

## From the Editor's Desk

Dear Readers,

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

This magazine includes various initiatives that cover various aspects of Banking and SSC exams in an exhaustive manner. Keeping in mind the upcoming exams, we have covered Current Affairs for not only the month of **March** but also for the month of **February** 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 and CA portion in an exhaustive manner, we have also given equal importance and 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 and boosting the confidence of students. We Have It All Covered!!!

Along with this we have also included **Mock Papers on SSC CGL Practice Set, SSC Tier 1 2016 Mock, SBI PO Prelims Practice Set, SBI PO Mains Practice Set & NIACL Assistant Prelims Practice Set following the respective exam pattern** for practice for our readers, so that they can increase their speed and 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 and every student has the hidden potential to reach the unattainable heights, and it is our responsibility to provide them with a platform that hones their skills enabling them to overcome each and 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 and Career Power team for providing us with the needed support and making this magazine a success.

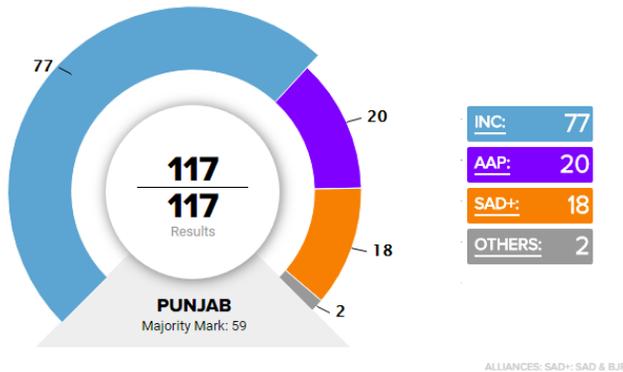
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## News Makers of the Month – March 2017

### And the results are out of the 2017 Vidhan Sabha Elections, BJP form Governments in 4 States & Congress in 1

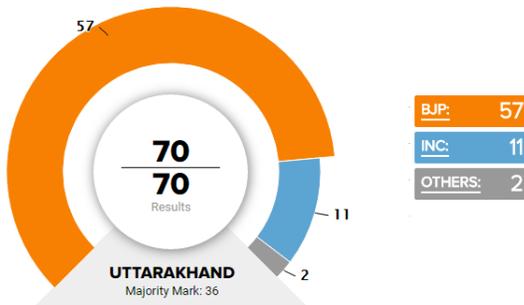
This election proved that Indians are way above the level of politics and the vote casted were not on the basis of Caste and Religion. Various speculations were made, Various Pandit predicted, Various moves were made, but Results were surprising. Well, the people would have been surprised too if any party would have won the elections. But the verdict was clear. The agenda of Development has received overwhelming response.

#### Captain Amarinder Singh took oath as Punjab CM



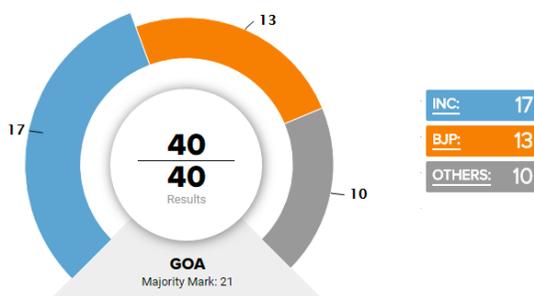
Captain Amarinder Singh took oath as Punjab chief minister for the second time. While Navjot Singh Sidhu, Manpreet Badal, Brahm Mohindr& other took oath as Cabinet ministers. Congress won 77 seats in 117-seat Punjab Assembly. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) won 20 and the Akali Dal-BJP combine managed just 15 seats.

