

The Hindu Review: November 2017

Banking Current Affairs

- RBI allowed Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs) to hold more than 26% post conversion of debt into equity in companies undergoing restructuring.
- State Bank of India launched a unified integrated app called YONO (You Need Only One) that would offer all kinds of financial & lifestyle products.
- The Sub-Committee of Financial Stability & Development Council (FSDC) reviewed the major global & domestic developments which could impinge on the country's financial stability. The panel, headed by RBI Governor Urjit Patel, also discussed the setting up of the National Centre for Financial Education (NCFE), operationalisation of information utilities registered by the IBBI, sharing of data among regulators & the implementation status of Legal Entity Identifier (LEI).
- Andhra Bank launched a new scheme for self-help groups (SHGs) to encourage entrepreneurship. **The scheme, Pattabhi Sitaramayya – Self Business Group (PS-SBG)**, introduced to commemorate the 138th birth anniversary of its founder Bhogaraju Pattabhi Sitaramayya, & the Silver Jubilee of the SHG-Bank linkage programme in the country. Under this, SHGs having five years of association with Andhra Bank & having successfully completed three credit rotations with good repayment record & an aptitude for entrepreneurship, will be eligible for a loan.
- Axis Bank launched an instant international payment services using Ripple's enterprise blockchain technology solution for retail & corporate customers.
- Indian online payments firm BillDesk-owned Hatio Innovations launched cryptocurrency exchange 'Coinome' in India offering trading of Bitcoin & Bitcoin Cash.
- Bank of Baroda launched digital Supply Chain Finance solution which aims to accelerate working capital loan opportunities for the small & medium enterprises & large corporate clients.
- 'Paytm Payments Bank' was formally launched at the hands of Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley. Currently, India has four Payments Bank which are Paytm Payments Bank, Airtel Payments Bank, India Post Payments Bank & Fino Payments Bank.
- One rupee note turns 100 on 30th November 2017. The first one-rupee note was printed in India on November 30, 1917, with the photo of King George V.
- Bank of China formally launched its operations in Pakistan, with its first branch inaugurated in Karachi.
- HDFC Bank announced the launch of its SmartUp Zone in Kochi, an exclusive area inside the branch dedicated for start-ups. The objective is to harness the

potential of the startup & fintech eco-system using a multi-pronged approach.

- American digital payments company PayPal launched domestic operations in India.
- IDFC Bank entered into a "strategic alliance" with mobile wallet major MobiKwik to launch a co-branded virtual Visa prepaid card for customers of MobiKwik.
- Federal Bank obtained RBI approval to open representative offices at Kuwait & Singapore.
- Non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) cannot outsource core management functions like internal audit, strategic & compliance functions for KYC norms, sanction of loans & management of investment portfolio. As per the notification, access to customer information by staff of the service provider shall be on 'need to know' basis i.e., limited to those areas where the information is required in order to perform the outsourced function.
- Life insurer PNB MetLife signed a corporate agency agreement with Bank of Bahrain & Kuwait B.S.C (BBK).
- Debt-laden Air India received a loan worth of Rs 1,500 crore from Bank of India to meet urgent working capital needs.

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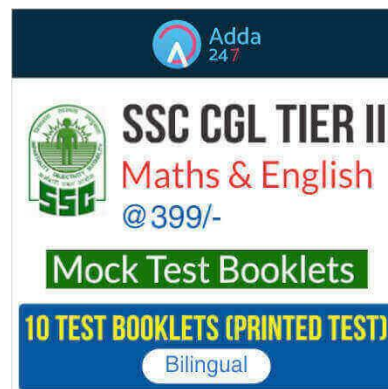
- Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) gathered momentum in some northern States post demonetisation. With its area & size of population, Uttar Pradesh tops in opening new PMJDY accounts.
- Reserve Bank of India has reportedly rejected HDFC Bank's plea to declassify its parent Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited (HDFC) as a foreign institutional investor (FII).
- RBI Governor Urjit Patel appointed to the Financial Stability Institute Advisory Board of the Bank of International Settlement (BIS). Bank of International Settlement is a global financial organization owned by major central banks from across the world.

- ✦ Reliance General Insurance, a subsidiary of Reliance Capital signed comprehensive bancassurance-corporate agency agreement with YES Bank.
- ✦ Yes Bank signed an MoU with Innovation Centre Denmark India (ICDK India), a partnership between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark & the Danish Ministry of Higher Education & Science to bring fintech innovations & startups from Denmark to India, & facilitate entry of Indian startups to the region.
- ✦ Paytm & ICICI Bank collaborated to announce an all-new initiative where users can get interest-free short-term digital credit. Called Paytm-ICICI Bank Postpaid.
- ✦ RBL Bank set up an all women branch in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- ✦ State Bank of India announced sanction of credit facilities amounting to Rs. 2,317 crores to corporates for financing Grid Connected Rooftop Solar projects under an SBI-World Bank program. This funding will create solar power capacity aggregating 575 MW.
- ✦ Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) approved USD 2 million loan (Rs. 13,000 crores) for five projects in Andhra Pradesh.
- ✦ Yes Bank, unveiled a superior payment wallet service, BHIM Yes Pay by fully integrating the application with all the IndiaStack APIs & NPCI Products.
- ✦ AU Small Finance Bank received Reserved Bank of India (RBI) approval to operate as Scheduled Commercial Bank. This bank's name has now been included in the Second Schedule of RBI Act, 1934.
- ✦ Yes Bank signed an agreement with the government to provide Rs 1,000 crore financing for food processing projects. The funding will be provided to around 100 food processing projects with an average ticket size of Rs 10 crore each.
- ✦ ICICI Bank announced the launch of India's first voice-based international remittance service to enable non-resident Indians (NRIs) to send money to any bank in India. With this new feature in the ICICI Bank's Money2India app, an NRI customer can instantly initiate a remittance to his/her existing payees in India with just a simple voice command to Apple's virtual voice assistant, Siri, on their iPhone/iPad.
- ✦ Paytm introduced payments using BHIM UPI on its platform, using which users can create their own Paytm BHIM UPI ID on the app, which will be issued by Paytm Payments Bank.

Schemes/Portals/Missions Launched

- ✦ On 2nd Anniversary of **Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY)**, Government of India signed four MoUs under the Scheme with the State of Nagaland & with Union Territories (UTs) of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu for operational improvements.

- ✦ PM Modi launched **Umang mobile application**, an integrated platform for government to citizen services. Umang- an acronym for "unified mobile app for new age" e-governance - currently hosts around 162 services from 33 government departments of central & state governments. It is developed by Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MEITY).




- ✦ Centre approved setting up of '**Pradhan Mantri Mahila Shakti Kendras**' across 115 most backward districts of the country through a new scheme for reaching out to rural women & facilitating skill development, employment, digital literacy, health & nutrition. Govt. also approved expanding **Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao** scheme from 161 districts to 640 districts in the country, as well as 150 additional 'one stop centres' for the survivors of sexual violence along with seven other programmes that are part of the umbrella scheme -- the **National Mission for Empowerment of Women**. The financial outlay for these schemes from 2017 to 2020 will be Rs 3,636.85 crore.
- ✦ Ministry of Human Resources Development launched a **Digital Signature campaign** on Constitution Day affirming faith in Indian Constitution & to generate awareness on fundamental duties enshrined in the Constitution. 26th November is Constitution Day.
- ✦ Odisha government launched a scheme named '**Fish Pond Yojana**' to boost fish production in the state with a budgetary provision of Rs 96 crore. It aims to create additional 2,200 hectare of fresh water aquaculture farming with 50% financial assistance to farmers.
- ✦ **Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (SAUBHAGYA)** launched in Manipur, by Union Minister of State (IC) for Power & New & Renewable Energy, R.K. Singh & N. Biren Singh, CM, Manipur.
- ✦ Kerala government launched "**She Pad,**" a scheme to distribute free sanitary napkins to girl students from classes VI to XII in government & aided private schools affiliated to the state school board.
- ✦ To provide high-speed broadband service in all Gram Panchayats by March 2019, **govt. launched its second & final phase of BharatNet project**. It will be implemented at an outlay of Rs. 34 thousand crores.

- ✦ Govt. launched the '**Bharat 22**' **exchange traded fund (ETF)** managed by ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund, targeting an initial amount of about Rs. 8,000 crores.
- ✦ Shri R.K. Singh, Minister of State (IC) for Power & New & Renewable Energy, launched the **Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana - 'Saubhagya' Web Portal**. It can be accessed at <http://saubhagya.gov.in>.
- ✦ President Kovind launched various schemes entailing total expenditure of Rs 3,455 crore in Jharkhand to coincide with the state's 17th Foundation Day. He launched Rs. 636-crores '**Mukhyamantri Health Insurance Scheme**'. He also launched **JOHAR (Jharkhand's Opportunities for Harnessing Rural Development)** schemes entailing the expenditure of Rs 1,500 crore to help tribal & Dalit families double their incomes in four years.
- ✦ Assam CM Sarbananda Sonowal rolled out 647 schemes entailing an investment of Rs 24.57 crore **for development of world's largest river island Majuli**. Out of these, 448 schemes under MGNREGA involved Rs 21.90 crore & 199 schemes under 14th Finance Commission have an outlay of Rs 2.67 crore, it added.
- ✦ Minister of Communications Shri Manoj Sinha launched a Pan India scholarship program for school children **called Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana to increase the reach of Philately**. Note: **SPARSH (Scholarship for Promotion of Aptitude & Research in Stamps as a Hobby)**. Under this govt proposed to award annual scholarships to children of Standard VI to IX having good academic record & also pursuing Philately as a hobby. The amount of Scholarship will be Rs. 6000/- per annum @ Rs. 500/- per month.
- ✦ Shri Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Railways & Coal has launched '**Grahak Sadak Koyla Vitaran App**' benefitting customers of Coal India Limited (CIL) lifting coal through road mode.
- ✦ Telangana CM K Chandrashekar Rao declared Urdu as the state's second official language. Every office in the state will now have an Urdu speaking officer.
- ✦ Haryana emerged as the first state in the country to treat Hepatitis-C patients through oral medicine. This medicine would be provided free of cost to permanent residents of all categories at district level.
- ✦ India will soon have the first Cartoon Network-branded theme park. Turner International India, which owns the Cartoon Network brand, has entered into a brand partnership with Gujarat based real estate, entertainment & hospitality group Rajgreen for the launch of Amaazia, in Surat.
- ✦ Nagaland scripted history when it became the first State in the Northeast to launch Point of Sale (POS) facility for electricity bill payment, where the mode of payment will be cashless. It was launched at Kohima.
- ✦ The government has given go-ahead for setting up India's first mega coastal economic zone (CEZ) at the Jawaharlal Nehru Port in Maharashtra as part of a plan to develop 14 such industrial clusters to spur manufacturing & generate jobs.
- ✦ Haryana Govt. announced lifetime monthly pension of Rs 10,000 for 'Hindi Satyagrahis' & those from the state who were jailed during the Emergency.
- ✦ Uttar Pradesh cabinet decided to make India's first conservation reserve for blackbuck in Allahabad's Meja.
- ✦ Border Roads Organisation (BRO) built the world's highest motorable road at a height of over 19,300 feet. The road constructed in the Ladakh region of Jammu & Kashmir. 86-kilometre long strategic road has been constructed under 'Project Himank' of the BRO.
- ✦ Haryana government signed initial pacts worth Rs. 2,069 crores with 44 agro-based & food processing enterprises & establishments that will provide employment to 5,012 persons.
- ✦ Kerala government inked an MoU with Intel & UST Global for exploring the possibility of transforming the state into an electronic hardware manufacturing hub.

