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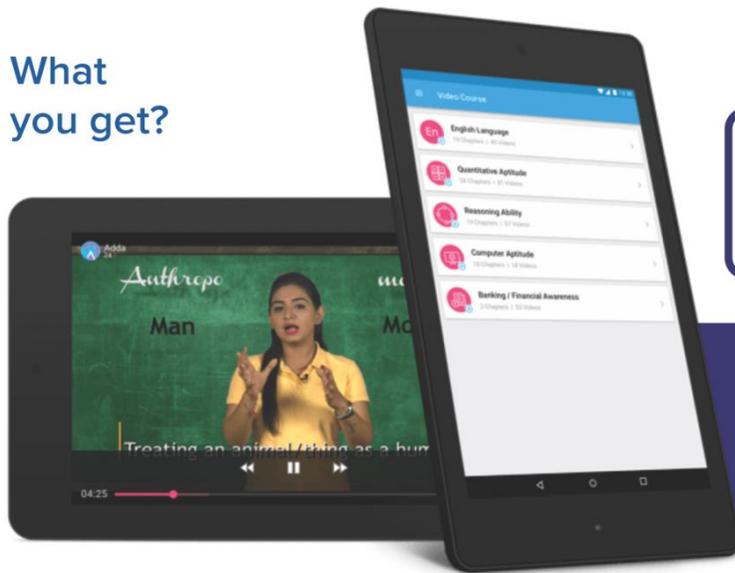
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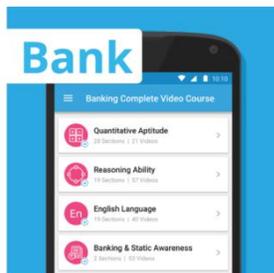


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Banking Current Affairs

- ✚ Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), headed by Urjit Patel, decided to reduce the Policy Repo Rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) by 25 basis points from 6.25 per cent to 6.0 per cent. The reverse repo rate under the LAF stands adjusted to 5.75 per cent, and the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate to 6.25 per cent.
- ✚ Airtel Payments Bank announced a strategic partnership with Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) to give further boost to digital payments in the country and to add to customer convenience. All 14,000 HPCL fuel stations will act as banking points for Airtel Payments Bank.
- ✚ Karnataka Bank has raised interest rates on savings bank account for large balance above Rs 1 crore to 5% while for small balances below Rs 1 lakh, the bank has reduced it to 3%.
- ✚ A bill to enable exit of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) from Nabard and increase authorized capital of the development institution six times to Rs 30,000 crore was passed by the Lok Sabha.
- ✚ Mobile wallet major MobiKwik has entered into a strategic partnership with Bajaj Finance to transform itself into a financial services app from a payments app at present.
- ✚ PNB customers now will have to pay charges for depositing cash above Rs. 5,000 in a non-base branch even if it is located in the same city.
- ✚ ICICI Bank, launched instant credit cards enabling its savings account customers to get a credit card instantly, in a completely digital and paperless manner.
- ✚ IDFC Bank partnered with digital payments company Zeta, to launch 'IDFC Bank Benefits'. It is a payment solution for corporates that digitizes employee spends and claims, making the process simple, real-time and paperless.
- ✚ Private sector lender Axis Bank reduced interest rate on savings bank accounts by 50 basis points to 3.5 per cent for deposits up to Rs 50 lakh.
- ✚ Lok Sabha passed a bill that approved merger of associate banks with the SBI with the government. The Lok Sabha passed the bill to repeal the SBI (Subsidiary Banks) Act 1959, State Bank of Hyderabad Act 1956 and to further amend the State Bank of India Act, 1955, following the merger of five associates with the parent SBI.
- ✚ Acc. to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), it will pay Rs 30,659 crore dividend to the government for the year ended June 30, less than half of what it paid in 2016.
- ✚ Punjab National Bank (PNB) has introduced biometric attendance in the place of the existing system of signing attendance in the attendance register.
- ✚ Canara Bank unveiled two new digital services for online payments. Bharat QR (Quick Response) is for payment settlement at merchant locations and Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) is an integrated bill payment system for net banking customers.
- ✚ National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has appointed Dilip Asbe to act as its chief executive officer in the wake of the retirement of A. P. Hota, its founding managing director.
- ✚ According to the PSU lender Indian Bank, it has introduced two tier interest rate structure for saving bank accounts and will offer interest rate of 4 per cent per annum on savings account with incremental balance of over Rs 50 lakh and 3.50 per cent per annum for deposit up to Rs 50 lakh.
- ✚ David Rasquinha, who is currently Deputy Managing Director of Exim Bank of India, has been appointed as Managing Director of the bank.
- ✚ National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Nabard) has conferred the 'best performance award' for 2015-16 and 2016-17 to Karnataka Vikas Grameen Bank (KVGB) for its work in the field of credit-linking joint liability groups (JLGs).
- ✚ State Bank of India successfully held two-day Home Loan Utsav in Bengaluru. The loan Utsav saw title sponsor, GM Infinite. Subtitle sponsors, Brigade Group, Salarpuria Sattva and DSR Infra.
- ✚ ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund has launched a new website 'PlanYourGoal.com' to help users plan their investments according to their future financial goals.
- ✚ Corporation Bank has bagged the best performance awards for SHG-bank linkage program for Karnataka for 2015-16 and 2016-17 from National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Nabard).
- ✚ State Bank of India has launched a CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) initiative, SBI Gram Seva, which will work in the areas of health, education, environment and rural infrastructure.
- ✚ Karnataka Bank Ltd has ventured into social media by opening its official pages in social networking sites such as FaceBook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.
- ✚ Karur Vysya Bank rolled out an Aadhaar Enrollment Centre at its Nelson Manickam Road Branch in Chennai.
- ✚ Karur Vysya Bank Ltd has informed BSE that the Reserve Bank of India has accorded their approval for the appointment of Shri P R Seshadri as Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of the Bank for a period of three years.
- ✚ To ensure hassle-free benefits to farmers under Interest Subvention Scheme, the Reserve Bank of India has advised banks to make Aadhaar linkage mandatory for

availing short-term crop loans up to Rs 3 lakh in 2017-18.

