

WBCS Prelims, 2018 oriented Current Affairs: 2017: At a glance

January 2017

Sports: -

- Kolkata Snookers championship – Pankaj Advani
- **2020 Euro Cup football – St. Petersburg (Russia; emblem – Palace Bridge) 2018- France**
- Ranji Trophy 2016 – Gujrat
- Australian Open – Roger Federar (Switzerland) & Serena Williams (USA)

Important Post (National & International): -

- CBI Director – Alope Verma; FIFA Finance committee member – Prafulla Patel
- 25th Chief Justice of Pakistan – Mian Saquib Naser

Defense & Tech: -

- Operation Sard Hawa – inaugurated for BSF to protect the border from Chinese Infiltration
- INS Khanderi – Scorpene Class submarine commissioned to Indian Navy from Mazagaon Dock (Mumbai)
- 1st warship to have an ATM on board – INS Vikramaditya (SBI ATM)
- Agni IV Missile launched from Wheeler island/Balasore/Ballistic missile
- Annual Indian Science congress – Andhra Pradesh
- **India becomes 4th associate member of CERN – HQ Geneva; Project on large hadron collider – India emancipated the concept of Higgs boson particle – two particles Muon Solenoid and ALICE to be collided.**

Govt. Schemes: -

- Varishtha Pension Yojana 2017 – incorporated by LIC – Financial Inclusion – 8% per annum interest for more than 60 yrs people.
- 21st state to join UDAY scheme – Tamilnadu
- **UDAAN scheme related to civil aviation**

Awards: -

- **52nd Jnanpith award – Sankha Ghosh**
- 62nd Film Fare award best movie – Dangal
- **Hindu Prize – Kiran Doshi (2016)**
- Miss Universe 2016 – Iris Mittenaire (France); Miss Universe 2017 – Demi Leigh Nel Peters (South Africa)

Books & Author: -

- People's President – S M Khan (on APJ Abdul Kalam); Cyber Pathsala – Tarun Vijaya

Economy News: -

- UN India's goodwill ambassador in sustainable development – Ashok Amritraj

Summits: -

- World Economic Forum 2017 – Davos, Switzerland
- **National Conference on e-governance – Visakhapattanam**
- **14th Pavasi Bharatiya Dibas – Bengaluru (Chief guest Portugal's PM Antonio Costa)**

Obituary: -

- Om puri – famous actor ; Gita sen – Veteran Bengali actress

Important Days: -

- **15th Jan – Army Day; 24th Jan – National Girl Child Day; 25th Jan – Tourism day & Voters day; 12th Jan – National youth day**

Others: -

- NK Singh Committee – to review FRBM Act, 2003

February 2017

Sports: -

- FIFA Ambassador – Diego Maradona
- Official Mascot of U17 World cup – Kheleo (Clouded Leopard)
- Blind World Cup Cricket – India beat pakistan

Important Post (National & International): -

- **Chairman of SEBI – Ajay Kumar Tyagi (replaced U K Sinha)**
- **UN Secretary General – Antonio Guterres (replaced Ban ki Moon)**
- New Chief Minister of Tamilnadu – K Palaniswami

Defense & Tech: -

- Aero India 2017 - Bengaluru
- Solar Powered warship – INS Sarvekshak
- GSLV Mark III released from Tamilnadu under the supervision of ISRO with cryogenic upper state engine.

Govt. Schemes: -

- Sex Ratio Monitoring Dashboard to be installed at Haryana under Beti Bachao Beti Parao Scheme

- **Sikkim to enter as 22nd state under UDAY Scheme**
- 2017 – Year of Apple for (J&K)
- Operation RAHAT – heart attack prevention awareness programme - Rajasthan

Awards: -

- **Vyas Samman – Surendra Verma**
- **Oscar Award 2017 – Moonlight (Best Movie) – Cassey Affleck (Manchester by the Sea) – Emma Stone (La La Land) – zootopia (animated movie) – Mahershala Ali (Co-actor) – Viola Deves (co actress) – Damien Chazelle (Director – la la land/ also win BAFTA Award)- Best Documentary – The White Helmets (Israel)**

Books & Author: -

- **Veerappan : Chasing the brigand – Shri Vijay Kumar**
- **The People's Maharaja – Kushwant Singh (On basis of the life of Amrindar Singh)**
- **The Golden House – Salman Rushdie**

Economy News: -

- **Operation Clean Money – to verify deposited notes after note ban issue – committee headed by Susheel Chandra – processed under CBDT and IT Dept.**
- 1st Cashless township – Gujrat
- Annual Economic Freedom Index – India Ranks 143

Obituary: -

- **Altamas Kabir – Former CJI from WB**
- **Colonel Nizamuddin – Netaji's driver & INA Veteran**

Important Days: -

- 4th Feb – Cancer Awareness Day
- 21st February – International Mother Language Day
- **28th February – National Science Day (Birth day of CV Raman)**

Others: -

- New UPI developed by NPCI after Note ban issue to improve digital payments system – Bharat QR
- **21st District of West Bengal – Kalimpong (subdivision of Darjeeling Hills)**
- 1st National Women's Parliament – Andhra Pradesh

March 2017

Sports: -

- Indian open golf championship – Shiv Shankar Chowrasia
- Vijay Hazare Trophy – Tamilnadu (related to cricket)

