

From the Editor's Desk

Dear Readers,

Bankers Adda in collaboration with Career Power brings to you **Competition Power (August Edition)**. The reason why this collaboration is so important & a landmark event as both BA & Career Power has had a long & extremely successful association with students appearing for competitive exams.

This magazine includes various initiatives that cover various aspects of Banking & SSC exams in an exhaustive manner.

Keeping in mind the upcoming exams, we have covered Current Affairs for not only the month of **June 2017** but also for the month of **May 2017** under the name "**Current Affairs Zinger**". To make learning easy for the students we have also introduced another initiative by the name "**NEWS MAKER OF THE MONTH**" which covers all the important people, appointments, awards, etc. that have made news.

Having covered the GK & CA portion in an exhaustive manner, we have also given equal importance & focus to all the other aspects of the exams, be it covering each aspect of the various subjects (like reasoning, english, quant, computers) right from building the student's concepts to helping him practice a few topics or be it Interview Preparation or Guidance & boosting the confidence of students. We Have It All Covered!!!

Along with this we have also included **Previous Year Paper of SSC CGL TIER-I, SSC CGL 2017 Tier 1 Practice Set, IBPS RRB PO 2017 Prelims Practice Set, IBPS PO 2017 Prelims Practice Set, IBPS PO Mains 2017 Practice Set, SBI PO Mains 2017 Memory Based Mock of Reasoning & Quant Section** for practice for our readers, so that they can increase their speed & accuracy. This edition of Magazine also includes a new series named "**Twisted Ones**" which will have questions with higher difficulty level.

Basically this magazine is a one stop place for all those preparing for government sector competitive exams. Within few months of its launch, it has become quite popular among the students, who love to refer to it for their exams.

We believe that each & every student has the hidden potential to reach the unattainable heights, & it is our responsibility to provide them with a platform that hones their skills enabling them to overcome each & every challenge that comes their way while appearing for these exams.

Having said this I would like to give special thanks to the specialized mentors of Bankers Adda & Career Power team for providing us with the needed support & making this magazine a success.

Good Luck & God Bless

Team Competition Power !!

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Motivational : SBI PO Mains: An Experience To Learn From

It was just like any other day when I woke up at 6:00 am. Struggling to get out of the bed, I took approximately 15 mins to cover the three full step. I was slower than the slowest animal Sloth. But I did reach the destination. I was wondering about the last day that was not so exciting as it was 4th June (SBI PO Mains Exam). I didn't want to remember the suffering I went through in those long 3 and Half hours. But eventually, my mind ditched me every time I tried to forget. I performed exceptionally well in Preliminary Exam but I was on backfoot in Mains exam. Where I did Wrong? Had I made any mistake? I started doubting my decision to get into the government sector.

Well while walking into the park, I saw variety of people and again an effort to forget SBI PO Mains went into vein as the thought of getting failed was crossing my mind. Now I was having a whole day to imagine what could have been done to save myself from such torture and how I could have prepared. But all these things don't matter as the exam was finished and I had to move on. This was the time when I realized that it was a fair chance for each and every one. A chance where even the fresher had the equal opportunity to perform.

Friends, these were all the thoughts of an aspirant who shared the trauma of SBI PO Mains. Well, these thoughts are natural but you should be strong enough to move on. Time to time introspection is necessary in a student's life. In order to achieve something big, you just need to perform at the right moment. Let's take the example of ICC Champion's trophy 2017, where India played really well. The batting line up was performing really well. But what happened in the final? Didn't they deserve?

Well, it was all about the pressure and the team who handled it well, won. This is the classic example that can help us understand that what kind of damage the pressure can do. We only have to be patient and wait for the right time. But now, Indian Team will have to look forward and learn from the mistakes they did during finals. Similarly we will also have to move on and grab the bigger opportunities lying ahead. This season just started and we have a lot of matches to play. We wish all the very best to the candidates for IBPS Exam 2017!!!

News Makers of the Month: May-June 2017

Shanghai Cooperation Organisation 2017 meeting held

The meeting of the Heads of State Council of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation was held on 8-9 June 2017 in Astana. President of the Republic of Kazakhstan (Chaired) Nursultan Nazarbayev, Chairman of the People's Republic of China Xi Jinping, President of the Kyrgyz Republic Almazbek Atambayev, President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin, President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon, and President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev attended the meeting.

