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Policy Rates of Reserve Bank of India w.e.f 6th December 2017

Bank Rate	: 6.25%
Repo Rate	: 6.0%
Reverse Repo Rate (RRR)	: 5.75%
CRR (Cash Reserve Ratio)	: 4%
SLR (Statutory Liquidity Ratio)	: 19.5%
Base Rate	: 8.95% - 9.45%
Saving Deposit rate	: 3.5% - 4%
Term Deposit Rate for >1 Year	: 6.00% - 6.70 %
Marginal Standing Facility (MSF)	: 6.25%
Marginal Cost of Fund Based Lending Rate	: 7.70% - 8.05%

Index	Position of India	Top Ranked Country
Human Development Index -2017	131	Topped by Norway followed by Australia
Ease of Doing Business Index 2018	100 th	The list is topped by New Zealand followed by Singapore, Denmark.
Foreign Direct Investment confidence index	8 th	The list is topped by USA followed by Germany
Global Competitiveness Index 2016	39 th	The list is topped by Switzerland, followed by Singapore and USA.
Global Talent Index	92 nd	The list is topped by Switzerland, followed by Singapore
Global Human Capital index 2017	103	The list is topped by Norway, followed by Finland
Global Hunger Index 2017	100 th	Developed by International food policy and research institute (IFPRI)
Global Innovation Index 2016	60	The list is topped by Switzerland, followed by Sweden
Global Peace Index (GPI) 2017	137	The list is topped by Iceland, followed by Newzland
Global Slavery Index 2016	4 th	The list is topped by North Korea, followed by Uzbekistan and Cambodia.
Global Talent Competitiveness Index 2017	89 th	The list is topped by Switzerland, followed by Singapore and Luxembourg.
Intellectual Property Index 2017	43 rd	The list is topped by USA, followed by UK and Germany.
Logistics Performance Index 2016	35 th	The list is topped by Germany, followed by Luxembourg and Sweden.
Global Human Capital Index	103	The list is topped by Norway followed by Finland
Sustainable Development Goal Index 2017	116 th	The list is topped by Sweden, followed by Denmark
Economic Freedom Index 2017	143rd	The list is topped by Hong Kong, followed by Singapore.
World Happiness Index 2017	122nd	The list is topped by Norway followed by Denmark,
World Press Freedom Index 2017	136	The list is topped by Norway, followed by Sweden
World Risk Index 2016	77 th	The list is topped by Island state of Vanuatu, followed by Tonga and Philippines.
Global Travel and Tourism Index-2017	40	The list topped by Spain followed by France
Global Corruption perception index-2017	79	The list is topped by New Zealand and Denmark
Legatum Prosperity Index 2017	100 th	The list is topped by Norway, followed by New Zealand, Finland, Switzerland and Sweden.

FDI Limits

List of Limits in Various Sectors (In %)

1. Petroleum Refining by PSU	49%	7. Civil Aviation	100%
2. Pharmaceutical Sector	74%	8. Private security agencies	49%
3. Medical Devices	100%	9. Private Sector Banking	74%
4. White Label ATM Operation	100%	10. Public Sector Banking	20%
5. Cable Networks	100%	11. Insurance and sub-activities	49%
6. Print Media	26%		

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

*TACKLING THE CHALLENGES OF LIFE-In our personal lives as well as on a global scale, we face challenges that test our emotional mettle such as, injury, illness, unemployment, grief, divorce, death, or even a new venture with an unknown future. Here are few strategies to help carry us through: **Embrace Your Life as It Is rather than as you Wish It to Be**;The Buddha taught that the secret to life is to want what you have and to not want what you don't have. Being present means being present to the life that you have right here, right now. There is freedom in taking life as it comes to us—the good with the bad, the wonderful with the tragic, the love with the loss, and the life with the death. When we embrace it all, then we have a real chance to enjoy life, to value our experiences, and to mine the treasures that are there for the taking. When we surrender to the reality of who we are, we give ourselves a chance to do what we can do. **Practice Gratitude**; It is easy to count our troubles rather than our blessings, but such an attitude undermines our ability to draw from the good that we have been given and to see our lives fundamentally as a gift. A change in perspective can make all the difference. Recognizing the good and receiving it with gratitude is a recipe for emotional health and well-being. This attitude enlarges the possibility that we can make use of the good we have been given and even use it to cope with the difficulties that we inevitably have inherited.**Accept Success and Fiascos as Part of Life's Journey**; We are all learning. No one gets it right every time. A more compassionate attitude toward ourselves only helps us to stay in the game. The dynamic process of life—trying, succeeding, failing, and trying again—is the only way to develop lasting confidence in ourselves. We learn through experience that we can both succeed and recover from failure. We also learn to be humble and so develop a view of ourselves as limited creatures that will always need the help and support of others. No matter how mature or successful we become, the child within always will need mentors and friends who'll see us through.**Self Introspection**; "what lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us". When you realize that everything springs from yourself, you can start walking on the path of tranquility. However, always keep one thing in mind that in any kind of circumstances that "Positivity Will Take You Everywhere" just have faith and patience.*

ALL THE BEST

GUJARAT ELECTION 2017 : A New Picture of Bhartiya Janta Party & INDIA

Through much of the election campaign in Gujarat in the last two months there has been one refrain that has rung out, “Congress is fighting well but BJP will form the government.” Election’s results in Gujarat has conformed to that view, with the Congress having improved on its 2012 tally, but still resigned to being the opposition, albeit the strongest in many years, in the state. Every poll result has its reasons and lessons, and what worked, what didn’t.

The electoral victory of the Bharatiya Janata Party reinforces that Prime Minister Modi remains the most potent weapon in its armoury. As the BJP’s attempts to take on the opposition campaign narrative appeared to be flailing, Prime Minister Modi’s blistering campaign in every district of the state — 34 rallies in 15 days — and the reinforcement of his connect with the people of Gujarat was an important factor. While a lot of heat was raised by some of the campaign rhetoric, especially with regard to former former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister Modi’s was successful in intervening in the campaign at the most crucial juncture.

Self goals by the Congress like former Union Minister Mani Shankar Aiyar’s “neech” (low) comment and his former Cabinet colleague Kapil Sibal’s appearance in the Ayodhya case before the Supreme Court asking for a deferment helped the BJP gain some traction around both the persona of Prime Minister Modi and Hindutva issues. “The comment by Mani Shankar Aiyar focused the campaign from issues raised by the Congress with regard to reservations and GST to the personality of Prime Minister Modi, and helped regain traction for the BJP”. There is a clear rural urban divide in the voting pattern in Gujarat with the BJP holding on to its urban bastions and Congress giving it a tough challenge in rural areas. And while BJP president Amit Shah ran down the Hardik Patel effect in these polls saying that the party had won handsomely in Surat and Mehsana considered the epicentre of the Patidar agitation for reservation under the aegis of the Hardik Patel led Patidar Anamat Andolan Samiti (PAAS), the cotton and groundnut growing belt in Saurashtra is where the BJP took most damage. It lost all three seats in Morbi, four seats in Surendranagar, four in Somnath and five seats in Amreli where it had held ground in 2012. Rural distress is therefore something that the party needs to address, not just in Gujarat but across the country.

The formidable electoral machinery of the BJP however has cleared the test of this strongly fought contest. By June the party had “completed” its booth committees (a Committee is considered complete if it consists of 21 members). These were sub divided into panna pramukhs (page in charge) of a 48 voters in a particular constituency. A total of 7,500 people were deployed for this and, according to Madhya Pradesh minister Narottam Mishra who had been in charge of 26 seats in Saurashtra, BJP Chief Amit Shah spoke to each of these panna pramukhs.

The BJP is however elated at having registered a sixth straight win in Gujarat with 99 seats out of the total 182 Legislative Assembly seats in the State & Vijay Rupani became the new Chief Minister with Nitin Bhai Patel as his Deputy.

ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE : POLITICIAN OF THE CENTURY

Former Prime Minister and one of the most respected politicians Atal Bihari Vajpayee was born on December 25, 1924 in Gwalior. His birthday is celebrated by the government as *Good Governance Day*. Mr Vajpayee, an enduring paradox of Indian politics, ruled the country for 13 days in 1996, 13 months in 1998 and for almost six years from 1999. He was India's only non-Congress prime minister to last a full five years in office. The son of a schoolmaster from Gwalior, Mr Vajpayee joined the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh or RSS in 1939 and became a full member in 1947. In 1951, he was drafted, along with Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, to work with the Bharatiya Jana Sangh, the predecessor of his BJP. Mr Vajpayee rose swiftly up the ranks but Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first prime minister, remained his idol. Mr Nehru described the young Vajpayee as a 'bright prospect'. Mr Vajpayee spent months in prison when Indira Gandhi imposed Emergency Rule in June 1975. In the Janata government that came to power in 1977, Mr Vajpayee became foreign minister.

His first entry into parliament was in 1962 through the Rajya Sabha. It was only nine years later that he won an election. He was elected to the Lok Sabha seven times. The lowest point in his career came when in 1984, after Indira Gandhi's assassination, the BJP that he set up with his long-time friend and colleague LK Advani managed to win just two seats in the 545-member Parliament. Mr Vajpayee also lost in Gwalior, his birthplace. The party came to the spotlight with the "*Ram Janmabhoomi movement*" for a temple at the site of a 16th century mosque in Ayodhya that many Hindus believe was built on the birthplace of Lord Ram.

Mr Vajpayee, however, was the only voice in his party who called it the "*worst miscalculation*" when karsewaks razed the mosque in 1992. An astute politician, Mr Vajpayee mentored the 1998 nuclear tests in Rajasthan's Pokhran, which led to sanctions against India by countries including the US and Japan. Among his boldest initiatives was his historic bus journey to Lahore in 1999 when he signed the landmark Lahore Declaration with Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif with both sides pledging to push for peace and security.

For the two-time enigmatic PM, his health, however, also became a matter of concern. In 2009 he had to be admitted to the hospital barely 48 hours before his party's National Executive in Nagpur. Since then, he has been largely confined to his home in the capital, away from public life.

In 2015, Mr Vajpayee was conferred with The Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award & became the 45th recipient of this prestigious award.

ELECTIONS AND INDIA

The word democracy has its origin in two Greek words 'demos' and 'krasis'. Demos means 'the people, and Krasis means 'power to rule'. So, **democracy** refers to the power of the common people of the land. In Democratic India, general elections take place every five years. All those who are eighteen years of age have a right to vote. A number of candidates seek the election. They move from door to door. They hold public meetings and explain the programs of their parties. If they get majority of votes, they win; but if they do not, they lose. An election, therefore, is like a battle. But this battle is fought in a peaceful way. It is a battle of ballots, not a battle of bullets. But in one sense an election is a kind of examination. Good students prepare hard for their examinations. Those who work hard get good marks. But those who never care for their books, fail. This is true of elections, too. There are good and honest leaders. They care for the welfare of the people. They never forget their voters. So, they get elected without much difficulty. But there are also those who never care for these voters. Their only business is to earn as much as possible. They take bribe and help black-marketers. They never say 'no' to their voters but they never fulfill any promise. They remember their promises and their voters only when another election knocks at the door. Such leaders are like playful boys. Bad boys care for their examination only when it comes too near. How nervous they feel, then! They labor day and night for a month. But still they fail. It is time to realize the true potential of the power of voting by every section of the society – the rich and the poor, the literate and the illiterate, the young and the old.

SARFAESI ACT 2002 & PROBLEM OF NPAs in BANKS

The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 is a legislation that helps financial institutions to ensure asset quality in multiple ways. This means that the Act was framed to address the problem of NPAs (Non-Performing Assets) or bad assets through different processes and mechanisms. The SARFAESI Act gives detailed provisions for the formation and activities of Asset Securitization Companies (SCs) and Reconstruction Companies (RCs). Scope of their activities, capital requirements, funding etc. are given by the Act. RBI is the regulator for these institutions. Major feature of SARFAESI is that it promotes the setting up of asset reconstruction (RCs) and asset securitization companies (SCs) to deal with NPAs accumulated with the banks and financial institutions. The Act provides three methods for recovery of NPAs, viz:(i) Securitization;(ii) Asset Reconstruction; and(iii) Enforcement of Security without the intervention of the Court. Asset reconstruction is the activity of converting a bad or non-performing asset into performing asset. The process of asset reconstruction involves several steps including purchasing of bad asset by a dedicated asset reconstruction company (ARC) including the underlying hypothecated asset, financing of the bad asset conversion into good asset using bonds, debentures, securities and cash, realization of returns from the hypothecated assets etc. Government has amended the SARFAESI Act in August 2016 to empower the ARCs (Asset Reconstruction Companies), to rejuvenate Debt Recovery Tribunals (DRTs) and to enhance the effectiveness of asset reconstruction under the new bankruptcy law.

ARMED FORCES & AFSPA

The British had promulgated the Armed Forces Special Powers Ordinance in 1942 to suppress the Quit India Movement. On the lines of this ordinance, the Government of India promulgated four ordinances in 1947 to deal with internal security issues arising due to partition in Bengal, Assam, East Bengal and United Provinces. These ordinances, which later became acts, were repealed in 1957 but a year later, re-enacted in Assam and Manipur as Armed forces (Assam & Manipur) Special Powers Act 1958 due to growing Naga insurgency. Gradually, the scope of the act was extended to all seven states of North East. Later, the act was extended to Punjab and Chandigarh via Armed Forces (Punjab and Chandigarh) Special Powers Act in 1983. This act was withdrawn in 1997. In 1990, the Armed Forces (Jammu and Kashmir) Special Powers Act, 1990 was enacted. Governor of the State and Central Government are empowered to declare any part or full of any state as disturbed area if it is in their opinion that it is necessary to prevent terrorist activity or any such activity that might disrupt the sovereignty of India or cause insult to the national flag, anthem or India's Constitution. Section 4 of the act gives special powers to army officers in disturbed area to shoot (even if it kills) any individual who violates law / or is suspected to violate law (this includes assembly of five or more people, carrying of weapons) etc. The only condition is that the officer has to give warning before opening fire. Assam was the first state to have the AFSPA in 1958. Current act is in force in the state since November 1990, when ULFA's activities were at peak. Currently, the entire state except Guwahati municipal area comes under AFSPA. AFSPA is in force in Meghalaya only in a belt adjacent to 20 km of its boundary with Assam. This 20 Kilometres belt comes under disturbed area so that the armed forces in Assam are allowed to go into it in hot pursuit of the rebels. AFSPA is in force in Jammu & Kashmir since 1990.

PREVENTION OF MONEY LAUNDERING ACT 2002

Money laundering is the process by which large amounts of illegally obtained money is given the appearance of having originated from a legitimate source. So basically, all the ways to convert the black money into white money are Money laundering. But in *Money laundering, the black money must involve a predicate crime such as the violation of Indian Penal Code, IPC, Narcotics, Prevention of Corruption Act and Human Trafficking. This is because in India, stashing black money is simply a civil crime involving tax evasion, money laundering has criminal dimensions related to black money. That is why, we use the term Dirty Money in this context.* The first major initiative in prevention of money laundering was United Nations convention against illicit traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic substances in 1988. But major change came with the introduction of **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)** in 1989. The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is an inter-governmental body established in 1989 by G-7 Summit in Paris, initially to examine and develop measures to combat money laundering. The Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA) forms the core of the legal framework put in place by India to combat money laundering. It came into force in 2005. PMLA defines money laundering offence and provides for the freezing, seizure and confiscation of the proceeds of crime. RBI, SEBI and IRDA have been brought under the PMLA, and therefore the provisions of this act are applicable to all financial institutions, banks, mutual funds, insurance companies, and their financial intermediaries. The agency monitoring the anti-Money laundering activities in India is the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU-IND). This unit is responsible for receiving, processing, analysing and disseminating information relating to suspect financial transactions. FIU-IND is also responsible for coordinating and strengthening efforts of national and international intelligence, investigation and enforcement agencies in pursuing the global efforts against money laundering and related crimes. FIU-IND is an independent body reporting directly to the Economic Intelligence Council (EIC) headed by the Finance Minister. Punishment for offence of money laundering: There can be punishment of imprisonment upto 3-7 years with fine upto 5 lakh rupees. But in case of offences done under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act 1985, maximum punishment is extent to 10 years rather than 7 years.

GLOBALISATION AND INDIA

Globalisation is the phenomenon which has brought the world together at one flat platform where there is an apparent blurring of all differences in all aspects of contemporary life ranging from social, cultural, economic, political, life-styles etc. It is a remarkable phenomenon by which many geographical and cultural barriers have come down gradually and the entire world has become a global village. It is the rapid expansion of communication and transportation which has reduced distances and generated an everlasting interdependence among people and nations at all levels. India brought down its Berlin Wall way back in 1991 when she opened her economy to the world. This brought in the much needed freshness in its economic health of the country. It helped boost its economic growth and brought many international players to tap the huge and the then nascent Indian market. Along with the economy, people also opened to the new avenues of growth and unexplored realities of life. The western onslaught however, could not uproot the deep seated traditions and values which are a hallmark of our society, the basic thread which has held the diversities together over the ages. India has so far smartly embraced the West within limits of its ethos and stands tall as the fastest growing economy of the world. Indian society which has been labelled as intolerant by some analysts has not only given way to Western values but is also home to diverse languages, religion and traditions. People although are less mobile in terms of their cultures yet have immense tolerance for others. Globalisation is worldwide economic integration and alignment to international financial norms and standards. The opening of the Indian economy had ushered in a new era of growth. Indian markets changed from being a seller's hub to a consumer's market with one of the largest and demographically youngest consumer base in the world. This served as a great attraction for international players who have rapidly made way to Indian soils. Also, the economic liberalisation and relaxation of trade norms, the foregoing of licence raj things were made easier for international investors to put their money here. Along with new technologies, products and practices economic integration opened many vistas of opportunities for Indians.

NATIONAL NEWS

- **Golden Temple has officially been declared the most visited place of the world by World Book of Records (WBR)**

The Golden Temple in Amritsar has officially been declared the most visited place of the world in 2017 by London-based organization World Book of Records (WBR). The WBR team presented the award certificate to Shriomani Gurdwara Pharbandhak Committee (SGPC), the management body of the Golden Temple.

- **Nirmala Sitharaman has been elected the new President of the Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA)**

Nirmala Sitharaman, the Union Defence Minister, has been elected as the new President of the Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA). The IDSA was set up in 1965 by the Ministry of Defence (MoD) as an autonomous think tank, and it is customary to have the Defence Minister as its President.

- **Raj Shah has become the first Indian-American to hold press gaggle with reporters on board US Presidential chopper Air Force One**

Raj Shah, who holds a key position in the White House, has become the first Indian-American to hold press gaggle with reporters on board US Presidential chopper Air Force One. Gaggle is the term used for informal briefing by the White House Press Secretary, which is on the record but bars reporters from video-graphing.

- **Shakti kanta Dass has been appointed as India's G20 Sherpa for the Development Track of the G20 summit**

Shaktikanta Das, the former Secretary of the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), has been appointed as India's G20 Sherpa till December 31, 2018 for the Development Track of the G20 summit. There are two tracks in G-20 — Finance Track and Development Track. Prior to Das, former NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman Arvind Panagariya, held the responsibility of the G20 Sherpa.

- **Pradeep Singh Kharola has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Air India.**

Pradeep Singh Kharola, a 1985 batch IAS officer of Karnataka cadre, has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Air India. He will succeed Rajiv Bansal, who has been serving as the interim CMD for a little over 3 months.

- **The first edition of the International Symposium to Promote Innovation & Research in Energy Efficiency (INSPIRE 2017) has started in Jaipur.**

The first edition of the International Symposium to Promote Innovation & Research in Energy Efficiency (INSPIRE 2017) has started in Jaipur, Rajasthan on November 27, 2017. The 5-day symposium is being organized by Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) in partnership with World Bank (WB) and Alliance for an Energy Efficient Economy (AEEE).

- **Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has launched India Hypertension Management Initiative (IHMI)**

The India Hypertension Management Initiative (IHMI) has been launched by Preeti Sudan (Secretary of Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW)) and Dr. Soumya Swaminathan (Director of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)) in New Delhi.

- **Badri Narayan Sharma has been appointed the chairman of the newly constituted National Anti-Profiteering Authority (NAA) under GST regime**

Badri Narain Sharma, the 1985 batch IAS officer of the Rajasthan cadre, has been appointed the chairman of the newly constituted National Anti-Profiteering Authority (NAA) under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime.

- **Haryana hosted the Korea Tourism Festival 2017**

The 2-day Korea Tourism festival 2017 was held in Gurugram, Haryana on November 25 to showcase famous

South Korean tourist destinations, delicacies, art, culture and the country's heritage.

- **Sushma Swaraj represented India in the annual summit of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO-2017) in Russia.**

The annual meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO-2017) has started in Russian city of Sochi on November 30, 2017. Sushma Swaraj, the Union External Affairs Minister, will represent India in the two-day summit which is likely to discuss regional security scenario, including situations in the Gulf and Afghanistan.

- **India's first crypto-currency exchange "Coinome" has launched by Billdesk.**

India's first crypto-currency exchange "Coinome" has been launched by Mumbai-based payment gateway Billdesk. Coinome is incorporated under Hatio Innovations Pvt. Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of BillDesk. It will allow users to be on-boarded via Instant e-KYC.

- **120 Beats per Minute has won the Golden Peacock award for the Best Film at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI-2017) .**

The French film on AIDS "120 Beats Per Minute", directed by Robin Campillo, has won the prestigious Golden Peacock award for best film at the 48th International Film Festival of India (IFFI-2017), while the film's actor Nahuel Perez Biscayart won the Silver Peacock in the best actor male category in Panaji, Goa.

- **Right to Health was the theme of 2017 World AIDS day (WAD).**

The World AIDS Day (WAD) is observed every year all over the world on December 1 to raise the public awareness about Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). It is a pandemic disease caused due to the infection of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).

- **Parvathy Thiruvoth Kottuvatta has won the Best Actor Female Award at the 48th International Film Festival of India (IFFI-2017)**

Indian actor Parvathy Thiruvoth Kottuvatta has won the Best Actor Female Award at the 48th International Film

Festival of India (IFFI-2017) for her role in Malayalam film "Take Off".

- **Salil.S.Pareekh has been appointed as the new CEO and MD of Infosys.**

Salil S Parekh has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) of Infosys, with effective from January 2, 2018.

- **The Indian Navy Day (IND) is celebrated on December 4.**

The Indian Navy Day (IND) is observed every year on 4th December every year to remember the courage and determination that Indian Navy had shown during the 1971 war. During the India-Pakistan war of 1971, the Indian Navy played a significant role in the bombing of the Karachi harbor and sank Pakistan Naval Ship PNS Ghazi.

- **India's first Madame Tussauds Wax Museum has officially opened for public in New Delhi.**

India's first Madame Tussauds wax museum has officially opened in New Delhi with 50 life-like figures spanning across history, sports, music, films, and politics, for the public at the iconic Regal building in central Delhi.

- **Hyderabad to host World Telugu Conference (WTC-2017).**

The World Telugu Conference (WTC) will be held at Lal Bahadur Shastri Stadium in Hyderabad, Telangana from December 15 with focus on how the Telugu language is preserved, protected, enriched in the Telangana region.

- **India's largest floating solar power plant has opened in Kerala.**

India's largest floating solar power plant has become operational at the Banasura Sagar dam in Wayanad, Kerala on December 5, 2017. The solar power plant that floats on the surface of water has a capacity of 500 kilowatts (KW). The total cost of the project is Rs. 9.25 crore.

- **Uttar Pradesh has become the India's first state to endorse Centre's triple talaq draft bill**

Uttar Pradesh has become the first State to endorse the Central government's draft bill that makes instant triple

talaq a cognisable and non-bailable offence. The draft law, which provides for three-year imprisonment and a fine to a man trying to divorce his wife by uttering “talaq” three times, got the State government’s approval at a Cabinet meeting, chaired by Chief Minister.

- **Madhya Pradesh assembly has passed a Bill awarding death to those found guilty of raping girls aged 12 and below.**

The Madhya Pradesh Assembly has unanimously passed a Bill awarding death to those found guilty of raping girls aged 12 and below on December 4, 2017. With this, Madhya Pradesh has become the India’s first State where those convicted of such rapes will face the gallows.

- **The 2017 Armed Forces Flag Day is celebrated on December 7.**

The Armed Forces Flag Day is observed every year in India on December 7 to remember the sacrifices and commemorate the honour to the soldiers, airmen and sailors.

The day observed since 1949 and is dedicated towards collection of funds from people for the welfare of the Armed Forces personnel.

- **George Kurien committee has been set up by the National Commission for Minorities to study minority status for Hindus in 7 states and a Union Territory**

The National Commission for Minorities has set up a 3-member committee to look into whether Hindus should get minority status in seven states and a Union Territory where they are not the dominant religious group. The panel, led by the commission’s Vice Chairman George Kurien, has been given three months to submit its report.

- **India’s first mobile food testing lab has launched in Goa.**

India’s first mobile food testing laboratory, which will enable on-the-spot food safety tests to be conducted in Goa, has officially launched by Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar. This is the first ever ‘Food Safety on Wheel’ mobile laboratory in the country.



The banner features a central smartphone with various app icons (SMS, music, calendar, etc.) floating around it. To the right, the IBS logo is displayed in a red box with the tagline "Empowering Youth, Empowering India" below it. Underneath the logo, the text "MOBILE APP" is written in large, bold, black letters. To the right of the logo are the Android robot icon and the Apple logo, both holding a white tablet with the IBS logo on it. Below the Android icon is the word "android" and below the Apple logo is "apple store".



The banner features a 3D white figure holding a large white sign that says "Coming Soon!" in red, bold letters. To the left of the figure is the IBS logo in a red box with the tagline "Empowering Youth, Empowering India" below it. To the right of the figure, the text "AHMEDABAD (GUJRAT)" is written in large, bold, black letters.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **China to host the 7th International Military Sports Council (CISM) Military World Games – 2019.**

The 7th International Military Sports Council (CISM) Military World Games will be hosted from Oct. 18 to 27, 2019 in Wuhan, capital city of central China's Hubei Province. The games, which were inaugurated in Rome in 1995, is a multi-sport event organized every four years by the CISM.

- **The combined military exercise “Ajeya Warrior- 2017” has started between India and United Kingdom.**

The 14-day long Combined Military exercise ‘Ajeya Warrior- 2017’ between India and the United Kingdom (UK) has started in the Mahajan Field Firing Range near Bikaner of Rajasthan on December 1, 2017. The purpose of this exercise is to increase mutual cooperation and coordination between the two countries.

- **Uhuru Kenyatta has been sworn-in as the new President of Republic of Kenya**

Uhuru Kenyatta has been sworn-in for a second and final five-year term for the post of President of Republic of Kenya, a month after winning a bitterly disputed election rerun marked by delays and boycott.

- **Transformation towards sustainable and resilient society for all declared the theme of the 2017 International Day of Persons with Disabilities**

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities is observed every year on December 3 to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and development and to increase awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life.

- **Japan to host ministerial meeting of UN Security Council (UNSC) on North Korea’ nuclear efforts**

Japan will host a ministerial meeting of the UN Security Council (UNSC) on December 15, which will be focused on finding peaceful ways to pressure North Korea to halt its nuclear and ballistic missile tests and de-nuclearise the Korean peninsula. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres is expected to brief the council.

- **India has recently re-elected to the Council of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) of London.**

India was re-elected to the Council of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) under Category B at an assembly of the organisation at its headquarters in London on December 1, 2017. India has been one of the earliest members of the IMO, having ratified its convention and joined it as a member-state in the year 1959.

- **South Korea & USA have launched joint air drill exercise “Vigilant Ace-2017”**

South Korea and the United States launched their largest-ever joint aerial drill exercise “Vigilant Ace-2017” on December 4 and will run till Dec 8, 2017. Around 12,000 US service members, including from the Marines and Navy, are joining South Korean troops.

- **The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved 583 Million US Dollars for Reliance Bangladesh Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG).**

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved debt financing and partial risk guarantee of \$583 million to develop Reliance Power's 750MW LNG based combined cycle power plant and LNG terminal project in Bangladesh. The total project cost is approximately \$1 billion.

- **Caring for the Planet starts from the Ground was the theme of world Soil day.**

The World Soil Day (WSD) is observed every year on December 5 to communicate messages on the importance of soil quality for food security, healthy ecosystems and human well-being. The 2017 theme is “Caring for the Planet starts from the Ground”.

- **United States has recently withdrawn from United Nations’ Global Compact on Migration**

The United States has pulled out from the UN Global Compact on Migration as it does not meet the policies and principles of the Donald Trump administration. The US has been a part of the non-binding New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants since it was unanimously adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2016.

- **Venezuela has launched new virtual currency “Petro”**

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro launched a cryptocurrency “Petro” to advance issues of monetary sovereignty, make financial transactions and overcome the financial blockade.

- **India and Cuba has recently signed MoU for enhanced cooperation in the health sector.**

India and Cuba has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for enhanced cooperation in the health sector. The purpose of this MoU is to establish comprehensive inter-ministerial and inter-institutional cooperation between the two countries in the field of health by pooling technical, scientific, and financial and human resources.

- **Azhar A.H. Khan has been appointed as the new Ambassador of India to Turkmenistan**

Azar A.H.Khan has been appointed as the new Ambassador of India to Turkmenistan. Presently, he is Consul General in the Consulate General of India. He is expected to take up his assignment shortly.

- **United States has officially recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.**

United States has officially recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. With this, the United States will be the first country to move its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, which is claimed by both Israelis and Palestinians. At present, Jerusalem is the seat of the modern Israeli government.

