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MCLR (Overnight)	: 7.75% - 8.10%
Savings Deposit Rate	: 3.50% - 4.00%

ECONOMIC WATCH

Growth Rates

1. RBI growth estimate of India for 2017-18	7.3 %
2. World Bank forecast for India's GDP growth for 2017-18	7.2%
3. ADB forecast for India's GDP growth for 2017-18	7.4%
4. IMF projected GDP growth for India in 2017-18 at	7.2%
5. Fiscal deficit of India for 2017-18	3.2%
6. Current account deficit for 2017-18	1.2% of India's GDP

India Ranking in different Indexes

1. Ease of Doing Business Index 2017	130th
2. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) 2016	10th
3. Global Competitiveness Index 2016	39th
4. Good Country Index 2015	70th
5. Global Human Capital Report 2016	105th
6. Global Hunger Index 2016	97th
7. Global Innovation Index 2016	66th
8. Global Peace Index (GPI) 2016	141st
9. Global Slavery Index 2016	4th
10. Global Talent Competitiveness Index 2016	89th
11. Intellectual Property Index 2016	37th
12. Logistics Performance Index 2016	35th
13. Sustainable Development Goal Index 2016	110th
14. World Economic Freedom Index 2016	112th
15. World Happiness Index 2016	118th
16. World Press Freedom Index 2016	133rd
18. World Risk Index 2016	77th

FDI Limits

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

NATIONAL NEWS**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 Ramnath 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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- Kochi.
- Article 21.
- 'Varuna'.
- Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi.
- Burdwan district of West Bengal.
- Ahmedabad in Gujarat.



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BRICS Summit



- The ninth summit of the BRICS countries - Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa held in Chinese city of **Xiamen**.

Main highlights:

- India emphasized its concerns on global terrorism, which reflected in the Prime Minister's interventions as well as in the final Xiamen declaration.
- Terrorism in all its forms and manifestations is strongly deplored in the 9th BRICS summit held in Xiamen city of China.
- Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa in a joint declaration condemned all terror attacks worldwide, including those in the member states.
- The countries expressed concern at the security situation and violence caused by the Taliban, Islamic state, Al-Qaida and its affiliates.
- The declaration also reaffirmed BRICS support to the people of Afghanistan to achieve peace and national reconciliation.

About BRICS:

- BRICS is made up of China, Brazil, Russia, India and South Africa.
- The first BRIC Summit was held in *Yekaterinburg, Russia*. Since then, the Summit has become an annual event. Till date, eight summits have been held.
- In December 2010, China, as the Chair, invited South Africa to join BRIC and attend the Summit in Sanya, China. BRIC expanded to include 5 countries and the acronym changed into BRICS.
- BRICS has become an important platform for cooperation among emerging markets and developing countries.

India moves to revive TAPI gas pipeline

- India will host the next steering committee meeting of the proposed *1,814 kilometre-long Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI)* gas pipeline.
- The decision was came during the sixth joint Inter-Governmental Committee (IGC) meeting on trade, economic, scientific and technological cooperation.

G-7 Interior Ministers' Summit

- *Italy* will host a summit of G-7 interior ministers centered on security issues.
- The summit is expected to be held in October.



Global Environment Facility (GEF) Grant Agreement

- The Government of India, the Governments of *Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh*, the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education and the World Bank signed a **US\$ 24.64** million grant from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to improve forest quality, sustainable land management and benefits from Non-Timber Forest Produce for forest dependent communities in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.

Highest-Paid Female Actor

- *Emma Stone* has been named Hollywood's best-paid female actor in Forbes' annual list of top earners.
- Stone was closely followed by *Jennifer Aniston* with \$25.5m.

China Launches First Cyber Court in e-commerce Hub

- China launched its first cyber court specialising in handling internet-related cases in the e-commerce hub of **Hangzhou**, amid a spike in the number of online disputes.
- Hangzhou is home to many Internet companies, including e-commerce giant Alibaba.

Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO Meet)

- A two-day Meeting of Heads of Governments of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Member States held at *Choplon Ata in Kyrgyz Republic*.
- The meeting focused on prevention and elimination of emergency situations.
- India was represented by Home Minister *Rajnath Singh*.

A New Bridge Over Mechi River at Indo-Nepal Border

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to be signed between India and Nepal for laying down implementation arrangement on Cost sharing, Schedules and Safeguard issues for starting construction of a new Bridge over *Mechi River at Indo-Nepal border*.
- The cost of construction would be funded by Government of India through ADB loan.



International Military Music Festival

- The International Military Music Festival "Spasskaya Tower" is the parade of the best military music bands of Russia and other countries that takes place every year at *Red Square in Moscow*. This Music Festival is a mega event, where military musicians represent the variety of national, artistic and military traditions of the world.

China opens its first civilian drone base

- The Civil Aviation Administration of China announced the opening of the country's first test-flight base for civilian drones in *Shanghai*.
- This base will provide service to thousands of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) in a country where private drones have become very popular.

Surya Kiran Exercise

- India and Nepal have begun their joint military exercise *Surya Kiran* in Nepal.



- This is the 12th edition of Nepal-India joint military exercise.

Eastern Economic Forum

- Third meeting of Eastern Economic Forum has completed in *Vladivostok, Russia*
- External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj attended this Forum as India's representative.

UJALA scheme

- UJALA, One of the successful schemes by the Government of India has been launched in *Melaka, Malaysia*.

"YudhAbhyas 2017"

- A joint military exercise between India and the USA, "Yudh Abhyas-2017" held in *Washington, USA*.
- 'YudhAbhyas' is one of the largest joint military training and defense corporation endeavors between India and USA.

World Congress of Optometry

- The second World Congress of Optometry began in *Hyderabad* to discuss new ideas and share research and knowledge about various facets of optometry.
- The conference theme is 'Accessible, quality vision and eye health'.

WEF Human Capital Index 2017

Top 10 Countries

Ranking	2016	2017
Norway	2	1
Finland	1	2
Switzerland	3	3
United States	24	4
Denmark	7	5
Kazakhstan	29	29
China	71	34
Serbia	57	60
Indonesia	72	65
Ghana	84	72
India	105	103

- **1st rank:** Norway.
- **2nd Rank:** Finland.
- **105th rank:** India.

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- *It was founded in 1971. Klaus Schwab is the Executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum.*
- *The Forum is best known for its annual meeting at the end of January in Davos.*

Operation Insaniyat

- India is sending humanitarian assistance under **Operation Insaniyat** to Bangladesh to help with the influx of **Rohingya refugees**.
- India is sending basic amenities that the refugees are in urgent need of at the moment.

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3. Italy.
4. Emma Stone.
5. Choplon Ata in Kyrgyz Republic.
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7. Red Square in Moscow.
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BANKING AND ECONOMY

'SheMeansBusiness' Program

- Chief minister Naveen Patnaik launched '*She Means Business*' programme of Facebook for women entrepreneurs in Odisha.
- Under the scheme 25, 000 women entrepreneurs and self-help group (SHG) members will be given training on digital marketing skills within next one year.

Food Production in India

- Food grains – 275.68 million tonnes
- Rice – 110.15 million tonnes
- Wheat – 98.38 million tonnes
- Coarse Cereals – 44.19 million tonnes
- Maize – 26.26 million tonnes
- Pulses – 22.95 million tonnes
- Oilseeds – 32.10 million tonnes
- Cotton – 33.09 million bales (of 170 kg each)
- Sugarcane – 306.72 million tones

NABARD Sanctions Rs 1,350-cr loan to Rajasthan Government

- The National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned a loan assistance of **Rs 1,349.55 crore** to the Rajasthan government for creation of rural infrastructure in the state under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF).



Ujjivan SFB Receives Scheduled Bank Status From RBI

- Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ujjivan Financial Services Ltd, has been given scheduled bank status by RBI.
- Ujjivan SFB commenced its operations as a Small Finance Bank with effect from February 1, 2017.

Airtel Ties up With Symantec

- Bharti Airtel has entered into a partnership with **Symantec Corporation** to protect businesses in India from online threats.



- According to the agreement, Airtel will be the exclusive Cyber Security Services partner for Symantec in India, and will distribute the US-based software firm's enterprise security software.

Amazon India opens largest fulfilment centre

- Amazon opened its largest fulfilment centre in India on the outskirts of Hyderabad, near the **Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Shamshabad.**

Speedpay

- State - run telecom operator **Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)** has tied up with **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** to roll out open mobile wallet Speedpay across 10 states in the country.
- "SpeedPay" is an Open Loop Prepaid wallet which allows users to withdraw money from authorized retail points.



Habib Bank to Wind Up From USA

- US banking regulators ordered **Pakistan's Habib Bank** to shut its New York office on the issue of not heeding concerns over possible terrorist financing and money laundering.
- A fine of 225 million Dollars is also imposed on the bank.

Age limit to join National Pension Scheme raised to 65 years

- The Pension Fund Regulatory and **Development Authority (PFRDA)** has announced that the upper age limit for joining the **National Pension Scheme (NPS)** had been raised to **65 years**, from the current 60.
- NPS is currently open for people between 18 and 60, and the Board has approved raising the age limit for joining to 65.

Andhra Pradesh First to Implement Bharat QR Digital Payments

- Andhra Pradesh's **Eastern Power Distribution Company Ltd (EPDCL)** and the **Southern Power Distribution Corporation of AP Ltd**



(SPDCL) have become the first state-owned distribution companies in India to accept payments through Bharat QR, the world's first interoperable quick response code acceptance solution launched by the Reserve Bank of India.

Karnataka Ties up With Microsoft to Develop India's First Farm Price Forecasting Model

- The Agriculture Department of Karnataka government has signed a *Memorandum of Understanding* with *Microsoft India* to develop an unique 'farm price forecasting model' using the latest IT tools in a bid to help farmers, administrators and other stakeholders understand the market behaviour in advance.
- It will examine a slew of related factors, including weather, rainfall and external factors, that impact market behaviour.

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1. Odisha.
2. Rajasthan.
3. Symantec Corporation.
4. Punjab National Bank (PNB).
5. Andhra Pradesh's Eastern Power Distribution Company Ltd (EPDCL) and the Southern Power Distribution Corporation of AP Ltd (SPDCL).
6. 65 years.
7. Karnataka.

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Android Oreo

- Google has released the latest version of its Android mobile operating system (OS), which is named as **Oreo**.
- It adds a new "picture-in-picture" mode that lets some apps run in a small corner of the screen.



IRNSS-1H

- ISRO launched the IRNSS-1H into orbit using the **PSLV C39 rocket**, but failed.
- IRNSS-1H is India's 8th navigation satellite in the IRNSS series.
- This happened after the heat shield failed to separate in the fourth stage.
- The satellite had blasted off in the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle from Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- IRNSS is a part of **NavIC or Navigation Indian Constellation**. NavIC is designed to provide accurate position information service to users in India as well as a region extending up to 1500 km from its boundary.

Locky ransomware

- Locky, a deadly "ransomware" has hit India.

- State-run Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-in) has issued an advisory on the spreading of Locky ransomware in the country, urging users to not open any emails with attachments from unknown senders.
- CERT-in advised both the citizens and large organizations to not open emails with subjects like "please print", "documents", "photo", "images", "scans" and "pictures".

LRSAM

- Defence Minister Arun Jaitley handed over the Long-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (LRSAM) jointly developed by **India and Israel**, to the Indian Navy, at Bharat Dynamics Ltd (BDL).
- LRSAM is an advanced combat suit for missile defence against air targets and missiles, and has full capabilities of air and surface surveillance, threat alert and fire control.

NAG missile

- India's indigenously developed 3rd generation **Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM)**, Nag has been successfully flight tested twice by DRDO against two different targets in the ranges of Rajasthan.

India's first advanced Homoeopathy Virology lab

- India's first State of art virology laboratory at Dr. Anjali Chatterjee Regional Research Institute for Homoeopathy was inaugurated in **Kolkata**.



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SPORTS

US Open 2017

- Men's singles Winner: **Rafael Nadal**
- Women singles Winner : **Sloane Stephens of US**
- Men's doubles Winner : **Jean-Julien Rojer and Horia Tecau**
- Women Doubles Winner : **Chan Yung-Jan and Martina Hingis**
- Mixed Doubles Winner : **Martina Hingis and Jamie Murray**



ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup 2018

- **New Zealand** will host ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup 2018.
- A total of 16 teams will participate in the World Cup.



Spanish Super Cup 2017

- Winner: **Real Madrid**
- Runner Up: **Barcelona**

Bulgaria Open International Series

- Young Indian shuttler **Lakshya Sen** clinched the Bulgaria Open International Series title after defeating **Croatia's Zvonimir Durkinjak** in the men's singles final in **Sofia, Bulgaria**.

World Badminton Championship 2017

- Men's Singles Winner – **Viktor axelsen of Denmark**.
- Women's Singles Winner – **Nozomi Okuhara of Japan**. She has defeated **P.V Sindhu** of India.
- Saina Nehwal finished with a bronze medal in this championship.

U-15 SAFF Football Championship

- Winner: **India**
- Runner Up : **Nepal**
- Venue: **Nepal**



Belgian Grand Prix

- **Louise Hamilton** won the Belgian Grand Prix Formula One race, beating Sebastien Vettel.
- With this victory, he reduced the gap between him and the top of the championship table and top-ranked Sebastian Vettel.

First wicketkeeper to effect 100 stumpings in ODI Cricket

- Former India captain **Mahendra Singh Dhoni** became the first wicketkeeper in world cricket to affect 100 stumpings in One Day Internationals.

IPL Media Rights To Star India

- Indian Premier League (IPL) media rights for the next five years have been awarded to **Star India**.
- Star India won the bid held in Mumbai for various media rights of the league at **Rs. 16,347.50 crore** for the period of 2018 – 2022.



Goa to host 36th National Games

- The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has formally awarded to Goa the rights to host the 36th National Games.

Olympic Games

- International Olympic Committee (IOC) confirmed that the **Paris** would host the 2024 Olympics, while **Los Angeles** was awarded the **2028 Games**.
- **Tokyo**, Japan will host 2020 Olympic Games.



Quick Revise

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2.won the Belgian Grand Prix Formula One race, beating Sebastien Vettel.
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Answers

1. New Zealand.
2. Louise Hamilton.
3. Rafael Nadal.
4. Viktor axelsen.
5. India.
6. Mahendra Singh Dhoni.
7. Star India.
8. Goa.
9. Paris.

HPSSC Recruitment 2017



VARIOUS POSTS

2945 POSTS

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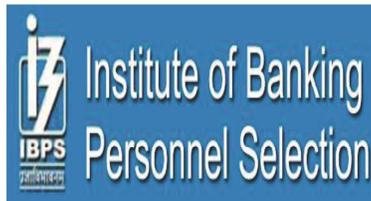
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Date for Download of call letters for Online examination — Preliminary/November 2017
Date of Online Examination — Preliminary 02-12-2017, 03-12-2017, 09-12-2017 & 10-12-2017
Date for Result of Online exam — Preliminary/December 2017



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PERSON IN NEWS

APPOINTMENTS

New CMD of Hindustan Copper Limited

- **Santosh Sharma** appointed as Chairman and Managing Director of Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL).
- Currently he is the Director (Operations) in the HCL.



New MD and CEO of Karur Vysya Bank

- The Reserve Bank of India has accorded their approval for the appointment of **Shri P R Seshadri** as Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of Karur Vysya Bank Ltd for a period of three years from the date of his taking charge.

Pakistan's High Commissioner to India

- **Sohail Mahmood** has appointed as new high commissioner of Pakistan to India.
- He has replaced Abdul Basit.

Russia's New Ambassador to India

- Russian President Vladimir Putin appointed career diplomat **Nikolay Kudashev** as Russia's new ambassador to India.



New DG of Railway Protection Force

- **Dharmendra Kumar** has appointed as the Director General, Railway Protection Force, Railway Board.
- Presently he is working in CISF as Additional DG.

Union Home Secretary

- Senior IAS officer **Rajiv Gauba** took charge as the Union Home Secretary.
- He has replaced Rajiv Maharishi.

BSE Board Approves Another 5-year Term for CEO Ashish Chauhan

- Leading stock exchange BSE has received markets regulator SEBI's no-objection for another five-year term for its chief **Ashish kumar Chauhan**, who has steered a strong

turnaround and a highly successful IPO of the bourse with strong business expansion.

New Railway Board Chairman

- **Ashwani Lohani** appointed as the new Chairman of Railway Board following the resignation of the incumbent A K Mittal owning moral responsibility for Muzzafarnagar train accident.
- The appointment of Mr Lohani was cleared by Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.



New Chief Justice of India

- Justice Dipak Misra appointed as the **45th** Chief Justice of India.
- Justice Misra will remain in office till October 2, 2018.

New CEO of Uber:

- Uber's board of directors selected Expedia's **Dara Khosrowshahi** as the company's new CEO.
- He will replace former CEO and co-founder Travis Kalanick.



New CAG

- Former home secretary **Rajiv Mehrishi** is to be the next Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India.
- He will replace the present incumbent **Shashi Kant Sharma** who completes his term on 30th September.

New CBSE chairperson

- Anita Karwal replaced Rajesh Kumar Chaturvedi as Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) chairperson.
- Chaturvedi was transferred to the National Skill Development Agency.

New American Ambassador to India

- President Donald Trump has nominated **Kenneth Ian Juster** as the next American ambassador to India.
- Juster would replace **Richard Verma**.



New Chairman of PTI

- **Viveck Goenka**, Chairman and Managing Director of the Express Group was unanimously elected Chairman of Press Trust of India, the country's largest news agency.

Singapore's first woman President

- **Halimah Yacob** became the first woman President of Singapore, being the only candidate who met the requirements for the presidential elections.

Quick Revise

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2.has appointed as new high commissioner of Pakistan to India.
3. Russian President Vladimir Putin appointed career diplomatas Russia's new ambassador to India.
4.has appointed as the Director General, Railway Protection Force, Railway Board.
5.appointed as the new Chairman of Railway Board following the resignation of the incumbent A K Mittal owning moral responsibility for Muzzafarnagar train accident.
6. Uber's board of directors selectedas the company's new CEO.
7.appointed as the 45th Chief Justice of India.
8. President Donald Trump has nominatedas the next American ambassador to India.
9.became the first woman President of Singapore, being the only candidate who met the requirements for the presidential elections.

Answers

1. Santosh Sharma.
2. Sohail Mahmood.
3. Nikolay Kudashev.
4. Dharmendra Kumar.
5. Ashwani Lohani.
6. Dara Khosrowshahi.
7. Justice Dipak Misra.
8. Kenneth Ian Juster.
9. Halimah Yacob.

AWARDS

National Sports Awards 2017



(i) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna 2017

S. No.	Name of the Awardee	discipline
1.	Shri Devendra	Para Athlete
2.	Shri Sardar Singh	Hockey

(ii) Dronacharya Awards 2017

S. No.	Name of the Awardee	Discipline
1.	Late Dr. R. Gandhi	Athletics
2.	Mr. Heera Nand Kataria	Kabaddi
3.	Mr. G.S.S.V. Prasad	Badminton (Lifetime)
4.	Mr. Brij Bhushan Mohanty	Boxing (Lifetime)
5.	Mr. P.A. Raphel	Hockey (Lifetime)
6.	Mr. Sanjoy Chakraverty	Shooting (Lifetime)
7.	Mr. Roshan Lal	Wrestling (Lifetime)

(iii) Arjuna Awards 2017

S. No.	Name of the Awardees	Discipline
1.	Ms. V.J. Surekha	Archery
2.	Ms. Khushbir Kaur	Athletics
3.	Mr. Arokiya Rajiv	Athletics
4.	Ms. Prasanthi Singh	Basketball
5.	Sub. Laishram Debendro Singh	Boxing
6.	Mr. Cheteshwar Pujara	Cricket
7.	Ms. Harmanpreet Kaur	Cricket
8.	Ms. Oinam Bembem Devi	Football
9.	Mr. S.S.P. Chawrasia	Golf
10.	Mr. S.V. Sunil	Hockey

11.	Mr. Jasvir Singh	Kabaddi
12.	Mr. P. N. Prakash	Shooting
13.	Mr. A. Amalraj	Table Tennis
14.	Mr. SakethMyneni	Tennis
15.	Mr. SatyawartKadian	Wrestling
16.	Mr. Mariyappan	Para-Athlete
17.	Mr. Varun Singh Bhati	Para-Athlete

(iv) Dhyan Chand Award

S. No.	Name (S/Shri)	Discipline
1.	Mr. Bhupender Singh	Athletics
2.	Mr. Syed Shahid Hakim	Football
3.	Ms. Sumarai Tete	Hockey

Agriculture Leadership Award

- Telangana Chief Minister **K Chandrashekhar Rao** has been selected for the prestigious Agriculture Leadership Award-2017.



Winner of Miss Transqueen India 2017

- Nitasha, a transwoman who hails from Kolkata, was named the first Miss *Transqueen India* in Gurgaon.

Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar

- The Reliance Foundation** was rewarded with the prestigious Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Award at Rashtrapati Bhawan.
- Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS)** also received the Rashtriya Khel Protsahana Purushkar this year for its 'Identification and Nurturing of Budding and Young Talent' (IDCO) program.

Hyderabad airport bags energy efficiency award

- Hyderabad International Airport Ltd** has bagged the National Award for 'Excellence' in Energy Management at a conference hosted by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

The Hindu Playwright Award 2017

- The Hindu Playwright Award 2017 went to Gerish Khemani and Akshat Nigam for their play 'In Search of Dariya Sagar'.

- The award, instituted in 2008 to reward the best new unpublished and unperformed play-script in English.

Hugo Award for Best Novel 2017

- Winner: Nora K. Jemisin for her work 'The Obelisk Gate'.
- The award was presented at the 75th World Science Fiction Convention in Helsinki.



18th edition of the International Indian Film

Academy Awards

- Best Film:** Neerja
- Best Director:** AnirudhRoy Chaudhary for Pink
- Best Actor (Male):** Shahid Kapoor for Udta Punjab
- Best Actor (Female):** Alia Bhatt for Udta Punjab
- Best Actor in Supporting Role (Female):** Shabana Azmi for Neerja
- Best Actor in Supporting Role (Male):** Anupam Kher for MS Dhoni-The Untold Story
- IIFA Woman Of The Year:** Tapsee Pannu

Lokmat Parliamentary Awards 2017

- Lokmat newspaper has taken a step towards honouring best Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha members for their achievements by introducing the Lokmat Parliamentary Awards 2017.