- ✚ HDFC Bank Ltd has announced a revision in its savings bank interest rate effective August 19, 2017. Post revision, customers maintaining savings bank account balance of Rs 50 lakh and above will continue to earn interest at 4 per cent per annum.
- ✚ Kotak Mahindra Bank has launched Kotak Remit – an Aadhaar-based integrated outward forex remittance solution for both customers and non-customers.
- ✚ Union Bank of India entered into a corporate agency agreement with Bajaj Allianz General Insurance and Cholamandalam MS General Insurance for distribution of their insurance products.
- ✚ Reserve Bank of India will shortly issue Rs 50 denomination banknotes in the Mahatma Gandhi (New) Series signed by Governor of RBI Dr. Urjit Patel. The base colour of the note is fluorescent blue. The new Rs 50 banknote has a motif of Hampi with a chariot, depicting the country's cultural heritage, and the Swachh Bharat logo with slogan on the reverse.
- ✚ The country's largest lender, SBI, accounts for over 27 per cent of the total amount owed to public sector banks by wilful defaulters. As many as 1,762 wilful defaulters owed SBI Rs25,104 crore. Punjab National Bank (PNB) is next on the list with 1,120 wilful defaulters.
- ✚ National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned a loan assistance of Rs 1,349.55 crore to the Rajasthan government for the creation of rural infrastructure in the state under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF).
- ✚ The government gave its go-ahead to the Reserve Bank of India to issue Rs 200 notes that will ease pressure on lower-denomination currency bills.
- ✚ Of the 56 regional rural banks (RRBs), Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank and Andhra Pragathi Grameena Bank recorded net profit of more than Rs 150 crore during 2016-17. These are among the 49 RRBs that recorded a profit in 2016-17.
- ✚ DHFL Pramerica Life Insurance Company has signed on Kerala-based Dhanlaxmi Bank as its bancassurance partner. Under the agreement, the latter will distribute retail and group life insurance products to its customers across 260 branches in India.
- ✚ Former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan has penned a book titled 'I Do What I Do: On Reform, Rhetoric & Resolve'. Raghuram Rajan explains economic concepts and talks of issues like tolerance and connection between political freedom and prosperity in his new book.
- ✚ Reserve Bank of India appointed committee on Household Finance has suggested that banks link their

home loan rates to the RBI's repo rate, the rate at which it lends to banks.

- ✚ HDFC Bank announced a software upgrade to create a single point-of-sale (PoS) machine which will accept payments through Unified Payments Interface (UPI), BharatQR, SMS Pay and the bank's mobile wallet, in addition to the traditional mode of swiping cards.
- ✚ Banks importing gold and precious metals will have to pay 3 per cent tax under the GST which can be claimed as input tax credit.
- ✚ Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has launched a Central Database of all Insurance Sales Persons in the country. Named as 'Envoy', the database will ensure that all licensed insurance sales persons working for insurers and intermediaries including entities such as insurance agents, broker qualified persons, specified persons of corporate agents do not work with multiple insurers and intermediaries in the same business category.
- ✚ Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance Company (CHOICE) has come up with a 'Point-of-Sale' product targeted at the mass-market segment. The product- 'PoS - Easy Bima Plan' is the first PoS product for the company and is a pure term insurance plan.
- ✚ Solar energy services company Freyr Energy has tied up with Axis Bank to offer term loans ranging from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 50 lakh for tenures up to five years, for solar rooftop installations in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.
- ✚ State-owned NTPC has signed a term loan agreement for Rs. 3,000 crore with ICICI Bank for partially funding its capital expenditure. The loan which has a door-to-door tenure of 15 years will be utilized to part finance the capital expenditure of NTPC.
- ✚ Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ujjivan Financial Services Ltd, has been given scheduled bank status by RBI. Currently, Ujjivan SFB has 65 full-fledged brick and mortar branches in eight states and two Union Territories.

Schemes/Portals/Missions Launched

- ✚ Indian Army has developed a mobile application named 'Humraaz' through which serving soldiers can track details like postings and promotions.
- ✚ Union Government launched a portal, e-RaKAM, to provide a platform to sell agricultural produce.
- ✚ In an attempt to promote innovation and entrepreneurship in agriculture, Government launched the 2nd AGRI-UDAAN program in New Delhi. It will mentor start-ups and help them connect with potential investors.
- ✚ Passengers can now access the Delhi Police's women safety mobile application 'Himmat' via cab aggregator Uber's application while travelling in taxis.