- **India to host 7th International Ground Water Conference (IGWC-2017) on ground water Vision 2030.**

The 7th International Ground Water Conference (IGWC-2017) will be hosted by India in New Delhi with a theme of

“Ground water Vision 2030- Water Security, Challenges and Climate Change Adaptation” from December 11 to 13, 2017. The Conference is expected to take stock of present status and challenges of Groundwater management in the country under the changing water use and climatic scenarios.

- **Let’s stand up for equality, justice and human dignity declared as the Theme of World Human Rights Day 2017.**

The World Human Rights Day (WHRD) is observed every year on December 10 to commemorate the day in 1948 when the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted and proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at the Palais de Chaillot in Paris.

- **The 4th India-Australia-Japan Trilateral Dialogue was hosted by Subramanyam Jaishanker, Indian secretary in New Delhi.**

The 4th India-Australia-Japan Trilateral Dialogue was hosted by Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, the Foreign Secretary of India, with Secretary of Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Australia Frances Adamson and Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan Shinsuke J. Sugiyama, in New Delhi.

- **Norway has become the world’s first country to end national radio broadcasts on FM network.**

Norway has become the first country in the world to shut down national broadcasts of its Frequency Modulation (FM) network by completing its transition to digital radio. The transition, which began on January 2017, allows for better sound quality and more channels and functions at an eighth of the cost of FM radio.



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BANKING AND ECONOMY

- **SBI Life Insurance has received approval from SEBI for an IPO (Initial Public Offering) of up to Rs 8,400 crore.**

The IPO will involve 120 million secondary shares or 12 per cent of the insurer's equity capital.

- **The black Money has been disclosed by 21 thousand people under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojna (PMGKY) till 31st March this year 4,900 crore rupees.**

The Income Tax Department has collected a tax of 2,451 crore rupees till now from these declarations. The scheme was launched in December 2016 by the government to enable people with black money to come clean by paying tax and penalty of 50 per cent.

- **Punjab National Bank (PNB) and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) join hands to roll out open mobile wallet speedpay across 10 states in the country.**

Now, BSNL will expand Speed pay services in Punjab, Chandigarh (UT), Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Jharkhand, and Uttarakhand.

- **Indusind bank has entered into an agreement with Bharat Financial Inclusion to evaluate a potential merger between the two companies.**

Microfinance company Bharat Financial Inclusion (formerly known as SKS Microfinance) is on the block. IndusInd Bank management has been authorized to explore strategic opportunities for the expansion of its business and to assess the viability of strategic partnership.

- **The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has raised the upper age limit for joining the National Pension Scheme (NPS) existing 60-years to -- 65 years.**

The scheme has the option of continuing and making contributions up to the age of 70. National Pension System (NPS) is a low cost, tax-efficient and flexible retirement savings scheme launched by the government of India (GoI).

- **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) gearing up to provide its financial services through all of 1.55 lakh post offices and 3 lakh employees by the end of 2018.**

It will create India's second-largest payments bank in terms of reach. The new model of banking allows mobile firms, supermarket chains and others to cater to banking requirements of individuals and small businesses.

- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will introduce 100 rupees coin to mark the birth centenary of AIADMK founder, former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Late Dr. M.G. Ramachandran.**

The Reserve Bank of India will also issue new Rs 5 and Rs 10 coins. The new Rs. 5 coins will be 23 milli meters in diameter and made of copper (75%), zinc (20%) and nickel (5%). The standard weight of Rs 100 coin will be made of 35 grams while that of Rs 5 coin will be 6 grams.

- **India's first Payment Bank Airtel Payments Bank launches integrated Unified Payments Interface (UPI) on its digital platform.**

In January 2017, Bharti Airtel launched Payments Bank in India to enable transactions on digital platforms. The initiative will allow bank customers to link their bank accounts to Bhim app and make UPI payments.

- **Fino Payments Bank has launched BPay mobile banking app to make banking easy for millions of underbanked people in India.**

The mobile banking app enables simple, paperless, and convenient banking that allows customers to make bill payments, recharges, fund transfers and buy insurance. 'BPay' allows customers to seamlessly access wallet as well as savings account, with a single login and interface.

- **State Bank of India has launched India's first bond index series for overseas investors at the London Stock Exchange (LSE).**

With the launch of this index alongside FTSE Russell, SBI intention is to give people a benchmark based on which they can make investment calls.

- **RBI set 6.0% repo rate in the 5th bi-monthly Monetary Policy Review (MPR) of RBI for 2017-18**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has kept the key interest rate “repo rate” unchanged at 6% and reverse repo at 5.75% in its fifth bi-monthly monetary policy review for the year 2017-18 on December 6, 2017, as it feared that inflation may top the central bank’s medium-term target of 4%. It also maintained its neutral policy stance.

- **Bank of Baroda has launched digital Supply Chain Finance solution.**

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- **OBOPAY has recently secured PPI (Prepaid Payment Instrument) license from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).**

OBOPAY, the global mobile payment solutions company, has recently secured a license for Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI) from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate a semi-closed loop wallet in India. The

headquarters of OBOPAY is located at California, United States.

- **India’s first Electronic Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) will be coming to Andhra Pradesh.**

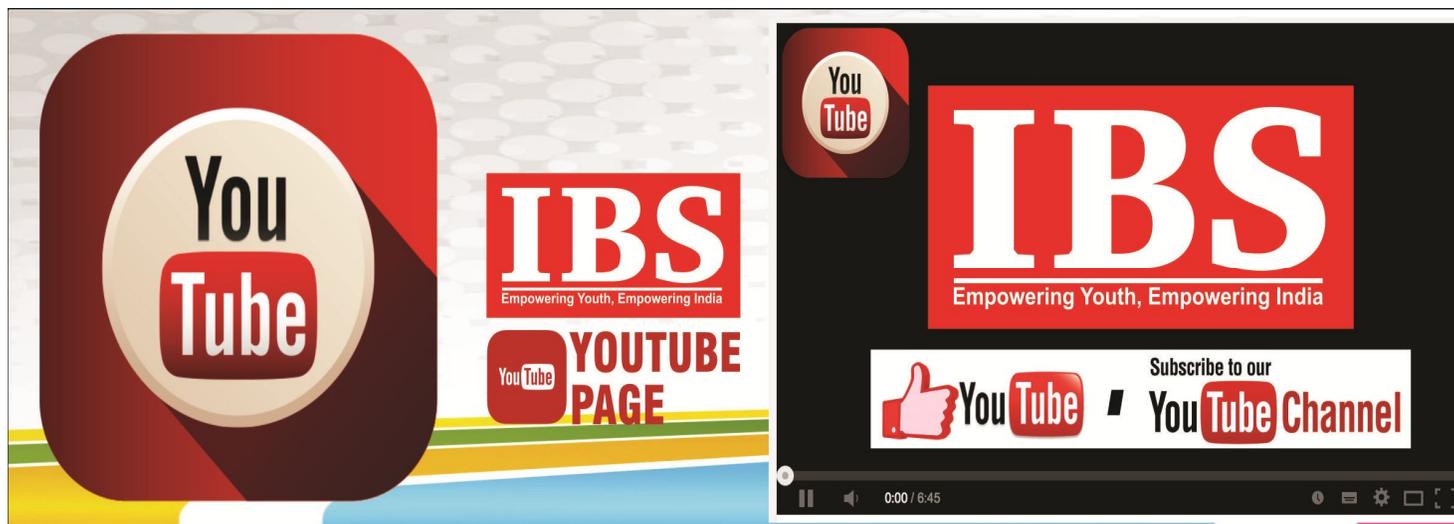
India’s first Electronic Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) will be coming to Andhra Pradesh. EMC has been designed and developed for providing facilities and amenities for manufacturing mobiles and allied products. The Union Government, through Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeiTY) in 2012 had announced about setting up EMC in India, with grant-in-aid for establishing such clusters.

- **According to index of eight core industries released by Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Core sector growth has grown 4.7%.**

According to index of eight core industries released by Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Core sector growth has grown 4.7% in October 2017, matching September 2017 growth, which has been revised down from 5.2%. The eight core sectors—coal, natural gas, crude oil, refinery products, cement, fertilisers, steel and electricity.

- **State Bank of India (SBI), the largest commercial bank in India recently launched country’s first integrated lifestyle and banking digital service platform named YONO (acronym for ‘You Only Need One’)**

YONO is first digital banking platform that will allow customers to meet their lifestyle needs across 14 categories including booking and renting cabs, entertainment, dining experience, travel and stay etc.



SPORTS

- **Valtteri Bottas has won the 2017 Formula 1 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix tournament**

Valtteri Bottas, a Finnish racing driver currently competing in Formula One with Mercedes, has won the 2017 Formula 1 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix tournament.

- **Mirabai Chanu from Manipur has become the first Indian in over two decades to win gold at the IWF World Weightlifting Championship.**

Mirabai Chanu from Manipur has become the first Indian in over two decades to claim a gold medal at the International Weightlifting Federation World Weightlifting Championship (IWFWWC) in Anaheim, USA. Two decades earlier, Olympic bronze medalist Karnam Malleshwari had won the top prize in worlds twice – in 1994 and 1995.

- **Prithvi Shaw will lead India in ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup 2018.**

Mumbai batsman Prithvi Shaw will lead a 16-member Indian team in ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup 2018. The 16-team event will be held in New Zealand from 13th January to 3rd February 2018. The 16-team event will be held in New Zealand from 13th January to 3rd February 2018.

- **India has won the 2017 South Asian Regional Badminton Team Championship.**

India has won the first-ever South Asian Regional Badminton Team Championship. In the title clash played in Guwahati on 6th December 2017, India defeated Nepal, 3-0.

- **Yuvraj Singh has launched UNICEF-ICC's adolescent campaign "Power of Sports to Shape the Future of Adolescents".**

Indian cricketer Yuvraj Singh has launched the UNICEF-ICC's adolescent campaign "Power of Sports to Shape the Future of Adolescents" in Colombo, Sri Lanka to promote a UNICEF sports initiative for youngsters in South Asia.

- **Kanchanmala Pande from Maharashtra has become the first Indian to win gold at the World Para Swimming Championship 2017.**

Kanchanmala Pande from Nagpur, the visually impaired swimmer, has scripted history by becoming the first Indian to win gold at the World Para Swimming Championship in Mexico on December 7, 2017. Pande, who works with Reserve Bank of India (RBI), stood first in the in 200 meters medley event in S-11 category.

- **Cristiano Ronaldo has won the 2017 Ballon d'Or award for the year's best player.**

Cristiano Ronaldo, the Real Madrid and Portugal superstar, has won the 2017 Ballon d'Or award for the year's best player in Paris, France. It is his record-equalling 5th Ballon d'Or award with his great Barcelona rival Lionel Messi. Ronaldo, who also won the FIFA Men's Player of the Year award in October 2017.

- **India has clinched bronze at the Hockey World League (HWL-2017) tournament.**

Indian national hockey team has reclaimed the bronze medal at the Hockey World League (HWL-2017) tournament by defeating Germany in the final by 2-1 at Bhubaneswar, Odisha on December 11, 2017. Indian players took the lead in 21st minute through SV Sunil.

- **Australia has clinched gold at the Hockey World League (HWL-2017) tournament.**

The Australian hockey team has defeated Rio Olympics champions Argentina 2-1 in the final of the Hockey World League Final to win gold at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha on December 11, 2017. Goals from Blake Govers and Jeremy Hayward helped the defending champions to beat Argentina hockey team.

- **Winter Dream is the official emblem for Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games**

The Beijing 2022 Organising Committee (BOCOG) has recently launched the official emblems for the 2022 Beijing Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games at a ceremony held at the National Aquatic Center in the Chinese capital.

PERSON IN NEWS

AWARDS

- **Andhara Pradesh CM has announced a reward of one crore rupees to Arjuna awardee archer Vennam Jyoti Surekha**

N. Chandrababu Naidu also announced a 500- sq yd house site in Vijayawada and a government job for her. The Chief Minister also announced 10 lakh rupees reward for Devisri Prasad (10-year) of Tirupati on setting the Guinness World Record in skating.

- **Mohan Joshi has been honoured with the 2017 Vishnudas Bhawe award.**

Mohan Joshi, the veteran Indian film and television actor, has been honoured with the prestigious Vishnudas Bhawe award for his contribution to theatre. He was honoured with the award at a ceremony held in Sangli on the eve of Marathi Rangbhumi Din.

- **Krishna Sobti has been chosen for the 53rd Jnanpith Award 2017.**

Krishna Sobti (92), the renowned Hindi Litterateur, has been chosen for the 53rd Jnanpith Award for the year 2017 for her path-breaking contribution to Indian literature. She is known for experimenting with new writing styles and creating bold and daring characters in her stories who were ready to accept all challenges.

- **Anil.K.Tripathi has been awarded “Bharat Gaurav Award” – 2017 in Science and Technology category.**

Dr Anil K. Tripathi, scientist at Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, has been honoured with the prestigious “Bharat Gaurav Award” – 2017 in Science and Technology stream at India International Centre (IIC) in New Delhi.

- **Javed Akhtar awarded 2017 Hridaynath Mangeshkar Award.**

Veteran writer-lyricist Javed Akhtar (72) was honoured with the 2017 Hridaynath Mangeshkar Award at event in Mumbai which marked 80th birthday of veteran music

composer Hridaynath Mangeshkar and 28th anniversary of Hridayesh Arts.

- **Indian-American Gitanjali Rao wins 2017 Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge**

Indian-American Gitanjali Rao (11) won the 2017 Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge for inventing a quick, low-cost test to detect lead-contaminated water. She was selected from 10 finalists who had spent three months collaborating with scientists to develop their ideas.

- **Hans Joachim Schellnhuber wins 2017 Blue Planet Prize**

Prof Hans Joachim Schellnhuber from Germany won 2017 Blue Planet Prize, world’s most prestigious award for pioneers in environmental science. He was awarded for establishing new field of science ‘Earth System Analysis’ and introducing most influential concepts including the notion of tipping elements in the climate system in Tokyo. He is Director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK).

- **US author George Saunders wins 2017 Man Booker Prize**

American author George Saunders won the 2017 Man Booker Prize, a high-profile literary award for his first full-length novel “Lincoln in the Bardo”. With this, he became second consecutive American writer to win prize after Paul Beatty (for his novel The Sellout), after rules were changed in 2014 to allow authors of any book written in English and published in UK to compete.

- **TM Krishna wins 2015-16 Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration**

Carnatic vocalist T M Krishna won 30th Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration for 2015 -16 for his services in promoting and preserving national integration in the country. Award was presented with the honour by Congress president Sonia Gandhi on October 31, 2017 Indira Gandhi’s death anniversary.

NEW APPOINTMENTS: NATIONAL

Sl.	Post Name	Person Name
1.	Special director of the Central Bureau of Investigation	CBI Gujarat-cadre IPS officer Rakesh Asthana
2.	Private Secretary to President Ram Nath Kovind.	Vikram Singh
3.	Private Secretary to Minister of State for Commerce & Industry C R Chaudhary.	P C Meena
4.	India's next high commissioner to Pakistan	Ajay Bisaria
5.	Karnataka's first woman Director General & Inspector General of Police	Neelmani N. Raju
6.	First woman to be appointed as senior Deputy Director General, Tamil Nadu, Telecom Enforcement Resource Monitoring (TERM)	N Poonguzhali
7.	New Finance Secretary	Hasmukh Adhia
8.	Ambassador of India to Switzerland	Sibi George (Replaced Smita Purushottam)
9.	Additional Director General, CISF.	Shri Alok Kumar Pateria
10.	High Commissioner of India to Republic of Zambia	N.J.Gangte
11.	Vice Chief of Naval Staff (VCNS)	Vice Admiral Ajit Kumar
12.	India's new Ambassador to China	Gautam Bambawale (Replaced Vijay Gokhale)
13.	Member (Staff) Railway Board & ex officio Secretary to GOI	D.K. Gayen
14.	Member (Engineering) Railway Board & ex officio Secretary to the Government of India	M K Gupta
15.	Tamil Nadu Governor	Banwarilal Purohit
16.	Solicitor-General of India	Ranjit Kumar, the second highest ranking law officer of the government, resigned.
17.	New Governor of Bihar	Satya Pal Malik
18.	New Governor of Assam	Prof Jagdish Mukhi
19.	New Lieutenant Governor of Andaman & Nicobar	Admiral (Retd) Devendra Kumar Joshi
20.	New Governor of Arunachal Pradesh	Pradesh Brigadier

		(Retd) BD Mishra
21.	New Governor of Meghalaya	Ganga Prasad
22.	New Comptroller & Auditor General of India (CAG).	Rajiv Mehrishi
23.	New Election Commissioner	Sunil Arora
24.	New Union Railway Minister	Piyush Goyal
25.	New Defence Minister of India	Nirmala Sitharaman
26.	New Youth Affairs & Sports Minister	Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore
27.	Director General of the National Investigation Agency (NIA)	Y.C Modi
28.	Banaras Hindu University New Chief Proctor	Professor Royana Singh
29.	India's ambassador to Pakistan	Ajay Bisaria
30.	Gautam Bambawale will head the	Indian mission in China.
31.	First vice-chairman of NITI Aayog resigned	Arvind Panagariya
32.	Next Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog	Rajiv Kumar
33.	Secretary to Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu.	I V Subba Rao.
34.	New Vice-President of India	Venkaiah Naidu
35.	Deputy CM (CM) of Tamil Nadu	O Panneerselvam
36.	Chairman of the Railway Board resigned	Ashok Mittal
37.	New Chairman of Railway Board	Ashwani Lohani
38.	New Director General of Railway Protection Force CISF ADG	Dharmendra Kumar
39.	Secretary to the GOI in Ministry of Home Affairs.	Mr. Rajiv Gauba
40.	Air Officer-in-Charge Administration (AOA), Indian Air Force	Air Marshal Hemant Narayan Bhagwat
41.	Ambassador of India to the Republic of Kazakhstan.	Shri Prabhat Kumar
42.	High Commissioner to Cyprus Former CBI Director	R.K. Raghavan
43.	Ambassador of India to the Republic of San Marino	Ms. Reenat Sandhu
44.	45th Chief Justice of India	Justice Dipak Misra (replaced J S Khehar)
45.	Chairman of Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC)	Prasoon Joshi (replaced Pahlaj Nihalani)

BANKING: AT A GLANCE**IMPORTANT BANKING TERMS FOR ALL BANKING EXAMS**

- 1. NOSTRO Accounts:** Nostro accounts are generally held in a foreign country (with a foreign bank), by a domestic bank (from our perspective, our bank). It obviates that account is maintained in that foreign currency. For Example SBI account with HSBC in UK.
- 2. VOSTRO Accounts:** Vostro accounts are generally held by a foreign bank in our country (with a domestic bank). It generally maintained in Indian Rupee (if we consider India). For Example, HSBC account is held with SBI in India.
- 3. LORO Account:** LORO accounts are generally held by a 3rd party bank, other than the account maintaining bank or with whom account is maintained. For example, **BOI** wants to transact with **HSBC**, but doesn't have any account, while **SBI** maintains an account with **HSBC** in U.K. Then **BOI** could use **SBI** account.
- 4. FCNR Account:** FCNR deposits stands for Foreign Currency Non-Repatriable account deposits. This is a Fixed Deposit Foreign Currency account and not a savings account. Deposits in this account can be made in any of the major currencies like US Dollar, UK Pound, Canadian Dollar, Deutsche Mark, Japanese Yen and Euro.
- 5. EEFC Account:** Exchange Earners' Foreign Currency Account (EEFC) is an account maintained in foreign currency with an Authorised Dealer Category – I bank i.e. a bank authorized to deal in foreign exchange.
- 6. NRE Accounts:** In India banking terminology, the term Non-Resident External or **NRE Account** refers to funds deposited with a financial institution that allows for the efficient conversion and transfer of Indian and foreign currency both within and outside of India.
- 7. NRO Account:** NRO Account Meaning: In India banking terminology, the term Non-Residential Ordinary or NRO Account refers to funds deposited with an Indian financial institution opened by an Indian national with the intention of becoming a Non-Resident Indian or NRI.
- 8. Cash Credit Account:** Cash credit is a type of short term loan provided to companies to fulfill their working capital requirement. Overdraft is a facility given by the bank to companies, to withdraw money "more" than the balance available in their respective accounts.
- 9. DEAF Account:** DEAF is the acronym for Depositor Education and Awareness Fund. Banks have to transfer all unclaimed deposits for more than 10 years, to RBI at the end of every month.
- 10. What is a Bond:** Bonds are the most frequently referenced type of debt instrument, serving as an IOU between the issuer and the purchaser. An investor loans money to an institution, such as a government or business; the bond acts as a written promise to repay the loan on a specific maturity date.
- 11. What is Debenture:** Debentures have a more specific purpose than bonds. While both can be used to raise capital, debentures are typically issued to raise short-term capital for upcoming expenses or to pay for expansions.
- 12. What is Derivative:** In finance, a derivative is a contract that derives its value from the performance of an underlying entity. This underlying entity can be an asset, index, or interest rate, and is often simply called the "underlying".
- 13. What is Mutual Fund:** A mutual fund is a professionally managed investment fund that pools money from many investors to purchase securities. These investors may be retail or institutional in nature.
- 14. What is Moratorium Period:** A moratorium is a period of time when there is a suspension of a specific activity until future events warrant a removal of the suspension, or issues regarding the activity have been resolved. Such action may be imposed by a government, or it may be taken voluntarily by a private business.
- 15. What is Bull Market:** A bull market is a financial market of a group of securities in which prices are rising or are expected to rise. The term "bull market" is most often used to refer to the stock market but can be applied to anything that is traded, such as bonds, currencies and commodities.

16. **What is Bear Market:** A bear market is a condition in which securities prices fall and widespread pessimism causes the stock market's downward spiral to be self-sustaining. Investors anticipate losses as pessimism and selling increases.
17. **What is SENSEX:** Sensex, otherwise known as the S&P BSE Sensex index, is the benchmark index of the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE). It is composed of 30 of the largest and most actively-traded stocks on the BSE, providing an accurate gauge of India's economy. Initially compiled in 1986, the Sensex is the oldest stock index in India. (Estd. 1875)
18. **What is NASDAQ:** The Nasdaq Stock Market is an American stock exchange. It is the second-largest exchange in the world by market capitalization, behind only the New York Stock Exchange located in the same city.
19. **Bearer Cheque:** Check marked 'Cash,' 'The bearer' or other words to the effect, but without the name of the entity to whom it is to be paid (its payee). Such checks (and drafts) are payable to anyone who presents them, usually over the counter of the paying bank.
20. **What is a Cheque:** A cheque or check is a document that orders a bank to pay a specific amount of money from a person's account to the person in whose name the cheque has been issued.
21. **What is a Demand Draft:** A demand draft is a method used by an individual for making a transfer payment from one bank account to another. Demand drafts differ from normal checks in that they do not require signatures to be cashed.
22. **What is an Order Cheque:** When the word "or bearer" printed on the cheque is cancelled and the word 'order' may be written on the cheque, the cheque is called an order cheque. An order cheque is one which is payable to a particular person.
23. **Account Payee Cheque:** The words show that the cheque must be paid only into the account of the person to whom it is written: Crossing a cheque with a/c payee means that the cheque cannot be used by someone else.
24. **Mutilated Cheque:** If a cheque is torn into two or more pieces such cheque is Mutilated Cheque. If it presented for payment, such a cheque the bank will not make payment against such a cheque without getting confirmation of the drawer.
25. **Open Market Operation:** Open market operations (OMO) refer to the buying and selling of government securities in the open market in order to expand or contract the amount of money in the banking system.
26. **What is Bitcoin:** Bitcoin is a cryptocurrency and worldwide payment system. It is the first decentralized digital currency, as the system works without a central bank or single administrator.
27. **MICR:** MICR (magnetic ink character recognition) is a technology used to verify the legitimacy or originality of paper documents, especially checks. Special ink, which is sensitive to magnetic fields, is used in the printing of certain characters on the original documents.
28. **IFSC:** IFSC stands for Indian Financial System Code. This is an 11 digit alpha-numeric code used to uniquely identify all bank branches within the National Electronic Funds Transfer) network by the RBI.
29. **PSL:** Priority Sector Lending is an important role given by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to the banks for providing a specified portion of the bank lending to few specific sectors like agriculture and allied activities, micro and small enterprises, poor people for housing, students for education and other low income.
30. **SHG:** Self-Help Group (SHG) is a small voluntary association of poor people, preferably from the same socio-economic background. They come together for the purpose of solving their common problems through self-help and mutual help.
31. **NPA:** A nonperforming asset (NPA) refers to a classification for loans on the books of financial institutions that are in default or are in arrears on scheduled payments of principal or interest. In most cases, debt is classified as nonperforming when loan payments have not been made for a period of 90 days.
32. **PCA:** The PCA framework does not preclude the Reserve Bank of India from taking any other action as it deems fit in addition to the corrective actions prescribed in the framework. 5. The contents of the circular may be brought to the attention of the bank's Board of Directors.
33. **S4A of RBI:** The S4A (Sustainable Structuring for Stressed Assets) envisages determination of the

sustainable debt level for a stressed borrower, and bifurcation of the outstanding debt into sustainable debt and equity/quasi-equity instruments which are expected to provide upside to the lenders when the borrower turns around.

34. **NAV:** Net asset value (NAV) is the value of an entity's assets minus the value of its liabilities, often in relation to open-end or mutual funds, since shares of such funds registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission are redeemed at their net asset value.
35. **CRAR:** Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) is also known as Capital to Risk (Weighted) Assets Ratio (CRAR), is the ratio of a bank's capital to its risk. National regulators track a bank's CAR to ensure that it can absorb a reasonable amount of loss and complies with statutory Capital requirements.
36. **SARFAESI:** The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (also known as the SARFAESI Act) is an Indian law. It allows banks and other financial institution to auction residential or commercial properties to recover loans.
37. **Explain FCNR:** FCNR deposits stands for Foreign Currency Non-Repatriable account deposits. This is a Fixed Deposit Foreign Currency account and not a savings account. Deposits in this account can be made in any of the major currencies like US Dollar, UK Pound, Canadian Dollar, Deutsche Mark, Japanese Yen and Euro.
38. **Explain NIBM:** National Institute of Bank Management is an Indian institution for research, training and consultancy in banking and finance. It is located in Pune.
39. **Explain FSDC:** Financial Stability and Development Council is an apex-level body constituted by the government of India. The idea to create such a super regulatory body was first mooted by the Raghuram Rajan Committee in 2008.
40. **Explain BIS:** The Bank for International Settlements is an international financial institution owned by central banks which "fosters international monetary and financial cooperation and serves as a bank for central banks".
41. **Explain BCSBI:** The Banking Codes and Standards Board of India is an independent banking industry watchdog that protects consumers of banking services in India. The board oversee compliance with the "Code of Bank's Commitment to Customers".
42. **Explain MICR:** MICR code is a character-recognition technology used mainly by the banking industry to ease the processing and clearance of cheques and other documents.
43. **Explain SIP:** An SIP or a Systematic Investment Plan allows an investor to invest a fixed amount regularly in a mutual fund scheme, typically an equity mutual fund scheme.
44. **Explain DEPB:** DEPB (Duty Entitlement Pass Book) is an export incentive scheme of Indian Government provided to Exporters in India. Duty Entitlement Pass Book Scheme in short DEPB is an export incentive scheme. Notified on 1/4/1997, the DEPB Scheme consisted of (a) Post-export DEPB and (b) Pre-export DEPB.
45. **Explain WMA :** Ways and means advances is a mechanism used by Reserve Bank of India under its credit policy by which provides to the States banking with it to help them to tide over temporary mismatches in the cash flow of their receipts and payments.
46. **Explain WPI:** The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) is the price of a representative basket of wholesale goods. Some countries (like the Philippines) use WPI changes as a central measure of inflation. But now India has adopted new CPI to measure inflation. However, United States now report a producer price index instead.
47. **Explain Hypothecation:** Hypothecation is legal term that refers to the granting of a hypothec to a lender by a borrower. In practice, the borrower pledges an asset as collateral for a loan, while retaining ownership of the assets and enjoying the benefits therefrom.
48. **Explain Assignment:** Assignment means transferring some or all property rights and obligations to another person through a written agreement. For example, a payee assigns rights for collecting note payments to a bank. A trademark owner transfers, gives or sells another person interest in the trademark.
49. **Explain LIEN:** A lien is a form of security interest granted over an item of property to secure the payment of a debt or performance of some other obligation.
50. **Explain CDR:** Corporate debt restructuring is the reorganization of a company's outstanding obligations, often achieved by reducing the burden of the debts on the

company by decreasing the rates paid and increasing the time the company has to pay the obligation back.