Lok Sabha:-

- Lifetime Achievement Award - LK Advani
- Best Parliamentarian Award 2016 - NK Premachandran
- Best Woman Parliamentarian Award 2016 - Kumari Sushmita Dev
- Best Debut Woman Parliamentarian Award 2016 - Meenakshi Lekhi

Rajya Sabha:-

- Lifetime Achievement Award - Sharad Yadav
- Best Parliamentarian Award 2016 - Sitaram Yechury
- Best Woman Parliamentarian Award 2016- Jaya Bachchan
- Best Debut Woman Parliamentarian Award 2016 - Rajani Patil

MISCELLANEOUS**Days to Remember****AUGUST**

- August 3 Independence Day of Niger
 August 5 Independence Day of Upper Volta
 August 9 International day of the World's Indigenous People
 August 12 International Youth Day
 August 15 Independence Day (India)
 August 23 Internatinal Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition
 August 29 National Sports Day (Birthday of Dhyan Chand)

SEPTEMBER

- September 5 Teacher's Day, International Day of Charity
 September 8 International Literacy Day
 September 14 Hindi day, World First Aid Day
 September 15 Engineer's Day (Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya Birth Anniversary)
 September 16 World Ozone Day
 September 21 International Day of Peace
 September 25 Social Justice Day
 September 27 World Tourism Day
 September 28 World Rabies Day
 September 29 World Heart Day

OCTOBER

- October 1 World Vegetarian Day
 October 2 Gandhi Jayanthi, International Day of Non-Violence
 October 3 World Nature Day & World Habitat Day
 October 4 World Animal Day
 October 5 World Teacher's Day
 October 8 Indian Airforce Day
 October 9 World Post Day
 October 11 International Girl Child Day
 October 12 World Arthritis Day
 October 14 World Standards Day
 October 15 World Students Day
 October 16 World Food day
 October 17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
 October 20 World Statistics Day
 October 24 United Nations Day
 October 31 World Thrift Day, National Unity day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas), Sardar Vallabhai Patel Birth Anniversary

Important International Organizations & their Headquarter

1. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank – **Beijing, China**
2. New Development Bank (BRICS Development Bank) – **Shanghai, China**
3. Asian Development Bank – **Manila, Philippines**
4. International Monetary Fund (IMF) – **Washington DC, US**
5. World Bank – **Washington DC, US**
6. United Nations Organization (UN) – **New York, US**
7. United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) – **New York, US**
8. United Nations Populations Fund (UNFPA) – **New York, US**
9. United Nations Conference on Trade & Development (UNCTAD) – **Geneva, Switzerland**
10. World Health Organization (WHO) – **Geneva, Switzerland**
11. World Economic Forum – **Geneva, Switzerland**
12. International Labour Organisation – **Geneva, Switzerland**
13. World Trade Organisation – **Geneva, Switzerland**
14. World Meteorological Organisation – **Geneva, Switzerland**
15. World Intellectual Property Organisation – **Geneva, Switzerland**
16. International Committee of the Red Cross – **Geneva, Switzerland**
17. United Nations Education Scientific & Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) – **Paris, France**
18. Organisation for Economic Cooperation & Development (OECD) – **Paris, France**
19. United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) – **Vienna, Austria**
20. International Atomic Agency – **Vienna, Austria**
21. Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) – **Vienna, Austria**
22. Amnesty International – **London, UK**
23. International Maritime Organisation – **London, UK**
24. Commonwealth of Nations – **London, UK**
25. North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO)- **Brussels, Belgium**
26. South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) – **Kathmandu, Nepal**
27. Association of South East Nations (ASEAN) – **Jakarta, Indonesia**
28. Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) – **Singapore**
29. International Cricket Council (ICC) – **Dubai, UAE**
30. Food & Agricultural Organisation (FAO) – **Rome, Italy**

31. International Court of Justice – **The Hague, The Netherland**
32. International Olympic Committee – **Lausanne, Switzerland**
33. The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) – **The Hague, The Netherlands**
34. The Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)– **Zurich, Switzerland**
35. World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) – **Avenue du Mont-Blanc, Gland, Vaud, Switzerland.**

Books

Sr no.	Books	Author
1	Truth Always Prevails	Sadruddin Hashwani released
2	Playing It My Way	Sachin Tendulkar
3	Half Girlfriend	Chetan Bhagat
4	The Life of a Poet, Philosopher and Politician released	Biography of Allama Muhammad Iqbal
5	The Narrow Road to the Deep North	Richard Flanagan (2014 Booker Prize.)
6	The Loneliness of Being Rajesh Khanna	Gautam Chintamani
7	Final Test: Exit Sachin Tendulkar	Dilip D'Souza
8	A Man and A Motorcycle	Bette Dam
9	The Substance and the Shadow	Uday Tara Nayar
10	Pakistan in the Contemporary World	T V Paul
11	A Bad Character	Deepti Kapoor.
12	The Clintons vs. the Obamas	Edward Klein
13	The Vijay Mallya Story	Penguin Books
14	The Lives of Others	Neel Mukherjee
15	One Life is Not Enough	Natwar Singh
16	Strictly Personal, Manmohan and Gursharan	Daman Singh
17	Munger through the Ages	late DP Yadav
18	Gujarat's success story in Water Management	Sriram Vedire.
19	Assassination of Rajiv Gandhi: An Inside Job?	Faraz Ahmad
20	Not Just an Accountant	CAG Vinod Rai
21	Yashwardhan Shukla	Gods of Antarctica.
22	Grandmaster Repertoire - 1.e4 vs The French	Parimarjan Negi
23	50 years of man in space	Garik Israelien, Brian May and David J Eicher
24	And then One Day: A Memoir	Naseeruddin Shah
25	Syntheism – Creating God in The Internet Age	Alexander Bard
26	Lal Bahadur Shastri: Lessons in Leadership	Pavan Choudary
27	Getting India Back	Bibek Debroy, Ashley Tellis & Reece Trevor.
28	'India Junction – A Window to the Nation	Arunendra Kumar
29	Post Haste: Quintessential India	B.G. Verghese
30	My Years with Rajiv and Sonia	R.D.Pradhan
31	A Stamp is Born	C. R. Pakrashi
32	Arctic Summer	Damon Galgut
33	The candidate	Anirudh Bhattacharya
34	A Rebel And Her Cause: Life and Work	Rakhshanda Jalil
35	Hard Choices	Hillary Rodham Clinton
36	The Accidental Prime Minister: the making and unmaking of Manmohan Singh	Sanjaya Baru
37	Crusader or Conspirator? Coalgate and other Truths	PC Parakh
38	Anticipating India - The best of national interest	Shekhar Gupta
39	The Substance and the Shadow	Uday Tara Nayar
40	Public Issues Before Parliament	Vijay Darda

Current Affairs Last 3 Months

AUGUST

IRC meet

- 212th meeting of Indian Road Congress (IRC) was held in **Udaipur**.
- IRC is the apex body of highway engineers in the country.
- The origin of the IRC can be traced back to the Indian Road Development committee (the **Jayakar Committee**) appointed by the Government of India in November, **1927**.

National Green Tribunal

- The National Green Tribunal has declared an area of 100 metres from the edge of the Ganga between Haridwar and Unnao as a **“No Development Zone”**.
- An environment compensation of **50,000** will be imposed on anyone dumping waste in the river



'SAARTHI' App

- A new integrated mobile app "SAARTHI - c" has been launched by Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu for passengers.
- It will allow passengers to book tickets, enquiry, on-board cleaning and ordering meal on a single platform and also includes features such as safety for women, complaint facility and suggestion for improvement.

Matunga railway station

- Matunga station becomes country's first women special station.
- The station will be run by over 30 women, including 11 booking clerks, 5 RPF personnel, 7 ticket checkers and a manager.
- Matunga is a railway station on the Central line of the Mumbai Suburban Railway network. It comes under Central Railway Zone.

Muskan

- Operation Muskan, a month-long drive to rescue Odisha's missing children, was launched by the State police.

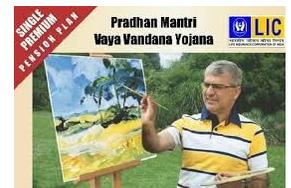
- This is the third edition launched by the Crime Branch in association with the Women and Child Development Department.

First biomethane bus

- Tata Motors has developed country's first Bio-CNG (biomethane) bus which was unveiled at a bio-energy program, 'Urja Utsav'.
- This programme was organized by the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas.

Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana

- The Union Minister for **Finance, Defense and Corporate Affairs** has launched the Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY).
- PMVVY is a Pension Scheme announced by the Government of India for the senior citizens aged **60 years and above** which is available from **4th May, 2017 to 3rd May, 2018**.
- The Scheme can be purchased offline as well as online through **Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India**.
- Scheme provides an assured return of **8% p.a.** payable monthly (equivalent to 8.30% p.a. effective) for 10 years.



Global Conference on Cyber Space 2017

- India will be hosting the 5th Global Conference on Cyber Space (GCCS) in 2017 at **New Delhi**.
- **Theme-** 'Cyber 4 All: An Inclusive, Sustainable, Developmental, Safe and Secure.'



Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana

- The **Ministry of Rural Development** will launch a new sub-scheme under **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM)** which will be named as **“Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana (AGEY)”**
- This will provide safe, affordable and community monitored rural transport services like e-rickshaws, 3 and 4 wheeler

motorized transport vehicles to connect remote villages with key services and amenities including access to markets, education and health for the overall economic development of the area.

Literary festival

- Kerala has hosted the fifth edition of South India Writers Ensemble (SIWE) at **Chengannur, Kerala**.
- Theme- 'tolerance'.

RIWATCH Museum

- Research Institution of World Ancient, Traditional, Culture & Heritage (RIWATCH) Museum was opened at **Roing, Arunachal Pradesh**.

5th North East Connectivity Summit

- 5th North East Connectivity Summit 2018 will be held in **Arunachal Pradesh**.
- The summit organized by **FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry)** is one of the most important forums for action oriented deliberations on sub regional economic integration and connectivity between North East India and South East Asia.
- 4th North East Connectivity Summit 2017 will be held in **Nagaland**.

International meet on social justice

- Babasaheb B.R. Ambedkar international conference on social justice was held in **Bengaluru**.
- This was organized by the Karnataka government and congress party.

Lucknow Metro

- The Lucknow Metro will become India's first to have its own **FM radio station**, which will provide entertainment and information on metro safety.

Kargil Vijay Diwas

- 18th Anniversary of 'Kargil Vijay Diwas' is observed on **26th of July, 2017**.
- On this day India has launched 'Operation Vijay' to clear the Kargil sector of infiltration by the Pakistani soldiers and Kashmiri militants on the Indian side of the Line of Control.



'India Quake'

- Union Minister of Earth Sciences and Environment has launched an app "India Quake" on the occasion of Foundation Day of Ministry of Earth Sciences in New Delhi.
- Mobile App has been developed by the National Centre for Seismology (NCS) for automatic dissemination of earthquake parameter (location, time and magnitude) after the occurrence of earthquakes.

First Metro to become 100% green

- **Delhi Metro** has become the only completely 'green' Metro system in the world for adhering to green building norms for its residential colonies
- The **Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC)** had earlier received the green certificates for its Phase-3 stations, depots, and sub-stations.

Sanitation survey 2017

- **1st rank** : Kerala
- **2nd rank**: Haryana
- **Last rank**: Bihar

ETF-Bharat-22

- Finance Minister has launched a new ETF under the name Bharat 22, which will comprise shares of **22 companies**.
- Bharat-22 ETF will comprise of the government's holding in SUUTI, CPSE ETF and PSU banks.
- ETFs combine the range of a diversified portfolio with the simplicity of trading a single stock. Investors can purchase ETF shares on margin, short sell shares, or hold for the long term.

India ratifies 2nd commitment period of Kyoto Protocol

- India has ratified the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol that commits countries to contain the emission of greenhouse gases, reaffirming its stand on climate action.
- India became the 80th country to accept the amendment relating to the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, the international emissions reduction treaty.
- The Kyoto Protocol is an international agreement linked to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), which commits its Parties by setting internationally binding emission reduction targets.

- The Kyoto Protocol was adopted in Kyoto, Japan, in December 1997 and entered into force in February 2005.

New President of Kenya

- Uhuru Kenyatta has been re-elected as President of Kenya.
- He has defeated his rival Raila Odinga.



India's First Tri Service Exercise INDRA

- INDRA will be the first of its kind exercise between India and Russia involving their armies, navies and the air forces.
- This will primarily focus on achieving coordination between forces of the two countries in a tri- services integrated theatre command scenario.
- Till now INDRA was a naval exercise between India and Russia.

India-ASEAN Youth Summit

- Indo – ASEAN youth summit will be held in Bhopal.
- The exercise will mark the 25th anniversary of the ASEAN-India dialogue partnership in the ongoing year and also the commemorative year's theme of "Shared Values, Common Destiny".

World Health Organization declares Somalia free of polio

- The UN World Health Organization (WHO) has declared Somalia as Polio free.
- The WHO said the country recorded the last case of polio in 2014 in the central part of the country but has since then remained free of the paralyzing disease.



Typhoon Haitang

- Typhoon Haitang struck China's eastern Fujian Province with incessant rain battering different parts of the region.
- Typhoon Haitang, the 10th typhoon this year, made landfall at 4.40 pm in Pingtung on the island of Taiwan

World breastfeeding week

- World breastfeeding week 2017 is being celebrated from 1st to 7th August 2017 with the theme "Sustaining Breastfeeding Together".

- It was first celebrated in 1992 by World Alliance for Breastfeeding World Breastfeeding Week Action (WABA) and is now observed in over 120 countries by United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), World Health Organization (WHO) and their partners including individuals, organizations, and governments.

China's first overseas Military base

- China has opened its first overseas military base in Djibouti
- Djibouti's position on the northwestern edge of the Indian Ocean.
- Djibouti is a tiny barren nation sandwiched between Ethiopia, Eritrea and Somalia. It is at the southern entrance to the Red Sea on the route to the Suez Canal.

Hiroshima Day: August 6th

- August 6th marks the 71st anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki—an event which is commemorated in the U.S. as "Hiroshima Day."
- On August 6, 1945, during WWII, an American B-29 bomber piloted by Colonel Paul Tibbets deployed the world's first atomic bomb over the Japanese city of Hiroshima.
- Three days later, on August 9, 1945, a second atomic bomb was dropped over Nagasaki, killing some 40,000 more civilians.

Bolivia declared its independence from IMF and World Bank

- Bolivia has declared total independence from World Bank & IMF
- Bolivia's President Evo Morales has declared his government's independence from World Bank and IMF.

2017 BRICS Youth Forum

- The 2017 BRICS Youth Forum opened in Beijing to discuss youth development in the BRICS member-nations.
- The theme of this forum is "Enhance BRICS Partnership, Promote Youth Development."



BRICS Labour & Employment Ministers Meet

- BRICS Labour & Employment Ministers' meet was held in Chongqing, China.

- Indian delegation led by Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, the Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment.

BRICS National Security Advisors meeting 2017

- 2017 BRICS National Security Advisors (NSAs) meeting was held in Beijing, China.
- National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval represented India at this meeting.

Countries facing terror attacks in 2016

- India has displaced Pakistan on a list of countries facing terror attacks in 2016, with higher fatalities and injuries than its restive neighbour, according to data compiled by the US state department.
- Out of 11,072 terror attacks in 2016 worldwide, India bore the brunt of 927, 16% more than 2015 (798).
- More than half of the terror attacks in India in 2016 took place in four states – J&K, Chhattisgarh, Manipur and Jharkhand.
- Iraq is on the top of the list.

IDFC Bank partners with Zeta for e-payments solution

- For promoting an e – payments solution, private lender IDFC Bank has partnered with digital payments brand Zeta.
- The digital solution comprises an IDFC Bank Benefits Card and Zeta app which puts together allowances and reimbursements ensured by an employer into one preloaded card.



SBI merger bill

- The Lok Sabha passed the bill to repeal the SBI (Subsidiary Banks) Act 1959, State Bank of Hyderabad Act 1956 and to further amend the State Bank of India Act, 1955, following the merger of five associates with the parent SBI.
- Five associates and the Bharatiya Mahila Bank became part of State Bank of India (SBI) beginning April 1, catapulting the countrys largest lender to among the top 50 banks in the world.
- The five associates that were merged are State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur (SBBJ), State Bank of Hyderabad (SBH),

State Bank of Mysore (SBM), State Bank of Patiala (SBP) and State Bank of Travancore (SBT).

Banking Amendment Bill

- Parliament has passed the Banking Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2017.
- This bill will enable the Central government to authorize the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to direct banking companies to resolve specific stressed assets by initiating insolvency resolution process.

E-Shakti initiative

- E - Shakti is a pilot project of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).
- The objective of this project is digitization of Self Help Groups (SHGs).



Rs.3 cr penalty on Union Bank

- The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a monetary penalty aggregating Rs. 3 crore on Union Bank of India for non-compliance with the regulatory direction on 'know-your-customer' (KYC) norms.
- KYC is a process by which banks obtain information about the identity and address of customers.

Third Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced Third Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy Statement for current fiscal 2017-18. Monetary policy rates:
 1. Repo Rate - 6.00% (Earlier it was 6.25%)
 2. Reverse Repo Rate - 5.75% (Earlier it was 6.00%)
 3. Marginal Standing Facility Rate- 6.25% (Earlier it was 6.50%)
 4. Bank Rate - 6.25% (Earlier it was 6.50%)
 5. Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) - 4.00% (Unchanged)
 6. Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) - 20.00% (Unchanged)



L&T bags Rs. 3,375-crore Mauritius metro project

- Engineering conglomerate Larsen & Toubro announced a Rs 3,375 crore-worth metro order from the Mauritius government.
- L&T has won the order from Metro Express Limited which is owned by the Government of Mauritius to design and build

an Integrated Rail-based Urban Transit System in the African island nation.

- The projects will be fully funded through a grant by Government of India and line of credit. 45.

MS paint is no longer available

- Microsoft has announced that 'MS Paint' will no longer be available with the next Windows 10 update.
- The program was first released with the very first version of Windows 1.0 in 1985.

Growth forecast by IMF

- The Indian economy is forecast to grow at 7.2% in 2017-18 and 7.7% in 2018-19, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said in its latest forecast.
- This would keep India as the fastest growing major economy in the world and in Asia.
- Growth for China was revised to 6.7% in 2017 and 6.4% in 2018.

Kaizala app

- Microsoft launched its first "Made for India" chat messaging application called Kaizala.
- Kaizala is a made for India product for the mobile first world . The application is designed for large group communication and can enable messages to be sent to millions of people on a group simultaneously.



NPCI gets final nod from RBI to function as BBPC Unit

- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), the umbrella organisation for all retail payment systems, has received a final nod from the Reserve Bank of India to function as the Bharat Bill Payment Central Unit (BBPCU) and operate the Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS).
- There is a specific direction from RBI to operate the Central Unit as a Strategic Business Unit of NPCI. Nearly 45 crore bills comprising electricity, telecom, DTH, water and gas are permitted under BBPS.
- The total number of Bharat Bill Payment Operating Units (BBPOU) certified by NPCI now stands at 24. The certified units include three public sector banks (Bank of Baroda, Union Bank of India and Indian Overseas Bank), 10 private

banks, five cooperative banks and six non-bank biller aggregators.

Supervisory Colleges for six Scheduled Commercial Banks

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has informed that Supervisory Colleges have been setup for the following six Scheduled Commercial Banks which have sizeable international presence:-
- State Bank of India, ICICI Bank Ltd., Bank of India, Bank of Baroda, Axis Bank Ltd. and Punjab National Bank.
- The objectives of the colleges are to enhance information exchange and cooperation among supervisors, to improve understanding of the risk profile of the banking group and thereby facilitate more effective supervision of internationally active banks.

'Met Loan & Life Suraksha'

- Karnataka Bank, one of the leading private sector lender, has announced the launch of Met Loan & Life Suraksha" (MLLS) for its customers.
- It is a single premium plan covering the loan liability of a customer.
- The bank also introduced 'KBL MLLS' app, which marks the celebration of 15 years of partnership with M/s PNB MetLife.

Fortune Global 500 list

- **1st rank:** Walmart (United States)
- **2nd rank :** State Grid(China)
- **3rd rank:** Sinopec Group(China)
- **168th rank:** Indian Oil
- **203rd rank:** Reliance Industries



ISRO to develop full-fledged Earth observation satellite

- Hyperspectral Imaging Satellite (HySIS) is a full-fledged earth observation satellite, to be developed by ISRO.
- It will enable distinct identification of objects on earth by reading the spectrum for each pixel of a scene from a space.
- It can be used for a range of activities including monitoring of environment finding oil and minerals apart from military surveillance.

- The satellite has the Hyperspectral imager which can identify 55 spectral or colour bands from 630 km above ground.

Space Station to get 1st supercomputer

- The International Space Station is expected to get its first supercomputer next week. Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) will launch a supercomputer into space on the SpaceX Dragon spacecraft, as part of a joint experiment with the US space agency NASA,
- The system, called the Space borne Computer, is designed to last for a year, which the company said is roughly the amount of time it will take to travel to Mars.

First plant-based vaccine against Zika virus

- Scientists have developed the world's first plant-based Zika vaccine that may be more effective, safer and cheaper than other vaccines against the mosquito-borne virus.
- The vaccine developed by researchers from Arizona State University (ASU) in the U.S. works against a part of a Zika viral protein, called DIII, that plays a key role for the virus to infect people.
- The worldwide Zika threat first emerged in 2015, infecting millions as it swept across the Americas. It struck great fear in pregnant women, as babies born with severe brain birth defects.

Indian Coast Guard ship 'Shaurya'

- Indian Coast Guard ship "Shaurya", the fifth in the series of six 105-metre offshore patrol vessels (OPVs) commissioned in Goa by Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan.
- This has been designed and built indigenously by **Goa Shipyard Ltd.**

e-RaKAM portal

- The government launched a portal, e-Rashtriya Kisan Agri Mandi (e-RaKAM), to provide a platform to **sell agricultural produce.**
- The portal is a joint initiative by state-run-auctioneer MSTC and Central Warehousing Corporation arm CRWC.



'Humraaz' app

- The Indian Army has developed a mobile application '**Humraaz**' through which serving soldiers can track details like postings and promotions.
- Through the 'Humraaz' app, soldiers can also view their monthly salary slips and the Form 16 and also download them.

Country's first unmanned tank

- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed an unmanned, remotely operated tank named as **Muntra**.
- This has three variants - **surveillance, mine detection and reconnaissance** in areas with nuclear and bio threats.
- **Muntra-S** is the country's first tracked unmanned ground vehicle developed for unmanned surveillance missions while **Muntra-M** is for detecting mines and **Muntra-N** is for operation in areas where there is a nuclear radiation or bio weapon risk.



7th Asian Shotgun Championship

- Indian shooter Kynan Chenai has won a bronze in men's trap event.
- Kynan Chenai and Shreyasi Singh of India have won bronze in mixed team trap event.
- Shooter Maheshwari Chauhan bagged a bronze medal in this championship.
- Mairaj Ahmad Khan and Rashmi Rathore has won gold medal in mixed team event.
- Indian shooter Ankur Mittal clinched the individual as well as the team gold medal in men's double trap.
- Venue: Astana, Kazakhstan.



2017 World Championships in Athletics

- **Venue:** London.
- **100m Men Gold medal:** Justin Gatlin
- **100m Men Silver Medal:** Christian Coleman
- **100m Men Bronze medal:** Usain Bolt
- **100 meter Men women gold:** Tori Bowie.
- **Highest medal:** United States(30 medals)

FIFA rankings

- **1st rank:** Brazil
- **2nd rank:** Germany
- **97th rank:** India
- India dropped a place in the latest FIFA rankings released to stand at number 97.



Under-19 cricket Asia Cup

- The Under-19 cricket Asia Cup, scheduled to be held in Bengaluru, has been moved to Malaysia following the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB)'s objection to the tournament being held in India.
- The tournament will now be held in November in Malaysia.

Hungarian Grand Prix

- Sebastian Vettel won Hungarian Grand Prix and his team mate Kimi Raikkonen came second while Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton came third.
- This is his fourth win of the season and 46th of his Formula One career.

ICC Test Rankings

- According to the latest ICC Test Rankings Ravindra Jadeja maintained his top position in the bowlers' list while Indian skipper Virat Kohli remained stayed at fifth place in the batting charts.
- The batting list is being topped by Australia captain Steve Smith followed by England's Joe Root and New Zealand's Kane Williamson.
- In the bowlers' chart, Ravichandran Ashwin replaced Sri Lanka captain Rangana Herath to claim the second spot back. Herath is third in the rankings.
- In the all-rounders' list Bangladesh's Shakib Al Hasan is still maintained at the top, Jadeja and Ashwin also maintained second and third ranks respectively.

2024 Summer Olympic Games

- Paris will host the 2024 Summer Olympic Games.
- Los Angeles will host the 2028 Summer Olympics after reaching a deal with Olympic organisers.



World Doubles Squash Championship

- Indian doubles pair of Joshna Chinappa and Dipika Pallikal Karthik has won Bronze medal in world doubles squash championship.
- **Venue:** England

WBO Asia Pacific Super Middleweight title

- Vijender Singh has defeated his Chinese opponent Zulpikar Maimaitiali in a close bout to retain the WBO Asia Pacific Super Middleweight title in Mumbai.
- It was the ninth successive win in his professional career.

Murugappa Gold Cup

- **Winner:** Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)
- **Runner up:** Bengaluru Hockey Association (BHA)
- **Venue:** Mayor Radhakrishnan stadium, Egmore Chennai.
- The ONGC team received Rs 5, 00,000 prize money while BHA got Rs 2.5 lakh.



Women World Cup 2017

- **Winner:** England
- **Runner up:** India
- This is the fourth World Cup title for England Women.
- **Player of the Tournament:** Tammy Beaumont.
- **Player of the Match:** Anya Shrubsole.

World Para Athletics Championship

- **Venue:** London
- India has won five medal in this championship
- Sundar Singh Gurjar won the gold medal in the men's javelin throw
- Amit Kumar Saroha has won silver medal in the men's club throw
- Karamjyoti Dalal has won bronze medal in the women's discus throw
- Sharad Kumar and Varun Singh Bhati has won silver and bronze medal respectively in high jump

US Open Grand Prix badminton title

- **Winner:** HS Prannoy
- **Runner up:** Parupalli Kashyap.

Men's World Boxing Championship 2021

- The International Boxing Association (AIBA) has announced that India will host their first Men's World Championship in 2021.
- The announcement was made after a two-day executive committee meeting that was held in Moscow.
- The AIBA Men's World Championships 2019 will be held in Russia city of Sochi. The 2018 Women's World Championships will also be held in New Delhi. The 2019 Women's World Championships will be held in Trabzon, Turkey.

Victorian Open squash title

- India's Harinder Pal Sandhu has defeated Rex Hedrick of Australia to win Victorian Open squash, a PSA Tour event, in Melbourne.
- The 28-year-old Indian carried the momentum into the fourth game and stayed ahead to win it 11-7. It was his fourth title of the year.



Ramon Magsaysay award

- The six winners of this year's Ramon Magsaysay Awards, regarded as Asia's version of the Nobel Prize
- **Yoshiaki Ishizawa (Japan)**:- Efforts to restore Cambodia's cultural monuments such as Angkor Wat
- **Gethsie Shanmugam (Sri Lanka)**:- worked on rebuilding war-scarred lives, especially women and children
- **Abdon Nababan (Indonesia)**:- Advocacy on behalf of the Adapt or indigenous communities of his country;
- **Tony Tay (Singapore)**:- A volunteer movement he founded to address hidden hunger.
- **Ms. Lilia de Lima (Philippines)**:- Decades-long work with the Philippine Economic Zone Authority.
- **Philippine Educational Theatre Association (Philippines)**:- "Its bold, collective contributions in shaping the theater arts as a force for social change, its impassioned, unwavering work in empowering communities in the Philippines, 18th IFFA Awards 2017



Asia Society Game Changers Award

- Dev Patel will be felicitated with the Asia Society 2017 Asia Game Changers Award at a ceremony to be held at the United Nations, New York.

