

## ALL IMPORTANT AFFAIRS FROM 2017

- ❖ Veteran Indian actor **OM Puri Passed away due to heart attack.**
- ❖ Pakistan has passed **Hindu marriage bill.**
- ❖ **Portuguese footballer Cristiano Ronaldo was named the world's best player for the year 2016** at the inaugural Best FIFA Football Awards held in Zurich, Switzerland.
- ❖ Sex ratio in Haryana touches 900-mark for first time in 20 years.
- ❖ 74th Golden Globe Awards 2017

The Golden Globe Awards are the annual awards that honour the best in Motion Pictures and American Television for the previous year.

**Best Motion Picture Drama: Moonlight. Best Motion Picture Musical/Comedy: La La Land.**

- ❖ **Sikkim became India's first fully organic state in 2016.**

Organic cultivation is free of chemical pesticides and chemical fertilizers to maintain a balance with ecosystems.

- ❖ **Government's online payments app.** BHIM is now the number one free app on Google Play Store. The app was launched by PM Modi to simplify digital payments.

BHIM which stands for **Bharat Interface for Money** is named after Dr BR Ambedkar.

- ❖ United Nations declares **2017 as the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development**

The bill will enable the Hindu community members to get their marriages registered.

- ❖ 14th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2017 held in Bengaluru
- ❖ India's first payment bank: **Airtel payment bank** is launched and now functional in India.
- ❖ New Tata Son's chairman: **N Chandrasekaran**
- ❖ **Kalyan Krishnamurthy** is the **New CEO of Flipkart.**
- ❖ India's First Madame Tussauds Museum opened In Delhi. It will be 23rd branch of well known museum.

P.S. Madame Tussauds is a wax museum Based in London and has branches in number of cities. It displays waxworks of famous people.

- ❖ **62th Filmfare awards 2017**

Best actor: Aamir Khan (for Dangal)

Best actress: Alia Bhatt (for Uda Punjab)

Best director: Nitesh Tiwari (for Dangal)

Best film: Dangal

Lifetime Achievement Award: Shatrughan Sinha

- ❖ Donald Trump takes charge as 45th President of United States of America.

First lady of USA: Melania Trump

New vice president: Mike Pence

New secretary of state: Mike Pompeo

The tenure of USA President is for 4 years.

- ❖ US President Donald Trump signs executive order to pull US out of TPP.

TPP: Trans Pacific Partnership is a trade agreement under negotiation among 12 Pacific Rim nations accounting for 40% of the world economy. It was promoted by US and signed by 12 countries in 2015.

- ❖ Australian Open 2017

Men's singles winner is Roger Federer and women's singles winner is Serena Williams

- ❖ US President Trump has signed an executive order to temporarily ban visas for refugees belonging to 7 Muslim majority countries: Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen.

- ❖ Nepal hosted 4th BIMSTEC Summit 2017.

BIMSTEC is a group of 7 countries; these are India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Sri Lanka from South Asia and Myanmar, Thailand from South East Asia.

- ❖ NASA's Juno spacecraft completes fourth fly by of Jupiter.

- ❖ India beat Pakistan by 9-wickets to win T20 Blind Cricket World Cup 2017.

- ❖ ISRO launched record 104 satellites on 15 February.

ISRO: Indian Space Research Organization

Headquarter at Banglore.

Chairman of ISRO: **K Sivan**

- ❖ 59th Grammy awards 2017

Album of the year: **25 – Adele**

- ❖ Ajay Tyagi appointed as **SEBI Chairman**.

SEBI: **Security and exchange board of India**.

It regulates commodity market in India.

- ❖ **Lakshmi, the country's first banking robot** is helping City Union Bank transition towards a new self-service era.
- ❖ Virat Kohli has become **brand ambassador of Puma**, first Indian sportsperson to ink Rs 100-cr deal with Puma.
- ❖ Apple acquires Israeli start-up RealFace.

In a bid to boost its prospects in the world of artificial intelligence (AI), Apple has acquired Israel-based start-up RealFace that develops deep learning-based face authentication technology.

- ❖ ISRO created history by launching **104 satellites in one mission**.

It was polar satellite launch vehicle (PSLV) C37 which launched 104 satellites. First time a space organization launched more than 100 satellites in one mission.

- ❖ New MD and CEO of banks

Punjab National Bank: **Sunil Mehta**

Allahabad Bank: **Usha Ananthasubramanian**

Bank of India: **Dinabandhu Mohapatra**

Syndicate Bank: **MO Rego**

Union Bank of India: **G. Rajkiran Rai**

Vijaya Bank: **RA Sankara Narayanan**

- ❖ **Jhulan Goswami** becomes world's **highest wicket-taker in ODIs**

She is fast bowler. A unique feat for her.

- ❖ Amul sponsored New Zealand Cricket team for champions trophy 2017.
- ❖ Government to transfer majority stake of HPCL to ONGC.
- ❖ Jairam Thakur Took Oath as 6th CM of Himachal Pradesh
- ❖ Vijay Rupani Sworn in as Chief Minister of Gujarat
- ❖ Book on Gauri Lankesh's Writings Launched

A book containing selected writings by late journalist Gauri Lankesh was launched at the Mumbai Press Club, three months after she was gunned down.

The book, **The Way I See It - a Gauri Lankesh Reader**, has been edited by writer and sociologist **Chandan Gowda**.

- ❖ World AIDS day: 1st December

Theme for 2017- **'Right to health'**

- ❖ Dia Mirza Appointed as UN Environment Goodwill Ambassador for India.
- ❖ External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj attended the Shanghai Cooperation Organization summit at Sochi in Russia. In June 2017, India and Pakistan had become full-fledged members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation.
- ❖ Kenyatta Sworn in as President of Kenya

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

- ❖ Infosys Appoints **Salil S Parekh as MD & CEO**
- ❖ Iranian President Inaugurates First Phase of Chabahar Port

The port is likely to ramp up trade between India, Afghanistan and Iran in the wake of Pakistan denying transit access to New Delhi for trade with the two countries.

- ❖ Virat Kohli surpasses Brian Lara for Most Double Centuries as Captain
- ❖ **India's First Madame Tussauds Wax Museum Opened in New Delhi**
- ❖ **HDFC Bank's Aditya Puri Only Indian on Fortune's Businessperson** of the Year Top 20 List 2017.
- ❖ Prithvi Shaw Named India's Captain for 2018 U-19 cricket World Cup
- ❖ Veteran actor **Shashi Kapoor died at the age of 79.**

Shashi Kapoor made his Bollywood debut in 1961, as the lead actor, in the film Dharmputra

- ❖ USA Now Recognizes **Jerusalem as Israel's Capital**

President of USA Donald Trump has announced that the US now recognizes Jerusalem as Israel's capital, overturning decades of official US policy.

❖ Time Magazine **Names #MeToo 'Silence Breakers' As Person Of The Year**

"The Silence Breakers", the vanguard of a global movement by millions of women to share their stories of sexual harassment and abuse, was revealed to be Time magazine's Person of the Year.

