

1st to 11th June 2017: Current Affairs Tonic

Banking Current Affairs

- ✦ Canara Bank has inked pact with The New India Assurance Company Ltd. to sell policies through its branches.
- ✦ SBI cut the interest rate on home loans above Rs 75 lakh by 10 basis points (bps) to 8.60 percent. For salaried women borrowers, the loans will be offered at 8.55 percent. According to SBI, the new rates will be effective from June 15. The home loan rates offered are lowest in the industry.
- ✦ Indian Overseas Bank has launched the Retail Mart, a retail lending concept, in Kerala's capital city.
- ✦ Axis Bank Ltd announced biodegradable prepaid gift cards on the occasion of World Environment Day (05th June). With this, the bank has become the first to introduce biodegradable cards in the country.
- ✦ ADB & PNB signed a \$100 million loan to be guaranteed by the Govt. of India that will finance large solar rooftop systems on industrial & commercial buildings throughout India.
- ✦ RBI has initiated prompt corrective action (PCA) for Dena Bank in view of high net non-performing assets & negative return on assets. Prompt Corrective Action is the action which will not have any material impact on the performance of the bank infact it will contribute to improve the internal controls of the bank & improvement in its activities.
- ✦ SBI & the World Bank announced that they had financed 100 MW of rooftop solar projects worth Rs400 crore in India.
- ✦ Bank of India conducted a mass-contact programme, 'Star Mahotsav', across its branch network. The thrust was in contacting every customer at their doorstep for recovery of bad loans, disbursement of retail loan, including housing & vehicle loan, disbursement under MSME & agriculture, & promotion of its products including debit/credit cards, PoS machines, internet banking, etc.
- ✦ On the basis of an assessment of the current & evolving macroeconomic situation at its meeting today, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) decided to:
- ✦ Keep the policy repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) unchanged at 6.25 per cent.
- ✦ Consequently, the reverse repo rate under the LAF remains at 6.0 per cent, and
- ✦ The Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate & the Bank Rate at 6.50 per cent.
- ✦ Vijaya Bank is going to develop as many as 100 digital villages in various States of the country as part of its initiative to promote digital banking among the rural population.

Schemes/Portals/Missions Launched

- ✦ President Pranab Mukherjee launched the '**Selfie with Daughter**' mobile application, aimed at raising awareness about female foeticide & sex selection. The

aim is to motivate society to feel proud to be parents of a girl child, which, in turn, will result in improving child sex ratio.

- ✦ Civil Aviation Ministry is adding a digital experience for Air travelers through '**DigiYatra**' Platform in New Delhi. This initiative aims at bringing together entire industry to develop a digital ecosystem that will deliver customers a seamless & paperless service experience at every stage of journey.
- ✦ Shri J P Nadda has launched '**Skill for Life, Save a Life**' initiative to promote skill development in the health sector. The Initiative aims to upscale the quantity & quality of trained professionals in the healthcare system.
- ✦ Telangana Govt. has launched a **digital wallet, named T-Wallet**, which doesn't charge transaction fee from consumers. T-Wallet is bi-directional in nature. While consumers use it for public & private transactions, the Govt. can use it to make payments to various beneficiaries.
- ✦ Telangana Govt. has recently launched the **single-women pensions scheme across the state**. Single women will be given Rs 1,000 per month. It is the first such scheme in India.
- ✦ Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis launched a **web portal 'Mahaswayam'** that will cater to job seekers, employers, entrepreneurs, & training institutes who can avail details regarding skill development & employment.
- ✦ Minister for road transport & highways **Nitin Gadkari has launched 'INAM PRO+'**. It is an e-commerce platform for construction & infrastructure raw material for Govt. & private procurement.



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- ✦ CM of Karnataka Siddaramaiah has recently launched India's first public bicycle sharing (PBS) initiative 'Trin Trin' in Mysuru. the World Bank, Global Environmental Fund, & state govt have jointly funded the initiative.

