

From the Editor's Desk

Dear Readers,

Bankers Adda in collaboration with Career Power brings to you **Competition Power (January 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 **November 2017** but also for the month of **October 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 **Mocks & Practice Set for SSC CGL TIER-II Quantitative Aptitude, IBPS CLERK Mains, IBPS RRB PO: Mains (Reasoning Memory Based), IBPS SO Prelims & RBI Assistant** 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 : Failure is the Condiment that gives Success its Flavor

Success does not lie in results but in efforts, being the best is not so important, doing the best is all that matters. Students, have you ever noticed a toddler who is learning to walk? He stumbles and falls numerous times before getting it right. Your mistakes are the best learning opportunities. It takes failure after failure to finally achieve something. You have to believe in yourself that you can and you are halfway there. Never regret anything because every little step of your life, including your mistakes, takes you a stride ahead of where you were and makes you a stronger person than who you were yesterday.

One failure after the other can leave you buried under a pile of negative feelings that other people are way ahead of you in terms of preparations or there are topics that are still remaining untouched or unclear. You might find yourself unable to stand the pace and the thought of not being able to perform to the best of your ability in future examinations can actually scare the daylights out of you. But you need to remind yourself that feeling anxious is normal and is one's natural reaction to any external pressure. The key is to put these nerves to positive use. Try to face the situation with a strong willpower rather than avoiding or escaping from them. There are people who fought through all the hurdles in their lives and turned their defeat into victories.

A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity and an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty. We all dream of a bright future. Dreaming of a brighter future is good but it's also important not to think you can create that complete painting today or tomorrow. Vital achievements are rarely accomplished immediately. We're all bound to encounter resistance in one aspect of life or another, the difference is how accepting one is of their shortcomings. Fight for your dreams. Start over right now, implement the lessons you have learned from your mistakes, and do it better this time.

Best of luck!!

News Makers of the Month: October-November 2017

India's Manushi Chhillar crowned Miss World 2017

India's Manushi Chhillar won the coveted Miss World 2017 crown at a grand event in China, bringing to an end the country's dry spell of 17 years at the top pageant contest. The first and the second runners-up were Miss Mexico, Andrea Meza and Miss England Stephanie Hill, respectively.

The 20-year-old from Haryana, who is a medical student, edged out top five contestants from England, France, Kenya and Mexico. Chhillar was presented the crown by Stephanie Del Valle, the last year's Miss World winner from Puerto Rico.

Chhillar is the sixth Indian to win the coveted crown. Before her, the following were the winners of Miss World from India:

Reita Faria	-	1966
Aishwarya Rai	-	1994
Diana Haydon	-	1997
Yukta Mookhey	-	1999
Priyanka Chopra	-	2000

Salient Features of New House Building Advance (HBA) rules 2017

Incorporating the accepted recommendations of 7th Pay Commission, the government has raised the maximum amount that a central government employee can borrow from the government to Rs. 25 lakhs for new construction/purchase of new house/flat from Rs. 7.50 lakhs. The govt. also increased the amount that a central government employee can borrow for expansion of their homes to 34 months of basic pay to a maximum of Rs. 10 lakhs, from Rs. 1.80 lakhs earlier.

What are the Features of New House Building Advance (HBA) rules?

- The total amount of advance that a central government employee can borrow from government has been revised upwards.
- The employee can up to borrow 34 months of the basic pay subject to a maximum of Rs. 25 lakhs, or cost of the house/flat, or the amount according to repaying capacity, whichever is the least for new construction/purchase of new house/flat.
- The cost ceiling limit of the house which an employee can construct/ purchase has been revised to Rs. 1.00 crores from earlier limit of Rs. 30 lakhs.
- Both spouses, if they are central government employees, are now eligible to take HBA (House Building Advance) either jointly, or separately.
- The house/flat constructed/purchased with the help of House Building advance can be insured with the private insurance companies which are approved by Insurance Regulatory Development Authority (IRDA).

Highlights of 31st ASEAN Summit 2017

- The 31st ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Summit was held in Manila, Philippines. Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte chaired the summit. The theme of the Summit was "Partnering for Change, Engaging the World".
- ASEAN Business and Investment Summit (ABIS) 2017 was a 3-day conference of the ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ABAC) being held in November 2017.
- The year 2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Important Excerpts from the Visit of PM Modi to Philippines and 31st ASEAN Summit-

Meetings Held/Agreements Signed

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

India's Meetings/Bilateral Talks-

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), in Philippines. The institute is working towards developing better quality of rice seed and addressing food scarcity issues.

