

## From the Editor's Desk

Dear Readers,

Bankers Adda in collaboration with Career Power brings to you **Competition Power (December 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 **October 2017** but also for the month of **September 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 **SSC CGL Tier -II English Language Previous Year Paper 2016, SSC CGL TIER-I 2017 : Memory Based Practice Set, IBPS PO Mains Practice Set, IBPS Clerk Prelims 2017 Practice Set, & OICL AO Mains Practice Set**, 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 : Follow a Disciplined LIFE for Success; There's No Escape Route

Are you just working hard to get a job, blindly following others footstep...amused and confused by your friend's and mate's advice of studying for 10-12 hours to start a good career. Do you really believe in going up with the hearsay and not practicing a disciplined life can be of any good?

Have you ever thought to 'put your thinking cap on'? Don't wish it were easier; wish you were better and YES you can be; if you work with a disciplined life.

I won't here 'enlighten your path' but I am attempting to bring you in front of this simple reality. Yes students! There is no such thing as magic portion or success mantra, it's just your life and how you choose to work with it or how you choose to live it.

A disciplined life can never mean hours and hours of studies locked in a room; it means a complete balance that you have to find out between your mind, body and spirit. Yes, you might have to bear the pain of getting up early, but wait! Have you thought, why is that 'a pain' to get up early (which is actually on time) in the morning, why is it a discomfort for you? All this would have been effortless if you have something exciting to look up to. Then isn't the bright day and the opportunities it brings are up to your heart's content. As simple as it is, if you love your career, you'll love the bright morning as well.

**Create a healthy routine:** A healthy body and a healthy mind can only help you to follow your plan for your life. So as much as important it is for you to practice and study, it is also very important to take care of yourself and follow a disciplined and healthy routine. A breath of fresh can do wonders! So go for it work out or go for a walk. If you'll be relaxed and fresh daily everyday will be ever exciting.

**Have a plan for your day:** Every person is different, it's good to listen to advises but make your own plan. You know your strengths and weakness so plan accordingly. If you'll have a plan for your day, you'll have something forward to look up to.

**Treat yourself well:** Just don't be a book worm, you'll come to learn a great deal if you study the Insignificant in depth. If have a shell around you, just break free. Studying is an important part of your life along with your life's maintenance. So treat yourself well, you don't have to be hidden from the life's goodness to pass an examination with flying colours.

### Define your goal (PS. It can't be a bucket list)

We all have seen those New Year's Resolution, and how much we work on them! Define your goal but there should not be a scene like those New Year's Resolutions. Be precise with yourself, with what is important for you to do and everything will fall into places on its own.

### Not everything can be really that necessary, So FOCUS

As it is said that 'The noblest exercise of the mind within doors, and most befitting a person of quality, is study.' But for you as a banking or SSC aspirant what you priorities while studying is also very important. Not everything can be 'That important'; you need to focus and understand to priorities wisely weather it is related to your daily routine or the topics you choose to study.

Study without thought is vain: thought without study is dangerous. The more you understand, the less you have to remember. So now you know if were doing it right, it's your life, it's your career goals, Live it and achieve it.

## News Makers of the Month: September-October 2017

### All About the Noble Prize Winners 2017

The 2017 Nobel Prize were announced in 6 different fields which are Physiology or Medicine, Physics, Chemistry, Literature, Peace, and Economic Sciences.

#### History of the Nobel Prize

In 1895, Alfred Nobel signed his last will and testament, giving the largest share of his fortune to a series of prizes in Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature and Peace - the Nobel Prizes. The Nobel Prize distribution was first done on 1901. In 1968, Sveriges Riksbank (Sweden's central bank) established The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel.

Complete list of Winners of Nobel Prize 2017

Field	Description	Winner
Physiology or Medicine	for the discoveries of molecular mechanisms controlling the circadian rhythm	Jeffrey C. Hall (USA), Michael Rosbash (USA) and Michael W. Young (USA)
Physics	for decisive contributions to the LIGO detector and the observation of gravitational waves	Rainer Weiss (Germany), Barry C. Barish (USA) and Kip S. Thorne (USA)
Chemistry	for developing cryo-electron microscopy for the high-resolution structure determination of biomolecules in solution	Jacques Dubochet (Switzerland), Joachim Frank (Germany) and Richard Henderson (Scotland)
Literature	in novels of great emotional force, has uncovered the abyss beneath our illusory sense of connection with the world	Kazuo Ishiguro (Japan)
Peace	for its work to draw attention to the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons and for its ground-breaking efforts to achieve a treaty-based prohibition of such weapons	International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) (founded in Australia)
Economic Sciences	for contributions to behavioural economics	Richard H. Thaler (USA)