- The Asia Game Changer lifetime achievement award will be given to Aga Khan, Founder of the Aga Khan Development Network for using philanthropy to lift millions of Asia's most vulnerable.

Awards on 71st Independence Day

- On the eve of 71st Independence Day, President Ram Nath Kovind honoured the bravehearts of India.
- Kovind, who is also a Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, had approved 112 gallantry awards to Armed Forces Personnel and members of Paramilitary Forces which includes five Kirti Chakras, 17 Shaurya Chakras, 85 Sena Medals, three Nao Sena Medals (Gallantry) and two Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry).
- Five bravehearts who have awarded Kirti Chakra include Major Preetam Singh Kunwar of the Garhwal Rifles; Havildar Giris Gurung (Posthumous) from the First Gorkha Rifles; Major David Manlun (Posthumous), of the Naga Regiment; Pramod Kumar (Posthumous), Commandant, 49 Battalion, Central Reserve Police Force and Chetan Kumar Cheeta, Commandant, CRPF.
- Kirti Chakra is the second highest gallantry award given to armed forces officials in peace time.

'Mahanayak Samman 2017'

- **Winner:** Veteran actress Shakuntala Barua for her contribution to the world of cinema.
- Prosenjit Chatterjee and Nusrat Jahan took home the Best Actor and Best Actress awards
- Mahanayak Samman is bestowed upon the best talents of the Bengal's film industry by the West Bengal State Government.
- The awards were instituted in memory of Uttam Kumar, who is widely regarded as the greatest actor of Bengali cinema, and also among the greatest actor sever in India.

New chairman of BSE

- BSE Ltd announced that market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has approved the appointment of Dharendra Swarup as the chairman of the board of directors of the company.
- Swarup was public interest director of BSE, was also chairman of the Cash



and Debt Management Committee of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) from 2000 to 2003.

New secretary general of FICCI

- Sanjaya Baru has been named new secretary general of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).
- He will replace A. Didar Singh.

New President of Iran

- Iran's President Hassan Rouhani was officially sworn in for a second term.
- Rouhani won the re-election in May 2017, after securing 57% of the votes. He defeated his main contender Ebrahim Raeisi.



New CMD of SIDBI

- Mohammad Mustafa appointed as Chairman and Managing Director in Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).
- Mustafa, a 1995 batch IAS officer of Uttar Pradesh cadre, is at present Joint Secretary in Department of Financial Services.

New CEO of Payback

- Payback India has appointed Gautam Kaushik as the new Chief Executive Officer.
- Gautam Kaushik will spearhead the India operations and lead all the critical business areas including Strategic Business Planning and Development, Partner Management & Acquisitions and Customer Engagement.

New brand ambassador for Swachh Bharat Mission in UP

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has announced the appointment of Bollywood actor Akshay Kumar as the brand ambassador of the Swachh Bharat Mission in the state.

New Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog

- Economist Dr. Rajiv Kumar has been appointed as the new vice-chairman of the government think tank NITI Aayog.
- He has replaced Arvind Panagariya



New Executive Director of World Bank

- S. Aparna, an IAS officer from Gujarat cadre has been appointed as Executive Director, World Bank to represent the constituency of India, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Sri Lanka for three years.

New MD and CEO of Axis Bank

- The board of directors of Axis Bank approved the re-appointment of Shikha Sharma as Managing Director and CEO of the bank, for a period of three years with effect from June 1, 2018 to June 2021.

New MD & CEO of Oriental Bank of commerce

- Mukesh Kumar Jain was appointed as the managing director and chief executive officer of Oriental Bank of Commerce.
- He is at present the executive director in Punjab and Sind Bank.

New UNICEF's Global Goodwill Ambassador

- UNICEF has appointed Indian-origin Canadian YouTube star Lilly Singh as its newest Global Goodwill Ambassador at a special event.

New Chief Justice of Nepal Supreme Court

- The name of acting Chief Justice Gopal Prasad Parajuli was unanimously endorsed by the Parliamentary Hearing Special Committee (PHSC) for the post of Nepal's Supreme Court Chief Justice.



New CM of Nagaland by Governor

- TR Zeliang has been appointed new Chief Minister of Nagaland by Governor PB Acharya.

New Joint Secretary in PMO

- Senior diplomat Gopal Baglay was appointed as joint secretary in the Prime Minister's Office.
- He was appointed in place of Vinay Mohan Kwatra.

New secretary to President

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has appointed 1978-batch IAS officer of Haryana cadre, Sanjay Kothari, as the secretary to President-elect Ram Nath Kovind.
- Senior journalist Ashok Malik has been named as press secretary to President.

New Chief Operating Officer

- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has appointed Hemang Amin as the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the Indian Premier League (IPL).
- Earlier Amin was the general manager -- finance, commercial and events at BCCI.
- He has worked at BCCI for the last seven years, according to a BCCI release.

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New President of India

- National Democratic Alliance's (NDA) presidential candidate Ram Nath Kovind, after defeating Opposition candidate Meira Kumar with an overwhelming majority, was elected to be the 14th President of India.
- Kovind is the only second Dalit to hold the top constitutional position.



'Madadgaar'

- The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) launched a toll-free helpline called 'Madadgaar' to help Kashmiri people in distress in a bid to regain the lost trust of people in the security forces.
- Besides providing assistance in distress, the helpline would also aid career counselling for those interested in joining the paramilitary forces and sports activities of the CRPF.

'Operation Swarn'

- The Railway Ministry is set to launch "Operation Swarn" to improve services in Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express trains.
- In the first phase, the Mumbai-Delhi Rajdhani Express and Mumbai-Ahmedabad Shatabdi Express have been selected for upgradation.



VAJRA

- In a bid to bring together the Indian scientists abroad and India-based researchers for conducting joint researches in India, the Department of Science and Technology (DST) launched a scheme named 'Visiting Advanced Joint Research Faculty' (VAJRA).

- Under this scheme, scientists or senior researchers abroad - of Indian origin or otherwise - can collaborate with faculties here.

IPISH

- Prime Minister Modi and Portuguese Prime Minister Costa launched a unique startup Portal - the India-Portugal International StartUp Hub (IPISH) - in Lisbon.
- This is a platform initiated by Startup India and supported by Commerce & Industry Ministry and Startup Portugal to create a mutually supportive entrepreneurial partnership.

Digital MSME Scheme

- Union Minister for MSME (Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) has launched 'Digital MSME Scheme' and handed over three Memorandums of Understandings to SAP India, Intel and HMT respectively.
- The Digital MSME Scheme is revolving around Cloud Computing which is emerging as a cost effective and viable alternative in comparison to in-house IT infrastructure installed by MSMEs.
- The United Nations has declared 27th June as the UN Day for MSMEs.

Blood bank for cattle

- Odisha is all set to become the first state in the country to have a blood bank for the cattle.

National Statistics Day

- In recognition of the notable contributions made by Late Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis in the fields of statistics, statistical system and economic planning, Government of India in 2007, designated 29th June the birth anniversary of Prof. Mahalanobis as the "Statistics Day".
- Theme - 'Administrative Statistics'.

UN Tax Fund

- India has contributed \$100,000 to a UN fund to help developing countries actively participate in the discussion of tax issues, becoming the first country to make the contribution.
- The UN Tax Trust Fund aims to support the work of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (the UN Tax Committee).

Petya ransomware

- Jawahar Lal Nehru Port has been impacted by the latest malware attack.



- Name of this new ransomware virus is Petya.

Textiles India 2017

- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated Textiles India 2017, India's first ever mega textiles trade fair, being held at Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

India's largest fresh water aquarium

- India's largest fresh water aquarium Ranchi aquarium was unveiled at the Birsa Munda Zoological Park.
- As many as 58 technically planned tanks have been installed at the aquarium so as to provide an ambient environment to 120 species of fishes.

State to have Separate Agriculture Budget from Next Year

- Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao decided to substantially enhance funds for the agriculture sector and present a separate agriculture budget.

PM adopts wrestlers' Village Kakrahia

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will adopt Kakrahia, a village known for its wrestlers and wrestling arenas, under the Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana.
- This will be the third village to be adopted by the Prime Minister in his Lok Sabha constituency of Varanasi.
- In the previous two years, Modi adopted Jayapur and Nagepur, as his first and second villages.



Maitree 2017

- It is a 14-day joint military training exercise between India and Thailand held in Chamba district of Himachal Pradesh.

AIIB approves loan to build roads in Gujarat

- China-led Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has approved USD 329 million loans to build access roads to 4,000 villages in Gujarat.

'Elevate 100' scheme

- The Karnataka government has launched the 'Elevate 100' scheme to identify and nurture innovative start-ups.
- The Elevate scheme is the brainchild of the start-up cell, Karnataka Biotechnology and Information Technology Services (KBITS).

"JIGYASA"

- Jigyasa, a student- scientist connect program launched in the national capital.
- Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), has joined hands with Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) to implement this program.
- The focus is on connecting school students and scientists so as to extend student's classroom learning with that of a very well planned research laboratory based learning.

India, Bangladesh to construct bridge along Mizoram border

- India and Bangladesh have decided to construct a bridge over Mizoram's Khawthlangtuipui river (also known as Karnaphuli river) to facilitate trade and improve communication between the two neighbors.

India's first university for Dalit students

- First university for Dalits in India will be opened in Hyderabad.
- This university will be a part of government's policy of providing education free of cost to students from weaker sections from kindergarten to post-graduation (KG to PG) level.

India's first World Heritage City

- The Walled City of Ahmedabad has been declared India's first World Heritage City.
- It has now joined the privileged club of heritage cities like Paris, Cairo, Edinburg and two cities in the subcontinent, Bhaktpur in Nepal and Galle in Sri Lanka.

Republic Day celebrations

- India will invite the heads of state or government of all 10 ASEAN nations for the Republic Day parade and celebrations next year.
- ASEAN is the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, and has as members Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Swayam, Swayam Prabha and National Academic Depository

- Under Swayam, courses would be offered through digital classrooms with online study material available free of cost in videos.
- Swayam Prabha would tap into the potential of Direct to Home Service wherein a person can install a dish antenna for

about Rs 1,500 and have access to 32 digital educational channels run by the HRD Ministry.

- 'National Academic Depository' verified educational records would be digitally stored by universities or a board to counter forgery.

RailCloud

- The Indian Railways has launched RailCloud, a virtual server with an inbuilt security system that will enable faster connectivity at a reduced cost.
- Developed by rail PSU RailTel at an estimated cost of about Rs 53 crore, RailCloud is aimed at optimizing server resources and its management.



SASEC Road Connectivity Investment Program

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by the Prime Minister has given its approval for upgradation and widening of 65 kms of Imphal-Moreh Section of NH-39 in Manipur.
- The project is being developed with ADB's loan assistance under the South Asian Sub-Regional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) Road Connectivity Investment Program which aims at upgradation of road infrastructure in Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal and India (BBIN) in order to improve the regional connectivity among BBIN nations.

8th international Theatre Olympics

- 8th edition of the greatest carnival of Theatre in the World will take place in India for the first time ever from February 17 – April 08, 2018 simultaneously in various cities across the country.
- The Theatre Olympics, being held in India for the first time, is being organized by National School of Drama, under the aegis of Ministry of Culture.

Malaria Elimination in India (2017-22)

- Shri J P Nadda, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare launched the National Strategic Plan for Malaria Elimination (2017-22).
- The Strategic Plan gives year wise elimination targets in various parts of the country depending upon the endemicity of malaria in the next 5 years.
- The target set by this plan to completely eliminate Malaria by 2027.

India's first TISC

- The Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) signed an Institutional agreement with the Punjab State

Council of Science and Technology in New Delhi to establish India's first Technology and Innovation Support Center (TISC) at Patent Information Centre, Punjab, under the World Intellectual Property Organization's (WIPO) TISC program.

- The Cell for IPR Promotion and Management (CIPAM) is designated as the National Focal Point for the TISC national network.

AUSINDEX 17'

- It is a joint naval exercise between navies of India and Australia with an aim to enhancing interoperability and cooperation between the two forces.
- Indian naval ships Jyoti, Shivalik and Kamorta participated in this exercise.

Global Innovation Index 2017

- **1st rank:** Switzerland
- **2nd rank:** Sweden
- **60th rank :** India

Top Remittance-Receiving Country in 2016

- **1st rank:** India
- **2nd rank:** China
- **3rd rank:** Philippines
- **4th rank:** Pakistan
- This study is released by UN International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

First Person to Reach 100 Million Twitter Followers

- Katy Perry has become the first person to reach 100 million followers on Twitter, making her the most-followed person on the platform.
- Perry joined Twitter back in 2009, making her something of an early adopter as a celebrity.

World Summit on the Information Society Forum 2017

- WSIS Forum 2017 was held in Geneva, 12-16 June, and was co-organized by ITU, UNESCO, UNCTAD and UNDP, in close collaboration with all UN agencies.
- The Chair-elect of this year's forum is Mr. Jean Philbert Nsengimana, Minister of Youth and ICT, Government of Rwanda.

ASEAN Dengue Day

- ASEAN Dengue day was observed on 15 June.



United Fight Against Dengue

- 2017 ASEAN Dengue Day Theme is “United Fight against Dengue”.

India Wins Re-Election to United Nation’s Eco and Social Council

- India has won its re-election to the United Nation’s principal body on economic, social and environmental issues, continuing its streak of being elected for a third consecutive term.
- India was among 18 nations to be elected to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the UN with 183 votes.
- Japan followed India with the second highest votes in the Asia Pacific category.



106th International Labour Conference

- The 106th Session of International Labour Conference (ILC) was held in Geneva, Switzerland.
- An Indian Tripartite Delegation led by the Minister of State for Labour and Employment (Independent Charge), Shri Bandaru Dattatreya participated in the ILC.

International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict

- The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 19 June of each year the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict.
- 2017 Theme: “Preventing Sexual Violence Crimes through Justice and Deterrence”

International Day of Yoga

- International Day of Yoga or commonly and unofficially referred to as Yoga Day, is celebrated annually on 21 June since its inception in 2015.
- An international day for yoga was declared unanimously by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on 11 December 2014.
- Theme- 'Yoga for Health.'

World’s first train that runs on virtual tracks

- China has unveiled the world's first 'railless' train - a train that runs on virtual tracks.
- The train can move at a maximum speed of 70 km/hour.

Most expensive city

- **1st rank:** Luanda
- **2nd rank:** Hong Kong
- **3rd rank:** Tokyo
- **57th rank:** Mumbai

- **99th rank:** New Delhi

Estonia to open the world’s first data embassy in Luxembourg

- The world’s first ever data embassy is set for launch next year after the Estonian government signed a deal with Luxembourg.
- Estonia is planning to keep backup files of its vital information on servers in the duchy in order to guarantee country's digital continuity.

UN Public Service Day

- The United Nations Public Service Day is celebrated on June 23 of every year.
- Theme- ‘The Future is now’.

Social Progress Index 2017

- Denmark-1st
- Finland-2nd
- India-93rd
- It is observed that the world incorporating 128 countries scores 64.85 on social progress. It registers a 2.6 percent increase from 2014.

World Book Capital

- Sharjah has been named the ‘World Book Capital’ title for 2019 by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).
- The honour is recognition of the emirate’s pioneering role in supporting and expanding the local and regional publishing industries.



India contributes to UN Peacebuilding Fund

- India has contributed \$500,000 to the UN Peacebuilding Fund.
- India has been a member of the Peacebuilding Commission since its inception in December 2005 and has so far contributed \$5 million to the Peacebuilding Fund.

Israeli flower named after PM Modi

- A new fast-growing Israeli flower was named after Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in a special gesture to mark the first visit of an Indian premier to the Jewish nation.
- Israeli Crysanthemum flower will now be called “MODI”, officials said.
- Capital-Jerusalem and currency- Shekel.

5th Meeting of BRICS Education Ministers

- Meeting of BRICS Ministers of Education was held on 5th July, 2017 at Beijing, China.
- The Indian delegation was led by Shri Prakash Javadekar, Minister of Human Resource Development, India.

Malabar exercise

- The Malabar naval exercise involving Indian, American and Japanese navies was held in the Bay of Bengal.
- India and the US have regularly conducted the annual exercise since 1992.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

What is GST?

- The GST is meant to be a unified indirect tax across the country on products and services. In the current system, tax is levied at each stage separately by the Union government and the States at varying rates, on the full value of the goods. But under the GST system, tax will be levied only on the value added at each stage. It is a single tax (collected at multiple points) with a full set-off for taxes paid earlier in the value chain.



What is State GST and Central GST?

- For transactions within a State, there will be two components of GST - Central GST (CGST) and State GST (SGST) - levied on the value of goods and services. Both the Centre and the States will simultaneously levy GST across the value chain.
- In the case of inter-State transactions, the Centre would levy and collect the Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST). The IGST would be roughly equal to CGST plus SGST.

GST Rates:

No tax

- **Goods:** No tax will be imposed on items like fresh meat, fish chicken, eggs, milk, butter milk, curd, natural honey, fresh fruits and vegetables, flour, besan, bread, prasad, salt, bindi. Sindoor, stamps, judicial papers, printed books, newspapers, bangles, handloom, etc.
- **Services:** Hotels and lodges with tariff below Rs 1,000,

Grandfathering service has been exempted under GST.

5% tax slab

- **Goods :** Items such as fish fillet, cream, skimmed milk powder, branded paneer, frozen vegetables, coffee, tea, spices, pizza bread, rusk, sabudana, Fertilizer, kerosene, coal, medicines, stent, lifeboats will attract tax of 5 %,
- **Services:** Transport services (Railways, air transport), small restaurants will be under the 5% category because their main input is petroleum, which is outside GST ambit

12% tax slab

- **Goods :** Frozen meat products, butter, cheese, ghee, dry fruits in packaged form, animal fat, sausage, fruit juices, Bhutia, namkeen, Ayurvedic medicines, tooth powder, agarbatti, colouring books, picture books, umbrella, sewing machine, cellphones will be under 12 % tax slab.
- **Services:** Business class air ticket, fertilisers, Work Contracts will fall under 12 per cent GST tax slab

18% tax slab

- **Goods:** Most items are under this tax slab which include flavoured refined sugar, pasta, cornflakes, pastries and cakes, preserved vegetables, jams, sauces, soups, ice cream, instant food mixes, mineral water, tissues, envelopes, tampons, note books, steel products, printed circuits, camera, speakers and monitors.
- **Services :** AC hotels that serve liquor, telecom services, IT services, branded garments and financial services will attract 18 per cent tax under GST.

28% tax slab

- **Goods :** Chewing gum, molasses, chocolate not containing cocoa, waffles and wafers coated with chocolate, pan masala, aerated water, paint, deodorants, shaving creams, after shave, hair shampoo, dye, sunscreen, wallpaper, ceramic tiles, water heater, dishwasher, weighing machine, washing machine, ATM, vending machines, vacuum cleaner, shavers, hair clippers, automobiles, motorcycles, aircraft for personal use, will attract 28 % tax - the highest under GST system

Services: 5-star hotels, race club betting, cinema will attract tax 28 per cent tax slab.

AIIB grants loan to India Infrastructure Fund

- Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank has approved \$150 million equity investment loan to the India Infrastructure Fund.



PCA against Bank of Maharashtra

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has initiated "prompt corrective action" (PCA) on state-run lender Bank of Maharashtra in the view of its high non-performing assets (NPAs).
- Earlier, the RBI had initiated a PCA on Central Bank of India, IDBI Bank, Indian Overseas Bank, UCO Bank and Dena Bank.

India and ADB Sign Loan for Upgrading Urban Services

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India signed a \$275 million loan for improving urban services in 64 small towns in the State of Madhya Pradesh.
- The project will develop sustainable, inclusive, and climate-resilient water supply in 64 small and medium-sized towns, and integrated storm water and sewerage infrastructure in two heritage towns of Khajuraho and Rajnagar.

Open Loop Metro Card launched

- Axis Bank, India's third largest private sector bank in association with Kochi Metro Rail Corporation (KMRL) has launched KMRL Axis Bank 'Kochi 1' Card.
- This is India's first open loop EMV contactless metro card that would make travel a convenient and hassle free experience for commuters in Kochi.



Interest rates on small savings to be lowered

- The government has announced to reduce the interest rate on small saving schemes like PPF, Kisan Vikas Patra and Sukanya Samridhi by 0.1 per cent for the July-September quarter.
- Investments in the public provident fund (PPF) scheme will fetch lower annual rate of 7.8 per cent.
- The Kisan Vikas Patra (KVP) investments will yield 7.5 per cent and mature in 115 months.
- The one for girl child savings, Sukanya Samridhi Account Scheme, will offer 8.3 per cent annually.
- The investment on 5-year Senior Citizens Savings Scheme will yield 8.3 per cent. Interest rate on the senior citizens scheme is paid quarterly.

PNB to block all Maestro debit cards from July 31

- All Maestro cards issued by PNB will be blocked or hot listed on July 31, 2017 for security-based reasons.
- Punjab National Bank (PNB) Maestro debit cards holders will face a card blockage if they fail to replace it with a more secure EMV chip based card by the end of this month.



NMCE, Indian Commodity Exchange to merge in 1st commodity exchange merger

- National Multi Commodity Exchange (NMCE) will merge with Indian Commodity Exchange (ICEX) in an all-stock deal to create the country's third-largest commodities bourse.
- Reliance Capital is the largest investor in ICEX and will continue to be the largest shareholder post merger, along with others.
- As per the agreed swap ratio, ICEX shareholders will hold 62.8 per cent stake and NMCE's will hold 37.2 per cent in ICEX, post merger.

ADB grants loan for Rajasthan

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a \$220 million loan agreement with India for improving road connectivity, transport efficiency and safety on state highways of Rajasthan.

Digital village

- The State Bank of India has launched a digital village initiative in Nepal by installing a cash recycling centre.
- The digital village initiative has been launched in Jarisingpouwa in Shankarapur Rural Municipality, 25 km east from Kathmandu.



SBI waives charge on IMPS fund transfer of up to Rs 1,000

- State Bank of India had been charging Rs 5 along with the applicable service tax for IMPS fund transfer of up to Rs 1,000.
- For IMPS, charge will be Rs 5 along GST for fund transfer in the range of Rs 1,000 to Rs 1 lakh. The charge will go up to Rs 15 for transactions of Rs 1-2 lakh.
- GST at the rate of 18 per cent is applicable on all financial transactions.

Investment Facilitation Mechanism

- European Union (EU) and India announced the establishment of an Investment Facilitation Mechanism (IFM) for EU



Investments in India.

- This agreement builds on the Joint Statement of the 13th EU-India Summit held in Brussels in March 2016.

PSLV-C38

- ISRO's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle PSLV-C38 successfully launched the 712 kg Cartosat-2 Series Satellite along with 30 co-passenger satellites from Satish Dhawan Space Centre SHAR, Sriharikota.
- This is the thirty ninth consecutively successful mission of PSLV.
- One of the 30 co-passenger satellites carried by PSLV-C38 was the 15 kg NIUSAT, a University/Academic Institute satellite from Nurul Islam University, Tamil Nadu, India.
- The remaining 29 co-passenger satellites carried were 14 international customer satellites from USA (10), United Kingdom (3), Belgium (3), Italy (3), Austria (1), Chile (1), Czech Republic (1), Finland (1), France (1), Germany (1), Japan (1), Latvia (1), Lithuania (1) and Slovakia (1).



GSAT-17

- India's latest communication satellite GSAT-17 was successfully launched by a heavy duty rocket of Arianespace from the spaceport of Kourou in French Guiana.

World's lightest satellite

- India once again broke a global space record by launching the world's lightest satellite weighing a mere 64 grams, called Kalamsat, designed and developed by 18-year-old Tamil Nadu student Rifath Sharook and his team.
- The tiny satellite, named after Abdul Kalam, was flown by a Nasa sounding rocket.
- Kalamsat was the only Indian payload in the Nasa mission.

First X-ray space telescope

- China launched its first x-ray telescope, a significant step in the country's race to develop a space program that can rival that of the US or Russia.
- The Hard X-ray Modulation Telescope (HXMT) took off from China's Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center, the country's first satellite launch site, located in Inner Mongolia via a domestically-developed Long March-4B rocket.



- Once in orbit, the telescope will be used to observe high-energy entities like black holes, pulsars and gamma-ray bursts in order to understand more about their energy sources.

BIO International Convention

- The Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO) BIO 2017 is being held in the San Diego Convention Centre, San Diego.



Wimbledon 2017

Men's Single: Roger Federer defeated Marin Cilic of Croatia by 6-3, 6-1, 6-4 score. It was Federer's record eighth Wimbledon title and overall 19th Grand Slam. He also became the first player since Bjorn Borg in 1976 to win Wimbledon without dropping a set in the entire tournament.



Women's single: Garbiñe Muguruza (Spain) defeated Venus Williams (United States) by 7-5, 6-0 score to win her first Wimbledon title in the women's single category.

Men's Double: Łukasz Kubot (Poland) and Marcelo Melo (Brazil) pair defeated Oliver Marach (Austria) and Mate Pavić (Croatia) pair to win 2017 Wimbledon title in Men's Doubles category.

Women's Doubles: Russian pair Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina defeated Chan Hao-ching (Chinese Taipei) and Monica Niculescu (Romania) to win 2017 Wimbledon title in Women's Doubles category.