Mysuru is the first city in India to have a public bicycle sharing system.

- ✦ TRAI launched three new apps to help customers rate quality of services, speed & performance. The three new apps are **MyCall app, MySpeed app & 'Do not disturb (DND 2.0)' app**. The MyCall app, is an Android application for crowdsourced voice call quality monitoring. MySpeed app will enable TRAI to obtain test-data from users in all service areas, without any action by the users. The DND service app will enable users to register their mobile number under DND to avoid unsolicited commercial communication/telemarketing calls/SMS.

State in News

- ✦ **'Vatsalya - Maatri Amrit Kosh', a National Human Milk Bank & Lactation Counselling Centre** was inaugurated at the Lady Hardinge Medical College (LHMC) in New Delhi. The Vatsalya - Maatri Amrit Kosh will be the largest milk bank & lactation counseling center available in the North India. It is established in collaboration with the Norwegian Govt., Oslo University & Norway-India Partnership Initiative (NIPI).
- ✦ Govt. of Tamil Nadu has signed MoU with the Union Civil Aviation Ministry for the implementation of the UDAN scheme in the state. Under the scheme, three of the tier-two industrial towns such as Hosur, Salem & Neyveli are to be developed in the first phase.
- ✦ The Centre has approved the modifications to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Karnataka Amendment) Bill 2017 to pave way for organizing 'kambala'. The Bill proposes to exempt 'kambala' from the ambit of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1960.
- ✦ NITI Aayog has **launched SATH, a program providing 'Sustainable Action for Transforming Human Capital' with the State Govt.s**. The vision of the program is to initiate transformation in the education & health sectors. SATH programme will be implemented by NITI Aayog along with global consultancy McKinsey & Company & IPE Global consortium in the three selected States after the signing of MoUs.
- ✦ Wedding ceremonies in Kerala are all set to become 'green', with the state Govt. coming out with a green protocol to make auspicious occasions more nature-friendly. With the implementation of the protocol, plastic & other non-biodegradable articles including disposable glasses & plates & thermocol decorations will be kept at bay from marriage functions.
- ✦ Delhi Police launched patrolling on bicycle to improve policing in congested localities in trans-Yamuna region of the city. The move is also being billed as a green initiative.
- ✦ The first Mega Food Park in the state of Odisha MITS Mega Food Park Pvt. Ltd. at Rayagada has been inaugurated by Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal, Minister of Food Processing Industries.
- ✦ Odisha is the first State in India to have developed an automatic public address system that can be activated

along its entire coast. The State Govt. is all set to commission the ambitious Early Warning Dissemination System (EWDS) that would enable loud sirens go off simultaneously from towers at 122 locations by July 2017.

- ✦ Varanasi will get the country's first 'freight village' spread over around 100 acres. It will be developed by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
- ✦ Ministry of Rural Development has selected Vizianagaram district in Andhra Pradesh as one among the 17 districts across the nation for the MGNREGA annual award.
- ✦ Energy Efficiency Services Ltd. has initiated a French Agency-funded project to retrofit 10 lakh conventional street lights with LED lights in Gram Panchayats of 7 districts in Andhra Pradesh. This is the first project for rural LED street lighting in the country under the Centre's Street Lighting National Project (SLNP).