❖ India-Australia naval exercise 'AUSINDEX 17' begins

A. In May 2017, Singapore and India held a maritime bilateral exercise 'SIMBEX 17'

B. Canberra is the Capital of Australia and its currency is Australian dollar.

❖ **Indian-origin Leo Varadkar becomes Ireland's youngest PM.**

❖ Government ropes in **Amitabh Bachchan to promote GST**

❖ **Hike Messenger partners with YES Bank to launch in-app Wallet.** Hike Messenger launched the new version of the app with a completely new interface and the addition of a mobile wallet, in partnership with YES Bank. With Unified Payments Interface support enabled in Hike 5.0, users can now do free and instant bank-to-bank transfers with their friends

❖ Academy awards (Oscar) 2017

Best actor: **Casey Affleck (Manchester by the Sea)**

Best actress: **Emma Stone (La la land)**

Best director: **Damien Chazelle (La la land)**

Best film: **Moonlight**

❖ Chinese Mobile Maker **Oppo mobiles is the sponsor of the Indian cricket team for next 5 years** starting from 1st April 2017. **Oppo will replace star India.**

❖ PM Modi Inaugurated **India's longest rope bridge in Bharuch, Gujarat.** It is on river Narmada.

❖ Parliament has passed the Maternity Benefits (Amendment) Bill, 2016 to raise maternity leave for working women from 12 weeks to 26 weeks for two surviving children.

❖ **Indo-Nepal joint Military exercise Surya Kiran-XI held in Uttarakhand**

❖ U.S. chip giant Intel has bought Israeli driverless technology firm Mobileye for \$15.3 billion, the largest ever acquisition of an Israeli high-tech company.

❖ **Vienna is the world's nicest city to live in.**

It is capital of **Austria**.

- ❖ **OnePlus India Ropes Amitabh Bachchan** as its New Brand Ambassador
- ❖ ICC appoint Sachin **Tendulkar as official ambassador of women's World Cup 2017**
- ❖ 5 CMs of recently held elections in march 2017:
  - 1) UP CM: **Yogi Adityanath**
  - 2) Uttarakhand CM: **Trivendra Singh Rawat**
  - 3) Punjab CM: **Amarinder Singh**
  - 4) Goa CM: **Manohar Parikar**
  - 5) Manipur CM: **N Biren Singh**
- ❖ India's fully indigenously built train "**Medha**" has started its operation.
- ❖ **Vodafone India and idea merges** and become the biggest telecom entity with 35% market share after 23 billion US Dollar mega merger.
- ❖ **Yves Meyer wins the 2017 Abel Prize.**

The Abel Prize is a Norwegian prize awarded annually by the Government of Norway to the outstanding mathematicians. It is highest prize in mathematics.

- ❖ **Bharti Airtel has acquired Tikona Digital's 4G airwaves** for Rs 1,600 crore, ramping up its high-speed broadband spectrum capacity.
- ❖ PepsiCo's sports drink brand **Gatorade has roped in Indian shuttler PV Sindhu as its brand ambassador.**
- ❖ **India ranks 131st on Human Development Index, Norway No.1**
- ❖ India has become the third largest aviation market in terms of domestic passenger traffic, beating Japan. USA has most domestic flyers followed by china.
- ❖ The **Salt Lake stadium in Kolkata was the venue of the final of the FIFA Under 17 World Cup held in 2017.**
- ❖ **Japan** officially recognizes **Bitcoin as currency.**

**Bitcoin is a digital currency.**
- ❖ **Rajiv Kumar Chander** appointed as **India's Ambassador and permanent representative to the UN.**
- ❖ India Open 2017:

**PV Sindhu wins maiden India open super series title 2017.**

Olympic silver-medallist P.V. Sindhu has **defeated Carolina Marin** in straight sets at the India Open badminton championship 2017 in New Delhi.

- ❖ Asia's largest road tunnel is inaugurated in Kashmir.

PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 9.2 km long **Chenani-Nashri all-weather road tunnel** on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway.

- ❖ With The merger of associate banks, State Bank of India will enter the league of Top 50 Global Banks with a balance sheet size of Rs. 41 trillion.
- ❖ **Kanha tiger reserve in Madhya Pradesh** has become the **first tiger reserve** in India to officially introduce a **mascot of its own**.

The Mascot has been named **'Bhoorsingh the Barasingha'** to present the hard ground swamp deer as the spirit of the reserve and spread awareness to save it from possible extinction.

- ❖ **Malala Yousafzai made youngest UN Messenger of Peace.**
- ❖ NW1 between Varanasi and Haldia The World Bank has approved a \$375 million loan to India's first inland water transport fairway National Waterway 1 (NW1) project on a 1,360 km-stretch of the Ganga river between Varanasi and the seaport of Haldia for bringing thousands of jobs in cargo logistics and transportation.
- ❖ Video gaming to be featured as a full sport at the 2022 Asian Games. Asian games are known as Asiad. It is held every 4 years, Next asian games will be held in Indonesia in 2018.
- ❖ Union Cabinet decides to ban use of red beacon by VIPs from May 1. Only three categories were exempted from the ban. They are the President, Vice-President and Chief Justice of India.

- ❖ **Bhopal** to have India's **first privately-run railway station**

For the first time in Indian Railway history **Habibganj station** in Bhopal has been handed over to the private firm to be operated by it.

The station building will be developed in line with airport terminals. However, Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu clarified that trains at the station will still be run by the Railways

- ❖ SAUNI Project

Full form of SAUNI: **Saurashtra Narmada Avtaran Irrigation**

State: **Gujarat**

Purpose: To pump Narmada water in 115 dams of arid Saurashtra region. The project acts as a 'linking' project where the Narmada water will be filled in irrigation dams that are already equipped with canal networks to channelise water to the farmland.

Saurashtra region of Gujarat which includes 11 districts which faces drought like situation often and has been reeling under severe water scarcity due to scanty rainfall.

- ❖ Bollywood superstar **Amitabh Bachchan has been appointed by the World Health Organisation** as its Goodwill **Ambassador** for Hepatitis in South-East Asia Region to spread awareness about the disease.

This is the **first formal association between WHO and Amitabh Bachchan**, who served as UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador for Polio in India.

- ❖ India skipped the two day grand OBOR summit organised by China to showcase its plans to build a network of trade routes under the **One Belt, One Road (OBOR)**. OBOR is an ambitious China's ambitious development strategy and framework that aims to boost its connectivity and trade that will connect Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Europe.
- ❖ **Hassan Rouhani was re-elected as the President of Iran** after winning Iranian presidential elections 2017.

**Tehran is the Capital of Iran and its Currency is Iranian rial.**

- ❖ **Bharti Airtel to buy Telenor's India** operations in Rs 7,000-cr deal.
- ❖ **Dharamshala has become 2nd capital of Himachal Pradesh, 1st is Shimla.**
- ❖ GST bill to be implemented by July 1, 2017

GST: **Goods and services tax**

It will subsume all indirect taxes in country, except petroleum, liquor taxes.

- ❖ **Official mascot of FIFA U-17 World Cup: 'Kheleao'**

A clouded leopard is called Kheleao.

**FIFA U-17 world cup was held in India.**

- ❖ China becomes world's **largest producer of solar power. China has surpassed Germany.**
- ❖ The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the merger of State Bank of India (SBI) with five of its associate/subsidiary banks.



These five subsidiary banks are State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur, State Bank of Hyderabad, State Bank of Mysore, State Bank of Patiala and State Bank of Travancore.

- ❖ The world's oldest aircraft carrier in active service, **INS Viraat is decommissioned after serving indian navy for nearly 30 years.**

- ❖ India's own supercar:

Tata Motors has just unveiled its most ambitious **RaceMo sports coupe.**

- ❖ New definition for start-up by Department of industrial policy and promotion (DIPP):

An entity will be considered as a start up if its turn over is less than Rs. 25 crore and has not completed \*7 years\* from the date of its Incorporation/registration.

Remember here that earlier it was 5 years since registration to be counted as startup for any entity.