Mixed Doubles: Jamie Murray (United Kingdom) and Martina Hingis (Switzerland) defeated Henri Kontinen (Finland) and Heather Watson (United Kingdom) to win 2017 Wimbledon title in mixed Doubles category.

Junior Asian Championships

- Indian wrestlers bag five medals at the Junior Asian Championships.
- Among the women, Pooja Gehlot-gold (51kg), Sonu-silver (44kg) and Manju Kumari bronze (59kg).
- The boys bagged two medals in the Greco-Roman categories in the competition with S. Satish-silver(120kg) and Manish-bronze (50kg)



Champions Trophy

- Winner: Pakistan
- Runner up: India
- Fakhar Zaman was declared Man of the Match.
- Hassan Ali was declared Man of the Tournament.

Indonesia Open Super Series Premier Title

- Indian shuttler Kidambi Srikanth clinched his third Super Series title, lifting the Indonesia Open men's singles trophy with a straight-game victory over Japanese qualifier Kazumasa Sakai in the final.
- World No.22 Srikanth outclassed Sakai, ranked 47th, 21-11 21-19 in just 37 minutes to take home a title.

Ireland & Afghanistan awarded Test status by ICC

- Ireland and Afghanistan have been granted Test status by the International Cricket Council.
- It increases the number of countries competing at the top level of international cricket to 12.
- They are the first admissions since Bangladesh gained Test status in 2000..

Australian Open

- Indian shuttler Kidambi Srikanth beat Olympic champion Chen Long 22-20, 21-16 in straight sets to win the Australian Open Superseries badminton tournament.

1st Indian to finish Race across America

- Srinivas Gokulnath created history by becoming the first Indian to complete - the 4,900-km Race Across America (RAAM) in solo category.
- Another Maharashtrian, Dr Amit Samarth of Nagpur, followed him at the finish line.
- Among the nine men who finished, Gokulnath stood 7th while Samarth was right on his heels at number 8. The race was won by Christoph Strasser.

BCCI Special Committee

- Rajeev Shukla, a former vice-president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), will head a newly-formed seven-member Special Committee, to suggest a way forward for implementing the administrative overhaul prescribed in the Supreme Court order on July 18 last year.
- Besides Shukla and BCCI acting secretary Amitabh Choudhary, the committee will include former India captain



Sourav Ganguly (Bengal), T.C. Mathew (Kerala), Naba Bhattacharjee (Meghalaya), Jay Shah (Gujarat) and BCCI treasurer Anirudh Chaudhry.

Junior Shooting World Championship

- The Indian shooting squad finished a second at the ISSF Junior World Championship with three gold, two silver and three bronze medals in Suhl, Germany.
- China topped the tally in the rifle/pistol tournament with 19 medals, including 8 gold.

Maiden Confederations Cup

- Germany survived a whirlwind assault by Chile to claim a 1-0 victory in Confederations Cup final.
- Germany captain Julian Draxler was conferred with the 'Golden Ball' - best player award.
- Germany's Timo Werner holds the Golden Boot of the competition.

South Australian Open title

- India's Harinder Pal Sandhu beat Rhys Dowling of Australia 11-8 12-10 11-4 in the final to lift South Australian Open squash title.
- It was Sandhu's eighth title at the PSA level and the third this season after winning two in Malaysia in the month of May.

Ravi Shastri named head coach

- BCCI have decided to appoint Ravi Shastri as the chief coach while Zaheer Khan will be appointed bowling coach for a period of two years.

Women's ODIs

- India captain Mithali Raj scripted history as she became the all-time leading run-getter in women's one-day internationals.
- Mithali, who is leading India at the ICC Women's World Cup in England, overtook Charlotte Edwards (5992) after scoring her 34th run against Australia in Bristol.



KKM Memorial Gold Cup

- The President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee inaugurated the 7th Edition of Kamada Kinkar Mukherjee Rural Football Tournament at Mackenzie Park Football Ground in Murshidabad district of West Bengal.
- The President witnessed an exhibition match between Mohun Bagan U-19 and Kingfisher East Bengal U-19. Mohun Bagan

won the match by 1-0. The President greeted the players of both the teams and presented awards.

First Indian woman to be judge at ITLOS

- Indian lawyer Dr Neeru Chadha will be the first Indian woman to be a judge at the International Tribunal Law of the Sea (ITLOS).



Amitabh Bachchan to promote GST

- The government has roped in Bollywood megastar Amitabh Bachchan to promote Goods and Services Tax (GST).

Saudi Arabia's Mohammed bin Salman appointed Crown Prince

- Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Nayef has been replaced by Deputy Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.
- Prince Mohammed bin Salman becomes deputy prime minister and retains his defence and other portfolios.



Union Home Secretary

- Rajiv Gauba is appointed as new Home Secretary of India.
- He will succeed Rajiv Mehrishi, whose tenure ends on August 30.

Justice Dalveer Bhandari

- Justice Dalveer Bhandari has been nominated by India as its candidate for another nine year term as judge of the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

First UN counter-terrorism chief

- The United Nations has announced the appointment of its first counter-terrorism chief, Russian diplomat Vladimir Voronkov.
- Voronkov will hold the title of under-secretary-general.

ICC deputy chairman

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has appointed Chairman of Associates Imran Khawaja as its deputy chairman.

President of IIC

- Jammu and Kashmir Governor N N Vohra has been appointed the president of the India International Centre (IIC) - one of the premier cultural institutions in the country.



- The appointment was made after eminent jurist Soli Sorabjee quit the presidential post.

Romania's new prime minister

- Mihai Tudose has been appointed as prime minister
- He will replace Sorin Grindeanu.

IEA president

- Former chief economic advisor Kaushik Basu has taken over as president of the International Economic Association (IEA).
- Basu's three-year term started from June 23.

Indian Film Festival of Melbourne

- Vidya Balan will be the ambassador of Indian Film Festival of Melbourne to be held from August 10 to 22.
- The Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) is one of the largest Indian film festivals being hosted outside India.

NIFT Chairperson

- The Union Government (M/o Textiles) has appointed Shri Rajesh V. Shah as Chairperson on the Board of Governors of the National Institute of Fashion Technology.
- He will replace Shri Chetan Chauhan.

Indian envoy to Greece

- Senior diplomat Shamma Jain was appointed as India's ambassador to Greece.
- Jain succeeds M Manimekalai as Indian envoy in Greece.



Director General, ITBP

- R K Pachnanda, IPS takes charge as the new Director General of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).
- Shri Krishna Chaudhary, DG who retired on superannuation, handed over the customary baton to Shri Pachnanda.



Secretary I&B

- Shri Narendra Kumar Sinha assumed charge as Secretary in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting on transfer of Shri Ajay Mittal, IAS.

Attorney General for India

- Senior Advocate and Constitution Law Expert KK Venugopal has been appointed the 15th Attorney General for India.

- Venugopal succeeds Mukul Rohatgi, who stepped down after his first term ended on June 11.

Economic relations secretary in MEA

- Senior diplomat Vijay Keshav Gokhale was appointed as the economic relations secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).



India's new Chief Election Commissioner

- Election Commissioner Achal Kumar Jyoti has been appointed the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India.
- He will take charge as the CEC on July 6 after Nasim Zaidi retires.

MFIN president

- Microfinance Institutions Network (MFIN) has re-elected Rakesh Dubey, chief of SV Creditline Private Ltd, as its president for the second term.

NDRF chief

- Himachal Pradesh DGP Sanjay Kumar has been appointed as the new chief of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF).
- The post of NDRF Director General (DG) fell vacant after incumbent RK Pachnanda was appointed as the chief of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).

Ambassador of India to Indonesia

- Shri Pradeep Kumar Rawat has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Indonesia.
- Currently he is Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs.

Non-executive chairman of Union Bank

- Kewal Handa has been appointed as non-executive chairman of Union Bank of India.
- Handa will hold the post for a period of three years.

New York Consul General

- India's Ambassador to Peru Sandeep Chakravorty has been appointed as the head of the Indian consulate in New York.
- He will replace Riva Ganguly Das.



Mongolia's New President

- Khaltmaa Battulga of the opposition Democratic Party, a businessman and former judoka, has won the Mongolian presidential election with more than 50 percent votes.

GST intelligence agency new chief

- Senior bureaucrat John Joseph has been appointed Director General of Goods and Services Tax Intelligence (DG GSTI).

WHO goodwill ambassador

- Saima Wazed Hossain has been appointed as the WHO goodwill ambassador for autism in South-East Asia.

DEA Secretary

- Subhash Chandra Garg has become the new Secretary in the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) in the Ministry of Finance.
- He succeeds Shaktikanta Das, who retired after an extended tenure on May 31.



Brand ambassador of indoor cricket team

- Former Indian batsman Sandeep Patil was named as the brand ambassador of the Indian Indoor Cricket Team.

BCCC chairperson

- The Board of Directors of Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF) appointed former Supreme Court judge, Justice Vikramajit Sen, as the new chairperson of Broadcasting Content Complaints Council (BCCC).
- Justice Sen succeeds former Punjab and Haryana high court Chief Justice, Justice Mukul Mudgal, whose three-year term as BCCC Chairperson came to an end.

Man Booker International prize

- Winner: David Grossman
- He split the £50,000 cash award for his winning book, 'A Horse Walks into a Bar', with translator Jessica Cohen.



Bhupen Hazarika Award

- Winner: Yeshe Dorjee Thongshi.
- This award is given by Sarhad, a Maharashtra-based organization.
- His most important novel is Mauna Onth Mukhar Hridaya (Silent lips, murmuring hearts) which won the Sahitya Akademi award in 2005.

Orwell Prize

- Winner: John Bew

- **Prize money:** £3,000
- This award has given to him for biography of Clement Atlee “Citizen Clem”.

Japan Award

- **Winner:** Indian Agricultural Microbiologist Dr Shrihari Chandraghatgi.
- Dr Shrihari is the first foreigner to win this award in environmental sector in Japan.

United Nations Public Service Award

- Kanyashree Prakalpa, the scheme launched by Mamata Banerjee has won the United Nations Public Service Award at The Hague.
- Kanyashree aims to improve status of adolescent girls from disadvantaged families through small cash transfers.



Social entrepreneur of year award

- **Winner:** Nisha Dutt.
- She is the first Indian woman leader to have been conferred with this recognition.

Skoch Awards

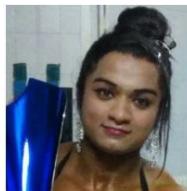
- **Winner:** Vijaya Bank.
- The bank received awards in the following categories -- Best Bank in Public Sector; Best Bank for NPA Management – Organization Category; Retail Lending; Inclusive Wallet – VPAYQWIK; Digital Inclusion; IT Security; e-Surveillance of ATMs and branches; and 100 Digital Villages – Financial Inclusion.

54th Femina Miss India World 2017

- **Winner :** Manushi Chhillar from Haryana
- **First Runner up:** Sana Dua from Jammu and Kashmir
- **Second runner-up :** Priyanka Kumari from Bihar.
- The event was held at Yash Raj Studios in Mumbai.

Miss World Bodybuilding Title

- Dehradun girl Bhumika Sharma has won the World Bodybuilding Championship in Venice.
- She bagged the Miss World Bodybuilding title and the gold medal at the world championship which was held in Venice last week.



Bharat Gaurav

- Former India hockey captain Dhanraj Pillay will be awarded with East Bengal football club’s highest honour – Bharat Gaurav on their foundation day.
- Pillay has played a huge role in reviving the Indian team and performed brilliantly during his 15-year career, representing the country in four Olympics, World Cups, Champions Trophy and Asian Games.

'Mohun Bagan Ratna'

- **Winner:** Former India defender Subrata
- Balwant Singh-Mohun Bagan Player of the Year.
- Debabrata- Best Cricketer, while they also chose Indian women's cricket team pacer Jhulan Goswami, middle-distance runner Lili Das and Mount Everest conqueror Shaikh Sahabuddin as special awardees.

Indian police officer recognized by prestigious award in US

- Mahesh Muralidhar Bhagwat has been recognised with the prestigious Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Hero award.

Australia's highest civilian award

- **Winner:** Guruswamy Jayraman
- He works as a senior accountant with Woollahra Municipal Council for a living and has been devoting most of his spare time in community work for the last 25 years.



Best integrated steel plant

- Tata Steel has won the Prime Minister’s trophy for being the best performing integrated steel plant in the country during 2014-15 and 2015-16.

Maruti Suzuki Sports Awards

- **Sportsperson of the Year :** P.V Sindhu
- **Coach of the Year award:** P. Gopichand
- Flying Sikh Milkha Singh was given the Living Legend of the Year award.
- Young India cricketer K L Rahul was awarded with Gamechanger of the Year award.
- Lifetime achievement award: Abhinav Bindra.

Golden Peacock Award 2017

- Indian Railways Organization for Alternate Fuel (IROAF) has been awarded the coveted National level



“Golden Peacock Award for the Year 2017 for Eco-Innovation” for substitution of fossil fuels (Diesel) by environment friendly CNG in DEMU passenger train services.

- Use of CNG in Train Sets for passenger transportation has been done for the first time in the world.
- The CNG based dual fuel 1400 HP engine used in DEMU trains developed by IROAF has successfully substituted diesel fuel with CNG upto 20%.

Asia Pacific App of the Year award

- Maya, a Bangalore-based mobile app won the Asia Pacific App of the Year at FbStart Apps of the Year awards announced by Facebook.
- Maya was founded in India in 2014. It's now available in 14 languages and has been downloaded across 190 countries.

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Videsh Sampark

- Telangana has hosted the first outreach programme of the Ministry of External Affairs ‘Videsh Sampark’, to engage the State governments to create awareness about various programmes of the Ministry.
- The conference was held in Hyderabad which was inaugurated by the Minister of State for External Affairs, Gen. V.K. Singh.

National Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction

- The Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated the two-day second meeting of National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (NPDRR) in New Delhi.
- Theme -“Disaster Risk Reduction for Sustainable Development: Making India resilient by 2030”.



5 MoUs signed between India and Palestine

- Palestine President Mahmoud Abbas visited India in the third week of May.
- There are five MoU (Memorandum of understanding) are signed between both the countries.
- MoU on visa exemption for diplomatic passport holder, agriculture cooperation, cooperation in field of IT & Electronics, health sector and cooperation in the field of youth affairs and sports are signed.

Vishakhapatnam, Beas cleanest railway stations

- According to an audit conducted by Quality Council of India (QCI) on behalf of Indian Railways, Vishakhapatnam and Beas railway stations are the cleanest railway stations out of the 407 station in the country.
- In A category, Beas (Punjab) bagged the first position followed by Khammam (Telangana) and Ahmednagar (Maharashtra).
- The Darbhanga railway station in Bihar was the dirtiest among the busiest stations.

'Garam Hawa' operation

- The BSF has started operation 'Garam Hawa' in the western sector in Rajasthan, under which vigil along the international border with Pakistan has been stepped up.
- The operation continued till May 23.
- would be a Post-Graduate Institution of higher learning in Agricultural Education.

1st ornamental fish park in Chennai

- India's first Aquatic Rainbow Technology Park (ARTP) will be set up in Chennai.
- Tamil Nadu is the second largest exporter of ornamental fish after West Bengal.



India's first smart grid project

- The Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IEST) has successfully created the country's first smart grid project, which will generate power from renewable sources of energy.

Simbex (Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercises)-17

- As part of "SIMBEX-17", the ongoing Bilateral Naval Exercise between Navies of the Republic of Singapore and India, Indian Naval Ships Shivalik, Sahyadri, Jyoti and Kamorta and one P8-I Maritime Patrol and Anti-Submarine Warfare Aircraft are participating.
- This year's edition of SIMBEX-17 being held in the South China Sea would be the 24th in the series.

Annual meet of AfDB

- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the annual meeting of African



Development Bank (AfDB) at Gandhinagar.

- It is the first time in the history of AfDB Group that India will be hosting the annual meetings.
- Theme -“Transforming agriculture for wealth creation in Africa”.

Turbo Megha Airways

- Turbo Megha Airways has become the first private airline to get a licence to fly under UDAN.
- Turbo Megha Airways which is also called TruJet, is one of the five operators who have been awarded a total of 128 routes under the UDAN scheme.

Anshu Jamsenpa becomes first to scale Mt Everest twice within 5 days

- A climber from Arunchal Pradesh, Anshu Jamsenpa, set world record by scaling Mt Everest twice within five days.
- Jamsenpa had conquered the world's highest peak for the fourth time on May 16.



FIPB (Foreign Investment Promotion Board) is abolished

- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval to the phasing out of Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB).
- The work relating to processing of applications for FDI and approval of the Government thereon under the extant FDI Policy and FEMA, shall now be handled by the concerned Ministries/Departments in consultation with the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP), Ministry of Commerce.

“Adopt A Slum” Campaign

- Minister of (Independent Charge), Youth Affairs & Sports, Vijay Goel announced “Adopt a Slum” - a new campaign to mark completion of three years of the Government.
- He has adopted Indira slum of Timarpur area under the campaign.
- A slum Yuva Daud/Marathon will mark the beginning of this campaign on May 26.



'Good Morning' Squads

- The Maharashtra government has decided to form 'good morning' squads to monitor and prevent open defecation in villages and districts across the state.

First Underwater Rail Tunnel

- India's first underwater rail tunnel running is under the Hooghly river.
- The tunnel is 16.6kms, 10.8kms of which runs underground. And of 10.8kms, 502 metres under the water and the whole thing connects Howrah to the west and Salt lake to the east.

Dhola-Sadiya bridge named after Bhupen Hazarika

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the country's longest river bridge — the Dhola-Sadiya bridge situated at Sadiya in Assam's Tinsukia district. He named the bridge after iconic singer Bhupen Hazarika.
- Spanning 9.15 km, the bridge is built across the Lohit river which is a tributary of the Brahmaputra river with the cost of Rs. 2,056 crore

Dailong village Biodiversity Heritage Site

- The Manipur government has declared Dailong village of Tamenglong district as a Biodiversity Heritage Site of the state.
- Dialong village, covering an area of 11.35 sq km, has been declared as Biodiversity Heritage Site under Section 37(1) of Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

Jaitley dedicates ATR

- The Defence Minister Shri Arun Jaitley has inaugurated the newly built Aeronautical Test Range (ATR) of the Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) at Chitradurga in Karnataka.

Darwaza Band campaign

- For promotion of toilet usage across the country's villages, the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation has come out with an aggressive new campaign called Darwaza Band.
- The campaign has been supported by the World Bank and is being rolled out countrywide immediately after the launch.
- Iconic actor, Amitabh Bachchan, leads the campaign. The campaign also features actor, Anushka Sharma, who will be



seen encouraging women to stand up for this issue in their villages and assume a leadership role.

India emerges as world's third largest aviation market

- India has emerged as the third largest aviation market in the world with a passenger traffic of over 10 crore reported for 2016-17.
- Regional connectivity scheme (RCS-UDAN) will allow India to have 200 plus airports in the next 10-15 years.

Bicycle patrol

- The Delhi Police has launched patrolling on bicycle to improve policing in congested localities in trans-Yamuna region of the city.
- The move is also being billed as a green initiative.

India's 1st freight village

- Varanasi will get the country's first 'freight village' spread over around 100 acres.
- A 'Freight Village' is a specialised industrial estate which attracts companies that require logistics services and can cluster to improve their competitiveness.

NSDC signs MoU with BIRD ACADEMY

- An MoU was signed between National Skill Development Corporation and Bird Academy on the 1st of June 2017 in New Delhi, with regards to skilling of unemployed youth in the aviation and aerospace Sector.

First automatic coastal warning for disasters

- The Odisha become the first state to commission the Early Warning Dissemination System (EWDS) that would enable loud sirens go off simultaneously from towers at 122 locations by July.

India's first Rural LED Street Lighting Project in Andhra Pradesh

- Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) under the Government of India's Street Lighting National Project (SLNP) would be retrofitting 10 lakh conventional street lights with LED lights in Gram Panchayats of 7 districts in Andhra Pradesh.
- This replacement drive will help to cumulatively save approximately 147 million units of electricity annually and lead to reduction of 12 crore tonnes of CO₂.

- The entire upfront capital cost of this project is being funded by French Development Agency Agence Française de Développement (AFD).

IIT-Delhi, IIT-Bombay, IISc among world's top 200 universities

- The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Bombay has broken into the top 200 club in the latest edition of the 'Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings', to join IIT-Delhi and Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, in this group.
- IIT-Bombay rank 179th. IIT-Delhi has replaced IISc as the best ranked Indian institution in the world. So, while IIT-Delhi has risen from 185 rank to 172 this year, IISc slipped over 30 places from 152 to 190.
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) continues its run as the world's best university for the sixth consecutive year.

SATH program

- NITI Aayog has launched SATH, a program providing 'Sustainable Action for Transforming Human capital' with the State Governments in the education and health sectors.
- SATH aims to identify and build three future 'role model' states for health systems.
- The program will be implemented by NITI along with McKinsey & Company and IPE Global consortium, who were selected through a competitive bidding process.

Krishi Rin Samadhan Yojana

- Madhya Pradesh government has launched a new debt relief scheme Krishi Rin Samadhan Yojana for farmers.
- The cabinet also allocated Rs 1,000 crore for the scheme. The interest rate on loans would be less, which would in turn also help defaulting farmers get loans.

India's first underwater Metro

- Kolkata will soon have an underwater Metro which will pass through tunnels several feet under the Hooghly.

Online Cattle Market For Farmers

- The Telangana government launched the website to facilitate the buying and selling of cattle online.
- The state said that the website –pashubazar.telangana.gov.in – would save the farmers transportation costs, as they need not keep taking them to markets.

Haryana village to be named after Trump

- Sulabh International founder Bindeshwar Pathak has announced that an open defecation-free village in Mewat will be named after U.S. President Donald Trump to build a good relationship between India and the United States.

World's busiest single-runway airport

- The GVK group-run Mumbai airport has become the world's busiest amongst the single-runway facilities by handling 837 flights a day or one in 65 seconds on an average in fiscal 2017, taking over London's Gatwick airport that had 757 flights a day.
- In terms of the number of passengers also, the city airport tops with 45.2 million people flying in and out in fiscal 2017 as against 44 million at Gatwick airport.

India's Healthcare Ranks

- India ranked at 154 with an score of 44.8 in the list of 195 countries in terms of quality and accessibility of healthcare according to the new Global Burden of Disease study published in the Lancet,
- Andorra scored the highest score (94.6) while Central African Republic had the lowest rank (28.6).

Jordan's Azraq refugee camp

- A refugee camp in Jordan has become the first in the world to be powered by renewable energy.
- The new \$9.6m two-megawatt solar plant was built by the Ikea Foundation's Brighter Lives for Refugees campaign and is expected to save \$1.5m a year, which the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will be able to use to improve sanitation, shelters and organize activities around the camp.

International Museum Day

- International Museum Day (IMD) is celebration every year on 18 May, coordinated by the International Council of Museums (ICOM).
- Theme-"Museums and contested histories: Saying the unspeakable in museums".
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Arctic Energy Summit

- Finland has agreed to host the 2017 Arctic Energy Summit as the first major event of their Arctic Council Chairmanship, which runs 2017 to



2019.

- The Summit will take place at Finlandia Hall, 18-20 September 2017.

Jaipur Literature Festival

- The Jaipur Literature Festival was inaugurated in London to present a sumptuous showcase of South Asia's literary heritage, oral and performing arts, books and ideas, dialogue and debate.
- Indian High Commissioner to the UK Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha opened the two-day events proceedings at the British library.



International Day for Biological Diversity

- The International Day for Biological Diversity (or World Biodiversity Day) is held on May 22.
- Theme -"Biodiversity and Sustainable Tourism".

World Metrology Day

- World Metrology Day has become an annual celebration since the Meter Convention was signed by representatives of seventeen countries on May 20, 1875.
- Theme -"Measurements for transport".

India OPEC Institutional Dialogue

- The Minister of State (I/C) for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan visited Vienna, Austria to co-chair the 2nd India-OPEC Institutional Dialogue at the OPEC headquarters.
- It was agreed that India will host the next meeting during 2018.

War museum in Manipur

- Japan is going to build a war museum at the hillock at Maiba Lokpa in Bishnupur district, Manipur, where a Japanese camp was located during World War II.

World's most crowded cities

- Two Indian cities - Mumbai and Kota - have been named among the world's most crowded in a list topped by Dhaka, said the World Economic Forum (WEF), citing UN-Habitat data.
- Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh, is the most crowded city followed by Mumbai. Kota in Rajasthan was ranked seventh.

Most followed world leader on Facebook

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has become the top followed leader on Facebook globally.
- The data also shows that Digital India, Make in India and Swachh Bharat are the most engaged campaigns that have been run by the government.

India announces \$500 million assistance to Mauritius

- India has announced a \$500 million line of credit to Mauritius as the two countries resolved to deepen ties in a range of areas including the maritime domain.
- A total of four agreements were signed after the talks between the two leaders.

World's largest telescope

- Chilean President Michelle Bachelet inaugurated the construction of the world's largest optical and infrared telescope, to be located at the Paranal Observatory in the Antofagasta region.
- The European Extremely Large Telescope (E-ELT) will be built in collaboration with the European Southern Observatory (ESO), the leading intergovernmental astronomic organisation in Germany.