New Appointments

- ✦ SEBI has given conditional approval for the appointment of Vikram Limaye as the MD & CEO of the NSE.
- ✦ Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB) has appointed B K Manjunath as a part-time chairman for three years.
- ✦ K G Karmakar & Gauri Shankar were appointed as Independent Directors of India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) for 3 years.
- ✦ Economic Affairs Secretary Shaktikanta Das announced his retirement as the Corporate Affairs Secretary. He will be succeeded by Tapan Ray, who will take the additional charges as the new Economic Affairs Secretary.
- ✦ RBI appointed S. Ganesh Kumar as Executive Director. His appointment is consequent upon voluntary retirement of Chandan Sinha.
- ✦ Sanjiv Singh has taken over as the Chairman of Indian Oil Corporation. He replaces B Ashok.
- ✦ UN General Assembly elected Slovak foreign minister Miroslav Lajcak to be the next president of the 193-member powerful body.
- ✦ Nirupama Rao appointed as the public policy fellow of Sino-India ties at a top American think-tank.
- ✦ Jet Airways has announced the appointment of Vinay Dube as its Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
- ✦ Shashi Shekar Vempati has been appointed as the CEO of Prasar Bharati. He will replace Rajeev Singh.
- ✦ Amul Thapar, an Indian-American legal luminary, appointed as a judge on the US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit by President Donald Trump.
- ✦ Indian-Origin Leo Varadkar is set to become the Republic of Ireland's next PM after winning the leadership of the Fine Gael party. He will become the first gay PM & will also be the country's youngest ever leader. He will succeed Enda Kenny.
- ✦ Aleksandar Vucic has been sworn in as Serbia's new president, promising to work for peace & stability in the war-weary Balkans while strengthening the country's armed forces.

- ✦ Veteran Nepalese politician Sher Bahadur Deuba was elected as Nepal's PM for the fourth time.
- ✦ Senior bureaucrat Hoshiar Singh has been appointed as Registrar of Copyrights.




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Economy & Business Current Affairs

- ✦ The Govt. has set up 18 sectoral groups, comprising senior members from the Centre & the States, to ensure the smooth rollout of the Goods & Services Tax. The 18 groups pertain to sectors such as banking & insurance, textiles, exports, information technology, transport, & oil & gas.
- ✦ Union Cabinet recently gave its nod for SEBI to enter into two separate MoU with securities market regulators of the European Union & Iran.
- ✦ Union Cabinet approved the proposed MoU between Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank) & Export-Import Bank of Korea (KEXIM) for export credit of USD 9 billion for infrastructural development in India & for the supply of goods & services as part of projects in third countries.
- ✦ India's GDP grew 6.1 percent year-on-year during the January-March, 2017 period according to Govt. data. With this, India loses its status of the world's fastest growing economy. China's GDP grew 6.9 percent during the same quarter. The GDP growth rate for the full year (2016-17) came in at 7.1 percent in line.
- ✦ Bharti Airtel has received approvals from SEBI, BSE & the National Stock Exchange of India for its proposed merger with Telenor India.
- ✦ The GST (Goods & Services Tax) Council has cleared the pending rules, including transition provisions & returns, with all the States agreeing to the July 01st 2017 rollout of the tax. Transition rules have been cleared & everybody has agreed for a July 1 rollout," according to Kerala Finance Minister Thomas Isaac. The GST Council

- last month fitted over 1,200 goods & 500 services in the tax brackets of 5, 12, 18 & 28 per cent.
- ✦ Reliance Communications (RCom) Chairman Anil Ambani has announced that the merged entities of RCom & Aircel will be called Aircom. These merged entities are Reliance Communications & Maxis Communications Berhad (MCB).
- ✦ TATA Projects has announced the launch of Green Thumb, an initiative to enhance the green cover. This new initiative of the infrastructure company coincides with World Environment Day (05th June).
- ✦ NSE launched its international exchange in the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City). NSE IFSC Ltd, the global exchange is promoted by NSE.
- ✦ The proposed merger between Aadhar Housing Finance & DHFL Vysya Housing Finance has hit the final lap with it got the nod from housing finance regulator National Housing Bank (NHB).
- ✦ Ransomware attacks have prompted Microsoft to sign an agreement to acquire Hexadite. This deal cost \$100 million.