- ✚ National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and Google India launched Android Skill Development Programme to impart mobile app development training on the Android and Web platform and improve the quality of mobile app development ecosystem in India.
- ✚ Chief minister Naveen Patnaik launched 'She Means Business' program of Facebook for women entrepreneurs in Odisha. Under the scheme, 25000 women entrepreneurs and self-help group (SHG) members will be given training on digital marketing skills within next one year.
- ✚ Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis launched Namu Yuva Rojgar Kendra an initiative providing job opportunities to unemployed youth in Mumbai.
- ✚ Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Thaawarchand Gehlot inaugurated Inclusive Independence Day celebrations organized by the National Trust. On the occasion, Mr Gehlot administered New India Pledge "Sankalp se Siddhi" to participants.
- ✚ National Mission for Clean Ganga has approved ten projects in Bihar, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh to the tune of about Rs 2,033 crores.
- ✚ Government of India has decided to launch a new sub-scheme named "Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana (AGEY)" as part of the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM).
- ✚ To take forward the initiative of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for a New India movement from 2017-2022, a Sankalp Se Siddhi (Attainment through Resolve) Program was organized at Coimbatore.
- ✚ Union Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, launched 'Gaj Yatra' in Karnataka, a nationwide campaign to protect elephants on the occasion of World Elephant Day (12 August). The campaign is planned to cover 12 elephant range states.
- ✚ Home Minister Rajnath Singh has launched the live twitter wall for promoting Bharat Ke Veer portal on the eve of 71st Independence Day.
- ✚ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched a website <http://gallantryawards.gov.in>, to honour all the gallantry award winners since Independence. The portal will preserve and tell the stories of bravest men and women, civilians as well as armed forces personnel.
- ✚ Odisha Government will soon launch "Durgama Anchalare Malaria Nirakaran" (DAMON), a special program to prevent the spread of malaria in remote areas of Ganjam district.
- ✚ Congress vice-president Rahul Gandhi launched the 'Indira Canteen' scheme, dedicated to former Prime minister Indira Gandhi- a state government initiative to provide food at low cost to cater to the urban poor.
- ✚ Union Cabinet has approved raising extra budgetary resources up to 9,020 crore rupees for Long Term Irrigation Fund in 2017-18 under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY).
- ✚ Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, launched the "Harit Diwali, Swasth Diwali" campaign.
- ✚ National Highways Authority of India launched two mobile Apps – MyFASTag and FASTag Partner in New Delhi, to facilitate the availability of FASTags for Electronic Toll Collection.
- ✚ Under project Navika Sagar Parikrama, a team of women officers of the Indian Navy would circumnavigate the globe on an Indian-built sail boat INSV Tarini. This is the first ever Indian circumnavigation of the globe by an all-women crew.
- ✚ A digital police portal under the CCTNS project, which aims to create a national database of crimes and criminals has launched by Home Minister Rajnath Singh. The digital police portal will provide the citizen, facility for online complaint registration and request for antecedent verification.
- ✚ Union Minister for Human Resource Development (HRD) Prakash Javadekar launched the 'Swasth Bachche, Swasth Bharat' Programme in Kochi, Kerala. He also launched the Health and Fitness Profile Card along with the programme.
- ✚ NITI Aayog launched the 'Mentor India Campaign'. It is a strategic nation building initiative to engage leaders who can guide and mentor students at more than 900 Atal Tinkering Labs, established across the country as a part of the Atal Innovation Mission. Mentor India is aimed at maximizing the impact of Atal Tinkering Labs, possibly the biggest disruption in formal education globally.
- ✚ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the renaming of the new Central Sector Scheme- SAMPADA (Scheme for Agro-Marine Processing and Development of Agro-Processing Clusters) as "Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY)" for the period of 2016-20 coterminous with the 14th Finance Commission cycle. The objective of PMKSY is to supplement agriculture, modernize processing and decrease Agri-Waste.
- ✚ Vice President of India Venkaiah Naidu launched the National Sports Talent Search Portal, a government initiative to unearth sporting talent from every nook and corner of the country. Under the initiative, a child or his parents, teachers or

coaches can upload his bio data or video on the portal.

- ✚ Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated the YUVA - a skill development program. It is an initiative by Delhi Police under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana. Delhi Police has tied up with National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for providing mass job linked skill training for the selected youth.
- ✚ Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with Union minister for road transport and highways Nitin Gadkari inaugurated highway and road projects worth Rs15,000 crore for the state in Udaipur, Rajasthan. He has also inaugurated Chambal bridge in Kota.

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State in News

- ✚ World Bank allowed India to construct hydroelectric power facilities on tributaries of the Jhelum and Chenab rivers with certain restrictions under the 1960 Indus Waters Treaty (IWT).
- ✚ As a part of Government of India's initiative to develop green airports, two airports in Andhra Pradesh-Tirupati and Vijayawada are going to go completely green.
- ✚ Maharashtra Government has launched two online portals MahaDBT and MahaVASTU to streamline the process of direct benefit transfer (DBT) and to bring in more transparency in construction sector.
- ✚ The Centre recently approved the Adityanath-led UP government's proposal to rename the Mughalsarai railway station after the Jan Sangh leader as Deen Dayal Upadhyaya (DDU) station.
- ✚ The 2030 Water Resources Group (2030WRG) will help the Maharashtra Government to raise \$270 million for

the Green Climate Fund, which will be invested in integrated watershed programmes such as Jalyukt Shivar Yojana. Green Climate Fund (GCF) is a new fund under the UN and is guided by the principles and provisions of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

- ✚ Centre has declared entire Assam as a "disturbed" area under the controversial Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) for one more month, citing various violent activities by insurgent groups ULFA, NDFB, and others.
- ✚ Goa Legislative Assembly passed a bill which reclassifies coconut as a 'tree', ensuring legal protection for it.
- ✚ Gujarat government has issued a tender for power developers to receive cheap coal marked for the state in return for selling coal-based power at less than Rs 2.82 a unit.
- ✚ In an effort to modernize the Sriram Sagar project and increase the area served, Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao initiated a Rs. 2,000-crore project that seeks to modernize the project. Under the Sriram Sagar project revival and restoration initiative, water from the Pranahitha river, which joins the Godavari, will be diverted at Medigadda and pumped into the Sriram Sagar project.
- ✚ Uttar Pradesh Government launched a new awareness drive called Namami Gange Jagriti Yatra. The drive will be focusing on cleanliness along the banks of Ganga river and maintain hygiene.
- ✚ The government of Telangana in association with the World Resources Institute (WRI) India - Ross Centre and the Indian School of Business (ISB) launched the 'Smart Streets Lab' program.
- ✚ Around 3.5 lakh college students in Gujarat will get tablets at a subsidised rate of Rs 1,000 each under a state government scheme launched by chief minister Vijay Rupani in Ahmedabad.
- ✚ Jharkhand Assembly has passed Religious Freedom Bill 2017. It aims to stop the forced conversions in the state.
- ✚ Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval to the proposal to complete the balance works of the North Koel Reservoir Project in Jharkhand and Bihar at an estimated expenditure of Rs.1622.27 crore to be incurred during three financial years from the start of the project.
- ✚ Punjab government has initiated the process of inducting Indian women team cricketer Harmanpreet Kaur as a DSP in the state police.
- ✚ MIT World Peace University, the first of its kind in India, was inaugurated by Chief Minister of Maharashtra Devendra Fadnavis.
- ✚ Smriti Irani has inaugurated Jharkhand's first textiles manufacturing and export unit 'Orient Craft Ltd'. Irani will also lay foundation stones of numerous companies

under special make in Jharkhand drive, called "Momentum Jharkhand" in Jamshedpur.