#### Rawat took oath as the Uttarakhand CM



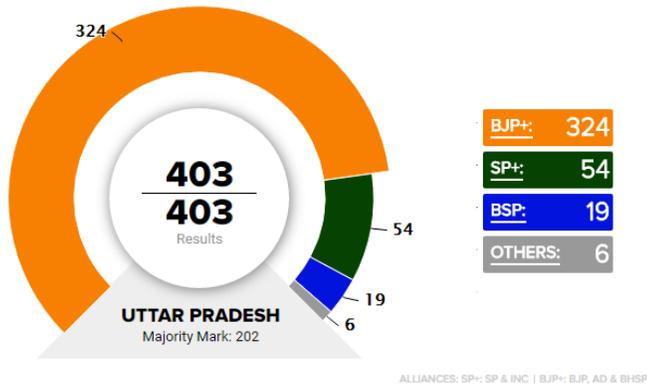
Trivendra Singh Rawat took oath as Uttarakhand Chief Minister, after BJP registered victory by winning 57 seats in the Assembly elections. Governor KK Paul administered the oath. Satpal Maharaj, Harak Singh Rawat, Madan Kaushik, Arvind Pandey, Subodh Uniyal, Yashpal Arya and Prakash Pant were also sworn in.

#### Manohar Parrikar sworn-in as the CM of Goa



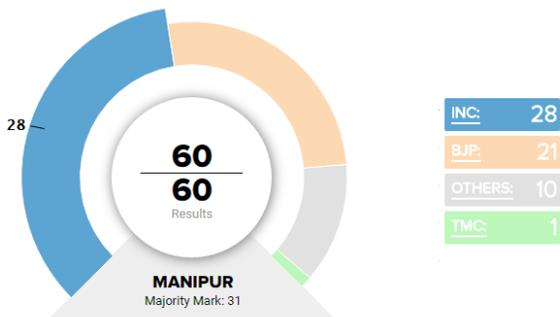
Manohar Parrikar has been sworn-in as Chief Minister of Goa for the fourth time. He was sworn-in by Governor Mridula Sinha. After his appointment, he also won the trust vote in the assembly by getting support of 22 MLAs. On the other hand, Congress, which emerged as the single largest party in the state, got support only of 16 MLAs.

## Yogi is the CM of Uttar Pradesh



BJP MP Yogi Adityanath has been sworn-in as Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister. UP BJP chief Keshav Prasad Maurya and Lucknow Mayor Dinesh Sharma take oath as the Deputy Chief Ministers of the state.

## N. Biren Singh sworn in as CM of Manipur



N. Biren Singh was sworn in as Chief Minister of Manipur in Imphal. The oath of office was administered by Governor Najma Heptulla. Yumnan Joykumar Singh of the National People's Party (NPP) was appointed as the Deputy Chief Minister. Naga People's Front (NPF) & NPP have given their support to the BJP to form government.

## And the Winners of 89th Academy Awards or the Oscars 2017 are

In the 2017 Oscars, La La Land led the way with 14 nominations, tying Titanic and All About Eve for the most nominations all time. Moonlight and Arrival are tied for second with eight nominations each. This year, the major highlight was the wrong announcement of the award of Best Picture, as the announcers called 'La La land' but the award goes to "Moonlight". So, let's read the winners of this year Oscars.

- 🏆 **Best picture:** Moonlight
- 🏆 **Actor in a leading role:** Casey Affleck- Manchester by the Sea
- 🏆 **Actress in a leading role:** Emma Stone - La La Land
- 🏆 **Actor in a supporting role:** Mahershala Ali - Moonlight
- 🏆 **Actress in a supporting role:** Viola Davis - Fences
- 🏆 **Directing:** Damien Chazelle - La La Land
- 🏆 **Adapted screenplay:** Moonlight - Barry Jenkins
- 🏆 **Writing (Original screenplay):** Manchester by the Sea - Kenneth Lonergan
- 🏆 **Animated feature film:** Zootopia
- 🏆 **Cinematography:** La La Land - Linus Sandgren
- 🏆 **Music (Original song):** City of Stars - La La Land
- 🏆 **Best makeup and hairstyling:** Suicide Squad
- 🏆 **Best costume design:** Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them
- 🏆 **Best documentary:** OJ-Made in America
- 🏆 **Best sound editing:** Arrival
- 🏆 **Best sound mixing:** Hacksaw Ridge
- 🏆 **Best foreign language film:** The Salesman

- ✦ **Best animated short:** Piper
- ✦ **Best animated feature:** Zootopia
- ✦ **Best production design:** La La Land
- ✦ **Best visual effects:** The Jungle Book
- ✦ **Best film editing:** Hacksaw Ridge

## 2017 BCCI Awards announced after a gap of 2 years: And the winners are

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After a gap of two years, the BCCI Awards were handed out in March 2017, to the top Indian domestic and international cricketers for their performances during the 2015-16 season. Virat Kohli won the Polly Umrigar Award for the third time while Ravichandran Ashwin won the Dilip Sardesai Award for the second time. The list of all the winners are given in the below table.