Sports

- ✦ India's Ramkumar Ramanathan lifted the ITF (International Tennis Federation) men's Futures tennis title after outplaying Raymond Sarmiento of the USA in straight sets in Singapore.
- ✦ Muttiah Muralidaran, the most successful bowler in Tests & One-Day Internationals, was inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame in London.
- ✦ The cricket board for West Indies, on its 91st anniversary, has re-branded themselves as Cricket West Indies from the former West Indies Cricket Board.
- ✦ Never in the history of the UEFA Champions League had a team won the title in consecutive seasons. That is until now — Real Madrid has done it. Now, they stand alone as the only team in the history of the competition to win back-to-back titles.
- ✦ B Sai Praneeth has clinched the Thailand Open Grand Prix Gold badminton title by defeating Indonesia's Jonatan Christie in a closely-fought final in Bangkok.
- ✦ Ganeshan Neelakanta Iyer, the only assigned competition manager of International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF), has become the first Indian to be nominated as a member of the Umpires & Referees Committee (URC).
- ✦ Indian tennis ace Rohan Bopanna & Canadian partner Gabriela Dabrowski produced a fighting performance to beat their German-Colombian opponents Anna-Lena Groenefeld & Robert Farah in the final to clinch their maiden French Open mixed doubles title in Paris, France. Bopanna has become only the fourth Indian to win a Grand Slam crown, after Leander Paes, Mahesh Bhupathi & Sania Mirza.
- ✦ International Olympic Committee has approved new events for the 2020 Tokyo Games, including a number of mixed gender competitions. The additions include a mixed team event for judo. Table Tennis will also get a mixed doubles competition.

- ✦ Michael Venus became New Zealand's first Grand Slam champion since 1974 when he partnered American Ryan Harrison to the French Open men's doubles title.
- ✦ Jelena Ostapenko(Latvia) won her first Grand Slam title by beating Simona Halep 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 in just under two hours in the women's final of the French Open 2017.

National & International Current Affairs

- ✦ The process for electing the 15th President of India will begin on June 14 with the Election Commission issuing the notification for the polls. The Presidential elections will take place on July 17. The Commission has set June 28 as the last date for filing nominations, while July 1 will be the last date for their withdrawal.
- ✦ India signed the OECD multilateral convention that aims to check cross-border tax evasion by multinational companies. Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley signed the multilateral convention in Paris, France to implement tax treaty- related measures to prevent base erosion & profit shifting.
- ✦ All 12 major domestic ports will soon switch to renewable energy to meet their entire power requirements, making India the first country to have all Govt.-owned ports running on solar & wind energy. The Govt. plans to install almost 200 megawatt solar & wind power generation capacity at the ports by 2019.
- ✦ India has signed a loan agreement of 36 million dollars with the World Bank for Himachal Pradesh Public Financial Management Capacity Building Programme. The project aims to improve the efficiency of public expenditure management & tax administration in Himachal Pradesh.
- ✦ India & Russia have signed Saint Petersburg Declaration as a roadmap to enhance cooperation after the 18th annual bilateral summit.
- ✦ Nepal has signed a major deal with a China to develop a 1,200 MW Budhigandaki Hydroelectric Project, the biggest hydro project in the landlocked country that could resolve its perennial power crisis.
- ✦ Montenegro has officially joined North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) & hence became the 29th member country of NATO.

Defence Current Affairs

- ✦ India successfully test-fired its indigenously developed nuclear-capable Prithvi-II missile from a test range in Odisha as part of a user trial by the Army. The surface-to-surface missile has a strike range of 350 km.
- ✦ India has successfully test-fired its first all weather tracked-chassis Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missile (QR-SAM) from a mobile launcher at Integrated Test Range at Chandipur in Odisha.

Ranks/ Indexes Released

- ✦ India has ranked 137th out of 163 countries on Global Peace Index 2017 published by The Institute of Economics & Peace. Iceland has been named the world's

most peaceful country while Syria named the least peaceful country.