- Oldest Badminton Tournament – All England open badminton championship

Important Post (National & International): -

- **Swatcch Bharat Mission marketing ambassador - Shilpa Shetty**
- Louis Norton de Matos – India U17 Football coach
- **RBI Deputy Governors – B P Kanungo; V V Acharyya; S S Mundra and N S Viswanathan**
- New CM – Yogi adityanath (UP); Surhojoli Lijitsu (Nagaland); Capt. Amrindar Singh – Punjab; N Biren Singh- Manipur; Mahoar parikkar - Goa

Defense & Tech: -

- INS Viraat – Warship decommissioned
- Foal Eagle – South Korea and USA; Surya Kiran XI – India and Nepal (Uttarakhand); Al Nagah II – India and Oman (Himachal Pradesh)
- Eravikulam National Park – Kerala (Vulnerable species found)
- INS Tilanchang – Kolkata class Water jet fast attack craft.

Govt. Schemes: -

- West Bengal Clinical Establishment Bill 2017 was passed at State Assembly
- **Antyodaya Express to ply between – Howrah to Ernakulam/ Mumbai to Tata**
- Cyber Informatics Centre – New Delhi

Awards: -

- JIO Film fare best movie – Cinemawala (kaushik Ganguly)
- **Saraswati Samman -Mahabaleshwar Syle (book Howthan; language - Konkani**

Books & Author: -

- **My Story - Autobiography of Michael Clarke, cricketer; Numbers do lie – Akash Chopra**

Economy News: -

- 5 SBI associates to be merged with SBI (SBI associates act 1959 repealed)
- GDP Forecast by 7.0% (World Bank)
- India's 1st artificial intelligence bank – HDFC Bank

Summits: -

- Mobile World Congress - Barcelona
- International Buddhist Summit – Rajgir (chief guest Dalai Lama)

Obituary: -

- Ashok Mitran - Novelist
- Kalikapradas Bhattacharyya – Eminent Folk Singer, Dohar Frontman

Important Days: -

- 15th – Consumer Rights Day
- 21st – Forestry Day

Others: -

- 112ft Adi yogi Idol of Lord Shiva – Coimbatore (Guinness Book of world record)
- Kurukh – a tribal language of WB got state accreditation.
- Largest Tri-colour flag was unfurled at - Amritsar
- Mission Fingerling – to promote blue revolution

April 2017

Sports: -

- Deodhar Trophy - Tamilnadu (related to cricket).
- Santosh Trophy 2017 – Champion Bengal (32nd time)
- Sir Garry Sobers Trophy – Ravi Ashwin

Important Post (National & International): -

- Sunaina Singh – Nalanda University VC (Replaced interim vc Vijay Bhatkar & actual vc George Yeo)
- Tanushree Parekh – BSF Combat Officer (1st female in BSF to hold such rank)
- 1st Transgender Police SI in India – K Prithika Joshini (Tamilnadu)
- Christina Landena Davis – UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador

Defense & Tech: -

- Asia's Largest Telescope was installed at Nainital
- Artificial Sun was developed at German Aerospace centre known as Sinlight
- Nomadic Elephant – India & Thailand (Held in Mizoram)
- Sagarmatha Friendship 2017 – China & Nepal

Govt. Schemes: -

- Operation Durga initiated by Haryana Govt. to ensure woman safety
- India's 1st Carbon Neutral District & Biodiversity Heritage – Majuli island (Inaugurated by Sarvanand Sonowal)

Awards: -

- Abel Prize (Nobel for Mathematics) – Yuves Mayor

- Best Actor in National Film Award (64th) – Akshay Kumar (Rustom); Iman Chakraborty (Best Singer for Movie Praktan) Award given by Directorate of art and culture
- Pulitzer prize 2017 for journalism award – The New York Times
- Krishi Karman Purashkar 2017 – Tamilnadu>HP>Tripura

Books & Author: -

- The Hit Girl – Biography of Asha Parekh (launched by Aamir Khan in Mumbai, Salman Khan in Delhi)
- Flaming traces of Draupadi – Veerappa Maili
- Ocean and Blue Mountain – Dalai Lama

Economy News: -

- Most profit making PSU for 2016-17 FY – Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.
- J & K to get a new Banking ombudsman from RBI

Summits: -

- National Child Film Festival – Visakhapatnam (Inauguration movie – Shanu, the optimist)
- 105th Science Congress – Hyderabad (2018); 104th – Tirupati (2017) 1st (1914) – Kolkata; 100th (2014) – Kolkata
- National Theatre Festival – Tiruvananthapuram

Obituary: -

- Kishori Amankar – Padmaibhusan awardee Classical Singer
- Vinod Khanna – Eminent Actor
- Akhilesh Dasgupta – Educationist (former president of badminton association of India)

Important Days: -

- 26th April – World Intellectual property Day (innovation improving lives)
- 7th April – World Health Day (Depression, let's talk)
- 22nd April – International Earth day (Environment and climate literacy)

Others: -

- India's first Vertical Garden city – Bengaluru (China is the 1st of that kind).
- 1st private railway station of India – Habibganj (Near Bhopal)
- Montenegro becomes 29th member of NATO
- Haryana's sex ratio has touched 950 mark for the 1st time.