- ✚ External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj will inaugurate the country's first Videsh Bhavan, assimilating all Regional Passport Offices under one roof, at the Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC).
- ✚ Andhra Pradesh's Eastern Power Distribution Company Ltd (EPDCL) and the Southern Power Distribution Corporation of AP Ltd. (SPDCL) have become the first state-owned distribution companies in India to accept payments through Bharat QR.
- ✚ Karnataka Agriculture Department has signed an MoU with Microsoft India to develop a unique "farm price forecasting model" using latest IT tools in a bid to help farmers, administrators and other stakeholders to understand the market behaviour in advance.
- ✚ Manipur's Nungthaang Tampak village has emerged as the '100 percent computer literate' not only in the state but in the entire North East. The computer course was organized by Mangal Rural as a part of the Digital India program.
- ✚ Jammu and Kashmir government has decided to build an Eco-Park on over 34 acres of land reclaimed from encroachers in the state's Rajouri district.
- ✚ Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched the grid-connected rooftop solar project through net-metering system. He also launched the web portal of the rooftop solar programme- www.rtsodisha.gov.in.
- ✚ External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj inaugurated the country's first 'Videsh Bhavan'. The Bhavan integrates all offices of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in Maharashtra It is located in the Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC), Mumbai.
- ✚ Gobindobhog rice, a speciality from Burdwan district of West Bengal, has got the geographical indication (GI) status.

New Appointments

- ✚ Tech giant Cisco has named former Philips Healthcare executive, Sameer Garde as president for its India and SAARC operations. He has succeeded Dinesh Malkani.
- ✚ Arvind Panagariya, the first vice-chairman of NITI Aayog announced his resignation. Panagariya is an Indian-American economist and Professor of Economics at Columbia University.
- ✚ SEBI has approved the appointment of Dharendra Swarup as the chairman of the board of directors of the BSE.
- ✚ US Senate confirmed Christopher Wray to lead the FBI, replacing James Comey, who was abruptly fired by President Donald Trump.
- ✚ Air Marshal Hemant Narayan Bhagwat took over as Air Officer-in-Charge Administration (AOA) of Indian Air Force at Air Headquarters in New Delhi.

- ✚ Shri Prabhat Kumar, (IFS 1991), presently Ambassador of India to Colombia has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Kazakhstan.
- ✚ AIFF has appointed senior advocate Ushanath Banerjee as the chairman of a special committee. It will deal with the players' transfer disputes'.
- ✚ Noted economist Rajiv Kumar will be the next Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog, which is a think-tank that replaced the Planning Commission. He will succeed Arvind Panagariya.
- ✚ Union government appointed Justice Dipak Misra as the next (45th) Chief Justice of India. He will be replacing incumbent Justice J S Khehar, who is set to retire on August 27, 2017.
- ✚ Indian American Dilip Chauhan has been appointed to a key position of Deputy Comptroller for Minority Affairs in New York's Nassau county.
- ✚ Rana Sarkar, an Indo-Canadian entrepreneur, has been appointed Canada's consul general in San Francisco as well as a member of the Canadian official team tasked with renegotiating the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) with the US and Mexico.
- ✚ The Centre has appointed lyricist Prasoon Joshi as Chairman of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) for a period of three years. Mr. Joshi has replaced former Chairman Pahlaj Nihalani.
- ✚ Legendary Indian athlete Milkha Singh has been appointed WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Physical Activity in South-East Asia Region.
- ✚ Jet Airways India Ltd named Vinay Dube as its Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
- ✚ Ms. Reenat Sandhu, presently Ambassador of India to Italy, has been concurrently accredited as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of San Marino, with residence in Rome.
- ✚ Retired IAS officer I V Subba Rao has appointed the secretary to Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu.
- ✚ Shashi Shekhar Vempati, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at public broadcaster Prasar Bharati has been appointed as the chief of Rajya Sabha TV.
- ✚ S. Aparna, an IAS officer from Gujarat cadre has been appointed as Executive Director, World Bank to represent the constituency of India, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Sri Lanka for three years.
- ✚ Lalit Modi has resigned as president of the Nagaur District Association, marking an end to his presence in the Rajasthan Cricket Association (RCA), which was banned by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) for allowing him in its fold.
- ✚ IFCI Ltd, a government company, is set to have a new Managing Director & CEO in E Sankara Rao, who is currently Chief General Manager at India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL).
- ✚ Santosh Sharma has appointed as Chairman and Managing Director of Hindustan Coper Limited (HCL).