Award	2015/16 Season Awardee
<b>CK Nayudu Award</b>	Rajinder Goel and Padmakar Shivalkar for lifetime achievement
<b>BCCI Lifetime Achievement Award for Women</b>	Shantha Rangaswamy (former national team captain)
<b>Polly Umrigar Award</b>	Virat Kohli
<b>Dilip Sardesai Award</b>	Ravichandran Ashwin
<b>Lala Amarnath Award</b>	Jalaj Saxena (Uttar Pradesh) in 2015/16 Ranji Trophy Axar Patel (Gujarat) in the 2015/16 domestic one-day competition
<b>Madhavrao Scindia Award</b>	Shreyas Iyer (Mumbai) for being the highest run-getter in 2015/16 Ranji Trophy Shahbaz Nadeem (Jharkhand) for being the highest wicket-taker in 2015/16 Ranji Trophy
<b>MA Chidambaram Trophy</b>	Jay G Bista (Mumbai) for being the highest run-getter in 2015/16 domestic U-23 tournament Satyajeeet Bachhav (Maharashtra) for being the highest wicket-taker in 2015/16 domestic U-23 tournament
<b>NKP Salve Award</b>	Arman Jaffer (Mumbai) for being the highest run-getter in 2015/16 domestic U-19 tournament Ninad Rathva (Baroda) for being the highest wicket-taker in 2015/16 domestic U-19 tournament
<b>Raj Singh Dungarpur Award</b>	Abhishek Sharma (Punjab) for being the highest run-getter and wicket-taker in 2015/16 domestic U-16 tournament
<b>Jagmohan Dalmiya Award</b>	Mithali Raj (Railways), best senior woman cricketer of 2015-16 season Deepti Sharma (Uttar Pradesh), best junior woman cricketer of 2015-16 season
<b>Best umpire in Domestic cricket in 2015/16 season</b>	Nitin Menon (Madhya Pradesh)
<b>Best team in 2015/16 BCCI Domestic tournaments</b>	Mumbai Cricket Association

## International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) World Cup held in New Delhi

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India ended their campaign in the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) World Cup (Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun) with five medals, including one Gold, two Silver and two Bronze medals at the Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range, New Delhi.

#### List of top countries:

1. China (6 Gold, 6 Silver)
2. Italy (2 Gold, 3 Silver)
3. Australia/Japan (2 Gold, 1 Bronze)
5. India (1 Gold, 2 Silver, 2 Bronze)

#### List of Indian winners:

1. Jitu Rai, Heena Sidhu won Gold Medal in ISSF World Cup mixed team 10m air pistol event.
2. Pooja Ghatkar in the Women`s Air Rifle (Bronze).
3. Ankur Mittal in Men`s Double Trap (Silver).
4. Amanpreet Singh in Men`s 50M Pistol (Silver).
5. Jitu Rai in the Men`s 10M Air Pistol (Bronze) and 50M Pistol (Bronze and Gold).

## CURRENT AFFAIRS: 20th February to 15th March 2017

### INDIA IN NEWS

#### India sanctions soft loan USD 340 million to Nepal

India has sanctioned a soft loan of 340 million US dollar to Nepal for various infrastructure development programmes. Indian Ambassador to Nepal Ranjit Rae handed over the approval papers to Physical Infrastructure and Transport Minister of Nepal Ramesh Lekhak.

#### Maneka Gandhi announces compensation fund for child abuse victims

Women and Child Development Minister Maneka Gandhi has announced the setting up of a compensation fund under Nirbhaya scheme to provide financial help to children who are victims of sexual crimes.