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the **country's longest bridge - the Dhola-Sadia Bridge in Assam.**

**Banwarilal Purohit is Governor of Assam.**

**Sarbananda Sonowal is Chief Minister of Assam.**

- ❖ Two Indian cities named **Mumbai and Kota** have been named **among the world's most crowded** in a list topped by Dhaka, according to World Economic Forum (WEF) citing UN-Habitat data.
- ❖ Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, a former Ethiopian health minister, has been chosen to head the World Health Organisation

(WHO) and is the first African to do so since the creation of the United Nations agency in 1948. He will begin his five-year term on 1 July 2017.

- ❖ India's state-of-the-art high-speed train **Tejas Express**, which can run up to the speed of 200km per hour, has made its trip between Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, Mumbai, and Karmali, North Goa.

The 15-coach train has two classes chair car and executive chair car and is equipped with facilities like secured gangways, automatic doors, LCD screens, Wi-Fi, tea-coffee vending machines, magazines, bio-toilets, hand dryers etc.

- ❖ **World No Tobacco Day: 31st May.**

**Theme: Tobacco: a threat to development**

- ❖ National Multi Commodity Exchange (NMCE), India's first demutualised online national multi-commodities exchange will merge with Indian Commodity Exchange (ICEX).

- ❖ **KK Venugopal appointed as Attorney General of India**

He succeeds Mukul Rohatgi as the country's top law officer.

Attorney General for India is the Indian government's chief legal advisor, and its primary lawyer in the Supreme Court of India.

He has also the right to speak and take part in proceedings of both the houses of parliament including joint sittings. But cannot vote in parliament

- ❖ **Montenegro becomes NATO's 29th member**

Montenegro has officially joined North Atlantic Treaty Organization

(NATO) and hence became the 29th member country of NATO

- ❖ **Mumbai Indians win IPL title 2017** for third time by **defeating Pune super giants**

- ❖ France's newly-elected President Emmanuel Macron has named Edouard Philippe as Prime Minister of France.

Paris is the capital of France; Emmanuel Macron is the newly appointed youngest President of France.

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Annual Meetings of the African Development Bank (AfDB) on May 23, 2017. This is the first time in the history of AfDB Group that India would be hosting the Annual Meetings of the bank.
- ❖ The GST Council headed by finance Minister Arun Jaitley has finalised a 4-slab service tax structure at the rates of 5, 12, 18 and 28 per cent as against the single rate of 15% levied on all taxable services. GST regime is scheduled to be implemented from July 1.

- ❖ **Rohan Bopanna wins French Open mixed doubles title 2017 to clinch maiden Grand Slam.**

- ❖ **New MD and CEO of NSE( national stock exchange) : Vikram Limaye**

- ❖ **Walmart topped the fortune's** annual list of top 500 companies for the 5th consecutive year.

- ❖ **Verizon Completes Yahoo Acquisition**

Telecom giant Verizon has acquired Yahoo's core business for \$4.48bn (£3.51m), thus ending Yahoo's two-decade long run as an independent company. Verizon is the No.1 wireless operator in the US.

- ❖ The French Open 2017 Winners

The French open title 2017 was held recently from 22 May-11 June 2017 at Roland Garros in Paris, France

A. French Men's Singles Open Title - Spain's Rafael Nadal (10th French Title) defeated Stan Wawrinka (Switzerland).

B. French Women's Singles Open Title- Latvia's Jelena Ostapenko (1st Grand Slam Title) defeated Simona Halep (Rome).

❖ Israeli author David Grossman has won the Man Booker International Prize 2017 for his novel 'A Horse Walks Into a Bar'

❖ 114-year-old Taj Palace of Mumbai becomes first Indian building to get trademark

The iconic Taj Mahal Palace hotel in the Mumbai City has acquired an 'image trademark', making it the first building in the country to get intellectual property rights protection for its architectural design

❖ IDFC Ltd announced the elevation of its CFO Sunil Kakar as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the company with effect from July 16 for three years.

Besides, the company announced that the Board has approved the resignation of veteran banker Vikram Limaye from the post of MD and CEO who is set to join leading stock exchange NSE as its new Managing Director and CEO.

❖ Indian cricket Team create world record for most 300-plus scores in ODIs

❖ FINO becomes payments bank

FINO Payments Bank has commenced operations as a payments bank with effect from 30th June 2017 according to the Reserve Bank of India. FINO PayTech Ltd, Mumbai, was one of the 11 applicants which were issued in-principle approval for setting up a payments bank.

Besides FINO, the other applicants which have launched payment bank operations are Airtel M Commerce Services, Department of Posts and Paytm Payments Bank.

❖ GST is implemented in country since July 1st, 2017.

❖ A joint military training exercise Maitree 2017 between India and Thailand held in Himachal Pradesh.

❖ President approves ordinance allowing Kambala in Karnataka

The promulgated ordinance legalises Kambala, bullock cart races and bull runs as traditional sports involving animals and exempt them from The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960.

❖ TERI ranked second among world's climate think tanks

An international body which focuses on climate policies has ranked The Energy Resources Institute (TERI) among the top think tanks in the world. TERI was ranked number two by the International Center for Climate Governance (ICCG), an internationally-renowned body whose activities focus on the design of climate policy and related governance issues.

- ❖ **N Chandrasekaran appointed as Chairman of Tata Global Beverages Limited.** Natarajan Chandrasekaran is also head of Tata Sons.
- ❖ Indian and Chinese troops are facing off once again in Sikkim at Doko-La (or Donglong, as the Chinese call it), which lies at the tri-junction of India, China and Bhutan. There have been growing tensions between India and China.

**McMahon Line is the line between India and China.**

- ❖ **In the 12th G20 Summit 2017 held in Hamburg, Germany,** the leaders of the G20 countries has agreed for taking concrete steps to stop funding of the terror activities.

The leaders have also pledged for a joint crackdown on the global scourge of terrorism and check its funding sources.

- ❖ **Malabar exercise: among USA, India and Japan** has started. Exercise Malabar is a trilateral naval exercise involving the United States, Japan and India as permanent partners.
- ❖ **Ravi Shastri is the New Coach of Indian cricket Team** after kumble exit. **K Arun is the bowling coach.**
- ❖ India's **mithali Raj becomes 1st to score 6000 runs** in women's ODI cricket.

**India's Jhulan Goswami is the top wicket taker in women's ODI cricket.**

- ❖ G20 summits 2017 concluded in Hamburg city of Germany.
- ❖ UNESCO declares **Ahmedabad as world heritage city**

Out of total 287 world heritage cities across the globe, \*there were only two cities in the Indian subcontinent- Bhaktapur in Nepal and Galle in Sri Lanka.\* Now count will be three. The UNESCO tag will add immense value to Ahmedabad city which will also boost tourism.

- ❖ **India's Largest Floating Solar Power Plant Opens in Kerala**

The largest-ever floating solar power plant in India inaugurated by state power minister MM Man at the Banasura Sagar dam in Wayanad. The solar power plant that floats on the surface of water has a capacity of 500 kilowatts (KW).

- ❖ Venezuela Launches **New Virtual Currency Named Petro** Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro has announced the creation of a new virtual currency named 'Petro' in a bid to ease the country's economic crisis.
- ❖ UPs Shamli District Included in NCR

Uttar Pradesh's Shamli district was included in the National Capital Region (NCR), taking the total number of districts in the NCR to 23.

#### ❖ **Russia Banned from 2018 Winter Olympics**

Russia was banned from the 2018 Winter Games by the International Olympic Committee over its state-orchestrated doping programme, but clean Russian athletes will be allowed to compete under an Olympic flag.