The SCO Secretary-General Rashid Alimov, Secretary-General of the United Nations Antonio Guterres and other organizations head was also present in the meeting.

The heads of state noted the importance of the Organisation's further consolidation as an effective full-fledged regional platform aimed at active participation in building a more equitable, polycentric model of the world order that meets the interests of each and every state, promoting the process of democratisation of international relations, creating an effective global and regional architecture of security and cooperation, and forming a human community linked by a common destiny.

The heads of state exchanged views on a wide range of the most important areas of cooperation within the SCO framework as well as current regional and international issues, including the situation in Afghanistan, the Middle East, North Africa, and Ukraine.

The heads of state stressed the importance of further developing the SCO's multilateral cooperation with the UN and its specialised agencies, CICA, CSTO, CIS, ASEAN, as well as with other international and regional organisations and structures.

The heads of states welcomed the activities of the Republic of Kazakhstan as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for 2017-2018.

The heads of state praised the activities of the competent bodies of SCO member states and the SCO Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure in combating terrorism, extremism, separatism ("the three evils"), and advocated further stepping up their activities in the sphere.

The heads of states stressed that the SCO Convention on Countering Extremism, signed in Astana, will help strengthen the international legal framework for countering new challenges and threats along with the Shanghai Convention on Combatting Terrorism, Separatism and Extremism.

During the meet, India and Pakistan became full members of SCO. India's membership was strongly pushed by Russia while Pakistan's entry into the grouping was backed by China. With this, SCO will now represent over 40% of humanity and nearly 20% of the global GDP.

What is SCO?

SCO was founded at a Summit in Shanghai in 2001 by the Presidents of Russia, China, Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. India, Iran and Pakistan were admitted as observers at the 2005 Astana Summit.

Note: The next meeting of the SCO Heads of State Council will be held in June 2018 in the People's Republic of China.

RBI released the second Bi-monthly Monetary Policy for the fiscal year 2017-18

RBI kept the interest rates unchanged by saying that "premature action at this stage risks disruptive policy reversals later and the loss of credibility". "The current state of the economy underscores the need to revive private investment, restore banking sector health and remove infrastructural bottlenecks. Monetary policy can play a more effective role only when these factors are in place. Therefore, the MPC decided to keep the policy rate unchanged with a neutral stance and remain watchful of incoming data".

The RBI reduced the statutory liquidity ratio (SLR) by 50 basis points to 20 per cent of deposits and tightened the issue norms for overseas rupee-denominated bonds. RBI lowered the growth estimate in line with the CSO figures. The projection of real GVA growth for 2017-18 has been revised 10 bps downwards to 7.3 per cent.

Important highlights of the Bi-monthly Policy

1. Repo rate unchanged at 6.25%
2. Reverse repo unchanged at 6%
3. Statutory Liquidity Ratio cut by 0.5% to 20%
4. Growth forecast for 2017-18 lowered to 7.3% from 7.4%
5. Inflation projected at 2-3.5% for H1, 3.5-4.5% H2, FY18
6. GST roll out not to have material impact on inflation
7. Farm loan waivers risk fiscal slippages and inflationary spillovers
8. Need to revive private investment, restore banking sector health, remove infrastructure bottleneck
9. RBI to work with government to address stress in bank balance sheet

Nadal again won the 'Grand-slam' French Open

French open 2017 was held recently from 22 May-11 June 2017 at Roland Garros in Paris, France. Numbers of records were shattered and created during the tournament. The game has witnessed so many turnovers in the matches that have made it one of the most exciting tournaments in the World. The second Grand Slam of the year ended with a historic 10th French Open title for the "King of Clay" Rafael Nadal.

Jelena Ostapenko became the first unseeded woman to win at Roland Garros since 1933. She won the tournament at young age of 20.

Rohan Bopanna became the 4th Indian to win a Grand-slam.

Here is the complete list of all the winners in different categories of The French Open 2017.

- ☐ **French Men's Singles Open Title-** Spain's Rafael Nadal (10th French Title) defeated Stan Wawrinka (Switzerland).
- ☐ **French Women's Singles Open Title-** Latvia's Jelena Ostapenko (1st Grand Slam Title) defeated Simona Halep (Rome).
- ☐ **French Men's Doubles Title-** Michael Venus (New Zealand) and Ryan Harrison (USA) defeated Santiago Gonzalez and Donald Young.
- ☐ **French Women's Doubles Title-** Bethanie Mattek-Sands (USA) and Lucie Safarova (Czech Republic) defeated Ashleigh Barty and Casey Dellacqua.