GPDRR meet

- India has participated in a five-day long Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GPDRR) summit held in Mexico.

43rd G-7 summit

- The 43rd G7 summit was held in Taormina, Sicily, Italy.
- Next G-7 Summit will be held in Canada in 2018.



World No Tobacco Day

- World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) is observed around the world every year on May 31.
- Theme - "Tobacco – a threat to development."

World Milk Day

- World Milk Day is a day established by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations to recognise the importance of milk as a global food.
- It has been observed on June 1 each year since 2001.

70th World Health Assembly

- The 70th World Health Assembly (WHA) was held in Geneva, Switzerland
- Ebola outbreak in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), the Cerebro Spinal Meningitis (CSM) epidemic in Nigeria, prevention and control of non-communicable diseases (NCDs), and election of a new President of the World Health Organisation (WHO) were the agenda of the Assembly.

Global Peace Index 2017

- 1st rank: Iceland
- 2nd rank: New Zealand
- 137th rank: India

Trump pulls US out of Paris pact

- President Donald Trump announced his decision to withdraw the US from the Paris Agreement on climate change and renegotiate the deal that was agreed upon by over 190 countries during the previous Obama administration.
- Arguing that countries like China and India are benefiting the most from the Paris Agreement, Trump said that the agreement on climate change was unfair to the United States, as it badly hit its businesses and jobs.

UN General Assembly elects five non-permanent

UNSC members

- The UN General Assembly has elected Cote D'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Kuwait, Poland and Peru as the non-permanent members of the Security Council for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2018.
- Netherlands was also elected to serve a one-year term it shares with Italy.

World Competitiveness list

- 1st rank: Hong Kong
- 2nd rank: Switzerland
- 45th rank:
- This index is released by International Institute for Management Development's (IMD).

World Environment Day

- World Environment Day (WED) occurs on 5 June every year, is the United Nation's principal vehicle



for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the protection of our environment.

- Theme-'Connecting People to nature – in the city and on the land, from the poles to the equator'.
- The host country for the year 2017 is Canada.

NATO member

- Montenegro has become the 29th member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization during a ceremony in Washington at the US State Department's Treaty Room.

Ranking in 4G Internet Speed

- **1st rank:** Singapore
- **2nd rank:** South Korea
- **74th rank:** India(Average download speed — at 5.1Mbps)
- The global average 4G download speed was 16.2 Mbps.

World Oceans Day 2017

- World Oceans Day was observed on June 8.
- **Theme:** 'Our Oceans, Our Future'.

BRICS media

- The BRICS media forum is the result of a joint initiative by Xinhua News Agency, Brazil's CMA Group, Russia's Sputnik News Agency and Radio, The Hindu group of publications from India, and South Africa's Independent Media.

'Ocean Conference'

- The United Nations has held its first summit on protecting the world's seas and waterways at New York City.
- It was co-hosted by the Governments of Fiji and Sweden.
- Member nations are using the Ocean Conference to renew their commitment to combatting rising sea levels, pollution, and harmful fishing practices.

EU, France grant 3.5m euros to curb emissions in India

- Aiming to reduce emissions and promote sustainability to help India's smart city programme, France and the European Union has extended a grant of 3.5 million Euros under the 'Mobilise Your City' (MYC) initiative.



- Three Indian cities, Nagpur, Kochi and Ahmedabad will get the grant as part of the EU's commitment under the Paris Climate agreement, French Development Agency (AFD).

China launches world's largest floating solar farm

- China has launched the world's largest floating solar farm.
- The 40-megawatt power plant has 160,000 panels resting on a lake that emerged after the collapse of a coal mine in central Anhui province.

World's smallest & cheapest private jet

- US-based aviation company Cirrus Aircraft has launched the world's smallest and most affordable private jet called 'Vision Jet' for Rs 12.62 crore.
- The jet which had been in making for a decade has only one engine and can cruise at 555 kmph.
- It has a maximum operating altitude of 28,000 feet, and takes off from just 620 meters of runway.

ANUGA 2017

- Minister of Food Processing Industries Smt Harsimrat Kaur Badal addressed a Joint Press Conference with the organizers of ANUGA(Allgemeine Nahrungs- und Genussmittel-Ausstellung).
- This is an international business platform for Food Industry to be held in Cologne, Germany.

World Blood Donor Day

- 14 June is observed as World Blood Donor Day (WBDD).
- Theme: "What Can You Do? Give Blood. Give Now. Give Often".

HDFC Life inks distribution tie-up with Catholic Syrian Bank

- HDFC Life has entered into a bancassurance tie-up with Catholic Syrian Bank to distribute its individual life insurance products to the private lender's customers.

Catholic Syrian Bank Limited (CSB):

- *The Catholic Syrian Bank Limited (CSB) is an Indian private sector bank with its headquarters at Thrissur, Kerala.*
- *CVR Rajendran is the Managing Director & CEO of Catholic Syrian Bank.*

India Ratings downgrades IDBI Bank

- India Ratings and Research downgraded State-run IDBI Bank to AA from AA+ and gave a negative outlook due to challenges arising out of stressed assets and weak capital position.
- The Reserve Bank had recently initiated 'prompt corrective action' for the bank on account of higher NPAs and negative return on assets.

Tata most valuable brand

- Tata Group has retained its position as India's leading brand with a brand value of \$13.1 billion in valuation firm Brand Finance's annual study of the country's top 100 names.
- Among the other brands in the top 10 list for 2017 are Airtel at number two with a brand value of \$7.7 billion.

Karnataka Bank, LIC ink pact

- Karnataka Bank Ltd has entered into a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India for selling life insurance products of LIC.
- The bank signed the corporate agency agreement with LIC in Mangaluru.



Life insurance email bot

- HDFC Life announced the launch of India's first life insurance email bot.
- The email bot, named SPOK, can automatically read, understand, categorize, prioritize and respond to customer emails that are sent to HDFC Life, within milliseconds.

Israel signs deal with India

- Israel and India penned a deal worth \$630 million, to provide India's navy with missile defence systems.
- The new contract will see state-owned Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) supply LRSAM air and missile defence systems for four Indian naval ships.
- The contract will be carried out with India's Bharat Electronics Limited.
- LRSAM is an advanced air and missile defence system, jointly developed by IAI and India's Defence Research and Development Organisation.

'Code For Bank'

- State Bank of India (SBI) has launched a national hackathon for developers, start-ups and students to come up with innovative ideas and solutions for the banking sector.
- The hackathon, named 'Code For Bank', will focus on the business value driven by technologies like predictive analytics, fin-tech/blockchain, digital payments, IOT, artificial intelligence, machine learning, BOTS and robotic process automation.



State Bank of India

India's most profitable PSU

- The Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has overtaken the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) to become the country's most profitable state-owned company.
- Reliance Industries retained the crown of being India's most profitable company for the third year in a row, posting a net Rs 29,901 crore in financial year 2016-17.

India to grow at 7.2% in 2017-18

- In its latest India Development Update, the World Bank estimated India's economy will grow 7.2% in fiscal year 2017-18.
- GST would lead to higher tax collection, greater digital financial inclusion and make India's fundamentals stronger and yet not increase the burden on the poor.

New Re 1 notes to be circulated

- New one rupee notes with a multicolored look will soon be put in circulation by the Reserve Bank of India, the RBI announced.
- The color of One Rupee currency note shall be predominantly pink green on obverse and reverse in combination with others.

Amul inks MoU with ISRO

- Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) has signed an agreement with ISRO for fodder acreage assessment using satellite observation and space technology.
- GCMMF markets its products under the brand name of Amul.



India signs Loan Agreement with the World Bank

- An agreement for IBRD Credit of USD 36 Million from World Bank for “Himachal Pradesh Public Financial Management Capacity Building Program” was signed in New Delhi.
- The objective of the project is to improve the efficiency of Public Expenditure Management and Tax Administration in Himachal Pradesh.
- The programme size is USD 45 million, of which USD 36 million will be financed by the Bank, and the remaining amount will be funded out of State Budget. The programme duration is 5 years.



‘Star Mahotsav’

- Bank of India conducted a mass-contact programme, ‘Star Mahotsav’, across its branch network.
- The thrust was in contacting every customer at their doorstep for recovery of bad loans, disbursement of retail loan, including housing and vehicle loan, disbursement under MSME and agriculture, and promotion of its products including debit/credit cards, PoS machines, internet banking, etc.

BoB, Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium ink MoU

- Bank of Baroda (BoB) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC).
- Under this MoU, BoB would play an active role in providing collateral free loans to Farmers Producer Companies (FPC) for which credit guarantee cover up to 85 percent of the loan amount maximum up to Rs 1 crore will be made available by SFAC.

India Signs Loan Agreement with the World Bank

- An agreement for IBRD Credit of USD 39.2 Million from World Bank for the project “Assam Citizen Centric Service Delivery” was signed.
- The programme size is USD 49 million, of which USD 39.2 million will be financed by the Bank, and the remaining amount will be funded-out of State Budget. The programme duration is 5 years.

India overtakes China to top global retail index

- India has surpassed China to secure the top position among 30 developing countries on ease of doing business, according to a study that cited India's rapidly expanding economy, relaxation of FDI rules and a consumption boom as the key drivers.

Second Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy

- The Reserve Bank (RBI) of India in its Second Bi-monthly Monetary Policy kept its repo rate unchanged at 6.25 percent and reverse repo rate unchanged at six percent respectively.
- However, the central bank lowered economic growth projection to 7.3 percent from 7.4 percent for FY18.
- The apex bank cut the statutory liquidity ratio (SLR) by 50 bps to 20%.

20 railway stations to Malaysia for redevelopment

- The Indian Railways is firming up plans to join hands with Malaysia to redevelop about 20 stations in Tier-II cities across the country.
- Faridabad, Cuttack, Amritsar, Jamshedpur, Kochi, Jammu, and Bikaner are considered Tier-II cities.

Axis Bank issues biodegradable prepaid gift cards

- Axis Bank Ltd has announced biodegradable prepaid gift cards on the occasion of World Environment Day.
- The cards will be acceptable at all domestic merchant outlets and online portals.

Canara bank ties up with New India Assurance

- Canara Bank has inked pact with the state-owned general insurer The New India Assurance Co to sell policies through its branches.
- The Bengaluru headquartered public sector lender said this corporate agency distribution tie-up will make available general insurance products from over 6,000 Canara Bank branches in the country.

CSO to change GDP base year to 2017-18 from 2011-12

- The Statistics Ministry is set to change the base year of national accounts to 2017-18 from 2011-12 after completion of the household consumer expenditure survey and labour force data by the end of 2018.

- Earlier in 2015, the Central Statistics Office (CSO) under the Statistics Ministry had changed the base year for tabulating the Gross Domestic Product or size of economy to 2011-12 from 2004-05.
- Last month, the CSO has changed the base of Index of Industrial Production (IIP), which measures factory output, to 2011-12 from 2004-05. Besides, the base year of Wholesale Price Index (WPI) has also been changed to 2011-12 from 2004-05.

Yes Bank partners with TerraPay

- Yes Bank has partnered with mobile payments switch TerraPay to enable real time money transfer to bank accounts in India.
- This means that Indian migrants worldwide can walk into TerraPay's partner outlet anytime and send money to their family and friends back home, instantly in their bank account.



India's heaviest rocket with GSAT-19 launched

- India's heaviest rocket Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle-Mark III (GSLV-Mk III) took its maiden flight into space along with a communications satellite.
- The rocket, weighing 640 tonnes and standing 43.43 metres tall, blast off from the second launch pad at India's rocket port at Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.
- It carried a 3,136-kg GSAT-19 communications satellite, the heaviest to be lifted by an Indian rocket till date to an altitude of around 179 km above the Earth after just over 16 minutes into the flight.



NASA's first mission to the star

- Wearing a nearly 5-inch coat of carbon-composite solar shields, NASA's Parker Solar Probe will explore the sun's atmosphere in a mission that begins in 2018.
- NASA is sending a roughly 10-foot-high 'Parker' probe on the mission that will put it closer to the sun than any spacecraft has ever reached before.



NavIC

- India will be having its own GPS system 'NavIC' from 2018.

- NavIC the name given by PM Narendra Modi. It is designed to provide accurate position information to users within the country.

T-Wallet launched

- The Telangana Government has launched a digital wallet, named T-Wallet, which doesn't charge transaction fee from consumers.
- It allows a maximum transaction of Rs.1 lakh for e-KYC (know your customer) users. For non-KYC users, the limit is set to Rs. 20,000.

'E-Sanad'

- The government has announced a service to digitize the process of attestation of documents for those going abroad, so that they are spared the trouble of visiting government offices for the purpose.
- 'E-Sanad', an initiative of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), in association with two other ministries -- will initially be hosting school leaving certificates with the help of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).

IPL10

- **Winner:** Mumbai Indians
- **Runner up:** Rising Pune Supergiant
- **Orange Cap:** David Warner (641 Runs)
- **Purple Cap:** Bhuvneshwar Kumar (26 Wickets)
- **Emerging player of the season:** Basil Thampi
- **Fairplay award:** Gujarat Lions
- **Most Valuable Player of the season:** Ben Stokes
- **Man of the Final:** Krunal Pandya



38th Federation Cup

- **Winner :** Bengaluru FC
- **Runner up:** Mohun Bagan
- The Federation Cup, also known as Hero Federation Cup for sponsorship reasons, is an annual knockout style club football tournament in India that started in 1977.
- Mohun Bagan has lifted the Federation Cup for record 14 times.

Ice hockey world title

- **Winner:** Sweden
- **Runner up:** Canada
- **Venue:** Cologne, Germany



Sudirman Cup

- **Winner:** South Korea
- **Runner up:** China

Monaco Grand Prix

- Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel won Monaco Grand Prix to extend his championship lead over Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton to 25 points.
- Raikkonen (Ferrari) finished second while Ricciardo (Red Bull) finished third.

Top 100 athletes

- India captain Virat Kohli, former skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni and stylish left-handed batsmen, Yuvraj Singh and Suresh Raina, have found places in this year's ESPN World Fame 100 list that made its debut last year.
- While Kohli is placed in the 13th spot and Dhoni in the 15th, Yuvraj and Raina have been ranked 90th and 95th respectively.
- Heading the list is top Portuguese footballer Cristiano Ronaldo while NBA great LeBron James, another soccer star Lionel Messi and tennis ace Roger Federer are the top four athletes.

Thailand Open

- **Winner:** B Sai Praneeth
- **Runner up:** Jonatan Christie

Real Madrid wins UEFA Champions League title

- **Winner:** Real Madrid
- **Runner up:** Juventus

ITF men's Futures tennis title

- India's Ramkumar Ramanathan lifted the ITF men's Futures tennis title after outplaying Raymond Sarmiento of the USA in straight sets in Singapore.
- The top seeded Indian beat the second seeded player 6-2, 6-2 in the final. It was the first title of the season for Ramkumar.

First Sri Lankan to be inducted into ICC Hall of Fame

- Muttiah Muralitharan, the most successful bowler in Tests cricket, was inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame.
- Muralitharan was awarded the honour along with Arthur Morris, George Lohmann and Karen Rolton by fellow ICC Cricket Hall of Famers and members of the media.

Canadian GP

- Lewis Hamilton dominated the Canadian Grand Prix as dramatic action behind allowed him to cut Sebastian Vettel's title lead to 12 points.
- Vettel, meanwhile, could finish only fourth in the Ferrari.

World chess championship for differently-abled

- Kutwal, a railway employee with Pune Division, has won the gold medal at the 17th World Individual Chess Championship for differently-abled, held in Slovakia.

New PM of France

- French President Emmanuel Macron has named Edouard Philippe as new Prime Minister of France.



UN climate change post

- Ovais Sarmad has been appointed as the deputy executive secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), under which the landmark Paris agreement was negotiated and adopted.
- Sarmad will succeed Richard Kinley of Canada.

New President of Iran

- Iran's President Hassan Rouhani has been re-elected with an emphatic victory, official results show.
- Out of more than 40 million votes cast, he received 57%, defeating his main rival, a conservative cleric.

WHO Director-General

- The Member States of WHO elected Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus as the new Director-General of WHO.
- Tedros is a former health and foreign affairs minister from Ethiopia.

PV Sindhu elected to BWF Athletes' Commission

- Olympic silver medallist, PV Sindhu, led a trio of women onto the BWF Athletes' Commission as voting for four places on the representative body took place in Gold Coast, Australia.
- The Indian athlete topped the ballot with 129 votes with Kirsty Gilmour of Scotland placing third overall with 103 votes.



Tapan Ray to be the next Economic Affairs Secretary

- Tapan Ray will be the next Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, under the Ministry of Finance from 1 June, 2017.
- He will replace Shaktikanta Das who is retiring.

Chairman of NCM

- Syed Ghayurul Hasan Rizvi assumed charge of the Chairman of the National Commission for Minorities in New Delhi.
- He served as Chairman, U.P Minority Finance Development Corporation Ltd.

Ambassador of India to Philippines

- Jaideep Mazumdar has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Philippines.

Ambassador of India to Finland

- Ms. Vani Sarraju Rao has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Finland.

1st woman chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia

- Manipur Governor and former minority affairs minister Najma Heptulla has been appointed as the chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia.
- The 77-year-old Heptulla succeeds Lt Gen (Retd) MA Zaki who completes his five-year term this month.

UN General Assembly president

- The UN General Assembly elected Slovak foreign minister Miroslav Lajcak to be the next president of the 193-member powerful body.

Serbia president

- Aleksandar Vucic has been sworn in as Serbia's new president.
- Vucic formally stepped down from his prime minister's post and took over his new role after his win in April's election.

CEO of Prasar Bharati

- Shashi Shekar Vempati has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Prasar Bharati.
- Vempati is currently serving as a Member (part time) of the Prasar Bharati Board since Feb 2016.

Indian Oil Corporation's Chairman

- Sanjiv Singh has taken over as the Chairman of country's biggest company Indian Oil Corporation (IOC).

- He replaces B Ashok who superannuated recently.

Ireland's PM

- Leo Varadkar has become the new Prime minister of Ireland.
- He will replace Enda Kenny.



Ambassador to Slovenia

- Mr. Param Jit Mann, presently Ambassador of India to the Slovak Republic, has been appointed as the country's next Ambassador to Slovenia.

DG NWDA

- Dr. Sharad Kumar Jain has assumed the charge of Director General, National Water Development Agency (NWDA) under Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.
- Shri Jain succeeds Shri S. Masood Husain who has moved over as Member (WP&P), Central Water Commission.

UN campaign on fathers

- Cricketer Sachin Tendulkar joins a roster of global celebrities, including David Beckham and Novak Djokovic, for a special UNICEF campaign that highlights the critical role played by fathers in children's early development.

Chief of copyrights office

- Senior bureaucrat Hoshiar Singh has been appointed as Registrar of Copyrights.
- The Office of Copyrights, under the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, is mandated to protect the music and film industry besides addressing its concerns, among others.

Directors of IPPB

- K G Karmakar and Gauri Shankar were appointed as Independent Directors of India Post Payments Bank (IPPB).

Ruchira Kamboj appointed next HC of India to Republic of South Africa

- Ruchira Kamboj (IFS: 1987) has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of South Africa.



India appoints envoys to Italy, Denmark, Belgium and EU

- Gaitri Issar Kumar has been appointed as India's next ambassador to Belgium. She will also be accredited as India's ambassador to the European Union (EU).
- Reenat Sandhu, will head India's diplomatic mission in Italy.
- Ajit Vinayak Gupte, who is presently joint secretary in the ministry, has been appointed as ambassador to Denmark.

BS Shekhawat award

- Sikkim Chief Minister Pawan Kumar Chamling was conferred with the first Bhairon Singh Shekhawat Lifetime Achievement Honour in Public Service by President Pranab Mukherjee.



Dan David Prize

- Indian scientist Shrinivas Kulkarni has won the prestigious Dan David prize for his contribution in the field of astronomy.
- The \$1 million prize is a joint international enterprise endowed by the Dan David Foundation headquartered at Tel Aviv University.

Mark Twain Prize

- David Letterman was named 2017 recipient of the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor, the award granted annually by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.
- He will officially receive the prize in a ceremony that will be held on October 22.

Whitley Award

- Sanjay Gubbi of Karnataka and Purnima Barman of Assam have won the prestigious Whitley Award, popularly known as Green Oscars, for their efforts in wildlife conservation.

Global award in UK

- Britain's Indian-origin steel tycoon Sanjeev Gupta has bagged a top global award for his successful acquisitions and drives to transform the steel industry in the UK, India and beyond.
- Gupta, the executive chairman of the Liberty House Group received the title of 'CEO of the Year' at the prestigious Platts Global Metals Awards in London.



'Digital Service Innovator of the Year Award'

- Reliance Jio has received TM Forum's 'Digital Service Innovator of the Year Award' 2017.

- Reliance Jio got this award by acquiring 90 million customers in four months.

Asia yoga championship

- Thirteen-year-old Vaishnavi of India win the first Asia Level Yoga Competition.
- The competition, featuring teams from five nations, was held in Thailand on May 13 and 14.

UK humanitarian award

- Bollywood actor Jacqueline Fernandez received the International Humanitarian Award and writer Jeffrey Archer the Lifetime Achievement Award.
- The "charity of the year" award was presented to Anxiety UK, which works to help people with anxiety disorders.

Young Indian cartoonist wins top conservation award

Rohan Chakravarty, a wildlife and environment cartoonist from India, has won this year's International President's Award for his efforts to change attitudes towards nature.



- The award is the top accolade given by World Wildlife Fund to recognise leadership in young conservationists who are under the age of 30 from around the world.

Shipping Ministry award

- The Paradip Port Trust has been awarded by the Union Shipping Ministry for witnessing the second highest growth in traffic for FY17.

Cannes Film Festival 2017: Winners

- The 70th annual Cannes Film Festival took place from 17 to 28 May 2017, in Cannes, France. Here are the winners:-
- Caméra d'Or (best first feature): Jeune Femme
- Best short film: A Gentle Night
- Jury prize: Loveless
- Best actress: Diane Kruger
- Best actor: Joaquin Phoenix
- Best director: Sofia Coppola
- Grand Prix: 120 Beats per Minute
- 70th Anniversary prize: Nicole Kidman
- Palme d'Or: The Square

Smart policing award 2017

- The Pune city police have bagged the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industries' (FICCI) Smart Policing Award for the year 2017.



Golden Shoe

- Lionel Messi has won the European Golden Shoe for a record-equalling fourth time, drawing level with Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo.
- This award is given for scoring highest number of goals in European season.

Dadasaheb Phalke Academy Award

- Priyanka Chopra will receive the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Academy Award in a new category that has been introduced by the jury - the 'International Acclaimed Actress Award'.
- Priyanka's mother Madhu Chopra too will be honoured with Dadasaheb Phalke Award in the Best Film category for her maiden production, 'Ventilator'.



PEN/Malamud Award

- Indian American author Jhumpa Lahiri has been announced as the recipient of the 2017 PEN/Malamud Award for Excellence in the Short Story.

- The PEN/Malamud Award for Excellence in Short Fiction was established by Bernard Malamud's family to honor excellence in the art of short fiction.

AIFF Player of the Year award

- India and Mohun Bagan striker Jeje Lalpekhlua received the All India Football Federation's inaugural player of the year 2016 award.
- Sasmita Malik was adjudged the 2016 AIFF Women's player of the year.
- Sunil Chettri, India's most prolific goal scorer ever with 53 goals from 93 matches, received a Special Award for surpassing the milestone during the last year.

France's Legion of Honour

- Bengali actor Soumitra Chatterjee will be awarded France's highest civilian award, the Legion of Honour.

Nalanda model of water conservation chosen for National Award

- A model of water conservation adopted successfully by the authorities in Nalanda district of south central Bihar, has been selected for the national award for excellence in the Mahatma Gandhi national rural employment guarantee programme (MGNREGP), by the ministry of rural development.
- The award for excellence will be conferred on 'Project Jal Sanchay', the water conservation model developed in chief minister Nitish Kumar's native district.