State in News

- ✦ The **world's biggest toilet pot model unveiled at Marora**, popularly known as "Trump village", in Haryana on **World Toilet Day (19 November)** in a bid to create awareness towards sanitation & use of toilets.
- ✦ Telugu would be implemented as a compulsory subject in the CBSE & ICSE schools, from the next academic year in Telangana.
- ✦ Hyderabad Metro Rail opened for public with the passengers describing their first-time travel by it as a "convenient, comfortable & awesome experience". PM Modi inaugurated the first phase of the elevated Hyderabad Metro Rail project at the Miyapur station.
- ✦ Chhattisgarh Government has imposed a ban on the bursting of firecrackers in six of its cities, including the state capital Raipur, ahead of the wedding season.



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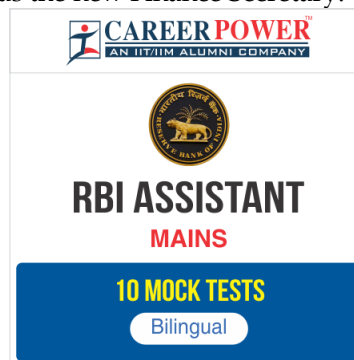
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New Appointments (National & International)

- Government announced that former revenue secretary NK Singh will be the chairman of the 15th Finance Commission (FC). Other members of the commission are Shaktikanta Das, Anoop Singh, Ashok Lahiri, & Ramesh Chand. Chand & Lahiri are part time members. FC to submit its report by Oct. 30, 2019.
- India's nominee to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) Dalveer Bhandari was re-elected to the fifth & the last seat of the world court after Britain withdrew its candidate from the election.
- Acclaimed South African Indian-origin AIDS researcher Professor Quarraisha Abdool Karim appointed as UNAIDS Special Ambassador for Adolescents & HIV.
- Zimbabwe's former VP Emmerson Mnangagwa sworn in as the President of the country. He has been nominated him to fill vacancy left by Robert Mugabe.
- Justice Satrugana Pujahari was sworn in as a Judge of the Madras HC by Chief Justice Indira Banerjee.
- Aegon Life Insurance appointed Vineet Arora as the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer. He will replace K S Gopalakrishnan.
- Priti Patel, Britain's first Indian-origin Cabinet Minister resigned as International Development Secretary. Defence Secretary Michael Fallo also resigned over sexual harassment allegations.
- UNESCO member states confirmed the nomination of France's former culture minister Audrey Azoulay to head the cultural agency. She becomes its 2nd woman director general & succeeds Irina Bokova of Bulgaria.
- Filmmaker Sujoy Ghosh resigned as Head of the jury of the Indian Panorama of the 48th International Film Festival of India (IIFI).
- Bangladesh Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha resigned about six weeks after he went on leave amid criticism by the government over a Supreme Court verdict which scrapped Parliament's power to remove judges on grounds of misconduct & incapacity.
- Scientist Vijay Prasad Dimri appointed as the president of 36th International Geological Congress (IGC), a global platform for the advancement of earth science, to be held in 2020. He has replaced Shailesh Nayak.
- Slovenia's President Borut Pahor wins Second Term in Runoff Election.
- Eminent chartered accountant Sethurathnam Ravi appointed as the chairman of the leading Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE). He replaced Dharendra Swarup.
- Ecobliss India managing director AVPS Chakravarthi appointed as ambassador of World Packaging Organisation.
- As per SEBI, Anand Rajeshwar Baiwar has taken charge as an executive director.

- Tata Steel elevated T V Narendran as Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director globally. Koushik Chatterjee has been reappointed as Executive Director & Chief Financial Officer for a period of 5 years.
- Railway officer Vikram Singh appointed Private Secretary to President Ram Nath Kovind.
- Suresh Chukkapalli, Chairman of Phoenix Group of Hyderabad, appointed as Honorary Consul General in Hyderabad by the Republic of Korea, with consular jurisdiction over the state of Telangana.
- Bharti AXA Life Insurance appointed Vikas Seth as Chief Executive Officer.
- India appointed Ajay Bisaria as the next high commissioner to Pakistan.
- Neelmani N. Raju appointed as Karnataka's first woman Director General & Inspector General of Police. She replaced Rupak Kumar Dutta.
- US Senate confirmed by a voice vote the nomination of Kenneth Juster as the next US Ambassador to India. He will replace Richard Verma.
- N Poonguzhali become the first woman to be appointed as senior Deputy Director General, Tamil Nadu, Telecom Enforcement Resource Monitoring (TERM), Department of Telecommunications (DoT).
- Revenue Secretary Hasmukh Adhia has been designated as the new Finance Secretary.



Economy & Business Current Affairs

Economy Current Affairs

- Cabinet approved the setting up of the 15th Finance Commission which will assess the tax resources of the nation & suggest a formula for their devolution among states. Its recommendations will have to be in place before April 1, 2020, it takes 2 years for Finance Commission to give its recommendations.
- Government notified Minimum Export Price of onion at 850 dollars per tonne to ensure its availability in the domestic market.
- FDI in the country increased by 17 percent to USD 25.35 billion during April-September fiscal (2017-18).
- New York based rating agency Standard & Poor's (S&P) kept its sovereign rating for India unchanged at 'BBB-', with outlook for the nation as 'stable'.

- Asian Development Bank (ADB) announced that it has increased annual funding to India to up to \$4 billion from existing \$2.7 billion from next year.
- Bitcoin rose above the symbolic \$10,000 threshold for the first time, bringing its rise for the year to date to more than 900%.
- Govt. raised the maximum amount that a central government employee can borrow from the government to Rs 25 lakh for new construction/purchase of new house/flat from Rs 7.50 lakh. The govt. also increased the amount that a central government employee can borrow for expansion of their homes to 34 months of basic pay to a maximum of Rs 10 lakh, from Rs 1.80 lakh earlier.
- A report by Bank of America-Merrill Lynch stated that in the next decade, India will overtake Japan to become the third-largest economy. The report also adds that India is likely to become the world's fifth largest economy by 2019.
- International rating agency Moody's Investors Service upgraded India's local & foreign currency issuer ratings to Baa2 from Baa3 & changed the outlook on the rating to stable from positive. Moody's has revised the sovereign rating of India a notch above investment grade after a long gap of 14 years.
- Ministry of Finance increased the maximum age of joining the National Pension System (NPS) from the existing 60 years to 65 years under NPS - Private Sector (i.e. all citizen & corporate model).
- Income Tax Department has clarified that the cash sales of agricultural produce by a cultivator to a trader for less than 2 lakh rupees will not attract tax under the Income Tax Act.

Business Current Affairs

- Tencent become the first Chinese company to be valued at more than \$500 billion in Asia.
- Paytm bought an undisclosed stake in Urja Money Pvt. Ltd, which evaluates creditworthiness of people seeking loans to buy two-wheelers.
- Social networking giant Facebook stated that it expects to train about five lakh people in India on digital skills by 2020 & has unveiled two programmes designed for individuals & start-ups. The two programmes - Facebook Digital Training & Facebook Startup Training Hubs - are being rolled out in India.
- Swedish home furnishing major IKEA has launched its first experiential centre 'IKEA Hej HOME' in Hyderabad, ahead of opening its first store in the country at the same state in spring 2018.
- Jet Airways & Air France-KLM announced a partnership to route more traffic through Europe & on to North America, in a potential challenge to Gulf carrier Etihad Airways that is a shareholder in Jet.
- Uber Technologies Inc. approved SoftBank Group Corp.'s offer to buy a multibillion-dollar stake in the

ride-hailing company, setting the stage for one of the largest private start-up deals ever.

- Moody's Investors Service has upgraded the ratings of infrastructure government-related issuers (GRIs) NTPC, NHPC, NHAI & GAIL to Baa2 in line with India's sovereign ratings.
- Chairman of Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) Mukesh Ambani overtook China's Hui Ka Yan to become Asia's richest person with a total wealth of \$42.1 billion, according to Forbes' real-time billionaire's list.
- Walmart India launched its first fulfilment centre in Mumbai.
- ONGC received the Information Memorandum from the Department of Investment & Public Asset Management for acquiring the majority stake in fellow public-sector undertaking HPCL. ONGC's acquisition of 51.11 percent stake in HPCL is in line with the government's plan to create an integrated energy major with businesses spread across the hydrocarbon value chain.
- Tata Steel established India's largest Coke Dry Quenching (CDQ) facility, capable of handling 200 metric tonnes per hour, at its state-of-the-art steel plant at Kalinganagar Industrial Complex in Jajpur district of Odisha. CDQ is a heat recovery system to cool hot coke from coke ovens.
- Together with Microsoft, Ola is building a new connected vehicle platform for car manufacturers worldwide. As part of the partnership, Ola announced that Microsoft will be its preferred cloud provider.
- Apollo Munich Health Insurance Company, a joint venture between integrated healthcare provider, Apollo Hospitals Group, & the Munich Re Group was conferred with the 21st Asia Insurance Industry Awards in the "General Insurance Company of the Year" category.

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Sports

- Lionel Messi wins fourth European Golden Shoe Award.
- Ritu Phogat clinched the silver medal in Under-23 Senior World Wrestling Championship at Poland. She lost against Turkish Wrestler Demirhan.

- ✦ Gopi Thonakal created history by becoming first Indian man to win Asian Marathon Championship at Dongguan in China.
- ✦ Valtteri Bottas won the season-ending Abu Dhabi Grand Prix.
- ✦ Indian contingent to BWF Para-Badminton World Championships in Ulsan, South Korea clinched 10 medals, including two golds. India's Parul Parmar defeated Thailand's Wannaphatdee Kamtam in the women's singles Standing Lower (SL3). Other gold was also won by Parul Parmar, who paired with Japan's Akiko Sugino in women's doubles.
- ✦ India won 5 gold medals at the AIBA World Women's Youth Boxing Championships, in Guwahati. Nitu (48kg), Jyoti Gulia (51kg), Sakshi choudhury (54kg), Shashi Chopra (57kg) & Ankushita Boro (64kg) won gold medals for India in the finals. Jyoti Gulia also qualified for next year's Youth Olympic Games in Argentina. Ankushita named boxer of the tournament.
- ✦ The Indian men's & women's kabaddi teams were both crowned the champions of Asia after beating Pakistan & South Korea in Gorgan, Iran.
- ✦ The 7th International military games will be held in Wuhan city in the central China's Hubei Province. The International Military Sports Council (CISM)'s Military World Games is a top sport event for military personnel. The Mascot is Bing Bing.
- ✦ Five more Russian competitors from the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics, including two gold medallists, have been banned for life over anti-doping rule violations by International Olympic Committee (IOC). Dmitrii Trunenkov & Aleksei Negodailo, both in the gold-medal winning four-man bobsleigh team, plus biathlon relay silver medalists Yana Romanova & Olga Vilukhina, who also won silver in the 7.5 kilometers event. Sergei Chudinov, who came fifth in the men's individual skeleton, was also disqualified for doping breaches.
- ✦ Mirabai Chanu became the first Indian in over two decades to claim a gold medal at the World Weightlifting Championship in Anaheim, USA.
- ✦ The Boxing Federation of India (BFI) was recognised as a national body by the Indian Olympic Association, which removed the terminated Indian Amateur Boxing Federation (IABF) as its affiliate after months of indecision.
- ✦ Logo & mascot of Hockey World Cup 2018 have been unveiled at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar by Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik. Odisha had successfully hosted the Asian Athletics Championships recently.
- ✦ World number 11 Saina Nehwal became the national champion for the third time, defeating world number 2 PV Sindhu in the women's singles final of Senior National Badminton Championships, in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- ✦ ATP World Tour Awards presented by Moët & Chandon honours the season's best players & tournaments. Roger Federer's 2017 season has been recognized with three ATP World Tour Awards. He has been selected by fans as ATPWorldTour.com Fans' Favourite for a 15th straight year, & voted by fellow players as the winner of the Stefan Edberg Sportsmanship Award & Comeback Player of the Year. This is the first time that he has won the Comeback Award. Neville Godwin has been chosen as the winner of Coach of the Year in the 2017 ATP World Tour Awards. Bob Bryan & Mike Bryan have been voted by fans as the ATPWorldTour.com Fans' Favourite.
- ✦ Supreme Court appointed former football captain Bhaskar Ganguly as ombudsman as per All India Football Federation (AIFF). As per the AIFF, the apex court also appointed S Y Quraishi as the ombudsmen to formulate the AIFF Constitution.
- ✦ Bharat Khandare became the first India-born fighter to be signed by Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) as the Mixed martial arts (MMA) fighter.
- ✦ In Football, Italy has failed to qualify for the FIFA World Cup for the first time since 1958. The four-time champions failed to make the cut after they lost the World Cup Qualifying European play-off against Sweden, 0-1.