51. **Explain USSD:** USSD (Unstructured Supplementary Service Data) is a Global System for Mobile(GSM) communication technology that is used to send text between a mobile phone and an application program in the network. Applications may include prepaid roaming or mobile chatting.
52. **Explain BCBS:** The Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS) is a committee of banking supervisory authorities that was established by the central bank governors of the Group of Ten countries in 1974. It provides a forum for regular cooperation on banking supervisory matters.
53. **Explain IBBI:** The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India is the regulator for overseeing insolvency proceedings and entities like Insolvency Professional Agencies, Insolvency Professionals and Information Utilities in India.
54. **Explain MICR:** MICR (Magnetic Ink Character Recognition) code is a character-recognition technology used mainly by the banking industry to ease the processing and clearance of cheques and other documents.
55. **Explain NEFT:** National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) is a nation-wide payment system. Under this Scheme, individuals can electronically transfer funds from any bank branch to any individual having an account with any other bank branch in the country participating in the Scheme.
56. **Explain RTGS :** Real-time gross settlement are specialist funds transfer systems where the transfer of money or securities takes place from one bank to another on a “real time” and on a “gross” basis.
57. **Explain IMPS:** Immediate Payment Service (IMPS) is an instant interbank electronic fund transfer service through mobile phones. It is also being extended through other channels such as ATM, Internet Banking, etc.
58. **Explain DIPP:** Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion was established in the year 1995, and in the year 2000 Department of Industrial Development was merged with it. It is working under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.
59. **Preference Shares:** It is a share which entitles the holder to a fixed dividend, whose payment takes priority over that of ordinary share dividends.
60. **Prime Lending Rate (PLR):** The interest rate charged by banks to their largest, most secure, and most creditworthy customers on short-term loans.
61. **Privatization:** The transfer of ownership, property or business from the government to the private sector is termed privatization.
62. **Rights Issue:** An issue of shares offered at a special price by a company to its existing shareholders in proportion to their holding of old shares.
63. **Rate of Return:** The gain/loss on an investment, expressed as a percentage increase over the initial investment cost, over a specified period.
64. **Speculation:** The act of trading in an asset, or conducting a financial transaction, expecting a substantial gain, but with a risk of losing most or all of the initial outlay.
65. **Substantial Shareholder:** A person, who acquires an interest in relevant share capital equal to, or exceeding, 10% of the share capital.
66. **Underwriting:** The process by which investment banks raise investment capital from investors on behalf of corporations and governments by issuing securities.
67. **Acquiring Bank:** A bank or financial institution that processes credit or debit card payments on behalf of a merchant.
68. **Adjustable-Rate Mortgages (ARMS):** The initial interest rate is normally fixed for a period of time after which it is reset periodically, often every month.
69. **Amortization:** It is an accounting term that refers to the process of allocating the cost of an intangible asset over a period of time.
70. **Arbitrage:** It is basically buying in one market and simultaneously selling in another, profiting from a temporary difference.
71. **Automated Teller Machine (ATM):** A machine that automatically provides cash and performs other banking services on insertion of a special card by the account holder.

72. **Bancassurance:** The selling of life assurance and other insurance products and services by banking institutions.
73. **BASEL Committee:** A committee established by the Central Bank governors of the Group of ten countries in 1974 that seeks to improve the supervisory guidelines that central banks or similar authorities impose on both wholesale and retail banks.
74. **Banker's Lien:** Type of charge that gives a bank automatic claim over a borrower's property or assets that come in bank's possession in the normal course of its business.
75. **Derivative Instrument:** Financial instruments whose value is derived from the value of something else.
76. **Forgery:** It is the process of making, adapting, or imitating objects, statistics, or documents with the intent to deceive for the sake of altering the public perception.
77. **Garnishee Order:** A legal procedure by which a creditor can collect what a debtor owes by reaching the debtor's property when it is in the hands of someone other than the debtor.
78. **Initial Public Offering (IPO):** It is a type of public offering in which shares of a company usually are sold to institutional investors (1) that in turn, sell to the general public, on a securities exchange, for the first time.
79. **Joint Account:** Bank account in the name of two or more individuals who jointly share its concomitant rights and liabilities. Joint holders of an account are regarded in law as together making up the 'owner.'
80. **Asset-Backed Securities (ABS):** A type of security that is backed by a pool of bank loans, leases, and other assets. Most ABS are backed by auto loans and credit cards – these issues are very similar to mortgage-backed securities.
81. **Collateral:** A specific asset pledged against possible default on a bond. Mortgage bonds are backed by claims on property. Collateral trusts bonds are backed by claims on other securities. Equipment obligation bonds are backed by claims on equipment.
82. **Convertible Bond:** A bond with an option, allowing the bondholder to exchange the bond for a specified number of shares of common stock in the firm. A conversion price is the specified value of the shares for which the bond may be exchanged. The conversion premium is the excess of the bond's value over the conversion price.
83. **Credit Rating:** An assessment of the likelihood of an individual or business being able to meet its financial obligations. Credit ratings are provided by credit agencies or rating agencies to verify the financial strength of the issuer for investors.
84. **Subordinated Bond:** An issue that ranks after secured debt, debenture, and other bonds, and after some general creditors in its claim on assets and earnings. Owners of this kind of bond stand last in line among creditors, but before equity holders, when an issuer fails financially.
85. **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI):** An independent financial institution aimed to aid the growth and development of micro, small and medium-scale enterprises (MSME) in India.
86. **Forgery:** It is the process of making, adapting, or imitating objects, statistics, or documents with the intent to deceive for the sake of altering the public perception.
87. **APR:** The annual percentage rate of interest, usually on a loan or mortgage, usually displayed in brackets and representing the true cost of the loan or mortgage as it shows any additional payments beyond the interest rate.
88. **Annuity:** A life insurance product which pays income over the course of a set period. Deferred annuities allow assets to grow before the income is received and immediate annuities (usually taken from a year after purchase) allow payments to start from about a year after purchase.
89. **Bounced Cheque:** When the bank has not enough funds in the relevant account or the account holder requests that the cheque is bounced (under exceptional circumstances) then the bank will return the cheque to the account holder. The beneficiary of the cheque will have not been paid. This normally incurs a fee from the bank.
90. **Certified Documents:** These are photocopies of original documents that have been signed by a professional i.e. a solicitor, accountant, teacher, doctor or bank official. The professional also states, on the document, "original seen" since they must be able to verify that these are genuine copies and therefore have to have seen the original, they also date the document and put their full name, profession and their address.

- 91. Cheque Book:** A small, bound booklet of cheques. A cheque is a piece of paper produced by your bank with your account number, sort-code and cheque number printed on it. The account number distinguishes your account from anyone else's, the sort-code is your bank's special code which distinguishes it from any other bank.
- 92. Endowment Mortgage:** Interest only is paid over the term of this sort of mortgage and the capital is repaid at the end of the term by using the monies from an endowment policy.
- 93. Marginal Standing Facility (MSF):** It is the rate at which the scheduled banks can borrow funds overnight from RBI against government securities. It is a very short term borrowing scheme for scheduled banks. It is adjusted to 6.25%.
- 94. Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR):** It was unchanged at 20%. It is the amount that banks have to maintain a stipulated proportion of their net demand and time liabilities (NDTL) in the form of liquid assets like cash, gold and unencumbered securities, treasury bills, dated securities etc.
- 95. Monetary Policy Committee of Reserve Bank of India:** MPC is a committee of the central bank — Reserve Bank of India, headed by its Governor. It was set up by amending the RBI Act to provide for a statutory and institutionalised framework for MPC. The 6 member MPC is entrusted with the task of fixing the benchmark policy interest rate (repo rate) to contain inflation within the target level.
- 96. Account Holder:** Any and all persons designated and authorized to transact business on behalf of an account. Each account holder's signature needs to be on file with the bank. The signature authorizes that person to conduct business on behalf of the account.
- 97. Arbitrage:** Buying a financial instrument in one market in order to sell the same instrument at a higher price in another market.
- 98. Amortization:** The process of reducing debt through regular installment payments of principal and interest that will result in the payoff of a loan at its maturity.
- 99. Asset-Backed Securities (ABS):** A type of security that is backed by a pool of bank loans, leases, and other assets.

Most ABS are backed by auto loans and credit cards — these issues are very similar to mortgage-backed securities.

- 100. Automated Teller Machine (ATM):** A machine, activated by a magnetically encoded card or other medium that can process a variety of banking transactions. These include accepting deposits and loan payments, providing withdrawals, and transferring funds between accounts.

100 ONE LINERS BANKING

1. RBI introduced a new framework called, Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) to regulate bank's — **NPA**
2. The PCA framework for all the banks operating in India except — **Regional Rural Banks**
3. The PCA framework for banks was started in — **2002**
4. The first bank came under PCA framework is — **IDBI**
5. Till now how many banks came under PCA framework — **3**
6. Under Prompt Corrective Action (PCA), the banks will be monitored on — parameter. — **Capital, Asset Quality and Profitability parameters.**
7. The loan is considered to be a Non Performing Assets once the borrower fails to make interest or principal payments for — **90 days**
8. RBI has put some trigger points to assess, monitor, control and take corrective actions on banks which are weak and troubled. The following one is not among them. — **Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR)**
9. The total value of Non Performing Assets surged to — **Rs 614,872 cr**
10. Indian Overseas Bank's gross NPA ratio is — **22.42%**
11. United Bank of India gross NPA ratio is — **15.98%**
12. The bank will be closed or merged with other banks if the capital ratio falls below — **3.625%**
13. In which year National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI) was established — **2008**
14. NPCI comes under which Act — **Companies Act 2013**
15. National Payment Corporation of India has — core promoter companies. — **10**
16. Who is CEO & MD of National Payment Corporation of India — **A. P. Hota**
17. The paid up capital of NPCI is increased from 100Cr to — **137 Cr**

18. The authorized Capital of NPCI is – **300 cr**
19. The Headquarters of National Payments Corporation of India is – **Mumbai**
20. List out the NPCI Products – **NFS, BHIM, UPI, IMPS, NACH, AEPS, RuPAY, BBPS and CTS**
21. NPCI introduced Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM) in – **30th December 2016**
22. What does S stands for in AEPS – **System**
23. What details does the customer need for an AEPS transaction – **Aadhaar Number, Biometric and IIN**
24. Institution Identification Number has ——— digits – **6**
25. Which banking services can the customer avail using AEPS – **Cash Withdrawal, Cash Deposit, Balance Enquiry, Fund Transfer.**
26. What does B stands for in APB – **Bridge**
27. ——— launched India's first RuPay ATM & Micro ATM Card with Aadhaar Number – **Bank of India**
28. Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM) App supports ——— languages – **12**
29. Bharat Interface for Money app developed by NPCI based on – **UPI**
30. In BHIM app for a single transaction, the maximum limit is Rs – **10,000**
31. In BHIM app, daily transaction limit would not exceed Rs – **20,000**
32. Immediate Payment Service (IMPS) facility is provided by – **NPCI**
33. What does second M stands for in MMID – **Money**
34. Mobile Money Identifier (MMID) is a — digit number – **7**
35. UPI – PIN has maximum ——— number of digits – **6**
36. UPI uses ———, which uniquely identifies a respective bank account – **Virtual Payment Address**
37. In UPI we can transfer maximum Rs – **1,00000**
38. The term ——— is used for Requesting money in UPI – **PULL**
39. The term ——— is used for sending money in UPI – **PUSH**
40. What does S stands for in QSAM – **Service**
41. When using QSAM Service we need to dial – ***99*99#**
42. What does S stands for in BBPS – **System**
43. In India Capital Market is Regulated by – **SEBI**
44. Who is responsible to appoint the Chairman for SEBI – **GOI**
45. In which year Government of India established Securities and Exchange Board of India – **1988**
46. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA) of India was established in – **1999**
47. Who is the Chairman for Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India – **TS Vijayan**
48. Head Quarters of IRDA is – **Hyderabad**
49. In India Commodity Market is regulated by – **SEBI**
50. Public health & Food Safety is regulated by – **FSSAI**
51. Head quarters of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India is – **New Delhi**
52. Who is the Chairman for FSSAI – **Ashish Bahuguna**
53. Head quarters of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) is – **New Delhi**
54. Bureau of Indian Standards was established in – **1986**
55. Director General of Bureau of Indian Standards is – **Alka Panda**
56. In India Chit Funds are regulated by – **Respective State Governments**
57. Who is the regulator of Foreign Exchange (Forex Market) in India – **RBI**
58. In India Nidhi Companies are regulated by – **Ministry of corporate affairs**
59. Who is the chairman of Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) of India – **Hemant Contractor**
60. Headquarters of Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority of India is – **New Delhi**
61. In which year Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority of India started by GOI – **2003**
62. Headquarters of Small Industries Development Bank (SIDBI) of India is – **Lucknow**
63. Small Industries Development Bank of India was established in – **1990**
64. Who is the Chairmen of SIDBI – **Kshatrapati Shivaji**
65. In which year Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) was established in – **1997**
66. In which city Telecom Regulatory authority of India (TRAI) is headquartered – **New Delhi**

67. In India Security Exchange Board of India regulates – **Merchant Banking companies, Venture Capital Fund, Algorithmic Trading , Credit Rating agencies**
68. In which city Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) headquartered – **Mumbai**
69. Who is the Chairman of Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) – **The Union Finance Minister of India**
70. In which year FSDC established in India – **2010**
71. Institute of Chartered Accounts in India (ICAI) is headquartered in – **New Delhi**
72. In which year Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC) was established – **1957**
73. Headquarters of ECGC is – **Mumbai**
74. Currently Indian Banks' Association (IBA) represents — Banking Companies operating in India. – **237**
75. Who is the regulator of Micro-Finance Regulatory Authority in India – **NABARD**
76. The initial corpus of NABARD is — **100 Crore**
77. National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) was established in – **1988**
78. Reserve Bank of India was established on April 1, 1935 in accordance with the provisions of the — act. – **Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934**
79. RBI was nationalized on – **1949**
80. RBI has — regional offices. – **19**
81. RBI can have atmost — deputy governors at any time. – **4**
82. When RBI was established, it has headquarters in – **Kolkata**
83. In RBI Act 1934, the business banks can carry out is defined under – **Section 21**
84. In RBI Act 1934, RBI has sole rights to issue currency notes and it comes under – **Section 22**
85. Headquarters of RBI shifted from Calcutta to Mumbai in – **1937**
86. Government of India has a sole right to print Rs 1 note or mint coins under – **Coinage Act, 2011**
87. Cash Reserve Ratio comes under section — of RBI Act 1934. – **42**
88. Money market instruments and Securities are defined under which section of RBI Act, 1934 – **45U**
89. In RBI Act 1934 section 26 (2) defines — of bank notes. – **Withdrawal of legal tender**
90. Procedure for merger of banking companies is defined under section ___ of Banking Regulation Act, 1949. – **44**
91. Small Finance banks gets license under section — of Banking Regulation Act, 1949. – **22**
92. Payment banks gets license under section — of Banking Regulation Act, 1949.–**22**
93. State Bank of India have — foreign branches around the world. – **190**
94. After merger SBI bank have a deposit base of more than — lakh crore and advances level of — lakh crore. – **26 and 18.50**
95. The State Bank of India merged with 5 associate banks and BharatiaMahila Bank on April 1, 2017. Which one is not among the list – **State Bank of Saurashtra**
96. State Bank of India announced a customer should maintain minimum of Rs — in a Rural Area. – **1000**
97. State Bank of India announced a customer should maintain minimum of Rs — in a Urban Area. – **3000**
98. State Bank of India announced a customer should maintain minimum of Rs — in a Metro city. – **5000**
99. State Bank of India announced a customer should maintain minimum of Rs — in a Semi Urban Area. – **2000**
100. The Central Government has — stake in SBI Bank as of March 2017. – **62.22%**

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1 st March	Zero Discrimination Day
3 rd March	World Wildlife Day
4 th March	National Safety Day
8 th March	International Women's Day
13 th March	World Kidney Day
15 th March	World Consumer Affairs Day
20 th March	World Sparrow Day
21 st March	World Forestry Day, International Day against Racial Discrimination
22 nd March	World Water Day
23 rd March	World Metrological Day
24 th March	World TB Day

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2 nd April	World Autism Awareness Day
7 th April	World Health Day
10 th April	World Homeopathy Day
17 th April	World Hemophilia Day
18 th April	World Heritage Day
21 st April	National Civil Services Day
22 nd April	World Earth Day
23 rd April	World Book & Copyright Day
24 th April	National Panchayati Raj Divas
25 th April	World Malaria Day
26 th April	World Intellectual Property Day

Autobiographies of Famous Personalities

Name of the Autobiography	Name of the Person
Joseph Anton : A Memoir	Salman Rushdie
Ace against Odds	Sania Mirza
My Country My Life	Lal Krishna Advani
Open : An Autobiography	Andre Aggasi
Mein Kampf	Adolf Hitler
Living History	Hilary Rodham Clinton
The Greatest	Mohammad Ali
Unbreakable	MC Marry Com
Straight From the Heart	Kapil Dev
Six Machine	Chris Gayle
Khullam Khulla	Rishi Kapoor

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2.	APJ Abdul Kalam	Mission India You are Unique Ignited Minds Agni ki Udaan Advantage India
3.	Arvind Adiga	The White Tiger The Selection Day Last Man in Tower Between the Assassinations
4.	Anita Desai	Clear Light of Day The Village by the Sea Fire on the Mountain In Custody Fasting, Feasting
5.	Ruskin Bond	Death under the Deodars Delhi is not Far A Fight of Pigeons The Blue Umbrella The Room on the Roof

IMPORTANT ABBREVIATIONS

BPLR	Benchmark Prime Lending Rate
BPSS	Board for Regulation and Supervision of Payment & Settlement System
BITS	Bank Information Tracking System
BCSBI	Banking codes and standard board of India
CERSAI	Central Registry of Securitization asset reconstruction and security interest.
CRISIL	Credit Rating Information Services of India Limited
CBEC	Central Board of Excise & Customs
DIPAM	Department of Investment & Public Asset Management
EEFC	Exchange Earners Foreign Currency
FCNR	Foreign Currency Non Resident
FRBM	Fiscal Responsibility & Budget Management

STATE: AT A GLANCE GUJARAT



Gola Dhoro. Lothal is believed to be one of the world's first seaports. Gujarat's coastal cities, chiefly Bharuch and Khambhat, served as ports and trading centers in the Maurya and Gupta empires, and during the succession of royal Saka dynasties from the Western Satraps era.

Major National Parks

- ☞ Vansada National Park
- ☞ Narara Marine National Park
- ☞ Balackbuck National Park
- ☞ Giir Forest National Park

Wildlife Sanctuaries

- ☞ Purna Wildlife Sanctuary
- ☞ Gaga Wildlife Sanctuary
- ☞ Nal Sarovar Bird Sanctuary
- ☞ Sasan Giir Sanctuary
- ☞ Wild Ass Sanctuary

Major facts about Gujarat

- Sardar Sarovar Dam, the largest Dam of India built across the river Narmada in Tapi Distt of Gujarat.
- Ukai Dam Built across the river Tapi in Surat Distt of Gujarat.
- The temple of Dawarikadish (is one of the Char Dhams of India) Situated in Dwarka in Gujarat.
- The Temple of Somnath (is one of the 12 Jyotirlings of India) situated in Saurashtra in Gujarat.
- Sardar Patel Stadium of cricket, the largest sitting capacity stadium in world situated in Ahmadabad.
- Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel International Airport situated in Ahmadabad.
- Kandla Port which was recently renamed as Deen Dayal Port situated in Gujarat.
- Gujarat is the largest producing state of Cotton & Groundnuts in India.
- The India International Stock Exchange, India's first International Stock Exchange situated in Gandhinagar.
- Gujarat has the longest Coast line with 1600 K.M. followed by Andhra Pradesh with 972 KM.
- The Major Dance Forms of Gujarat are Dandya, Garba & Bavai.

Country	 India
Formation	1 May, 1960
Capital (and largest city)	Gandhinagar
Largest City	Ahmedabad
Districts	33
Governor	Om Prakash Kohli
Chief Minister	Vijay Rupani (BJP)
Deputy Chief Minister	Nitin Bhai Patel
Legislature	Unicameral (182 seat)
Parliamentary constituency	26
Total	194,024 km ² (75,685 sq mi)
Area rank	6th
Total Population (2011)	50,671,017
Rank	6th
Density	287/km ²

Gujarat is a state in Western India, It has an area of 196,024 km² (75,685 sq mi) with a coastline of 1,600 km (990 mi), most of which lies on the Kathiawar peninsula, and a population in excess of 60 million. The state is bordered by Rajasthan to the north, Maharashtra to the south, Madhya Pradesh to the east, and the Arabian Sea and the Pakistani province of Sindh to the west. Its capital city is Gandhinagar, while its largest city is Ahmedabad. Gujarat is the native place to the Gujarati-speaking people of India. The state encompasses some sites of the ancient Indus Valley Civilisation, such as Lothal, Dholavira, and

1. The 8th Conference of Association of SAARC Speakers and Parliamentarians to be held in which country :
 - a. China
 - b. India
 - c. Sri Lanka
 - d. Nepal
2. President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed a Commission to examine the sub-categorisation of OBCs. Who will be chairperson of the commission :
 - a. N K Rathore
 - b. MS Jha
 - c. JK Bajaj
 - d. G Rohini
3. Which committee has drafted the 3rd National Wildlife Action Plan (NWAP) for 2017-2031 :
 - a. Krishna Murthy committee
 - b. JC Kala committee
 - c. Prabhakar Reddy committee
 - d. K C Patan committee
4. Which of the following is not an indicator of productivity for a bank branch:
 - a. Business Per Employee
 - b. Accounts (both deposits and advances) Per Employee
 - c. Net Profit Per Employee
 - d. Neat and clean ambience
5. The money market in our country has been divided into organized sector and unorganized sector and which among the following do not fall under the unorganized sector category:
 - a. Reserve Bank of India
 - b. All commercial banks including SBI group, nationalized banks, foreign banks
 - c. Life Insurance Corporation of India
 - d. Indigenous banks
6. Who of the following have won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2017 :
 - a. Jean-Pierre Sauvage, Fraser Stoddart and Ben Feringa
 - b. Jacques Dubochet, Joachim Frank and Richard Henderson
 - c. Brian K. Kobilka and Robert J. Lefkowitz
 - d. Tomas Lindahl and Paul L. Modrich
7. For the first time, India and which neighboring state will conduct joint tiger census using a globally-recognised method:
 - a. Myanmar
 - b. Sri Lanka
 - c. Nepal
 - d. Bangladesh
8. Which union minister has launched SECURE Himalaya project in association with UNDP :
 - a. Narendra Modi
 - b. Harshvardhan
 - c. Rajnath Singh
 - d. Nitin Gadkari
9. Who has become the first Indian to hold deputy director general post at World Health Organisation (WHO) :
 - a. Ritu Karidhal
 - b. Soumya Swaminathan
 - c. Minal Sampath
 - d. Anuradha TK
10. In the term called as AMFI, what do you mean by "M" :
 - a. Mutual
 - b. Money
 - c. Managing
 - d. Miscellaneous
11. When a currency is converted into any other currency without any limit and for any purpose, it is called as :
 - a. Fully convertible
 - b. partially convertible
 - c. controlled convertible
 - d. not at all convertible
12. When it comes to scheduled commercial banks, which out of the following is not true :
 - a. Nationalised banks
 - b. Regional Rural banks
 - c. Local area banks
 - d. Private sector banks
13. What is the current repo rate, according to recently released 4th bi-monthly monetary policy review statement for the year 2017-18:
 - a. 6%
 - b. 5.75%
 - c. 6.25%
 - d. 6.50%
14. The Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary (KWS) is located in which state :

- a. Jammu & Kashmir
b. Uttar Pradesh
c. Bihar
d. Haryana
15. Which of the following has become the first Open Defecation Free (ODF) tribe district of Rajasthan :
a. Dungarpur
b. Ajmer
c. Churu
d. Tonk
16. Who is leading the Indian delegation at the 8th Conference of Association of SAARC Speakers and Parliamentarians :
a. Meneka Gandhi
b. Sumitra Mahajan
c. Sushma Swaraj
d. Arun Jaitley
17. Who has been sworn-in as the new Governor of Meghalaya:
a. Satya Pal Malik
b. Jagdish Mukhi
c. Ganga Prasad
d. Banwari Lal Purohit
18. Which high-level committee has been constituted by the Union government for proper management of water resources in the NE region :
a. Rajiv Kumar Committee
b. Jagdish Mukhi Committee
c. Ram Das Committee
d. B D Mishra Committee
19. From where the Union Ministry of Tourism has started 'Paryatan Parv' to promote tourism across India :
a. Delhi
b. Pune
c. Gandhi Nagar
d. Kochi
20. Which RBI committee has recently recommended that banks should link home loan rates to repo rate :
a. Viral V Acharya
b. H.R Khan
c. Tarun Ramadorai
d. Amitav Ghosh
21. Who has won bronze in the 2017 women's singles World Badminton championships (WBC) :
a. Ashwani Ponappa
b. P.V. Sindhu
c. Saina Nehwal
d. Jawala Gutta
22. Which country has won the 10th edition of Asia Cup Hockey 2017 which was held in Dhaka in Bangladesh :
a. India
b. Malaysia
c. Nepal
d. Bangladesh
23. Where are the Headquarters of AIIB (Asian Infrastructure & Investment Bank) located :
a. Shanghai
b. Beijing
c. Tokyo
d. New Delhi
24. Which country has won the 2017 South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) under-15 football Championship :
a. India
b. Bhutan
c. Nepal
d. Bangladesh
25. Who has been sworn-in as the new & 45th Chief Justice of India (CJI):
a. Jagdish Singh Khehar
b. Deepak Mishra
c. Sunil Arora
d. Achal Kumar Jyoti
26. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently approved Spice Digital to process bill payments under BBPS. Where is the headquarters of the Spice Digital :
a. Chandigarh
b. Noida
c. Kocchi
d. Chennai
27. ICEX has launched the world's first diamond future exchange. What does "ICEX" stands for :
a. Indian Commodity Exchange
b. International Commodity Exchange
c. Indonesia Commodity Exchange
d. None of the above
28. Nungthang Tampak, which has become North-East (NE)'s first 100% computer literacy village, is located in which state:
a. Nagaland
b. Manipur

- c. Mizoram
d. Tripura
29. Who is the newly appointed chief of Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) :
a. Narendra Kumar
b. Dharmendra Singh
c. Ashish Chauhan
d. Ashok Chawla
30. The Gobindobhog rice has recently got Geographical Indication (GI) status. This type of rice is primarily grown in which state :
a. Karnataka
b. West Bengal
c. Manipur
d. Nagaland
31. The 2017 International Day against Nuclear Tests (IDANT) is observed on which date :
a. August 28
b. August 30
c. August 29
d. August 31
32. The world's first IAEA Low Enriched Uranium (LEU) Bank has opened in which country :
a. Kazakhstan
b. Israel
c. Japan
d. Kyrgystan
33. Who has become the 2nd Indian women and first Sikh women to be selected by NASA for the Mars Expedition happening in 2030 :
a. Jasleen Kaur Josan
b. Simran Bagga
c. Jaspreet Kaur
d. Sukhpreet Kaur
34. ISRO had launched navigation satellite IRNSS-1H into orbit, but the mission has failed. It was launch by which rocket vehicle:
a. PSLV C35
b. PSLV C37
c. PSLV C38
d. PSLV C39
35. What "T" denotes in "BHIM" :
a. Interaction
b. Interface
c. International
d. Irrelevant
36. The Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (SFB) Ltd has received 'Scheduled Bank' status by the RBI. Where is the headquarters of Ujjivan SFB :
a. Chennai
b. Lucknow
c. Pune
d. Bengaluru
37. Who has been appointed as the new Election Commissioner (EC) :
a. Gautam Jain
b. Sunil Arora
c. Om Prakash Rawat
d. Achal Kumar Jyoti
38. Myanmar will sign pact with which country for the conservation of earthquake-damaged pagodas at Bagan :
a. Russia
b. India
c. China
d. South Korea
39. Which city was the host of the annual conference Rajaswa Gyan Sangam (RGS – 2017) :
a. Jaipur
b. New Delhi
c. Kocchi
d. Pune
40. Who has been appointed as the new Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog :
a. Arvind Panagariya
b. Arvind Subramaniam
c. Rajiv Gauba
d. Rajiv Kumar

Answer Key

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1. Nirmala Sitharaman, who has become the new Defence Minister of India, is currently a representative of which state in Rajya Sabha :
 - a. Karnataka
 - b. Kerala
 - c. Tamilnadu
 - d. Maharashtra
2. What will be the venue of 10th BRIC Summit 2018:
 - a. New Delhi
 - b. Xiamen
 - c. Johannesburg
 - d. Moscow
3. Which city has been formally accorded the status of India's first World Heritage City by UNESCO:
 - a. Udaipur
 - b. Mathura
 - c. Ahmedabad
 - d. Ujjain
4. Which of the following statements are correct regarding the Planning Commission in India ?1. It is an advisory body2. It is a statutory body3. The Prime Minister is its ex-officio Chairman4. It makes plan for the Union as well as the states:
 - a. 1 and 3
 - b. 1,3, and 4
 - c. 2 and 4
 - d. 2,3 and 4
5. The income tax in India is:
 - a. indirect and progressive
 - b. direct and proportional
 - c. direct and progressive
 - d. indirect and proportional
6. The Reserve Bank of India issues notes under the following note issue method :
 - a. Proportional reserve system
 - b. Minimum reserve system.
 - c. Maximum fiduciary system
 - d. Fixed fiduciary system
7. Who has become the first wicket-keeper in world cricket to effect 100 stumpings in One Day Internationals (ODI)
 - a. Kumar Sangakkara
 - b. Mahendra Singh Dhoni
 - c. Adam Gilchrist
 - d. Quantan d'Cock
8. Rajyavardhan Rathore, who has become the new Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, is currently a representative of which Lok Sabha constituency :
 - a. Bikaner
 - b. Badmer
 - c. Jaipur Rural
 - d. Jodhpur
9. The Jaldapara National Park (JNP) is located in which state:
 - a. Uttar Pradesh
 - b. Gujarat
 - c. West Bengal
 - d. Tamilnadu
10. IRDP stands for :
 - a. Integrated Regional Development Programme
 - b. International Rural Development Programme
 - c. Integrated Rural Development Programme
 - d. None of these
11. The "Garibi Hatao" slogan was coined in:
 - a. 1958
 - b. 1971
 - c. 1980
 - d. 1985
12. Which company has won the coveted Indian Premier League (IPL) media rights for 2018-23 :
 - a. Sony
 - b. Vivo
 - c. Star India
 - d. Adidas
13. The biennial joint maritime fleet exercise "SLINEX 2017" will be conducted between India and which country :
 - a. Maldives
 - b. Bhutan
 - c. Singapore
 - d. Sri Lanka
14. Which of the following airports has bagged the National Award for 'Excellence' in Energy Management:
 - a. Chennai International Airport