- b) **Indo-US Bilateral Talks-** PM Modi and US President Donald Trump held bilateral talks on the sidelines of the ASEAN Summit in Manila. Both leaders discussed a range of key issues including defence and security. They have resolved that "two of the world's great democracies should also have the world's greatest militaries".
- c) **Four agreements were signed by India and Philippines-** in areas including Defence Cooperation and Logistics, agriculture, Micro, Medium and Small Enterprises-MSME and forging closer relations between the Indian Council of World Affairs and the Philippines Foreign Service Institute.
- d) **Prime Minister Modi held bilateral talks with his Australian Prime Minister** Malcolm Turnbull. In their brief meeting, both sides exchanged views on issues of mutual interest, including bilateral, regional and international issues. **Philippines: Capital-** Manila, **Currency-** Philippine peso, **President-** Rodrigo Duterte.

All About the Yonex French Open 2017

- a) Yonex French Open 2017 Badminton tournament was held in Paris. French Open Badminton Tournament is held annually since 1909 in France.
- b) Indian shuttler Kidambi Srikanth became the first Indian to win the men's singles title at French Open badminton tournament. Srikanth defeated Kento Nishimoto of Japan.
- c) Tai Tzu Ying of Chinese Taipei has won women's singles title at Yonex French Open Badminton 2017. She defeated Akane Yamaguchi of Japan.

Complete List of Winners

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

National Entrepreneurship Awards 2017

The Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) hosted the National Entrepreneurship Awards 2017 marking the completion of three glorious years of its inception.

Award (Sub-Category)	Winner
Agri, food and forestry products	Rays Culinary Delights Pvt. Ltd.
Engineering systems	SenseGiz Technologies Pvt. Ltd.
Renewable energy and waste management	Atomberg Technologies Pvt. Ltd.
IT & ITES, Financial	Naffa Innovations Pvt. Ltd.
Education	Simulanis Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
Hospitality	Oravel Stays Pvt. Ltd.
E-Commerce, logistics, transport & other services	LogiNext Solutions Pvt Ltd.
Social Enterprises	Sampurn(e)arth Environment Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
Barefoot Enterprises	Thejaswini Coconut Farmers Producer Company Ltd.
Woman Enterprise	SP Robotic Works Pvt. Ltd.
Award Category	Winner
Incubation, mentorship & handholding support (Government)	C-Camp
Incubation, mentorship & handholding support (Private)	IKP Knowledge Park, Hyderabad
Mentor (Government)	Dr. G. Subba Ramaiah
Mentor (Government) Jury Special Award	Dr. Renu Swaroop

Mentor (Private)	Vishwanathan
Best State Engaging Apprentices	Haryana
Best Employer: CPSU	BHEL
Best Employer: SPSU	MSEDCL, Maharashtra
Best Employer: PRIVATE	Aegis India, Gurgaon
Champion Sector Skill Council	Textile Sector Skill Council
Champion Training Provider under fee-based program	LabourNet Services India Private Limited
Champion Training Provider under PMKVY (100+ centers)	IL&FS Skill Development Corporation
Champion Training Provider under PMKVY (50 - 100 centers)	Orion Edutech
Champion Training Provider under PMKVY (less than 50 centers):	Shri Technologies
Champion PIA under RPL (non-government)	EduJobs Academy
Champion PIA under RPL (government)	Rubber Board
Champion Employer (PMKVY)	ISON
Champion Corporate: Special Recognition	ICICI Bank

ISSF World Cup 2017 held in New Delhi, India

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), Sangram Dahiya (silver in men's double trap), and Amanpreet Singh (bronze in men's 50m pistol).
- This was India's best ever result in the annual ISSF shooting centerpiece.
- China's Rio 2016 10m air pistol women's champion, Mengxue Zhang and Gengcheng Sui, were crowned Champion of Champions in pistol and rifle respectively.