- ✦ Ace Indian cueist Pankaj Advani lifts the IBSF World Billiards Championship. Pankaj Advani clinched his 17th world title at Doha, Qatar after defeating his arch-rival Mike Russell of England 6-2 to defend the 150-up format title which he won in Bengaluru 2016.
- ✦ Aditi Ashok has qualified for the season-ending CME Group Tour Championship on the LPGA, becoming the first from the country to play in the prestigious meet.
- ✦ Pakistan off-spinner Saeed Ajmal announced his retirement from all forms of cricket two years after losing his wicket-taking bite with a remodeled bowling action that was twice deemed illegal.
- ✦ Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel took his first victory since July at the Brazilian Grand Prix, where Lewis Hamilton battled from the back to finish fourth.

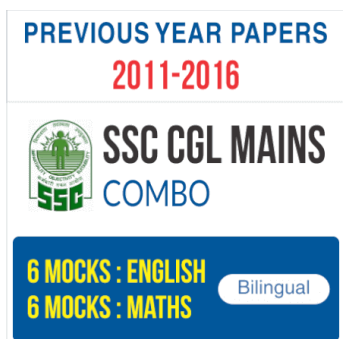
- ✦ Indian tennis duo of Leander Paes & Purav Raja lifted the Knoxville Challenger title after clinching a fighting win in the finals of the men's doubles event in Tennessee.
- ✦ France will host the 2023 Rugby World Cup to stage one of the world's best attended & lucrative sporting events.
- ✦ Shagun Chowdhary bagged a National Champion Crown when she won the women's trap event at the 61st National Shooting Championship. Chowdhary is the first Indian woman trap shooter to win an Olympic berth.
- ✦ India's tennis star Yuki Bhambri clinched his first title of the 2017 season on the ATP Challenger Tour following a come-from-behind win over compatriot Ramkumar Ramanathan in the final of the KPIT-MSLTA Challenger in Pune.
- ✦ Ethiopians Birhanu Legese & Almaz Ayana won the Delhi Half Marathon, 2017. In the Men's section, Legese clocked 59 minutes 46 seconds to claim the first spot. In the Women's section, Almaz Ayana finishing at the top of the podium.
- ✦ Afghanistan stunned favourites Pakistan by a massive 185 runs to clinch their maiden Under-19 Asia Cup title, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Ikram Ali khil was the man of the match against Pakistan U19 in the ACC U19 Youth Asia Cup Final.
- ✦ Martina Hingis, one of only six women's players to hold the No. 1 ranking in both singles & doubles at the same time, will retire after the WTA Finals.
- ✦ Olympic bronze-medallist Gagan Narang won a silver medal in the men's 50m rifle prone event at the Commonwealth Shooting Championships in Gold Coast, Australia. Annu Raj Singh has also won the bronze medal in the women's 50m pistol competition.
- ✦ India ace Kidambi Srikanth has grabbed a career-best ranking of World No. 2 after jumping two places in the latest BWF ranking. In women's singles, P V Sindhu, who also reached the semifinals at France, was static at World No. 2.
- ✦ Five-time world champion & Olympic bronze medalist MC Mary Kom named as the ambassador of the upcoming AIBA Women's Youth World Championships.
- ✦ India defeated China 5-4 via shootout to win the women's Asia Cup hockey title 2017. With this, India also qualified for World Cup 2018 as Continental champion. Savita Punia was adjudged Goalkeeper-of-the-Tournament while Monica won the Woman-of-the-Match award. The Championship was held in Kakamigahara, Japan.
- ✦ 19 Year old Indian golfer Aditi Ashok made her return to the Ladies European Tour by clinching the Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies Open in Abu Dhabi. It is Aditi's third LET win in less than 12 months.
- ✦ Shiv Kapur clinched his first Asian Tour title in India, bagging the Panasonic Open at the Delhi Golf Club.
- ✦ Indian shooting contingent finished the Commonwealth Shooting Championship 2017 at top with the best tally of 20 medals. Indian shooters won a total of six gold, seven silver & seven bronze medals in the competition. Satyendra Singh & Sanjeev Rajput won a gold & a silver respectively in the men's 50m rifle three positions.
- ✦ H.S Prannoy defeated World No 2 Kidambi Srikanth in a thrilling finale to claim the men's singles title at the 82nd Senior National Championship, in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- ✦ M.C. Mary Kom (48kg) notched up her fifth gold medal at the Asian Women's Boxing Championships in Vietnam. He has defeated North Korea's Kim Hyang Mi. This is Mary Kom's sixth medal in the Asian Women's Boxing Championships & fifth gold medal.
- ✦ Assam's famed one-horned rhino was unveiled as the official mascot of the 2017 AIBA Youth Women's World Boxing Championship in Guwahati, Assam. The official mascot, named Guppy, is a female version of Assam's one-horned rhino. The World Championship's official anthem is 'Make Some Noise'. It is composed by Shaan & rendered by renowned singer Sunidhi Chauhan.

National & International Current Affairs

National Current Affairs

- ✦ India & Russia have agreed to implement the general declaration for visa free entry of the crew of chartered & scheduled flights between the two countries.
- ✦ Combining the production of all types of fisheries (capture & culture), the total fish production has reached at about 11.41 million tonnes in 2016-17 & India has become the second largest fish producing country in the world.
- ✦ A two-day conference of all Commanders of Eastern Air Command commenced at Shillong in Meghalaya, where issues pertaining to security are being discussed.
- ✦ Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi has approved India's Membership for European Bank for Reconstruction & Development (EBRD).
- ✦ Winter session of Parliament will be held From 15th of next month to 5th January. Parliamentary Affairs minister Ananth Kumar has announced this after the meeting of Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs, chaired by Home Minister Rajnath Singh.
- ✦ Minister of Women & Child Development, Smt Maneka Sanjay Gandhi launched an intensive training program for Elected Women Representatives (EWRs) of Panchayati Raj Institutions & Master Trainers, in New Delhi.

- ✦ According to Ajay Kumar, Additional Secretary, Ministry of electronics & IT, the government of India will assist Mauritius to develop & set up digital locker services, on the sidelines of Global Conference on Cyber Space 2017.
- ✦ The government has embarked upon a major policy initiative for the rapid transformation of 115 backward districts across the country by 2022. Senior level government officials, at the rank of Additional Secretary & Joint Secretary, have been nominated as 'Prabhari' officers for each district. A detailed briefing of these officials was held under the chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary P.K. Sinha.
- ✦ Russia will assist India to set up a national crisis management centre in the country to handle disaster & other emergency situations.
- ✦ PM Narendra Modi & his Bangladeshi counterpart Sheikh Hasina jointly inaugurated the long-awaited direct train-service between Kolkata & Khulna through video-conferencing. The new train service is called Bandhan Express.
- ✦ The government notified the third protocol between India & New Zealand for avoidance of double taxation & prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income.



- ✦ India re-elected as the member of the UNESCO's executive board, its top decision-making body. The election held at the 39th session of the General Conference of the UNESCO in Paris, France.
- ✦ Union Home Ministry formed two new divisions to exclusively deal with emerging security challenges such as radicalization & cyber crime. The two divisions called Counter-Terrorism & Counter-Radicalization (CTCR) & the Cyber & Information Security (CIS). CTCR wing is basically modified version of the Home Ministry's internal security-II division. CIS division will monitor online crimes & threats, including cyber fraud & hacking, & suggest ways to minimize & fight them.
- ✦ Four agreements were signed by India & Philippines in areas including Defence Cooperation & Logistics, agriculture, Micro, Medium & Small Enterprises-MSME & forging closer relations between the Indian Council of World Affairs & the Philippines Foreign Service Institute.

- ✦ India, the United States, Japan & Australia held their first official-level talks in Manila, Philippines with a focus on keeping the India-Pacific region "free & open".
- ✦ India & France agreed to deepen security cooperation, bilaterally & in the multilateral fora, & strengthen strong commitment to combating terrorism in all its forms & manifestations.
- ✦ Centre given an in-principle approval to provide an assistance of Rs 10,000 crore to fund 107 irrigation projects in drought-hit Vidarbha & Maratha regions of Maharashtra.
- ✦ India topped the list of seven countries, accounting for 64 percent of the 10.4 million new tuberculosis (TB) cases worldwide in 2016, according to a new report by the World Health Organisation. An estimated 1.7 million people died from TB in 2016.
- ✦ India & Tunisia agreed to jointly combat terrorism & extremism while ramping up cooperation in the field of security. This was signed at the 12th India- Tunisia Joint Commission Meeting. External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj co-chaired with her Tunisian counterpart Khemaies Jhinaoui. Six agreements in the fields of judicial cooperation, cooperation in youth issues, information & communications technology, trade & business, were also signed.
- ✦ Supreme Court ruled that technical education cannot be provided through correspondence courses. The Apex Court restrained educational institutions from providing courses in technical education like engineering through distance learning programme.
- ✦ India Pavilion at Conference of Parties (COP) 23 was inaugurated by Union Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Dr. Harsh Vardhan at Bonn in Germany. The 23rd United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held at the Bonn, Germany. India's theme for COP 23 is "Conserving Now, Preserving Future".
- ✦ India pledged an additional amount of USD 100 million towards the UN partnership fund, scaling up its support to sustainable development projects across the developing world.

International Current Affairs

- ✦ US President Donald Trump & Russian President Vladimir Putin has agreed to support the U.N. effort to "peacefully resolve" the nearly seven-year-long Syrian civil war.
- ✦ Robert Mugabe has resigned as president of Zimbabwe with immediate effect after 37 years in power, ushering in a new era for a country as uncertain as it is hopeful.
- ✦ Scientists have developed the world's first artificial intelligence politician that can answer a person's queries regarding local issues such as policies around housing, education & immigration. The virtual

politician, called SAM, was created by Nick Gerritsen, a 49-year-old entrepreneur in New Zealand.