#### India, ADB ink \$375 mn loan pact for industrial corridor

India and ADB have signed USD 375 million pact for loans and grants to develop 800 km Visakhapatnam—Chennai Industrial Corridor, which is the first phase of a planned 2,500-km East Coast Economic Corridor.

#### India clears Rs. 17,000-crore mega missile deal with Israel

A Rs. 17,000 crore deal has been cleared by the government for jointly developing with Israel a medium-range surface-to-air missile (MR-SAM) for the Indian army. The project will be implemented by the Defense Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Israeli Aircraft Industry (IAI).

#### India, Bangladesh ink MoU for development of Sylhet city

India and Bangladesh signed a MoU for the sustainable development of Sylhet city with financial aid from India. Indian High Commissioner Harsh Vardhan Shringla and Sylhet City Corporation CEO Enamul Habib signed the tripartite agreement in Sylhet, a metropolitan city in northeastern Bangladesh.

#### India & Ukraine to strengthen bilateral cooperation through Cinema

Minister for Information & Broadcasting M Venkaiah Naidu and Member of the Parliament of Ukraine and Chairman of the National Council of Television Ukraine Mr. Iurii Artemenko have agreed to strengthen the bilateral cooperation between the two countries through the medium of Cinema in New Delhi.

#### India announces new licensing policy to boost oil output

India has announced an Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP) for conducting oil and gas exploration in India. The policy will allow the bidder to select the exploration areas on their own and carve out areas where they want to drill. The auction of oil and gas blocks under the Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP) will be conducted twice a year with the first round being held in July 2017.

#### Centre launches first ever survey in Ganga to determine population of aquatic life

Centre has launched the first ever across-the-river survey in Ganga to determine the population of aquatic life, including that of the endangered Gangetic dolphin. The study is crucial as the animal population in a river indicates the quality of its water. The first leg of the census was launched on March 1, 2017 from Narora to Bijnor in Uttar Pradesh.

### **Govt approves Rs 756 cr scheme to treat cataract patients**

With an aim to free India from cataract by 2022, the government has approved a Rs 756 crore scheme to treat over 700 lakh such patients in the next five years. The scheme would render Rs 2,000 as financial assistance for each operation, including cost of lenses.

### **Aadhaar number made mandatory for students to receive midday meals**

Students will now be required to have an Aadhaar number for getting their midday meals across the country. The HRD ministry issued this notification. This rule will be applicable across the country, except Jammu and Kashmir, Meghalaya and Assam.

### **100 districts in India Declared ODF under Swachh Bharat Mission**

During occasion of 'Swachh Shakti Saptah' in Gurugram, Haryana, Union Minister of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar informed that the number of ODF (Open Defecation Free) districts in India has crossed 100, making it a milestone achievement under the Swachh Bharat Mission.

### **Ministry of Women & Child Development Observes Swachhta Pakhwada**

The Ministry of Women & Child Development observed the Swachhta Pakhwada from March 1, 2017 to March 15, 2017 to raise awareness about Swachh Bharat Abhiyan among women and children. The Swachhta Pakhwada is observed by various Ministries of Government of India to achieve the goal of universal sanitation, hygiene and 'open defecation free' India by 2019.

### **Govt launches nationwide 'Swachh Shakti Saptah'**

Union Minister of Drinking Water and Sanitation Mr. Narendra Singh Tomar has launched 'Swachh Shakti Saptah' in Gurugram, Haryana to raise awareness on sanitation and cleanliness.

### **MEITY to promote digital transactions in place of NITI Aayog**

The government has shifted the responsibility of promoting digital transactions in the country to the Ministry of IT and Electronics (MEITY) from NITI Aayog. MEITY is responsible for promotion of e-governance for empowering citizens as well as promoting inclusive and sustainable growth of electronics and IT in the country.

### **India launches second stage of HCFCs phaseout plan**

Environment minister Anil Madhav Dave released the second stage of the Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFC) phase-out management plan (HPMP), greenhouse gases that damage the earth's ozone layer.

It is estimated that with this plan, there would be a net direct CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent emission reductions of about 8.5 million metric tonnes annually from 2023.