- ✦ India has been ranked 45th, down four notches from last year, in terms of competitiveness in the annual rankings compiled by IMD which saw Hong Kong topping the list. The list was compiled by the International Institute for Management Development's (IMD) World Competitiveness Center.
- ✦ India has surpassed China to secure the top position among 30 developing countries on ease of doing business, according to a study that cited India's rapidly expanding economy, relaxation of FDI rules & a consumption boom as the key drivers. The GRDI was titled as 'The Age of Focus', ranks China in second place.
- ✦ Indian cricket team captain Virat Kohli is the sole sportsperson from the country to feature in the world's 100 highest paid athletes in the latest Forbes list topped by soccer star Cristiano Ronaldo. Virat Kohli has been ranked 89th on the 2017 Forbes list.

Important Days

- ✦ World Milk Day is an initiative of the United Nations Food & Agriculture Organisation, to celebrate the contribution of the dairy industry around the globe on 1st June.
- ✦ World Environment Day is the biggest annual event for positive environmental action & takes place every on 5 June. This year's host country was Canada. The theme was "Connecting People to Nature".
- ✦ World Oceans Day observed globally on 08th June. The overall theme was 'Our Oceans, Our Future'.



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

Three Indian cities- Nagpur, Kochi & Ahmedabad will get the grant.

- ✦ Reliance Infrastructure-promoted Mumbai Metro One Private Limited (MMOPL) has partnered with Google to display its services in Google Maps application.
- ✦ National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) & Bird Academy have signed an MoU to skill more than 30 thousand unemployed youth from across states in the aviation & aerospace sectors.
- ✦ India signed an agreement to provide fresh assistance of 318 million US Dollar credit line to Sri Lanka for the development of the railway sector in the country.
- ✦ An agreement for International Bank for Reconstruction & Development (IBRD) Credit of USD 39.2 Million from World Bank for the project 'Assam Citizen Centric Service Delivery' was signed recently.

Awards & Recognition

- ✦ National Assessment & Accreditation Council (NAAC), has received Asia Pacific Quality Network Award 2017 for International Co-operation in Quality Assurance.
- ✦ Defence public sector BEML Ltd has bagged the Raksha Mantri's Award for Excellence for design & development of 180-tonne electric hydraulic excavator BE1800E.
- ✦ Thespian Bengali actor, Soumitra Chatterjee has been conferred with the France's highest civilian honour, the coveted Legion of Honour.

Visits

- ✦ PM Modi left for Kazakhstan, where he will attend the summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), & meet some foreign leaders, including Chinese President Xi Jinping. At the summit in Astana, India & Pakistan will become full members of the grouping, which at present comprises China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, & Tajikistan.
- ✦ PM Narendra Modi has signed seven agreements with Spain PM Mariano Rajoy to strengthen bilateral cooperation to fight against terrorism after the visit from Germany. The seven agreements & MoUs are as follows- Agreement for Transfer of Sentence Persons | MoU on Cooperation in Organ Transplantation|MoU on Cooperation in Cyber Security|MoU on Cooperation in Renewable Energy|MoU on Technical Cooperation in Civil Aviation|Agreement on visa waiver for holders of diplomatic passports|MoU b/w Foreign Service Institute & Diplomatic Academy of Spain.

Summits/Events Held

- ✦ India & Pakistan became full members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), the first-ever expansion of the China-dominated security grouping after 2001. With the inclusion of India & Pakistan, SCO now represents over 40% of world population & nearly 20% of the global GDP. 2017 SCO summit was based on the theme "Future Energy".
- ✦ 70th World Health Assembly was held recently in Geneva, Switzerland. In the meeting member nations

agreed to increase their assessed contributions by 3 percent.