#### Some Static and Interesting Facts about the Nobel Prize-

- ✚ Nobel Prize in Physics is awarded by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Stockholm, Sweden.
- ✚ 111 Nobel Prizes in Physics have been awarded between 1901-2017.
- ✚ Nobel Prize in Chemistry is awarded by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Stockholm, Sweden.
- ✚ 109 Nobel Prizes in Chemistry have been awarded between 1901 and 2017.
- ✚ Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine is awarded by the Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden.
- ✚ 108 Nobel Prizes in Physiology or Medicine have been awarded between 1901 and 2017.
- ✚ Nobel Prize in Literature is awarded by the Swedish Academy, Stockholm, Sweden.
- ✚ 110 Nobel Prizes in Literature have been awarded 1901-2017.
- ✚ Nobel Peace Prize is awarded by a committee of five persons who are chosen by the Norwegian Storting (Parliament of Norway).
- ✚ 98 Nobel Peace Prizes have been awarded 1901-2017.
- ✚ Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences is awarded by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Stockholm, Sweden.
- ✚ 49 Prizes in Economic Sciences have been awarded since 1969.

### PM Modi launched the Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana "Saubhagya"

- a. Prime Minister Modi has launched a new scheme Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana –"Saubhagya" to ensure electrification of all willing households in the country in rural as well as urban areas.
- b. The total outlay of the project is Rs. 16,320 crore while the Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) is Rs. 12,320 crore. The outlay for the rural households is Rs. 14,025 crore while the GBS is Rs. 10,587.50 crore. For the urban households the outlay is Rs. 2,295 crore while GBS is Rs. 1,732.50 crore.

- c. The States and Union Territories are required to complete the works of household electrification by the 31st of December 2018.
  - d. The beneficiaries for free electricity connections would be identified using Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC) 2011 data.
  - e. Un-electrified households not covered under the SECC data would also be provided electricity connections under the scheme on payment of Rs. 500 which shall be recovered by DISCOMs in 10 instalments through electricity bill.
  - f. The solar power packs of 200 to 300 Wp with battery bank for un-electrified households located in remote and inaccessible areas, comprises of Five LED lights, One DC fan, One DC power plug.
  - g. The objective of the 'Saubhagya' is to provide energy access to all by last mile connectivity and electricity connections to all remaining un-electrified households in rural as well as urban areas to achieve universal household electrification in the country.
- ✚ **Note:** '24x7 Power for All' is a joint initiative with the states covering all segments of power sector i.e. Power generation, transmission and distribution, energy efficiency, health of Discom etc. to finalise State/UT specific roadmap and action plan to ensure 24x7 power for all in consultation with States/UTs. The Power for All documents contain details of various interventions required across the value chain of power sector. Providing connectivity to all households is a prerequisite to ensure 24x7 power supply. Saubhagya is a schematic support to address the issue of energy access.

## The Highlights of fourth bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement of RBI

RBI kept interest rate unchanged in view of upward trend in inflation even as it cut the growth forecast to 6.7% for the current fiscal. Consequently, the repo rate, at which it lends to banks, also remains at 6%. The reverse repo continues to be at 5.75%, as per the statement.

The six-member monetary policy committee voted 5:1 for the decision, with only Ravindra Dholakia voting for a 0.25% reduction in rates. RBI said that after a record low in June, inflation is trending up and estimated the headline number to touch 4.6% by the March quarter.

### The highlights of the fourth bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement:

- ✚ Key policy rate kept unchanged at 6%.
- ✚ Reverse repo rate unchanged at 5.75%.
- ✚ Cuts economic growth forecast to 6.7% from 7.3% for FY'18.
- ✚ Projects inflation at 4.2-4.6% in the second half.
- ✚ GST implementation rendered prospects for the manufacturing sector uncertain in the short term.
- ✚ Focus on keeping headline inflation close to 4% on a durable basis
- ✚ RBI continues to work towards the resolution of stressed corporate exposures in bank balance sheets.
- ✚ Recent structural reforms improving business environment, transparency and increasing formalisation of the economy.
- ✚ Suggests concerted drive to restart stalled investment projects, enhance ease of doing business, including implication of the GST to boost growth.
- ✚ Suggests rationalisation of "excessively high" stamp duties charged by states, faster rollout of affordable housing programme.
- ✚ The Next MPC meeting on 5-6 December.