- ✦ Myanmar's de facto leader Aung San Suu Kyi has been stripped of the Freedom of Oxford award over her "inaction" in handling the raging Rohingya refugee crisis & turning a "blind eye to violence" in the country that forced over 600,000 people to flee to Bangladesh.
- ✦ European Union Election Observation Mission officially launched to monitor the general & provincial polls in Nepal which are scheduled for November 26 & December 7.
- ✦ Saudi Arabian government has approved the practice of yoga as a sports activity, claimed a social media post of Nouf Marwaai, founder of the Arab Yoga Foundation in the Saudi kingdom.
- ✦ China launched world's first all-electric ship that can travel up to 80 km with 2000-tonnes cargo after a two-hour charge. The 70.5-metre-long ship, which weighs about 600 tonnes, was launched in Guangzhou in South China's Guangdong Province.
- ✦ According to the UN report, Syria has officially signed up to the Paris Agreement, leaving the United States as the only country to reject the global climate-rescue pact. Syria became the 169th of 196 countries that are members of the UN climate convention.
- ✦ Food & Drug Administration has approved the first drug in the United States with a digital ingestion tracking system, in an unprecedented move to ensure that patients with mental illness take the medicine prescribed for them.
- ✦ With more than 1.5 million book titles & 1,650 publishing houses from 60 countries, Sharjah International Book Fair (SIBF) opened its doors to public & trade visitors. It is the third largest book fair in the world. The book fair was held under the theme 'A World in My Book'.
- ✦ China unveiled Asia's largest artificial island-building ship. The 140-metre-long vessel has been dubbed as "magic island maker". It is capable of digging 6,000 cubic metres an hour, which is equivalent to three standard swimming pools. The boat named Tian Kun Hao is equivalent of three standard swimming pools.
- ✦ Lebanese PM Saad al-Hariri resigned from his post.
- ✦ Revelations made in the media under the name 'Paradise Papers' [based upon expose done by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ)] indicate that out of 180 countries represented in the data of offshore entities held by persons of different nationalities, India ranks 19th in terms of a number of names. 714 Indians reportedly appear in the tally. Further, the Government has directed that investigations in cases of Paradise Papers will be monitored through a reconstituted Multi Agency Group, headed by the Chairman, CBDT Sushil Chandra.

Defence Current Affairs

- ✦ Ministry of Defence (MoD) has decided to cancel the \$500 million deal for Spike ATGM with Israel. MoD has asked the Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) to indigenously develop & produce a Man-Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM) for the Army.
- ✦ Brahmos, the world's fastest supersonic cruise missile created history after it was successfully flight-tested first time from the Indian Air Force's (IAF) frontline fighter aircraft Sukhoi-30MKI against a sea-based target in the Bay of Bengal.
- ✦ Shubhangi Swaroop has been inducted as a pilot in the Indian Navy for the first time. She is from Uttar Pradesh & will soon be flying Maritime Reconnaissance aircraft. Three other women cadets, Astha Segal from New Delhi, Roopa A from Puducherry & Sakthi Maya S from Kerala, created history by becoming the country's first women officers at the Naval Armament Inspectorate (NAI) branch of the Navy.
- ✦ Defence of Andaman & Nicobar Islands Exercise (DANX) was conducted under the aegis of Andaman & Nicobar Command. The five day exercise started on 20 Nov 2017 & culminated on 24 Nov 2017.
- ✦ The International Multilateral Maritime Search & Rescue Exercise 2017 (IMMSAREX 2017) began in Cox Bazar, Bangladesh. Admiral Sunil Lanba, Chief of the Naval Staff of Indian Navy, is attending the exercise.
- ✦ Union Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has been elected as President of the Institute for Defence Studies & Analysis (IDSA).
- ✦ Joint Indo-Russia Tri-Services Exercise INDRA-2017 was successfully conducted at Vladivostok in Russia. The name of the exercise INDRA has been derived from INDia & RussiA. It is the first Joint Tri-Services Exercise between Russia & India. The theme was 'Preparation & Conduct of Operations by a Joint Force for Suppression of International Terror Activity at the request of a host country under UN mandate'.
- ✦ A 45-member contingent of the Indian Air Force had left for Israel to participate in exercise 'Blue Flag-17'. Blue Flag is a bi-annual multilateral exercise which aims to strengthen military cooperation amongst participating nations.
- ✦ 14-day joint training exercise "PRABAL DOSTYK - 2017" between the Indian Army & the Kazakhstan Army commenced at Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh. The training contingents comprise of platoon strength from the 11th Gorkha Rifles of the Indian Army & a similar strength of the Kazakhstan Army.
- ✦ Indian Air Force, along with the Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully tested

an indigenously developed lightweight 'Glide' bomb in Chandipur in Odisha. Named SAAW (Smart Anti Airfield Weapon), it was dropped from an IAF aircraft at the Integrated Test Range (ITR).

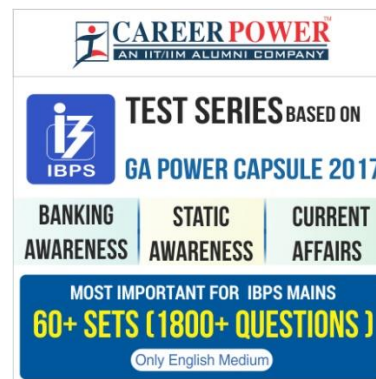
- ✚ Indian Army launched an independent & fully-integrated Joint Training Node (JTN) at Umroi cantonment in Shillong, Meghalaya. The JTN will pave a way for projecting the states of Meghalaya & Assam on the world map of foreign armies.
- ✚ India conducted a flight test of its indigenously designed & developed long-range sub-sonic cruise missile 'Nirbhay'. It can carry warheads of up to 300 kg from a test range at Chandipur along the Odisha coast.
- ✚ Army personnel of India & Bangladesh are going to take part in a joint training exercise 'Sampriti-7' in Meghalaya & Mizoram. This is the 7th edition of the joint training exercise. It is conducted at India's Jungle Warfare School at Vairengte in Mizoram & at the Joint Training Node at Umroi in Meghalaya.

Ranks/Indexes Released

- ✚ American singer Beyonce has been named the highest-paid woman in music in 2017 by the Forbes. Her earnings, mainly from album 'Lemonade' & Formation World Tour, have been estimated to be \$105 million (Rs682 crore). Adele, with earnings of \$69 million came second while Taylor Swift, with earnings of \$44 million, was ranked third on the list.
- ✚ India has improved its ranking by three notches to 51 globally in terms of ability to attract, develop & retain talent while Switzerland topped the list compiled by leading global business school IMD.
- ✚ Indian Institute of Science (IISc) has ranked 29th among the top 150 universities on Global University Employability Ranking 2017 published by Times Higher Education. Other than IISc, only two institutes from India featured among the top 150. Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IITD) ranked 145th & Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB) ranked 148th.
- ✚ India slipped in 'business optimism' index to the 7th position in the September quarter, from the 2nd slot in the previous three months, showing clear signs of lag in the economy, as per Grant Thornton's International Business Report (IBR). Indonesia is at the top, followed by Finland (2nd), the Netherlands (3rd), Philippines (4th), & Austria (5th).
- ✚ As per report by Euromonitor International, Hong Kong remains the world's most visited city by international travelers in spite of strained relations with neighboring China. The Top 3 Countries in the list are- 1. Hong Kong. 2. Bangkok. 3. London.
- ✚ A report by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has found that the air quality of holy city Varanasi is most polluted among the 42 cities monitored recently. Varanasi's Air Quality Index (AQI)

was at an alarming 491, followed by Gurugram at 480, Delhi at 468, Lucknow at 462 & Kanpur at 461.

- ✚ India is the sixth most vulnerable country in the world in terms of facing extreme weather events, according to the report released by the Germanwatch. The top 5 countries in the list are- 1. Haiti, 2. Zimbabwe, 3. Fiji, 4. Sri Lanka & 5. Vietnam.



- ✚ India's Ambani family has topped the Forbes list of Asia's Richest Families for the first time with a net worth of \$44.8 billion, up \$19 billion from the previous year. The collective wealth of Asia's 50 richest families on the list is a record \$699 billion, according to the Forbes. The Top Family in Asia is India's Ambani Family- \$44.8 billion. The Top Indian Family in India is India's Ambani Family- (Rank 1; \$44.8 billion).
- ✚ Binge watching in public is the new trend in India, & Indians are the second-highest public bingers in the world (88 percent), just behind Mexico (89 percent), according to a survey released by online streaming platform Netflix.
- ✚ Based on the per capita income of its people, Qatar has been named the world's richest country as per the recent International Monetary Fund (IMF) report. The per capita GDP (gross domestic product) of Qatar is over Rs. 81 lakh. With per capita GDP of over Rs. 38 lakh, the United States is at No. 12. India, with a GDP of over Rs. 4 lakh per person, is not even in the top 100.
- ✚ India broke into the top 100 in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business rankings, notching up the biggest improvement among all countries on the back of big gains on a number of measures. The World Bank's 'Doing Business 2018 – Reforming to Create Jobs' report ranked 190 countries this year.
- ✚ Michael Jackson is at top of the Forbes list of top-earning dead celebrities for the fifth straight year, with \$75 million (all figures in US). Golf legend Arnold Palmer claims the No. 2 spot with \$40 million & Peanuts creator Charles Schulz ranks third with income of \$38 million.
- ✚ Goa is safest for girls, & Bihar least safe, as per Gender Vulnerability Index (GVI) by NGO Plan India. National Capital Delhi ranks only better than Bihar & Uttar Pradesh. The Top Three Safest States- Goa

- (Safest), Kerala, & Mizoram. The Least Safe States- Bihar (Least Safe), Uttar Pradesh, & Delhi.
- ✦ India slipped 21 places on the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap index to 108, behind neighbours China & Bangladesh, primarily due to less participation of women in the economy & low wages, according to the WEF Global Gender Gap Report 2017. The Top 5 Countries in the List are- Iceland, Norway, Finland, Rwanda and, Sweden.
- ✦ Five Indian women led by ICICI Bank chief executive officer (CEO) & managing director (MD) Chanda Kochhar & including Bollywood star Priyanka Chopra, have featured on the list of the world's 100 most powerful women compiled by Forbes. The list was topped by German Chancellor Angela Merkel. Kochhar was ranked 32, while HCL Corp. CEO Roshni Nadar Malhotra took the 57th position. Priyanka Chopra was at 97.
- ✦ 64 cities from 44 countries have been designated as UNESCO Creative Cities by Director-General, Irina Bokova. Chennai is the third Indian city on the list of UNESCO Creative Cities list after Jaipur & Varanasi.
- ✦ India's Silicon Valley - 'Bengaluru' - is the best host among 45 cities worldwide, according to a report from the Economic Intelligence Unit (EIU). San Francisco came in second followed by two other Indian cities, Mumbai & New Delhi while Tokyo, Yokohama & Berlin brought up the rear.

Important Days

- ✦ United Nations Universal Children's Day is celebrated every year on November 20 to promote international togetherness & improve children's welfare around the world. The theme of UCD 2017 is 'Kids Take Over'.
- ✦ On 21st November 1997, the working fishermen & women representing World Forum of Fish Harvesters & Fish Workers from 18 countries met at New Delhi. To commemorate this occasion, every year 21st November is celebrated all over the world as World Fisheries Day. This year's theme is "2022 Ka Hai Sapna ... Kisan Ki Aay Ho Dugna - Sankalp Se Siddhi".
- ✦ Ministry of Human Resources Development has launched a Digital Signature campaign on Constitution Day affirming faith in Indian Constitution & to generate awareness on fundamental duties enshrined in the Constitution. 26th November is celebrated as Constitution Day.
- ✦ 26th November is Constitution Day. On the day in 1949, the constitution was adopted which came into force on January 26, 1950 marking the beginning of a new era in the history of India.
- ✦ World Diabetes Day (WDD) was observed globally on 14 November. The theme for 2017 WDD is 'Women & diabetes - Our right to a healthy future'.