May 2017

Sports: -

- Asian Squash Title – Yotsna Chinappa
- I-league 2016- Aizwal FC (Coach – Khalid Zamil); Federation cup – Bengaluru FC
- Mascot for 22nd Asian Athletics Championship at Odisha – Olly (Olive Ridley Turtle)
- Sultan Azlan Shah Tournament – G.Britain beat Australia

Important Post (National & International): -

- DRDO Chief – S Christopher
- **Eduardo Philippe – France PM; Emanuel Macrone – France President**
- Sanjay Mitra, IAS – Defense Secretary
- Sri Lanka PM – Ranil Bikramshinghe; Turkey President – Risep Erdogan (Both India Visit); Hasan Rouhani – Iran President
- FIFA Governance Committee Chairman – Mukul Mudgal
- CRPF DGP – R K Pachnanda (Present R K Bhatnagar)

Defense & Tech: -

- SIMBEX – India & Singapore Navy on South China Sea; Shoulder to Shoulder – Phillipines & USA
- Varun – India & French Navy on Mediterranean Sea
- **India's 1st Private arms factory – Madhyapradesh in collaboration with Israel**
- CORPAT – India & Indonesia; Balikatan - Phillipines & USA;

Govt. Schemes: -

- SAMADHAN – new strategy to wipe out Maoism terror, inaugurated by Rajnath Singh
- **Antodaya Anna Yojana – Haryana (Reduced rate lunch)**

Awards: -

- Dadasaheb Phalke 2016 – Kashinathuni Viswanath
- Banga Bibhusan – Soumitra Chatterjee, Nirendranath Chakraborty; Banga Bhusan (posthumus) – Chapal Bhaduri
- Golden peacock Award – Yes Bank
- Deenanath Mangeshkar Award – Aamir Khan & Kaushiki Chakraborty
- **2014 Gandhi Peace prize – ISRO; 1st - Julius Nyerere (1995)**

Books & Author: -

- **Confessions of a dying mind: the blind faith of atheism – Kiran Rijju & Hauinlal Guite (1st philosophical novel for God)**
- A quest for a world without hunger – M S Swaminathan

Summits: -

- Arctic Energy Summit - Helsinki
- 50th Annual Meeting of ADB – Yokohama, Japan

Obituary: -

- KPS Gill – DG of Punjab Police, known as Super Cop
- **Leila Sheith – Delhi High Court 1st Chief Justice (Female)**

Important Days: -

- 22nd May – World Biodiversity Day (Biodiversity and Sustainable Tourism)
- 14th May – Int'l Mothers' day (Every mother knows)
- 8th May – World Red Cross Day (less known red cross stories)
- 3rd May – World Press Freedom Day (critical mind for critical times)

Others: -

- World Press Freedom Index – 136, 2nd rank in LPG Import; 2nd rank in renewable energy attractiveness
- Cleanliest city – Indore, Railway station – Vizag
- 1st digital village in Arunachal Pradesh – Nirjuli
- Asia's biggest church – Nagaland, World's highest railway bridge – over Chenab river
- **1st Digital Panchayat Ward – Kottayam, Kerala**
- **4th time in Mouth Everest recordholder – Anshu Jamanshenpa (Arunachal)**

June 2017

Sports: -

- Rajeev Shukla panel to be appointed by BCCI (containing Sourav Ganguly) to review the Lodha Committee recommendations.
- UEFA Champions league champion – Real Madrid bt Juventus
- 2016 AIFF Footballer of the year – Jeje Lalpekhlua
- French Open Tennis – Rafael Nadal (Spain); Jelena Ostapenko (Latvia)
- Champions Trophy Winner – Pakistan bt. India
- Kavita Devi – Indian female wrestler to take part in WWE.

Important Post (National & International): -

- **Mukul Rohtagi – former Attorney General was replaced by K K Venugopal.**
- Tapan Roy, newly appointed Economic Affairs Secretary (Replaced Shakti Kant Das)
- Amitabh Bacchan – Ambassador for GST Promotion
- Recently elected Nepal PM – Sher Bahadur Deuba (replaced Pushpa Kamal Dahal)

- Dalbir Bhandari – Chief Justice of International Court of Justice (HQ – Hague)

Defense & Tech: -

- World's lightest satellite has been developed by Rifath Sharukh, known as **KALAMSAT** (accredited by NASA)
- Newly found species of Bacteria by NASA named after A P J Abdul Kalam, known as **Solobacillus Kalami**.
- AUSINDEX 2017 – India – Australia joint warfare
- Parker – Humanities first ever mission to sun (named by NASA, 2018)

Govt. Schemes: -

- Telengana is the 1st state to inaugurate Single Woman Pension Scheme
- Highest speed train Tejas started to ply between **Mumbai- Goa**
- **India's Longest Bridge – Bhupen Hazarika Bridge on Lohit River** (Connects Dhola & Sadia – 9.15 km – longest road bridge- connecting link between Assam and Arunachal Pradesh)
- **Darwaja Bandh – Awareness of toilet usage ; ambassador – Amitabh Bacchan – aided by World Bank – Govt. of India**

Awards: -

- Uttarakhand received award of excellence for IT Services in Skill Development
- **International Man Booker Prize – David Grossman, Israel (A horse walks into a bar)**
- Dadasaheb Phalke Academy award - Priyanka Chopra
- **Sangeet Natak Academy Prize – Satyabrata Raut (1st given in 1952 under the purview of Ministry of Culture, Govt of India)**
- **Kanyashri has won 1st prize in United Nations Public Service Award**
- **Soumitra Chattopadhyay has won highest civilian award of France – Legion d'honneur**
- Bhupen Hazarika National Award – Yeshe Dorjee Tongshi (Arunachal Pradesh)
- **Sahitya Akademi – Vincey Quedros & Amy Naik (Konkani Language) – Highest Literary Award in India**