- b. Rajiv Gandhi International Airport
c. Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport
d. Vijayawada International Airport
15. Who has been appointed as new Union Minister of State (IC) in Ministries of Power & New & Renewable Energy:
a. Raj Kumar Singh
b. Hardeep Singh Puri
c. Santosh Kumar Gangwar
d. Sripad Yashoo Nayak
16. The place where bankers meet and settle their mutual claims and accounts is known as :
a. Treasury
b. Clearing House
c. Collection Centre
d. Dumping Ground
17. Jawahar Rozgar Yojana was started by which Prime Minister of India :
a. Indira Gandhi
b. Rajiv Gandhi
c. P.V. Narshima Rao
d. Atal Bihari Vajpayee
18. To prevent recurrence of scams in Indian Capital Market the Government has assigned regulatory powers to :
a. RBI
b. SBI
c. SEBI
d. IRDA
19. The period of high inflation and low economic growth is termed as :
a. Stagnation
b. Inflation
c. Stagflation
d. Deflation
20. How many languages are used in a ten rupee note :
a. 10
b. 15
c. 7
d. 2
21. Which state government has recently set DBT cell for implementation of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme:
a. Uttar Pradesh
b. Assam
c. Maharashtra
d. Madhya Pradesh
22. Which bollywood actress has become the first Indian woman ambassador for Tourism Australia:
a. Kareena Kapoor
b. Parineeti Chopra
c. Aishwarya Rai
d. Deepika Padukone
23. Gauri Lankesh, the noted journalist was shot dead. She hailed from which state :
a. Kerala
b. Karnataka
c. Andhra Pradesh
d. Telangana
24. The Union government will organize North East Calling event in which city to promote tourism of North East India :
a. Guwahati
b. New Delhi
c. Shillong
d. Agartala
25. Which expert committee has constituted by the NITI Aayog to provide a major thrust to job creation by enhancing India's exports:
a. Rajiv Kumar
b. Milind kumar
c. Raghav Yadav
d. S K Jain
26. The joint military training exercise "Yudh Abhyas – 2017" will be conducted between India and which country :
a. United States
b. Russia
c. France
d. Germany
27. Who is the author of the book "How India Sees the World: Kautilya to the 21st Century" :
a. Shiv Shanker Menon
b. Shyam Saran
c. J.J Singh
d. Ravi Shanker Prasad
28. ISO - 9000 certificates is a stringent quality control standard for electronic goods that is essential for any Indian exporter to complete in International markets. It is issued by the:
a. Bureau of Indian Standards
b. British Standards Institution

- c. U.N. Exports Agency
d. None of these
29. What was the primary object of "Green Revolution" in India:
a. To increase the area of green forests under social forestry scheme
b. Modernisation of agriculture through science and technology
c. To introduce the Japanese method of paddy cultivation
d. To increase the extent of cash crop cultivation
30. What is a Scheduled Bank:
a. A bank having Rs. 10 crore deposits
b. A bank having Rs. 100 crore deposits
c. A bank having Rs. 1000 crore deposits
d. A bank included in the Second Schedule of RBI Act
31. Sathish Sivalingam, who recently qualified for 2018 Commonwealth Games, is associated with which sports:
a. Weightlifting
b. Wrestling
c. Boxing
d. Sprint
32. Who has been appointed as high performance specialist coach for Indian Senior Women Hockey Team (ISWHT) :
a. Gurpreet Singh
b. Harendra Singh
c. Kuldeep Das
d. S P Kumar
33. Which Indian university has been named the top university in India, according to 2018 Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings :
a. IIT Kharagpur
b. IIT Kanpur
c. IIT Bangalore
d. IIT Bombay
34. Who has won the 2017 women's singles US Open Tennis tournament :
a. Garbine Muguraza
b. Madison Keys
c. Angelique Kerber
d. Sloane Stephens
35. Who has been appointed as the new President of All India Mahila Congress:
a. Shobha Oza
b. Sushmita Dev
c. Rajkumari Ghosh
d. Mrinali Gupta
36. What is the role of "Ombudsman" in a bank :
a. To provide quality and speedy redressal of grievances of customers.
b. To provide suggestions for innovative schemes in the banks
c. To monitor the quality circles in the bank
d. To inspect the internal working of the branches
37. Which of the following is an indirect tax:
a. Corporation Tax
b. Excise Duty
c. Wealth Tax
d. Capital Gain Tax
38. Narasimhan Committee was appointed to make recommendations on the :
a. Public sector enterprises
b. Public distribution system
c. Financial structure of the country
d. Centre - State financial relations
39. Which operation has started by India to help Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh :
a. Operation Rohingya
b. Operation Manavta
c. Operation Insaniyat
d. Operation Refugee
40. Which committee has been constituted by the Union Finance Ministry to monitor tech issues of GST:
a. T M Thomas Isaac committee
b. Krishna Byre Gowda committee
c. Etela Rajender committee
d. Sushil Modi committee

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STATE GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: HARYANA

1. Who is the constitutional Head of the State Government?
(A) Governor
(B) Chief Minister
(C) Chief Justice of India
(D) None of the above
2. The chairman of the state public service commission in appointed by—
(A) President
(B) Prime Minister
(C) Chief Minister
(D) Governor
3. At the time of appointing the judges of The High Court—
(A) President takes the advice of Chief Minister
(B) President takes the advice of Chief Justice
(C) President consults the Governor
(D) President works on his own judgement own
4. In whose name is the budget of the next financial year produced in the state Legislative Assembly?
(A) In the name of the President
(B) In the name of the Prime Minister
(C) In the name of the Chairman of Legislative Assembly
(D) None of these
5. In which article of the Indian Constitution is the provision of the State Public Service Commission?
(A) Article-315
(B) Article-317
(C) Article-319
(D) Article-323
6. Governor appoints the District Magistrate—
(A) With the consent of the Central Govt.
(B) With the consent of President
(C) With the consent of Prime Minister
(D) With the consent of the council of Ministers the state
7. Whom among the following has the Governor no right to appoint?
(A) Chief Minister
(B) Members of the State Public Service Commission
(C) Judges of the State High Court
(D) Advocate General
8. Kalpna Chawla died in the space mission on—
(A) 1st Jan., 2003
(B) 5th Feb., 2003
(C) 3rd Feb., 2003
(D) 1st Feb., 2003
9. The first state of the country where all the village are electrified—
(A) Orissa
(B) Punjab
(C) Haryana
(D) Himachal Pradesh
10. Where is the Headquarters of Mahendargarh district in Haryana ?
(A) Narnaul
(B) Karnal
(C) Kaithal
(D) Bhiwani
11. Which unique project is being launched in Haryana to raise the standard of female children in Haryana?
(A) Indra-Harelli-Saheli-Yojna
(B) Apni Beti-Apna dhan-Yojna
(C) Indra Sahara-Yojna
(D) All the above
12. First time the President's rule was imposed in Haryana—
(A) 21st Nov., 1967
(B) 30th April, 1977
(C) 2nd Dec., 1989
(D) 6th April, 1991
13. Who is famous with the name of Haryana Kesari ?
(A) Pt. Neki Ram Sharma
(B) Devi Lal
(C) Bansilal
(D) Bhagwat Dayal Sharma

14. When was Ambala established as a cantonment area (Military base) ?
(A) In 1839
(B) In 1841
(C) In 1843
(D) In 1848
15. Who was the first Governor of Haryana?
(A) B. N. Chakravorty
(B) R. S. Narula
(C) Dhanik Lal Mandai
(D) Dharam Veer
16. Who was the first Chief Minister of Haryana ?
(A) Banarsi Das Gupta
(B) Rao Virendra Singh
(C) Bhajan Lal
(D) Bhagwat Dayal Sharma
17. In which district of Haryana is the Mohar Singh Stadium (Mayur) situated?
(A) Faridabad
(B) Ambala
(C) Kurushetra
(D) Yamuna-Nagar
18. Which breed of buffaloes is famous in Haryana?
(A) Turra
(B) Murra
(C) Chaspa
(D) Pushpa
19. When was Bhiwani textile mill established at Haryana?
(A) 1932
(B) 1937
(C) 1943
(D) 1948
20. Which district of Haryana ranks first in the production of mustard?
(A) Mahendragarh
(B) Faridabad
(C) Rohtak
(D) Panipat
21. For which of the following industries is Rewari district of Haryana famous in India—
(A) Brass Utensils Industry
(B) Tilla Shoe Industry
(C) Hero-Honda-Motor Cycle Industry
(D) All the above
22. Which article manufactured in Haryana is exported to foreign countries?
(A) Brass Utensils
(B) Paint
(C) Liberty Shoes
(D) Wooden Furniture
23. Which of the following factories are established at Faridabad?
(A) Rubber Tyre
(B) Tractor
(C) Refrigerator
(D) All these
24. Who constructed the famous 'Sarveshwar Mahadeo Temple' at Kurukshetra?
(A) J. K. Birla
(B) Baba Tarak Nath
(C) Baba Sarwan Nath
(D) Baba Shivgiri
25. Where is the famous and old temple of Sita Mata established at Haryana ?
(A) Gurgaon
(B) Hisar
(C) Narnaul
(D) Rohtak
26. At which place of Haryana did a battle between Mohd. Gauri and Prithvi Raj Chauhan take place in Medieval period of 1191 and 1192 ?
(A) Gharonda
(B) Tarawari
(C) Asandh
(D) Nising

27. The tomb of Ibrahim Lodi is situated at—
(A) Panipat
(B) Gurgaon
(C) Mahendragarh
(D) Rohtak
28. Haryana is bounded by—
(A) Himachal Pradesh in the North, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi in the east, Rajasthan in the South and South-East and Punjab and Chandigarh in the North-West
(B) Himachal Pradesh in the East, Chhattisgarh in the North, Punjab in the South and Uttar Pradesh in the West
(C) Jammu Kashmir in the West, Punjab in the East, Uttar Pradesh in the North and Uttaranchal in the South
(D) None of these
29. Haryana State is the—
(A) Southern State
(B) North-Western State
(C) Eastern State
(D) South-Eastern-State
30. Palwal city of Haryana is in which district of the state?
(A) Panchkula
(B) Fatehabad
(C) Yamuna-Nagar
(D) Faridabad
31. Who is the present Governor of Haryana ?
(A) Babu Permanand
(B) T. V. Rajeshwar
(C) Kailash Pati Misra
(D) Kaptan Singh Solanki
32. First novel written in Haryanbi language is—
(A) Heru-ki-Kahin
(B) Dan Lila
(C) Surahi Gaiya
(D) Jharufiri
33. Who was the founder of Vishal-Haryana Party of Haryana ?
(A) Rao Virendra Singh
(B) Om Prakash Chautala
(C) Hukum Singh
(D) Bhagwat Dayal Sharma
34. In which part of Haryana are the Siwalik Ranges situated?
(A) South-Eastern
(B) North-Western
(C) North-East
(D) South-West
35. "Banwali" the main land of Indus civilization is situated in which district of Haryana—
(A) Hisar
(B) Rewari
(C) Faridabad
(D) Panchkula
36. Haryana day is celebrated—
(A) 1st Nov.
(B) 13th Nov.
(C) 1st Dec.
(D) 8th Dec.
37. Which state of the country is famous as 'Land of Milk and Curd'—
(A) Himachal Pradesh
(B) Uttaranchal
(C) Haryana
(D) Punjab
38. Where is the Bata Shoe manufacturing factory situated in Haryana?
(A) Panipat
(B) Faridabad
(C) Bhiwani
(D) Palwal
39. Total forested area in Haryana is—
(A) 964 km²
(B) 6940 km²
(C) 2440 km²
(D) 4230 km²
40. The working field of famous Nawab Pataudi is—
(A) Literature (Poetry)

- (B) Amphitheatre
(C) Sports (Cricket)
(D) Politics
41. Mithathal famous for the remains of Indus civilization is situated in—
(A) Jind district
(B) Hisar district
(C) Bhiwani district
(D) All these
42. Where is the Manzi Shaib Gurudwara situated?
(A) Kaithal
(B) Jhajjar
(C) Fatehabad
(D) Rewari
43. The maximum area in the district of Haryana is—
(A) Ambala
(B) Gurgaon
(C) Bhiwani
(D) Sonipat
44. According to population of 2011, Faridabad district ranks first in the state, its population is—
(A) 17,98,954
(B) 24,40,396
(C) 32,80,160
(D) 34,30,264
45. Geeta Jutsi the famous player of Haryana is associated with—
(A) Chess
(B) Weight Lifting
(C) Lawn Tennis
(D) Athletics
46. Which of the following dance is performed by women?
(A) Teej dance
(B) Umru dance
(C) Loor dance
(D) Manjeera dance
47. Where is the Panchwati pilgrim place situated in Faridabad?
(A) Palwal
(B) Hodal
(C) Ballabhgarh
(D) None of these
48. Which ancestor king of emperor Harshvardhan made the construction of Thaneshwar Mahadev temple near Thaneshwar city?
(A) Prabhakar Vardhan
(B) Nar Vardhan
(C) Puniya Bhuti
(D) Adithya Vardhan
49. Which Tomb has been declared as National heritage under the archaeological land and remnants act 1958 ?
(A) Sheikh Fareed
(B) Sheikh-Chehli
(C) Ibrahim Abdullah
(D) Ali Shah Kalander
50. In which district is the Tomb of Gulam ruler Rajia Sultana situated?
(A) Ambala
(B) Karnal
(C) Kaithal
(D) Faridabad

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c	a	c	a	d	a	a	c	b	c										

STATE GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: PUNJAB

1. Which is the most famous city in Punjab?
(A) Ludhiana
(B) Amritsar
(C) Chandigarh
(D) Patiala
2. Who is the first lady Chief Minister of Punjab?
(A) Bibi Jagir Kaur
(B) Kiran Bedi
(C) Rajinder Kaur Bhattal
(D) Ms. Seema Roy
3. Who was the first Governor of Punjab?
(A) Mr. Chandu Lal Trivedi
(B) Bansilal
(C) Gopi Chand
(D) Amrinder Singh
4. Who is the first lady Deputy commissioner of Punjab?
(A) Ms. Vini Chohan
(B) Ms. Vini Mahajan
(C) Ms. Kiran Bedi
(D) None of these
5. Which is the biggest District of Punjab?
(A) Fatehgarh Sahib
(B) Mansa
(C) Morinda
(D) Ferozepur
6. Which is the smallest District in Punjab?
(A) Moga
(B) Mansa
(C) Fatehgarh Sahib
(D) Bhatinda
7. When was the Punjab annexation with the British Rule?
(A) 1829
(B) 1839
(C) 1859
(D) 1849
8. Which is new created city in Punjab?
(A) Fatehgarh Sahib
(B) Anandgarh
(C) Garshankar
(D) Nawashahar
9. When was Punjabi University established at Patiala?
(A) 1930
(B) 1940
(C) 1950
(D) 1960
10. When was the Punjab School Education Board established in Punjab?
(A) 1969
(B) 1959
(C) 1949
(D) 1939
11. Where is the Sikh Heritage Complex developed?
(A) Mansa
(B) Amritsar
(C) Ropar
(D) Anandpur Sahib
12. Who is the first Punjabi novelist to get Jananpith Award?
(A) Sr. Nanak Singh
(B) Sr. Gurdial Singh
(C) Sr. Gurdial Duggal
(D) Sr. Nanak Duggal
13. When was the use of Punjabi made compulsory in the year?
(A) 1990
(B) 1991
(C) 1992
(D) 1994
14. Who is the Governor of Punjab?
(A) Kaptan Singh Solanki
(B) Prakash Singh Badal
(C) Butta Singh
(D) Naresh Kumar Sandhu
15. Which is the biggest grain market of Punjab?
(A) Marinda
(B) Mansa
(C) Kotkpoora
(D) Khanna
16. When was the treaty of Amritsar held on—
(A) 1805
(B) 1806
(C) 1807
(D) 1809
17. When was the Punjab and Papsu meged?
(A) 1950
(B) 1952
(C) 1953
(D) 1956

18. According to 2011 census, the total population of Punjab is—
(A) 2, 43, 89, 296
(B) 2, 77, 04, 236
(C) 2, 44, 89, 296
(D) 2, 44, 88, 296
19. Where is the Punjabi University located at—
(A) Chandigarh
(B) Ludhiana
(C) Jalandhar
(D) Patiala
20. Who is the pioneer of Punjabi Suba?
(A) Master Tara Singh
(B) Master Kapoor
(C) Master Akesh
(D) Master Mohan
21. Which city of Punjab is famous for furniture goods?
(A) Kirtpur
(B) Mansa
(C) Kartarpur
(D) Khanna
22. Who is the Punjabi Poetess to get Jananpith Award?
(A) Ms. Amrita Shergil
(B) Ms. Amrita Pritam
(C) Dilip Kaur Tiwana
(D) Ms. Sharmila Panday
23. Which is the Pioneer of Punjabi Novel?
(A) Sr. Gurdial Singh
(B) Sr. Nanak Singh
(C) Sr. Nanak Dugga
(D) Sr. Gurdial Khanna
24. Where was the headquarters of Punjab school Education Board?
(A) Morinda
(B) Chandigarh
(C) Mohali
(D) Ropar
25. Forest areaof the total area of the state.
(A) 5.22%
(B) 5.12%
(C) 6.22%
(D) 6.12%
26. How many divisions of Punjab State?
(A) 5
(B) 4
(C) 6
(D) 7
27. Where is Punjab Agriculture University located?
(A) Chandigarh
(B) Amritsar
(C) Ludhiana
(D) Ropar
28. How many Universities in Punjab?
(A) 8
(B) 10
(C) 6
(D) 9
29. What is the old name of Punjab?
(A) Sapta Sindhu
(B) Sapta Rishi
(C) Sapta-Aba
(D) Panj-Ab
30. Who is the Chief Minister of Punjab at present—
(A) Prakash Verma
(B) C. Amrinder Singh
(C) Prakash Singh Badal
(D) M. Surjeet Singh.
31. Who was the first Chief Minister of Punjab?
(A) M. Ajit Singh
(B) Gurmel Singh
(C) Tota Singh
(D) Gopi Chand Bhargva
32. How many Border State of Punjab?
(A) 3
(B) 4
(C) 5
(D) 6
33. Which is the famous and biggest Airport in Punjab?
(A) Amritsar
(B) Chandigarh
(C) Bhatinda
(D) Ludhiana
34. How many Parliamentary constituencies in Punjab?
(A) 14
(B) 13
(C) 16
(D) 17
35. How many Rajya Sabha seats in Punjab?
(A) 7
(B) 6
(C) 8
(D) 9

36. Which is the centre of newspapers of Punjab?
 (A) Chandigarh
 (B) Jalandhar
 (C) Ludhiana
 (D) Amritsar
37. Who is the first IPS lady of Punjab?
 (A) Ms. Surinder Kaur
 (B) Bibi Jagir Kaur
 (C) Ms. Rajinder Kaur
 (D) Ms. Kiran Bedi
38. Where is the science city of Punjab?
 (A) Jalandhar
 (B) Ludhiana
 (C) Moga
 (D) Khanna
39. Where is the Manchester of Punjab?
 (A) Jalandhar
 (B) Ludhiana
 (C) Chandigarh
 (D) Amritsar
40. How many Airport in Punjab?
 (A) 5
 (B) 3
 (C) 2
 (D) 4
41. Which is the most Polluted City of Punjab?
 (A) Jalandhar
 (B) Bhatinda
 (C) Ludhiana
 (D) Sirsa
42. When was the present Punjab came into Existence?
 (A) 1866
 (B) 1966
 (C) 1766
 (D) 1867
43. When was the Punjabi declared as a official language in Punjab?
 (A) 1766
 (B) 1867
 (C) 1966
 (D) 1967
44. When was SGPC established in Punjab?
 (A) 1970
 (B) 1925
 (C) 1922
 (D) 1924
45. Who was the first Sikh ruler of Punjab?
 (A) Guru Nanak Dev
 (B) Maharaja Ranjit Singh
 (C) Bhai Lakha Singh
 (D) Maharaja Kamaljit Singh
46. Which is the most famous temple of Punjab?
 (A) Golden Temple
 (B) Temple of Sikh Guru
 (C) Nanak Temple
 (D) Heritage Temple
47. Which District of Punjab has lowest literacy rate–
 (A) Patiala
 (B) Moga
 (C) Khana
 (D) Mansa
48. Which is the major occupation of Punjab's?
 (A) House hold
 (B) Sports things
 (C) Farming
 (D) Dairy
49. Which district of Punjab has the highest literacy rate?
 (A) Ludhiana
 (B) Hoshiarpur
 (C) Patiala
 (D) Faridkot
50. Which is the most popular game of Punjab?
 (A) Hockey
 (B) Kabaddi
 (C) Kho-Kho
 (D) Badminton

Answer Key

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c	b	c	b	b	a	d	c	b	b										

STATE GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: HIMACHAL PRADESH

1. In which year Shimla was declared as the summer capital of British India?
(a) 1862
(b) 1863
(c) 1864
(d) 1865
2. Where is Asia's Largest Hydro Project Nathpa Jhakri Power Corp. situated?
(a) Spiti
(b) Sarhan
(c) Kinnaur
(d) Rampur
3. Rampur is located at the bank of river .
(a) Sutluj
(b) Beas
(c) Ravi
(d) None of the above
4. Which is the State Animal of Himachal Pradesh?
(a) Deer
(b) Snow leopard
(c) Lion
(d) Jackel
5. Shimla has literacy rate of
(a) 84.45%
(b) 84.50%
(c) 84.55%
(d) 84.60%
6. How many domestic airports are in the H.P state ?
(a) 2
(b) 3
(c) 4
(d) 5
7. ... District is among the top districts in the country for literacy.
(a) Kangra
(b) Mandi
(c) Hamirpur
(d) Shimla
8. In Which Year Baddi University of Emerging Sciences and Technologies (BUEST) was established?
(a) 2002
(b) 2003
(c) 2004
(d) 2005
9. CSK Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishwavidyalya was established in ... year.
(a) November 1975
(b) November 1976
(c) November 1977
(d) November 1978
10. When Himachal Pradesh University was established?
(a) 1969
(b) 1970
(c) 1971
(d) 1972
11. When The Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS) in Shimla was established?
(a) 1964
(b) 1965
(c) 1966
(d) 1967
12. The Kalka-Shimla Railway track passes through tunnels.
(a) 100
(b) 101
(c) 102
(d) 103
13. The Kalka-Shimla Railway track crosses ... bridges
(a) 863
(b) 864
(c) 865
(d) 866
14. Where is the Bhuntar Airport in the Himachal Pradesh?
(a) Shimla
(b) Manali
(c) Kullu
(d) Mandi
15. Where is the Gaggal Airport in the Himachal Pradesh?
(a) Kangra
(b) Dharamsala
(c) Mandi

- (d) Una
16. Where was Ras Bihari Bos Stayed in 1913 A.D.—
(A) Kullu
(B) Kangra
(C) Lahaul Spiti
(D) Palampur
17. The greatest Ruler Raja Rattan Chan ruled over—
(A) Kahloor
(B) Bilaspur
(C) Kullu
(D) None of these
18. In which district the highest pass of Himachal Pradesh is located?
(A) Kangra
(B) Kullu
(C) Shimla
(D) Lahaul Spiti
19. Banganga is tributary of which of the following rivers?
(A) Beas
(B) Yamuna
(C) Ganga
(D) None of these
20. National Institute of Technology is in—
(A) Shimla
(B) Chamba
(C) Hamirpur
(D) Kullu
21. The height of District Shimla is—
(A) 2405
(B) 2305
(C) 2205
(D) 2505
22. Which is the largest city of Himachal Pradesh?
(A) Shimla
(B) Hamirpur
(C) Kullu
(D) Chama
23. Find out the following Place is called 'Mini Lahasa'—
(A) Solan
(B) Kinnaur
(C) Sirmor
(D) Dharamshala
24. The longest river of Himachal Pradesh is—
(A) Jehlem
(B) Beas
(C) Chenab
(D) Satluj
25. The main religion of People of Lahul Spiti?
(A) Hinduism
(B) Christian
(C) Buddhism
(D) None of these
26. Gandhi ji Visited Shimla and he stayed at—
(A) Peterhaff
(B) Chauki
(C) Shanti Kutir
(D) None of these
27. Who was the Great General of Ranjit Singh King?
(A) Hari Singh Nalwa
(B) Gorkhas
(C) Bhagat Singh
(D) None of these
28. The book 'Country Life' written by—
(A) M. Pallis
(B) U.S. Kumar
(C) Nora Richard
(D) None
29. 'H.P. Area and Languages' written by—
(A) Shanta Kumar
(B) Dr. Y. S. Parmar
(C) Hari Ram Jasta
(D) None of these
30. Who is Deputy-Speaker of Himachal Pradesh Assembly?
(A) Sh.Kuldeep Kumar
(B) Sh. Dev Raj Negi
(C) Rikhi Ram Kaundal
(D) Vijay Kumar Joshi
31. Which is the State Bird of Himachal Pradesh?
(A) Sparrow
(B) Jujurana
(C) Peacock
(D) None of these
32. On which river a bridge was constructed in 1894?
(A) Satluj

- (B) Ravi
(C) Beas
(D) Chenow
33. Which was the ancient name of Kanga?
(A) Trigarta
(B) Nagar
(C) Triartan
(D) None of these
34. The Capital of Trigarta was—
(A) Nagoori
(B) Nagar
(C) Nagarcot
(D) Narvani
35. When was Dharam Chand ascended the Kangra Throne—
(A) 1516
(B) 1528
(C) 1524
(D) 1518
36. Hamirpur town was established by—
(A) Alam
(B) Hamir chand
(C) Bhim Chand
(D) Sansar Chand
37. Which of the following is a tributary of Beas river—
(A) Chandra
(B) Kunah
(C) Htli
(D) Baira
38. The location of Himachal Pradesh is—
(A) 32022' to 34012' North latitude and 750 47' to 780 04' East Longitude
(B) 30022' to 33012' North latitude and 75047' to 79004' East Longitude
(C) 31022' to 300 12' North longitude and 75047' to 79004' east longitude
(D) None of these
39. Which of the following district is Renuka lake situated?
(A) Mandi
(B) Una
(C) Sirmour
(D) Shimla
40. In which district Mani Mahesh Lake situated?
(A) Kangra
(B) Una
(C) Chamba
(D) Palampur
41. The river Satluj arise from which of the following Lake—
(A) Bradonsar Lake
(B) Kamru Nag Lake
(C) Mani Mahesh Lake
(D) Man Sarover Lake
42. In which district a Budha monastery was established?
(A) Kangra
(B) Lahaul Siti
(C) Una
(D) Shimla
43. The Idol of Raghu Nath was brought to Kulu frm Ayodhya in—
(A) 1651 A.D.
(B) 1751 A.D.
(C) 1851 A.D.
(D) 1951 A.D.
44. Mandi Town was established by—
(A) Raja Suraj Sen
(B) Raja Ajmer Sen
(C) Ranja Ber Sen
(D) None of these
45. When was Mandi town established?
(A) 1512
(B) 1517
(C) 1527
(D) 1530

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Current Affairs Last 3 Months

NOVEMBER

- **Vikram Singh has been appointed the Private Secretary to President Ram Nath Kovind.**

Vikram Singh, the 1997 batch officer of the Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS), has been appointed Private Secretary to President Ram Nath Kovind for a period of two years. Apart from him, IAS officer P C Meena was appointed Private Secretary to Minister of State for Commerce and Industry C R Chaudhary.

- **India has signed 200 Million US Dollars of Loan Agreement with World Bank (WB) for the Assam Agribusiness and Rural Transformation Project.**

The Government of India (GoI) and the World Bank (WB) has signed a \$200 million Loan Agreement for the Assam Agribusiness and Rural Transformation Project. The \$200 million loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), has a 7-year grace period, and a maturity of 16.5 years.

- **Giriraj Singh The union minister has launched MSME Delayed Payment Portal “MSME Samadhaan”.**

Giriraj Singh, the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge), has launched MSME Delayed Payment Portal – MSME Samadhaan (<http://msefc.msme.gov.in>) on October 30. The MSEs will also be empowered to access the portal and monitor their cases.

- **India to host the 13th session of United Nations (UN) Global Wildlife Conference.**

The 13th session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS) of Wild Animals (CMS COP13) will be hosted by India in 2020. The CMS COP is also known as a Global Wildlife Conference & is held once in three years.

- **Ajit Kumar.P has taken charge as the new Vice Chief of Naval Staff (VCNS).**

Vice Admiral Ajit Kumar P, AVSM, VSM has taken charge as the new Vice Chief of Naval Staff (VCNS) at a formal ceremony held in New Delhi on October 30, 2017. He succeeded Vice Admiral Karambir Singh, who has taken

charge as the new Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief Eastern Naval Command (ENC) on 31 Oct 17.

- **Goa is hosting the first-ever India-US Ocean Dialogue 2017**

The first-ever India-US Ocean Dialogue has started in Goa on November 1, 2017, which is being hosted by the Indian Ministry of External Affairs at the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-National Institute of Oceanography (CSIR-NIO). The purpose of the Ocean dialogue is to promote sustainable development of the Blue Economy.