#### ❖ **Akash Missile Successfully Launched**

The Surface to Air Missile AKASH with indigenous radio frequency seeker against target Banshee has been successfully launched from the Launch Complex-III at ITR Chandipur, Odisha

- ❖ Time Readers Vote Saudi Crown Prince Person of the Year Saudi Arabia Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman has been voted the Time magazine readers' Person of the Year, despite spearheading the continued bombardment of Yemen, leading to the starvation of its citizens.
- ❖ Narendra Modi Inducts Scorpene-Class Submarine Kalvari into Indian Navy

Prime Minister Narendra Modi commissioned India's first modern conventional submarine, INS Kalvari, into Navy's fleet in Mumbai, a first in almost two decades. Kalvari is the first of the six Scorpene-class submarines handed over by shipbuilder Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL). Indian Navy Chief of Naval Staff (CNS)- Admiral Sunil Lanba.

- ❖ India Becomes 1st Ever Team to Register Hundred 300+ ODI Totals India has become the first-ever team to register 300+ totals 100 times in ODIs, after posting 392/4 against Sri Lanka in Mohali.
- ❖ **Cristiano Ronaldo Wins Ballon d'Or, Equals Lionel Messi's Record** Cristiano Ronaldo (from Portugal) has won the Ballon d'Or for a fifth time to move level with rival Lionel Messi. The Real Madrid forward was named the winner of France Football's prestigious award at a ceremony in Paris, France.

#### ❖ **Kerala's Alappuzha in Top 5 UN Clean City List**

The waste management system being implemented in Kerala's coastal town of Alappuzha has been recognized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) as one of the five models across the world for fighting the pollution menace. Alappuzha, often called "the Venice of East",

- ❖ Ram Nath Kovind elected 14th President of India.
- ❖ Roger Federer lifts a record 8th Wimbledon title beating Marin Cilic in Men's singles
- ❖ Matunga station, Mumbai becomes India's first railway station run by women
- ❖ Apple has opened its 1st official store in southeast Asia at Singapore In Asia, other countries which have apple official stores are china, japan and hong kong.
- ❖ Antyodaya Express: A new train for the unreserved passengers. The first Antyodaya Express is slated to start between Mumbai (Maharashtra) and Tatanagar (Jharkhand) and second between Ernakulam and Howrah.
- ❖ 'Ministry of Utmost Happiness' authored by Arundhati Roy launched
- ❖ India, Pakistan Become Full Members Of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation

The SCO was founded at a Summit in Shanghai in 2001 by the Presidents of Russia, China, Kazakhstan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. SCO is regarded as a counterweight to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO).

#### ❖ K K Venugopal is New Attorney General

Senior advocate K K Venugopal's name has been cleared for appointment as the Attorney General for India following the decision of Mukul Rohatgi to step down as the top law officer.

- ❖ Garbine Muguruza of Spain came out with the spectacular performance as she defeated seven-time Grand Slam Champion Venus Williams in straight sets to clinch her maiden Wimbledon title.
- ❖ Google introduced the mobile app 'Hire' a recruiting app for small- and medium-sized businesses.
- ❖ Axis Bank announced the acquisition of Snapdeal-owned mobile payments provider Freecharge in an all-cash deal worth Rs. 385 crore.
- ❖ The count of tigers in Uttarakhand shot up to 242 with an increase of 63 big cats in the year 2017.

Uttarakhand is the second state in terms of tiger count behind Karnataka, which has 400 big cats.

#### ❖ India to host maiden men's World Boxing Championship in 2021

- ❖ India skipper Mithali Raj was chosen as the captain of the ICC Women's World Cup 2017 team by the International Cricket Council. Recently England won the 2017 Women's cricket world cup by defeating India in final.
- ❖ Delhi Metro becomes world's 1st completely Green metro system.
- ❖ Jeff Bezos (founder of amazon) was the richest man in the world for a short period of time after a jump in share price of amazon.

Microsoft founder Bill gates is the richest man in the world.

- ❖ Leading online travel company Yatra acquired corporate travel service provider company Air Travel Bureau (ATB) for undisclosed amount.
- ❖ Italy Fail to Qualify for FIFA World Cup 2018

In Football, Italy has failed to qualify for the FIFA World Cup for the first time since 1958.

FIFA world cup 2018: Russia

- ❖ Revenue Secretary Hasmukh Adhia has been designated as the new Finance Secretary.
- ❖ Mary Kom Strikes Gold at Asian Women's Boxing Championships

M.C. Mary Kom (48kg) notched up her fifth gold medal at the Asian Women's Boxing Championships in Vietnam

- ❖ US Senate Confirms Christopher Wray as FBI Director

The US Senate has confirmed Christopher Wray to lead the FBI, replacing James Comey, who was abruptly fired by President Donald Trump.

FBI: The Federal Bureau of Investigation

- ❖ SEBI approves appointment of Dhirendra Swarup as BSE chairman Remember Bombay stock exchange is the oldest stock exchange of asia.
- ❖ Summer Olympics: Los Angeles to host 2028 Games and Paris gets 2024 games.

Venues by Years:

2016 Games: Rio, Brazil

2020 Games: Tokyo, Brazil

2024 games: Paris, France

2028 games: Los angeles, USA

- ❖ Venkaiah Naidu Is New Vice President of India

Venkaiah Naidu is going to succeed Hamid Ansari as the new Vice-President of India. He will be 13th person to become vice president of India.

- ❖ JK Rowling: World's Highest Paid Author by Forbes

She got famous by **writing Harry Potter series.**

❖ **Legendary Sprinter Usain Bolt Retires.**

The greatest sprinter of modern times, Usain Bolt from Jamaica retired from the Athletics world. But at farewell Race, he injured himself while running the last lap of the men's 4x100m relay race in the World Athletics Championships in London.

❖ **Kavita Devi, India's First Woman Wrestler to Sign for WWE.**

Kavita Devi, a former competitive powerlifter, has become the first ever Indian woman to be signed by the World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE).

❖ **China Starts World's Biggest Floating Solar Project**

A unit of China Three Gorges Corp. is building a 1 billion yuan (\$151 million) floating solar power plant, the world's biggest, in the nation's eastern province of Anhui. China Three Gorges New Energy Co. started building the 150-megawatt project in July and part of the plant was connected to the grid.

❖ **Pradeep Singh Kharola Takes Over as Air India CMD**

Senior IAS officer Pradeep Singh Kharola took charge as the Chairman and Managing Director of Air India.

- ❖ **PM Announces Relief Package for Cyclone Ockhi Affected States** Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Ockhi affected Lakshwadeep, Tamil Nadu and Kerala to take stock of the situation, meets affected people.

❖ **Indian Diaspora is Largest in the World: World Migration Report 2018**

The Indian diaspora is the largest in the world, with over 15 million migrants from India living abroad, according to the World Migration Report 2018 published by the International Organisation for Migration, the United Nations migration agency

❖ **Government Approves Dish TV Merger with Videocon d2h**

Dish TV India Limited (Dishtv), Asia Pacific's largest direct-to-home

(DTH) company and part of the Essel Group has received the final approval for closing of the merger of Videocon d2h with DishTV.

- ❖ **Viswanathan Anand Wins World Rapid Chess Championship** - India's ace chess player Viswanathan Anand won the World Rapid Chess tournament title in Saudi Arabia by beating Russia's Vladimir Fedoseev 2-0 in a two-game tie-break



### ❖ Facebook Launches Youtube Competitor Called 'Watch'.

Mark Elliot Zuckerberg is a co-founder of Facebook, and currently operates as its chairman and chief executive officer.

- ❖ Hritik Roshan has been signed as a brand ambassador by a health and wellness startup Cure.fit in a deal worth Rs 100 crore. The actor will be associated with the brand for five years

### ❖ FMCG Britannia to set up largest plant in Maharashtra.

India's leading FMCG Britannia Industries would set up its largest plant in Maharashtra in a food park at Ranjangaon.