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SSC SPECIAL GS QUESTIONS

1.	Longest Nerve	Sciatic
2.	Longest Cell	Neuron (Nerve Cell)
3.	Menstrual Cycle	28 days
4.	Menopause Age	45 – 50 Years
5.	Minimum Regeneration Power	In Brain Cells
6.	Minimum Distance for proper vision	25 cm
7.	Pulse Rate	72 / minute.
8.	Normal Sperm Count	200 – 350 million / ejaculation.
9.	FSR (normal Erythrocyte Sedimentation rate)	4 – 10 min / hr
10.	pH of Gastric Juice	1.4
11.	pH of Urine	6.0
12.	pH of Blood	7.35 – 7.45
13.	pH of Bile	7.5
14.	pH of Pancreatic Juice	8.5
15.	Total Number of Muscles in the Body	639
16.	Total Number of Bones in the Body	206
17.	Largest Organ of Human Body	Skin
18.	Which tissue in cells have lost the capacity of cell division?	Permanent tissue
19.	Which scientist studied about wheat rust problem?	K. C. Mehta
20.	Most of the plants obtain nitrogen from the soil in which form?	Nitrates
21.	Which fungus is responsible for disease late blight of potato?	Phytophthora infestans
22.	Which is responsible for red rot of sugarcane?	Colletotrichum falcatum
23.	Which stage of development of insect is most harmful for crop?	Caterpillar
24.	In India famous Bengal famine occurred in 1942 by which disease?	Leaf spot of rice
25.	Which factors are most responsible for disease in plant?	Fungi
26.	Which fungus is responsible for the tikka disease of groundnut?	Cercospora personata
27.	What is the Study of pulse and arterial blood pressure called?	Sphygmology
28.	Which branch of biology deals with the study of processing and preservation of food?	Food technology
29.	What is the Study of the effects of toxic chemical substance on animal and plant?	Toxicology
30.	What is the Branch of science which deals with the study of skin of man?	Dermatology
31.	The release of which fish into wells helps in controlling the mosquitoes?	Gambusia fish
32.	Which animal lays eggs and does not produce young ones directly?	Echidna
33.	How many pair of heart is found in an earthworm?	Four
34.	Which substance found in blood which helps in clotting?	Fibrinogen
35.	Which worm reach into intestine of human by eating leaf?	Tape worm
36.	Which is the phylum that includes exclusively marine animal?	Echinodermata
37.	Which organs has its own wave of autonomic excitation?	Heart
38.	What is the short upper part of human intestine next to the stomach?	Duodenum
39.	A person feel fatigued due to depositon of which acid in their muscles?	Lactic Acid
40.	In the retina of eye cells what is present for colour differentiation?	Cones
41.	Which gland is responsible for the secretion of insulin?	Pancrease
42.	What is considered as the easily digestable source of protein?	Soyabean

43.	What percentage of water found in blood plasma of human?	91 to 92%
44.	Which blood vessel bringing blood into Bowman's capsule?	Afferent arteriole
45.	which antibodies are produced in the plasma of blood?	Lymphocytes
46.	Which enzyme take part in digestion of milk protein?	Rennin
47.	Which part of brain is centre of thirst hunger and sleep?	Hypothalamus
48.	Blood Coagulation is prevented by which chemical when it flow through artery and vein?	Heparin
49.	Which organelles in the cell, other than nucleus contains DNA?	Mitochondria
50.	What is infolding from the inner membrane of mitochondria called?	Cristae
51.	In a living cell what is the site of ribosome formation?	Nucleolus
52.	What do both respiration and photosynthesis require?	Cytochromes
53.	In absence of ribosome in cell which function does not takes place?	Protein synthesis
54.	Deficiency of which vitamin, causes xerophthalmia?	Vitamin A
55.	Which antimicrobial drug is suitable for treatment of both tuberculosis and leprosy?	Rifampicin
56.	Insects that can transmit diseases to human are referred to as which name?	Vectors
57.	Pneumoconiosis affects the workers who work mainly in which industry?	Coal mining industry
58.	Lathyrism is caused by excessive consumption of which thing?	Khesari Dal
59.	Which part of blood carry out the function of body defence?	White blood cell
60.	Which disease is caused due to presence of excess arsenic in water?	Skin Cancer
61.	What is the transmission of characters from one generation to next?	Heredity
62.	Who got noble prize for artificial synthesis of DNA?	Kornberg
63.	What is the smallest part of DNA that undergoes recombination?	Recon
64.	By whom was Artificial gene synthesis first done in laboratory?	Khurana
65.	By whom the concept of survival of the fittest as advanced?	Herbert Spencer
66.	From the evolutionary point of view, which is the most primitive animal?	Turtle
67.	Which was the Russian scientist who proposed the theory of origin of life?	Oparin
68.	Who published the book 'Origin of species by natural selection in 1859'?	Darwin
69.	Which is most primitive ancestor of man ?	Australopithecus
70.	Which harmful element tobacco exists in tobacco ?	Nicotine
71.	What is abiotic component of ecosystem?	Water
72.	What is Study of inter relationship between living organism and their environment?	Ecology
73.	Epiphytes are plant which depend on other plants for which purpose?	Mechanical support
74.	What amount of energy transfered from one trophic level to next?	10%
75.	Plant and animal living in a particular area, what is it called?	Community
76.	Reduced leaves and sunken stomata are the main feature of which thing?	Xerophytes
77.	What ratio of forest area needed for ecological balance in India?	33.3%
78.	Ultimate environmental hazard to mankind, why?	Due to Nuclear pollution
79.	Sound become hazardous noise pollution at which level?	Above 80 dB
80.	Which energy do not have the problem of pollution?	Sun
81.	Which air pollutant affect the nervous system of man?	Lead
82.	By which is the Atmosphere of big metropolition cities is polluted most?	Automobile exhausts
83.	National Environmental Engineering research institute is situated in which city?	Nagpur
84.	Edward Jenner is related with which disease?	Small pox
85.	Which Scientist first explained about circulatory system?	William Harvey

86.	Who discovered Anopheles mosquito transmit malaria?	Ronal ross
87.	Who discovered the causal organism of the disease Anthrax?	Robert Koch
88.	Which Scientists has established the 'Phylum Annelida'?	Lamark
89.	Which Biologist proposed the theory of Germ plasm?	Weisman
90.	For which is the southern blot technique used for the detection?	DNA
91.	For which is the northern blot technique used for the detection?	RNA
92.	What is the introduction of foreign genes for improving genotype?	Immunisation
93.	Which vitamin is transformed in golden rice ?	Vitamin A
94.	Human protein x –1 – antitrysin is used for which disease?	Emphysama
95.	Which type of cell has the ability to develop into any type of all ?	Stem cell
96.	What is the percentage of land area covered under forest according to Indian Forest policy	
33%		
97.	Which organisation is responsible for maintaing Red data book?	IUGN
98.	What is the main cause of extinction of species from tropics?	Deforestation
99.	What is the number of plant species estimated to be present in India?	40,000
100.	Which group has the highest number of endangered species ?	Reptiles
101.	Silent valley having rare plant and animal is located in which state?	Kerala
102.	Which is the first national park established in India?	Corbet
103.	Insectivorous plant generally grow in soil which is deficient in which gas?	Nitrogen
104.	What is one-way relationship where one species benefits at the expense of another is called?	Parasitism
105.	What is symbiotic relationship in which both species benefit' is best described?	Mutualism
106.	Which of a species describes the tropic function it fills in its environment?	Niche
107.	What is the least influential in determining the distribution of terrestrial biomes?	Salinity
108.	What is the term for the maximum number of individuals that an area can support indefinitely?	Carrying capacity
109.	The massive hole in the ozone layer over the Antarctica was first discovered in which year?	1985
110.	Which animals have a diet mainly consisting of bamboo?	Red pandas
111.	A particle is executing S.H.M. Then what is the graph of acceleration as a function of displacement?	Hyperbola
112.	An atom has 7 electrons in its M-shell and contains 18 neutrons in its nucleus. What is its mass number?	35
113.	The medicine ephedrin used in the treatment of cough, asthma and bronchitis, from where is obtained?	Ephedra
114.	By whom was the concept of dual nature of radiation proposed?	de-Broglie
115.	In a bisexual flower if androecium and gynoecium mature at different time the phenomenon is known as which name?	Dichogamy
116.	A small drop falls from rest from a large height h in air. What is the final velocity?	Almost independent of h
117.	Why does Molten sodium chloride conduct electricity?	Due to the presence of free ions
118.	Which modification of root does not store food?	Stilt
119.	The total energy of a particle vibrating in S.H.M. is proportional to which thing? –The square of its Amplitude	

120.	A body rolling freely on the surface of the earth eventually comes, why does it to rest?	Because it suffers friction
121.	What is the a biological process in which glucose and fat is oxidised to librate energy?	Respiration
122.	What is an example of Miscelles System here?	Soap + Water
123.	A gale blows over a house. The force due to the gale on the roof is in which direction?	In the upward direction
124.	Why is Ail aqueous solution of copper sulphate is acidica in nature?	Because the salt undergoes hydrolysis
125.	Oxygen released during photosynthesis of green plant comes from the breakdown of which thing?	Water
126.	The pressure at the bottom of a liquid tank does not depend on which area?	Area of the liquid surface
127.	Which compound transforms baking soda into baking powder?	KHC4H4O6
128.	Water will be absorbed by root hairs, then how is when the external medium?	Hypotonic
129.	Why is Weightlessness experienced in spaceship?	Due to absence of gravity
130.	How is Perchloric acid prepared?	By the action of Concentrate sulphuric acid on potassium perchlorate
131.	What is the Study of system of animal body which protects it from infection of various disease?	Immunology
132.	A particle revolves round a circular path with a constant speed, how is the acceleration of the particle?	Along the radius
133.	Which is the Branch of science that deal with the improvement of human race by providing better environmental condition?	Euthenics
134.	Aluminium surface are often 'anodized'. This means deposition of a layer of which oxide?	Zinc oxide
135.	Which Animal is also known as 'Portuguese man of war'?	Physalia
136.	Which metal is extracted by thermal reduction process?	Copper
137.	An ideal liquid flows through a horizontal tube of variable diameter. The pressure is lowest and what will be velocity?	Velocity is highest
138.	If a non-metal is added to the interstitial sites of a metal, then how does the metal become?	less malleable
139.	Which is used as a gift in Japan?	Euplectella
140.	A gas is enclosed in a container which is then placed on a fast moving train. What will be the temperature of the gas?	Remain unchanged
141.	When will a hot body radiate maximum energy?	If its surface is black and rough
142.	How many electrons are involved in the oxidation by KMnO4 in basic medium?	4
143.	Which chemical substance secreted by particular species of animal to attract another member of same species?	Pheromones
144.	How is the heat transferred by the radiator of a refrigerator?	More than that at the freezer
145.	Which compound of zinc is white when cold and yellow when hot?	ZnO
146.	Pheretima posthuma is scientific name of which animal?	Earth worm
147.	Merscuric sulphide dissolves in aqua-regia to form which compund?	HgCl2
148.	An individual whose blood type is B may in an emergency donate blood to a person which blood groups?	AB or B
149.	If the amplitude of a wave at a distance t from a point source is A, what will be the amplitude at a distance 2r?	A/2
150.	In which sequence are the electromagnetic radiations in decreasing order of	Infrared, radio, X-rays, visible

	wave lengths?	
151.	Salts of which element provide colours to fireworks?	Strontium and barium
152.	Which organ have the capacity of regeneration?	Liver
153.	With the increase in temperature, what happens in the frequency of the sound from an organ pipe?	Increases
154.	What is obtained when cadmium chloride is treated with water?	Cd (OH)₂
155.	Which organ cannot be transplanted?	Brain
156.	When a coin placed in a bowl of water is seen from above, how does it appears?	Raised from its position
157.	What is formed when cadmium reacts with H ₂ S?	CdS
158.	Appetite and satiety centres of brain, where are present in?	Hypothalamus
159.	Which gland disappear during old age?	Thymus
160.	How is the matallic nature of transition elements is than that of alkali metals?	Less
161.	Which types of waves are used in a night vision apparatus?	Infra-red-waves
162.	When seen in green light, what will the saffron and green portions of our national flag appear?	Black and green respectively
163.	The 3d transition series contains how many elements from atomic number?	21 to 30
164.	Which blood group is universal doner?	O
165.	Which lanthanides are used in glass, blowers, goggles?	Pr, Nd
166.	Why is the function of the collimator in a spectrometer?	To obtain a parallel beam of light
167.	What is the smallest structural and functional unit of nervous system?	Neuron
168.	Which compound is obtained when auric chloride reacts with sodium chloride?	Na[AuCl₄]
169.	What is systolic and diastolic pressure in a healthy man?	120 mm and 80 mm
170.	The refractive index of a piece of transparent quartz is the greatest for which light?	Violet light
171.	Which part of human brain is the regulating centre for swallowing and vomating?	Medulla oblangata
172.	By which Carbon and hydrogen are estimated in organic compounds?	Liebig's method
173.	If the refractive angle of a prism is 60° and the minimum deviation is 30°, then the angle of incidence is how many degrees?	45°
174.	What is present both in plant and animal?	Plasma membrane
175.	What does mixture of CS ₂ and H ₂ S on passing over heated copper give?	Methane
176.	If the rotational velocity of a dynamo armature is doubled, what will then the induced emf?	Become double
177.	Which is used in storage batteries?	Lead
178.	What is the name of the poisonous gas formed by the interaction of acetylene and arsenic trichloride?	Lewisite
179.	Which tissue take part in healing the wounds?	Epithelium tissue
180.	When a body is earth connected, electrons from the earth flow into the body. What is its mean?	This means the body is Charged positively
181.	Acetylene is used as an anaesthetic under which name?	Narcylene
182.	In daily requirement basis which vitamin is required in largest quantity by the human body?	Vitamin C (Ascorbic acid)
183.	When does not No current flows between two charged bodies?	If they have same potential
184.	Denatured spirit is a mixture of ethyl alcohol, methyl alcohol and which other thing?	Pyridine

185.	Consumption of fish is considered to be healthy compared to flesh of other animals why?	Because it contains polyunsaturated fatty acids
186.	What is the reason for excessive solubility of ethyl alcohol in water?	Due to hydrogen bonding with water
187.	Through which are the characters are transferred from parents to progeny?	DNA
188.	A radioactive substance has a half life of 4 months. In how many months will three fourths of the substance will decays?	8 months
189.	The cause of fractional atomic weights of elements?	The presence of Isotopes
190.	Which gas, is used for artificial ripening of fruit?	C₂H₄
191.	Which branch of biology deal with the study of heredity?	Genetics
192.	The maximum number of photo electrons released in photocell is independent of which thing?	Frequency
193.	A fruity smell is produced by the reaction of C ₂ H ₅ OH with which formula?	CH₃COOH
194.	By which can Evolutionary development of a species be best studied?	Studying fossils of this species
195.	What is the process by which vegetable ghee is manufactured?	Hydrogenation
196.	Early atmosphere contained methane and other hydrocarbons they have been now replaced by which gas?	Carbon dioxide
197.	For an electric dipole, how are the field at a point on the equatorial line and the dipole moment?	In opposite direction
198.	Crop sown soon after the onset of south-west monsoon in India, what is this called?	Kharif
199.	Thermal decomposition of alkanes is known as which name?	Cracking
200.	If a diamagnetic substance is brought near north and south pole of a oar magnet, what will be then?	It is Repelled by poles
201.	What is a glass sided tank, bowl in which aquatic animals live?	Aquarium
202.	Deficiency of which vitamin causes xerophthalmia?	Vitamin A
203.	If a wire of resistivity p is stretched to double its length, then what will change in its new resistivity?	Not change
204.	Cathode rays enter an electric field normal to the lines of force. Then how is their path in the electric field is	Parabola
205.	The word "biodiversity" is a combination of which two words?	Biology and diversity
206.	Which thing is the sweetest natural sugar?	Lactose
207.	Jaundice in human beings affects which of the body part?	Liver
208.	How many orangutans disappear each year as result of palm oil farming?	5000
209.	The sky wave propagation is suitable for radio waves of frequency form how many MHz?	From 2 MHz to 30 MHz
210.	Which is considered a hot-spot of biodiversity in India?	Western Ghats
211.	Which is used as a coolant in nuclear reactors?	Liquid sodium
212.	Which is the second most abundant metal in the earth's crust?	Iron
213.	Which plant is used for green manuring in India?	Sunhemp
214.	Optic fibres are mainly used for which purpose?	Communication
215.	Which is the lightest gas?	Hydrogen
216.	What is the Mendel's principles of inheritance?	Sexual reproduction
217.	How is the frequency of ultrasound wave typically?	Above 20,000 kHz
218.	8. What is formula of plaster of paris?	2CaSO₄.H₂O
219.	9. Which is the largest flower in the world ?	Rafflesia
220.	Who received Nobel Prize twice for the same subject?	Marie Curie
221.	What are Carbon, diamond and graphite together called?	Allotropes

222.	What is the approximate velocity of light per second?	3×10^8 m
223.	Which metal was first discovered by man ?	Copper
224.	Which nutrients are most likely to be affected by food processing and storage?	Vitamins
225.	What do we use in SONAR?	Ultrasonic waves
226.	By whom was the quantum theory first enunciated?	By Max Planck
227.	Food wrapped in newspaper is likely to get contaminated with which disease?	Lead
228.	The wavelength of X-rays is of the order of howmany angstrom?	1 Angstrom
229.	Which isotope of uranium capable of sustaining chain reactions?	U-235
230.	What is Hepatitis-B, which affects liver?	Virus
231.	Which polymer is widely used for making bullet proof material?	Polyethylene
232.	Which is the essential element in all organic compounds?	Carbon
233.	Which vitamin is essential for poor bone and teeth formation?	Vitamin D
234.	Old-written material, which cannot be read easily, how can be read?	By infrared rays
235.	Which synthetic fibre is known as artificial silk?	Rayon
236.	Which vegetable protein is considered as good as an animal protein?	Soyabean protein
237.	'mho' is the unit of which unit?	Specific resistance
238.	Which are the important raw materials required in cement industry ?	Limestone and clay
239.	By which would Desert plants be characterised?	By sunken stomata
240.	What is the number of basic units in the International System of Units?	7
241.	Which are the high-temperature superconductors?	Ceramic oxides
242.	Which is the sweetest sugar?	Fructose
243.	A small weight is put on the pressure cooker. It increases the pressure of the steam. Why?	Area of contact is small
244.	Which is the highest grade of coal whose surface is shining and has the highest calorific value?	Anthracite
245.	In certain amino acids, which elements is found in addition to carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen and oxygen?	Sulphur
246.	A car is running on a road at a uniform speed of 60 km/hr. What is the net resultant force on the car?	Equal to zero
247.	Which substance coated on plastic tape?	Iron oxide
248.	Which combination of foods providing protein quality nearest to that of meat?	Sprouted gram and groundnuts
249.	Which common devices works on the basis of the principle of mutual induction?	Transformer
250.	Which charcoal is used to deecolourise raw sugar?	Wood charcoal
251.	Milk, cheese and eggs are the source of vitamins which vitamins?	A and D
252.	Which is the wave in which the particies of the material move up and down as the wave goes from left to right?	Transverse
253.	According to Dalton's atomic theory, which is the smallest particle which can exist independently?	An atom
254.	What is the source of immediate energy for cellular activity?	ATP
255.	Which is most efficient engine?	Electric
256.	What is the conversion of Fe ⁺⁺ to Fe ⁺⁺⁺ ?	Oxidation
257.	By whom was Gene first isolated?	Hargobind Khurana
258.	When milk is churned, how does the cream separate from it?	Due to the centrifugal force
259.	For which thing is Washing soda the common name?	Sodium carbonate

260.	From the biological evolutionary point of view, the human heart is close to the heart of which animal?	Pig
261.	A bullet hits and gets embedded in a solid block resting on a horizontal frictionless table. What is conserved?	Momentum
262.	Which mixture is homogeneous?	Methanol and water
263.	What is formed by strong heating of potassium permanganate?	O₂
264.	Most of the digestion occurs in which part of the alimentary canal of man?	Small intestine
265.	Which has the longest wavelength?	Infra red radiation
266.	Which plant produces seed but not fruit?	Mint
267.	Length of Alimentary Canal	Approximately 8 metres.
268.	BMR (Basal Metabolic Rate)	1600 K. Cal / day.
269.	Number of Cells in Body	75 trillion
270.	Longest Bone	Femur (Thigh bone).
271.	Smallest Bone is	stapes.
272.	Weight of Brain	1400 gms
273.	Blood Volume	6.8 litres (in 70 kg body)
274.	Normal B.P	120 / 80 mm Hg
275.	Number of R.B.C In Male	4.5 – 5.0 million / cubic mm.
	Number of R.B.C In Female	4.0 – 4.5 million / cubic mm
276.	Life Span of R.B.C	120 days
277.	Normal W.B.C Count	5000 / cubic mm
278.	Life Span of W.B.C : 3	4 days
279.	D.L.C. (Differential Leucocyte Count) (a) Basophils : 0.5	1%
280.	Blood Platelets Count : 2,00,000	4,00,000 / cubic mm
281.	Haemoglobin In Male	14 – 15.6 gm / 100 c.c. of blood(b)
	Haemoglobin In Female	11 – 14 gm / 100 c.c. of blood
282.	Hb Content in Body	500 – 700 gm
283.	Universal Blood Donor	O Rh -ve
284.	Universal Blood Recipient	AB
285.	Blood Clotting Time	2 – 5 minutes
286.	Average Body Weight	70 kg
287.	Normal Body Temperature	98.4° F or 37° C
288.	Breathing Rate	16 – 20 / minute
289.	Dental Formula Adult	2123 / 2123 = 32;
290.	Child	22 Milk Teeth
291.	Largest Endocrine Gland	Thyroid
292.	Gestation Period	9 months (253 – 266 days)
293.	Normal Heart Beat	72 – 75 / minute
294.	Largest Gland	Liver
295.	Largest Muscle in the Body	Gluteus maximus (Buttock Muscle)
296.	Largest Artery	Abdominal Aorta
297.	Largest Vein	Inferior Venacava
298.	Largest W.B.C	Monocyte
299.	Smallest W.B.C	Lymphocyte
300.	Greatest Regeneration Power In	liver

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1.	How many World Heritage Inscriptions sites does India have after addition of the walled city of Ahmedabad?	36
2.	Who headed the headed Task Force on Artificial Intelligence (AI) for India's Economic Transformation by Commerce and Industry ministry ?	Dr. V. Kamakoti
3.	Rajaswa Gyan Sangam, 2017 was held in	New Delhi
4.	Who had headed the panel on National Mineral Policy to submit report by Oct-end?	K Rajeswara Rao
5.	China's first test-flight base for civilian drones is located in	Shanghai
6.	Who has become Asia's richest person with net worth of \$38.3 billion?	Alibaba, Founder of Jack Ma
7.	Gaurav Bidhuri belong to which of the following sports?	Boxing
8.	When was the Reserve Bank of India started to issue the Rs.200 notes from select RBI offices and some banks?	25th August 2017
9.	Markets regulator Sebi barred Orion Capital as well as Orion Broking and their partners from the securities markets for	10 years
10.	Which company has signed on Kerala-based Dhanlaxmi Bank as its bancassurance partner announced on 24th of Aug 2017?	DHFL Pramerica Life Insurance
11.	To implement which of the following schemes of Karnataka has amazon announced a partnership with the Akshaya Patra Foundation?	Ksheera Bhagya
12.	Who among the following was appointed election commissioner after Nasim Zaidi retired as chief election commissioner in July 2017?	Sunil Arora
13.	Who has been appointed as the chairman of the board of directors of Infosys ?	Nandan Nilekani
14.	Name of the minister who inaugurated first Videsh Bhavan in Mumbai.	Sushma Swaraj
15.	Which state government launches web portal to help with competitive tests	Maharashtra
16.	Which state Agriculture Department has signed with Microsoft to develop India's first Farm Price Forecasting Model?	Karnataka
17.	Where will 2018 Table Tennis Team World Cup going to be held?	London
18.	Where does Unique Identification Authority of India UIDAI launch door step Aadhar enrolment?	New Delhi
19.	Whose name was named UEFA Player of the Season for 2016-2017?	Cristiano Ronaldo
20.	Which country launches world's First Climate smart landscape management plan for snow leopard conservation?	Nepal
21.	Who has written the book 'I Do What I Do'?	Raghuram Rajan
22.	What is the name of International Military Music Festival take place in Moscow that Indian Navy Band is going to Participate?	Spasskaya Tower
23.	How many members in a Supreme Court bench ruled right to privacy as Fundamental Right?	9 members
24.	Name of the entity that India has offered to host a joint urban earthquake search and rescue exercise.	Shanghai Cooperation Organisation
25.	How many Stumpings did the Mahendra Singh Dhoni got and made a world Record?	100

26.	In which place of India American Ship USS Pearl Harbor arrived as part of Defense cooperation?	Goa
27.	Which award did the Hyderabad Airport Bagged recently?	Energy Efficiency Award
28.	Which country missile program led to urgent United Nations Security council (UNSC) Meeting?	North Korea
29.	Name of the country which bans transgender recruits from military ?	US
30.	Under which act the Government initiate insolvency resolution process to recover bad loans by giving authorize to RBI?	Banking Regulation Act
31.	How many e rickshaws did the Gurugram Metro stations yet to get?	1000
32.	Which one of the following island is world' least people visited country in 2016?	Tuvalu
33.	Whom to lay foundation stone for Link-4 of SAUNI Scheme in Rajkot?	Shri Ram Nath Kovind
34.	NPCI approves Spice Digital's operation under which Payment System?	Bharat Bill Payment System
35.	How many radio bursts from Dwarf galaxy obtained in Breakthrough Mission Project?	15
36.	Who becomes the first player to score 350 La Liga goals?	Lionel Messi
37.	Which Indian Basketball player has been signed by Australian basketball team for the first time?	Amritpal Singh
38.	Cabinet approved the MoU with which country for the conservation of Earthquake-Damaged Pagodas at Bagan?	Myanmar
39.	Which Country have mutually agreed with India to jointly issue a set of two Commemorative Postage Stamps on the theme "Diwali"?	Canada
40.	Who won Gold at Commonwealth Youth Weightlifting Championship?	Konsam Ormila Devi
41.	Under which Yojna Rajnath Singh has inaugurated the 'YUVA' – a skill development programme which is an initiative taken by Delhi Police ?	Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana
42.	How much compensation Delhi court will pay to Wrestler Satish Kumar for being wrongly restrained from taking part in the 2002 14th Asian Games?	25 Lacs
43.	Which day is observed on September 5th recently?	National Teachers Day
44.	Who is appointed as New Sports Minister recently?	Shri Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore
45.	Which district of West Bengal's Gobindobhog rice gets geographical indication status?	Burdwan
46.	Which bank new Chief Executive officer is KV Rama Moorthy?	Tamilnadu Mercantile Bank
47.	Which union ministry Launched Two New Contraceptives Antara and Chhaya?	Ministry of Health and Family Affair
48.	The official song of the FIFA Under-17 World Cup football tournament was formally launched recently. Who is the composer of the song?	Pritam
49.	'Antara" the contraceptive pill launched by the government of India is effective for	three months
50.	The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) approved the first phase of recommendations of Which Committee for Army reforms.	Shekatkar Committee
51.	The 12th edition of Nepal-India joint military exercise was called	Surya Kiran
52.	Who among the following Indian shooters won the silver medal in the double trap event of the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Shotgun Championship?	Ankur Mittal