- **Yogesh Chandra Modi has taken over charge as new Director-General (DG) of National Investigation Agency (NIA).**

Yogesh Chander Modi, a 1984 batch IPS officer of the Assam-Meghalaya cadre, has taken charge as new Director General of National Investigation Agency (NIA) and will hold the post till his superannuation, i.e. May 31, 2021. He succeeded Sharad Kumar Sinha.

- **Neelmani.N.Raju has been appointed as the Karnataka’s first woman Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG-IGP).**

Neelmani N. Raju, a 1983 batch IPS officer, has been appointed as the Karnataka’s first-ever woman Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG-IGP). She will take over from Rupak Kumar Dutta, who is retiring from service.

- **Anupam Kher, the Indian bollywood personality has been honoured with the 2017 Parmod Mahajan Smriti Award.**

Veteran Bollywood actor Anupam Kher has been honoured with the 2017 Pramod Mahajan Smriti Award in Pune, Maharashtra on October 29, 2017. Kher is awarded along with Saira Banu, who is UN ambassador for Hefor She.

- **Pension regulator PFRDA has increased maximum age of joining National Pension Scheme (NPS) Private Sector from 60 to 65 Years.**

The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has increased the maximum age of joining

National Pension Scheme (NPS) Private Sector from the 60 to 65 years of age to increase the pension coverage in the country. Now, any Indian citizen, resident or non-resident, of 60-65 years of age can join the NPS and continue up to the age of 70 years.

- **India is hosting the 21st World Congress of Mental Health (WCMH) 2017.**

The 21st World Congress of Mental Health has started in New Delhi with theme “Partnerships for Mental Health” on November 2, 2017, which is organised by the World Federation for Mental Health in partnership with Caring Foundation and other institutions. It was inaugurated by the President of India, Ram Nath Kovind.

- **India has been ranked 108th in Global Gender Gap Index 2017.**

India was ranked low at 108th position out of 144 countries in Global Gender Gap Index 2017 released as part of World Economic Forum’s (WEF) Global Gender Gap Report 2017. India slipped by 21 places compared to 87th rank last year. Iceland is most gender-equal country with score of 0.878. It is followed by Norway (2 rank), Finland (3).

- **India’s first Blackbuck conservation reserve to come up in Uttar Pradesh.**

The Uttar Pradesh State Cabinet has approved Blackbuck Conservation Reserve in trans-Yamuna belt near Allahabad. It will be first of its kind conservation reserves in India exclusively dedicated to blackbuck. In this regard, state government has evoked Section 36 A (1) and (2) of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, to declare the conservation reserve.

- **India has been ranked 108th in the 2017 World Economic Forum’s (WEF) Global Gender Gap index.**

India slipped 21 places on the 2017 World Economic Forum’s (WEF) Global Gender Gap index to rank 108th among 144 countries, primarily due to less participation of women in the economy and low wages. The index is topped by the Iceland, followed by Norway, Finland, Rwanda and Sweden.

- **The 2017 World Food India (WFI) has started in New Delhi.**

PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 3-day long World Food India (WFI) 2017 fair at the India Gate Lawns in New

Delhi on November 3, 2017, which aimed to attract \$10 billion investment in food processing sector and to generate 1 million jobs in the next 3 years in India.

- **Goa has topped the 2017 Gender Vulnerability Index (GVI), which is recently released by the Child development NGO Plan India.**

Goa has topped the 2017 Gender Vulnerability Index (GVI) with score 0.649, which is recently released by the Child development NGO Plan India during its national conference in New Delhi on November 1. Kerala has acquired 2nd position followed by Mizoram and Sikkim.

- **Union ministry of Communication has launched Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana to promote philately.**

The Pan India scholarship program for school children “Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana” has launched by Union Minister of Communications Manoj Sinha to increase the reach of Philately. The acronym ‘SPARSH’ stands for “Scholarship for Promotion of Aptitude & Research in Stamps as a Hobby”.

- **Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple has won the UNESCO Asia Pacific Award of Merit 2017.**

Tamil Nadu’s historic Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple in Srirangam has won the UNESCO Asia Pacific Award of Merit 2017 for cultural heritage conservation. The temple is situated on an islet between Cauvery and Kollidam rivers. It has seven prakaras and 21 towers, including the 236-foot-high rajagopuram.

- **Surat has won the Best City Bus Services Award of Government of India.**

The awards for the ‘Best Urban Transport Practices’ were announced by Central Government at UMI Conference in Hyderabad. In it, Surat Municipal Corporation has been chosen for the ‘Best City Bus Services Award’ by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

- **Hasmukh Adhia has been designated as the new Finance Secretary of India.**

Revenue Secretary Hasmukh Adhia has been designated as the new Finance Secretary of India. Adhia is a 1981 batch IAS officer of Gujarat cadre. The post was vacant after former Finance and Expenditure Secretary Ashok Lavasa retired on October 31, 2017.

- **P.D. Siwal committee has been constituted by the Central Government to probe into NTPC's Unchahar Thermal Power Plant incident.**

The Union Power Ministry has constituted a 4-member committee to investigate into the causes of the recent accident that occurred on 1st November 2017 at NTPC's Unchahar Thermal Power Plant in Uttar Pradesh's Rae Bareilly district.

- **The Indo-Nepal folk crafts festival has started in Kathmandu.**

A theme based India-Nepal Folk Crafts Festival has started at Kathmandu, Nepal on November 7, 2017. The 5-day festival is organised by South Asia Foundation (SAF) in association with Council of Handicrafts Development Corporations (COHANDS), Embassy of India in Kathmandu.

- **Himachal Pradesh has become the first state to use EVMs with VVPAT machines on all booths during assembly elections.**

Himachal Pradesh will be the first state to use EVMs with Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) machines on all booths during assembly elections. The state will go to polls on November 9, 2017 in a single phase. Over 37 thousand polling personnel's have set up 7,525 polling stations for more than fifty lakh voters in different parts of the state.

- **Indian Railways Launches Main Arc on World's Highest Bridge on Chenab.**

The Indian Railways has launched the main arch of the world's highest bridge on the River Chenab in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district which will provide direct connectivity to the Kashmir Valley. The iconic bridge will soar 359 metres above the bed of the River Chenab and will be 30 metres higher than the iconic Eiffel Tower in Paris.

- **C.K. Mishra committee has been constituted by the Union Government to continuously monitor the solutions to air pollution.**

The Union Environment ministry has constituted a 7-member committee to continuously monitor the short-term and long-term solutions to air pollution. It will be headed by C.K. Mishra, the Secretary of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).

- **Vietnam was the partner country at the 37th India International Trade Fair (IITF-2017).**

President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the 37th India International Trade Fair (IITF-2017) with theme "Startup India Standup India" at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi on November 14, 2017. The 14-day annual event is organised by the India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO). Vietnam is the Partner Country, while Kyrgyzstan is the Focus Country.

- **The 2017 traditional Lavi Fair has started in Himachal Pradesh.**

The 4-day traditional Lavi Fair has started at Rampur Bushahr in Himachal Pradesh on November 12, 2017, which was inaugurated by Himachal Pradesh Governor Acharya Devvrat. The 300-year-old Lavi fair is an important trade event between India and Tibet.

- **The world's first hybrid electric tram powered by hydrogen fuel cells has started in China.**

The world's first hybrid electric tram powered by hydrogen fuel cells has started running in China to give big boost to green energy in public transport. The tram was put into commercial operation for the first time in Tangshan, north China's Hebei Province.

- **Innovative Governance, Open Cities is the theme of the United Nations for 2017 World Cities Day (WCD).**

The United Nations's World Cities Day (WCD) is observed on October 31 to promote the international community's interest in global urbanization, push forward cooperation among countries in meeting opportunities and addressing challenges of urbanization, and contributing to sustainable urban development around the world.

- **United Kingdom will be the 'Country of Honour' at the 36th edition of the Sharjah International Book Fair (SIBF) 2017.**

The 36th edition of the Sharjah International Book Fair (SIBF) 2017 has open at the Expo Centre in Sharjah on November 1 with theme "A World inside My Book". The book fair will see the participation of 1,650 publishing houses from 60 countries. More than 15 lakh titles will be on display throughout the 11 day celebration of literature, knowledge and culture.

- **Shinzo Abe has been elected as the 95th Prime Minister of Japan.**

Japanese lawmakers have reelected Shinzo Abe as the country's 95th Prime Minister on November 1, 2017 after his party won a landslide victory in last month's general election. Abe was reelected by both Houses of the Diet. The prime minister will now form his cabinet.

- **India has been ranked 100th rank in the latest World Bank (WB)'s Ease of Doing Business ranking 2018.**

India has gained 30 places to rank 100th among 190 countries in the latest ease of doing business ranking by the World Bank (WB), in its Doing Business 2018 report. The improvement was due to a slew of reforms in taxation, licensing, investor protection and bankruptcy resolution. New Zealand has topped the list followed by Singapore.

- **The joint training exercise "PRABAL DOSTYK – 2017" has started between India and Kazakhstan.**

The 14-day joint training exercise "PRABAL DOSTYK – 2017" has started between the Indian Army and the Kazakhstan Army at Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh. The purpose of the joint exercise is to enhance the military ties between the two countries as also at achieving interoperability between the two armies.

- **Fake News word has been named official word of the year 2017 by Collins dictionary.**

Fake news has been named official word of the year 2017 by Collins dictionary due to its widespread use around the world. The UK-based dictionary writer found that the use of this word registered a 365% rise in the last 12 months.

- **The bi-annual multilateral exercise 'Blue Flag-17' has started in Israel.**

The bi-annual multilateral exercise 'Blue Flag-17' has started at Uvda Air Force Base in Israel from November 2 to 16, 2017. In it, 45 member contingent of the Indian Air Force (IAF) is participating with the C-130J special operations aircraft along with Garud commandos.

- **Keneth Juster has been named as the new US Ambassador to India.**

Kenneth Juster, a top economic expert on India, has been appointed as the new US Ambassador to India, which is unanimously confirmed by US Senate on November 3, 2017. He will replace Indian-American Richard Verma as the top American diplomat to India.

- **Egypt is hosting the 2017 World Youth Forum (WYF) 2017.**

The 2017 World Youth Forum has started at Sharam El Shiekh in Egypt on November 4, 2017. The 5-day forum has inaugurated by the President of Egypt Mr Abdel Fattah el-Sisi. From India, Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports Col Rajyavardhan Rathore is participating in the forum.

- **Natalie Portman has been awarded with the Israel's 2018 Genesis Prize.**

Natalie Portman, an acclaimed Israeli-born actress and director, has been awarded Israel's 2018 Genesis Prize in recognition of her commitment to social causes and deep connection to her Jewish and Israeli roots. It is announced by the Genesis Prize Foundation.

- **Conference of Parties (Cop 23) 2017 has been hosted by Bonn (Germany)**

The India Pavilion at Conference of Parties (COP) 23 was inaugurated by Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Dr. Harsh Vardhan at Bonn in Germany. The Minister is leading the Indian delegation, which is participating in the 23rd to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) being held at the Bonn, Germany from November 6-17, 2017. India's theme for COP 23 is "Conserving Now, Preserving Future".

- **Narendra Modi has leading the Indian delegation in the ASEAN Business and Investment Summit 2017 (ABIS 2017).**

The ASEAN Business and Investment Summit 2017 (ABIS 2017) has started in Manila, Philippines from November 12 to serve as a platform for conversations among regional and global stakeholders in the ASEAN Economic Community. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is leading the Indian delegation in the 3-day summit.

- **Borut Pahor has won the 2017 Slovenian presidential election.**

Slovenia's internet-savvy President Borut Pahor has been re-elected for a second term after winning the 2017 Slovenian presidential election on November 12, 2017.

- **Nepal has host the 10th South Asia Economic Summit (SAES-2017).**

The 10th South Asia Economic Summit (SAES-2017) has started in Kathmandu, Nepal on November 14, 2017 with theme “Deepening Economic Integration for Inclusive and Sustainable Development in South Asia”. The 3-day summit is organised by National Planning Commission and Ministry of Commerce of Nepal and South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment, Nepal.

- **Turkmenistan has host the 7th Regional Economic Cooperation Conference on Afghanistan.**

The 7th Regional Economic Cooperation Conference on Afghanistan has started in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan on November 14, 2017 to discuss investment opportunities in war-torn country. The political and business leaders from 40 countries are attending the conference will focus on key aspects for the economic development of Afghanistan.

- **Narendra Modi has lead the Indian delegation in the 15th ASEAN-India Summit 2017.**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is attending 12th East Asia Summit and 15th ASEAN-India Summit at Manila in Philippines on November 14, 2017. At the 15th ASEAN-India Summit, Prime Minister and ASEAN Leaders will review the commemorative activities undertaken in 2017 to mark the 25 years of India’s dialogue partnership with ASEAN as well as review the broad spectrum of ASEAN-India cooperation in all its aspects.

- **Arun Jaitley committee has been constituted by the Central Government on PSU bank mergers.**

The Union government has constituted a ministerial panel headed by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley to oversee merger proposals of state-owned banks. The other members of the panel include Railway and Coal Minister Piyush Goyal and Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

- **India Post Payment Bank to become operational in 650 Districts by April 2018.**

The Union Government has announced that India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) will become operational in all 650 districts of the country by April 2018 to facilitate financial inclusion. These banks will be linked to 1.55 lakh rural post offices for its operations and carry out banking services. This will be largest banking network in the country. Two such banks are already operational in Ranchi (Jharkhand) and Raipur (Chhattisgarh).

- **Mumbai to host Asian Bankers Association summit 2017.**

The 34th annual conference of the Asian Bankers Association (ABA) was held in Mumbai, Maharashtra from November 16-17, 2017. The 2017 summit will be hosted by State Bank with theme ‘Asia’s turn to transform’.

- **Government launches BHARAT-22 Exchange Traded Fund.**

The Union Government launched BHARAT-22 Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) managed by ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund targeting an initial amount of about Rs. 8,000 Crore.

Bharat 22 Index comprise of 22 stocks including those of central public sector enterprises (CPSEs), public sector banks (PSBs) and its holdings under the Specified Undertaking of Unit Trust of India (SUUTI).

- **India not to pursue Islamic banking as per RBI.**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided not to pursue a proposal to introduce Islamic banking in India. Decision in this regard was taken after considering wider and equal opportunities available to all citizens to access banking and financial services.

- **India slips to 7th position in Global Business Optimism Ranking**

India has slipped to 7th position in ‘business optimism’ index in September-November quarter period from earlier 2nd slot in the previous July-September quarter. The fall in rank clearly shows clear signs of lag in the economy. The index was released as part of Grant Thornton’s International Business Report (IBR). The IBR provides insight into the views and expectations of more than 10,000 businesses per year across 36 economies.

- **Legal Entity Identifier mandatory for all large corporate borrowers as per RBI**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has made 20-digit Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) compulsory for companies having aggregate fund-based and non-fund based exposure over Rs 5 crore. The move is aimed at improving risk management in wake of huge stressed assets in banking system. Before this, RBI had made LEI mandatory for transactions in interest rate, forex and credit derivative market.

- **SEBI to bring Initial Coin Offerings using crypto currencies under its lens.**

The capital market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) is planning to bring Initial Coin Offerings (ICO) under its existing legal framework. In recent times, popularity of crypto currencies has increased rapidly and number of entities looking at raising funds through ICO.

- **India's ranks 100th in World Bank's Doing Business Report 2018**

In World Bank's recently released Doing Business (DB) Report 2018 titled as 'Doing Business 2018: Reforming to Create Jobs', India leapfrogged to 100th among 190 countries. India has jumped over 30 ranks to attain 100th spot from 130th position in 2017 Ease of Doing Business Index. Its score also increased from 56.05 in 2017 to 60.76 in Doing Business 2018.

- **Core sector growth hits 6-month high of 5.2% in September 2017.**

According to index of eight core industries released by the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Core sector growth has hit six-month high in September 2017. The core industries comprising of coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertilisers, steel, cement, and electricity was up 5.2% in September 2017 compared with 4.4% in August 2017 and 5.3% in September 2016. Besides, August 2017 core sector growth was revised downwards from 4.9%.

- **Government constitutes Alternative Mechanism Panel for PSBs consolidation.**

The Union Government has constituted Alternative Mechanism Panel headed by Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley to oversee merger proposals of public sector banks (PSBs). The other members of the panel include Railway and Coal Minister Piyush Goyal and Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

- **Heena Sidhu clinched gold in 10 Mtr Air Pistol event at Commonwealth Shooting Championships in Brisbane.**

Heena Sidhu clinched the 10-metre air pistol gold medal at the Commonwealth Shooting Championships in Brisbane, Australia on October 31, 2017. She gave a perfect start at the Championships, which is held from Oct. 31 to Nov. 6. Sidhu shot a combined score of 626.2 to claim the top honours.

- **Gagan Narang clinched silver in 50 Mtr rifle prone event at Commonwealth Shooting Championships in Brisbane.**

Olympic bronze-medallist Gagan Narang won a silver medal in the men's 50m rifle prone event of the Commonwealth Shooting Championships on November 2, 2017. Another Indian, Swapnil Suresh Kusale bagged the bronze in the same event, while Dane Sampson of Australia won the gold.

- **Shiv Kapoor, An Indian golfer has won the 2017 Panasonic Open (India) Golf tournament.**

Shiv Kapur from India has won the 2017 Panasonic Open (India) Golf tournament at the Delhi Golf Club in New Delhi on November 5, 2017.

- **Indian Hockey Team has clinched the 2017 Women's Hockey Asia Cup Tournament.**

The India women's national field hockey team has won the 2017 Women's Hockey Asia Cup Tournament by defeating China in the final at Kakamigahara in Japan. Savita was adjudged Goalkeeper-of-the-Tournament while Monica won the Woman-of-the-Match award. With this win, Indian team has qualified for the 2018 Women's Hockey World Cup i.e. scheduled to be held in England.

- **H.S Prannoy has won the 2017 men's singles National Badminton Championships.**

H S Prannoy has won the men's singles title at the 82nd Senior National Championship Senior National Badminton Championships in Nagpur, Maharashtra on November 8, 2017. He defeated higher ranked Kidambi Srikanth in the final by 21- 15, 16- 21, 21-7.

- **Mary Kom has won gold medal in 48 Kg. category at 2017 Asian women's Boxing Championships.**

Indian boxer M C Mary Kom won gold medal in 48kg category at Asian women's Boxing Championships by defeating North Korea's Kim Hyang Mi in Ho Chi Minh City of Vietnam on November 8, 2017. It is her first Asian gold medal in this category.

- **Guppy is the official mascot of the 2017 AIBA Youth Women's World Boxing Championship.**

Assam's female one-horned rhino "Guppy" has been unveiled as the official mascot of the 2017 AIBA Youth Women's World Boxing Championship in Guwahati, Assam on November 7, 2017. Guppy has been chosen as it is a symbol of strength and endurance, something that

Indian women are known for, traits that are also synonymous with the game of boxing.

- **Saina Nehwal has won the 2017 Women's singles National Badminton Championship.**

Saina Nehwal has won the women's singles title at the 82nd Senior National Badminton Championships in Nagpur, Maharashtra on November 8, 2017. She defeated PV Sindhu in the final by 21-17, 27-25. It is her third singles title in the national championships.

- **Aditi Ashok has become the first Indian golfer to qualify for LPGA Tour Championships.**

Aditi Ashok has become the first Indian golfer to qualify for the season-ending CME Group Tour Championship-2017 on the LPGA Tour and will head to Florida to take part in the prestigious event. The \$250,000 competition starts on November 16 and will be played over four rounds, ending on November 19.

- **Pankaj Advani wins IBSF World Billiards Championship**

Ace Indian cueist Pankaj Advani won 2017 IBSF World Billiards Championship held at Doha. In the final match, he defeated Mike Russell of England 6-2 to defend the 150-up format title which he had won in Bengaluru in 2016.

- **Andhara Pradesh CM has announced a reward of one crore rupees to Arjuna awardee archer Vennam Jyoti Surekha**

N. Chandrababu Naidu also announced a 500-sq yd house site in Vijayawada and a government job for her. The Chief Minister also announced 10 lakh rupees reward for Devisri Prasad (10-year) of Tirupati on setting the Guinness World Record in skating.

- **Mohan Joshi has been honoured with the 2017 Vishnudas Bhave award.**

Mohan Joshi, the veteran Indian film and television actor, has been honoured with the prestigious Vishnudas Bhave award for his contribution to theatre. He was honoured with the award at a ceremony held in Sangli on the eve of Marathi Rangbhumi Din.

- **Krishna Sobti has been chosen for the 53rd Jnanpith Award 2017.**

Krishna Sobti (92), the renowned Hindi Litterateur, has been chosen for the 53rd Jnanpith Award for the year 2017 for her path-breaking contribution to Indian literature. She is known for experimenting with new writing styles and creating bold and daring characters in her stories who were ready to accept all challenges.

- **Anil.K.Tripathi has been awarded "Bharat Gaurav Award" – 2017 in Science and Technology category.**

Dr Anil K. Tripathi, scientist at Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, has been honoured with the prestigious "Bharat Gaurav Award" – 2017 in Science and Technology stream at India International Centre (IIC) in New Delhi.

- **Javed Akhtar awarded 2017 Hridaynath Mangeshkar Award.**

Veteran writer-lyricist Javed Akhtar (72) was honoured with the 2017 Hridaynath Mangeshkar Award at event in Mumbai which marked 80th birthday of veteran music composer Hridaynath Mangeshkar and 28th anniversary of Hridayesh Arts.

- **Indian-American Gitanjali Rao wins 2017 Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge**

Indian-American Gitanjali Rao (11) won the 2017 Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge for inventing a quick, low-cost test to detect lead-contaminated water. She was selected from 10 finalists who had spent three months collaborating with scientists to develop their ideas.

- **Hans Joachim Schellnhuber wins 2017 Blue Planet Prize**

Prof Hans Joachim Schellnhuber from Germany won 2017 Blue Planet Prize, world's most prestigious award for pioneers in environmental science. He was awarded for establishing new field of science 'Earth System Analysis' and introducing most influential concepts including the notion of tipping elements in the climate system in Tokyo. He is Director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK).

- **US author George Saunders wins 2017 Man Booker Prize**

American author George Saunders won the 2017 Man Booker Prize, a high-profile literary award for his first full-length novel "Lincoln in the Bardo". With this, he became second consecutive American writer to win prize after Paul Beatty (for his novel The Sellout), after rules were changed

in 2014 to allow authors of any book written in English and published in UK to compete.

- **TM Krishna wins 2015-16 Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration**

Carnatic vocalist T M Krishna won 30th Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration for 2015 -16 for his services in promoting and preserving national integration in the country. Award was presented with the honour by Congress president Sonia Gandhi on October 31, 2017 Indira Gandhi's death anniversary.

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- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the annual conference of 'Rajaswa Gyan Sangam, 2017' in -- New Delhi.**

The objective of the Conference is to enable a twoway communication between the policy-makers and the senior officers in the field offices with a view to increase revenue collection and facilitate effective implementation of law and policies in key result areas.

- **The ministry has approved constitution of a 13-member Empowered Steering Committee (ESC) to shape and influence India's preparation for multi- disciplinary events -- Sports Ministry.**

The Steering Committee will have the mandate to work till 31st December 2020 with clearly defined terms and references. These include review of the core probable list of each High Priority and Priority disciplines for the Commonwealth Games, Asian Games, and Olympic Games.

- **The city has been formally accorded the status of India's first World Heritage City by UNESCO -- Ahmedabad.**

Earlier, in July the UN agency had inscribed Ahmedabad as India's first World Heritage City at a meeting held in Poland.

- **NITI Aayog will host Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES 2017) in Hyderabad.**

NITI Aayog will host the 8th annual Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES 2017) in partnership with the USA, which is scheduled to be held in Hyderabad from November 28 to 30. The 2017 theme "Women First,

Prosperity for All" will celebrate entrepreneurship in all its strength, diversity and entirety.

- **Royana Singh has become the first woman chief proctor of Banaras Hindu University (BHU).**

Royana Singh, an assistant professor at the Institute of Medical Science (Anatomy Department), has been appointed as the first woman chief proctor of Banaras Hindu University (BHU). She succeeded O P Singh, who recently resigned from the post.

- **Ganga Prasad has been sworn-in as the new Governor of Meghalaya.**

Ganga Prasad, the former member of Bihar Legislative Council (BLC), has been sworn-in as the new Governor of Meghalaya at Raj Bhavan in Shillong on October 5. Prasad has been a member of the legislative council in Bihar for 18 years. He was a businessman by profession, joined politics as a Jan Sangh member in 1967 and held various organisational posts in it as well as in the BJP.

- **New Delhi hosted the 14th India-EU Summit -2017.**

The 14th India-EU Summit was held in New Delhi from October 5-7, 2017. During the summit, both sides are expected to discuss a host of key issues including ways to remove hurdles for the long-pending free trade agreement. The president of the European Council (EC) Donald Franciszek Tusk, and the president of the European Commission (EC) Jean-Claude Juncker, will attend the summit.

- **IDBI bank has launched 'Project Nishchay' to improve financial performance.**

IDBI Bank has launched 'Project Nishchay' in partnership with the Boston Consulting Group (BCG) to accelerate its turnaround program and improve financial performance. The project will be led by senior management at IDBI Bank along with BCG.

- **Bihar state government has launched a state-wide campaign against child marriage and dowry on the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary.** The Bihar government has launched a state-wide campaign against child marriage and dowry on the occasion of

Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary. In it, people pledged not to get married a girl below 18 years or a boy below 21 or participate in a child marriage or a wedding with dowry.

- **President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed a Commission to examine the sub-categorisation of OBCs. Under the chairmanship of G Rohini.**

President Ram Nath Kovind has recently appointed a Commission to examine the sub-categorisation of the Other Backward Classes (OBCs). Justice (Retd.) G. Rohini will be the chairperson of the Commission which will present its report to the President within 12 weeks.

- **Dr. Harshvardhan has launched SECURE Himalaya project in association with UNDP.** Dr. Harsh Vardhan, the Union Environment Minister, has launched SECURE Himalaya project in association with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) at the Global Wildlife Programme (GWP) conference in New Delhi. The purpose of the 6-year project is to secure livelihoods, conservation, sustainable use and restoration of high range Himalayan ecosystems, which is meant for specific landscapes.
- **Soumya Swaminathan has become the first Indian to hold deputy director general post at World Health Organisation (WHO).**

Dr Soumya Swaminathan has become the first Indian to hold deputy director general post for Programmes at the World Health Organisation (WHO). Currently, she is the Director General (DG) of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). Dr Swaminathan is a paediatrician and is known for her research in tuberculosis and HIV.

- **Rajneesh Kumar has been appointed as the new chairman of the State Bank of India (SBI).** Rajnish Kumar, the Managing Director of SBI, has been appointed as the new chairman of the State Bank of India (SBI) for a period of three years. He succeeded Arundhati Bhattacharya, who was the first women chairman of Apex Bank of India.
- **India's GDP forecast for FY18 by IMF in its latest World Economic Outlook (WEO) report is 6.7%.**

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has recently released its October 2017 World Economic Outlook. In it, IMF slashed India's growth forecast by 0.5% points to 6.7% in

FY 18 due to the lingering effects of disruption caused by demonetisation and transition costs of GST.

- **Anupam Kher has been named as the new chairman of the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII).**

Film actor Anupam Kher has been appointed as the new chairman of the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII). He succeeded Gajendra Chauhan. Kher has worked in more than 500 films and over 100 plays in last three decades.

- **Empower Girls: Before, during and after crises is the theme of 2017 International Day of the Girl Child.**

The International Day of the Girl Child (IDGC) is celebrated every year on October 11 to highlight and address the needs and challenges girls face, while promoting girls' empowerment and the fulfillment of their human rights.

- **Rank of India in Global Hunger Index 2017 100th out of 119 Countries.**

India ranked 100th position among 119 countries on Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2017 report released by Washington-based International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). This year slipped by three positions as compared to 97th rank in 2016 GHI. The Central African Republic (CAR) has the highest GHI score and has been categorised as "extremely alarming".

- **New Delhi has hosted the first meeting of EAC-PM.**

The first-ever meeting of newly-constituted Economic Advisory Council to Prime Minister (EAC-PM) was held at NITI Aayog, in New Delhi. It was chaired by Dr. Bibek Debroy, Member NITI Aayog. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has constituted five member EAC-PM in September 2017 as an independent body to provide advice on economic issues to the government, specifically to the Prime Minister.

- **India's first-ever All India Institute of Ayurveda has come up in New Delhi.**

India's first-ever All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) has been inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Sarita Vihar in New Delhi on the occasion of 2nd National Ayurveda Day (NAD) i.e. on 17 Oct 2017. It has been set up along the lines of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS).

- **The Global Handwashing Day (GHD) is observed every year on October 15.**

The Global Handwashing Day (GHD) is observed every year on October 15 as an annual global advocacy day to increase awareness and understanding about the importance of handwashing with soap as an easy, effective, and affordable way to prevent diseases and save lives.

- **Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has signed pact with Japan for a Technical Intern Training Program (TITP).**

The 6th annual LNG Producers Consumer Conference has started in Tokyo, Japan from Oct 16-18, 2017. In it, India has signed a Memorandum of Co-operation (MoC) with Japan to send youngsters there as technical interns for on-the-job training for a period of three to five years. The MoC on TITP is expected to significantly expand the bilateral cooperation between India and Japan in the field of skill development. India is the third country with which Japan has signed the MoC.