- ✦ National Press Day is celebrated on November 16 to commemorate the establishment of the Press Council of India.
- ✦ Qaumi Ekta Week is being observed across the country from 19th November to foster & reinforce the spirit of communal harmony & national Integration. 19th November 2017 is being observed as National Integration Day.
- ✦ In a bid to help break taboos around toilets & make sanitation for all a global development priority, the United Nations General Assembly designated 19 November as World Toilet Day. The 2017 theme was Wastewater.
- ✦ India celebrated October 31 as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day). This day marks the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who played an instrumental role in the integration of princely state with Indian Union post-independence.
- ✦ The World Tsunami Awareness Day was observed across the world on 5 November. The theme for 2017 WTAD is 'Reduce the Number of Affected People'.

Agreement Signed

- ✦ A Guarantee Agreement for IBRD/CTF loan of USD 98 million & Grant Agreement for USD 2 million for the "Shared Infrastructure for Solar Parks Project" was signed with the World Bank. The project consists of two components viz. Shared Infrastructure for Solar Parks & Technical Assistance.
- ✦ India & Greece have signed Air Services Agreement (ASA) & MoU on Cooperation (MoC) in field of New & Renewable Energy.
- ✦ Delhi government signed a twin city agreement with Seoul Metropolitan Government for strengthening cooperation in the fields of e-governance, transportation, climate change & smart city.
- ✦ Adani Power (Jharkhand) inked long-term pact with Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) to supply electricity from its upcoming 1,600 MW plant at Godda in Jharkhand.
- ✦ Nepal Electricity Authority signed a joint venture agreement with China Three Gorges Corporation (CTGC) to construct 750 MW West Seti Hydropower Project. CTGC will have 75% stake in the joint venture & NEA will hold remaining 25%.
- ✦ Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship's implementation arm National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) & the Tourism & Hospitality Sector Skill Council (THSC) signed a tripartite an MoU with Airbnb to provide hospitality skills training to hospitality micro-entrepreneurs in India.
- ✦ Assam government signed MoUs & Terms of Reference (ToR) with Singapore for skilling youth of the state. An MoU for Guwahati City Greening was inked between the Guwahati Metropolitan

Development Authority & Singapore Corporation Enterprise.

- ✦ Indiana, a State in the US, & Karnataka signed an agreement to establish sister-state ties for cooperation in economic, educational & cultural fields. The two states will focus on workforce development, academic co-operation, information & communication technologies, advanced manufacturing, & materials.
- ✦ Odisha Skill Development Authority (OSDA) & Singapore-based ITE Education Services (ITEES) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for skill development in the State. ITEES is a subsidiary of Singapore's prestigious Institute of Technical Education (ITE).
- ✦ Goa government signed a trilateral MoU with the Department of Bio-Technology, Ministry of Science & Technology, GoI & Nobel Media, Sweden to hold the 'Nobel Prize Series – India 2018 (Science Impacts Life)' to be held in 2018 in Goa.
- ✦ A memorandum of understanding (MoU) of Rs 10, 000 Crore was signed between the Government of India (GoI) & Patanjali at the World Food India 2017. It was signed by Managing Director of Patanjali, Acharya Balkrishna & Harsimrat Kaur Badal, the Union Cabinet Minister of Food Processing in the Government of India.
- ✦ A Financing Agreement for IBRD loan of US\$ 119 million (equivalent) for the "Odisha Higher Education Programme for Excellence & Equity (OHEPEE) Project" was signed with the World Bank. The Objective of the project is to improve the quality of 'students' equitable access to selected institutions & enhance governance of the higher education system in Odisha.



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Awards & Recognition

- ✦ The festival concluded with the world premiere of Indo-Argentinian co-production "Thinking of Him", directed by Pablo Cesar. The closing ceremony was attended by Goa CM, Manohar Parikkar, Union Minister Smriti Irani. The legendary actor Amitabh Bachchan was honoured with the Indian film personality of the year Award at the glittering Closing

Ceremony. The award was presented by Union Minister Smriti Irani & Akshay Kumar.

- ✦ Robin Campillo's French film 120 Beats Per Minute, about a passionate fight against indifference towards AIDS, won the prestigious Golden Peacock award for best film at the controversy-ridden 48th International Film Festival of India. The film's actor Nahuel Perez Biscayart won the Silver Peacock in the best actor male category.
- ✦ Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has been awarded the Bronze Medal for its creative & informative display at the 37th India International Trade Fair 2017 being held at Pragati Maidan.
- ✦ Sahitya Akademi awardee Bengali writer Nabaneeta Dev Sen has been declared winner of the Big Little Book Award for year 2017 in the "Author in Bengali Language" category for her contribution to the children's literature.
- ✦ Veteran journalist Manik Banerjee, who is also an acclaimed mountaineer was presented with the 'Life Time Achievement Award' by the Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF).
- ✦ The Golden Temple has been awarded the 'most visited place of the world' by 'World Book of Records' (WBR), a London-based organisation.
- ✦ Miss South Africa Demi-Leigh Nel-Peters was crowned Miss Universe 2017 at the AXIS theater at Planet Hollywood casino-resort on the Las Vegas Strip.
- ✦ President Ram Nath Kovind conferred the 3rd Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) Distinguished Indologist Award on Professor Hiroshi Marui of Japan at a function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- ✦ Natalie Portman has been awarded Israel's 2018 Genesis Prize in recognition of her commitment to social causes & deep connection to her Jewish & Israeli roots. The \$1 million award also known as "the Jewish Nobel Prize,".
- ✦ United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has been named as the recipient of the Mother Teresa Memorial Award for Social Justice, 2017.
- ✦ Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation (APMDC) bagged an international award from Abu Dhabi in the category of "social contribution in country value."
- ✦ As per the Spanish government, Nicaraguan author & former politician Sergio Ramirez Mercado has won the 2017 Cervantes Prize. It is the Spanish-speaking world's highest literary honor.
- ✦ India's Manushi Chhillar won the coveted Miss World 2017 crown at a grand event in China, bringing to an end the country's dry spell of 17 years at the top pageant contest. The first & the second runners-up were Miss England Stephanie Hill & Miss Mexico, Andrea Meza. She is from Haryana.

- ✦ Former PM Manmohan Singh will receive the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament & Development this year for his leadership of the country between 2004 & 2014 & for enhancing India's stature globally.
- ✦ Noted Malayalam Poet & literary critic, K Satchidanandan selected for Ezhuthachan Puraskaram 2017. This is Kerala government's highest literary honour. The award is for his contributions to Malayalam literature & poetry.
- ✦ Almost a year after it reopened, The Royal Opera House has been awarded the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Award for Cultural Heritage Conservation.
- ✦ Renowned Hindi litterateur Krishna Sobti has been chosen for 53rd Jnanpith Award for the year 2017, the Jnanpith Selection Board announced. Born in 1925 in Gujarat, now in Pakistan, Sobti, 92, is known for experimenting with new writing styles & creating "bold" & "daring" characters in her stories who were ready to accept all challenges.
- ✦ Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple of Srirangam in Tamil Nadu won UNESCO Asia Pacific Award of Merit 2017 for the cultural heritage conservation program. It is first temple from Tamil Nadu to win the prize from the UN body.
- ✦ Indian short film 'The School Bag' has won the 'Best Short Film Award' at the South Asian Film Festival of Montreal (SAFFM). It tells a story based in Pakistan. The movie is directed by Dheeraj Jindal. Actress Rasika Dugal plays the mother in the short film.

Visits

- ✦ PM Narendra Modi met Sri Lankan PM Ranil Wickremesinghe. The Sri Lankan PM, who arrived in India on a four-day visit, will hold bilateral talks with PM Modi & will also call upon President Ram Nath Kovind.
- ✦ PM Narendra Modi reached the Philippines capital Manila on a three-day official visit. He will be attending the 31st ASEAN, the East Asia & the India-ASEAN annual Summits.
- ✦ King of Bhutan, Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck has arrived in New Delhi on a four-day visit to India. He was accompanied by his wife, Queen Gyaltsuen Jetsun Pema Wangchuck.
- ✦ President of Armenia, Serzh Sargsyan arrived in New Delhi on a three-day visit to India. He attended the World Food India Conference 2017.
- ✦ Minister of State (Independent Charge) Youth Affairs & Sports Col. Rajyavardhan Rathore visited Egypt to attend World Youth Forum at Sharam El Shiekh. The five-day forum was inaugurated by the President of Egypt Mr Abdel Fattah El Sisi.
- ✦ Prince of Wales, Charles Philip Arthur George arrived in New Delhi on a 2-day visit to India. This visit is a part of their 10 day tour to Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei

& India. The visit is aimed at strengthening bilateral relations between the two nations.

- ✦ External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj held a meeting with Guinea's Foreign Minister, Mamady Toure, during the course of which the latter handed over his country's instrument accession to the India-initiated International Solar Alliance (ISA).

Summits/Events Held

- ✦ The first South-Asian edition of the Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES), which is being organised by the NITI Aayog in partnership with the government of the United States of America started in Hyderabad, Telangana. U.S. President Donald Trump's Adviser & daughter Ivanka Trump, who is leading the US delegation for GES 2017 attending the summit at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC). This year's Summit will highlight the theme "Women First, Prosperity for All".
- ✦ The Ministry of Finance appointed former economic affairs secretary Shaktikanta Das as India's G20 Sherpa for the Development Track of the grouping.
- ✦ PM Narendra Modi has Inaugurated fifth global conference on cyber space, he stated rapid change in digital domain has brought changes in the entire world in New Delhi.
- ✦ Indian Tsunami Early Warning Centre (ITEWC) based at Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) had conducted "Multi-State Mega Mock Exercise of Tsunami for East Coast of India".
- ✦ The Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh chaired the 12th meeting of the Standing Committee of Inter-State Council (ISC) held in New Delhi.
- ✦ President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the International Gita Mahotsav 2017 in Kurukshetra, Haryana. The objective behind Mahotsav is to spread the message of Gita to world. Mauritius was partner country & Uttar Pradesh was partner state of the event.
- ✦ A two-day Korea festival showcasing Korea's rich art, culture & heritage was inaugurated by Korea Tourism Organisation (KTO) Executive Vice President Min Hong Min at the Ambience Mall, Haryana along with Joint Secretary in the Ministry Of Tourism Suman Billa.