- ✦ To emphasize the importance of financial literacy, the Reserve Bank of India is observing June 5-9, 2017 as Financial Literacy Week across the country. The Week will focus on four broad themes, viz. Know Your Customer (KYC), Exercising Credit Discipline, Grievance Redress & Going Digital.
- ✦ Home Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated a two-day national level conference on "Capacity Building of SDRF-2017" in New Delhi.
- ✦ The second National Health Editors' Conference on Yoga has begun in New Delhi. The theme of the conference is 'Yoga for Health & Harmony'.
- ✦ Minister of Railways Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu inaugurated Indian Railways' 1st HR Round Table Conference in New Delhi. The Conference was organized around three themes i.e. (1) Stakeholders Expectations from HR. (2) The Future of Work – HR Role (3) Creativity Within Constraints

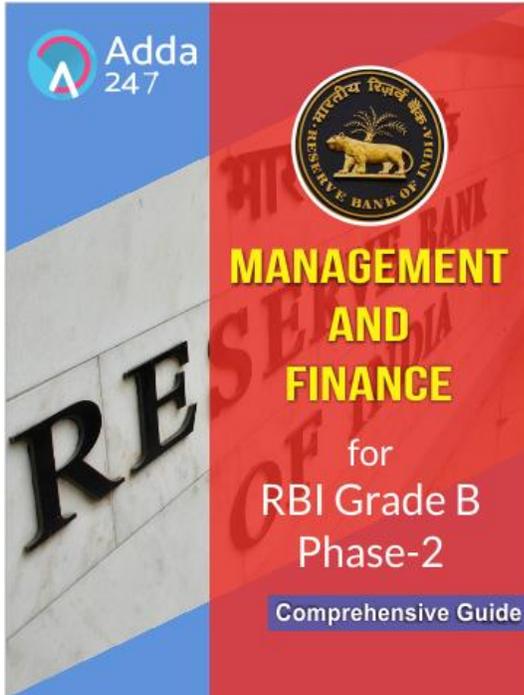
Miscellaneous

- ✦ Defence Minister Arun Jaitley inaugurated a grid-connected solar power plant of 16 MW capacity at the Ordinance Factory in Telangana's Medak district. It is set up by Bharat Electronics Limited.
- ✦ Central Council for Research in Yoga & Naturopathy (CCRYN) under the Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India, has initiated a Yoga Awareness Drive through Mascots & Flash Mobs (YogMob) to increase the popularity of Yoga, especially among the youth. The campaign is underway at Delhi NCR, Haryana & Lucknow.
- ✦ To attract more passengers to buy online train tickets, Indian Railways has introduced a service 'Buy Now, Pay Later' which allow passengers to make payment for tickets booked online within a window of 15 days. ePayLater, a Mumbai-based fintech firm has joined hands with IRCTC for adding the new feature to Indian Railways ticket booking services.
- ✦ SEBI has set up a committee under the Chairmanship of Uday Kotak, Executive Vice Chairman & Managing Director of Kotak Mahindra Bank to help improve the standards of corporate governance of listed companies in India.
- ✦ The book "The Ministry of Utmost Happiness" has been authored by Arundhati Roy, was released recently.
- ✦ University Grants Commission (UGC) & All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) will soon be a thing of the past as the PM Narendra Modi-led Govt. at the Centre is planning to replace the two education regulators with a new Higher Education Regulator. This is being done to bring one single education regulator named HEERA in place. Higher Education Empowerment Regulation Agency or HEERA is the name of the new proposed regulator.
- ✦ Mehrunnisa Dalwai, a noted social activist & author, & the wife of one of modern Maharashtra's most remarkable & formidable social reformers, Hamid Dalwai, passed away. She was 87.

✦ A well known US actor, Adam West died in Los Angeles.

Science & Tech.

- ✦ Japan launched a satellite to help build a high-precision geolocation system that will complement the US-operated GPS. A 'H-IIA' rocket blasted off from the Tanegashima space center in southern Japan carrying the 'Michibiki' No.2 satellite.
- ✦ NASA has chosen 12 new astronauts, including an Indian American named Raja Chari, from a record number of over 18,000 applicants, who will be trained for missions into Earth orbit & to deep space. Lt. Col. Raja Chari is the first Indian American after Kalpana Chawla to be chosen by NASA for one of its missions at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston.