- **#IamThatWoman online campaign has launched by Union Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD) to end gender bias in women against women.**

The Union Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD) has launched an online campaign #IamThatWoman to end gender bias in women against women. Through the campaign, the Ministry seeks to highlight the various aspects of women standing 'by' and 'for' women. The purpose of the campaign is to shed light on the enormous contributions made by women for women.

- **Arunachal Pradesh (Re-Organisation of Districts) Amendment Bill 2017 to create a new district named 'Kamle'.**

Kamle is the 23rd district of Arunachal Pradesh. It has been created by bifurcating the present Upper and Lower Subansiri districts. The bill was introduced on October 14, 2017 by Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Prema Khandu.

- **The joint training exercise "Mitra Shakti 2017" has started between India and Sri Lanka.**

The 5th India-Sri Lanka joint training exercise "Mitra Shakti 2017" has started at Aundh Military Station in Pune, Maharashtra. The exercise is based on Counter Terrorist Operations (CTO) and an Infantry company from both the countries is participating in the same..

- **India has been ranked 100th out of 119 countries in the 2017 Global Hunger Index (GHI) report.**

India has been ranked 100th out of 119 countries in the 2017 Global Hunger Index (GHI) report, which is released by Washington-based International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). As per report, India's score (31.4) is at the high end of the serious category, and is one of the main factors pushing South Asia to the category of worst performing region on the GHI 2017, followed closely by Africa South of the Sahara. The list is topped by Belarus.

- **India's GDP forecast for FY18 by the World Bank (WB) is 7.0% in its South Asia Economic Focus (Fall 2017) report.**

The World Bank (WB), in its biannual economic update "South Asia Economic Focus (Fall 2017)", has reduced India's GDP growth forecast to 7.0% for 2017-18 from 7.2% estimated earlier. As per report, the unexpected slowdown in India's growth story is because of the delayed consequence of demonetization, sharp decline in the growth rate of public expenditures and uncertainty created by the introduction of Goods and Services Tax (GST).

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- **Vinay Mohan Kwatra, the 1988 batch of IFS officer, has been appointed as the new Ambassador to Principality of Monaco.**

Vinay Mohan Kwatra, the 1988 batch of IFS officer, has been appointed as the new Ambassador to Principality of Monaco, with residence in Paris. He will take his

assignment shortly. Presently, he is Ambassador of India to France.

- **India's rank in the world's most valuable nation brands is 8th according to Brand Finance's Nation Brands 2017 report.**

India has been ranked 8th out of 100 countries on a list of most valuable nation brands, according to Brand Finance's Nation Brands 2017 report. The list is topped by US, followed by China, Germany, Japan and United Kingdom. In terms of valuation, India's National Brand Value in 2017 is \$2.04 trillion, down one percent from last year's \$2.06 trillion.

- **Rajnath Singh, The Minister of Home Affairs has inaugurated the first 'BIMSTEC Disaster Management Exercise- 2017' (BIMSTEC DMEx-2017).**

Rajnath Singh, the Union Home Minister, has inaugurated the first annual BIMSTEC Disaster Management Exercise-2017 (BIMSTEC DMEx-2017) in New Delhi on October 10. The delegates from all 7 nations of the BIMSTEC grouping, – namely Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand are participating in the event.

- **Yoga for Wellness is the theme of the 2017 International Conference on Yoga.**

M Venkaiah Naidu, the Vice President of India, has inaugurated the 3rd International Conference on Yoga in New Delhi with theme "Yoga for Wellness" on October 10, 2017. The 2-day conference is being organized by the Ministry of AYUSH as a part of year long events being organized to celebrate 21st June as International Day of Yoga.

- **Nisha Biswal will head the US-India Business Council.**

Nisha Biswal, a former state department official, will head the US-India Business Council (USIBC), a powerful advocacy group of US companies with business interest in India. She is expected to join on November 1, 2017. The USIBC is a part of the US Chamber of Commerce, the largest lobbying organisation in the country that wields real political power in Washington.

- **Rajesh Nath has been conferred the 'Cross of the Order of Merit', the highest civilian honour of Germany.**

Rajesh Nath, the managing director of VDMA India, has been conferred the 'Cross of the Order of Merit', the highest civilian honour awarded to individuals for their services to Germany. The award, also known as Bundesverdienstkreuz or Federal Cross of Merit was instituted in 1951.

- **The international exhibition 'World Dental Show 2017' has opened in Mumbai.**

The 3-day international exhibition – 'World Dental Show 2017' has opened in Mumbai, Maharashtra on October 6, 2017 to showcase the evolving global technologies and techniques in dentistry. The exhibition, hosted by the Indian Dental Association (IDA), has witnessed participation from the international exhibitors from China, Germany, Israel, Malaysia, Russian Federation, South Korea, Taiwan, Turkey, UK and US.

- **Audrey Azoulay has been elected to become the new Director-General (DG) of UNESCO.**

Audrey Azoulay, a French civil servant and politician, has been elected to become the new Director-General (DG) of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). She will succeed outgoing DG Irina Bokova of Bulgaria.

- **HPCL has become the first Indian Oil Marketing Company (OMC) to launch lubricants in Myanmar.**

The Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL), the public sector undertaking, has become the first Oil Marketing Company (OMC) from India that has started marketing lubricants in Myanmar and has chosen commercial hubs of Yangon and Mandalay.

- **The world's first negative emissions plant that turns CO2 into stone has opened in Iceland.**

The world's first negative emissions plant that turns carbon dioxide (CO2) into stone has begun operations in Hellisheidi, Iceland. In it, the CO2 is captured from ambient air, bound to water, and sent to more than 700 meters underground.

- **The 2017 International Day of Rural Women is observed on 15 October.**

The International Day of Rural Women is observed every year on October 15 to recognize the crucial role that women and girls play in ensuring the sustainability of rural households and communities, improving rural livelihoods and overall wellbeing. *The 2017 theme is “Challenges and opportunities in climate-resilient agriculture for gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls”.*

- **The first-ever International tri services joint exercise “INDRA – 2017” has conducted between Indian & Russia.**

The first-ever International tri services joint exercise “INDRA – 2017” will be conducted between Indian and Russian Armed Forces in the Eastern Military District of Russia from 19 to 29 Oct 2017. the INDRA-2017 will strengthen mutual confidence, inter-operability and enable sharing of best practices between both the armed forces.

- **George Saunders has won the 2017 Man Booker Prize.** US author George Saunders has won the 2017 Man Booker Prize for his first full-length novel “Lincoln in the Bardo” and became only the 2nd American writer to win £50,000 (\$66,000) Britain’s prestigious English-language literary award.

- **The 2017 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (IDEP) is observed on 17 October.**

The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (IDEP) is observed every year on October 17 to raise people’s awareness of the need to eradicate poverty and destitution worldwide, particularly in developing countries. The 2017 theme ‘Answering the Call of October 17 to end poverty.

- **Kavita Devi has become the India’s first-ever woman wrestler to sign for World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE).**

Kavita Devi from Haryana has become the first ever woman wrestler from India to sign up for the World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE). She also has the distinction of being the first Indian woman to compete in a WWE ring.

- **Canada has been chosen as the partner country for the 23rd edition of Technology Summit.**

Canada has been chosen as the partner country for the 23rd edition of Technology Summit which is scheduled to be held from 14th – 15th November, 2017 in New Delhi. It is jointly organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and the Indian Department of Science and Technology (DST). The theme of this summit will be ‘Advanced Manufacturing’

- **Adesina Receives 2017 World Food Prize Laureate Award.**

DR. AKINWUMI AYODEJI ADESINA, the President of the African Development Bank (AfDB), will be recognized as the 2017 World Food Prize Laureate. He was Nigeria’s former Minister of Agriculture and rural development.

- **Jacinda Ardern to become New Zealand Prime Minister.**

New Zealand Labour Party’s leader Jacinda Ardern is set to become youngest-ever female Prime Minister of New Zealand. 37 year old Jacinda Ardern will become New Zealand’s third female prime minister (after Jenny Shipley and Helen Clark). She will also be the second-youngest Prime Minister of New Zealand after Edward Stafford.

- **Lebanon’s parliament approves country’s first budget since 2005**

Lebanon’s parliament approved country’s first budget in 12 years. It is aimed towards reforming the fragile economy and preventing rising debt from becoming a crisis-like situation. Political crisis gripped Lebanon since the assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik al-Hariri in 2005, thereby preventing the successive government from passing the budget.

- **Indian-American girl wins 2017 Young Scientist Challenge for water contamination detection device**

Indian-American Gitanjali Rao, 11, was announced the winner of Discovery Education’s 3M Young Scientist Challenge. The sensor-based device detects the quality of water and shares the results to a mobile application via Bluetooth.

• India, Brazil, South Africa sign IBSA Trust Fund agreement

India, Brazil and South Africa (IBSA) have signed the IBSA Trust Fund Agreement that seeks to fight poverty in developing countries. It was signed at the 8th IBSA trilateral Ministerial Commission Meeting in Durban, South Africa. It is an international tripartite grouping for promoting international cooperation among these countries.

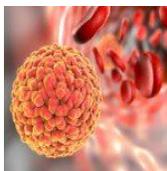
Japan launches fourth Michibiki satellite for hi-tech GPS

The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) successfully launched Michibiki-4 satellite (QZSS-4) onboard of H-IIA rocket from Tanegashima Space Centre. It was fourth satellite in Michibiki series i.e. Quasi-Zenith Satellite System (QZSS), which is a satellite-based high-precision global positioning system similar to US operated GPS.



Bacteria can spread antibiotic resistance through soil.

Researchers including one of Indian origin from North Carolina State University in US have found that antibiotic resistance can be passed between bacteria found in the soil. They also have found that spreading manure on ground as fertiliser can also spread antibiotic resistance to bacteria in the soil.



USA approves first test to screen Zika Virus in donated blood.

United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved 'Cbas Zika test' for detecting Zika virus in donated blood. It is first of kind test approved by FDA for detecting Zika virus in donated blood.



Sibir : World's biggest and most powerful nuclear icebreaker ship launched by Russia

Russia launched Sibir (Siberia), the world's largest nuclear-powered icebreaker ship built under Project 22220 into the water at the Baltic Shipyard in St Petersburg. Sibir is second of three icebreakers of new class of biggest nuclear powered icebreakers ever constructed under Project 22220. The first one was Arktika (Arctic) was put in service in June 2016. Third icebreaker Ural is set to be completed in 2019.



ISRO's Mars orbiter mission completes 3 years in orbit

ISRO's globally acclaimed Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM) also known as Mangalyaan completed three years in Martian orbit. It has outlived its original lifespan and is still in good health and continues to work as expected.

Stratolaunch: World's largest aircraft successfully passes fire engine test

The world's largest all-composite airplane **Stratolaunch** in terms of wingspan successfully completed its initial engine tests. It is designed for launching for sending satellite-carrying rockets into low-Earth orbit.

Scientists create world's first molecular robot

Scientists from University of Manchester have created world's first 'molecular robot' — millionth of a millimetre in size. It can be used to build molecules and may help discover novel drugs.

Ichthyosaur Fossil discovered for first time in India

Geologists for the first time have discovered 152 million year old fossil of Ichthyosaur an extinct marine reptile in Kutch Desert Region of Gujarat. The Specimen belongs to opnthalmosauridae family of Ichthyosaurs that lived in oceans between 165 and 90 million years. ago.

Scientists Develop new tool to Improve monsoon forecast

Scientists from Florida State University in the US have developed new tool for objectively defining onset & demise of Indian Summer monsoon. The new method uses rainfall rates to mark span of ISM at any given location throughout affected regions.

CSIR – NIIST scientists develop organic near infrared filter

Scientists from Thiruvanthapuram based CSIR National Institute for interdisciplinary science and Technology have developed organic filter that allows only near-Infrared light to pass through it.

Commerce & Industries minister Suresh Prabhu launches CIPAM'S Website

Min of commerce & Industries recently launched the official website for the cell for IPR Promotion and Management (CIPAM) of the department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP)

First 3D Printed wearable 'battery' developed by Brunel University researchers

The 3-D Printing method of the wearable battery stacks silicone, glue and gel electrolyte, layer by layer to make a

super capacitor. The super capacitor stores energy on its surface without chemical reactions.

- **SBI Life Insurance has received approval from SEBI for an IPO (Initial Public Offering) of up to Rs 8,400 crore.**

The IPO will involve 120 million secondary shares or 12 per cent of the insurer's equity capital.

- **The black Money has been disclosed by 21 thousand people under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojna (PMGKY) till 31st March this year 4,900 crore rupees.**

The Income Tax Department has collected a tax of 2,451 crore rupees till now from these declarations. The scheme was launched in December 2016 by the government to enable people with black money to come clean by paying tax and penalty of 50 per cent.

- **Punjab National Bank (PNB) and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) join hands to roll out open mobile wallet speedpay across 10 states in the country.**

Now, BSNL will expand Speed pay services in Punjab, Chandigarh (UT), Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Jharkhand, and Uttarakhand.

- **Indusind bank has entered into an agreement with Bharat Financial Inclusion to evaluate a potential merger between the two companies.**

Microfinance company Bharat Financial Inclusion (formerly known as SKS Microfinance) is on the block. IndusInd Bank management has been authorized to explore strategic opportunities for the expansion of its business and to assess the viability of strategic partnership.

- **The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has raised the upper age limit for joining the National Pension Scheme (NPS) existing 60-years to -- 65 years.**

The scheme has the option of continuing and making contributions up to the age of 70. National Pension System (NPS) is a low cost, tax-efficient and flexible retirement savings scheme launched by the government of India (GoI).

- **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) gearing up to provide its financial services through all of 1.55 lakh post offices and 3 lakh employees by the end of 2018.**

It will create India's second-largest payments bank in terms of reach. The new model of banking allows mobile firms, supermarket chains and others to cater to banking requirements of individuals and small businesses.

- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will introduce 100 rupees coin to mark the birth centenary of AIADMK founder, former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Late Dr. M.G. Ramachandran.**

The Reserve Bank of India will also issue new Rs 5 and Rs 10 coins. The new Rs. 5 coins will be 23 milli meters in diameter and made of copper (75%), zinc (20%) and nickel (5%). The standard weight of Rs 100 coin will be made of 35 grams while that of Rs 5 coin will be 6 grams.

- **India's first Payment Bank Airtel Payments Bank launches integrated Unified Payments Interface (UPI) on its digital platform.**

In January 2017, Bharti Airtel launched Payments Bank in India to enable transactions on digital platforms. The initiative will allow bank customers to link their bank accounts to Bhim app and make UPI payments.

- **Fino Payments Bank has launched BPay mobile banking app to make banking easy for millions of underbanked people in India.**

The mobile banking app enables simple, paperless, and convenient banking that allows customers to make bill payments, recharges, fund transfers and buy insurance. 'BPay' allows customers to seamlessly access wallet as well as savings account, with a single login and interface.

- **State Bank of India has launched India's first bond index series for overseas investors at the London Stock Exchange (LSE).**

With the launch of this index alongside FTSE Russell, SBI intention is to give people a benchmark based on which they can make investment calls.

- **BCCI nominates Mahendra Singh Dhoni name for Padma Bhushan Award for 2018.**

The BCCI has nominated former Indian cricket team captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni (36) for Padma Bhushan, country's third highest civilian award for his contribution to game. He is

only cricketer nominated by BCCI for this years Padma Awards.

- **Gurbax Singh Sandhu Indian Boxer has been honoured with the 2017 National Awards for senior citizens.**

Indian boxing coach Gurbax Singh Sandhu has been honoured with the 2017 National Award for senior citizens by President Ram Nath Kovind.

- **Los Angeles city to host the 2028 Summer Olympics.**

Thomas Bach, the President of International Olympic Committee (IOC), has officially announced that Paris will host 2024 and Los Angeles will host 2028 Summer Olympics. Both cities wanted to host the 2024 event, before Los Angeles agreed to wait an extra four years after the IOC made guarantees on funding.

- **P.V Sindhu became the first Indian shuttler to win BWF Korean Open super series.**

Indian shuttler PV Sindhu defeated Nozomi Okuhara of Japan to win BWF Korean Open Super Series. **Full Name of PV Sindhu is** - PPusarla Venkata Sindhu and she is currently having world 4 ranking in BWF World Ranking. PV Sindhu became first Indian woman to win an Olympic silver medal in 2016 Summer Olympics. She was also awarded with Padma Shri in 2015.

- **Maria Sharapova has authored the book “Unstoppable: My Life So Far”.**

The book ‘Unstoppable: My Life So Far’ has been authored by tennis star Maria Sharapova. The book talks about Sharapova’s rise from nowhere to tennis stardom and the unending fight to stay on top. The book tells how a seventeen-year-old Maria Sharapova became an overnight sensation by defeating the two-time defending champion Serena Williams to win the prestigious Wimbledon.

- **The West Indian cricket teams are not directly qualified for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2019.**

Recently Sri Lanka has qualified for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2019 after West Indies lost the first ODI against England at Old Trafford, With this, Sri Lanka has become the eighth and last team to qualify directly, joining Australia, Bangladesh, England, India, New Zealand, Pakistan and South Africa.

- **M.C Mary Kom the Indian Boxer has become the first Indian to be picked as AIBA representative at IOC athletes’ forum.**

M C Mary Kom, the five-time world champion and Olympic bronze-medallist, has become the first Indian to be picked as the International Boxing Association’s (AIBA) representative for the IOC Athletes’ Forum scheduled in November 2017.

- **Bajrang, the Indian Wrestler has won gold at the Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games.**

Indian wrestler Bajrang has won gold in the men’s freestyle 65kg by defeating Daichi Takatani of Japan in Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games at Ashgabat in Turkmenistan. With this, Indians added four medals including a gold on the 9th day of the games at Ashgabat in Turkmenistan.

- **UAE to host the 17th edition of the AFC Asian Cup – 2019.**

The 2019 AFC Asian Cup football tournament will be hosted by United Arab Emirates (UAE). It is the quadrennial international men’s football championship of Asia organised by the Asian Football Confederation (AFC). It is the 17th edition of the AFC Asian Cup.

- **Shakib ul Hassan has become the 1st cricketer from Bangladesh to be inducted in MCC World Cricket Committee.**

All-rounder Shakib Al Hasan has become the first cricketer from Bangladesh to be inducted in the MCC World Cricket Committee under the chairmanship of Mike Gatting. He is regarded as one of Bangladesh’s finest players since they were awarded the Test status in 2000, with the all-rounder having played 51 Test matches and 177 One-day Internationals (ODI).

- **Yuvraj Singh has become the first Indian Brand Ambassador of Laureus.**

Indian Cricketer Yuvraj Singh has become the first Indian Brand Ambassador of Laureus and joined a host of cricket legends in the Laureus Family, including Indian Academy members Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid and Kapil Dev.

- **Rafel Nadal has won the China Open Lawn Tennis Tournament 2017.**

Rafael Nadal, a Spanish professional tennis player, has won the 2017 China Open Tennis tournament by defeating Nick Kyrgios in the final by 6-2, 6-1 in Beijing, China. It is his 6th ATP title of the year. Nadal’s six trophies this year include a

record 10th title at the French Open and a third at the US Open.

- **Ravi Shastri becomes World's Highest Earning Cricket Coach**

Indian cricket team coach Ravi Shastri is the world's highest-earning cricket coach in the world. He is paid around 1.17 million dollars per year from the BCCI which is more than the salary of Indian cricket team's captain Virat Kohli.

- **Cristiano Ronaldo tops the Forbes Rich List of sport stars**

According to the latest Forbes' Rich List Cristiano Ronaldo is the richest sports personality in the world. The Real Madrid striker has earned an incredible £70million in the last year, along with picking up another Champions League medal and becoming the inaugural winner of The Best FIFA Men's Player award.

- **Senior bureaucrat has been appointed Secretary in the Department of Financial Services (DFS) - Rajiv Kumar.**

The DFS looks after the functioning of banks, financial institutions, insurance companies and the national pension system.

- **The Chairman of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) - Anita Karwal**

She has replaced 'Rajesh Kumar Chaturvedi' who has been moved to the National Skill Development Agency as Director General (DG).

- **Bollywood actress has been appointed woman ambassador in 'Friends of Australia' (FOA) advocacy panel - Parineeti Chopra**

She will be the first Indian woman ambassador to be a part of the FOA advocacy panel. The 'Friends of Australia' (FOA) program has been devised as a way of fostering mutually beneficial and long-term friendship with those that Tourism Australia regards as unique storytellers.

- **Chairman-cum-Managing Director of NMDC (National Mineral Development Corporation) - N Bajendra Kumar**

The NMDC (National Mineral Development Corporation) Limited is a state-controlled mineral producer of the

Government of India under administrative control of the Ministry of Steel.

- **Who has been unanimously elected as the Chairman of Press Trust of India (PTI) - Viveck Goenka**

Press Trust of India (PTI) is the news agency in India, headquartered in New Delhi and is a non-profit cooperative among more than 500 Indian newspapers.

- **The union govt. has appointed interim GSTN Chairman - A.B Panday**

The union govt. has given Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) CEO 'A.B. Pandey' additional charge of Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN).

- **Former speaker of Singapore's parliament has been declared as the President of Singapore - Mdm Halimah Yacob**

Under section 15 of the Presidential Election Act, declared Mdm Halimah to be elected to the office of President as only one candidate stands nominated at end of nomination period.

- **Former Secretary-General of UN has been elected as Chair of Ethics Commission of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) - Ban Ki-moon**

Mr. Moon was the 8th Secretary-General of the United Nations (Jan 2007 - Dec 2016).

- **The Director General (DG) of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) - Y.C Modi**

Mr. Modi will take over from Sharad Kumar after he completes his tenure on 30th October this year. National Investigation Agency (NIA) is a central agency established by the Indian Government to combat terror in India.

- **The director general (DG) of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) - Rajni Kant Misra**

He will hold the post till the date of his superannuation (31st August, 2019). Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) is one of India's Central Armed Police Forces, currently under the administrative control of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

- **Bollywood Actor has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan in Uttarakhand - Akshay Kumar.**

In August 2017, he was also appointed as the brand ambassador for the cleanliness campaign in Uttar Pradesh.

- **The ambassador of Poland has been appointed as the Indian High Commissioner to Pakistan - Ajay Bisaria.**

He will replace Gautam Bambaware. An ambassador (diplomats) is a diplomatic representative that attends international meetings, banquets and parties and acts as a figurehead for their country of origin.

- **The Union government has constituted a GST Committee on Exports headed by - Dr Hasmukh Adhia**

The panel is mandated to recommend to the GST Council a suitable strategy for helping the export sector in the post-GST set-up.

- **NPCI's (National Payments Corporation of India) interim Chairman - B Sambamurthy**

National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) is the umbrella organisation for all retail payment systems in India, aims to allow Indian citizens to have unrestricted access to 'e-payment' services.

- **Noted economist has been appointed as the first Chairman of the five-member Economic Advisory Council (EAC- PM) - Bibek Debroy**

The council serves to highlight key economic issues facing the country to the government of India from a neutral viewpoint. The Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (PMEAC) is a non-constitutional, nonpermanent and independent body constituted to give economic advice to the Government of India, specifically the Prime Minister.

- **The first woman Chief Proctor of Banaras Hindu University (BHU) - Professor Royana Singh**

Professor Singh is a professor in the Anatomy department of the Institute of Medical Sciences and the chairman of the Women's Grievance Cell of the BHU.

- **Andhara Pradesh CM has announced a reward of one crore rupees to Arjuna awardee archer Vennam Jyoti Surekha**

N. Chandrababu Naidu also announced a 500- sq yd house site in Vijayawada and a government job for her. The Chief Minister also announced 10 lakh rupees reward for Devisri

Prasad (10-year) of Tirupati on setting the Guinness World Record in skating.

- **N.R Narayan Murthi has won the PLuS Alliance Prize for Global Leadership**

Narayana Murthy for Global Leadership and Veena Sahajwalla for Research Innovation for her project 'The new science of green manufacturing.

- **Indian Badminton legend Prakash Padukone received Badminton Association of India's (BAI) first lifetime achievement award for his contribution to Badminton**

Padukone had won the 1980 All England, besides bagging a bronze at the 1983 World Championship in Copenhagen and a gold medal at the 1978 Commonwealth Games.

- **E.K Palanoswami the Tamilnadu state's CM has announced cash incentives for meritorious differently-abled sportspersons in the 7th World Dwarf Games in Canada**

They will be given cash awards of five lakh rupees each for every gold medal, three lakh rupees each for every silver and two lakh each for every bronze.

- **The Bollywood star Salman Khan has received the 'Global Diversity Award' at Britain's House of Commons**

The Global Diversity Award is given to people of immense stature in terms of what they have done for diversity in the world.

- **The prestigious A Nageswara Rao (ANR) National Award has been given to S.S.Rajamouli for his contribution to the Telugu film industry**

The ANR National Award was instituted by the Akkineni International foundation in the honor of Akkineni Nageswara Rao.

- **A Nigerian lawyer teacher & peacemaker Zannah Mustapha has won the 2017 UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR)**

Mustapha founded a school 10 years ago in Maiduguri (the capital of Borno State) which is the epicentre of the Boko Haram insurgency.

- **The film Newton will be India's official entry for the Best Foreign Film category at the Oscars 2018-Newton is a**

2017 Indian Hindi-language black comedy film directed by Amit V Masurkar and Produced by Drishyam Films.

- **Eminent scientist C.N.R Rao has chosen for the prestigious Von Hippel Award for his immense contribution in materials research**

The award citation noted Mr. Rao's immense work on novel functional materials, including nanomaterials, graphene and 2D materials, superconductivity, and colossal magnetoresistance.

- **M K Sanu, the well-known critic, biographer and orator, has been chosen for the Mathrubhumi Literary Award for 2017.**

M K Sanu, the well-known critic, biographer and orator, has been chosen for the Mathrubhumi Literary Award for 2017 in recognition of his rich contribution to the Malayalam literature. The award carries a cash prize of Rs 2 lakh, a citation and a statuette. Sanu is a permanent member of International body for Human rights.

- **Bindeshwar Pathak has been bestowed with the 2017 Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence in Public Administration, Academics and Management.**

Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak has been bestowed with the 18th edition of Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence in Public Administration, Academics and Management for year 2017 by the President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

- **T.D Ramakrishna has been chosen for the 2017 Vayalar Ramavarma Literacy Award.**

T D Ramakrishnan has been chosen for the 2017 Vayalar Ramavarma Literary Prize for his novel "Sugandhi Enna Andal Devanayaki". The 40th award ceremony will be held on 27th October 2017, the death anniversary of the late poet and lyricist Vayalar Ramavarma.

- **Gauri Lankesh has become the first person from India to win Anna Politkovskaya Award.** Kannada journalist Gauri Lankesh, who was shot dead in Bengaluru on September 5, 2017, has been awarded a prestigious global Anna Politkovskaya Award, which is given in the memory of a slain Russian reporter and political activist.

- **Carnatic vocalist T M Krishna has won the Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration for 2015-16.**

Carnatic vocalist T M Krishna has won the Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration for 2015 -16 for his services in promoting and preserving national integration in the country. He will be presented with the honour by Congress president Sonia Gandhi on October 31, Indira Gandhi's death anniversary.

- **Environmental scientist Hans Joachim Schellnhuber receives Blue Planet Prize**

Environmental scientist Hans Joachim Schellnhuber received Blue Planet Prize, world's most prestigious award for pioneers in environmental science. He is the second recipient of the Blue Planet Prize. She has been awarded for her research about biodiversity and natural capital.

- **Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas conferred with Swachh Bharat Inter-Ministerial Award**

Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoPNG) was awarded Swachh Bharat Inter-Ministerial Award in Swachh Bharat National Award ceremony on Gandhi Jayanti, in New Delhi. The Swachh Bharat Inter-Ministerial Award was given by Minister of State, Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation S.S.Ahluwalia to MoPNG. The award was received by Senior Adviser (PNG).

- **Javed Akhtar to be honoured with Hridaynath Mangeshkar Award**

Veteran writer and lyricist Javed Akhtar is to be honored with the Hridaynath Mangeshkar Award will receive Rs.1,00,000 along with a memento. The programme is being presented to celebrate the 75-year-old music career of singer Lata Mangeshkar.

- **Indian- American Attorney Ajay Raju Recognised With Philanthropy Award**

Indian-American attorney Ajay Raju honoured with the 3rd American Bazaar Philanthropy award. Ajay Raju has been awarded for his philanthropic activities in the US. He is honoured with for his commitment to revive Philadelphia through the Germination Project.

- **Indian peacekeepers in South Sudan awarded UN medal**

50 Indian peacekeepers placed in South Sudan were awarded the UN Medal for their service in maintaining peace in South Sudan. The award was presented by UNMISS Force Commander General Frank Mushyo Kamanzi. Indian Ambassador to South Sudan, Srikumar Menon, attended the medal ceremony.

- **Trinamool Congress (TMC) MP Sultan Ahmed passed away after suffering a cardiac arrest**

Mr. Ahmed was elected to the 15th Lok Sabha from Uluberia (Lok Sabha constituency) on a Trinamool Congress ticket. He also served as the Union Minister of State for Tourism in the Manmohan Singh government.

- **Arunachal Pradesh health and family welfare minister Jomde Kena passed away at a private hospital in Guwahati**

He was a resident of Gensi village in Lower Siang district. Kena was elected as the deputy speaker during the Nabam Tuki government and served as a parliamentary secretary under the Dorjee Khandu and Jarbom Gamlin ministries.

- **Noted journalist and activists Gauri Lankesh was shot dead at her Rajarajeshwari Nagar's residence in Bengaluru**

She was the editor of popular Kannada tabloid Lankesh Patrike founded by her father P Lankesh (writer).