Books & Author: -

- **Ministry of Utmost Happiness – Arundhati Roy**
- Indira Gandhi – A life in nature – Jairam Ramesh

Economy News: -

- World Bank Provides \$250m for development of Skill India Campaign
- India's 1st fingerprint based ATM – DCB bank

- **Economic Growth projection by RBI – 7.1%(2016-17 economic affairs data)**
- **F16 to be developed in India by Lockheed Martin in collaboration with TATA Sons.**

Summits: -

- SCO Summit – Asthana, Kazakstan (Theme – future energy)
- NATO Summit – Brussels (28th in 2017); 2018 – Istanbul
- G7 – Cicily Island (Italy)
- 16th NERCPA (North East Region Commonwealth Parliamentary Association) Summit - Imphal

Obituary: -

- Swami Atmasthananda – Chairman of Ramkrishna Mission
- C Narayan Reddy – Telegu Novelist

Important Days: -

- **5th June – World Environment Day (Connecting People in Nature)**
- 12th June – Anti Child Labour Day (In conflicts with disaster, Protection of children from child labour)
- 14th June – Blood Donation day (What can you do? Give blood, give now, give often)
- **21st June – International Yoga day (Yoga for health)**

Others: -

- Global Peace Index – India ranks 137; FDI Report - India ranks 1; Global Innovation index – India ranks 60th ; Multi-dimensional poverty index – 37th; world competitiveness index – 54th.
- India's 1st underwater railway tunnel – Kolkata Metro
- 1st Biggest Solar Firm - China; Robot Traffic Police has been incorporated – Indore

July 2017

Sports: -

- **Wimbledon 2017 men's champion – Roger Federar (Switzerland), 8th Wimbledon- 19th grand slam; women's – Garbin Muruguza**
- Confederation Cup 2017 – Germany (Football)
- Women's world cup cricket 2017 – England (Mitali Raj – Highest Run getter in ODI, Jhulan Goswami – Highest Wicket taker)

Important Post (National & International): -

- **Ram Nath Kovind – 14th president of India, 20th July, 2017; Bihar Governor; contender – Meera Kumar, dalit Movement Representative**

- Attorney General of India – K K Venugopal(15th) replaced Mukul Rohtagi
- Chief Election Commissioner – Achal Kumar Jyoti
- BJP Leader to win life time achievement award from Lok Sabha for his contribution as a parliamentarian– L K Advani
- UNICEF Global Goodwill ambassador – Lilly Singh
- Skill India Campaign ambassador – Priyanka Chopra

Defense & Tech: -

- India- Thailand joint warfare – Maitri 2017 (Himachal Pradesh)
- India, USA & Japan – Malabar 2017
- World's 1st Forest City – China
- PSLV C-38 was launched from ISRO (Satish Dhawan Space Centre) with Cartosat 2 and other satellites.

Govt. Schemes: -

- Oracle's 1st digital hub – Bengaluru
- World's Biggest Oil Refinery – Ratnagiri District, Maharashtra
6 crore tonnes capacity, made by IOCL, BPCL and HPCL, 2.7 trillion assumed expenditure
- India's 1st Solar Train – Delhi (Ghaziabad – Delhi)

Awards: -

- IIFA Best Movie – Neerja
- **FEMINA Miss India – Manushi Chhillar (Miss World 2017, hails from Haryana)**
- Skoch Award – Vijaya Bank
- Bharat Gaurav by East Bengal Club – Dhanraj Pillai (Hockey); Mohun Bagan Ratna – Subrata Bhattacharyya

Books & Author: -

- The Emergency : Indian democracy's darkest hours – Surya Prakash (Ex Prasar Bharati Chief)

Summits: -

- World Petroleum Congress – Istanbul
- **13th G-20 Summit was held at Hamburg, Germany (theme – Shaping and inter connecting world)**
- UN world heritage committee meeting - Poland

Obituary: -

- Deshbandhu Gupta passed away, he was the founder of LUPIN

Important Days: -

- **26th July – Kargil Vijaya Diwas; 12th July – Malala Day; 18th July – Nelson Mandela Day**
- **29th July – International Tiger Day**

August 2017

Sports: -

- **2024 Summer Olympics – Paris; 2028 – Los Angeles**
- 2017 para athletics championship – London
- World Dwarf Games 2017 – Toronto (India won 37 medals)
- **Mission Football project inaugurated by – Meghalaya**
- Sayani Das – Bengal Swimmer to cross English Channel

Important Post (National & International): -

- **Shaheed Khakan Abbasi – Pakistan New PM**
- Justice Deepak Mishra – 45th Chief Justice of India (replaced J S Khehar)
- **Prashun Joshi – Censor Board Chairperson (replaced Pahlaj Nihalani)**
- A.S Aparna – World Bank ED (replaced Subhas Garg)
- Rajeev Kumar – VC NITI Ayog; **Akshay Kumar – Brand Ambassador, Swatch Bharat Campaign**
- Hassan Rouhani – Iran's president, re-elected