## Cabinet approves Revamped Khelo India Programme

The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Modi has approved the revamped Khelo India programme at a cost of Rs.1,756 crore for the period 2017-18 to 2019-20. The Programme aims at mainstreaming sport as a tool for individual development, community development, economic development and national development. The revamped Khelo India Programme would impact the entire sports ecosystem, including infrastructure, community sports, talent identification, coaching for excellence, competition structure and sports economy.

### Salient features of the Programme include:

- ✚ An unprecedented Pan Indian Sports Scholarship scheme, which would cover 1,000 most talented young athletes each year across select sports disciplines.
- ✚ Each athlete selected under the scheme shall receive an annual scholarship worth Rs. 5.00 lakh for 8 consecutive years.
- ✚ This is the first time ever that a long-term athlete development pathway would be made available to gifted and talented youngsters to excel in competitive sports and will create a pool of highly competitive athletes who can compete to win at the world stage.
- ✚ It aims to promote 20 universities across the country as hubs of sporting excellence.
- ✚ It aims at creating an active population with healthy life-style.
- ✚ It would cover about 200 million children in the age group of 10-18 under a massive national physical fitness drive.

- ✚ The programme strives to promote “Sports for All” as well as “Sports for Excellence.”

## Rajnish Kumar Takes Over as New SBI Chairman

- ✚ Rajnish Kumar appointed as the Chairman of the largest public sector bank, the State Bank of India (SBI). He replaced Arundhati Bhattacharya, who completes her one-year extended term. The new MD have to face the daunting task of addressing the issue of huge non-performing assets (NPA) of the bank.
- ✚ Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved Mr. Kumar’s appointment for three years.
- ✚ Mr. Kumar, aged 59, joined the SBI board on May 26, 2015. Prior to this appointment, he was Managing Director — Compliance and Risk, and Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of SBI Capital Markets Limited.

## All About the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize Winner Campaign ICAN

- ✚ The Norwegian Nobel Committee has awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 2017 to the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) "for its work to draw attention to the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons and for its ground-breaking efforts to achieve a treaty-based prohibition of such weapons".
- ✚ The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) is a coalition of non-governmental organizations in one hundred countries promoting adherence to and implementation of the United Nations nuclear weapon ban treaty.
- ✚ This landmark global agreement was adopted in New York on 7 July 2017. ICAN began in Australia and was officially launched in Vienna, Austria in 2007. ICAN’s headquarters is in Geneva, Switzerland. Beatrice Fihn is the Executive Director of ICAN.

## President Appoints New Governors for States & UTs

President Ram Nath Kovind appointed Governors in five states and Lieutenant Governor in one Union Territories i.e. Andaman and Nicobar Islands. President Ram Nath Kovind appointed governors for 5 states - Tamil Nadu, Assam, Bihar, Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya.

- ✚ Banwarilal Purohit has been appointed as the governor of Tamil Nadu in place of Maharashtra Governor Ch Vidyasagar Rao who was holding the additional charge of governor of Tamil Nadu.
- ✚ Brigadier (Retd) B D Mishra has been appointed as the governor of Arunachal Pradesh.
- ✚ Former Member of Parliament and Bhartiya Janata Party's (BJP) national vice president Satya Pal Malik has been appointed as the governor of Bihar. The post had fallen vacant after Ram Nath Kovind was nominated as the BJP's presidential candidate.
- ✚ Professor Jagdish Mukhi has been appointed the governor of Assam while Ganga Prasad has been appointed as the governor of Meghalaya.
- ✚ President has also appointed Admiral (Retd) Devendra Kumar Joshi, as the Lieutenant Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands in place of Professor Jagdish Mukhi.

## Success Story: "You Can Achieve Anything If You Set Your Mind to It" : Jubin Choudhary (BOB PO 2017)

Well like many aspirants, I was also at some point of time cursing my fate for constant failures in my life and was not aware where it was heading. Being an engineer I was just giving exams after exams, be they Tech or Non-Tech without actually focusing on one side.