FMCG: **Fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) or consumer packaged goods (CPG)** are products that are sold quickly and at relatively low cost. Examples include non-durable goods such as soft drinks, toiletries, over-the-counter drugs, processed foods and many other consumables. Britannia Industries Ltd managing director: Varun Berry

- ❖ **Three Indian firms, Hindustan Unilever, Asian Paints and Bharti Airtel are among Forbes' list of the world's 100 most innovative companies,** where Salesforce.Com has replaced Tesla Motors on the top position.

While HUL and Asian Paints have moved up in their ranks to seventh and eighth respectively (from 31st and 18th last year), Bharti Airtel has entered the ranking at 78th position.

- ❖ Japanese encephalitis killed more than 50 children in Gorakhpur district of UP.
- ❖ Indian Oil Buys First Shale Oil from US.

State-owned Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has bought the country's first shale oil from the US and is looking to step up imports from America as part of its crude diversification strategy. IOC bought 1.9 million barrels of US crude in its second import tender seeking oil from the Americas.

### ❖ Jet Airways Appoints Vinay Dube as CEO.

Jet Airways has been without a full-time CEO since Cramer Ball quit in February 2016.

Jet Airways is an Indian airline based in Mumbai.

### ❖ Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana (AGEY) Launched.

The Government of India has decided to launch a new sub-scheme named “Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana (AGEY)” as part of the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – **National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM)**. The Self Help Groups under DAY-NRLM will operate road transport service in backward areas. This will help to provide safe, affordable and community monitored rural transport services to connect remote villages with key services and amenities. AGEY will be initially implemented in 250 Blocks in the country on pilot basis.

❖ **Indra military Exercise: India, Russia for first time conduct tri-services exercise.**

Remember the name Indra for India and Russia military exercise.

❖ **Sanjiv Gupta Appointed President and MD of General Motors India** General motors is a USA based Automobile company.

❖ PV Sindhu, First Brand Ambassador for Bridgestone India. Badminton ace PV Sindhu, who recently won Silver at the World Championship, was appointed the first brand ambassador of tyre maker Bridgestone India.

❖ **Dara Khosrowshahi is New Uber CEO.**

Transport Company Uber has finally selected a new CEO of the company- Dara Khosrowshahi. He is **from Iran.**  
**Khosrowshahi is the CEO of online travel booking company Expedia Inc.**

He has **replaced Travis Kalanick.**

❖ P V Sindhu Won Silver at World Badminton Championship 2017. PV Sindhu won the Silver medal in World Badminton Championship 2017. She lost the historic match against Japan's Nozomi Okuhara in an epic final, in Glasgow, Scotland

❖ For India, it still is a historic edition since for the first time country's shuttler are returning with two medals. Saina Nehwal won a bronze.

❖ Government Names Rajnish Kumar as SBI's New Chairman The Government named Rajnish Kumar as the new chairman of State Bank of India, for a three-year term. Kumar has succeeded Arundhati Bhattacharya.

❖ Kazuo Ishiguro Wins 2017 Nobel Literature Prize.

Sixty four-year-old Mr. Ishiguro was born in Japan and his family moved to the United Kingdom when he was five. His most renowned novel, the Remains of the Day (1989), was turned into film with Anthony Hopkins as the butler Stevens.

Remember

The Swedish Academy in 2016, awarded the Nobel Literature Prize to U.S. counter-culture icon and rock star Bob Dylan.

- ❖ Dipak Misra Sworn in as CJI.

**Justice Dipak Misra was sworn in as the 45th Chief Justice of India.**

- ❖ **Devendra Jhajharia** became the first para athlete to receive India's highest sporting honour — Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna — along with hockey star Sardar Singh.
- ❖ **Raghuram Rajan Pens Book 'I Do What I Do'** on his RBI Stint. Former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan has penned a book titled 'I Do What I Do: On Reform, Rhetoric & Resolve'. Raghuram Rajan explains economic concepts and talks of issues like tolerance and connection between political freedom and prosperity in his new book.
- ❖ Cabinet Renames SAMPADA Scheme as PMKSY.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the renaming of the new Central Sector Scheme-SAMPADA (Scheme for Agro-Marine Processing and Development of Agro-Processing Clusters) as "**Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY)**" for the period of 2016-20 coterminous with the 14th Finance Commission cycle.

The objective of PMKSY is to supplement agriculture, modernize processing and decrease Agri-Waste.

- ❖ Supreme Court Declares Right to Privacy as Fundamental Right. With this now India has total seven fundamental rights.

Right to equality,

Right to freedom,

Right against exploitation,

Right to freedom of religion,

Cultural and Educational rights, and Right to constitutional remedies are the 6 fundamental rights of India.

- ❖ **Wayne Rooney, England's Record Goalscorer, Retires.**

Wayne Rooney, hailed from England retired from international football to prioritize ending his career on a high with boyhood club Everton.

- ❖ SBI Life Insurance Gets SEBI approval for Rs 8,400 crore IPO.

SBI Life Insurance has received approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India for an IPO (Initial Public Offering) of up to Rs 8,400 crore (\$1.3 billion).

Its Tagline: With us, You are sure.

#### ❖ Indo-US Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2017

Exercise Yudh Abhyas is one of the largest joint running military training and defence corporation endeavors between Star India Bags IPL Media Rights

Star India edged out Sony Pictures to secure the Indian Premier League's media rights with a bid of Rs 16,347.50 crore. The bidding for various media rights of the cash-rich league was held in Mumbai for a five-year period from 2018-2022.

#### ❖ 9th BRICS Summit 2017 Kicks off in Xiamen, China

The 9th BRICS Summit has started in Xiamen, China with a group photograph of leaders of the five countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa).

The theme of the 9th BRICS Summit is "Stronger Partnership for a better future".

#### ❖ Mahendra Singh Dhoni, First Wicketkeeper to Effect 100 Stumpings

Former India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni became the first wicketkeeper in world cricket to effect 100 stumpings in One Day Internationals (ODIs). Dhoni achieved the feat in his 301st ODI in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

#### ❖ Modi Cabinet Reshuffle

A. Piyush Goyal has been appointed as the Union Railway Minister.

B. Nirmala Sitharaman was given the Defence Ministry, becoming only the second woman to hold the post after Indira Gandhi. C. Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi: Minister of Minority Affairs.

#### ❖ Rajiv Kumar Takes Charge as Niti Aayog Vice-Chairman

Economist Rajiv Kumar took over as the vice-chairman of government think tank NITI Aayog. Mr. Kumar replaced Arvind Panagariya.

Mr. Narendra Modi is the chairman of NITI aayog.

#### ❖ Rajiv Mehrishi is New CAG of India

The outgoing Home Secretary Rajiv Mehrishi was appointed Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG).

- ❖ **Shyam Saran's Book 'How India Sees the World' Launched** The book of Former Foreign Secretary Shyam Saran named “How India Sees the World: Kautilya to the 21st Century”- was launched by former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh

- ❖ **Surya Kiran: Indo-Nepal Joint Military Exercise**

- ❖ **Ahmedabad Formally Accorded Status of India's First World Heritage City by UNESCO**

- ❖ **Sachin Tendulkar Launches Mission 24**

Former Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar launched -Mission 24 for Mumbai's M east ward which is known to have one of highest slum population's in the city.

The project by NGO Apnalaya and Mumbai first plans to work along with the BMC -as the principal stakeholder over the next 24 months to improve the quality of lives of people living in M east ward of Mumbai. India and USA. This will be the 13th edition of the joint exercise hosted alternately between the two countries.