- ✚ Tata Motors announced the appointment of P B Balaji as the new Chief Financial Officer, Tata Motors Group from November 2017. He has replaced C R Ramakrishnan.
- ✚ Sohail Mahmood has assumed the charge of Pakistan's High Commissioner to India in New Delhi.
- ✚ Vishal Sikka of Infosys Ltd has resigned as Managing Director and Chief Executive of the company with immediate effect.
- ✚ Sanjaya Baru has appointed as the Secretary General of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).
- ✚ Payback India has appointed Gautam Kaushik as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
- ✚ Peter O'Neill has been re-elected prime minister of Papua New Guinea by a newly elected parliament.
- ✚ Wal-Mart India, a wholly-owned subsidiary of US-based Wal-Mart Stores Inc., has appointed Devendra Chawla as chief operating officer and executive vice president.
- ✚ Senior bureaucrat Mohammad Mustafa was appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) in Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).
- ✚ Venkaiah Naidu is going to succeed Hamid Ansari as the new Vice-President of India. Naidu's victory was a foregone conclusion, the NDA candidate having the support of a majority of MPs who ally with the BJP.
- ✚ Rear Admiral Travis Sinniah was appointed as the chief of Sri Lanka's naval forces, making him the first from the minority Tamil community to head the Navy since the brutal civil war erupted in the country 45 years ago. He succeeds Vice Admiral Ravi Wijegunaratne who has retired.
- ✚ World's Most expensive player Neymar became the Goodwill Ambassador for Handicap International.
- ✚ Russian President Vladimir Putin appointed career diplomat Nikolay Kudashev as Russia's new ambassador to India.
- ✚ General Motors India announced the appointment of Sanjiv Gupta as the new President and Managing Director of the company. He will replace Kaher Kazem.
- ✚ Dr. Mamta Suri took charge as Executive Director of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) in New Delhi.
- ✚ O Panneerselvam sworn in as the Deputy Chief Minister (CM) of Tamil Nadu, following the much-speculated merger of All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) factions.
- ✚ Ashok Mittal, Chairman of the Railway Board submitted his resignation to Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu.
- ✚ Ashwani Lohani, the CMD of Air India has been named as the new Chairman of Railway Board, following the resignation on A.K. Mittal.
- ✚ Rajiv Bansal, additional secretary in the petroleum ministry, has been named the interim CMD of Air India.
- ✚ Ajay Vipin Nanavati was appointed as the chairman of Syndicate Bank. The appointments committee of the cabinet has approved his appointment as non-official director/non-executive chairman of Syndicate Bank for three years.
- ✚ Nandan Nilekani has been appointed as the New Chairman of the software giant Infosys. Nilekani has replaced R Seshasayee.
- ✚ CISF ADG Dharmendra Kumar has been appointed as Director General of the Railway Protection Force. Kumar, who is a 1984 batch IPS officer of Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram-Union Territories (AGMUT) cadre, took charge.
- ✚ Justice Dipak Misra was sworn in as the 45th Chief Justice of India.
- ✚ Transport Company Uber has finally selected a new CEO of the company- Dara Khosrowshahi. He is from Iran. Khosrowshahi is the CEO of online travel booking company Expedia Inc. He has replaced Travis Kalanick.
- ✚ Top stock exchange BSE's board has approved another five-year term for its chief Ashish Chauhan.
- ✚ Tata group hospitality firm Indian Hotels Company Ltd (IHCL) has appointed Duetsche Hospitality chief executive Puneet Chhatwal as its Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). He will take over from incumbent Rakesh Sarna.
- ✚ According to the External Affairs Ministry, Former CBI Director R.K. Raghavan has been appointed High Commissioner to Cyprus. His specialization is cybersecurity.
- ✚ Mr. Rajiv Gauba took over as Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- ✚ Metal and mining major Vedanta Ltd appointed Kuldip Kaura as its interim CEO. Kaura succeeds Tom Albanese, who steps down as CEO.



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- ✚ SC imposed a ban on the use of five harmful metals viz lithium, mercury, arsenic, antimony, and lead in firecrackers. The bench was headed by Justice Madan B Lokur. SC maintained that it is the responsibility of the Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO) to ensure compliance of ban.
- ✚ Lok Sabha gave its nod for a Bill to replace the NPA Ordinance promulgated in May 2017. The Banking Regulation (Amendment) Bill 2017 sought to amend the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, for this purpose.
- ✚ Railways has earned an additional revenue of Rs 540 crore in less than a year through the flexi fare scheme and there is no plan to discontinue it.
- ✚ Multi Commodity Exchange Ltd (MCX), the country's largest commodity exchange has received capital markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India's (Sebi) approval to launch options trading in gold.
- ✚ SEBI has introduced an online registration mechanism for custodians of securities to make it convenient for them to do business.
- ✚ The country's exports grew three point nine percent in July this year (2017), on a yearly basis to 22 (point) 5 billion dollars. Exports rose due to an increase in shipments of petroleum, chemicals and marine products.
- ✚ The government has banned exports of gold jewellery, medallions and other articles above 22- carat purity in a bid to check round tripping of the precious metal.
- ✚ Finance Ministry and the World Bank signed a grant agreement of \$24.64 million from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) of the World Bank for ecosystem service improvement project.
- ✚ The first regional centre of the New Development Bank, set up by India and other BRICS nations, was officially opened by South African President Jacob Zuma and the bank's Indian head K V Kamath.
- ✚ State-run power transmission utility Power Grid Corp announced that it will get a loan of USD 500 million from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for its various projects.
- ✚ Foreign direct investment (FDI) into the country grew by 37 per cent to USD 10.4 billion during the first quarter of the current fiscal. The main sectors which attracted the highest foreign inflows include services, telecom, trading, computer hardware and software and automobile. The bulk of the FDI came in from Singapore, Mauritius, the Netherlands and Japan.
- ✚ UIDAI has joined hands with CSC India for launching door step enrolment facility in the national capital for the elderly, patients and others who cannot travel the Aadhar centers.
- ✚ Income Tax Department has imposed Rs 7,900 crore penalty on the tax demand of the same amount on a unit of billionaire Li Ka-shing's CK Hutchison Holdings Ltd. over its decade-old sale of mobile phone business in India to Vodafone Group Plc.
- ✚ Indian Commodity Exchange (ICEX) launched the world's first diamond futures contracts to provide exporters with a hedging tool. India is a global diamond polishing hub where 14 out of every 15 rough diamonds in the world are polished.
- ✚ The goods and services tax, GST, launched on 1 July, has got off to a good start, with collections exceeding the revenue target for the first month. According to the Finance Minister Arun Jaitley, taxes worth Rs 92,283 crore were collected in July from just 64.42 per cent of the total taxpayer base.
- ✚ Smartphone-maker Samsung, which recently launched its digital wallet app Samsung Pay in India, has tied up with State Bank of India to store higher variants of SBI debit cards on the app.
- ✚ To build out a more elaborate personal assistant for the Messenger users, Facebook has acquired an artificial intelligence (AI) startup Ozlo that specialises in understanding text-based conversations.
- ✚ Patanjali Ayurved Ltd., the herbal products manufacturer founded by yoga guru Baba Ramdev collaborates with Google and Facebook, Patanjali is for the first time investing in advertisements tailored for online audiences.
- ✚ The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has approved the proposed merger between Bharti Airtel and Telenor India.
- ✚ The two Iranian companies have signed the Iran's biggest-ever car deal with French multinational automobile manufacturer Group Renault to produce 150,000 cars, beginning in 2018.
- ✚ India's leading FMCG Britannia Industries would set up its largest plant in Maharashtra in a food park at Ranjangaon.
- ✚ Bajaj Auto and Triumph Motorcycles UK have announced a global partnership. This non-equity tie-up between Bajaj and Triumph will enable the former to build a range of mid-capacity motorcycles, building on the collective strengths of both companies.
- ✚ Hritik Roshan has been signed as a brand ambassador by a health and wellness startup Cure.fit in a deal worth Rs 100 crore. The actor will be associated with the brand for five years.
- ✚ Flipkart has launched 'Budding Star Programme', an exclusive programme aimed at Flipkart employees to help them achieve their dreams by providing them financial assistance and paid leave.
- ✚ Online entertainment platform Netflix announced that it has acquired Millarworld, a comic book company.
- ✚ Amazon announced the launch of virtual customer service (VCS) model, an initiative launched to create