Static Take Aways from 1st to 11th June 2017 Current Affairs

- ✦ United Nations Food & Agriculture Organisation Headquarter is in Rome, Italy.
- ✦ PM of Spain is Mariano Rajoy & its Capital & Currency is Madrid & Euro.
- ✦ The currency of Switzerland is Swiss Franc. Doris Leuthard has been elected to the Swiss presidency for 2017. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus is the newly appointed Director-General of World Health Organization.
- ✦ Hansraj Gangaram Ahir the Union minister of state for home affairs. Amulya Patnaik is the current Commissioner of Police, Delhi.
- ✦ KBR National Park & Mrugavani National Park are located in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- ✦ Sunil Mehta is a New MD & CEO of PNB.
- ✦ ADB President is Takehiko Nakao & its headquarter is in Phillippines.
- ✦ Jim Yong Kim is the President of World Bank & its headquarter is in Washington, D.C, USA

- ✦ World Bank was founded in 1944.
- ✦ Few major Govt. Ports are Listed Below:
 1. Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra.
 2. Visakhapatnam Port, Andhra Pradesh.
 3. Kochi Port, Kerala.
 4. New Mangalore Port, Karnataka.
 5. Mundra Port, Gujarat.
 6. Kandla Port, Gujarat.
 7. Port of Quilon - The oldest & second largest port in Kerala
- ✦ PM of Russia is Dmitry Medvedev. The capital of Russia is Moscow & Currency is Russian Ruble.
- ✦ Shri Sanjay Mitra is the Chairman of NHIDC. Headquarter of NHIDC is in New Delhi.
- ✦ IOC was established in 1959 & its headquarter is in New Delhi.
- ✦ Donald Trump is the current & 45th President of USA. The Capital of USA is Washington, D.C & its Currency is US Dollar.
- ✦ The National Assessment & Accreditation Council (NAAC) is an autonomous body established by the University Grants Commission (UGC) of India The NAAC was established in 1994 with its headquarters at Bangalore.
- ✦ PM of Japan is Shinzo Abe. The Capital of Japan is Tokyo & its Currency is Yen.
- ✦ Simlipal National Park is situated in Odisha
- ✦ Dinabandhu Mohapatra is a CEO & MD of Bank of India. Bank of India headquarters is in Mumbai.
- ✦ Prasar Bharati Board Chairman is A. Surya Prakash. Head office of Prasar Bharati is in New Delhi.
- ✦ Irish Capital is Dublin & Currency is Euro.
- ✦ Serbia Capital is Belgrade & its Currency is Serbian Dinar.
- ✦ **List of five important National Parks & WLS in Odisha**
 1. Chilika Wildlife Sanctuary
 2. Kotagarh Wildlife Sanctuary
 3. Hadahgarh Wildlife Sanctuary
 4. Nandankanan Zoological Park
 5. Simlipal National Park.
- ✦ APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha was previously called as Wheeler Island. General Bipin Rawat is the 27th Chief of Army Staff of the Indian Army.
- ✦ Ajay Tyagi is the current Chairman of SEBI. SEBI is Headquartered in Mumbai, Maharashtra. Kotak Mahendra Bank is Headquartered in Mumbai & it was founded in 2003.
- ✦ Coringa National Park is situated in Andhra Pradesh. Nagarjunsagar-Srisaillam (Tiger Reserve) is in AP.
- ✦ Bangkok is the Capital city of Thailand. Currency of Thailand is Thai baht.
- ✦ Mr. Thomas Weikert of Germany is the President of ITTF Executive Commision. Headquarter of ITTF is in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- ✦ Saurabh Kumar is the Managing Director, EESL.
- ✦ Nagarjuna Sagar Srisaillam Tiger Reserve is located in Telangana. K. Chandrashekar Rao is the CM of Telangana & governor is E S L Narasimhan.