Defense & Tech: -

- INS kalveri – Scorpene Class Submarine, indigenously built from Mazagaon Dock
- Ruh Flag – India – Israel (Air Force); Tri-Services - India & Russia
- Sprite – Smallest Spaceship
- World's largest volcanic area - Antarctica

Govt. Schemes: -

- Apni Gari, Apni Rozgaar Scheme – Punjab Govt. (This project is known as **Gatidhara** in WB)
- **Kaizala – application developed by Microsoft**
- State tops in E-transaction – Gujarat
- India's 1st green metro station – Delhi Metro; **India's 1st micro forest – Raipur**
- **International Rice Research Institute - Varanasi**
- Airports declared as Green Airport recently – Tirupati & Vijayawada

Awards: -

- Mahanayak Samman – Prasenjit & Nusrat; Life Time Achievement – Shakuntala Barua
- **2017 Rajeev Gandhi Khel Ratna – Devendra Jhajharia (javelin), Sardar Singh (Hockey); Arjuna Award – Cheteswar Pujara (Cricket)**
- Indian origin boy who won 2017 Child Genius Award – Rahul Doshi
- **Saraswati Samman 2016 – Mahabaleshwar Sail (Howthan)**

Books & Author: -

- **Immortal India – Amish Tripathy**

Summits: -

- **BRICS Security Summit – Beijing, China**
- **BIMSTEC 2017 – Kathmandu (15th)**

Obituary: -

- **Jnan Singh Sohan Paul – Politician; Chester Bennington – Linkin Park Lead singer**
- **Udupi Ramchandran – space scientist, ISRO Aryabhata, 1975**

Important Days: -

- **12th August – International Youth Day; 1st – Non-Cooperation Movement Day; 19th - World Humanitarian Day (theme for 2017 – Not A Target)**

Others: -

- **New Scheme launched by Indian Railway, in collaboration with IRCTC – book Now, Pay Later**
- **Gobindabhog Rice from Burdwan District got GI Tag**
- **Triple Talaq case was based on – Sharaya Bano vs Union of India**

September 2017

Sports: -

- **Konswam Urmila Devi – Indian Weightlifter**
- **2017 US Open –Rafael Nadal (Spain), Sloane Stephens (USA)**
- **PV Sindhu – Badminton Player (Korea Open Super Series); Prakash Padukone – Lifetime Achievement Award (Badminton)**
- **Highest Stumping in World Cricket (ODI) – MS Dhoni (100)**

Important Post (National & International): -

- **Ashwini Lohani – Railway Board Chairman**
- **Rajeev Gauba – Home Secretary (Replaced Rajiv Mehrishi)**
- **Secy. Of Atomic Energy Association – Sekhar Basu**
- **Defense Minister – Nirmala Sitaraman**
- **CBSE Chairperson – Anita Karwal (replaced R K Chaturvedy)**

Defense & Tech: -

- **Navika Sagar parikrama – INS Tarini – inaugurated by Nirmala Sitaram – All women vessel for touring major water bodies of the world**

- **Surya Kiran – India – Nepal; Slinex – India – Sri Lanka; Yudh Abhyas – India – USA (Washington); Shaheen VI – China – Pakistan; PRABAL DOSTYK – India - Kazakhstan**
- **INS Kiltan – Indigenously built anti-submarine warfare corvette (from visakhapattanam)**

Govt. Schemes: -

- **Operation Insaniyat – Govt. of India's relief to Bangladesh Govt. to aid Rohingya refugees**
- **Shahid Gram Vikash Yojana – Jharkhand Govt.**
- **A new UPI launched by Alphabet's Google – TEZ (partnered with SBI, HDFC, ICICI, Axis)**
- **Inauguration of sardar sarovar dam – 17th Sept, 2017 – inaugurated by PM Modi – Gujrat on Narmada River – Foundation Stone laid by JL Nehru (1961) – Electricity produced will be divided among Gujrat (16%), MP (27%) and Maharashtra (57%)**
- **Bullet Train Treaty – 15th Sept, 2017 (Modi & Shinzo Abe, 88000 crore loan from Japan for 50 yrs and 15 yrs grace period)**
- **Soubhagya Scheme – Easy Electrification Programme (16320 Crore)**

Awards: -

- **Miss Trans Queen 2017 – Nitisha Biswas, Kolkata**
- **Biju Pattanaik Scientific Award – Digambar Behara**
- **Women transforming India – Subhasini Mistry from WB**
- **South Asian Digital Media award – The Hindu**

Books & Author: -

- **I do what I do – Raghuram G Rajan**
- **Unstoppable – My story so far – Maria Sharapova**

Summits: -

- **BRICS – China(Xiamen) – theme : - Stronger Partner for a bright future – Modi 10 point program- digital finance**
- **Indian Ocean Conference – Colombo (peace, program and prosperity) – Sushma Swaraj**

Obituary: -

- **Gauri Lankesh – Journalist, Arjan Singh – Ex Chief of Air Staff**

Important Days: -

- **14th September – National Hindi Day; 16th September – Intl. Ozone Layer Day**

Others: -

- **India's 100% computer Literate Village – Nuangtham Champak (NE State)**

- India's 1st Sports Museum – New Delhi
- India to eradicate TB – Within 2025
- Retirement age for Central Govt. Doctors increased to – 65 Years