cost efficient employment prospects for skilled candidates seeking more flexible work opportunities. It has currently been launched in Hyderabad, Pune, Coimbatore, and Noida.

- ✚ BitBay, one of the top ten cryptocurrency trading platforms in the world, has launched a dedicated platform for trade and exchange of digital currencies such as bitcoin, litecoin, ether, Lisk, monero, dash and gamecredits.
- ✚ Flipkart Group (Flipkart), India's leading e-commerce marketplace, announced an investment - a mix of primary and secondary capital - from SoftBank Vision Fund (Vision Fund), the world's largest technology-focused investment fund. This is the biggest ever private investment in an Indian technology company and will make the Vision Fund one of the largest shareholders in Flipkart.
- ✚ In an apparent bid to take on Google-owned YouTube, Facebook has rolled out 'Watch', a redesigned video platform for creators and publishers.
- ✚ With the \$2.4 billion it just received from Japanese technology and telecom giant SoftBank, Flipkart has become the third most funded private company globally.
- ✚ Homegrown messaging and social media technology company Hike Messenger has acquired Bengaluru-based tech start-up Creo for an undisclosed amount.
- ✚ State-owned Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has brought the country's first shale oil from the US and is looking to step up imports from America as part of its crude diversification strategy.
- ✚ Anil Ambani's Reliance Infrastructure-controlled Reliance Defence and Engineering is changing its name to Reliance Naval and Engineering Ltd (RNEL). According to the Company, change of name is in line with company's focus on building capabilities for the Indian Navy and the Coast Guard.
- ✚ The government has imposed a new penalty of USD 264 million (about Rs 1,700 crore) on Reliance Industries Ltd and its partners for producing less than the targeted natural gas from eastern offshore KG-D6 fields in 2015-16.
- ✚ Ridesharing app Uber has launched a business to business model called "Uber for Business " to enable new use cases like daily commute, late-night rides home from work, between-office transportation.
- ✚ Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) went digital by launching a bespoke mobile wallet (mobile payment App) that would enable its existing 100 million customers to make Bill payments.
- ✚ Tata Power has become the first power utility to introduce a QR code based bill payments system in India. The QR code linked to Unified Payments Interface (UPI) will be printed on the electricity bills.
- ✚ National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) admitted proposals for the merger between Aircel and Reliance

Communications wireless business, as well as the latter's sale of its tower business to Canada's Brookfield.

- ✚ The board of state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corp, ONGC, has given 'in-principle' approval to acquire government's 51 (point) 11 per cent stake in Hindustan Petroleum Corp Ltd.
- ✚ Google has launched its version 8.0 the operating system as Android Oreo.
- ✚ State-owned Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) will invest about Rs 52,000 crore in expanding Paradip refinery in Odisha and setting up petrochemical complex after the Odisha State Government agreed to restore part of tax incentives.
- ✚ Software giant Microsoft has announced its 'Project Brainwave' deep learning acceleration platform for real-time artificial intelligence (AI). With the help of ultra-low latency, the system processes requests as fast as it receives them.
- ✚ The country's largest telecom services provider, Bharti Airtel, entered into a partnership with Symantec Corp, the world's leading cyber security company, to serve the growing cyber security requirements of businesses in India.
- ✚ Finance Ministry has imposed a five-year anti-dumping duty on Sodium Nitrite imports from China. Deepak Nitrite Ltd had filed the petition, which was also supported by Punjab Chemicals & Crop Protection Ltd, seeking sunset review investigations on Sodium Nitrite imports from China.



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Sports

- ✚ Indian shuttler C Rahul Yadav and men's doubles pair of Manu Attri and B Sumeeth Reddy clinched the men's singles and men's doubles titles at Lagos International challenge in Nigeria.
- ✚ Los Angeles reached an agreement with the leaders of the International Olympic Committee on plans to host