- ❖ **Parineeti Chopra, First Indian Woman Ambassador For Tourism Australia**

- ❖ **Sankara Narayanan Takes Charge as MD & CEO of Vijaya Bank**

R A Sankara Narayanan has taken charge as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Vijaya Bank.

Remember:-

**Vijaya bank headquarter is in Bengaluru.**

**Tagline: A friend you can bank upon**

- ❖ **US and Israel Withdraws from UNESCO**

The US and Israel announced their withdrawal from the UN's cultural agency UNESCO after Washington accused it of anti-Israeli bias. The withdrawal of the United States, which is meant to provide a fifth of Unesco's funding, is a major blow for the Paris-based organization. UNESCO is best known for designating World Heritage Sites such as the ancient city of Palmyra in Syria and the Grand Canyon National Park. Remember

**HQ of UNESCO: Paris, France**

**Irina Bokova is the Present Director-General of UNESCO.**

- ❖ **Paris Officially Awarded 2024 Summer Olympics, Los Angeles Gets 2028**

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has formally announced that Paris has been awarded the 2024 summer Olympics and Los Angeles has been given the 2028 edition.

- ❖ **Shinzo Abe Gujarat Visit: India's First Bullet Train Project Inaugurated.**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe laid the foundation stone of the 508-km long Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail in Ahmedabad.

Some points:

- A. The cost of the project is Rs 1,10,000-crore.
- B. Once complete, the train which will have a top speed of 350 km per hour will reduce travel time between the two cities to around 2 hours from the existing 7 hours.
- C. The Project is scheduled to complete by December 2023 (Tentative).
- D. The project is mostly on Japanese soft loan.

**Soft loan means very low interest rate and repaying payment time is more.**

- ❖ **Halimah Yacob- 1st Female President of Singapore.** Halimah Yacob was sworn-in as the 8th President of Singapore. She became the country's first female President and the first in five decades to come from the Malay ethnicity.

- ❖ **US Open tennis tournament 2017 winners.**

Men's Singles: **Rafael Nadal**

Women's Singles: **Sloane Stephens**

- ❖ **Sjoerd Marijne Named New Coach of Indian Men's Hockey Team.** Women's national hockey coach Sjoerd Marijne was named chief coach of the men's side. He has replaced Roelant Oltmans.
- ❖ **Ashish Kashyap Resigns as President and Co-founder of MakeMyTrip.**
- ❖ Cricketer Kuldeep Yadav has become 3rd Indian after chetan sharma and Kapil Dev and 1st Spinner to take a hat-rick in One day International Cricket Game.

In 2nd ODI Match against Australia at Eden Garden Kolkata, Kuldeep achieved this feat.

- ❖ **Google Bought HTC's Pixel Team for 1.1 billion dollars.** HTC is a taiwan based smartphone maker company.
- ❖ **Three Indians Among World's '100 Greatest Living Business Minds'**

Three Indian entrepreneurial legends, **Ratan Tata, Lakshmi Mittal and Vinod Khosla have been included in Forbes's special list of the world's '100 Greatest Living Business Minds.'**

### ❖ Cyclist Mark Beaumont Breaks the World Record

Mark Beaumont has broken the world record for cycling around the world – by 44 days. The 34-year-old, from Perthshire, arrived in Paris one day ahead of schedule having cycled the 18,000-mile route in 79 days.

He was on his bike for more than 16 hours a day and only slept for five hours each night.

### ❖ Only Marshal of IAF, hero of 1965, Arjan Singh Passed Away

For his meritorious services during the 1965 Indo-Pak War, Arjan Singh was honoured with the Padma Vibhushan.

\*Air Marshal is the 2nd highest post in Indian Air force. Air chief marshal is the highest post\*.

- ❖ PM Modi inaugurates country's **biggest dam, Sardar Sarovar Dam**, Called '**Gujarat's Lifeline**', on the river Narmada
- ❖ PV Sindhu becomes the first Indian to win the Korea Open Superseries

Olympic silver medallist shuttler P V Sindhu beat world champion Nozomi Okuhara in a thrilling final to clinch the women's singles title at the Korea Open Super Series.

- ❖ Google Tez UPI-Based Digital Payments App Launched in India

Google Tez has become the latest UPI-based payments app in the country. The new Google Tez app can be used to pay for movie tickets, utility bills, and make other transactions online

### ❖ 69th Emmy Awards 2017

- ✓ The Handmaid's Tale\* became the first web television series to win the award for Outstanding Drama Series.
- ✓ Emmy Award is given in recognition of excellence in American primetime television programming.\*

### ❖ Varuna Exercise

**India, France carry out joint naval exercise 'Varuna'**

The Indian Navy has begun a joint maritime exercise with the French Navy at the Mediterranean Sea to further deepen combat coordination between the two navies.

### ❖ First rail freight service to China departs UK

the train will pass through seven other countries which are France, Belgium, Germany, Poland, Belarus, Russia and Kazakhstan.

- ❖ The literary blockbuster novel 'The Underground Railroad' authored by Colson Whitehead, which depicts the journey of a young woman escaping from slavery via a fantastical train system has won the Pulitzer prize for fiction. The Pulitzer prizes, considered the most prestigious journalism and arts awards in the U.S.A.

❖ Flipkart Buys eBay India

❖ CEO of Flipkart: Kalyan krishnamurthy

❖ 2016 Dadasaheb phalke award

Veteran actor **Kasinathuni Viswanath wins Dadasaheb Phalke award** for 2016.

✓ It is the **highest recognition in Indian cinema**, which consists of a golden lotus, **a cash prize of Rs10 lakh and a shawl.**

✓ **Devika Rani was the first awardee of Dadasaheb Phalke award.**

- ❖ **India becomes world's 5th largest military spender.** USA tops the list.
- ❖ Veteran Actor and gurudaspur MP **Vinod khanna** passed away.
- ❖ **Nita Ambani has made member of IOC's important commision.** IOC: **International olympic committee.**

She is India's 1st woman International olympic cokmittee member.

❖ **T Krishnakumar appointed as Coca-Cola India's new chief**

❖ **Justice Leila seth 1st woman Chief Justice of a state high court, passed away.**

❖ **India is the 3rd largest producer of Steel globally.**

❖ **Madhya Pradesh becomes 1st state to shift to January to December financial year**

Madhya Pradesh has become the first state to switch to the January–December financial year from the existing April–March cycle.

The move breaks a 150-year tradition as India started adopting the April–March financial year from 1867.

❖ **'Unstoppable: My Life So Far' authored by Maria Sharapova**

The book titled 'Unstoppable: My Life So Far' authored by russian tennis star Maria Sharapova was unveiled. The book talks about Sharapova's rise from nowhere to tennis stardom, and the unending fight to stay on top.

- ❖ India Launches **'Operation Insaniyat' to Help Bangladesh.** India has started 'Operation Insaniyat' to provided assistance to Bangladesh in response to the humanitarian crisis being faced on account of the large influx of Rohingya refugees into that country from Myanmar.

❖ **Prime Minister launches Umang app**



Prime minister Narendra Modi has 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 and state governments. The app has been developed by the ministry of electronics and information technology (MEITY).

Some of the services relate to Aadhaar, DigiLocker, Pay Gov, Bharat Bill Payments System (BBPS), and CBSE.

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ SBI launches YONO, an Integrated app for Financial Services

**State Bank of India, the country's largest public sector bank, has launched a unified integrated app called YONO (You Need Only One)** that would offer all kinds of financial and lifestyle products.