Concluding points of the events-

- 🚩 India finish seventh on the medals tally overall with one Gold, one Silver and one Bronze medal.
- 🚩 20 out of 45 participating nations win medals at annual ISSF season-ender.
- 🚩 Spain's Alberto Fernandez Wins Men's Trap.
- 🚩 Alexis Renauld of France Wins Men's 50M Rifle 3 Positions.
- 🚩 Keith Sanderson of USA claims Men's Rapid Fire Pistol Gold.
- 🚩 Yonex French Open Badminton 2017: Complete List of Winners

All About FIFA U-17 World Cup 2017

- The 17th edition of FIFA U-17 World Cup took place for the first time in India.
- It is a biennial international football tournament of men's under-17 national teams organized by Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA).
- The official Mascot for the FIFA U-17 World Cup 2017 was clouded leopard named 'Kheleo'.
- The official ball for Under-17 football World Cup is called 'Krasava'.
- The final match of the event was held in Salt Lake Stadium, Kolkata.

First in U-17 World Cup 2017-

- 🚩 This was the first time India hosted U-17 FIFA World Cup.
- 🚩 Switzerland's Esther Staubli became the first female football referee to officiate a match.
- 🚩 Jeakson Singh creates history by scoring India's first ever goal in FIFA World Cup.
- 🚩 FIFA U-17 WC in India becomes most attended in event's history for the first time.
- 🚩 USA-Based Namit Deshpande becomes the First NRI to Play for India's U17 World Cup Team.

Winners and Awards-

- 🚩 England has won the FIFA U-17 World Cup by defeating Spain by 5-2.
- 🚩 Phil Foden of England has been adjudged tournament's best player and has been awarded 'Golden Ball'.
- 🚩 Rhian Brewster from England has scored the most goals in the tournament (8 goals) and has been awarded, 'Golden Boot'.
- 🚩 Gabriel Brazao the goalkeeper of Brazil's national football team has won the 'Golden Glove'.
- 🚩 Brazil has won the Fair Play Award.

All You Need to Know About Paradise Papers

Almost eighteen months after Panama Papers leak, another massive trove of secret financial data has been leaked by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) named 'Paradise Papers'.

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

About International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ)-

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

Success Story: Your Positive Action Combined With Positive Thinking Results In Success : 'Gulshan Kumar'

Dear Students,



I am **Gulshan Kumar** hailing from a backward region of Bihar who bagged the position of **Probationary Officer** in the prestigious **State Bank of India with 56.66 marks**. As I belong to a third tier town of Bihar, I did not have the access to famous coaching institutions when I started preparing for the competitive exams. But this did not deter me from preparing for the exam with perseverance, confidence and a positive attitude. I started preparing for these exams through **online mode** and it rewarded me in the SBI PO 2017 Examination.

Nowadays, most of the banking aspirants think that it is only possible to crack a competitive examination if we join a prestigious coaching center somewhere in a city like Delhi. But for me, these are all the myths that have unfortunately engulfed the minds of most of the proficient aspirants across the country. If you really want to succeed, you must set aside all such myths and **start working in accordance to your own calibre with the smallest of the things that you have an access to**.

Another myth that is believed by most of the Hindi medium aspirants is that they lack behind while competing with the English medium Students. Friends, **I too am a Hindi medium student who has qualified the SBI PO 2017 Examination with graceful marks and will be appearing for the IAS Mains Examination too. I have scored full marks in the Personal Interview round, i.e. 30/30**. So, remove the blockade that a Hindi medium student is less competent while attempting a competitive examination. Your hard work and travails will always work in your favor.

NO.		Marks	SC	ST	OBC	GEN	OH	VI	HI	By you	
1	Reasoning & Computer Aptitude	60								26.25	
2	Data Analysis & Interpretation	60								13.50	
3	General/ Economy/ Banking Awareness	40								25.25	
4	English Language	40								16.88	
5	Objective Test	200	40	40	40	50	40	40	40	81.88	
6	Descriptive Type Test (English Language) (Evaluated only for those candidates who have qualified in each level of the Objective Test at Sr No. 1 to 5.	50	17.5	17.5	17.5	20	17.5	17.5	17.5	37.00	
7	Minimum marks to be secured to be shortlisted for GE-cum-Interview(Objective + Descriptive Test)	250	62.5	62.5	79.5	89.25	62.5	88.09	62.5	118.88	
8	Group Exercises	20								12.00	
9	Interview	30								30.00	
10	Total : GE + Interview	50	18	18	18	20	18	18	18	42.00	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marks obtained by the candidates in written test out of 250 marks (maximum) are normalized to 75. Marks obtained in GE & Interview out of 50 are normalized to 25. Final Merit list is arrived at after totaling the above normalized marks of Written Test, GE & Interview with an aggregate of 100. 											
11	TOTAL MARKS secured		Written Test (Normalized to 75)			GE & Interview (Normalized to 25)			Total out of 100		
			35.66			21.00			56.66		