- the 2028 Summer Olympics. Paris to host the summer Olympics in 2024.
- ✚ Indian shooter Kynan Chenai won a bronze in men's trap event, his first international medal at the senior level, at the 7th Asian Championship Shotgun at Astana, Kazakhstan.
 - ✚ Davinder Singh Kang has become the first Indian to qualify for the final round of the javelin throw World Championships while his compatriot Neeraj Chopra crashed out in the qualification round.
 - ✚ Young Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen clinched the Bulgaria Open International Series title after notching up a hard-fought win over Croatia's Zvonimir Durkinjak in the men's singles final in Sofia, Bulgaria.
 - ✚ The 16th edition of IAAF (International Association of Athletics Federations) World Championships 2017 was held in London. The championships were held in the London Stadium in Stratford. 'Hero-the Hedgehog' was a Mascot of 2017 IAAF World Championships and 'Whizbee-the Bee' was the Mascot for the Para Athletics.
 - ✚ Real Madrid defeated Barcelona in the second leg of the 2017 Spanish Super Cup to seal the win at the Bernabeu, Spain.
 - ✚ Shooter Maheshwari Chauhan bagged a bronze medal at the Asian Shotgun Championship to earn India's first women's skeet individual medal at a top international competition in Astana, Kazakhstan.
 - ✚ Gabriel Chundan won the 65th edition of the prestigious Nehru Trophy (Boat Race) held at the Punnamda Lake in Kerala.
 - ✚ The greatest sprinter of modern times, Usain Bolt from Jamaica retired from the Athletics world. But at farewell Race, he injured himself while running the last lap of the men's 4x100m relay race in the World Athletics Championships in London.
 - ✚ On the concluding day of the 7th Asian Championship Shotgun in Astana, India bagged a gold medal in the skeet mixed team event.
 - ✚ World Player of the Year, Cristiano Ronaldo was banned for five-match by the Spanish football federation.
 - ✚ India bagged two gold in the 6th Golden Glove Women's Boxing Tournament at Vojvodina, Serbia. While Jyoti won Gold in 51 kg category, and Vanlalharitpuii bagged it 60 kg category. In all, India won two gold, four silver and four bronze medals in the tournament.
 - ✚ Alexander Zverev won 6-3 6-4 at the Rogers Cup to claim his second Masters 1000 title and extend his winning run to 10 matches.
 - ✚ Brazil's Neymar has become the world's most expensive footballer, with Paris Saint-Germain signing him for a five-year deal from Barcelona for a fee of Rs. 1,680 crore (€222 million).
 - ✚ Indian professional boxer Vijender Singh outslugged his Chinese opponent Zulpikar Maimaitiali to retain the WBO Asia Pacific Super Middleweight title and win the WBO Oriental Super Middleweight title.
 - ✚ Justin Gatlin tore up Usain Bolt's farewell script as he stole world 100m gold with the run of his long and controversial career. Bolt was left with only a bronze in his final individual 100m race as 21-year-old Christian Coleman made it a USA one-two.
 - ✚ The Indian contingent created history in the World Dwarf Games by winning a record haul of medals. The 21-men Indian team won 37 medals including 15 golds, 10 silver and 12 bronze medals in the 7th edition of the World Dwarf Games. It was held in Toronto, Canada. Arunachalam Nalini, who won five medals, including one gold.
 - ✚ Oinam Bembem Devi, the flagbearer of Indian women's football for over the past two decades was named the winner of the prestigious Arjuna Award. Bembem becomes the second Indian woman footballer to win the award, the first being Shanti Mullick in 1983.
 - ✚ Wayne Rooney, hailed from England retired from international football to prioritize ending his career on a high with boyhood club Everton.
 - ✚ Real Madrid forward Cristiano Ronaldo has won the UEFA Men's Player of the Year award for the 2016/17 season. He received the award at the 2017/18 UEFA Champions League group stage draw in Monaco. UEFA Women's Player of the Year was given to Lieke Martens.
 - ✚ England has been awarded the right to host the 2018 Table Tennis Team World Cup, which will be held in London.
 - ✚ Barcelona forward Lionel Messi scored a second-half brace against Alaves, becoming the first ever player to score 350 goals in La Liga.
 - ✚ Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Mr. Vijay Goel announced that the first edition of Rural Games or Grameen Khel Mahotsav will kick-start from Delhi.
 - ✚ Mercedes' British Formula One driver Lewis Hamilton registered his 58th career race win after claiming the Belgian Grand Prix title.
 - ✚ PV Sindhu won the Silver medal in World Badminton Championship 2017. She lost the historic match against Japan's Nozomi Okuhara in an epic final, in Glasgow, Scotland.
 - ✚ Kerala Chief Minister Shri Pinarayi Vijayan launched the host city logo for Kochi, one of the venues of FIFA U-17 World Cup India 2017. The logo represents and reflects Kochi's identity and will be a valuable tool in linking the local community in a global World Cup.

- ✚ The Indian U-15 football team completed a brilliant comeback win over Nepal to win the SAFF U-15 Championships in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- ✚ The Sanath Jayasuriya-led Sri Lankan cricket selection panel has stepped down in the wake of the country's horrible performance against India.
- ✚ Badminton ace PV Sindhu, who recently won Silver at the World Championship, was appointed the first brand ambassador of tyre maker Bridgestone India.

National & International Current Affairs

- ✚ PM Modi announced a package of Rs. 2,350 crores for all North-East states for mitigating the impact of floods on short- and long-term basis. Also, PM has announced a Rs. 100 crores corpus for setting up a research project to study the Brahmaputra and its role in creating devastating flood.
- ✚ India has ratified the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol that commits countries to contain the emission of greenhouse gases, reaffirming its stand on climate action. With this, India became the 80th country to accept the amendment relating to the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol.
- ✚ The nation celebrates its 71st Independence Day (15th August 2017) and the main function was held at the Red Fort of the national capital where Prime Minister Narendra Modi hoisted the National Flag.
- ✚ The government has directed internet majors- Google, Facebook, Whatsapp, Instagram, Microsoft and Yahoo - to immediately remove the links of dangerous online game Blue Whale Challenge, which has led to the suicide of children in India and other countries.
- ✚ A 10-year-old mountaineer from Visakhapatnam, Kaamya Karthikeyan, successfully summited one of the highest peaks in the Himalayas, making her one of the youngest people in the world to achieve this feat.
- ✚ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has stated that India and the United States will co-host the Global Entrepreneurship Summit at Hyderabad from November 28, 2017. President Donald Trump's daughter Ivanka will lead the American delegation.
- ✚ Union Finance Ministry issued guidelines for mandatory installation of energy efficient appliances in all Central Government buildings across India.
- ✚ India paid tributes to Sri Aurobindo on his 145th Birth Anniversary. Sri Aurobindo's rich thoughts and grand vision for India continue to be a great source of inspiration.
- ✚ India (New Delhi) will host the next steering committee meeting of the proposed 1,814 kilometre-long Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline.
- ✚ India's first museum on Partition of the Indian subcontinent will open in Amritsar Punjab, as India and Pakistan celebrate 70 years as independent nations.