It was sometime in February this year when I realized that even my M.Tech will be completed in next few months and still I didn't have a job in my hand, that was the flashpoint or the day of resolve. For a day or two, **I just asked myself, what I am strong at? where I want to head in my life? Will I be really able to do it?** and some other tough questions and in my heart, I knew the answers to all those questions for a long time but only was not ready to accept them. **That day I realized that my problem was lack of resolve, lack of focus, lack of persistence and lack of hard work.**

**We live in a world of instant gratification** where we want results even before we finish a task but life is not like that, we can only do our part sincerely and honestly, rest lies in the hands of almighty, but if we lack on our side then even almighty can't help us.

Sorry, philosophies aside let's discuss business, so I decided that non-tech is my strength and I will focus only on it. I decided that I will apply only for non-tech exams with full focus. In the phase between March and June 2017, I applied for NIACL Assistant, SBI PO, BOB Manipal and NICL AO.

Till that time I was not aware of Adda247 but when I started preparation for NIACL Assistant, one of my friends introduced me to the Adda App, and *I was amazed to see the content these guys were providing free of cost.*

I started following Adda app holistically solving the daily quizzes and reading daily current affairs, (one thing here I would like to add is that if you follow multiple portals then change it, it would be better if you focus only on one whichever you prefer and don't get into a comparison between their contents.) And if some of you who don't follow such portals, try to follow these because their daily quizzes could prove to be real cherries in the exam.

The next thing is about coaching, I didn't do any coaching because I knew that my basics of all the three (reasoning, aptitude, and English) were sound (in his heart everyone knows what he is strong at and what he is weak at so don't lie to yourself) and what I needed was only consolidation. But if you think you are weak at something even then there are lots of good youtube videos on almost all the topics and even if that doesn't help then you can go for a coaching but even then the key lies in consolidation.

**The consolidation or the command on the subjects can only be achieved through practice and practice only.** In non-tech practice as much as you can, solve as many questions of as many variations as you can, try solving the questions by different tricks so that you can do it in the least time. In non-tech exams, Accuracy and Time Management are the keys. And in most exams, there is sectional cutoff so you need to be good at all the subjects.

**The most important aspect of my preparation is Mock Test. Mocks create the real difference between the aspirants and time passers.** They give you the real edge because the interface is like that of the exam, you get all India rank, you can analyze your result, focus on weaker sections on the basis of that and most importantly they help to settle the nerves before the exam, consider the main exam as just another mock.

I had subscribed to the full year banking test series of ADDA and I gave all the mocks of NIACL Asst., SBI PO Pre, and Mains, NICL AO, BOB PO. And to my amazement, many of the general awareness questions in SBI PO mains and other exams were directly from their capsule which they used to ask again and again in their mocks and helped me in by-hearting it. **I will give the most credit in my improved performance to mocks.**

And the no. of hours of studying is not a relevant issue as per me because it depends on individuals grasping ability, some might do it in 1-hour others in 4 hours but the most important thing is to focus fully, for whatever time you study and try and avoid using mobile while studying, it really helps.

One personal suggestion: Avoid using social media (even WhatsApp) if you can, it will bring the real peace and focus in your life which you desperately need.

**Finally About Me, I am Jubin Choudhary, currently working as an Assistant(2017 batch) in NIACL. Selected in the 21st batch of Baroda Manipal, Appeared for SBI PO interview 2017, NICL AO interview awaited.**

Hope my story would help you in some way or other.



**CURRENT AFFAIRS : 17th September to 18th October****INDIA IN NEWS****PM Modi Inaugurates 1st ever All India Institute of Ayurveda**

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

It is the first institute under the Ministry of AYUSH with a National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH) accreditation. The institute will have separate Yoga, Panchakarma, and Kriya Kalpa units, among others.

**President launches Mata Amritanandamayi Math Project Jeevamritham in Kerala**

President Ram Nath Kovind has launched 100 crore rupees Mata Amritanandamayi Math Project "Jeevamritham" to provide filtration system for cleaning drinking water to 5000 villages across India, in Kollam district in Kerala. President also distributed the certificates to three villages out of 12 villages in the States of Bihar, UP, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand, Maharashtra and Kerala, which were adopted by the Math, verified as Open Defecation Free by Swatch Bharat Abhiyan.

**India's Coffee Output Pegged at Record 3.5 lakh Tons in 2017-18**

Coffee output in India is pegged to be a record 3.50 lakh tonnes in the 2017-18 marketing year started this month on higher acreage. According to the Coffee Board, the final output stood lower by 10.34 percent at 3.12 lakh tonnes in 2016-17 marketing year from 3.48 lakh tonnes in the previous year. Higher output is mainly attributed to the additional bearing area of about 13,500 hectares in traditional growing areas of Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

**Nation Pays Homage to Former PM Lal Bahadur Shastri on his Birth Anniversary**

The nation also pays homage to former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri on his birth anniversary on 02nd October 2017. Lal Bahadur Shastri was born on 02nd October 1901 at Mughalsarai, a small railway town seven miles from Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh. He gave the slogan - "Jai Jawan Jai Kisan" which is remembered even today.