### **Maritime Admiralty Bill passed by Lok Sabha**

The Lok Sabha passed the Admiralty (Jurisdiction and Settlement of Maritime Claims) Bill, 2016. The Bill aims to establish a legal framework to consolidate the existing laws relating to admiralty jurisdiction of courts, admiralty proceedings on maritime claims, arrest of vessels and related issues.

### **Parliament passes bill to raise maternity leave to 26 weeks**

Parliament approved a bill granting women working in the organized sector paid maternity leave of 26 weeks, up from 12 weeks now, a decision which will benefit around 1.8 million women. The law will apply to all establishments employing 10 or more people and the entitlement will be for the first two children. With this, India becomes the country with the third highest maternity leave. Canada and Norway grant 50 weeks and 44 weeks respectively as paid maternity leave.

### **Govt introduces bill on inter-state river water row in Lok Sabha**

The Inter-State River Water Disputes (Amendment) Bill, 2017 has been introduced in the Lok Sabha which proposes to streamline the adjudication of river water disputes and make the present legal and institutional architecture robust. The tribunal will consist of one Chairperson, one Vice-Chairperson and not more than six other members. The total time-period for adjudication of dispute has been fixed at maximum of four and half years.

### **Govt approves National Health Policy**

The government has approved the National Health Policy which proposes to provide assured health services to all in the country. The policy was approved at the meeting of Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi. The policy increases the gambit of sectors covered in the Primary Health Centre (PHC) level and envisages a comprehensive approach.

### **31st state hood day of Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram celebrated on 20<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi greeted the people of Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram on their 31st statehood day which was celebrated on 20 February 2017.

### **T.R. Zeliang steps down as Nagaland chief minister**

Ending more than two weeks of standoff with Nagaland Tribes Action Committee (NTAC), Nagaland chief minister TR Zeliang resigned from his post. He was the Chief Minister of Nagaland since 2014.

### **Gujarat Assembly passes Aadhaar Bill, 2017**

Gujarat Assembly passed Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Bill, 2017 to empower the state government to use Aadhaar number as the sole identifier for the delivery of various subsidies and benefits in an effective and targeted manner.

### **Jammu & Kashmir to observe 2017 as Year of Apple**

J & K Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti has declared 2017 as 'Year of Apple' to promote the famed Kashmiri apples in domestic and foreign markets. She also launched the High Density Apple Plantation Scheme in Srinagar to provide 50% subsidy.

### **Telangana Govt signs MoU with NABARD for Rs 874 crore loan**

Telangana Government led by K. Chandrashekar Rao signed an MoU with NABARD for a loan of Rs. 874 crores. This loan will be used for Horticulture Development Corporation to cover 3.15 lakh acres under Micro Irrigation scheme for 2016-17 and 2017-18.

### **Sikkim becomes 22nd State to join UDAY**

The Center and the state of Sikkim has signed a MoU under the Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY) for operational improvement of the state's power distribution department. With the signing of the MoU, the total number of states covered under UDAY has reached 22.

### **Visa signed MoU with AP to make Vizag, India's first 'less cash' city**

Global payments network Visa signed a MoU with the Andhra Pradesh government to help transform Vishakhapatnam into India's first 'less cash' city.

### **Kerala to launch sex offenders registry, first in the country**

The Kerala government will launch the country's first sex offenders registry which will contain all identification details of sex offenders and would be kept in public domain.

### **Rajasthan 2nd largest crude oil producer in country**

Rajasthan has become the second largest crude oil producer in the country after the offshore field Bombay High.

### **Haryana Launches Online Sex Ratio Monitoring System for Panipat**

Haryana government has set up an online system for Panipat to monitor the sex-ratio in the district as part of the 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' programme. The system, called the sex ratio monitoring dashboard, will have the data of child sex-ratio collected from all villages.

### **Tamil Nadu launches Rs 1,580 crore housing scheme**

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister K Palaniswami launched a housing scheme estimated at Rs. 1,580 crore. The scheme was being implemented by the state government with Central assistance for the economically poor.

### **Odisha govt launches 181 help-line for distressed women**

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has launched 24\*7 helpline number 181 to assist women in distress on the occasion of International Women's Day (8th March 2017). A woman from any part of the Odisha can dial 181 to get immediate assistance.