French Open Mixed Doubles title- Rohan Bopanna (India) and Gabriela Dabrowski (Canada) defeated Anna-Lena Groenefeld and Robert Farah.

India's heavy lift launch vehicle GSLV Mk-III launched

The first developmental flight (GSLV MkIII-D1) of India's heavy lift launch vehicle GSLV Mk-III was successfully conducted from Satish Dhawan Space Centre SHAR, Sriharikota with the launch of GSAT-19 satellite. This was the first orbital mission of GSLV MkIII which was mainly intended to evaluate the vehicle performance including that of its fully indigenous cryogenic upper stage during the flight. Weighing 3136 kg at lift-off, GSAT-19 is the heaviest satellite launched from the Indian soil.

The upper stage of GSLV MkIII vehicle is a new cryogenic stage (C25) indigenously configured, designed and realised by ISRO. The cryogenic stage used liquid Hydrogen and liquid Oxygen as propellants with a total loading of 28 tons. The stage is powered by a 20-ton thrust cryogenic engine (CE20) operating on 'gas generator cycle'. About sixteen minutes after lift-off,

GSAT-19 satellite was successfully placed in orbit. The Master Control Facility (MCF) at Hassan in Karnataka assumed control of the satellite. GSAT-19 is a high throughput communication satellite.

Facts about GSLV Mk-III

- GSLV Mk-III is a heavy lift launch vehicle which is capable of lofting payloads up to 4,000 kg into Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO) and 10,000 kg into Low Earth Orbit (LEO).
- GSAT-19, a high throughput communication satellite is identified as the payload in this mission. This will be the heaviest satellite being launched from India till date.

All About the ICC Champions Trophy 2017, England & Wales

Pakistan beat India to win their Maiden ICC Champions Trophy 2017

Pakistan clinched their maiden ICC Champion Trophy by defeating India in the final match that was played in Oval. Helped by 114 runs from Fakhar Zaman, Pakistan put up a total of 338 at the Oval. India were immediately under pressure and never settled with the bat, dismissed by a rampant Pakistan bowling attack for just 158 runs.

The important awards that were given:

1. Fakhar Zaman was the Man of the match.
2. Hassan Ali wins the Golden Ball award for being the leading wicket taker.
3. Hassan Ali was also the Player of the Tournament.
4. Shikhar Dhawan wins the Golden Bat Award for scoring 338 runs in the ICC Champions Trophy 2017.

Success Story : "Whatever Happens, Never Stop Your Journey": Jaisree (Canara Bank PO)

Name : Jaisree
Qualification : B.E
Place : Tamilnadu

Hello friends,

First of all, Be proud to be an Aspirant because

We stood out from the crowd by choosing govt sector, We dealt with our study plans when our friends had weekend plans. We even dared to quit our jobs for full-time preparation. Our patience had been tested from time to time. Yes, tough times never last, but tough people do.

My journey:: ASPIRANT TO ACHIEVER

I completed my graduation in 2015 and got placed in an MNC company. But after 3 months, I quit my job and started my IBPS preparations in April 2016. My first attempt SBI PO was a failure. My next attempt was IBPS PO. Between SBI PO and IBPS PO, two factors made me what I am today (selected as PO & CLERK- CANARA BANK). They are hard work & perseverance.

Failure is not a sin. But make sure, you put much more efforts after every failure, to reach your destination. There are myths that it takes 2 or more years to clear bank exams. But there are huge people around you proving it wrong every time.

For all those doing self-preparation like me, ADDA247 proves to be a precious stone.

There are two things in BANKERSADDA that I found special from other learning apps.

Firstly, Memory based tests are more accurate when compared to other apps. They update the tests quickly which will be a great help to those writing exams scheduled next day.

Secondly, Interview experience shared by candidates helped a lot in my preparation.

Strategies differ for everyone. Some people excel in quants while others go for reasoning. According to me, PRACTICE is the only strategy that makes you clear all sectional cutoffs even when you feel it difficult. I preferred online reading to books. For improving in English, read blogs of your personal interests. It also helps in your interviews when they ask about your hobbies.