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- ✦ Vajubhai Rudabhai Vala is the present Governor of Karnataka. Kempegowda International Airport is located in Karnataka. Magod Falls are situated in Karnataka.
- ✦ R.S.Sharma is the present Chairman of TRAI. Head Office of TRAI is in New Delhi.
- ✦ Gandaki River is Situated in Nepal. Sher Bahadur Deuba is the newly appointed PM of Nepal. Xi Jinping is the present President of China.
- ✦ The Capital of Montenegro is Podgorica & its Currency is Euro. The Current President of Montenegro is Filip Vujanovic. The Current PM of Montenegro is Dusko Markovic. Secretary-General of NATO is Jens Stoltenberg. NATO Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.
- ✦ Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte is the capital of Sri Lanka. PM of Sri Lanka is Ranil Wickramasinghe.
- ✦ EXIM Bank was established by the Govt. of India, commenced operations in 1982 under the Export-Import Bank of India Act, 1981. David Rasquinha is the Current MD of EXIM Bank of India.
- ✦ Vijaya Bank is a Public Sector Bank founded in 1931. It is Headquartered in Bengaluru.
- ✦ Aadhar Housing Finance Chief Executive Officer is Deo Shankar Tripathi. The Govt. has initiated a plan "Housing for All by 2022" with the focus to build affordable dwelling units for the lower-income group & wage earners.
- ✦ National Housing Bank is wholly owned by Reserve Bank of India. The Head Office of NHB is at New Delhi.
- ✦ Kambala is the traditional slush track buffalo race in Karnataka. Shri Siddaramaiah is the CM of Karnataka. Governor of Karnataka is Vajubhai Rudabhai Vala.
- ✦ SEBI was established on April 12, 1992, in accordance with the provisions of the Securities & Exchange Board of India Act, 1992. Ajay Tyagi has been appointed as the chairman of SEBI in February 2017.
- ✦ The Currency of Kazakhstan is Kazakhstani tenge . The Capital of Kazakhstan is Astana. Bakytzhan Sagintayev is the PM of Kazakhstan.
- ✦ R K Pachnanda is the Director General of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF). Head Office of NDRF is in New Delhi.
- ✦ Pinarayi Vijayan is the present CM of Kerala. P.Sathasivam is the present Governor of Kerala. Sasthamkotta Lake is situated in Kerala. Idukki Wildlife Sanctuary is in Kerala.
- ✦ IPPB was launched on January 30th, 2017 in Ranchi & Raipur. For now, IPPB is offering Savings account up to a balance of Rs 1 Lakh, along with digitally enabled payments & remittance services of all kinds between individuals. IPPB offers 3 distinct accounts- 1. Regular Account – Safal, 2. Basic Savings Bank Deposit Account (BSBDA) - Sugam, & 3. BSBDA Small - Saral. The Tagline of IPPB is Aapka bank, aapke dwaar.
- ✦ Amaravathi Dam is situated in Tamil Nadu. CM of Tamil Nadu is Edappadi K. Palaniswami. C. Vidyasagar Rao is the Governor of Tamil Nadu.
- ✦ AYUSH is Department of Ayurveda, Yoga, & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha & Homoeopathy (AYUSH). Shripad Yasso Naik is the Minister of Ministry of AYUSH.
- ✦ OECD Headquarters in Paris, France. Secretary-General of OECD is Angel Gurría.
- ✦ LVB is Headquartered in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- ✦ Shikha Sharma is the MD & CEO of Axis Bank. Headquarter of Axis bank is in Mumbai.
- ✦ Shri R. Subramaniakumar MD & CEO of IOB. IOB is headquartered in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- ✦ Mr. G. Srinivasan is the present Chairman cum Managing Director of New India Assurance Company. Headquarter of Canara bank is in Bengaluru.
- ✦ Shri. T.N. Manoharan is the Chairman of Canara Bank.
- ✦ 2018 Olympic Winter Games will be held in PyeongChang.
- ✦ Emmanuel Macron is present President of France. PM of France is Edouard Philippe.

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