- **Veteran actor Frank Vincent passed away during open heart surgery in New Jersey**

He is known for his role in films like "The Sopranos" and "Goodfellas". Vincent most notably appeared as Tony Soprano's arch nemesis, Phil Leotardo in the "The Sopranos" starting in season five and until the series' conclusion in 2007.

- **IAF Marshal Arjan Singh passed away recently, who led the Indian Air Force in the 1965 India-Pakistan War**

Mr. Singh served as the IAF's Chief of Staff during the 1965 India-Pakistan war. Mr. Singh also served the nation as an ambassador to Switzerland (in 1971), as High Commissioner to Kenya (in 1974) and became the Lt. Governor of Delhi (in 1989).

- **The father of nephrology in India Dr. K.S Chugh has passed away in Chandigarh**

Dr K S Chugh. Note: Dr Chugh was emeritus professor and former head of department of nephrology at the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh.

- **Noted BJP politician and religious leader Mahant Chand Nath has passed away at a Delhi**

He had won the Alwar seat in the 2014 parliamentary elections after defeating Congress candidate and former Union minister Jitendra Singh

- **Bollywood actress Shakila passed away due to heart attack at her residence in Mumbai**

She best known for her roles in Guru Dutt's films, Aar Paar (1954) and C.I.D. (1956).

- **French businesswoman world's richest woman Liliane Bettencourt passed away in Paris**

In 2016, Bettencourt was ranked as the richest woman in the world with a fortune of USD 39.5bn by Forbes magazine. Bettencourt was the only child of Louise Madelaine Berthe and Eugene Schueller (founded L'Oreal).

- **Former World Middleweight Champion and stand-up comedian Jake Lemotta passed away in Miami**

The boxing legend's life story was told in the movie Raging Bull where he was played by Robert De Niro who paid tribute to him.

- **Veteran Marathi writer and journalist Arun Sadhu passed away in Mumbai**

He is better known for his novel in Marathi "Simhasan" and "Mumbai Dinank". As a journalist, he has won several awards including Sahitya Academy award, Bharatiya Bhasha Parishad, NC Kelkar and Acharya Atre award.

- **The Indian actor of American descent Tom Alter passed away at his residence in Mumbai**

He made his big screen debut in 1976 with a small role in Dharmendra-starrer Charas and later went on to work in films like Shatranj Ke Khiladi, Gandhi, Kranti, Bose: The Forgotten Hero and Veer Zara.

- **A veteran Congress leader Makhan Lal Fotedar passed away at a hospital in Gurugram**

Fotedar was ushered into politics by Jawaharlal Nehru in early 1950s and he gradually strengthened his position in the Congress to become one of the most powerful persons in the party.

SEPTEMBER

Prime Minister of Japan Visited India

- Prime minister of Japan Shinzo Abe came to India on a two day visit to attend the 12th Indo-Japan annual summit meeting held at Ahmedabad.
- Various agreements and MoU's were signed that would strengthen India-japan bilateral ties.



Highlights of the visit:

- PM Modi has gifted a marble statuette of Mahatma Gandhi's "*Three Wise Monkeys*" to his Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe. The monkeys are a symbol of the proverb 'see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil', believed to have its origin in Japan.
- PM Modi and Japanese PM Abe lay foundation stone for India's *first High Speed Rail project from Mumbai to Ahmedabad*.
- India signed a loan deal worth *\$76 million* with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for a project to upgrade the environment management plan at Alang-Sosiya ship recycling yards in Gujarat.
- India and Japan signed *Open sky agreement* that will allow their airlines to operate unlimited number of flights between the two countries without any restrictions.
- Japan will extend a loan of Rs 2,239 crore to India for 'North East Road Network Connectivity Improvement Project' to improve the *National Highway 40 (NH-40)* and construct a bypass on *NH-54* in the Northeast. The project is expected to contribute to the improvement of the intra-regional and international connectivity through regional economic development.

Agreements and MoU's

- In the field of disaster risk reduction and disaster prevention.
- Japanese language education in India as a part of skill training.

- To enhance connectivity and promote developmental projects in the North Eastern Region of India
- "Cool EMS" service between the Japan Post and India Post through which fresh food can be sent from Japan to India in cool boxes to facilitate for the Japanese emigrants in India.
- To identify and foster talented young scientists from both the countries to collaborate in the field of theoretical biology
- To facilitate and deepen international education cooperation and exchanges between sports authorities of India and Japan. This move will enhance our medal prospects in next Olympics.
- To promote institutional cooperation between RIS and IDE-JETRO to strengthen the capacity of research and effectiveness of dissemination of research findings.

Penalty on Reliance Industries Ltd & BP

- The government has imposed a penalty of *264 million dollar* (about Rs 1,700 crore) on Reliance Industries Ltd and its partners for not fulfilling the targeted production of natural gas from *KG-D6 fields* in 2015-16.
- The Production Sharing Contract allows RIL and its UK partner BP PLC and Canadian partner Niko Resources to deduct all capital and operating expenses from the sale of gas before sharing profit with the government.



Madhyamik and Uchchatar Shiksha Kosh" (MUSK)

- The Cabinet approved creation of a single corpus fund in which all proceeds of secondary and higher education cess will be credited and utilised for the government's schemes in education sector.
- The **HRD Ministry** will be responsible for the administration and maintenance of the non-lapsable pool account.

DIPAM



- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, CCEA has approved the proposal of Department of Investment and public Asset Management, DIPAM for the strategic disinvestment.

- The approval will help in speedy completion of strategic disinvestment transactions.
- **DIPAM** is the nodal agency of Union Finance Ministry mandated to advise the Union Government in the matters of financial restructuring of PSUs and also for attracting investment through capital markets. It will also deal with all matters relating to sale of Union Government's equity in PSUs.

World Honey Bee Day

- To create awareness about Beekeeping and uses of its products including Honey, Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED) is celebrated **World Honey Bee Day (WHBD) 19th August**.
- The main theme of celebrating WHBD is to save Indian honey bee.

Navika Sagar Parikrama

- Navika Sagar Parikrama is a project wherein a team of **women officers** of the Indian Navy would circumnavigate the globe on an Indian-built sail boat **INSV Tarini**.
- This is the first ever Indian circumnavigation of the globe by an all-women crew. The project is scheduled to commence in early Sep 17.

“Sankalp Se Sidhi” program

- “Sankalp Se Sidhi” program is being organized across the country to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Quit India Movement.

‘Swasth Bachche, Swasth Bharat’

- ‘Swasth Bachche, Swasth Bharat’ Programme, an initiative of **Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan** to prepare a physical Health and Fitness Profile Card for more than 12 lakhs of Kendriya Vidyalaya students was launched in Kochi.
- Swasth Bachche, Swasth Bharat programme will provide a comprehensive and inclusive report card for children covering all age groups and children of different abilities.
- Swasth Bachche, Swasth Bharat programme also intends to imbibe values of *Olympics and Paralympics amongst students*.



Mentor India Campaign

- **NITI Aayog** launched the Mentor India Campaign, a strategic nation building initiative to engage leaders who can guide and mentor students at more than 900 Atal Tinkering Labs, established across the country as a part of the Atal Innovation Mission.
- The idea of this campaign is to engage leaders who will nurture and guide students in the Atal Tinkering Labs.



नीति आयोग

SC Strikes Down Instant Triple Talaq

- The Supreme Court set aside the practice of instant divorce through triple talaq among Muslims, terming it as **unconstitutional, illegal and void**.
- In a **3:2 majority** judgment, the apex court held that triple talaq is against the basic tenets of Quran and hence, is unacceptable.

Right to Privacy as Fundamental Right

- The Supreme Court declared **right to privacy** as a **Fundamental right** under the Constitution.
- According to Supreme Court, right to privacy is protected intrinsically as part of rights guaranteed under **Article 21** of the Constitution.

Coast Guard Ship 'Varuna' Decommissioned

- Indian Coast Guard ship '**Varuna**' decommissioned with full armed forces honours after an illustrious service spanning about 30 years, in a traditional military ceremony held at the naval base, Kochi.



First Videsh Bhavan

- The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has decided to integrate all its offices in Maharashtra into a single building – the "**Videsh Bhavan**" – for effective management of its engagement with the State Government of Maharashtra.

First National Sports Museum

- The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports is going to establish National Sports Museum, first of its kind, at **Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi**.

- This museum will showcase the India's achievements in sports and also focus on the traditional sports within the country.

Bharat Bill Payment System

- The *National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)* has given a nod to *Spice Digital Ltd* for processing bill payments under the Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) as a *Bharat Bill Payment Operating Unit (BBPOU)*.
- The BBPS through its centralised bill payment system will allow the users to use a single website or outlet to pay all their monthly or repetitive bills such as mobile phone and electricity.

Gobindobhog Rice Gets Geographical Indication Status

- Gobindobhog rice*, a speciality from *Burdwan district of West Bengal*, has got the geographical indication (GI) status.
- The region of Burdwan (now divided into the districts of east and west Burdwan) is known as the *rice bowl of Bengal*.

YUVA

- The 'YUVA' initiative by **Delhi Police** aims to connect with youth by upgrading their skill as per their competencies.
- It will help them to get a gainful employment under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna under the Ministry of Skill Development.



'Rajaswa Gyan Sangam'

- Rajaswa Gyan Sangam, 2017 was held in **New Delhi**.
- The objective of the Conference is to enable a two-way communication between the policy-makers and the senior officers in the field offices with a view to increase revenue collection and facilitate effective implementation of law and policies in key result areas.

India's First World Heritage City Certificate

- Ahmedabad in Gujarat** was formally accorded the status of India's first World Heritage City
- The honour makes the walled city of Ahmedabad the first city in India, and the third in Asia, to be on the list.

SAUNI Scheme

- President Rammath Kovind laid foundation stone for link - 4 of Saurashtra Narmada Avataran Irrigation Scheme -SAUNI-Yojana in **Rajkot district**.
- SAUNI project had been launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his tenure as Chief Minister of Gujarat aims to fill up 115 major dams by diverting overflow of water from the Sardar Sarovar Dam on Narmada River.

BN Srikrishna Committee

- An expert committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of former apex court judge Justice **BN Srikrishna** to identify key data protection issues in India and recommend methods to address them.
- The committee will study various issues and make specific suggestions for consideration of the government on the principles to be considered for data protection.

Indian PM Visited Myanmar

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Myanmar's capital Naypyidaw on September 6-7 and met Myanmar President Htin Kyaw.
- It was PM Modi's first bilateral visit to Myanmar.
- PM Modi met Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi and visited the heritage city of Bagan and a Hindu temple.

'Dairy Processing & Infrastructure Development Fund'

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved a **'Dairy Processing & Infrastructure Development Fund'** (DIDF) with an outlay of **Rs 10,881 crore** during the period from 2017-18.

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7	The 18th Hornbill festival 2017 has started in which state?	Nagaland
8	The Competition Commission of India has imposed a fine of Rs. 52 crore on which organisation for anti-competitive practices with respect to the Indian Premier League.	BCCI
9	Which among the following BRICS nations has planned to create an independent internet infrastructure for BRICS countries to reduce vulnerability to attack?	Russia
10	India has recently signed a naval pact with which country?	Singapore
11	Which country topped the Global Entrepreneurship Index of 2018?	US
12	Hockey Men's World Cup 2018 will be held in	Odisha
13	Which film won Global Sustainability Film award in London?	Lipstick Under My Burkha
14	Who has been recently appointed as the Global Goodwill Ambassador for UN Environment?	Ellie Goulding
15	Mary Kom who resigns as National observer for Indian Boxing is a how many time world champion?	5
16	Which country President inaugurates First Phase of Chabahar Port?	Iran
17	Which word has been announced as Cambridge Dictionary's Word of the Year 2017?	Populism
18	Who is Sworn in as President of Kenya?	Kenyatta
19	Jenny Kim, a 24-year-old model has Crowned Miss Supranational 2017. Jenny Kim hails from which country?	South Korea
20	What is the theme for the 2017 International Day for Disabled Person?	Transformation towards sustainable and resilient society for all
21	Recently, Which country has been re-elected to the Council of the International Maritime Organisation?	India
22	Prasar Bharati has re-appointed A. Surya Prakash as its Chairman till ?	2020
23	Salil S. Parekh has been appointed as the MD and CEO of which company?	Infosys
24	'WE-Hub', an innovation hub for women will be developed by which State government?	Telangana
25	India's first Madame Tussauds museum has been unveiled in which city?	New Delhi
26	In which year did India and Pakistan become full-fledged members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation?	2017
27	Recently which country has announced the creation of a new virtual currency in a bid to ease the country's economic crisis?	Venezuela
28	Jenny Kim who has been Crowned Miss Supranational 2017 belongs to	Korea
29	Who is the only Indian placed in Fortune's Businessperson of the Year Top 20 List?	Aditya Puri
30	Recently who inaugurated International Conference on Climate Change in Nepal?	Bidhya Devi Bhandari
31	Which Indian Cricketer surpasses Brian Lara for Most Double Centuries as Captain?	Virat Kohli
32	In which city First International Exhibition & Conference on AYUSH & Wellness Sector begun?	New Delhi
33	Who inaugurated a unique world-class hospital at the Swaminarayan Gurukul Vidyapeeth Pratisthanam in Ahmedabad, Gujarat?	Prime Minister Narendra Modi

34	Recently, with which country USA launches Largest Air Exercise?	South Korea
35	Which day is observed on 4 December?	Indian Navy Day
36	Which state government has passed a bill giving 5% quota to the Kapu community?	Andhra Pradesh
37	Which Indian Cricketer was named as India's Captain for 2018 U-19 World Cup?	Prithvi Shaw
38	Which district of Uttar Pradesh has been included in the National Capital Region (NCR)?	Shamli district
39	In which state India's largest Floating Solar Power Plant opens?	Kerala
40	The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved how much fund for Reliance Bangladesh Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)?	\$583 million
41	Which commission held its first meeting in New Delhi recently?	Fifteenth Finance Commission
42	Which country has recently withdraw from United Nations' Global Compact on Migration?	United States
43	Which Indian Artist launches Book on Indian Cinema titled 'Bollywood: The Films! The Songs! The Stars!'	Amitabh Bachchan
44	At which place UAE, UK, US and French Armies Joint Exercises with the drill code "Flag4" held?	Abu Dhabi
45	Which Indian – American tops Global Thinkers List?	Kamala Harris
46	Which day is observed on 5th December across the world?	World Soil Day
47	Which country has launched new virtual currency "Petro"?	Venezuela
48	Which state received the Award for Best State in Promoting Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities for the year 2017?	Chhattisgarh
49	What was the name of the report that highlighted manipulation of the anti-doping rules and system in Russia?	McLaren Report
50	Mohamad Al Jounde has won the International Children's Peace Prize. He is from which country?	Syria
51	Which country will host Winter Olympics 2018?	South Korea
52	Which country has won the first-ever South Asian Regional Badminton Team Championship?	India
53	6th International Tourism Mart was organised in	Guwahati
54	Who is the newly appointed President of National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI)?	Rahul Singh
55	World Soil Day is observed on	5 December
56	Which country Banned from 2018 Winter Olympics?	Russia
57	Which state has become the India's first state to endorse Centre's triple talaq draft bill?	Uttar Pradesh
58	Which two Arab nations have formed a new economic and partnership group, separate from the Gulf Cooperation Council?	UAE & Saudi Arabia
59	Which state government will launch 'Guru-Shishya' programme in all districts of the state?	Rajasthan
60	The Indian Army successfully test fired missile AKASH which is installed with indigenous radio frequency seeker. AKASH is which type of missile ?	Surface to Air Missile
61	Who has been voted as the Time magazine readers' Person of the Year for 2017?	Saudi Arabia Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman
62	What is the current repo rate in the 5th bi-monthly Monetary Policy Review (MPR) of RBI for 2017-18?	6.0%
63	Which country announced officially that it recognizes Jerusalem as the capital of Israel?	USA
64	Which state assembly has passed a Bill awarding death to those found guilty of raping girls aged 12 and below?	Madhya Pradesh
65	Which company appoints Vishal Bhatia as CEO of New Supply Business?	Swiggy
66	Which Indian cricketer has launched UNICEF-ICC's adolescent campaign "Power of Sports to Shape the Future of Adolescents"?	Yuvraj Singh
67	Which picture was created using DNA origami recently?	Monalisa
68	For which department test was launched to check personnel's Psychological health?	Border Security Force (BSF)
69	Who inaugurated B R Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi?	Narendra Modi
70	Which country government passes Marriage Equality Law?	Australia

71	The 2017 Armed Forces Flag Day is celebrated on which date in India?	December 7
72	Which committee has been set up by the National Commission for Minorities to study minority status for Hindus in 7 states and a Union Territory?	George Kurien committee
73	India and which country has recently signed MoU for enhanced cooperation in the health sector?	Cuba
74	Who is the head of the committee formed by National Commission for Minorities for giving minorities status to Hindus in seven states?	George Kurien
75	Which country will be the New Member of Wassenaar Arrangement?	India
76	Which of the following Indian thing/festival/art is not included in UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage List?	Bhangra
77	India and which country has recently signed MoU for cooperation in agriculture and phytosanitary issues?	Italy
78	Who won Ballon d'Or, Equals Lionel Messi's Record?	Cristiano Ronaldo
79	Which city Mayor Names Deepak Parekh as First International Ambassador?	London
80	Who is Appointed Next Ambassador of India to Turkmenistan?	Shri Azar A.H.Khan
81	What was the name of the moment started by The Silence Breakers' who were named Time's Person of the Year for 2017?	#Metoo
82	Which state in Top 5 UN Clean City List?	Kerala
83	According to a new survey conducted by a travel portal TripAdvisor, which is the best UNESCO world heritage site?	Taj Mahal
84	Gurdeep Singh is associated with which sports?	Weightlifting
85	Who has been named the top Indian actor of 2017 by Internet Movie Data Base (IMDb)?	Shah Rukh Khan
86	Which country's Second vice president is on a five-day visit to India starting 9 December?	Afghanistan
87	Facebook Co-founder Eduardo Saverin has recently become the richest person of which of the following country?	Singapore
88	The President of India Ram Nath Kovind has inaugurated the Naval Maritime Aircraft Museum featuring Tupolev-142M in which state on December 7, 2017?	Andhra Pradesh
89	Which film was named the Best Asian Film at the 7th Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts (AACTA) Awards?	Dangal
90	Recently, who has named as the world's richest YouTuber?	Dan Middleton
91	National Trachoma Survey Report (2014-17), India has been declared free from infective Trachoma which is a contagious bacterial infection causing damage to ____.	Eyes
92	Recently, who was appointed as the President of Para-Sports Foundation (PSF), India?	Sarvesh Kumar Tiwari
93	Kanchanmala Pande has become the first Indian to win gold at World Para Swimming Championship in which category?	S-11
94	Ja Ra Sundaresan who passed away recently was a ?	Journalist
95	As per a report by Morgan Stanley, India's GDP growth will be ____% in 2018.	7.5
96	According to the TripAdvisor's survey, what is Taj Mahal's rank in Best UNESCO World Heritage Site list?	2nd
97	Human Rights Day is observed every year on which date?	December 10
98	Sukharanjan Sengupta who passed away recently was a renowned?	Journalist
99	Who has been selected to be honoured with the 2017 Vyas Samman?	Mamta Kalia
100	SBI bank has merged with how many banks?	5
101	Which automobile company has been ranked first in terms in market capitalisation?	Maruti Suzuki
102	Which country won the gold medal at the Hockey World League Final?	Australia
103	Mehuli Ghosh and Tushar Mane became the first Indian shooters qualified for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games, by winning a gold and bronze each at the 10th Asian Championship held in which country?	Japan
104	Which country starts 2-day missile tracking drill with Korea and Japan amid rising tension in Korean Peninsula?	USA
105	Which country has announced to depreciate its currency?	Pakistan

106	India's President Ram Nath Kovind presented President's Colour to the submarine arm of the Indian Navy, in recognition of its extraordinary service to the nation in the past how many years?	50 years
107	Who among the following has recently been appointed as the executive director (ED) of the Reserve Bank of India?	Uma Shankar
108	Name the programme launched by UN Women in collaboration with Facebook to spread awareness regarding the contribution of women in the society?	We the Women
109	Which country to host 2021 Champions Trophy, 2023 World Cup?	India
110	To whom the Yerarignar Award for the year 2017 was conferred by the Vice-president M Venkaiah Naidu?	Prof MS Swaminathan
111	Recently, Which country has announced to open movie theatres in 2018?	Saudi Arabia
112	Name the mobile App launched by the government of India for health workers to ease child deliveries in peripheral areas.	LaQshya
113	Which among the given mountains has recently been named as the highest mountain peak in United Kingdom by the British authorities?	Mount Hope
114	Sumitra Bhave, who is recently in news, is related to which field?	Film making
115	The BCCI has lifted the ban on which State's cricket association recently?	Rajasthan
116	Who has been appointed as the chief communications officer of Ola?	Viraj Chouhan
117	Which country has developed and started the trial operation of the world's largest automated container terminal?	China
118	Which Indian sportsperson has clinched bronze in the women's 10m Air Pistol event at the 10th Asian Championship 10m Rifle/Pistol in Japan?	Heena Sidhu
119	Which union minister has launched the first NIC-CERT to prevent and predict cyber attacks on government utilities?	Ravi Shankar Prasad
120	The 54th meeting of SAARC programming committee has started in which country?	Nepal
121	Which state government has decided to recognise political prisoners held in jails during emergency as 'Loktantra Sainani'?	Rajasthan
122	Which state became the first in India to offer e-mail IDs in Hindi?	Rajasthan
123	Who has been appointed as the new Executive Director of Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?	Uma Shankar
124	Which country heads the ranking in global prosperity index?	Norway
125	Which Indian batsman becomes 1st batsmen to score 3 ODI double centuries?	Rohit Sharma
126	In which city the 14th Inclusive Finance India Summit was held?	New Delhi
127	Which country formally hands over Hambantota Port to China for 99-Year Lease?	Sri Lanka
128	Where was the second UNESCO World Conference on Tourism and Culture held?	Muscat
129	Which state government launches Safe City Surveillance scheme for Women Safety?	Bihar
130	India's first Electronic Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) will be set up in which state?	Andhra Pradesh
131	Who has officially launched the new multi-coloured logo for the Allahabad Kumbh Mela 2019?	Ram Naik
132	Who has been honoured with this year's Mother Teresa Memorial award for social justice?	Priyanka Chopra
133	Who has officially launched the new multi-coloured logo for the Allahabad Kumbh Mela 2019?	Ram Naik
134	Which submarine is the first indigenously built Scorpene-class submarine that is commissioned into the Indian Navy?	INS Kalvari
135	What is the rank of Indian Men's Hockey Team in the latest world rankings released by the International Hockey Federation?	6th
136	El Dabaa Nuclear Power Plant will be constructed in which country?	Egypt
137	In the upcoming Republic Day celebrations in 2018, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has invited the leaders of which inter-governmental organisation to be the chief guests?	ASEAN
138	Which country bans its banks from dealing in Bitcoin?	South Korea
139	Name the first country in the world to create the record of registering 300-plus totals 100 times in ODIs?	India
140	Bollywood actor, writer and director, Neeraj Vora passed away on 14 December after being in coma for over a year. Which among the following films did not feature him as an actor?	Talaash

141	Which day is celebrated as National Energy Conservation Day?	14 December
142	Which of the following words has been registered as the word of the year 2017 by the online dictionary Merriam-Webster?	Feminism
143	In a first of its kind move, the technology giant Google has set up an Artificial Intelligence (AI) based research lab in which Asian country?	China
144	Which of the following global companies has recently received the license for Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI) from the Reserve Bank of India to operate a semi-closed loop wallet in the country?	Obopay
145	Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated India's first indigenous Scorpene-class submarine INS to the nation on December 14, 2017? Which of the following is that submarine?	Kalvari
146	The government of Delhi has constituted a 9 member panel to suggest norms for proper functioning of private hospitals. Who has been appointed as the head of this committee?	Dr. Kirti Bhushan
147	Who among the following has been named the best youth boxer of the year 2017 by the Asian Boxing Confederation?	Sachin Siwach
148	How much amount has been pledged by Japan as grant for the construction of a vocational training centre for poor women and youth in Rajasthan's Baran district?	8.4 million Yen
149	Which city will host the finals of the Ranji Trophy 2017-18 season?	Indore
150	Which among the following payments bank has signed Rajasthan's Rajcomp as its corporate business correspondent to give banking services to people in the state?	Fino Payments Bank
151	Name the winner of the Mr India 2017 pageant?	Jitesh Singh Deo
152	Which country has recently become the first nation of the world to end the national broadcasts of its FM radio network and switch to digital audio broadcasting (DAB)?	Norway
153	How much amount has been released by the Ministry of Home Affairs to six Indian states having an international border for the development of border infrastructure?	Rs 174 crore
154	The 4th India-Australia-Japan Trilateral Dialogue was held in which city?	New Delhi
155	How much loan amount has been approved by the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) for financing the 100-percent electric metro rail project of Bangalore?	USD 335 million
156	In a move to boost global economy's shift towards clean energy, World Bank Group has decided to stop financing oil and gas exploration and extraction projects from which year?	2019
157	The World Health Organisation on December 17, 2017, declared Gabon free from which disease?	Polio
158	India's top shuttler PV Sindhu lost against which player to settle for silver medal in the women's singles category at the BWF Dubai World Super Series Finals 2017?	Akane Yamaguchi, Japan
159	Which country has passed a law allowing women to drive trucks and bikes in the country?	Saudi Arabia
160	Which among the following tribal village of Chhattisgarh has recently received the power supply for the first time since independence?	Jokapatha village
161	The first ever International Wheelchair Cricket Tournament will be held in which country?	Nepal
162	Eminent Bengali poet Joy Goswami will be given the 31st Moortidevi Award for his poetry collection titled ?	Du Dondo Phowara Matro
163	The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has set up a 30-member central advisory council for protecting the interest of home-buyers by advising government on implementation of the Real Estate Regulation Act (RERA). Who has been appointed as the head of the panel?	Narendra Singh Tomar
164	Christian Pulisic becomes youngest to get US men's footballer of the year for 2017 at the age of?	19 years
165	The world's steepest funicular railway has been unveiled in which country?	Switzerland
166	Who among the following has been suspended by FIFA for 90 days over a breach of its rules?	Marco Polo Del Nero
167	Which country unveils satellite network plan for South China Sea?	China
168	The Uttar Pradesh government under Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has proposed to set up a Gita Research Institute for the study of the 'Bhagavad Gita' in which city?	Mathura
169	Name the player to win the 2017 Commonwealth Wrestling Championship in the 62kg women's freestyle category?	Sakshi Malik
170	The first ever Tribal Sports Meet 2017 has been organized by which state government?	Odisha

171	Which of the following companies has been temporarily barred by UIDAI from conducting Aadhaar linked e-KYC verification of SIM cards and bank clients?	Airtel
172	Which state has launched the Safe City Surveillance Scheme for keeping the crimes against women in check?	Bihar
173	What was the theme of the 2017 International Migrants Day?	Safe Migration in a World on the Move
174	When is the International Migrants Day observed?	December 18
175	The 35 years old former AC Milan and Real Madrid midfielder 'Kaka' announced his retirement from professional football. He belongs to which country?	Brazil
176	Based on the latest United Nation report, India has a tendency to grow at which percent in the next two decades due to its largely positive and "favourable to growth" economic conditions?	8 Percent
177	Who among the following has broken all the past records to become the fastest sailor in the world for sailing solo around the world?	Francois Gabart
178	Which country tops the list of Global Innovation Index (GII) 2017?	Switzerland
179	Who has been conferred with the first Smita Patil Memorial Award 2017?	Rekha
180	In its recent predictions the United Nation has projected India's GDP for the year 2018 at percent?	7.2 Percent
181	Who will receive the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development this year?	Manmohan Singh
182	Under which scheme Nagaland, Andaman & Nicobar Islands Sign MoU with India recently ?	UDAY Scheme
183	The 42nd World Congress of the International Committee of Military Medicine (ICMM) has been organized in which city?	New Delhi
184	Which Country's nominee won re-elections to the fill up the last seat at the International Court of Justice?	India
185	When is World Toilet Day celebrated?	19 November
186	When was the World Fisheries day celebrated?	21 November
187	The Qaumi Ekta Week celebration begins in India from which date?	November 19
188	Which of the following does not win a gold medal in National Wrestling Championship?	Vijendra Kumar
189	Which former Prime Minister's 100th birth anniversary was celebrated on 19 November 2017?	Indira Gandhi
190	Recently which Indian wrestler has been handed a four-year ban by the Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel of the NADA?	Sandeep Yadav
191	Which State Cabinet has approved scheme for victims of Acid Attack?	Punjab
192	Which state launches its first air ambulance for the public recently?	Assam
193	Which State/ Union Territory Government has formed "Mahila Suraksha Dals" to curb crimes against women?	Delhi
194	Shri Ram Nath Kovind will visit three North-Eastern States of India. Which among the following is one of them?	Arunachal Pradesh
195	When is Universal Children's Day observed every year?	20 November
196	Which country was named as the World's Richest Country according to IMF's GDP data?	Qatar
197	Former Union Minister Priya Ranjan Dasmunsi passed away after being in coma for 9 years. He was a senior leader of which Indian political party?	Indian National Congress
198	Which country wins Maiden Under-19 Asia Cup?	Afghanistan
199	Name the veteran actor and playwright who received Tata Literature Live Lifetime Achievement Award 2017?	Girish Karnad
200	In which place Women's Youth World Boxing Championship has begin?	Guwahati
201	Jana Novotna, the former Wimbledon tennis champion passed away. She hails from which country?	Czech Republic
202	Which place Gleadowia konyakianorum is a Parasitic plant found ?	Nagaland
203	Who takes Charge as SEBI Executive Director ?	Anand Rajeshwar Baiwa
204	Which player ATP Finals Title recently ?	Grigor Dimitrov
205	Which position did India obtained at Largest Fish Producing Country in the World?	Second
206	In Order To Protect The Marine Ecology, What Was Banned On The Mechanised Fishing Vessels?	LED Lights