When I went for the interview, I met candidates who are from best coaching institutes and with better communication than me. But I didn't feel demotivated. I felt that I am good enough to compete with such skilled people.

According to my role model MS Dhoni's words,

'You can learn from the past and plan for the future, but what really matters is what you do in the present'

There are times when you feel bored, you get frustrated and you feel like giving up, but NEVER STOP PRACTICING. There will be people waiting to question your career, criticise your failures, and bring you down. Turn deaf to them and move on.

I feel thankful to my bestie Sathiya vasanth (who deserve this success more than me) for moral support and ADDA247 team for technical support. Thank you for making this success story possible.

Congrats to all the achievers and all the best to the aspirants.

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INDIA IN NEWS

India ratifies two key ILO conventions on child labour

According to ILO, the Government of India deposited with the International Labour Office the instruments of ratification of the two fundamental ILO Conventions concerning the elimination of child labor, the Minimum Age Convention (No 138) and the Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention (No 182). India is the 170th ILO member state to ratify Convention No 138, which requires states to set a minimum age under which no one shall be admitted to employment or work in any occupation, except for light work and artistic performances. In addition, India is the 181st member to ratify Convention No. 182, which calls for the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including slavery, forced labour and trafficking; the use of children in armed conflict; the use of a child for prostitution, pornography and in illicit activities (such as drug trafficking); and hazardous work.

India's first canal top solar PV system at NTPC Mouda

State-run power giant National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has energized India's first 150 kWp canal top solar PV System on cooling water (CW) channel inside power station premises at its 2,320 MW, Mouda Thermal Power Project, near Nagpur in Maharashtra.

India to be first in world to run all government ports on green energy

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 government-owned ports running on solar and wind energy. The government plans to install almost 200 megawatt solar and wind power generation capacity at the ports by 2019.

India becomes second largest steel producer in the world

India overtook Japan to become the second-largest steel producer in the world after China in 2016, according to data released by the International Stainless Steel Forum (ISSF). India's stainless steel production rose to 3.32 million tons for 2016 showing an impressive growth of about 9% over 3.0 million tons achieved in 2015. The data were released at ISSF annual conference in Tokyo, Japan.

Govt launches Tele Law to provide legal aid in rural areas via video conferencing

The government of India has launched 'Tele Law' service to provide legal aid for the people living in rural areas through video conferencing. The service has been launched to make legal aid easily accessible to the marginalized communities and citizens living in rural areas. Under the scheme, the Tele-Law portal will be available across the CSC network connecting the citizens to legal service providers. In the first phase, the Tele-Law scheme will be tested as a pilot across 1000 CSCs in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

Elections for India's 15th President on July 17

The process for electing the 15th President of India will begin on June 14 with the Election Commission issuing the notification for the polls. As per the Chief Election Commissioner Nasim Zaidi (in Picture), 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.

Green flag to country's first e-vehicle public transport

Marking the third anniversary of the Narendra Modi government, Union surface transport minister Nitin Gadkari along with chief minister of Maharashtra, Devendra Fadnavis flagged off taxi aggregator Ola's electronic vehicle (EV) services in the city. Nagpur will be the first in country to have such a service. A battery charging station for the vehicles was also inaugurated at the airport where the launch function was held.

India launched partnership fund with UNOSSC

India and United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) launched a partnership fund to support the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) across the developing world. This was launched on the occasion of World Oceans Day.

PM Modi inaugurated India's longest bridge in Assam

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the country's longest bridge - the Dholai-Sadia Bridge in Assam on Mr Modi walked a short distance over the bridge and enjoyed two minutes of solitude amidst his hectic schedule, with a strong wind above him and gushing waters below him as his companions. Mr Modi named the bridge after legendary singer Bhupen Hazarika. This three-lane,

the 9.15-kilometre bridge has been built over the Brahmaputra river. It links Dhola to Sadia, both in Assam. The bridge will reduce the distance from Rupai on NH- 37 in Assam to Meka-Roing on NH-52 in Arunachal Pradesh by 165 KM.

STATES IN NEWS

Telangana launches PashuBazar website for online cattle sale

Telangana government has launched a website to facilitate the online sale or purchase of cattle. This can be done through pashubazar.telangana.gov.in website, which will help farmers as the cattle need not be brought to shandies every time and farmers can save on transportation cost on cattle. The Pashu Bazaar platform was developed to help farmers to sell their animals without physically taking them to weekly markets.

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