**Nation Pays Homage to Mahatma Gandhi on his 148th Birth Anniversary**

The nation pays homage to Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi on his 148th birth anniversary on 02nd October 2017. An all-religion prayer was also organised at Rajghat. Mahatma Gandhi was born on 02nd October 1869 in Porbander, a small town in Gujarat. In his autobiography "My experiments with Truth" Gandhiji read his childhood and teenage years, his marriage with Kasturba at the age of 13 and a pure devotion to his country.

**IBBI Registered National E-Governance Services Ltd as Information Utility**

Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) registered National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL) as an Information Utility (IU) under the IBBI (Information Utilities) Regulations, 2017. With this NeSL has become the first IU registered by the IBBI and the registration is valid for five years from the date of registration.

**India Gets its First High Horsepower Locomotive from France**

India has received its first High Horsepower Locomotive with the bodyshell of 12000 HP loco from Alstom France at Kolkata port. This first-of-its-kind high-power electric locomotive will be used to haul freight trains at twice the existing speed by 2018. This is the first major FDI (Foreign Direct Investment) project in the rail sector. The first such locomotive is estimated to cost about Rs 30 crore.

**Dharmendra Pradhan to host first LPG Panchayat in Gandhinagar**

Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan will inaugurate one of the ambitious programmes of the Centre — LPG Panchayat, aimed at encouraging rural communities to turn to clean fuel. The Centre plans to organise one lakh LPG Panchayats across the country, where discussions will take place between officials of fuel companies and villagers on awareness and uses of the LPG. The First LPG Panchayat will be held in Gandhinagar.

**Textiles Minister Smriti Irani Inaugurates 'VASTRA' Fair**

Union Textiles Minister Smriti Irani and Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje inaugurated the 6th edition of the four-day international textile and apparel fair, 'VASTRA' in Jaipur.



### **Railways Cuts Down Sleeping Hours for Passengers**

According to a circular issued by the railway board, the passengers in the reserved coaches can only sleep between 10 pm and 6 am to allow others to sit in the seats for the rest of the time.

### **PM Modi inaugurates country's biggest dam, Sardar Sarovar Dam, Called 'Gujarat's Lifeline'**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Sardar Sarovar Dam - the world's second biggest - on the river Narmada in Gujarat. The 1.2-km-long dam, which is 163 metres deep, will irrigate over 18 lakh hectares in the state, according to officials; the water from Narmada will flow into over 9,000 villages through a canal network, Sardar Sarovar Nigam Limited (SSNL).

### **President Kovind launched nationwide campaign: "Swachhata Hi Sewa"**

President Ram Nath Kovind launched a nation-wide campaign Swachhata Hi Sewa from Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh. He will administer nation-wide Swachhata Hi Sewa pledge initiating parallel action in all the two lakh 50 thousand plus Gram Panchayats and cities in India.

## **STATES IN NEWS**

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### **PM lays Foundation Stone for Infrastructure Projects in Bihar**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone for four sewerage projects under the Namami Gange programme; and four National Highway projects, at Mokama in Bihar. The total outlay of these projects is over Rs. 3700 crore. The four sewerage projects include Sewage Treatment Plant at Beur, Sewerage System with Sewer Network at Beur, Sewage Treatment Plant at Karmalichak and STP and Sewer Network at Saidpur.

### **Rajasthan Assembly First in India to Call Motions Online**

The Rajasthan assembly has become the first in India to call attention and adjournment motions and proposals online from legislators to send them to the state government. The system is expected to save time, labour and use of paper in the functioning of the assembly, and also help legislators in bringing attention to urgent public issues.

### **Bihar Cabinet Approves Reservation for 'Divyangs' in Govt Jobs**

The Bihar Cabinet has approved reservations for persons with disabilities in government jobs and educational institutions. The cabinet gave its approval during a meeting presided by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. The provision has been brought in accordance with the Persons With Disabilities Act, 2016.