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- ✦ The first edition of International Symposium to Promote Innovation & Research in Energy Efficiency (INSPIRE 2017) was held in Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- ✦ The Nordic-Baltic embassies will host the first ever youth film festival of the European nations in Delhi showcasing movies from the region.
- ✦ Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Kiren Rijiju inaugurated 'India Disaster Response Summit' in New Delhi. It focuses on how best to leverage social media platforms to 'prepare, respond & recover' for, during & after a disaster.
- ✦ A high level delegation led by the Canadian International Trade Minister, Mr. Francois-Philippe Champagne is in India to attend the 4th Annual Ministerial Dialogue (AMD). The Indian delegation was led by the Commerce & Industry Minister, Shri Suresh Prabhu.
- ✦ Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting was held in Da Nang, Vietnam. The theme of this meeting was 'Creating New Dynamism, Fostering a Shared Future'. The APEC summit for 2018 will be held in Papua New Guinea.
- ✦ Ministry of Women & Child Development would be celebrating the Child Rights Week by hosting 'Hausala 2017' festival from 16-20 November 2017. The week was chosen as the nation celebrates the Children's Day on 14 November & the International Child Rights Day is celebrated annually on 20 November.
- ✦ Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah has inaugurated the sixth China-India Forum meet being jointly hosted by the Government of China, Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC), China-India Friendship Association (CIFA), & Podar Enterprise in Bengaluru.
- ✦ The 31st ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Summit was held in Manila, Philippines. Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte chaired the summit. The Summit, with the theme "Partnering for Change, Engaging the World".
- ✦ 37th India International Trade Fair (IITF) has begun at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi. It is organised by India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO). It was inaugurated by President Ram Nath Kovind. This year the theme of the fair is "Startup India Standup India". Vietnam is the Partner Country, while Kyrgyzstan is the Focus Country. Jharkhand is participating as a Partner State in the event.
- ✦ 10th South Asia Economic Summit (SAES) has begun in Kathmandu, Nepal. The theme of the summit is "Deepening Economic Integration for Inclusive & Sustainable Development in South Asia".
- ✦ For the first time, the nation's financial capital-Mumbai will host the 34th annual conference of the Asian Bankers Association (ABA). It will be held with the theme 'Asia's turn to transform'.
- ✦ The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) under the aegis of Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology organized the Asia Pacific Computer Emergency Response Team (APCERT) Conference in New Delhi. This is the 15th Conference of APCERT & first ever conference in India & South Asia. The conference theme is "Building Trust in the Digital Economy".
- ✦ India's first Tribal Entrepreneurship Summit began in Dantewada, Chhattisgarh. The event has been organized by NITI Aayog in partnership with the government of United States of America.
- ✦ A Curtain Raiser Event for the Founding Ceremony of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) was held in Bonn, Germany.
- ✦ Canada hosted the 2017 UN Peacekeeping Defence Ministerial Conference in Vancouver, Canada. This conference is the largest gathering of Defence ministers dedicated to UN Peacekeeping.
- ✦ Vice president M Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated three-day AP AgTech Summit-2017 in the coastal city Visakhapatnam.
- ✦ Two-day "12th North-East Business Summit" inaugurated in New Delhi. The summit aims to explore the scope for business opportunities in the North-Eastern region of India. Focus areas are Infrastructure & Connectivity with Public-Private Partnerships, Skill Development, Financial Inclusion, etc.
- ✦ IV Global Conference on the Sustained Eradication of Child Labour was organized by the Government of Argentina & was held in Buenos Aires.
- ✦ WHO Global Ministerial Conference "Ending TB in the Sustainable Development Era: A Multisectoral Response" was held in Moscow, Russia. It aims to accelerate implementation of the WHO End TB Strategy - with immediate action.
- ✦ President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the 21st World Congress of Mental Health being organized by the World Federation for Mental Health in partnership with Caring Foundation & other institutions in New Delhi.
- ✦ The ninth edition of CMS Vatavaran - an international film festival on environment & wildlife - has begun in New Delhi. The theme of the fest is "Conservation 4 Water".
- ✦ PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the most anticipated International Mega Food event- World Food India 2017, the biggest congregation of global investors & business leaders of major food companies.
- ✦ Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas & Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan was on an official visit to Bangkok, Thailand to participate in the IEF 7th Asian Ministerial Energy Roundtable (AMER7). India is the current chair of International Energy Forum (IEF) which is promoting

the AMER - a biennial event bringing together Energy Ministers & experts from Asian countries.

Miscellaneous

Committees Formed

- Union environment ministry formed a seven-member committee headed by environment secretary, to formulate short & long-term measures to solve the problem of air pollution in the Delhi-NCR region.
- The government set up a ministerial panel, led by finance minister Arun Jaitley, to consider & oversee mergers among the country's 21 state-run banks.
- The government has constituted a task force for redrafting the 50-year old income tax law in sync with the economic needs of the country. The six-member task force will have Arbind Modi, CBDT Member (Legislation) as the Convener.

Other Miscellaneous Current Affairs

- President Ram Nath Kovind has cleared an ordinance amending the Indian Forest Act, 1927. The ordinance omits bamboo grown in non-forest areas from the definition of trees, thereby exempting it from requiring permits for felling or transportation.
- Union Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh has sent a proposal to United Nations for declaring 2018 as "International Year of Millets" to raise awareness among consumers, policy makers, industry & research sector.
- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the International Ambedkar Conclave, organised by the Forum of SC & ST Legislators & Parliamentarians, in New Delhi.
- China has successfully launched remote sensing satellites designed to conduct electromagnetic probes & other experiments.
- World's first Sanskrit 3D film 'Anurakthi' was among the main attraction in 3D category at the International Film Festival of India in Panaji in Goa.
- The iconic Trump Tower comprising 140 ultra-luxury apartments has been launched in Kolkata & its Indian developers are expecting to garner around Rs 700 crore in sales from this project.
- A grateful nation is paying homage to former PM Indira Gandhi on her 100th birth anniversary on 19th November 2017.
- Noted author & Padma Shri awardee Manu Sharma died in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh following a prolonged illness. He was 89.
- Former PM of Nepal Kirti Nidhi Bista passed away at Kathmandu, Nepal. He was 90 & suffering from cancer.

- Renowned Hindustani vocalist of Kirana Gharana, Jagdish Mohan has passed away. He aged 87. He was from Haridwar.
- Eminent Hindi poet & Jnanpith awardee Kunwar Narayan passed away in New Delhi. He was 90. His first poetry collection was "Chakravayuh".
- India's first wave-powered navigational buoy, developed by the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), to guide ships in & out of ports, was launched in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- The Space Kingdom of Asgardia has launched its first satellite. This so-called 'virtual nation' is the pet project of Russian scientist & billionaire Igor Ashurbeyli. The Asgardia-1 satellite, which is about the size of a loaf of bread, & contains half a terabyte of data.
- Kevin Lilliana of Indonesia was crowned Miss International 2017 by Verzosa in Tokyo.
- The 210-metre-high statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj has received environmental clearance, making it the world's tallest statue, once built.
- Fake news, a term popularised by U.S. President Donald Trump, has been named the word of the year by Collins dictionary due to its widespread use around the world.
- The annual 'Balijatra' festival was inaugurated by Health & Law Minister Pratap Jena at Gadagadia ghat in Odisha on the banks of river Mahanadi.
- Indian Railways launched the main arch of the world's highest bridge on the River Chenab in Jammu & Kashmir's Reasi district which will provide direct connectivity to the Kashmir Valley. The iconic bridge will soar 359 metres above the bed of the River Chenab.

Women's Youth World Boxing Ch'ship Begins in Guwahati

Women's Youth World Boxing Championship begins in Guwahati, Assam. Assam CM Sarbanand Sonowal has inaugurated the event.

Important Points

- AIBA Youth Women's World Boxing Championship- Mascot- one-horned rhino 'Guppy'
- Official Anthem- 'Make Some Noise'
- Boxing Federation of India (BFI) President- Ajay Singh.
- AIBA- Amateur International Boxing Association.
- AIBA President- Dr Ching-Kuo Wu, Headquarters- Switzerland.
- Ambassador for AIBA Youth Women's World Boxing Championship 2017- Mary Kom.

Important Features of the New House Building Advance (HBA) rules:-

Incorporating the accepted recommendations of 7th Pay Commission, the government has raised the maximum amount that a central government employee can borrow

from the government to Rs 25 lakh for new construction/purchase of new house/flat. The govt. also increased the amount that a central government employee can borrow for expansion of their homes to 34 months of basic pay to a maximum of Rs 10 lakh, from Rs 1.80 lakh earlier. **Also**, the cost ceiling limit of the house which an employee can construct/ purchase has been revised to Rs 1.00 crore with a proviso of upward revision of 25% in deserving cases.



31st ASEAN Summit 2017 Highlights

31st ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Summit was held in Manila, Philippines. Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte chaired the summit. The Summit, with the theme "Partnering for Change, Engaging the World".

Important Excerpts from the Visit of PM Modi to Philippines & 31st ASEAN Summit-Meetings Held/Agreements Signed-

1. ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Council Meeting held,
2. 16th ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC) Council Meeting held,
3. 20th ASEAN Coordinating Council (ACC) Meeting held,
4. The Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) 2025 Videos were launched,
5. Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Ministerial Meeting (RCEP MM),
6. Signing of the Side Agreements of the ASEAN-Hong Kong Investment Agreement (AHKIA),
7. Signing of the ASEAN-Hong Kong, China (AHKFTA) Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

India's Meetings/Bilateral Talks-

1. PM Narendra Modi visited the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), in Philippines. The institute is working towards developing better quality of rice seed & addressing food scarcity issues.
2. Indo-US Bilateral Talks- PM Modi & US President Donald Trump held bilateral talks on the sidelines of the ASEAN Summit in Manila. Both leaders discussed a range of key issues including defence & security. They have resolved that "two of the world's

great democracies should also have the world's greatest militaries".

3. Four agreements were signed by India & Philippines- in areas including Defence Cooperation & Logistics, agriculture, Micro, Medium & Small Enterprises-MSME & forging closer relations between the Indian Council of World Affairs & the Philippines Foreign Service Institute.
4. PM Modi held bilateral talks with his Australian PM Malcolm Turnbull. In their brief meeting, both sides exchanged views on issues of mutual interest, including bilateral, regional & international issues.

Note: Philippines Capital- Manila, Currency- Philippine peso. President- Rodrigo Duterte.

ISSF World Cup 2017- Highlights

Hosts India finished seventh overall with one gold, one silver, & a bronze, while Italy pipped China in the medals tally, as the ISSF World Cup Final, in New Delhi.

Important wins from India side are as follows-

1. India won through Jitu Rai/Heena Sidhu (gold in mixed team 10m air pistol),
 2. Sangram Dahiya (silver in men's double trap), and
 3. Amanpreet Singh (bronze in men's 50m pistol).
- This was India's best ever result in the annual ISSF shooting centerpiece. China's Rio 2016 10m air pistol women's champion, Mengxue Zhang & Gengcheng Sui, were crowned Champion of Champions in pistol & rifle respectively.

Yonex French Open Badminton 2017: Complete List of Winners

Yonex French Open 2017 Badminton tournament was held in Paris. French Open Badminton Tournament is held annually since 1909 in France.

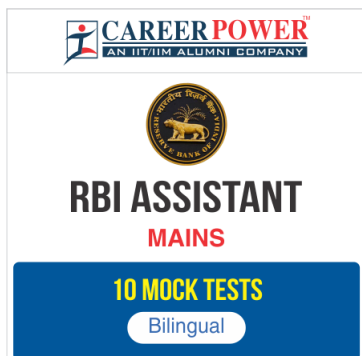
	Category	Winner	Runner-up
1.	Men's Singles	Kidambi Srikanth (India)	Kenta Nishimoto (Japan)
2.	Women's Singles	Tai Tzu Ying (Chinese Taipei)	Akane Yamaguchi (Japan)
3.	Men's Doubles	Lee Jhe-Huei & Lee Yang (Chinese Taipei)	Mathias Boe & Carsten Mogensen (Denmark)
4.	Women's Doubles	Apriyani Rahayu & Greysia Polii (Indonesia)	Lee So Hee & Shin Seung Chan (South Korea)
5.	Mixed Doubles	Tontowi Ahmad & Liliyana Natsir	Zheng Siwei & Chen Qingchen

(Indonesia) (China)

Important Cabinet Approvals November 2017

Union Cabinet chaired by PM Modi given the following set of approvals. The full list of Cabinet Approvals are given as follows:

1. Trade Agreement between India & Ethiopia for strengthening & promoting trade & economic cooperation.
2. Signing an Agreement between India & Armenia on cooperation & mutual assistance in customs matters.
3. Amendment in the National Council for Teacher Education Act, 1993- The amendment seeks to grant retrospective recognition to the Central/State/Union Territory funded Institutions/Universities conducting Teacher Education Courses without NCTE recognition till the academic year 2017-2018.
4. Ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme (State Plans) - Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) as Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana- Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture & Allied sector Rejuvenation (RKVY-RAFTAAR) for three years i.e. 2017-18 to 2019-20.
5. Special Banking Arrangement (SBA) for payment of outstanding subsidy to fertilizer companies during 2016-17.