53.	Who became the first Indian-born player to be picked up by an Australian NBL team?	Amritpal Singh
54.	Which Indian delegation was led 10th India-European Union Counter Terrorism Dialogue was held at New Delhi?	Shri Mahaveer Singhvi
55.	Disha Microfin is now recognised as	Fincare Small Finance Bank
56.	Which electronic commerce entity has announced a partnership with the Akshaya Patra Foundation to implement the Karnataka government's 'Ksheera Bhagya' Scheme in Bengaluru on 30th Aug 2017?	Amazon
57.	Where did Harsimrat Kaur Badal launch Common Food Processing Incubation Center for Shallots ?	Perambalur, Tamilnadu
58.	DIKSHA launched on National Teachers' Day 2017 is a	Web Portal
59.	Which country is the leading BRICS nation in innovation competitiveness according to the BRICS Innovative Competitive Report 2017?	China
60.	How many years the SEBI bans Orion Capital, Orion Broking from securities markets?	10 years
61.	Virat Kohli completed 15,000 international runs in how many matches?	304
62.	Who has been given the additional charge of the chairperson of National Authority for Chemical Weapons Convention?	Dr. Inder Jit Singh
63.	Which of the following company has been awarded "Best Make In India Wi-Fi Company" at "My India Wi-Fi India Summit & Awards 2017"?	DIGISOL
64.	In which country UJALA has been scheme launched recently?	Malaysia
65.	Who has now been appointed as the first Indian woman ambassador in "Friends of Australia" (FOA) advocacy panel by Tourism Australia?	Parineeti Chopra
66.	A naval exercise named SLINEX 2017 is being held near Vishakhapatnam in Bay of Bengal. Which other country take part in the exercise along with India?	Sri Lanka
67.	Who is India's Minister of State in the Ministry of Mines and Ministry of Coal?	Haribhai Parthibhai
68.	In which city Amazon's Largest Fulfilment Center located?	Hyderabad
69.	Ankul Mittal Belongs to which sports?	Shooting
70.	Balasubramanian, head of corporate banking at HDFC Bank has quit to head	Citibank
71.	Who was declared as the co-patron of Archdiocese of Calcutta recently?	Mother Teresa
72.	Who was resigned as a MakeMyTrip co-founder and President recently?	Ashish Kashyap
73.	Who won the prestigious Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) Services Excellence Award?	Gujarat International Finance-Tec City (GIFT City)
74.	Which day is observed as International Literacy Day recently?	September 8th
75.	What is the theme of 2017 International Literacy Day (ILD)?	Literacy in a Digital World
76.	Which of the following countries refused to sign the Bali declaration over Rohingya issue?	India
77.	Which union minister has launched online registration portal for 2017 BSF Half Marathon in New Delhi?	Kiren Rijiju
78.	Which bank to pay \$225-mn New York fine for compliance failures' recently?	Pakistan's Habib Bank
79.	Which year India will host Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships?	2019
80.	Which firm in India has announced eight weeks paid paternity leave policy for fathers?	Johnson & Johnson India

81.	The South Asian Women Development Forum would be organising 'Across Barriers-International Business Women's Summit in which city?	Kathmandu
82.	India's first Hyperloop project will come up in which state?	Andhra Pradesh
83.	Who is elected as Chairman of Press Trust of India recently?	Shri Viveck Goenka
84.	Who won Gold in Cadet World Wrestling Championship?	Sonam
85.	The Financial Resolution and Deposit Insurance Bill, 2017 has been referred to a Joint Parliamentary Committee of both the Houses, under the Chairpersonship of	Bhupender Yadav
86.	In which category of PSU does the State-run Bharat Petroleum Corporation (BPCL) fall?	Maharatna
87.	The Norwegian Nobel Institute announced that the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to whom cannot be revoked?	Aung San Suu Kyi
88.	Who among the following won Gold Medal at the World Cadet Wrestling Championship in Athens, Greece?	Sonam Malik
89.	Researchers discovered a new species of edible freshwater fish in Pampa river in which state?	Kerala
90.	Who among the following was appointed interim chairman of the goods and services tax network (GSTN) after GSTN's first chairman Navin Kumar completed his term?	A.B. Pandey
91.	Who was named as the Chief Coach of the Indian Senior Men Hockey Team?	Sjoerd Marijne
92.	India in September 2017 slapped countervailing duty for period of 5 years on some steel products from this country to guard domestic players.	China
93.	Which team is at the top position in the latest ICC Test rankings?	India
94.	In which district of Gujarat our President Mr. Ram Nath Kovind, laid the foundation for Link-4 pipeline canal of SAUNI Scheme?	Rajkot
95.	When was South Africa invited to join by BRIC and expanded to include 5 countries with changed acronym of BRICS?	2010
96.	Amritpal Singh becomes first Indian to sign up for which country's National Basketball League?	Australia
97.	Which country's Vice President resigned amid allegations of credit-card graft?	Uruguay
98.	In which state of India GST council meet will be held?	Hyderabad
99.	Who has won the US Open women's singles title?	Sloane Stephens
100.	Which two Indian naval ships had been departed for deployment to East and South-East Asia?	INS Satpura and INS Kadmat
101.	How many medals India bagged in total at Commonwealth Weightlifting Championship 2017?	37
102.	The new HQs building of Bureau of Police Research and Development had been inaugurated by which cabinet minister?	Rajnath Singh
103.	India won the 2nd SABA U-16 Championship by defeating which country ?	Bangladesh
104.	First national Canine Seminar organized by NSG at which state of India?	Haryana
105.	Recently, India successfully test fired which anti tank guided missile?	Nag
106.	FAME India has been extended upto how many months by Govt. of India?	6 months

107.	Recently, Which country has suspended talks with Qatar?	Saudi Arabia
108.	Which council has undertaken research work on agriculture with World Bank Fund?	ICAR
109.	Who won the men's singles title of US Open?	Rafael Nadal
110.	Which country topped the medal tally at the Moscow Shotgun World Championships?	Italy
111.	Which Indian Leader unveiled at Naval base in Kolkata recently?	Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose
112.	Which state would be providing skill development training to 30000 surrendered militants?	Assam
113.	Which organization was set to get Maharatna status?	Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited
114.	Vice President laid the foundation stone or smart city project in which part of Jharkhand?	Ranchi
115.	With Which country India sign four pacts in areas of health and transport?	Afghanistan
116.	Who won the 2017 US Open Women's Doubles title?	Chan Yung-Jan and Martina Hingis
117.	Which union Minister Flags off Women's Circumnavigation Expedition recently?	Smt Nirmala Sitharaman
118.	North-East calling festival has inaugurated by MoS Jitendra Singh in which state?	New Delhi
119.	Name of the state in India leads in new tax registration under GST regime?	West Bengal
120.	Under what scheme Government of India has planned to enroll 80 lakh kids?	School chalo Abhiyan
121.	Who is awarded with badminton's first lifetime award recently?	Prakash Padukone
122.	Who shared a picture of his space exploration startup SpaceX's first full-body spacesuit in Instagram?	Elon Musk
123.	What is the new age limit of National Pension Scheme Upper Age?	65 years
124.	Himalayan Day is being observed on which date across Uttarakhand?	9 September
125.	International Day for South-South Cooperation was observed globally on?	12 September
126.	Who has launched the book Hit Refresh?	Satya Nadella
127.	Which Indian-American was awarded with 2017 Balzan Prize recently?	Bina Agarwal
128.	Which company has allowed one-time password for opening online insurance account?	IRDAI
129.	Which city to host BWF Senior Badminton World Championships recently?	Kochi
130.	Which two big insurance companies have got approval from SEBI?	ICICI Lombard and SBI Life insurance
131.	Who was awarded with N R Madhava Menon Best Law Teacher Award?	Tahir Mahmood
132.	Which parliament passed EU Bill recently?	British
133.	Which Hackathon was launched to support & showcase potentially great talent from inner India?	Open Gov Data Hack
134.	India Afghanistan Second Strategic Partnership Council Meeting 2017 held in which state of India?	New Delhi
135.	When the Hindi Diwas is celebrated every year in India?	14 September
136.	Name of the bank has signed an agreement with Bharat Financial Inclusion to analyze a potential merger between the two companies?	IndusInd Bank
137.	What is the rank of India in the recently released Global Human Capital Report 2017?	103rd

138.	How much additional capital is needed for Indian banks to satisfy all the banking rules of global Basel III norms, by March 2019 according to Fitch Ratings?	\$ 65 billion
139.	What is the name of the operation which was launched by the Union Government recently?	Operation Insaniyat
140.	Karnataka has tied up in innovation field for start-up incubation with which country?	Finland
141.	Which sea route made India's effort to counter China's OBOR?	Chennai-Vladivostok
142.	Who resigned from his post of independent director in the board of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation?	Rajiv Kumar
143.	Identify the eminent constitutional law expert who passed away recently.	Pavani Parameswara Rao
144.	Which of the following states will host the 36th National Games?	Goa
145.	Which day is observed as the September 15th?	International Day for Democracy
146.	Under whom the 5 member Group of Ministers (GoM) has been constituted to monitor and resolve IT challenges faced in GST implementation?	Sushil kumar Modi & Hasmukh Adhia
147.	Which state to set up the first Odia language university?	Odisha
148.	India's first advanced Homoeopathy Virology lab inaugurated in which state of India?	Kolkata
149.	What is the name of the mission which was launched by the Maharashtra Chief Minister?	Maha Mission 1 Million
150.	Who is going to inaugurate Conference on Sustainable Landscapes & Forest Ecosystems?	Dr.Harsh Vardhan
151.	Who is elected as Chair of the IOC Ethics Commission recently?	Ban Ki-moon
152.	Under Supreme Court how much month 'cooling off' period for granting divorce can be waived?	6 months
153.	Frank Vincent who passed away recently was a	Actor
154.	Who has appointed as first female President of Singapore without election?	Halimah Yacob
155.	Name the person who has resigned as the coach of the Indian women boxing team.	Stephane Cottalorda
156.	RBI has introduced the coin of which denomination to mark MG Ramachandran birth centenary?	Rs.100
157.	Russian President Vladimir Putin in July 2017 asked 755 diplomats of this country to leave the country.	The United States
158.	Who of the following was recently appointed by the US President Donald Trump as the White House Chief of Staff?	John Kelly
159.	Which missile did Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully conduct development trials recently?	BVRAAM missile
160.	Which of the ministry permits m-Aadhar as one of the prescribed proofs of Identity for Rail Travel Purpose?	Ministry of Railways
161.	Which day is observed as International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer?	September 16th
162.	Which organization rolls out application process for institutes seeking status of eminence?	University Grants Commission
163.	Which type of Battery factory was inaugurated at Gujarat?	Lithium-Ion Battery
164.	How much worth has been estimated for the first bullet train project will be set up in Vadodara?	600 crores

165.	Which Indian Actor was honoured at Britain's House of Commons?	Salman Khan
166.	Which state is going to open India's first transgender-exclusive clinics?	Kerala
167.	How many hydro-electric projects in Arunachal Pradesh to be commissioned in 2018?	5
168.	Which Indian cricketer has launched Mission 24 to develop the poorest ward in Mumbai?	Sachin Tendulkar
169.	India's first Centre for Animal Law established at which of the following universities?	National Academy of Legal Studies and Research
170.	How many billions did the India's Forex Reserves Top recently?	\$400 Billion
171.	Which Marshal of the Indian Air Force passed away at the age of 98 recently?	Arjan Singh
172.	Where was Vice President of India laid foundation stone for the first Regional Vocational Training Institute (RVTI)?	Hyderabad
173.	Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation the Sardar Sarovar Dam. The foundation stone of this dam was laid by whom?	Jawaharlal Nehru
174.	Which state government passes PRANAM Bill – Employees who dump parents will lose part salary?	Assam
175.	Which country's Prime Minister has resigned recently?	Iceland
176.	Who has inaugurated India's first Centre for Animal Law which comes up at NALSAR University of Law?	Meneka Gandhi
177.	Which country has begun remeasuring the Mount Everest to check if the height of the world's tallest peak was altered by a powerful earthquake that struck Nepal in 2015?	Nepal
178.	Name the NASA's spacecraft that ended its 20-year-long groundbreaking journey with a fiery plunge into Saturn's crushing atmosphere.	Cassini
179.	Whom did P.V. Sindhu defeated in the Korea Open 2017 women's singles final to clinch her 3rd Superseries title?	Nozomi Okuhara
180.	Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2017, a joint military exercise between India and the US, commenced at	Joint Base Lewis McChord, Washington
181.	Which Indian startup has won a prestigious award in Israel for developing an affordable modular greenhouse that aims to give farmers steady & dependable income?	Kheyti
182.	Where did the event of Ayurveda Students Set Guinness Record held?	Jaipur
183.	What is the name of the app which was launched by the Google recently?	Tez
184.	Which country releases postage stamps on Indian Yoga experts?	Japan
185.	With Which country Russia Restore Air Travel After 13-Year Freeze?	Iraq
186.	Which racer has won the Singapore Grand Prix?	Lewis Hamilton
187.	Raquel Dodge was recently appointed as the first ever woman prosecutor of which of the following countries?	Brazil
188.	According to Indian Railways, passengers in reserved coaches can only sleep between _____ pm & _____ am to allow others to sit on the seats for the rest of the time.	10, 6
189.	The joint military exercise "Iron Union 5" is being carried out between ground forces of which 2 countries?	U.S. and UAE
190.	Which of the following television series won the Outstanding Drama Series award at the 69th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards?	This is US

191.	Who of the following has been conferred with prestigious President medal?	D Roopa
192.	Who is appointed as new National Investigation Agency?	Bimal Jalan
193.	Which International Festival is organised and Started in Kashmir recently?	International Yoga Festival
194.	In which of the following sailing vessel of Indian Navy will the Navika Sagar Parikrama, the first-ever Indian all-woman crew circumnavigate?	INSV Tarini
195.	2017 India-ASEAN Youth Summit was held from 14th – 19th August 2017 in:	Bhopal
196.	China's first cyber court specializing in handling Internet-related cases is located in	Hangzhou
197.	Rs 50 denomination banknotes in the Mahatma Gandhi (New) Series, which will soon be released by Reserve Bank of India (RBI), will have motif of:	Hampi with Chariot on the reverse
198.	The monthly limit of BHIM cash back scheme is	Rs 1,000
198.	The mergers of regional rural banks that are ordered by the government are now exempt from seeking	Competition Commission of India's Approval
199.	Which of the following makes use of the extensive data generated by a user on social media platforms to judge their creditworthiness in order to extend loans?	CASHe
200.	Nestle India has tied up with which company for the launch of its new Nutrilicious range of Maggi Noodles?	Amazon India
201.	Who among the following is called "Durga of Indian Football"?	Oinam Bembem Devi
202.	On August 18, 2017, Power Grid Corp announced that it will get a loan of \$500 million from which international financial institution for its various projects?	Asian Development Bank
203.	Who is the Executive Director of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)?	Mamta Suri
204.	The first regional centre of the New Development Bank opened in:	South Africa
205.	World's smallest surgical robot which could transform everyday operations for tens of thousands of patients is called	Versius
206.	Who among the following has been appointed by Russian President Vladimir Putin as Russia's new ambassador to India?	Nikolay Kudashev
207.	Which State government has launched the cloud seeding operation, 'Project Varshadhari'?	Karnataka
208.	A research team led by Dr Pinaki Panigrahi has found Probiotic Bacteria that could protect newborns from a deadly infection at the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Public Health. Name the infection.	Sepsis
209.	Supreme Court has struck down the practice of Triple Talaq in Muslim Community by saying that the practice violates certain articles of Indian Constitution. Which of the two articles were being violated?	Article 14 and 21
210.	Who has launched a digital police portal under CCTNS project, which aims to create a national database of crimes & criminals?	Rajnath Singh
211.	Google has launched its new android operating system _____.	Oreo
212.	Who has become the second Indian female footballer to win the Arjuna Award?	Oinam Bembem Devi
213.	Which institute signed an agreement to collaborate on vaccine research and development with International Vaccine Institute on August 21, 2017	ICMR
214.	Which country launches First Cyber Court in e-commerce Hub?	China
215.	India and which country will start a two-by-two ministerial dialogue to enhance "peace	USA

	and stability across the Indo-Pacific region”?	
216.	'Swasth Bachche, Swasth Bharat' Programme is an initiative of	Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan
217.	Who among the following has won a silver medal in the javelin throw at the first World Para Athletics Junior Championships in Nottwil, Switzerland?	Rinku Hooda
218.	The cloud seeding experiment taken up in Karnataka is called	Varshadhari
219.	World Humanitarian Day is observed on which date every year?	19th August
220.	The second C in CCTNS stands for	Criminal
221.	Who among the following has topped the Forbes' list of highest paid female athletes of 2017?	Serena Williams
222.	The first regional centre of the New Development Bank, set up by India and other BRICS nations is located in	South Africa
223.	Who among the following cricketer has continued to be the world's top-ranked One-day batsman in the latest ICC ODI rankings, released in Dubai on August 18, 2017?	Virat Kohli
224.	Banks importing gold and precious metals will have to pay 3% tax under the GST which can be claimed as	input tax credit
225.	On August 18, 2017, which satellite was launched by NASA for ensuring that astronauts at the International Space Station can communicate with Earth?	Tracking and Data Relay Satellite (TDRS-M)
226.	Who has been selected for the prestigious Agriculture Leadership Award-2017?	K Chandrashekhara Rao
227.	Who among the following has been appointed as the chief of Sri Lanka's naval forces, making him the first from the minority Tamil community to head the Navy since the brutal civil war erupted in the country 45 years ago.	Travis Sinniah
228.	With which of the following countries did India sign a MoU on Drug Demand Reduction and Prevention of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances?	Nepal
229.	Which state power discoms has become the India's first state-owned discoms to accept payments through Bharat QR?	Andhra Pradesh
230.	Mentor India Campaign is launched by	NITI Ayog
231.	Who has been appointed as the chairman of Syndicate Bank?	Ajay Vipin Nanavati
232.	The US sent the first-ever shipment of its coal to	Ukraine
233.	Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Air India for 3 Months?	Rajiv Bansal
234.	Wayne Rooney who has recently announced his retirement belongs to which of the following sports?	Football
235.	Which country has launched its climate-smart snow leopard landscape management plan?	Nepal
236.	Who has been named the Chairman of the Railway Board	A.K. Mital
237.	Which right is declared as the Fundamental Right recently by the Supreme Court?	Right to Privacy
238.	Which scheme was renamed by the Union Cabinet recently?	SAMPADA (Scheme for Agro-Marine Processing and Development of Agro-Processing Clusters)
239.	Which state government has launched a grid-connected rooftop solar programme through	Odisha

	net-metering system at the State Secretariat in capital city?	
240.	With which of the following countries did India sign a MoU on Drug Demand Reduction and Prevention of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances?	Nepal
241.	Street Lighting National Programme has launched by Government of India has illuminated how much road coverage with installation of 30 lakh LED street lights across the country.	50,000 KM of Indian roads
242.	Mentor India Campaign is launched by	NITI Ayog
243.	Which entity will invest about Rs 52,000 crore in expanding Paradip refinery in Odisha after the Odisha State Government agreed to restore part of tax incentives?	Indian Oil Corporation
244.	The US sent the first-ever shipment of its coal to	Ukraine
245.	Which one from the following have established between India and US with an aim to elevate their strategic consultations on August 17, 2017?	TWO-BY-TWO Ministerial Dialogue
246.	Wayne Rooney who has recently announced his retirement belongs to which of the following sports?	Football
247.	On November 13, 2017, Human Resource Development (HRD) Ministry will be conducting National Assessment Survey (NAS) for the students of which classes for assessing various learning outcomes.	3,5 and 8
248.	Who has been named the Chairman of the Railway Board	A.K. Mital
249.	How much of percentage would be raised every time the Dearness Allowance on the revised pay structure goes up by 50 per cent as per the child care allowance for women with disabilities issued by Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT)?	25 per cent
250.	Which state government which has decided country liquor would be grain-based, be branded and make it mandatory for the bottles to sport a hologram as in the case of IMFL to prevent adulteration and revenue leakage?	Assam
251.	Who is the chief Minister of Assam?	Sarbananda Sonowal
252.	Which of the following has launched “Mentor India” Campaign, an initiative to engage leaders who can guide and mentor students at more than 900 Atal Tinkering Labs?	NITI Aayog
253.	How many days did the Electoral Officers’ Conference of all States and Union Territories commence in New Delhi.	Two days
254.	Which state former Chief Minister Rishang Keishing Passes Away recently?	Manipur
255.	Which Rail corporation has opened plant to recycle construction waste?	Delhi Metro Rail Corp
256.	Who tops the Forbes Asai’s Richest Man List 2017?	Alibaba Group’s Jack Ma
257.	Indian student Dacharla Panduranga Rohith develops Nano Missile for Indian Army, he hails from which state?	Tamil Nadu
258.	Name of the City in which police inducts 5 Harley Davidson Street 750 bikes in their fleet.	Kolkatta
259.	Which day is observed as International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition?	23 August
260.	Which comedian played the first black comics to perform for white audiences in the 1960s civil rights movement?	Dick Gregory
261.	Name the British Sci-fi writer who died aged 92 in August 2017?	Brian Aldiss
262.	Who has been appointed as Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of the Karur Vysya Bank (KVB) on August 16,2017?	P R Seshadri

263.	Which Indian Actor got 8th Position in the World's Highest-Paid Actors 2017 Forbes List?	Shah Rukh Khan
264.	Who among the following won the first edition of Miss Transqueen India 2017, a beauty pageant for transgenders which took place in Gurugram?	Nitasha
265.	Which State Government has launched clouding seeding Project Varshadhari under which an aircraft will spray chemicals to induce rainfall?	Karnataka
266.	From which of the following countries has the government of India restricted imports of gold and silver items?	South Korea
267.	Name the 17th Meeting of council was held in New Delhi under the Chairmanship of the Union Minister of Finance, Shri Arun Jaitley	Financial Stability and Development Council
268.	The National Bank of Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned a loan assistance of Rs 1,349.55 crore to which state government?	Rajasthan
269.	What is the name of Taiwan's first homegrown observation satellite?	Formosat-5
270.	Which two regional rural banks record over 150-cr profit according to the Reserve Bank of India's 'Report on Trend and Progress of Banking during 2015-16'?	Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank and Andhra Pragathi Grameena Bank
271.	The medals won by PV Sindhu and Saina Nehwal at World Badminton Championships 2017 are	Silver, Bronze respectively
272.	To which Country's telecom regulators the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has signed a letter of intent (LoI) which helps to exchange information and regulatory best practices.	Malaysia
273.	As per the new policy on theme-based currency notes, the Rs 200 bill bears motif of which site to depict India's cultural heritage.	Sanchi Stupa
274.	How many years have been extended by International Seabed Authority (ISA) to India for rights to explore polymetallic nodules from seabed in Central Indian Ocean Basin?	five years
275.	The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has launched a Central Database of all Insurance Sales Persons in the country. Name of the database is	Envoy
276.	Where was India's first 'Videsh Bhawan' inaugurated by External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj?	Mumbai
277.	Which illness by bacterial infection that involves the spread of germs throughout the body's blood and tissues leading to organ failure in new born babies?	Sepsis
278.	To whom the Union Minister Arun Jaitley hands over LRSAM?	Indian Navy
279.	Google has launched Android 8.0 named as	Oreo
280.	Who has been selected as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Uber?	Dara Khosrowshahi
281.	Name of award which has given for the life time contribution to sports development .	Dhyan Chand Award
282.	For Which country Union Government imposes anti-dumping duty on sodium nitrate imports recently?	China
283.	To which Country's telecom regulators the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has signed a letter of intent (LoI) which helps to exchange information and regulatory best practices.	Malaysia
284.	Who was sworn in as the 45th Chief Justice of India?	Justice Dipak Misra