YONO will also allow customers to meet their lifestyle needs across 14 categories including booking and renting cabs, entertainment, dining experience, travel and stay, medical needs and so on.

- ❖ 2017 Nobel Peace Prize Announced

The Norwegian Nobel Committee has decided to award the Nobel Peace Prize for 2017 to the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) "for its work to draw attention to the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons and for its ground-breaking efforts to achieve a treaty-based prohibition of such weapons".

- ❖ PM Narendra Modi forms Economic Advisory Council

PM Narendra Modi reconstituted the Economic Advisory Council (EAC) to guide him on economic issues and appointed economist Bibek Debroy as its chairman. Debroy is a member of government think tank Niti Aayog.

- ❖ World's Richest Woman Liliane Bettencourt Passes Away Liliane Bettencourt, heir to the French L'Oreal hairspray empire and the world's wealthiest woman, has died aged 94. She was from France.

- ❖ **Magicbricks Launches India's First Online Property Bidding Platform**

Magicbricks announced the launch of India's first online bidding platform for residential and commercial properties and tied-up with developer M3M for the inaugural 'My Bid, My Home' under which consumers can bid for ready-to-move-in residential properties in Gurugram.

- ❖ ISRO's Mars Orbiter Mission Completes 3 Years in Orbit The 450-crore rupees MOM mission aims at studying the Martian surface and mineral composition. It will also scan its atmosphere for methane which is an indicator of life on Mars.
- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched - Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana 'Saubhagya' to provide electricity connections to over 4 crore families in rural and urban areas by December 2018.
- ❖ Newton: India's official entry to Oscars 2018
- ❖ Angela Merkel wins 4th term as German Chancellor.
- ❖ Airtel Gets Approval for Tigo Merger

Bharti Airtel has received Ghana's National Communications Authority's approval for the merger between Bharti Ghana (Airtel) and Millicom Ghana (Tigo), subject to certain conditions.

This merger will result in an entity which will be the second largest mobile network operations in the country.

- ❖ FIFA U-17 World Cup 2017 Started in India

The Official Mascot of the FIFA U-17 World Cup India 2017 is a clouded leopard called Kheleo. This is the first FIFA tournament hosted by India. The final will be held at the Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata on 28 October 2017.

- ❖ India ranked at 100th place in Global Hunger index 2017, behind North Korea and Bangladesh. Last year India ranked at 97th place.

The Global Hunger Index, now in its 12th year, ranks countries based on four key indicators — undernourishment, child mortality, child wasting and child stunting.

- ❖ Actor Anupam Kher has been appointed the new chairman of Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), located in Pune. He succeeds former television actor Gajendra Chauhan.
- ❖ Axis Bank Appoints Sangram Singh as Freecharge CEO

Axis Bank Ltd has recently completed the acquisition of mobile wallet firm Freecharge and appointed Sangram Singh as its CEO. He has replaced Jason Kothari.

- ❖ 2017 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences to Richard H. Thaler The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel 2017 was awarded to Richard H. Thaler "for his contributions to behavioural economics".
- ❖ India-Sri Lanka Joint military training Exercise 'MITRA SHAKTI 2017' Started
- ❖ The Coalition Years 1996-2012: Pranab Mukherjee's Political Autobiography.

Former President Pranab Mukherjee has released the third part of his memoir 'The Coalition Years: 1996-2012', speaking candidly about believing he could have been the Congress choice for the Prime Minister's post.

Mukherjee's memoir is the third in the series. The other two are -- The Dramatic Decade: The Indira Gandhi Years and The Turbulent Years: 1980-1996.

❖ **New Director General of UNESCO: Audrey Azoulay**

**She will replace Director General Irina Bokova.**

**HQ of UNESCO: Paris, France**

❖ **INS Kiltan** commissioned in Indian navy: Indigenously-built anti-submarine warfare stealth corvette INS Kiltan was commissioned into the Indian Navy at the Eastern Naval Command (Naval Dockyard) in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

It is India's first major warship to have a superstructure of carbon fibre composite material resulting in improved stealth features, lower top weight and maintenance costs.

❖ **India tops list of pollution linked Deaths: survey.**

India has topped list of countries with pollution related deaths in 2015. China stood at 2nd place.

❖ **Indra 2017: 1st tri services military exercise between India and Russia begins.**

Tri services: army, navy and air force.

❖ **ISSF World Cup 2017- Highlights**

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

India won through Jitu Rai/Heena Sidhu (gold in mixed team 10m air pistol).

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

Important Highlights-

Indian shuttler Kidambi Srikanth became the first Indian to win the men's singles title at French Open badminton tournament.

### ❖ All About FIFA U-17 World Cup 2017

- A. The 17th edition of FIFA U-17 World Cup took place for the first time in India.
- B. The official Mascot for the FIFA U-17 World Cup 2017 was clouded leopard named 'Kheleo'.
- C. The final match of the event was held in Salt Lake Stadium, Kolkata.
- D. Jeakson Singh creates history by scoring India's first ever goal in FIFA World Cup.
- E. England has won the FIFA U-17 World Cup by defeating Spain by 5-2.

### ❖ Book on Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam's inspirational Words Titled "Dreamnation: Uniting a Country with Handwritten Dreams", is released.

The book is Co-authored by Saji Mathew and Jubie John and published by Bloomsbury.

- ❖ India registers its highest ever increase in ease of doing business rankings.

India's rank: 100th

In 2016 India's rank was 130.

- ❖ England beat Spain 5-2 to Win First-ever U-17 Title England scripted a dramatic turnaround in Kolkata to win the \*2017 FIFA U17 World Cup\* for the very first time after a 5-2 win over European U17 champions Spain.

### ❖ Pro Kabaddi League 5th season winner:

Patna Pirates Clinched Third Pro Kabaddi Successive Title Pardeep Narwal scored incredible 24 points to steer Patna Pirates to third consecutive Pro Kabaddi title. Pardeep, who had scored 76 points in three playoffs, helped Patna come from behind and thump Gujarat Fortunegiants 55-38 in the summit clash of Pro Kabaddi season 5.

- ❖ Saudi Arabia, First Country to Grant Citizenship to a Robot Saudi Arabia has become the first country to give a robot citizenship. The move is an attempt to promote Saudi Arabia as a place to develop artificial intelligence and, presumably, allow it to become a full citizen. The Robot is named as 'Sophia'.

### ❖ Burundi, First Nation to Leave International Criminal Court

Burundi became the first nation ever to leave the International Criminal Court (ICC), set up 15 years ago to prosecute those behind the world's worst atrocities.

Burundi is the only one of three African nations to go ahead with its withdrawal after making moves last year to leave amid accusations that the court focuses too much on the continent.

The ICC was established in 2002. It is based in the Hague, the Netherlands.

Bujumbura is the capital of Burundi and Burundian franc is its currency.

#### ❖ India becomes Second Largest Fish Producing Country in the World

Points to remember:-

China is the largest fish producer country in the world.

Radha Mohan Singh is the Union agriculture minister.

Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries.

#### ❖ India has 3rd Highest Number of Family-Owned Businesses: Report

India has 108 publicly-listed family-owned businesses, third highest in the world, while China tops the tally with 167 such companies followed by the US which has 121, according to the Credit Suisse report.

#### ❖ Honda overtakes Bajaj to seal No 2 spot in domestic bike sales

Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India (HMSI) has raced past Bajaj Auto to become the second biggest bike seller in India during the first half of the ongoing fiscal. Market leader Hero MotoCorp continued its hold on the segment.