### **Digital push: Gujarat to provide e-marketplace for businesses**

Gujarat government has entered into an agreement with a global cloud-based solutions provider cloudBuy.com to develop a B2B marketplace for small and large business units in the state. The project has been developed as part of the Centre's 'Digital India' and 'Make in India' initiatives.

### **World Bank loan for MP solar plant**

The World Bank has agreed to provide a loan to develop internal transmission arrangements of the upcoming Rewa Ultra Mega Solar project in Madhya Pradesh. It will provide 25% of the loan amount under its Clean Technology Fund, where the money will be provided at an interest rate of only 0.25%.

#### **Karnataka Govt announces Rs 10-crore fund for women entrepreneurs**

Karnataka Govt has announced an Idea2POC (Proof of Concept) fund of Rs 10 crore for women entrepreneurs. Under this (Idea2POC) scheme, the Karnataka Department of IT, BT and S&T will fund up to Rs. 50 lakh for any woman innovator looking for funds for Proof of Concept validation, certification, and cover costs in manufacturing of pilot devices.

#### **Haryana announces Tirtha Darshan scheme**

CM Manohar Lal Khattar announced Tirtha Darshan scheme under which senior citizens above 60 years of age and of Haryana domicile would be able to go on a pilgrimage within the country at government expense. Under the scheme, the government would bear the entire cost of the tour of senior citizens belonging to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families.

#### **Andhra Pradesh Renames Tirupati Airport and Vijayawada Airport**

Andhra Pradesh State Cabinet approved proposals to rename the Vijayawada Airport and the Tirupati Airport. The cabinet proposed to rename the Vijayawada Airport in Gannavaram as 'Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao (NTR) Amaravati Airport' after the legendary actor and founder of the ruling Telugu Desam Party and the new capital of Andhra Pradesh. The Tirupati Airport at Renigunta has been renamed as 'Sri Venkateswara Airport' after Lord Venkateswara of the temple town.

#### **West Bengal Clinical Establishment Bill passed in state assembly**

West Bengal Clinical Establishments (Registration, Regulation, and Transparency) Bill, 2017 was passed by the state legislative assembly with full support. The Bill aims to regulate the private hospitals and bring transparency, end harassment of patients and take necessary steps to stop medical negligence in health institutes.

#### **Himachal approved proposal to make Dharamshala its second capital**

Himachal Pradesh cabinet approved the proposal to make Dharamshala as the second capital of the state. The decision was taken at the cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh.

## **BANKS IN NEWS**

#### **Oriental Bank launches mobile wallet 'Batuaa'**

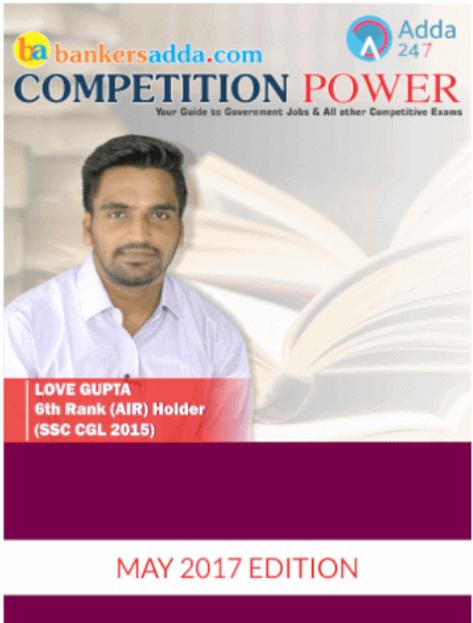
On the occasion of the 75th Foundation Day, Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC) has come up with several digital offerings including launch of mobile wallet 'Oriental Batuaa'. OBC has also launched two new cards named Oriental Premium card & Oriental Prepaid Card. With this, two MSME schemes have been launched which are 'Oriental Sanjeevani' and 'Oriental Budget Hotels and Restaurants'.

#### **Karnataka Bank inks pact with Daimler India**

Karnataka Bank Ltd has entered into a MoU with Daimler India Commercial Vehicles Pvt Ltd (DICV) for extending finance to customers for the purchase of commercial vehicles manufactured by the company.

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