285.	How many years have been extended by International Seabed Authority (ISA) to India for rights to explore polymetallic nodules from seabed in Central Indian Ocean Basin?	five years
286.	Who won Belgian Grand Prix recently?	Lewis Hamilton
287.	Which country with India Agree to Disengage at Doklam?	China
288.	Which hockey player's birth anniversary is celebrated on 29 August as National Sports Day?	Dhyan Chand
289.	Which RBI committee has recently recommended that banks should link home loan rates to repo rate?	Tarun Ramadorai
290.	Which country Imposes World's Toughest Law Against Plastic Bags recently?	Kenya
291.	Where was Sports Talent Search Portal launched by Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu?	New Delhi
292.	Which task force has been constituted by the Union Government on Artificial Intelligence (AI) for India's economic transformation?	V. Kamakoti task force
293.	Who launched the host city logo for Kochi, one of the venues of FIFA U-17 World Cup India 2017?	Shri Pinarayi Vijayan
294.	Who dedicates to nation 11 completed highway projects in Rajasthan?	Prime minister Shri Narendra Modi
295.	Which Mission will be launched for improving India's position in ocean research field?	Deep Ocean Mission
296.	Where was an atomic fuel reserve established by International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)?	Kazakhstan
297.	The Chitwan National Park (CNP) is located in which country?	Nepal
299.	Which country won the U-15 SAFF Football Championship recently?	India
300.	Ahmed Khan passed away recently at the age of 90. Who was he?	Football Player
301.	Which of the following is the first scheme to be launched since the Yogi Adityanath government came to power in Uttar Pradesh?	Make in UP
302.	Which state has inaugurated grid connected roof top solar programme to encourage the public participation?	Odisha
303.	Bhavantar Bhugtan Yojana launched by	Madhya Pradesh
304.	Which one of the following that Cabinet Committee has approved the renaming of the new Central Sector Scheme On August 23 2017?	Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana
305.	In a joint proposal to the World Trade Organization (WTO) India with which country, have called for elimination of trade-distorting agricultural subsidies given by developed countries.	China
306.	Name the country which has signed MoU with India on Drug Demand Reduction and Prevention of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance.	Nepal
307.	To whom the government has hiked the creamy layer ceiling to Rs 8 lakh per annum from the existing Rs 6 lakh for central government jobs?	OBC
308.	With which of the following insurance companies has Ebix's ItzCash entered into a strategic agreement to offer general insurance product on its 'PHYGITAL' platform?	HDFC ERGO
309.	Which entity organizes Tiranga Yatra to Commemorate 75th anniversary of Quit India Movement in Mumbai?	Employees' Provident Fund Organisation

310.	Ajay Bijli who will receive the “Exhibitor of the Year” Award at the CineAsia Awards Ceremony on 14 December 2017 in Hong Kong is the Chairman and Managing Director of	PVR Cinemas
311.	Who has been appointed Secretary in the Department of Financial Services (DFS)?	Rajiv Kumar
312.	Name the VIRUS which recently hacked WikiLeaks's official site?	Our Mine
313.	Which of the following heavy metals is not banned by Supreme Court of India in firecrackers?	strontium
314.	Name the neuroscientist who studied Albert Einstein’s brain and died recently?	Marian Diamond
315.	Jiyo Parsi scheme is related to which of the following states?	Maharashtra
316.	Which organisation signed MoU with the National Skill Development Corporation on skill development?	Border Security Force
317.	Which of the following men's duo of shuttlers won Lagos International Challenge Title in Nigeria?	Manu Attri and B Sumeeth Reddy
318.	Amazon Prime Video signed a worldwide exclusive content deal with which Bollywood star?	Salman Khan
319.	On which of the following banks has RBI imposed a penalty of 3 crore for "non-compliance" with the directions on Know Your Customer (KYC) norms in two separate cases?	Union Bank of India
320.	Which bill seeking constitutional status for the National Commission for Backward Classes was passed by the Rajya Sabha on 31 July 2017?	Constitutional (123rd Amendment) Bill, 2017
321.	The State Bank of India has slashed interest on savings account deposits by 50 basis points to 3.5 per cent on balance up to	Rs 1 crore
322.	This city was chosen as the host of 2024 Summer Olympics.	Paris
323.	This city was chosen as the host of 2028 Summer Olympics.	Los Angeles
324.	The union government has ordered state-run oil companies to raise subsidised cooking gas, LPG (liquefied petroleum gas), prices by this amount per cylinder every month.	Rs 4
325.	Who among the following will head the 10-member committee constituted by Government of India to recommend a framework for securing personal data in the increasingly digitised economy?	Justice BN Srikrishna
326.	Which of the following Indian women cricket players, who was a part of Indian Women World Cup Team, was felicitated by the Indian Air Force?	Shikha Pandey
327.	The government launched a portal, e-RaKAM, to provide a platform to sell	agricultural produce
328.	Who has been appointed as the new chairman of Bombay Stock Exchange?	Shahid Khaqan Abbasi
329.	India recently signed an agreement on transfer of sentenced persons with which country?	Somalia
330.	China has formally opened its first overseas military base in	Djibouti
331.	The Union Government has approved establishment of Post Graduate Institutes for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy in these two states.	Karnataka and Haryana
332.	Which of the following banks did not get RBI's approval to offer Bharat Bill Payment System's services to its customers?	Bank of India
333.	Which country recently launched a 1621 feet longest suspension pedestrian bridge of the world?	Switzerland

334.	eBay India has been merged into	FlipKart
335.	Union Government recently launched 'Swachhata Ki Jyot Jagi Hai' anthem to inspire the people to participate in the Swachhata Jan Andolan under which initiative?	Swachh Survekshan 2018
336.	'Aadi Perukku' festival is celebrated in	Tamil Nadu
337.	Punjab government has decided to appoint which cricketer as DSP with the state's police?	Harmanpreet Kaur
338.	Name Maharashtra's online building permission management system, through which construction approvals will be sanctioned with full transparency.	MahaVASTU
339.	EC rejected plea by parties to remove the NOTA option from the upcoming Rajya Sabha polls in which state?	Gujarat
340.	Hassan Rouhani is the president of	Iran
341.	The WCD Ministry has launched a contest for designing the logo for 'Women of India Festival'. The festival is scheduled to be held in which city?	New Delhi
342.	Name the mobile application that was developed by the Indian Army to enable serving soldiers to track details like postings, promotions, and monthly payslips as well as form 16.	Humraaz
343.	Telenor India has been merged into	Bharti Airtel
344.	Reports suggest that the Union Cabinet in August 2017 cleared a proposal that amends electoral laws to extend proxy voting rights to whom of the following?	Overseas Indians/NRIs
345.	Prestigious title of 2017 National Geographic Travel Photographer of the Year has been conferred to	Sergio Tapiro Velasco
346.	Name the institution/organization that in its report has said that India is more attractive to FDIs as compared to other emerging markets.	Nomura
347.	The first Israeli satellite which been dubbed as VENUS. Here VENUS stands for	Vegetation and Environment monitoring on a New (μ) Micro-Satellite.
348.	Name the state government that has decided to give compulsory retirement to the nonperforming head masters, teachers and education department officials above the age of 50 years.	Punjab
349.	Who is India's Chief Information Commissioner?	R K Mathur
350.	How many Tatkal Tickets are processed by IRCTC in a day?	130,000
351.	Who of the following took over as the new Air Officer-in-charge Administration of Indian Air Force?	Air Marshal Hemant Narayan Bhagwat
352.	The 2017 meeting of BRICS Trade Committee was held in	Shanghai
353.	Who of the following won the National Rapid Chess Championship?	Anwesh Upadhyay
354.	Who is the chairman of SEBI's committee set up on 'fair market conduct'?	R K Viswanathan
355.	Which UN organisation adopted a resolution on eliminating supply of weapons to terrorists?	United Nations Security Council
356.	Who has been named new secretary general of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry?	Sanjaya Baru
357.	Pushpa Mittra Bhargava, who passed away in August 2017, belonged to which field?	Molecular biology

358.	The Reserve Bank of India fixed what per cent of Repo Rate under Third Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement 2017-18?	6.00 per cent
359.	Which organisation allowed India to construct hydroelectric power facilities on tributaries of the Jhelum and Chenab rivers under Indus Waters Treaty?	World Bank
360.	Which of the following cities will become the first city in the country to provide a helicopter taxi service?	Bengaluru
361.	ISRO is working on the NISAR mission along with which international space research organisation?	The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
362.	Which of the following is not featured in the new Exchange Trade Fund, Bharat 2022?	Bank of India
363.	IBM recently opened its first Machine Learning Hub in which of the following cities?	Bengaluru
364.	Who is the Chairman of US- India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF)?	John Chambers
365.	India's first Helicopter taxi service has been launched in which city?	Bengaluru
366.	Chairman and Managing Director in Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) is	Mohammad Mustafa
367.	In keeping with Government of India's initiative to encourage development of green airports, the AAI has started work on two airports belonging to which state?	Andhra Pradesh
368.	Who among the following is the Highest Paid Author according to Forbes?	JK Rowling
369.	Which state government has decided to distribute 13 lakh Soil Health Cards among farmers?	Assam
370.	Who has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Kazakhstan?	PRabhas Kumar
371.	The 2nd Agri UDAAN, food & agribusiness accelerator program was launched in which city?	New Delhi
372.	The government of India launched the second phase of measles-rubella (MR) vaccination campaign in the country to eliminate measles and curb instances of rubella by	2020
373.	Who of the following was elected as new vice President of India?	Venkaiah Naidu
374.	Which of the following departments has been merged into Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D)?	National Crimes Records Bureau
375.	The Union Government has declared a state as a disturbed area under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) for one month. Name it.	Assam
376.	What percentage of cess will be levied on SUV cars under GST?	25%
377.	Assembly of this state has passed a bill to reclassify coconut as a tree ensuring legal protection to it.	Goa
378.	With which of the following PayPal have extended their partnership into Asia Pacific to enhance the consumer experience.	Master Card
379.	These two Indian Boxers won silver medals in the Asian Junior Boxing Championships in Puerto Princesa, Philippines on 7 August 2017.	Satender Rawat and Mohit Khatana
380.	August 15, 2017 Independence Day of India will be celebrated as	Sankalp Divas
381.	Which Indian cricketer has been suspended from playing the third test between India and Sri Lanka?	Ravindra Jadeja
382.	Which state CM's Principal Secretary has been appointed as the Executive Director at the	Vijay Rupani

	World Bank in the United States?	
383.	Who has been appointed as the new Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog?	Rajiv Kumar
384.	Who was honoured with Asia Society Game Changers Award 2017?	Dev Patel
385.	India finished the Asian Junior Boxing Tournament in Puerto Princesa, Philippines with how many medals?	8
386.	Who was appointed as Deputy Comptroller for Minority Affairs in New York?	Dilip Chauhan
387.	This institution or organization has said to the Supreme Court that a mosque could be built in a Muslim-dominated area at some distance from disputed site in Ayodhya.	Uttar Pradesh Shia Central Waqf Board
388.	Which country will host the 15th meeting of the Foreign Ministers of BIMSTEC countries?	Nepal
389.	Which state's government has decided to raise \$270 million from the Green Climate Fund with the help of 2030WRG?	Maharashtra
390.	Which railway station in Uttar Pradesh was renamed after Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyay?	Mughalsarai
391.	India celebrated the 75th anniversary of which historic movement on 9 August 2017?	Quit India Movement
392.	NITI Aayog has chosen three states for transformative change in health sectors under its 'Sustainable Action for Transforming Human Capital (SATH) ' initiative. Which of the following state is not selected for the transformation?	Madhya Pradesh
393.	A high-intensity earthquake of magnitude 7 on the Richter scale struck China on 8 August 2017. The epicenter of this quake was in	Sichuan province
394.	Name the Indian shooter who on 8 August 2017 won a a bronze in men's trap event at the 7 th Asian Championship Shotgun at Astana, Kazakhstan	Kynan Chenai
395.	Former Union Minister, Sanwar Lal Jat passed away on 9 August 2017 after suffering from a massive cardiac arrest. He represented which constituency in the Lok Sabha under the BJP-led Narendra Modi government?	Ajmer
396.	On August 10, 2017, Union Government announced that it has set up institutional mechanisms including a task force, an inter-ministerial synergy group and a steering committee to realise the full potential of which sector?	Textiles sector
397.	Which country has topped the Global Retirement 2017 Index released by Natixis Global and what was India's rank in the index?	Switzerland, 43
398.	National Mission for Clean Ganga has approved how many projects in Bihar, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh to the tune of about Rs 2,033 crore?	ten projects
399.	Which Arab country has announced a programme to allow visa-free entry for citizens of 80 countries to encourage air transport and tourism?	Qatar
400.	Union Government has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which State Government for opening 1000 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) Kendras in the State on August 10,2017?	Uttar Pradesh
401.	Bangladesh will open a new diplomatic station in	Chennai
402.	On August 9, 2017, Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology PP Chaudhary said, first phase of NCCC, set up to scan the country's web traffic to detect cyber security threats, has been made operational now. Abbreviation NCCC stands for:	National Cyber Coordination Centre
403.	The Kyoto Protocol is an international agreement linked to the	United Nations Framework

		Convention on Climate Change
404.	National Green Tribunal (NGT) has imposed a temporary ban on use of non-biodegradable plastic bags which are less than _____ microns in Delhi.	50 microns
405.	Which of the following is first state to implement coal utilisation between power units?	Gujarat
406.	Name the drive which has been launched by Uttar Pradesh Government focusing on cleanliness along the banks of Ganga River and maintain hygiene?	Namami Gange Jagriti Yatra
407.	World Bio-fuel Day is observed as	10 August
408.	Which bank announced the launch of Instant Credit Card Service, which will enable its savings account customers to get a credit card instantly, in a completely digital and paperless manner?	ICICI Bank
409.	On August 8, 2017, Name the entity which launched Android Skill Development Programme along with Google India to impart mobile app development training on the Android and Web platform to improve the quality of mobile app development ecosystem in India?	National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)
410.	For promoting an e-payments solution, private lender IDFC Bank has partnered with digital payments brand	Zeta
411.	Which entity has invested in the e-commerce company Flipkart and has become one of its largest shareholders?	Soft Bank Vision Fund
412.	Which entity has issued a directive that insurance of a vehicle will not be renewed unless the owner provides pollution under control (PUC) certificate?	Supreme Court of India
413.	On August 10, 2017, Facebook launched Youtube competitor called:	'Watch'
414.	According to Asian Cities & Regions Outlook 2016 by Oxford Economics, which state among the following is the fastest growth among all Asian cities?	Delhi, India
415.	Which space agency is planning to launch a full-fledged niche Earth observation (EO) satellite called the Hyper spectral Imaging Satellite?	ISRO
416.	Markets regulator SEBI has introduced an online registration mechanism for whom to make it convenient for them to do business.	Custodians of securities
417.	Who among the following shooter has become India's youngest athlete to figure in the government's Target Olympic Podium (TOP) scheme?	Shapath Bhardwaj
418.	Which public sector bank has recently introduced a biometric attendance register in the place of the existing system of signing attendance in the attendance register?	Punjab National Bank
419.	Sitaram Panchal, who passed away on August 10, 2017, was an acclaimed:	Bollywood Actor
420.	"Youth Building Peace" is the theme of which of the following days of 2017?	International Youth Day
421.	In which state the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) under Ministry of Commerce & Industry has approved two projects for development of industrial clusters?	Andhra Pradesh
422.	Nabin Tan Mon Bikash Yojana is launched to promote	health habits among children
423.	Where was the 15th Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Ministerial Meeting was held on August 11, 2017?	Kathmandu, Nepal
424.	Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana (AGEY) is a sub-scheme of	Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana
425.	Which film was named the Best Film at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne 2017?	Pink

426.	Which among the following Central Bank has said it would not change the way its new plastic banknotes are made, despite concerns among some vegetarians and religious groups about trace amounts of animal fat used in their production?	Bank of England
427.	Which of the followings has received markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India's (Sebi) approval to launch country's first gold options contract?	Multi Commodity Exchange Ltd
428.	This year, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will be transferring how much amount to Central Government as dividend?	Rs 30,659 crore
429.	Markets regulator SEBI has entered into a pact with its counterpart of which country for mutual cooperation and technical assistance?	Iran
430.	Who has been appointed as the chairperson of Central Board of Film Certification?	Prasoon Joshi
431.	Who was appointed the World Health Organisation's goodwill ambassador for physical activity in the South-East Asia Region (SEAR)?	Milkha Singh
432.	India's first aviation university is located in which of the following states?	Uttar Pradesh
433.	Who among the following was appointed as part of the reconstituted Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC)?	Vidya Balan
434.	'She Means Business' programme of Facebook for women entrepreneurs has been launched by which of the following states?	Odisha
435.	All state-run universities in which state will not observe a holiday on October 2 on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti this year?	Rajasthan
436.	Who among the following has become the youngest person to reach the summit of the 6,153 metres-high Mt Stok Kangri in Kashmir?	Kaamya Karthikeyan
437.	Sandeep Gupta has been appointed as the head of Indian operations of which cross-border payments network?	Earthport
438.	With which country will India host the Indra military exercise involving armies, navies and the air forces for the first time to further ramp up military ties?	Russia
439.	Who among the following has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)?	Dilip Asbe
440.	The Hindu Playwright Award 2017 went to Gerish Khemani and Akshat Nigam for their play	In Search of Dariya Sagar'
441.	Who among the following African-American author has won the Hugo Award for Best Novel 2017 for her work 'The Obelisk Gate'?	Nora Jemisin
442.	Who was appointed as Managing Director of Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank)?	David Rasquinha
443.	Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Dharmendra Pradhan commissioned which Indian Coast Guard ship in Goa?	Indian Coast Guard ship 'Shaurya'
444.	The first South Asian Youth Summit-2017 will be held in	Bhubaneswar
445.	President Ram Nath Kovind approved how many Gallantry Awards to Armed Forces Personnel and members of Paramilitary Forces on August 14, 2017?	112 Gallantry Awards
446.	A limited edition silver coin on Lord Krishna was released on Janmashtami on August 15 by which country in commemoration of the 5,244th birth anniversary of the Hindu God.	Republic of Chad
447.	Which Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative was launched by State Bank of India on August 14, 2017, to work in the areas of health, education, environment and rural	SBI Gram Seva

	infrastructure?	
448.	In 2017, the UN World Health Organisation (WHO) declared Somalia free from which of the following diseases?	Polio
449.	India International Exchange (India INX) has got Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI's) approval to launch Gold Options. India INX is promoted by:	Bombay Stock Exchange
450.	India is deploying along its volatile border with Pakistan, a smart fencing system which is having a 'quick response team' mechanism that strikes when the CCTV-powered control room detects an infiltration attempt. This fencing system has been designed by which country?	Israel
451.	Who has been given the additional charge of Rajya Sabha TV CEO after Gurdeep Singh Sappal resigned from his post?	Shashi Shekhar Vempati
452.	On August 14, 2017, Chief Minister of which state launched Namu Yuva Rojgar Kendra an initiative providing job opportunities to unemployed youth?	Maharashtra
453.	The five-day long India-ASEAN Youth Summit started on August 14, 2017, in:	Bhopal
454.	To take forward the initiative of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for a New India movement from 2017 – 2022, which Ministry organised a Sankalp Se Siddhi (Attainment through Resolve) Programme in Coimbatore on August 12, 2017?	Ministry of Culture
455.	The government has imposed a new penalty of \$ 264 million (about Rs 1,700 crore) on which company and its partners for producing less than the targeted natural gas from eastern offshore KG-D6 fields in 2015-16?	Reliance Industries
456.	According to 2017 Global Liveability Ranking released by the Economist Intelligence Unit, which of the following is at the top of World's most liveable cities' Index?	Melbourn
457.	On August 16, 2017 'Indira Canteen', aimed at serving food to poor at subsidized rates, was inaugurated in:	Bengaluru
458.	Who became the first woman officer to receive a gallantry award in the Army on the Independence Day 2017 Celebration of India?	Major Mitali Madhumita
459.	India's first partition museum will open in:	Amritsar, Punjab
460.	'PlanYourGoal.com' belongs to which of the following?	ICICI Prudential Mutual
461.	Durgama Anchalare Malaria Nirakaran" (DAMON) belongs to which of the following states?	Odisha
462.	T in TAPI Gas pipeline stands for	Turkmenistan
463.	The government has directed internet majors Google, Facebook, Whats App, Instagram, Microsoft and Yahoo to immediately remove links of which online game?	Blue Whale Challenge
464.	Who among the following launched a live Twitter wall for promoting 'Bharat Ke Veer portal' on the eve of the 71st Independence Day?	Home Minister Rajnath Singh
465.	Which among the following bank has introduced the option of an "instant credit card" for free for its Net banking customers?	City Union Bank
466.	Scientists from which institute have developed a silk patch to repair damaged heart tissue?	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati
467.	Which among the following bank has bagged the best performance awards for SHG-bank linkage programme for Karnataka for 2015-16 and 2016-17 from National Bank for	Corporation Bank

	Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)?	
468.	Union Cabinet has accorded its approval for creation of a non-lapsable pool in the Public Account for secondary and higher, education known as “Madhyamik and Uchchta Shiksha Kosh” (MUSK) into which all proceeds of “Secondary and Higher Education Cess” will be credited. Administration and maintenance of this pool will be under:	Ministry of Human Resource Development
469.	"Champions of Change" initiative was organised by	NITI Aayog
470.	On August 16, 2017, Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the proposal of Department of Investment and public Asset Management (DIPAM) to set up an Alternative Mechanism for strategic disinvestment. Who among the following will be a part of this Alternative Mechanism?	Road Transport & Highways Minister
471.	Industrial units in the North East and the Himalayan States will get GST relief in the form of a refund of Central share of CGST and iGST for	10 years
472.	On August 16, 2017, Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its approval to the Scheme of providing Budgetary Support under Goods and Service Tax (GST) Regime for the eligible industrial units located in State of Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and North Eastern States including Sikkim till:	2027
473.	With which of the following countries has India signed an MoU n intellectual property right (IPR) cooperation, aimed at benefiting entrepreneurs, investors and businesses?	Sweden
474.	Union Finance Ministry has signed a grant agreement of \$24.64 million with which international financial organisation for ecosystem service improvement project?	World Bank
475.	7th Bharat Ratna Dr. Ambedkar Award has been conferred to which of the following music director/composer/singer?	Bappi Lahiri
476.	On August 16, 2017, Union minister Jitendra Singh said that a north eastern cultural and information centre will soon be set up in:	Delhi
477.	Who among the following has been named Hollywood’s best-paid female actor in Forbes’ annual list of top earners?	Emma Watson
478.	Who has been appointed as the Interim CEO of Infosys after Vishal Sikka's resignation?	U B Pravin Rao
479.	Stanford scientists have developed a low-cost and highly sensitive blood test that may quickly detect cancer growth and spread, the test is called	single-colour digital PCR
480.	Which asteroid will pass safely by our planet on September 1, 2017 at a distance of about seven million kilometres?	Asteroid Florence
481.	S Paul, who passed away was:	Veteran Photographer
482.	Which private sector bank will waive 12 equated monthly installments (EMIs) on regular repayments of loans of up to Rs 30 lakh under the new scheme Shubh Aarambh Home Loans?	Axis Bank
483.	In a bid to check round tripping of the precious metal, government has banned exports of gold jewellery, medallions and other articles above:	22- carat purity
484.	Which campaign was launched by Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Dr. Harsh Vardhan urging children to celebrate Pollution-Free Diwali this Year?	“Harit Diwali, Swasth Diwali”
485.	Central Government has approved how much for a “definitive five-year action programme” for the Indian Coast Guard to enhance its capability in maintaining vigil on	Rs. 32000 crore

	coastal waters.	
486.	Nobel laureate Malala Yousafzai will study philosophy, politics and economics at which University?	University of Oxford
487.	Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with Young Entrepreneurs at the “Champions of Change” initiative organised by:	NITI Aayog
488.	Which country has launched a new direct route between its Hamad Port and Pakistan’s port of Karachi?	Qatar
489.	Which football player has been named goodwill ambassador for ‘Handicap International’?	Neymar
490.	Which two mobile apps have been launched by National Highways Authority of India to help in the availability of FASTags for Electronic Toll Collection?	MyFASTag and FASTag Partner
491.	Indian contingent that participated in the World Dwarf Games in Canada bagged how many medals?	37 medals
492.	Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik dedicated the state’s longest bridge to the nation and named it after which personality?	Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose
493.	The environment ministry has approved projects aimed at addressing the vulnerabilities arising out of climate change in three Indian states. Which among the following is not one of them?	Arunachal Pradesh
494.	Ghost nets have emerged as the greatest killers of the underwater ecosystem in the seas of which state?	Kerala
495.	According to Forbes Middle East, who topped a poll of the most powerful Arab women in government 2017?	Sheikha Lubna Al Qasimi
496.	The President of India Pranab Mukharjee recently inaugurated the Bicentenary celebration of the Paika Rebellion, which was an armed rebellion against the British East India Company's rule in which of the following states?	Odisha
497.	The Bank of England has unveiled a new £10 plastic note. The note features a portrait of which former legendary British author?	Jane Austen
498.	Astrosat, Chandra and Hubble recently jointly detected massive cosmic explosion on which of the following stars?	Proxima Centauri
499.	Name the lead singer of the famous band Linkin Park who recently passed away.	Chester Bennington
500.	The Union Ministry of Rural Development will soon launch a new sub-scheme Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana under which of the following missions?	Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission

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