207	Which mission did NASA tests Supersonic Parachute recently?	Mars 2020 mission
208	In Which City, The International Seminar On Indian Space Programme: ‘Trends And Opportunities For Industry’ Was Inaugurated?	New Delhi
209	Which country India join hands to provide visa free entry for flight crew members?	Russia
210	Which Indian State Hosted The First- Ever North East Development Summit (NEDS) 2017?	Manipur
211	Which year India’s first mission to the Sun to be launched recently?	2019
212	Which city in India the Conference of Commanders of Eastern Air Command commence?	Shillong
213	In Which City, Zurich-Based Global Think-Tank Horasis’ First Asia Meet Will Be Held At?	Kolkata
214	Who becomes world’s highest paid model in 2017?	Kendall Jenner
215	In Which Indian City, The Ministry Of Health And Family Welfare Organized A One-Day National Workshop To Promote The Male Participation In Family Planning?	New Delhi
216	Who was the world’s oldest head of state until he put in his resignation recently?	Robert Mugabe
217	The Delhi and District Cricket Association (DDCA) has decided to name the Gate No. 3 and 4 of the Ferozshah Kotla stadium after whose name?	Anjum Chopra
218	Prime minister Narendra Modi launches Umang mobile application, an integrated platform for government to citizen services. In Umang ‘U’ stands for ?	Unified
219	As per a report published by the OECD, the Indian government is ranked ?	3rd
220	Who inaugurates 5th Global Conference on Cyber Space in New Delhi?	Narendra Modi
221	Jilin-1 04, Jilin-1 05 and Jilin-1 06 remote sensing satellites were launched by which country?	China
222	Name the UBS India chief who has resigned recently?	Aashish Kamat
223	Telangana state makes which language compulsory till Inter from next academic year?	Telugu
224	Who becomes first female pilot in Indian Navy?	Shubhangi Swaroop
225	The Union government has initiated ‘safe-city’ plan in 8 metropolitan cities for whom?	Woman
226	Who partners with Airtel Payments Bank mobile wallet?	Hike
227	Which Book Was Awarded Best Book Of The Year 2017?	Age Of Anger: A History Of The Present
228	Which State Government Launched Free Learning App ‘Dishari’ For Competitive Exams?	Rajasthan
229	IFFI has nominated nine movies for this year’s ICFT Gandhi Medal. Among them how many are from India?	Five
230	In which city, the New National Policy on Biofuels & Pradhan Mantri Ji- Van Yojana was held at?	New Delhi
231	Which state government forms Hill Area Development Committee under Mann Ghising?	West Bengal
232	Indian Railways has installed Asia’s largest Solid State Interlocking (SSI) system in which city, which will enable station masters to set 800 different routes for trains in a matter of minutes?	Kharagpur
233	Which bank has launched a unified integrated app called YONO (You Need Only One) that would offer all kinds of financial and lifestyle products?	State Bank of India
234	Recently which scheme was introduced by Union Cabinet?	Pradhan Mantri Mahila Shakti Kendra
235	The Centre suggested which state government to enhance its rural road construction target under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) to 10,000 km from 7,000 km during the current fiscal year?	Odisha
236	Which city to become first city to jointly host Badminton and Para Badminton World Championships in 2019?	Basel
237	Which ministry has launched a digital Signature campaign on Constitution Day?	Ministry of Human Resources Development
238	“North East Rural Livelihood Project”, an exclusive rural Livelihood scheme for the North-eastern states of India is supported by which organisation?	World Bank
239	In which Indian city, the 8th edition of the Global Entrepreneurship Summit-2017 will be held at?	Hyderabad
240	Mount Agung which erupted recently, is located in which country?	Indonesia
241	Which union ministry will conduct Multi State Mega Mock Tsunami Exercise 2017?	Ministry of Home Affairs

242	Which bank raises Shareholding Limit of ARCs?	Reserve bank of India
243	Who wins fourth European Golden Shoe Award?	Lionel Messi
244	To which state, the Central Government approved infrastructure projects worth Rs 1 lakh crore which includes highways and shipping as well as projects catering to irrigation and drinking water requirements?	Tamil Nadu
245	Which day is celebrated as International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women?	25 November
246	Which country has written a letter to United Nations (UN) urging to declare 2018 as the 'International Year of Millets'?	India
247	Who wins the best actor award at the Asia Pacific Screen Awards in Brisbane, Australia?	Rajkummar Rao
248	For what reason, President Ram Nath Kovind gave his consent to an ordinance to amend the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC)?	To prevent misuse of IBC
249	In which place the First Indian casino game training course centre will be setup?	Goa
250	As per a report by 'Sheatwork', which Indian state has the highest number of women entrepreneurs?	Tamil Nadu
251	Which Insurance company has launched 'Pro-fit', a platform that will act as a one-stop solution to all the health-record tracking needs of customers?	Bajaj Allianz
252	What is the rank of Indian football team in the latest FIFA (International Federation of Association Football) rankings?	105th
253	Constitution Day in India is celebrated on which day?	November 26
254	Which State Government notified the 'Goods Carriages (Regulation and Prevention of Cartelization Rules), 2017', banning goods carriage operators from forming cartels in the state?	Punjab
255	The 36th International Geological Congress (IGC) will be held in which city in the year 2020?	New Delhi
256	Name the partner state for the event "International Gita Mahotsava-2017" which was held at Kurukshetra, Haryana.	Uttar Pradesh
257	Folk singer Mangi Bai Arya who passed away recently was from which state?	Rajasthan
258	Who organised the 2-day conference on National Law Day in New Delhi?	1&2
259	Which country join hands with India to boost mutual ties in IT renewable energy?	Finland
260	Which country allows women weightlifters to compete internationally?	Iran
261	Who has been appointed as the President of the Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA)?	Nirmala Sitharaman
262	India will help which country on digital locker?	Mauritius
263	Which among the given holy shrines has recently been awarded the Most Visited Place of the World honour by London based Book of World Records?	Golden Temple
264	To counter China's strategic moves in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) and ensure security of sea lanes converging towards the Malacca Strait India has conducted a major military exercise in which strategically-located Island?	Andaman and Nicobar island
265	Who has been appointed to head the 15th Finance Commission constituted by the Government on November 27, 2017?	N K Singh
266	To promote the Government's Skill India Programme a tripartite MoU was signed between National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), Tourism and Hospitality Sector Skill Council (THSC) along with which company?	Airbnb
267	Who has been appointed as India's G 20 Sherpa for the Development Track of the G20 till December 31, 2018?	Shaktikanta Das
268	Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 30 km-long, first phase of Hyderabad Metro Rail between Miyapur to which place at miyapur station?	Nagole
269	How many total medals India won in Para-Badminton World Championships?	10
270	In which city Manipur CM Biren Singh inaugurates India-Myanmar media interaction programme?	Imphal
271	Name the winner of the F1 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix 2017.	Valtteri Bottas
272	Which state inaugurated the First edition of the International Symposium to Promote Innovation & Research in Energy Efficiency (INSPIRE 2017)?	Rajasthan
273	Who has inaugurated the 8th edition of the Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES-2017)?	Narendra Modi

274	Who has been elected the new President of the Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA)?	Nirmala Sitharaman
275	Who has been appointed as the first-ever female UK Ambassador to United Nations (UN)?	Karen Pierce
276	Which Country is to hold 7th World Military Games?	China
277	India will sign a MoU for cooperation in the policy planning and technology transfer in the urban transport sector with which Nation?	UK
278	Which Airlines has secured the Category III-B certification from Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)?	Air India Express
279	The City of Oxford has stripped which Nobel Peace Laureate of its human rights award for failing to respond to the world's biggest refugee crisis?	Aung San Suu Kyi
280	Which company collaborated with hardware accelerator "HAX" and crowd-funding community "Kickstarter" to announce "Startup C-Cube"?	Amazon India
281	Who has been appointed as the Secretary General of Lok Sabha?	Snehlata Shrivastava
282	Which Insurance company has launched India's first-ever micro-insurance plan 'insurance khata'?	IndiaFirst Life Insurance
283	Which insurance company has become the first private Life Insurer in India to implement Electronic – National Automated Clearing House (e-NACH) service of the National Payment Corporation of India?	CICI Prudential Life
284	Thodupuzha Vasanthi was a popular actress of which film industry?	Malayalam
285	Which country will provide USD 2.87 million to Afghanistan for renovation of 350 buses that will help in strengthening the public transport system of Kabul?	India
286	Who has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Air India?	Pradeep Singh Kharola
287	India signed agreement with which country for the establishment of the National Crisis Management Centre (NCMC) in India to handle disaster and other emergency situations?	Russia
288	With which country, India signed an air services agreement in New Delhi?	Greece
289	Which country was the biggest market for Ukrainian agriculture products in the first 10 month of 2017, importing 11.3 % of exports in cash terms?	India
290	In which mall India's first rooftop solar car port was built by Tata Power Solar System?	Unity One Mall, Delhi
291	To whom did the President Ram Nath Kovind conferred the 3rd ICCR (Indian Council for Cultural Relations) Distinguished Indologist Award?	Hiroshi Marui
292	Name the Indian who won men's singles gold medal at the 2017 ITTF Challenge Spanish Open in Almeria, Spain.	G Sathiyam
293	Which Ministry bagged gold medal in the Ministries/ Departments category for excellence in display in the India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2017, in New Delhi?	Ministry of Water Resources
294	Who became the fastest bowler to gain 300 Test wickets?	Ravichandran Ashwin
295	In which city the Indian Sports Honours 2017 was inaugurated ?	Mumbai
296	To which profession does Thodupuzha Vasanthi belongs to?	Actress
297	Who was elected as a foreign academician of Chinese Academy of Engineering (CAE)?	Bill Gates
298	Who has been appointed as the chairman of GST Anti-Profitteering Authority?	B.N. Sharma
299	Name the Magazine publisher who acquired the Time Inc. in a deal valued at \$2.8 billion.	Meredith Corp
300	Which football player is featured on the official poster of FIFA World Cup 2018?	Lev Yashin
301	Name the veteran actor and playwright to receive Tata Literature Lifetime Achievement Award 2017.	Girish Karnad
302	Which state Government Announces Lifetime Pensions for 'Hindi Satyagrahis'?	Haryana
303	What country has topped the list of new tuberculosis cases in 2016, according to WHO's Global TB Report 2017?	India
304	Who to inaugurate Chhattisgarh foundation day celebrations?	Shri Venkaiah Naidu
305	Heena Sidhu clinched gold in which air pistol event at Commonwealth Shooting Championships in Brisbane?	10m air pistol
306	Who is Appointed as Consul General of Korea?	Suresh Chukkapalli

307	Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck who is in visit to India is the king of which of the given countries?	Bhutan
308	Who is Appointed Private Secretary to President?	Vikram Singh
309	'Blue Flag-17' is a multilateral military exercise held between India and which country?	Israel
310	Which union Minister launches Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana in Mumbai?	Ramdas Athawale
311	What is the rank of India in accordance with the World Bank's 2017 'Ease of Doing Business Report'?	100
312	Which state ERO-Net launched recently?	Rajasthan
313	Who has been appointed as the Karnataka's first woman Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG-IGP)?	Neelmani N. Raju
314	Who is Named as India's Next High Commissioner to Pakistan?	Ajay Bisaria
315	Name the celebrity who has been named top earning dead celebrities by Forbes for the fifth straight year.	Michael Jackson
316	Who is selected for Ezhuthachan Puraskaram award recently?	K Satchidanandan
317	Diya Chitale won the silver medal in the girls' doubles category of the 2017 ITTF World Cadet Challenge which was held in which country?	Fiji
318	How many crores did the Central Government allocated to promote tourism projects in Puducherry?	109 crores
319	Which State Government Adds 18m to Shivaji statue, to be World's Tallest at 210m?	Maharashtra
320	Which city to host 9th global green film festival?	Delhi
321	What is the maximum age of Joining National Pension Scheme (NPS)?	65 years
322	Who inaugurated Global Clubfoot Conference in New Delhi?	Shri Ram Nath Govind
323	Who visits Gandhinagar to attend silver jubilee function of Akshardham temple?	Shri Narendra Modi
324	Which place India and US Ocean Dialogue held recently?	Goa
325	Which state Government to apply reservation formula in engaging outsourced employees?	Bihar
326	Who grabbed career-best ranking of World No. 2 in the latest BWF (Badminton World Federation) ranking?	Kidambi Srikanth
327	Sikkim is set to get its first airport by the end of November. The airport is built at an estimated cost of	Rs. 300 crore
328	Aadhaar - Mobile SIM linking should be done by	February 6, 2018
329	The term "Fake news" named which of the following dictionary's official Word of the Year for 2017?	Collins Dictionary
330	Who is appointed as new UK defence secretary?	Gavin Williamson
331	According to a Gender Vulnerability Index (GVI) report, which state named most unsafe for women in India?	Bihar
332	FASTag to be compulsory for all new Four wheelers from	December 1
333	Who was named the most powerful woman in India as she ranked 32nd in World's 100 Most Powerful Women list by Forbes?	Chanda Kochhar
334	Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport (BEST) has procured six eco-friendly, battery-operated buses at a cost of	Rs.10 crore
335	Which of the following site has received the "Award of Merit" from the "2017 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation"?	Royal Opera House
336	Recently which city received its first batch of four battery operated eco friendly BEST buses?	Mumbai
337	What is India's first fully indigenously developed bomb called?	SAAW
338	Which bank imposed Legal Entity Identifier mandatory for all large corporate borrowers ?	Reserve Bank of India
339	Pan India scholarship program – Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana- has been launched to promote philately. Philately is the study of what?	Postage Stamps
340	Which temple won UNESCO award recently?	Shri Ranganathan Swamy temple
341	Which Airline wins "2018 Airline of the Year" award?	Air New Zealand
342	In Which city 7th Asia Ministerial Energy Roundtable Held recently?	Bangkok

343	Since becoming president of the United States, Donald Trump will make his first official visit to which of the following country on November 5?	Japan
344	Who is the Next US Ambassador to India ?	Kenneth Juster
345	India has set a Guinness world record of cooking how much kg khichdi live at the World Food India 2017 event.	918 kg
346	Which place BRO Builds World's Highest Motorable Road located?	Ladakh
347	Recently, Home Ministry approved how many additional counters for Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport by January 2018?	55
348	Saad al-Hariri, who recently resigned from the post served as a Prime Minister of which country?	Lebanon
349	What is the maximum annual scholarship amount under "Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana", for students collecting stamps?	Rs 6,000 per annum
350	Which of the following country unveiled Asia's largest artificial island-building ship dubbed as "magic island maker"?	China
351	Central Government launched the "Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana", an annual scholarship for students collecting stamps. Only students of which Classes will be eligible for the scholarship?	Class 6 to Class 9
352	What is the theme of World Tsunami Awareness Day 2017?	Reduce the Number of Affected People
353	Who is awarded the Jnanpith Award for the year 2017?	Krishna Sobti
354	MC Mary Kom has been appointed as ambassador of the AIBA Women's Youth World Championships 2017. The tournament will be held in which city ?	Guwahati
355	For Aadhaar linked IRCTC accounts, Indian Railways has increased the monthly cap on tickets booked from six to	12
356	World's busiest airport, Changi airport opens new terminal with cleaning robots, recently. This airport is located in which country?	Singapore
357	Which state government has announced plans to convert 29,000 fair price shops across the state into mini-malls, offering subsidised grains?	Andhra Pradesh
358	Which of the following women's hockey team won the Asia Cup hockey title 2017 held in Japan?	India
359	Recently, Which country has made disrespecting the national anthem a criminal offense punishable by up to three years in prison?	China
360	Which of the following states will hold 'Nobel Prize Series — India 2018 (Science Impacts Life)' in February 2018?	Goa
361	Who is the present Chairman of DRDO?	S Christopher
362	Which state Signs Pacts Worth Over Rs. 2,000 crores at World Food India ?	Haryana
363	Which investigative news source has released the 'Paradise Papers' which reveals the offshore activities of some of the world's most powerful people and companies?	International Consortium of Investigative Journalists
364	Who participates in 75th anniversary celebrations of Thanthi newspaper in Chennai ?	Shri Narendra Modi
365	Which country hosted the 2017 World Youth Forum (WYF)?	Egypt
366	How many medals did India won including 4 gold in Commonwealth Shooting Championships recently ?	16
367	The 2017 Bali Jatra festival has started in which state?	Odisha
368	Which State set to get 24x7 power supply to boost agriculture sector ?	Telangana
369	China on November 6, 2017, launched two which of the following satellites?	BeiDou-3
370	How many crores did Odisha being 'focus state' of World Food India-2017 set to get investments from Amul company?	250 crores
371	Which among the given countries has recently handed over its instrument accession to the India-initiated International Solar Alliance (ISA)?	Guinea
372	With which country India joint military combat exercise "Sampriti" which begins in Meghalaya?	Bangladesh
373	Where did the Conference of Parties (COP) -23 under United Nations Framework Convention on	Bonn

	Climate Change (UNFCCC) begin?	
374	Which bank pledges \$100 billion of finance by 2025 to combat climate change ?	HSBC Bank
375	Railways have launched the main arch of the world's highest bridge on the River Chenab in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district. The bridge is how much metres tall.	359
376	Which campaign soon to run in every school recently ?	Operation Digital Blackboard
377	India has test-fired a homegrown subsonic cruise missile. What is it called?	Nirbhay
378	Which country AI 'boy' first bot to gain a residency recently ?	Tokyo
379	Which city bags best city bus services award for attracting 87 percent of private vehicle users?	Surat
380	How many Gold medals were won by Indian shooters at the just concluded Commonwealth Shooting Championship in Brisbane, Australia?	6
381	Which river bridge the Indian Railways constructed main arch recently ?	Chenab River Bridge
382	Vettoor Purushan who passed away recently was a	Actor
383	Which city bags best city bus services award for attracting 87 percent of private vehicle users?	Surat
384	Which state aims to promote 'plastic free' motive through 'Hornbill Festival'?	Nagaland
385	Which bank makes RTGS, NEFT online transactions free recently?	HDFC Bank
386	Which city the Union minister Smriti Irani flags off Digital Rath ?	New Delhi
387	Among the given cities which city got included in the UNESCO's Creative Cities Network for contribution in Music?	Chennai
388	Who is the new Finance Secretary appointed by the Central govt ?	Hasmukh Adhia
389	Which state is hosting the 20th International Children's Film Festival India?	Telangana
390	Which short film bagged the 'Best Short Film Award' at the South Asian Film Festival of Montreal (SAFFM) ?	The School Bag
391	Which inks partnership with Microsoft for enhanced passenger experience?	OLA
392	Which payment service introduces BHIM UPI for seamless money transfer recently ?	Paytm
393	Which social media platform has increased its character limit from 140 to 280?	Twitter
394	In which city Odd-Even Scheme to be Reintroduced ?	New Delhi
395	Grahak Sadak Koyla Vitaran App has been launched by	Coal India
396	Who has won the 2017 men's singles National Badminton Championships?	H S Prannoy
397	Which state becomes first in India to treat Hepatitis C patients with oral medicine?	Haryana
398	Which country is re-elected Member of UNESCO's Executive Board?	India
399	RBI asks banks to provide doorstep banking facilities to senior citizens of more than	70 years
400	Who joins forces with NASA to develop flying taxis?	Uber
401	Recently, Federal Bank gets RBI nod to open offices in	Kuwait and Singapore
402	Which is the First Ever Film festival observed in India?	Nordic-Baltic Festival
403	India hosts AYUSH 2017 conference in	Dubai, UAE
404	Who inaugurates three-day Organic World Congress 2017 in Greater Noida?	Radha Mohan Singh
405	Union Minister Nitin Gadkari announced World Bank-backed irrigation scheme of worth	Rs.6,000 crore
406	Which state assembly passes the Prevention of Dangerous Activities of Bootleggers, Dacoits, Drug Offenders, Goondas, Immoral traffic offenders and Landgrabbers (Amendment) Bill, 2017?	Telangana
407	The new Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre (ECC) will be developed at	Delhi
408	Which among the given languages has been declared as the second official language of Telangana by the state government?	Urdu
409	How much crore has been approved by Union Cabinet for the development of an Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre (ECC)?	Rs.25,703 crore
410	Which country recently announced that it is shortening the academic year at some universities which will host the 2018 FIFA World Cup?	Russia
411	Dubai police officers set a Guinness World Record by pulling the world's largest passenger airliner Airbus A380 for a distance of	100 metres
412	The new reduced tax rates for 178 items fixed at the 23rd GST council meeting, will be applicable	November 15, 2017

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413	At the second meeting of the Island Development Agency, New airport to come up on Lakshadweep's	Minicoy Island
414	Which University in India decided to give gold medal only to the students who are vegetarian and non drinkers?	Savitribai Phule Pune University
415	Home loan limit for Central Government employees raised to Rs.25 Lakh from	Rs.7.5 lakh
416	What will be the focus country of the Kolkata International Film Festival 2017?	Britain
417	Which agency has been named as the recipient of the Mother Teresa Memorial Award for Social Justice, 2017?	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
418	During 23rd GST Council meeting - held on November 10, 2017 at Guwahati, Assam, the GST Council slashed rates for both AC, Non-AC restaurants to	5%
419	India became the first country to partner with Facebook on disaster response. The programme will be piloted in two disaster-prone states - Assam and	Uttarakhand
420	JEE Main, NEET likely to be conducted twice a year from	2019
421	Dubai police officers set a Guinness World Record by pulling the world's largest passenger airliner Airbus A380 for a distance of	100 metres
422	The 2017 ASEAN-India Summit is being hosted by which country?	Philippines
423	Sagar Kavach' a joint security exercise will be organized by which two Indian neighbour states along their 630 km long coastline?	Odisha & WestBengal
424	Which of the following has decided to not to pursue Islamic banking.	RBI
425	As a part of the ongoing Indo-Bangladesh defense cooperation, an army training capsule on counter-insurgency operations will be conducted in which city's Cantonment from November 13, 2017 to December 10, 2017?	Patna
426	Which among the following former Nepal Prime Minister passed away recently at the age of 90?	Kirti Nidhi Bista
427	In which State, India's first Military Literature Festival would be held at?	Punjab
428	Who has won the 2017 IBSF World Billiards Championship?	Pankaj Advani
429	In which city, the India's first cartoon network theme park is to be set up?	Surat
430	Mahendra Singh Dhoni has inaugurated his first global cricket academy in which city?	Dubai
431	In which city, The Russian film festival titled 'Russian Film Days' was inaugurated for cinema lovers?	NewDelhi
432	As per a report published by NASA on November 12, 2017, 1.3 lakh people have booked ticket for which planet?	Mars
433	Who is appointed as AIFF Ombudsman by Supreme Court?	Bhaskar Ganguly
434	Which country is the partner country at the 37th India International Trade Fair in New Delhi?	Vietnam
435	What is the theme of Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) summit held in Vietnam?	Creating New Dynamism, Fostering a Shared Future
436	What is the theme of the Tenth South Asia Economic Summit begins in Nepal?	Deepening Economic Integration for Inclusive and Sustainable Development in South Asia
437	The Indian Youth Development Index and Report 2017 has been developed by an institute situated in which state?	Tamil Nadu
438	Which nation was failed to qualify for FIFA World Cup for the first time since 1958?	Italy
439	Who is leading the Indian delegation in the 4th India-Canada Annual Ministerial Dialogue -2017?	Suresh Prabhu
440	In which year India will overtake Japan and Germany in nominal GDP to emerge world's third-largest economy?	2028

441	Bharat Khandare will be the first Indian to sign up in the which championship?	Ultimate Fighting Championship
442	India's 1st Tribal Entrepreneurship Summit was organised in which state?	Chhattisgarh
443	Who resigns as Jury Head of 48th International Film Festival of India?	Sujoy Ghosh
444	In which city United Nations hosts first talks on use of killer robots?	Geneva
445	India is the largest emitter of which poisonous gas in 2017?	Sulphur dioxide
446	Who is the first Indian to qualify for LPGA Tour Championships?	Aditi Ashok
447	Which state has topped in opening new Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) accounts after demonetisation?	Uttar Pradesh
448	India's first tribal entrepreneurship summit was organised where in Chattisgarh on 14 th Nov, 2017?	Dantewada
449	What is the theme of the first ever APCERT conference held in New Delhi?	Building Trust in the Digital Economy
450	Which state is hosting the first edition of its Hot Air Balloon Festival?	Andhra Pradesh
451	Minister of State for Power and New & Renewable Energy launched which portal for the power sector?	Indian Power Portal
452	In which country the foundation of International Solar Alliance held recently?	Germany
453	Which State Government gave approval for setting up a 'State Ayush Society' with an aim to promote the usage of alternative medicine in the state?	Bihar
454	Which keystone document has been promulgated for the first time in the history of armed forces in Nov 2017?	Joint Training Doctrine Indian Armed Forces
455	Which award is conferred to Anand Kumar recently by President RamNath Kovind?	Rashtriya Bal Kalyan Award
456	In which country, the 31st ASEAN Summit and Related Summits were held at?	Philippines
457	The 2017 International Day of Rural Women is observed on which date?	October 15
458	Recently, Facebook launched food delivery service in	United States
459	Which of the following state has become first in the country to call attention and adjournment motions and proposals online from legislators to send them to the state government?	Rajasthan
460	Who became first female referee to officiate a match at the FIFA U-17 World Cup in India?	Esther Staubli
461	Who has become the first woman to lead a federation covering sporting activities for men and women?	Rima bint Bandar bin Sultan
462	"India International Science Festival (IISF) 2017" made new Guinness World Record for the World's Largest Biology Lesson. This Science festival is held at	Chennai
463	Who has been nominated for the first Centenary National Award for Literature?	Namita Gokhale
464	Which country became the First Nation to accept bitcoin as Payment for its Citizenship Program?	Vanuatu
465	Audrey Azoulay elected as the new Director General of UNESCO. She is the Former Culture Minister of which of the following country?	France
466	Who among the following won Shanghai Masters 2017?	Roger Federer
467	Meritorious Muslim girls who go on to complete graduation before marriage will get a special gift of how much Rupees from the Narendra Modi government.	51,000
468	Which vocalist has won Indira Gandhi National Integration Award 2017?	T. M. Krishna
469	The Coalition Years has been written by ?	Pranab Mukherjee
470	Which bank Commits Rs 156 crores for Namami Gange Project ?	Yes Bank
471	What is the theme of the 2017 World Food Day (WFD)?	Change the future of migration. Invest in food security and rural development
472	When the 2nd Ayurveda Day is celebrated recently ?	17th october
473	A book titled "Dreamnation: Uniting a Country with Handwritten Dreams" containing inspiring words of Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam has been co-authored by whom?	Bryan Magee and Martin Madan

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474	Which company launches 'Prerna' project for women farmers ?	Mahindra and mahindra
475	Shamsher Khan has passed away recently. Who was he ?	Swimmer
476	Which bank signs deal with Intellect Design for Digital Transaction Banking Platform ?	Bangkok Bank
477	With Which country the First Investment Agreement signed recently ?	Abu Dhabi Investment Authority
478	12-year-old girl, Poorvi G.B. has been awarded the 'best performer' subtitle at the 'Little Miss World 2017' pageant. The pageant was held in which country?	Greece
479	Which company Launches Blockchain Banking Network To Speed Cross-border Payments ?	IBM
480	Union Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman commissioned which Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) stealth corvettes into the Indian Navy at Visakhapatnam's Naval Dockyard?	Kiltan
481	Which of the following wrestler has become the first Indian woman wrestler to sign a WWE developmental contract?	Kavita Devi
482	Which country peacekeepers in South Sudan awarded UN medal ?	India
483	Which state police launches foot patrolling in all districts?	Punjab
484	With Which MCX launches first commodity options trading ?	Gold
485	Which Indian-American personality has won the 2017 American Bazaar Philanthropy award?	Ajay Raju
486	Which country elected among 15 nations to UN Human Rights Council ?	Pakistan
487	Who among the following is the Indian-origin teenager to become UK's youngest millionaire?	Akshay Ruparelia
488	Which ministry launches campaign on 'women for women' ?	Ministry of Ministry of Women and Child Development
489	Beyond The Dreamgirl has been written by ?	Mukherjee Ram Kamal
490	Punyaslok Dasgupta who passed away recently was ?	Poet
491	Which team won the 37th All India Governor's Gold Cup football tournament?	Mohun Bagan
492	Who won 2017 Man Booker Prize ?	Lincoln in the Bardo''.
493	The WCD Ministry has launched an online campaign to end gender bias in women against women. What is main hashtag for the campaign?	#IamThatWoman
494	Which award did the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas referred to ?	Swachh Bharat Inter-Ministerial Award
495	Name the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and General Counsel of Snapdeal who resigned in October 2017.	Anup Vikal
496	Which government releases Rs 4000 crore in phase 1 of Loan Waiver Scheme?	Maharashtra
497	India has signed a MoC with which country on Technical Intern Training Programme?	Japan
498	Which dept Launches 'Online Chat' to answer Taxpayers Queries ?	Dept of Income Tax
499	Which country peacekeepers in South Sudan awarded UN medal?	India
500	Which airport is named as No 1 according to ACI ?	Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA)

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