### **Maharashtra Launched Web Portal with Information on New Government Schemes**

Chief minister Devendra Fadnavis launched 'MahaLabharthi' web portal that will help people get information about all the government schemes that they are eligible for. The government is now working to connect the web portal with other websites, to allow people to apply for the welfare schemes. The web portal, <https://www.mahalabharthi.in>, works on the basis of personal, educational and professional information provided by a person while registering on it.

### **Himachal Pradesh Implements Senior Citizen Health Insurance Scheme**

Himachal Pradesh government implemented the Senior Citizen Health Insurance Scheme (SCHIS) to provide easy access to curative geriatric health care services by way of additional cover. The scheme would provide top-up coverage of Rs 30,000 per senior citizen to all existing Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojna (RSBY) smart card holders. This would be in addition to the basic coverage of Rs 30,000 in Trust and Society mode.

### **Uttarakhand Government Launched 'Solar Briefcase' to Provide Electricity in Remote Areas**

Uttarakhand State Government and a charitable funding agency named Swan Cultural Center and Foundation launched 'Solar Briefcase' in Kedarnath Dham. The initiative was taken to provide electricity to far-flung areas in the hill state.

### **PM Modi lays Foundation Stone for Bhadbhut Barrage over Narmada River**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone for Bhadbhut Barrage to be built over Narmada River in Bharuch Gujarat. Mr Modi also flagged off the Antyodaya Express between Udhna in Surat and Jaynagar in Bihar. PM also inaugurated a new 500-crore rupees civil hospital and a medical college in Vadnagar, Gujarat.

### **PM Modi Lays Foundation Stone for Bridge in Dwarka, Gujarat**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of a four-lane cable-stayed bridge between Okha and Beyt Dwarka. The bridge is a link between old and new Dwarka. The 2.32 km bridge, including 900 metres of central double span cable-stayed portion,

will be constructed at a cost of Rs. 962.43 crore.

#### **Karnataka Launches mid-day Meals Scheme for Pregnant Women**

Karnataka government launched the Rs. 302-crore Mathru Poorna scheme, aimed at providing free mid-day meals to pregnant and lactating women in rural areas. The meals, which will be provided in Anganwadi centres, will include an egg, rice, pulses, vegetables, and milk. This is aimed at reducing child malnutrition and in turn curb infant mortality.

#### **Chandrababu Naidu Launches 'Swachh Andhra Mission'**

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu launched Swachh Andhra Mission on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. Ace shuttler PV Sindhu has been chosen as the brand ambassador of Swachh Andhra.

#### **Karnataka Government Launches Vision-2025 Project**

Karnataka Government Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has launched 'Vision-2025' project across the state. It aimed at evolving a draft policy for development of the state in next seven years by seeking the opinion of the public. Under the project, the government would seek public opinion on how they want their dream state to be in the next seven years.

#### **Union Minister launches Pradhan Mantri LPG Panchayat in Gujarat**

Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan has launched Pradhan Mantri LPG Panchayat at Mota Ishanpur village in Gandhinagar district of Gujarat. According to Dharmendra Pradhan total one lakh, Pradhan Mantri LPG Panchayats would be organized across the country in next one and half year to provide an interactive platform to the rural LPG users.

#### **Andhra CM Naidu Declares 2017 as e-Pragati Year**

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu declared the year of 2017 as e-Pragati year. The flagship program will help the government to make real-time governance.

#### **Himachal Pradesh, First State to Launch Electric Bus Service in India**

Himachal Pradesh government on launched first-of-its-kind electric bus service in the 51km-long stretch road between Manali and Rohtang Pass. The bus service was flagged off by State Transport Minister GS Bali. With this initiative, the state has become the first in the world to ply electric buses at an altitude of 13 thousand feet.

#### **Tripura, First State to Set Up Family Welfare Committees**

Tripura has become the first state in the country to set up family welfare district committees to examine the complaints of women against their husbands and in-laws and find an amicable solution. Tripura High Court is the first high court among 24 high courts of the country that has constituted the family welfare district committees.

#### **Bilal Dar from Srinagar becomes an ambassador for Swachhata Hi Seva**

Bilal Dar, a young boy from Srinagar has become the brand ambassador for Srinagar Municipal Corporation. Dar has been contributing to the 'Swachhata Abhiyan' since the age of 12.

#### **Kandla Port Renamed as Deendayal Port**

The Kandla Port, one of the top 12 major ports in the country, has been renamed as Deendayal Port in the name of Hindutva icon Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay. Kandla Port, located on the Gulf of Kutch in Gujarat, is one of the twelve major ports in the country.

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