All You Need to Know About Paradise Papers

- After Panama Papers leak, another massive trove of secret financial data has been leaked by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) named 'Paradise Papers'. In the new set of records obtained primarily from Bermuda-based firm Appleby & Singapore-based Asiatic Trust, a trove of 13.4 million documents, named 'Paradise Papers' has come to the fore.
- It was obtained by German newspaper Suddeutsche Zeitung & were investigated by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) working in partnership with 96 news organisations. The Paradise Papers also take into account corporate registries maintained by governments in 19 secret jurisdictions, which are often referred to as 'tax havens'.
- The Indian Express, part of the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ), reported that among the 180 countries represented in the data, India ranked 19th in terms of the number of names featured. The Paradise Papers aims to expose trails of veiled offshore financial activities.
- The list has about 714 Indians. The leak has revealed names of famous personalities like Queen Elizabeth II, lead vocalist of U2 band Bono & American singer Madonna. Few Important names from Indian side are Member of Parliament Ravindra Kishore Sinha, Former corporate lobbyist Niira Radia, Business tycoon Vijay Mallya & Minister of State for Civil Aviation Jayant Sinha.

About International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ)-

- ICIJ is a global network of more than 200 investigative journalists in 70 countries who collaborate on in-depth investigative stories.
- It was founded in 1997 by an American journalist Chuck Lewis.
- It is Headquartered in Washington, DC, USA.

Static Take Aways November 2017 Current Affairs

- ✦ The permanent members of the Security Council are USA, Russia, France & China.
- ✦ International Court of Justice Headquarters- The Hague, Netherlands.
- ✦ IBRD- International Bank for Reconstruction & Development.
- ✦ World Bank President- Jim Yong Kim (12th), Headquarters- Washington DC, USA.
- ✦ Haryana CM- Manohar Lal Khattar, Governor- Kaptan Singh Solanki.
- ✦ Minister of Drinking Water & Sanitation- Uma Bharati.
- ✦ Israel Capital- Jerusalem, Currency- Israeli new shekel, President- Reuven Rivlin.
- ✦ Forbes- American business magazine, Founded in-

- 1917. Headquarters- New York City, USA.
- ✦ Bangladesh Capital- Dhaka, Currency- Taka.
- ✦ Russia Capital- Moscow, President- Vladimir Putin.
- ✦ China is the largest fish producer country in the world.
- ✦ Blue Revolution: Integrated Development & Management of Fisheries.
- ✦ Managing Director & CEO of Andhra Bank- Suresh N Patel. Headquarter- Hyderabad, Telangana.
- ✦ Governor of Telangana- E. S. L. Narasimhan.
- ✦ Capital of Syria: Damascus, President: Bashar al-Assad, Currency: Syrian pound
- ✦ Capital of Ukraine- Kiev, Currency: Ukrainian hryvnia,
- ✦ Headquarters of United Nations- New York, USA.
- ✦ Capital of Zimbabwe- Harare

- ✦ President of EBRD- Suma Chakrabarti | Headquarters- London, United Kingdom.
- ✦ Capital of Sri Lanka- Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte
- ✦ Currency of Sri Lanka- Sri Lankan rupee
- ✦ President of Sri Lanka- Maithripala Sirisena
- ✦ The Western Naval Command (Headquarters at Mumbai).
- ✦ The Eastern Naval Command (Headquarters at Visakhapatnam).
- ✦ The Southern Naval Command (Headquarters at Kochi).
- ✦ Chilika lake located in Odisha.
- ✦ Radha Mohan Singh is Union Agriculture Minister of India.
- ✦ Constituency of Radha Mohan Singh- Purvi Champaran (Bihar).
- ✦ Secretary general of UN- Antonio Guterres.
- ✦ Axis Bank head office- Mumbai
- ✦ Chief executive Officer (CEO) & MD- Shikha Sharma.
- ✦ Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda is the Minister of Health & Family Welfare.
- ✦ Minister of Law & Justice- Ravi Shankar Prasad.
- ✦ Capital of New Zealand Wellington.
- ✦ PM of New Zealand Jacinda Ardern.
- ✦ RBL Bank MD & CEO- Vishwavir Ahuja, Corporate Office- Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ✦ Golden temple is in Amritsar, Punjab. CM of Punjab is Amarinder Singh.
- ✦ Current Governor of Punjab is V P Singh Badnore.
- ✦ Capital of China is Beijing.
- ✦ Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog is Rajiv Kumar.
- ✦ CM of Haryana is Manohar Lal Khattar.
- ✦ Seoul is the capital of the Republic of Korea (ROK), also known as South Korea.
- ✦ Current Governor of Odisha is Senayangba Chubatoshi Jamir.
- ✦ Headquarters of 'Coinome' is located in Mumbai. CEO of Coinome is Vivek Steve Francis.
- ✦ Headquarters of BOB is in Vadodara, Gujarat & Tagline is 'India's International Bank'. Current MD & CEO of BOB is P S Jayakumar.
- ✦ Capital of South Africa is Cape Town.
- ✦ CM of Telangana is K. Chandrashekar Rao.
- ✦ Capital of Iran is Tehran.
- ✦ ADB has its Headquarter in Mandaluyong, Philippines. President of ADB is Takehiko Nakao.
- ✦ The capital of Japan is Tokyo.
- ✦ Civil Aviation Secretary is R N Choubey Minister of Civil Aviation is Ashok Gajapathi Raju Pusapati.
- ✦ Mridula Sinha is the Governor of Goa.
- ✦ Headquarters of IOC- Lausanne, Switzerland. The 2020 Summer Olympics held in- Tokyo (Japan) in 2020.
- ✦ President of IOC- Thomas Bach.
- ✦ 48th International Film Festival of India was held in Goa.
- ✦ Smriti Irani is union Information & Broadcasting &

Textiles Minister.

- ✦ Raman Singh is CM of Chhatisgarh. Balram Das Tandon is present Governor of Chhatisgarh.
- ✦ Dudhawa Dam located in Chhatisgarh across the Mahanadi river.
- ✦ Naveen Patnaik is present CM of Odisha. SC Jamir is present governor of Odisha. Bhubaneswar is capital city of Odisha.
- ✦ AIBA headquarters is in Lausanne, Switzerland.



- ✦ PM- Sheikh Hasina, President- Abdul Hamid.
- ✦ New Zealand Capital- Wellington, Currency- New Zealand dollar.
- ✦ National Green Tribunal (NGT)-
- ✦ Chairperson- Justice Swatanter Kumar, Headquarter- New Delhi, Established- November 2010.
- ✦ IDFC Bank MD & CEO- Sunil Kakkar, Headquarters- Mumbai.
- ✦ MobiKwik CEO- Bipin Preet Singh, Headquarters- Gurgaon, Haryana.
- ✦ PayPal Headquarter- California USA, Founded in- 1998.
- ✦ PayPal Holdings Inc President & CEO- Dan Schulman.
- ✦ HDFC Bank CEO- Aditya Puri, Headquarter- Mumbai.
- ✦ Nepal PM- Sher Bahadur Deuba, President- Bidhya Devi Bhandari.
- ✦ Bank of China Chairman- Chen Siqing.
- ✦ State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) Governor- Tariq Bajwa.
- ✦ Pakistan PM- Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, President- Mamnoon Hussain.
- ✦ CM- Pinarayi Vijayan, Governor- Palaniswamy Sathasivam.

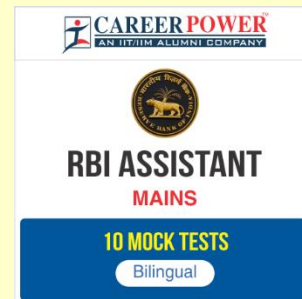


- ✦ Dharmendra Pradhan- Minister of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship.
- ✦ UNESCO- United Nations Educational, Scientific & Cultural Organization. Headquarters- Paris, France.
- ✦ Estonia Capital- Tallinn, Latvia Capital- Riga, Lithuania Capital- Vilnius.

- ✦ South Korea Capital- Seoul, Currency- South Korean won.
- ✦ Delhi Lt. Governor- Anil Baijal.
- ✦ Adani Power Chairman & Founder- Gautam Adani, Headoffice- Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- ✦ Jharkhand CM- Raghubar Das, Governor- Droupadi Murmu.
- ✦ UK PM- Theresa May, Capital- London, Currency- Pound.sterling.
- ✦ Federal Bank MD & CEO- Shyam Srinivasan.
- ✦ Kuwait Capital- Kuwait City, Currency- Kuwaiti Dinar (world's highest-valued currency unit).
- ✦ Telangana CM- K Chandrashekhar Rao, Governor- ESL Narasimhan.
- ✦ Israeli PM- Benjamin Netanyahu, Capital- Jerusalem
- ✦ NDMA Chairman- PM Narendra Modi, Headquarter- New Delhi.
- ✦ Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change: Dr. Harsh Vardhan.
- ✦ Haryana CM- Manohar Lal Khattar, Governor- Kaptan Singh Solanki.
- ✦ Union Home Minister- Mr. Rajnath Singh.
- ✦ Urjit Patel- 24th Governor of RBI, Headquarter- Mumbai.
- ✦ Philippines Capital- Manila, Currency- Philippine peso, President- Rodrigo Duterte.
- ✦ Canada Capital- Ottawa, Currency- Canadian Dollar. PM- Justin Trudeau.
- ✦ Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Established in- 1989, Headquarters- Singapore, Current Chairperson- Tran Dai Quang. 2016 APEC held in- Lima, Peru.
- ✦ Menaka Gandhi- Cabinet Minister of Women & Child Development
- ✦ Uber CEO- Dara Khosrowshahi, Headquarters- California, USA.
- ✦ Softbank Chairman & CEO- Masayoshi Son, Headquarters- Tokyo, Japan.
- ✦ Bahrain Capital- Manama, Currency- Bahraini dinar.
- ✦ PNB MetLife India Insurance MD & CEO- Ashish Srivastava,
- ✦ CPCB Chairman- S.P. Singh Parihar, Headquarter- New Delhi.
- ✦ AIFF President- Praful M Patel, Headquarter- Dwarka, New Delhi.
- ✦ Arjan Singh Bhullar- 1st Indian-origin fighter to be signed by the UFC.
- ✦ Nepal Capital- Kathmandu, Currency- Nepalese rupee. PM Nepal- Sher Bahadur Deuba, President- Bidhya Devi Bhandari.
- ✦ Philippines Capital- Manila, Currency- Philippine peso. President- Rodrigo Duterte.
- ✦ Vietnam Capital- Hanoi, Currency- Vietnamese dong.
- ✦ Communication Minister- Manoj Sinha,
- ✦ Electronics & IT Minister- Ravi Shankar Prasad.
- ✦ Air India CMD- Rajiv Bansal.
- ✦ MD & CEO of Bank of India- Dinabandhu Mohapatra, Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ✦ Minister of State for Women & Child Development - Dr. Virendra Kumar.
- ✦ Italy Capital- Rome, Currency- Euro.
- ✦ FIFA World Cup 2018- in Russia
- ✦ Qatar Capital- Doha, Currency- Qatari riyal.
- ✦ Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology- Ravi Shankar Prasad.
- ✦ APCERT- Asia Pacific Computer Emergency Response Team.
- ✦ Chhattisgarh CM- Raman Singh, Governor- Balramji Dass Tandon.
- ✦ NITI Ayog Vice-Chairman- Rajiv Kumar.
- ✦ Germany Capital- Berlin, Currency- Euro.
- ✦ ISA- International Solar Alliance.
- ✦ Slovenia Capital- Ljubljana.
- ✦ Japan Capital- Tokyo, USA Capital- Washington DC, Australia Capital- Canberra.
- ✦ June 21- UN-designated- International Yoga Day- in 2015.
- ✦ Saudi Arabia Capital- Riyadh, Currency- Saudi Riyal.
- ✦ China Capital- Beijing, Currency- Renminbi. President- Xi Jinping.
- ✦ Tamil Nadu CM- Edappadi K Palaniswami, Governor- Banwarilal Purohit.
- ✦ Japan Capital- Tokyo, PM- Shinzo Abe.
- ✦ Home Minister of India- Rajnath Singh.
- ✦ Poland Capital- Warsaw.
- ✦ Belarus Capital- Minsk.
- ✦ HDFC Bank CEO- Aditya Puri, Headquarter- Mumbai.
- ✦ Syria Capital- Damascus, Currency- Syrian pound, Syrian President- Bashar al-Assad.
- ✦ UN Secretary-General- Antonio Guterres.
- ✦ Binge watching- the practice of watching multiple episodes of a television programme in rapid succession.
- ✦ Canada Capital- Ottawa, Currency- Canadian dollar, Canada PM- Justin Trudeau.
- ✦ US President- Donald Trump (45th)
- ✦ Andhra Pradesh CM- Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Governor- E.S Lakshmi Narasimhan.
- ✦ Moodys Analytics President- Mark Almeida, Headquarters- the USA.
- ✦ Union Minister of State (I/C) for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER): Dr. Jitendra Singh.
- ✦ Moodys Analytics President- Mark Almeida, Headquarters- the USA.
- ✦ Argentina Capital- Buenos Aires, Currency- Argentine peso
- ✦ Indonesia Capital- Jakarta, Currency- Indonesian rupiah.
- ✦ France Capital- Paris, Currency- Euro, President- Emmanuel Macron.
- ✦ Nagaland CM- T.R. Zeliang, Governor- P.B. Acharya.
- ✦ Formed on- 15 November 2000, CM- Raghubar Das,