October 2017

Sports: -

- Mary Com has been selected as a member of athlete forum in IOC from All India Boxing Association.
- India won Hockey Asia Cup Championship by beating Malaysia (2018 Hockey WC to be held in India)
- **Kolkata Football League – East Bengal Club, U17 WC – England (best player Fodden, goal scorer – Brewster, Final Kolkata, Mascot - Kheleo)**
- 2021 Women Cricket WC – New Zealand,
- Women world boxing championship – Guwahati, mascot – one horn rhino
- **Kidambi Srikant - Badminton**

Important Post (National & International): -

- Zafar md. Abbasi – Pakistan navy Chief
- **Rajnish Kumar – SBI Chairman (replaced Arundhati Bhattacharyya)**
- Soumya Swaminathan – WHO deputy Director
- Angela Merkel – 4th time Germany Chancellor
- **Amzad Hussain B.Sial – SAARC Chairman (Static GK)**
- Paolo Gentiloni – Italian PM
- **Pune Film Institute Chairman – Anupam Kher (replaced Gajendra Chauhan)**
- Economic Advisory Council Chairman – Vivek Devroy

Defense & Tech: -

- ISRO's 1st laboratory in Assam
- **DRUZBA 2017 – Russia – Pakistan; Mitrashakti – India – Sri Lanka ; Indra 2017 – India – Russia**
- INS Tarasa commissioned – Garden Reach Ship Builders

Govt. Schemes: -

- **International Puppet Festival – Kolkata**
- Solar Briefcase scheme – Uttarakhand
- LPG Gram Panchayat scheme opened by – Gujrat (inaugurated by Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Prasad)
- **New AIIMS foundation stone – Bilaspur (by PM Modi)**
- **New RBI Branch - Dehradun**

Awards: -

- World Food Prize – Akizumi Edisena (Africa)
- **Man Booker 2017 – George Sanders (Lincoln in the Bardo)**

- Right Livelihood – Collin Gonjalves
- Nobel to jolted down (imp Literature, Peace and Physics, cause economy was asked last year)
- **Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Administration, Academics and Managements – Bindeshwar Pathak**

Books & Author: -

- **The Coalition Years: 1996-2012 – Pranab Mukherjee**
- Beyond the Dream Girl – Biography of Hema Malini

Summits: -

- UN General Assembly – New York (theme – Focusing on People: striving for peace and a decent life for all on a sustainable planet)
- Indian Science Congress 2017 – Chennai; International Yoga festival – New Delhi
- **Dialogue of Civilisation IV 2017 – Delhi, Gandhinagar, Dholabhira (organised by Cultural Ministry, Archaeological Survey & National Geographic)**
- World Business Summit – Hyderabad

Obituary: -

- **Girija Devi – Famous Classical Singer; Dwijen Bandyopadhyay – Actor; Satish Chandra – Famous historian on medieval India**

Important Days: -

- 2nd October – Intl. Non Violence Day; 8th October – Air Force Day; 16th October – Intl. Food Day (foundation day of FAO on 1945); 24th October – UN Day

Others: -

- **Global Hunger Index – India 100th out of 119**
- **Global Competitiveness index – 40th**
- India's cleanest place – Meenakshi Temple (TN)
- River Biodiversity and Turtle Conservation Park – Allahabad
- **USA and Israel to exit from UNESCO**
- CRR – 4%; SLR – 19.5%; Repo – 6%; Rev. repo – 5.75%; MSF – 6.25%; Bank Rate – 6.25% ; Base Rate – 8.95-9.45%

November, 2017

- Broiler unit of NTPS, Raiberali, Uttar Pradesh exploded. 12 killed /100 injured
- Fast bowler Ashis nehra retired from all format of Cricket./ 44 test wicket & 157 ODI wicket
- In Forbes's list- Mukhesh Ambani-Asia's richest man. He overtook China's Hui kan Yan

- World highest motorable Road in Ladakh constructed (19300ft)
- Hindi Litterateur Krishna Sabti bagged Jnanpith Award,2017
- Indian Woman team beats China in Asia Cup Hockey
- DRDO successfully test fired India's first indigenous supersonic cruise missile 'NIRBHAY'
- HS Prannoy and Saina Nehal wins – 82nd Senior National Badminton Championship
- Mary Kom wins Gold Medal in Asian Boxing Championship for 5th time at Hochimin city,Vietnam
- State assembly election conducted in Himachal Pradesh (68 assembly)
- GST review announced by Finance Minister Arun jaitly/ only 50 items will remain in the highest tax slab of 28%
- Pm Modi arrived in Philipines to attend 15th India-ASEAN summit and 12th East Asia Summit
- 14h Nov- Children's Day on the bairth day of JL Nehru
- 14th Nov- World Diabetes Day
- Aditi Ashok- first Indian golfer to qualify for LPGA golf tour.
- Ambani family(Anil & Mukhesh)- The richest Asian Family
- Miss India Manushi Chillar won Miss World beauty peagent 2017 in Sanya,China
- India's Dalveer Bhandari re-elected to the International Court of Justice
- BRAHMOS supersonic cruise missile successfully test fired from Indian Air force frontline SUKHOI-30 MKI compat jet
- Subhangi Swaroop- India's first Naval Woman pilot
- 48th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) was held in Panjim, Goa from 20th – 28th November, 2017.
- ADB approves \$500 mn loan for rural roads in 5 states; West Bengal, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Madhya Pradesh.
- West Bengal to get World Bank subsidy to buy 130 electric buses
- Asian champion Bajrang Punia and Vinod Kumar settled for silver medals at the U-23 World Wrestling Championship in Poland.
- The 9th edition of 'CMS Vatavaran', a global film festival on environment and wildlife, will begin on November 2, 2017 in New Delhi.
- India leaps 30 places to 100th rank in World Bank's 'ease of doing business' index
- Massive earthquake in the boarder of Iraq and Iran (7.3)
- Italy failed to qualify for FIFA world cup for the first time since 1958
- Radhika Jones-Indian origin- Editor in Chief- Vanity Fair- a American monthly magazine
- Afganistan beats Pakistan in U-19 Asia cup Cricket
- 26th November- Constitution Day
- Virat Kohli- Record as most centuries as captain of Indian team(12) crossing 11 centuries of S Gavaskar
- Ravichandran Aswin- quickest to reach in 300 test wicket in the world(54 matches)
- PM Modi launched Metro rail in Hyderabad.
- Aung San Suu Kyi has been formally stripped of the Freedom of the City of Oxford award over her response to the repression of Myanmar's Rohingya Muslims.
- Egyptian journalist Khaled el-Balshy wins Nelson Mandela Innovation Award
- Karen Pierce appointed as UK's first ever female ambassador to the UN