I will not miss out to mention that this was my last attempt as I am 1988 born and **I could also manage to handle the "Last Attempt" pressure** with poise. Many students lose hope and feel like they are at their wit's end while attempting the examination that is going to be their last opportunity. But one should always remember that the competition should always be healthy, it should not become the bane of his/her life. **And if I could bust this myth, then, you too can.**

And once you get out of the narrow circle of your personal affairs, you will get to know that you are not the only one who is struggling throughout. Not only that, there's always the possibility that you discover your situation isn't as bad as you think it is. There are many people out there who have faced such hurdles in their lives and they came out stronger through them all. One needs determination and strength to face challenges that lie in the path of his/her success.

So, all it takes to clear any competitive examination is a sheer dedication, die-hard determination, commitment and proper guidance that creates the right path to achieve your goal.

CURRENT AFFAIRS : 19th October to 16th November

INDIA IN NEWS

Home Ministry Sets Up Two New Divisions for Radicalization & Cyber Crime

Union Home Ministry has formed two new divisions to exclusively deal with emerging security challenges such as radicalization and cyber crime. The two divisions called Counter-Terrorism and Counter-Radicalisation (CTCR) and the Cyber and Information Security (CIS) also encompass merger of some of the Ministry's existing divisions.

Indian Railways Launches Main Arch on World's Highest Bridge on Chenab

Indian Railways launched the main arch of the world's highest bridge on the River Chenab in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district which will provide direct connectivity to the Kashmir Valley. The iconic bridge will soar 359 metres above the bed of the River Chenab and will be 30 metres higher than the iconic Eiffel Tower in Paris.

PM Modi Inaugurated World Food India 2017

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the most anticipated International Mega Food event- World Food India 2017, the biggest congregation of global investors and business leaders of major food companies. The event is organised by the Food Processing Industries Ministry in Delhi.

Bhutan King Arrived in India for Four-Day Visit

King of Bhutan, Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck has arrived in New Delhi on a four-day visit to India. He was accompanied by his wife, Queen Gyalsuen Jetsun Pema Wangchuck. During the visit, the King will meet with President Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

PM Modi Inaugurated Bidar-Kalaburagi New Railway Line in Karnataka

Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the Bidar - Kalaburagi New Railway Line to the Nation by unveiling a plaque at Bidar Railway Station, in Karnataka. Prime Minister also flagged off the DEMU Service between Bidar and Kalaburagi.

Cabinet Approves Rs 7,000 crore for Construction of Six IIT Campuses

Union Cabinet approved over Rs 7,000 crore for construction of permanent campuses of six new Indian Institute of Technology (IITs) across the country. Each of the permanent campuses to be established at Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh), Palakkad (Kerala), Dharwad (Karnataka), Jammu (Jammu and Kashmir), Bhillai (Chhattisgarh) and Goa will have a facility for housing 1,200 students from the academic year 2020-2021.

Cabinet Approves Mega Rs 7-lakh crore Project to Develop 83,000 km Highways

Union Cabinet approved the biggest ever highway project to develop and expand approximately 83,000 km of roads at an investment of Rs 6.9 lakh crore by 2022. The project also includes the new Bharatmala highway program connecting border areas, improving international, port and coastal connectivity.

India's First Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra Launched

Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh along with Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated India's first Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra (PMKK) for Skilling in Smart Cities, in collaboration with New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC). It is launched under skill India Mission.

PM Modi Inaugurates first phase of Ghogha-Dahej RORO ferry service in Gujarat

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the first phase of ambitious Ghogha-Dahej Roll-on Roll-off ferry service at Ghogha in Bhavnagar district in Gujarat. With the opening of this 615-crores rupees ferry service, the distance between Saurashtra and South Gujarat regions could be covered in less than an hour via-sea route.

Cleaning Ganga: Varanasi to get 2 new STPs by March Next Year

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's parliamentary constituency Varanasi will soon get two sewage treatment plants as part of the government's bid to curb Ganga water pollution. The sewage treatment plants, having a total 260 million litres daily capacity, will be commissioned at Varanasi's Dinapur and Goitha before March next year.

Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurates 1st phase of PNG Supply System in Bhubaneswar

Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has inaugurated the first phase of Piped Natural Gas supply system in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. In the first phase, 255 houses in Nalco Nagar in Chandrasekharapur of Bhubaneswar were supplied with environment-friendly PNG.