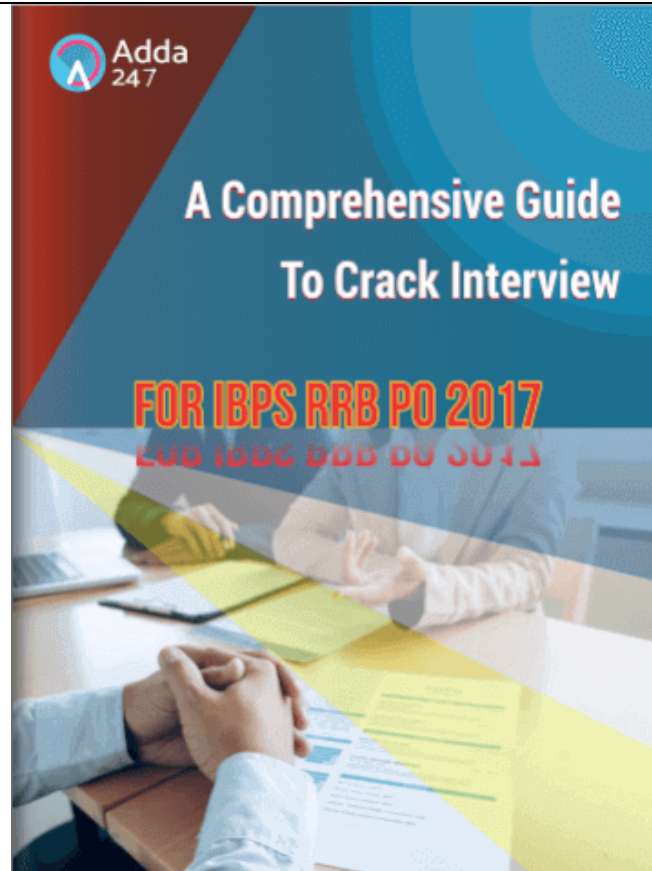
- ✦ Governor- Draupadi Murmu.
- ✦ Jharkhand was created on the birthday of Birsa Munda who fought against the British.
- ✦ FSIAB- Financial Stability Institute Advisory Board.
- ✦ BIS- Bank of International Settlement.
- ✦ Capital of France- Paris, Currency- Euro | President: Emmanuel Macron, PM: Edouard Philippe
- ✦ Maharashtra CM- Devendra Fadnavis, Governor- Chennamaneni Vidyasagar Rao.
- ✦ WHO Director-General- Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Headquarter- Geneva, Switzerland.
- ✦ Russia Capital- Moscow, President- Vladimir Putin.
- ✦ Headquarter of Yes Bank- Mumbai, Founded- 2004, Founder & CEO- Rana Kapoor
- ✦ Denmark Currency- Danish krone
- ✦ Founder & CEO Paytm- Vijay Shekhar Sharma.
- ✦ ICICI Bank CEO- Chanda Kochhar
- ✦ WPO- World Packaging Organisation, Founded in- September 6, 1968 in Tokyo, Japan.
- ✦ WPO President- Mr. Thomas Schneider.
- ✦ Spain Capital- Madrid, Currency- Euro.
- ✦ Indira Gandhi was born on- 19th November 1917 | Assassination- 31st October 1984 | Shakti Sthal- Memorial to Indira Gandhi
- ✦ Malaysia Capital- Kuala Lumpur, Currency- Malaysian ringgit
- ✦ SEBI- Securities & Exchange Board of India. | SEBI Chairman- Ajay Tyagi, Headquarters- Mumbai.
- ✦ RBL Bank MD & CEO- Vishwavir Ahuja, Corporate Office- Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ✦ Xi Jinping is the Present President of China. Beijing is the capital of China.
- ✦ Manohar Lal Khattar is the CM of Haryana. Kaptan Singh Solanki is the Governor of Haryana.
- ✦ The Capital of Lebanon is Beirut. Its Currency is Lebanese pound.
- ✦ General Bipin Rawat is the present & 27th Chief of Army Staff.
- ✦ COP 22 was held in Marrakesh, Morocco.
- ✦ Piyush Goyal is the Present Minister of Railways.
- ✦ Antonio Guterres is the Secretary general of United Nations. UN Headquarters in New York, United Nations.
- ✦ S. Christopher is the present Chairman of DRDO.
- ✦ Irina Bokova is the Present Director-General of UNESCO. UNESCO headquarters in Paris, France.
- ✦ Majuli is a river island in the Brahmaputra River, Assam. It is India's first island district & world's largest river island. Jagdish Mukhi is the Present Governor of Assam.
- ✦ Natarajan Chandrasekaran is the Chairman of TATA Steels.
- ✦ Naveen Patnaik is the CM of Odisha. S. C. Jamir is the Present Governor of Odisha.
- ✦ Harsimrat Kaur Badal, the Union Cabinet Minister of Food Processing

- ✦ Chanda Kochhar is the MD & CEO of ICICI Bank. ICICI Bank Headquarters in Mumbai.
- ✦ Cairo is the capital of Egypt. Egyptian pound is the currency of Egypt.
- ✦ Jim Yong Kim is the President of World Bank. World Bank headquarters in Washington, D.C., United States.
- ✦ Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus is the WHO's Director General. WHO Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.
- ✦ Tunis is the capital of Tunisia. Beji Caid Essebsi is the present President of Tunisia.



- ✦ Thimphu is the capital of Bhutan. Dzongkha is the official language of Bhutan.
- ✦ Jamsetji Tata was the founder of TATA Steels. It Headquarters in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ✦ Bharti AXA Life is a life Insurance player that was started in 2006. It brings together the Paris-headquartered AXA Group & Bharti Enterprises.
- ✦ Moscow is the capital of Russia. Vladimir Putin is the present President of Russia.
- ✦ Martina Hingis is from Switzerland.
- ✦ World Economic Forum Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. Klaus Schwab is the Founder & Executive Chairman of WEF.
- ✦ Siddaramaiah is the present CM of Karnataka. Vajubhai Vala is the present Governor of Karnataka.
- ✦ Shahid Khaqan Abbasi is the present PM of Pakistan. Islamabad is the capital of Pakistan.
- ✦ Devendra Fadnavis is the CM of Maharashtra. Chennamaneni Vidyasagar Rao is the Governor of Maharashtra.
- ✦ Jin Liqun is present president of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). Beijing, China is headquarters of AIIB.
- ✦ Astana is the Capital of Kazakhstan. Kazakhstani tenge is the currency of Kazakhstan.
- ✦ Krish Iyer is the President & CEO of Walmart India.
- ✦ Naveen Patnaik is the CM of Odisha. SC Jamir is the Governor of Odisha.
- ✦ Yogi Adityanath is the CM of Uttar Pradesh. Ram Naik is the Governor of Uttar Pradesh.
- ✦ Yes Bank Headquarters in Mumbai. CEO of Yes Bank is Rana Kapoor.
- ✦ Yerevan is the Capital of Armenia. Its currency is Armenian dram.
- ✦ Bangkok is the capital of Thailand.
- ✦ Sanjay Agarwal, MD & CEO, AU Small Finance Bank.

- ✦ ONGC stands for Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited. Shashi Shankar has been recently appointed CMD of ONGC.
- ✦ Lt Gen SK Shrivastava is the Director General Border Roads Organization.
- ✦ Sushil Chandra is the Chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).
- ✦ Boxing Federation of India (BFI) President- Ajay Singh.
- ✦ AIBA- Amateur International Boxing Association.
- ✦ AIBA President- Dr Ching-Kuo Wu, Headquarters- Switzerland.
- ✦ Ambassador for AIBA Youth Women's World Boxing Championship 2017- Mary Kom.
- ✦ Twitter CEO- Jack Dorsey, Headquarters- California, USA.
- ✦ Kerala CM- Pinarayi Vijayan, Governor- Palaniswamy Sathasivam.
- ✦ Co-founder & CEO of Ola- Bhavish Aggarwal.
- ✦ Microsoft CEO- Satya Nadella.
- ✦ Apollo Munich Health Insurance, CEO- Antony Jacob.
- ✦ UNESCO- United Nations Educational, Scientific & Cultural Organization. Director-General- Irina Bokova, Headquarters- Paris, France.
- ✦ Paytm CEO- Vijay Shekhar Sharma.
- ✦ BHIM- Bharat Interface for Money, UPI- Unified Payment Interface.
- ✦ IBRD- International Bank for Reconstruction & Development.
- ✦ President- Jim Yong Kim (12th), Headquarters- Washington, DC USA
- ✦ Guinea Capital- Conakry, Currency- Guinean Franc.
- ✦ Rajiv Kumar- Financial Services Secretary.
- ✦ Ajay Narayan Jha- Expenditure Secretary,
- ✦ Neeraj Kumar Gupta- Secretary, DIPAM.
- ✦ Subhash Chandra Garg- Economic Affairs Secretary.



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