December, 2017

- West Bengal Green University Bill – 2017 passed in WB Legislative Assembly to promote Environmental Studies in various universities in WB.
- Madhya Pradesh Govt. proposes Hanged Till Death Bill – 2017 against rape-accused criminals.
- B R Ambedkar International Centre – New Delhi, inaugurated by PM Modi.
- "Tales from Himalayas" written by Shaguna and Prarthana Gahitole was launched at International Story-tellers festival at New Delhi (named as Kathakar)
- India's 1st ever Madam Tussaud's wax museum opened at Regal Building, New Delhi.
- New inclusion to the district list of NCR – Shamli of UP. No. of districts in NCR is now 23.
- UP became the 1st state to endorse GOI's Triple Talaq Bill. It was considered as consignable and non-bailable offence.
- AROGYA 2017 – conference on AYUSH and Wellness sector started at New Delhi
- 1 Rupee Note completed 100 years in circulation.
- Global Sustainability Film Awards at London – Lipstick Under My Burkha.
- International Children Peace Prize – Md. Al Jounde, Syria
- 2nd best UNESCO Heritage Prize by Trip Advisor – Tajmahal. Ankorwat tops the list.
- Surya Prakash – Chairman of Prasar Bharati Board.

- Ajeya Warrior 2017 – India – UK (Bikaner, Rajasthan)
- Russia banned from 2018 winter Olympics due to doping issue.
- Sreerupa Mukherjee – cricketer
- Sashi Kapoor – Actor, passed away.
- December 1 – World Aids Day (My health my right)
- December 7 – International Civil Aviation Day.
- Tupelov – 142 M Naval maritime aircraft decommissioned (featured at Naval Maritime museum at Hyderabad)
- Kaccheguda Railway Station (Hyderabad) declared as 1st energy efficient A1 category railway station.
- Dateline for Linking PAN with ADHAAR extended to March, 31.
- Rajasthan became 1st state to provide free email address in hindi for residents.
- Sri Lanka's Hambantota Port has been transferred to China on 99 years lease.
- Cristiano Ronaldo – Ballon d'Or winner 2017.
- Mamata Kaalia – Vyas Samman (book Dukham Sukham, 27th Vyas samman)
- Mother Teresa Memorial Award – Priyanka Chopra (for visit to Syria)
- Rahul Gandhi – New President of INC
- Kanchanmala Pandey- visually challenged swimmer from Nagpur won gold in World para swimming championship
- 2023 ICC world cup & 2021 Champions trophy – India
- 1st batsman to have 3 double tons in ODI – Rohit Sharma
- Sukharanjan Sengupta – Journalist
- Rabishankar Bal – Journalist & author
- Jatileswar Mukhopadhyay – eminent singer (passed away)
- 10th December – Human Rights Day
- 14th December – National Energy Conservation Day
- Viswa Veda Sammelan 2017 – New Delhi
- Hamesha Vijayee – Indian Army Exercise (Rajasthan)
- DARPAN – Digital Post Office
- Sea Breeze – India and Oman
- Mamang Dai – Sahitya Akademi 2017 (The Black Hill)
- Ramesh Kuntal Megh – Sahitya Akademi (Viswa Mithak Sarit Sagar)
- Indian Olympic Association – Narindar Batra
- MI- 8 PRATAP new helicopter launched by Indian Air force
- R-MITRA – app by Eastern Railways
- Emblem for 2022 Beijing Olympics – Winter, Dream and Flight
- FIFA Club World Cup 2017– Real Madrid
- 2022 commonwealth games host city – Birmingham
- Ganga Gram Swacchata Sammelan held at New Delhi
- United Nations General Assembly rejects Jerusalem as Israel's Capital

- Secretary General of Amnesty International – Kumi Naidoo (South Africa) taking over charge from Indian Sahil Shetty.
- Henrietta Fore – UNICEF Head
- UGC Chairman – Dharendra Pal Singh
- National Farmer's Day – December 23
- Regional Conference on Good Governance – Guwahati
- Project Blue Flag – Clean Beach Project by MoEF&CC
- Agatti Airport – Sea Bridge Runway for Aircrafts
- HP Chief Minister – Jai Ram Thakur
- The Way I See It – Gauri Iankesh.
- Dornier – 228 1st Indigenously built Commercial aircraft by HAL.