- ❖ India beats Malaysia 2-1 in the finale to win the 2017 Asia Cup Hockey tournament held in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

#### ❖ Kidambi Srikanth Lifts Denmark Open Superseries Trophy 2017

In Badminton, ace Indian shuttler Kidambi Srikanth has lifted the Denmark Open Superseries trophy at Odense, Denmark. Kidambi Srikanth has recently (June 2017) won Australia Open Super Series title.

#### ❖ Cristiano Ronaldo Named Best FIFA Men's Player

Real Madrid star Cristiano Ronaldo has beaten Lionel Messi and Neymar to win the Best FIFA Men's Player award for the second year running.

- ❖ Hindi Writer Krishna Sobti to Receive 2017 Jnanpith Award Renowned Hindi litterateur Krishna Sobti has been chosen for 53rd Jnanpith Award for the year 2017, the Jnanpith Selection Board announced.
- ❖ India Makes it to Top 100 in 'ease of doing business': World Bank

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.

- ❖ **India Tops List of New Tuberculosis Cases in 2016:** WHO 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.

TB is a disease which in humans is usually caused by bacteria called *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (M. tuberculosis).

- ❖ **Kanchanmala Pande Wins India's 1st World Para Swimming Championship Gold**

Nagpur's Kanchanmala Pande created history as she became the first Indian to secure pole position at the World Para Swimming Championship in Mexico.

- ❖ **Saudi Arabia Lifts Ban on Movie Theatres After 35 Years**

Saudi Arabia will have its first public cinemas in more than 35 years after the government announced the lifting of the ban on movie theatres.

- ❖ **US Author George Saunders Wins 2017 Man Booker Prize.** US author George Saunders has won the 2017 Man Booker Prize. He became only the second American writer to win Britain's renowned Prize, which was awarded for his first full-length novel *"Lincoln in the Bardo"*.

- ❖ **PM Modi Inaugurates 1st ever All India Institute of Ayurveda in New Delhi.**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first ever All India Institute of Ayurved (AIIA) in *New Delhi*, on the occasion of the 2nd Ayurveda Day.

It is the first institute under the Ministry of AYUSH.

- ❖ **Triple Talaq Bill Passed in Lok Sabha**

The Lok Sabha passed the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriages) Bill 2017 making instant triple talaq illegal with up to three years in jail for the husband.

- ❖ **Indo-Maldives Joint Exercise 'Ekuverin' Concludes**

The two-week long eighth edition of the Indo-Maldives joint military exercise, 'Ekuverin', came to an end at Belagavi, Karnataka. 'Ekuverin' means 'friends' in the Maldivian language.

- ❖ **Anushka Sharma is PETA's 'Person of the Year'**

Actress Anushka Sharma has been named PETA's Person of the Year by animal rights organisation People for Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA).

- ❖ Gender Vulnerability Index: Goa Safest, Bihar Least Safe Goa is safest for girls, and Bihar least safe, according to a newly-formed Gender Vulnerability Index (GVI) by NGO Plan India. National Capital Delhi ranks only better than Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

#### ❖ Indo-Kazakhstan Joint Exercise "PRABAL DOSTYK 2017" Begins

A fourteen-day joint training exercise "PRABAL DOSTYK - 2017" between the Indian Army and the Kazakhstan Army commenced with the Opening Ceremony at Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh.

#### ❖ Assam CM Sarbananda Sonowal Launches 647 Schemes for Development of Majuli

Majuli is a river island in the Brahmaputra River, Assam. It is India's first island district and \*world's largest river island\*.

#### ❖ ONGC Gets Government Nod for Acquiring HPCL

ONGC has received the Information Memorandum from the Department of Investment and 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

- ❖ The Sri Ranganathaswamy temple at Srirangam in Tamil Nadu has won UNESCO Asia-Pacific award for cultural heritage conservation programme in the Awards of Merit category. It is first temple from Tamil Nadu to grab the prestigious honour from the UN body. The temple won the award in recognition of its efforts for protecting and conserving cultural heritage.
- ❖ India was ranked low at 108th position out of 144 countries in Global Gender Gap Index 2017 released as part of World Economic Forum's (WEF) Global Gender gap report 2017. Global Gender Gap Index measures gender gap as progress towards parity between men and women in four indicators (i) Educational attainment, (ii) Health and survival, (iii) Economic opportunity and (iv) Political empowerment.
- ❖ Government Launches BharatNet Phase 2 Project

To provide high-speed broadband service in all Gram Panchayats by March 2019, government has launched its second and final phase of BharatNet project. It will be implemented at an outlay of around 34 thousand crore rupees.

- ❖ UNESCO Confirms France's Audrey Azoulay as New Head UNESCO member states confirmed the nomination of France's former culture minister Audrey Azoulay to head the cultural agency. 45-year-old Azoulay becomes UNESCO's second woman director general.

#### ❖ Qatar, the Richest Country in the World Per Capita

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. Qatar Capital- Doha, Currency- Qatari riyal.

#### ❖ Saina Nehwal Beats PV Sindhu to Become National Champion for 3rd Time

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.

#### ❖ Former PM Manmohan Singh to get Indira Gandhi Peace Prize

Former prime minister Manmohan Singh will receive the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development this year for his leadership of the country between 2004 and 2014 and for enhancing India's stature globally.

- ❖ Manushi Chhillar puts an end India's 17 year-dry-spell at the top pageant contest, she crowned Miss world title 2017.

#### ❖ France Named as Host of 2023 Rugby World Cup

France Capital- Paris, Currency- Euro, President- Emmanuel Macron

#### ❖ World's Longest Glass Bridge Opens in China

The world's longest glass bridge has been opened in China to the public. Though it has a capacity to hold 2000 people, only 500 would be allowed at a time. Located in Shijiazhuang, the magnificent bridge lies 218 meters above hanging between the two cliffs in Hongyagu Scenic Area in Pingshan county.

- ❖ Bengaluru Becomes First Indian City to have its Own Logo

- ❖ Sushil Becomes PWL's Most Expensive Wrestler at Rs.55 lakh Sushil Kumar was wanted by all the teams ahead of the new season of Pro Wrestling League (PWL) and the bidding war created history in New Delhi. Sold to Delhi Sultans for a whopping amount of Rs 55 lakh, Sushil is now the most expensive player in the history of the tournament.

- ❖ Aditi ashok, First Indian to Qualify for LPGA Tour Championships.



## **LPGA- Ladies Professional Golf Association.**

Remember her name and the sports she is associated with.

### **❖ Tencent Becomes First Chinese Tech Firm Valued over \$500 Billion**

Tencent has become the first Chinese company to be valued at more than \$500 billion in Asia.

- ❖ India's nominee to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) Dalveer Bhandari was re-elected to the fifth and the last seat of the world court after Britain withdrew its candidate from the election.

\*International Court of Justice Headquarters- The Hague, Netherlands.\*

### **Moody's Upgrades India's Sovereign Rating for First Time in 14 Years**

International rating agency Moody's Investors Service has upgraded India's local and foreign currency issuer ratings to Baa2 from Baa3 and changed the outlook on the rating to stable from positive. NK Singh Appointed as 15th Finance Commission Chairman The government announced that former revenue secretary NK Singh will be the chairman of the 15th Finance Commission (FC).

Remember this finance commission will recommend distribution of taxes between the Centre and the states.

### **❖ Ivanka Trump Arrives for Global Entrepreneurship Summit in Hyderabad**

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 and 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".

- ❖ **Golden Temple Awarded 'Most Visited Place of the World'** The Golden Temple has been awarded the 'most visited place of the world' by 'World Book of Records' (WBR), a London-based organisation. Golden Temple is in Amritsar, Punjab.

### **❖ Paytm Acquires Stake in online Loans Firm CreditMate**