2) Hyderabad (3) Lucknow (4) Jaipur (5) None of these
107. Jemson Ningthoujam is associated with which sports?
 (1) Boxing (2) Tennis (3) Chess (4) Archery (5) None of these
108. Which football team has won the 37th All India Governor's Gold Cup football tournament-2017?
 (1) Hindustan Eagles (2) Churchill Brothers (3) Delhi Dynamos
 (4) Mohun Bagan✓ (5) None of these
109. Aleena Reji is associated with which country?
 (1) Boxing (2) Wrestling (3) Table Tennis (4) Cycling (5) None of these
110. Who has become the 1st cricketer from Bangladesh to be inducted in MCC World Cricket Committee?
 (1) Mehedi Hasan Miraz (2) Soumya Sarkar (3) Shakib Al Hasan
 (4) Nasir Hossain (5) None of these
111. Which state/UT Cricket Association has become the newest associate member of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)?
 (1) Nagaland (2) Tripura (3) Puducherry (4) Mizoram (5) None of these
112. Which country's team has won the 2017 FIFA Under-17 World Cup?
 (1) England (2) India (3) Spain (4) France (5) None of these
113. Which team has won the 5th edition of Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) 2017?
 (1) Bengal Warriors (2) Patna Pirates (3) Jaipur Pink Panthers
 (4) UP Yoddha (5) None of these
114. Who has become the India's first-ever woman wrestler to sign for World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE)?
 (1) Geeta Phogat (2) Babita Kumari (3) Sakshi Malik
 (4) Kavita Devi (5) None of these
115. Shamsheer Khan, who passed away recently, was associated with which sports?
 (1) Swimming (2) Boxing (3) Wrestling (4) Table Tennis (5) None of these
116. Which country to host 2018 Asian Cricket Council Emerging Nations Cup?
 (1) Pakistan (2) India (3) Sri Lanka (4) Australia (5) None of these

General - National

117. The international exhibition 'World Dental Show 2017' has opened in which city?
 (1) Mumbai (2) New Delhi (3) Chennai (4) Kolkata (5) None of these

General - International

118. The world's first negative emissions plant that turns CO₂ into stone has opened in which country?

- (1) United States (2) Norway (3) Iceland
(4) Russia (5) None of these

119. Which country has become the first country to leave International Criminal Court (ICC)?

- (1) Botswana (2) South Africa (3) Burundi (4) Gambia (5) None of these

Books and Authors

120. Who is the author of the e-book "India 2017 Yearbook"?

- (1) Rajiv Mehrishi (2) R. K. Verma (3) Ashwani Lohani
(4) Rajiv Gauba (5) None of these

Ans: 1-3, 2-1, 3-3, 4-3, 5-2, 6-2, 7-1, 8-1, 9-1, 10-4, 11-3, 12-4, 13-1, 14-4, 15-3, 16-2, 17-1, 18-3, 19-2, 20-1, 21-3, 22-1, 23-4, 24-3, 25-1, 26-2, 27-2, 28-1, 29-4, 30-2, 31-3, 32-2, 33-2, 34-2, 35-3, 36-2, 37-2, 38-4, 39-3, 40-1, 41-2, 42-3, 43-1, 44-1, 45-1, 46-4, 47-1, 48-4, 49-1, 50-3, 51-2, 52-1, 53-2, 54-1, 55-1, 56-3, 57-3, 58-3, 59-1, 60-3, 61-2, 62-3, 63-2, 64-3, 65-2, 66-2, 67-2, 68-4, 69-2, 70-3, 71-2, 72-1, 73-3, 74-4, 75-2, 76-2, 77-4, 78-4, 79-2, 80-4, 81-3, 82-2, 83-3, 84-4, 85-4, 86-3, 87-1, 88-1, 89-1, 90-4, 91-1, 92-4, 93-2, 94-2, 95-4, 96-3, 97-1, 98-4, 99-3, 100-3, 101-2, 102-4, 103-2, 104-4, 105-1, 106-2, 107-4, 108-4, 109-4, 110-3, 111-3, 112-1, 113-2, 114-4, 115-1, 116-1, 117-1, 118-3, 119-3, 120-1.