Miscellanies

- BCCI hall of Fame- Kapil Dev
- FIFA-World Cup,2026- 48 Teams
- U-17 world Cup/ Name of the Ball- Krasava
- Laureus world sport awards/- Sports man/woman of the Year- usain Bolt/Simen Bile
- ICC bowler Rank1- R Aswin
- BCCI Poly Umrigar award2015-16 - Virat Kohli
- Woman Highest Wicket Taker in ODI- Jhulan Goswami
- IPL,2017/ Winner- Mumbai Indians
- Indira Gandhi Peace prize,2017- Manamahan Singh
- Global Entrepreneurship Summit- Hyderabad
- COP-23 (Conference of parties) – Bonn, Germany
- 28th International Children Film Festival- Hyderabad
- Chief of SEBi- Ajay Tewagi
- President, International Economic Association- Kausik Basu
- NASCOM President – Raman Roy
- Director General, GST intelligence – Jone Joseph
- Secy. General FICCI- Sanjay Baru
- Vice Chairman of NITI AYOOG- Rajiv Kumar
- Executive Director of World Bank- S Aparna
- RBI Executive Director- S Ganesh Kumar
- Asia Cleanest Village- Mawlynong, Meghalaya
- India's first bycycle path- Darjeeling
- First under water rail tunnel -502 m(known as Rachana) – Howrah-Kolkata
- States demanded for separate time zone- Arunachal Pradesh
- Google's new anroid version- OREO (8.0)
- Finance secretary – Hasmukh Adhia
- 15th Finance Commision Chairman – Mr. N k singh
- Audrey Azoulay – Director General of UNESCO
- Mother Teresa Award- UNHCR

- Joint Army Exercise between India and Bangladesh- SAMPRITI
- 2017- International year of Sustainable Tourism and Development
- 2018- International year of Clean and Health Planet
- India's first bio gas bus service- Kolkata
- New organ discovered in Human Body- Mesentery
- First country to ban FM – Norway
- India's first cashless island- Karang, Manipur
- Chief guest on Republic Day, 2017- Md bin Jayed al Nahiyen- Prince of UAE
- Chief Guest on Republic Day, 2018- total ten guest from different Asian Countries (remember all names)
- 64th National Film Award Best Movie : Kasav
- Best Bengali Film : Bisarjan (Director : Kaushik Ganguly)
- 1st Make in India Conference : Houston (Texas, USA)
- 21st April Civil Service Day
- President of Nepal : Bidya Devi Bhandari
- Least Corrupted State : Himachal Pradesh
- Most Corrupted State : Karnataka
- 2021 Women World cup Cricket Held: New Zealand
- Goodwill Ambassador of WHO : Saima Wazid Hossain
- Chief Secretary of West Bengal : Malay Dey
- CMD of SIDBI : Md Mostafa
- Raman Magsaysay Award : Laila Dima Lee
- World Hepatitis Day : 28th July (Eliminate Hepatitis)
- WHO declared Polio free country : Somalia
- First Bullet Train in India: MAHSR
- CAG : Rajib Mahershi replaced by Shasikant Sharma
- GST Network Chairman : Ajay Bhusan Pandey
- UEFA Player of the Year : Cristiano Ronaldo
- 1st Sniper Rifle will be formed : Ichchapur
- UN Peace Award 2017 : Jannah Mustafa
- India's Ranking in HDI : 131st
- India's Rank in FIFA Football : 105th
- World Press Freedom Index : 136 (India)
- Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration 2017- T.M Krishna
- Kandala port renamed as Deendayal Port
- Sunil Arora newly appointed Election Commissioner/ Chief Election Commissioner- Achal Kumar Jyoti
- First female president of Singapore- Halimah Yacob
- Liu Xiaobo- Chinese Litterateur died. Nobel winner in 2010/ also known as Chinese Mandela
- P N Bhagwati- 17th Chief Justice of India died on June/ He introduced PIL (Public Interest Litigation)
- Mallikarjun Kharge- new chairman of Public Accounts Committee
- Director General of WHO- Tedros Adhanom
- Dronacharya Award winning wrestling Coach Captain Chand Rop passed away
- Gold Man Environmental Prize, 2017 – Prafulla Samantra of India (one among six other winners)
- President of Ecuador- Lenin Moreno
- Cyclone Maarutha – North Indian Ocean
- Chenani- Nashri Tunnel on Jammu- Srinagar National Highway- India's longest highway tunnel inaugurated
- Dy Sec General of UN- Amina J Mohammed
- State with lowest infant mortality rate- Goa
- Cyclone Enawo affected Madagascar
- Justice Abhay Manohar Sapre appointed as Chairman of Cauvery water Disputes Tribunal
- President of Germany- Frank Walter Steinmeier
- CEO of Prasar Bharati- Shashi Shekhar Vempati
- Leo Varadkar- Prime Minister of Ireland
- Meherunnesa Dalwai – social activist/ Books authored – Mi Bharun Pawle/ hailed from Maharashtra
- Dia Mirza- appointed as UN Environmental Goodwill Ambassador.
- Soubhagya Yojana- Rural Electrification
- 1st Dec- World AIDS Day. Theme- 'My health my right'
- Ajeya Warrior- 2017 - a combined Military exercise between India and UK

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