Income Tax dept Launches 'Online Chat' to answer Taxpayers Queries

The Income Tax Department has launched an 'online chat' service for taxpayers so that they can seek answers to their basic queries and doubts relating to direct tax issues. A window has been hosted on the main page of the department's website — www.incometaxindia.gov.in/ — with a prominent icon stating 'Live Chat Online - ask your query.'

Maximum Age of Joining NPS Increased from 60 to 65 years: Finance Ministry

Ministry of Finance increased the maximum age of joining the National Pension System (NPS) from the existing 60 years to 65 years under NPS - Private Sector (i.e. all citizen and corporate model).

India-Bangladesh Inaugurated Train Service between Kolkata and Khulna

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Bangladeshi counterpart Sheikh Hasina jointly inaugurated the long-awaited direct train-service between Kolkata and Khulna through video-conferencing. The new train service is called Bandhan Express. It is the second cross-border train between the two neighboring countries.

STATES IN NEWS

Nagaland, First NE State to Launch POS for Paying Electricity Bills

Nagaland scripted history when it became the first State in the Northeast to launch Point of Sale (POS) facility for electricity bill payment, where the mode of payment will be cashless. The POS facility was launched at Kohima. It would now enable the consumers to pay their electricity bills as cashless transactions has been made available to them.

UP Tops in Mobilising Jan Dhan Accounts

Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) which was launched to further the financial-inclusion process in the country have gathered momentum in some northern States post demonetisation. With its area and size of population, Uttar Pradesh tops in opening new PMJDY accounts.

Karnataka inks pacts with Chinese firms

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has inaugurated the sixth China-India Forum meet being jointly hosted by the Government of China, Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC), China-India Friendship Association (CIFA), and Podar Enterprise in Bengaluru.

Haryana, First State in India to Treat Hepatitis-C Patients with Oral Medicine

Haryana has emerged as the first state in the country to treat Hepatitis-C patients through oral medicine, according to the health minister Anil Vij of the state. This medicine would be provided free of cost to permanent residents of all categories at district level.

Allahabad to Get India's First Black Buck Conservation Reserve

Uttar Pradesh cabinet decided to make India's first conservation reserve for blackbuck in Allahabad's Meja. The decision taken for the protection of black deer will also help in wooing tourists.

AIIB Grants Rs13,000 cr Loan to Andhra Pradesh

China-sponsored Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) approved USD 2 million loan (Rs. 13,000 crores) for five projects in Andhra Pradesh. The five projects include two roads and buildings department, one each for rural safe drinking water department, municipal and urban development department and Panchayat Raj department.

Maharashtra Govt Adds 18m to Shivaji statue, to be World's Tallest at 210m

The 210-metre-high statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj has received environmental clearance, making it the world's tallest statue, once built. The Maharashtra government plans to build it in the sea off the Mumbai coast. Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority (MCZMA) approved the government's application to increase the height from the earlier proposed 192 metres.

Haryana Announces Lifetime Pensions for 'Hindi Satyagrahis'

The state government of Haryana has announced lifetime monthly pension of Rs 10,000 for 'Hindi Satyagrahis' and those from the state who were jailed during the Emergency. The state government also announced that it would be providing enhanced financial assistance to World War-II veterans and their widows.

UP Declares Vrindavan, Barsana as Sacred Sites

The Uttar Pradesh government issued an order notifying Vrindavan and Barsana towns in Mathura district as “pavitra teerth sthals (sacred pilgrimage sites)”. No meat and liquor shops will be allowed in these towns anymore.

Polling for Gujarat Assembly Elections to be Held on 9th and 14 December

Gujarat will go to polls in two phases on December 9th and 14th for 182 assembly seats. The Chief Election Commissioner of India Mr. A K Joti made this announcement. The 89 seats will go to polls in the first phase and the rest 93 in the second phase.

Madras HC Bans Photos of Living Persons on Banners in Tamil Nadu

The Madras high court has banned the use of pictures of living persons on banners and hoardings in Tamil Nadu. Tamil Nadu’s top officials were asked to maintain a clean environment and also ensure that there were “no unnecessary drawings” on buildings and residential places.

Tamil Nadu Government Laid Foundation Stone for Rs. 198 cr Aerospace Park

The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, Edappadi K Palaniswami, laid the foundation stone for an aerospace park at Kanchipuram district to be set up by the State Government in 245 acres and at an estimated cost of Rs 198 crore.

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