- ✚ PM Narendra Modi addressed a gathering of young entrepreneurs and CEOs startups at an event organised by NITI Aayog. The event called 'Champions of Change' was organised by India's policy think-tank, was aimed at bringing together young businessmen at a place and share ideas.
- ✚ India and US have established new two-by-two (2 by 2) ministerial dialogue to enhance strategic coordination between them and maintaining peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region. The new dialogue format will replace the earlier India-US Strategic and Commercial Dialogue.
- ✚ The Supreme Court of India pronounced that individual privacy is a fundamental right protected by the Constitution. A nine-judge Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court, led by Chief Justice of India J.S. Khehar ruled that the right to privacy is intrinsic to life and liberty, thus coming under Article 21, and comes under the various fundamental freedoms in PART III of the Indian Constitution.
- ✚ The Commerce and Industries Minister, Mrs. Nirmala Sitharaman and Mr. Abdulaziz Kamilov, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Mr. Elyor Ganiev, Minister of Foreign Trade held detailed discussions on deepening trade and economic ties between India and Uzbekistan in a bilateral meeting in New Delhi.
- ✚ India and China have agreed to withdraw their troops from Doklam after being in a standoff for over two months. According to the Ministry of External Affairs, the expeditious disengagement has been agreed to and is going on.
- ✚ India and Germany signed an agreement on technical cooperation under the Indo-German Energy Programme - Green Energy Corridors (IGEN-GEC).
- ✚ Pakistani rights activist Malala Yousafzai secured a place at Oxford University after getting her A-level results.
- ✚ The United States named Pakistan-based Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) as a Foreign Terrorist Organisation and a Specially Designated Global Terrorist group.
- ✚ Australian state government has approved the world's biggest single tower solar thermal power plant, a 150-megawatt structure to be built in South Australia by 2020.
- ✚ China halts iron, iron ore and seafood imports from North Korea, following through on new UN sanctions over its ally's nuclear program.
- ✚ World Health Organisation (WHO) declared Somalia free of polio. The UN health agency announced that it had not recorded any case of polio disease in Somalia in the last three years.
- ✚ In Kenya, Uhuru Kenyatta has been re-elected as President following the election.
- ✚ The largest volcanic region on Earth, with nearly 100 volcanoes, has been discovered two km below the surface of the vast ice sheet in West Antarctica.

- China launched its first cyber court specializing in handling Internet-related cases in the e-commerce hub of Hangzhou.
- US and Japan have agreed to advance their multilateral security and defence cooperation with countries like India, South Korea and Australia, amidst China's growing assertiveness in the Asia Pacific region.
- In a first, Nepal launched its climate-smart snow leopard landscape management plan, leading the way in safeguarding this endangered species, also found in India, and its habitat.
- In Kenya, selling or even using plastic bags will risk imprisonment of up to four years or fines of \$40,000. It is the world's toughest law which is aimed at reducing plastic pollution came into effect.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the 9th BRICS Summit, Xiamen in China's Fujian province during 3rd to 5th of September. Subsequently, the Prime Minister will pay a State visit to Myanmar from September 5th to 7th.
- International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) decided to open the Low Enriched Uranium Bank in Kazakhstan. The IAEA opened the bank to ensure the supply of nuclear fuel in the event of disruption due to political or market problems.
- Unicity International, headquartered in Orem, Utah, United States has launched world's first ever Genomeceutical (gene controlling) range of products to India.

- Sri Lankan Navy commissioned an India-built state-of-the-art Advanced Offshore Patrol Vessel (AOPV), the first-ever purchase from a foreign ship builder, to boost its search and rescue capabilities. Sri Lankan President and Armed Forces commander-in-chief Maithripala Sirisena commissioned the new patrol vessel "SLNS Sayurala".
- The second Seminar on 'MAKE' projects for Indian Army was held on 12 Aug 17 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi jointly under aegis of Indian Army and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).
- Indian Coast Guard ship 'Shaurya', the fifth in the series of six 105-metre Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs), was commissioned in Goa by Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan.
- US and South Korea began a 10-day-long annual military exercise. The Ulchi Freedom Guardian drill is a computer-simulated defensive exercise designed to enhance readiness and maintain stability on the Korean peninsula.
- Ministry of Defence has decided to delegate administrative and financial powers to the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) to avoid delays on account of references between the Chief Engineer, HQ DGBR and the Ministry. The Ministry of Defence has approved that for both departmental and contractual mode of execution.
- The Indian Coast Guard Ship Varuna, which was part of the First Training Squadron of the Navy, was decommissioned with full armed forces honors at a ceremony. The ship had an illustrious service spanning about 30 years.
- Defence Minister Arun Jaitley handed over the Long-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (LRSAM) jointly developed by India and Israel, to the Indian Navy, at Bharat Dynamics Ltd (BDL). LRSAM is an advanced combat suit for missile defence against air targets and missiles, and has full capabilities of air and surface surveillance, threat alert and fire control.
- The Defence Accounts Department (DAD) organized its first Synergy Conference on Defence Pensions in New Delhi. The objective of the conference was to obtain feedback from the pensioners that would help the department to serve them better with constantly improving systems and procedures.

Defence Current Affairs

- China formally opened its first overseas military base with a flag raising ceremony in Djibouti in the Horn of Africa.
- India's first private sector missile sub-systems manufacturing facility, a joint venture between the \$2.5 billion Kalyani Group and Israel's Rafael Advanced Defence Systems Ltd., was inaugurated near Hyderabad.

Ranks/ Indexes Released

- Central Government launched the third cleanliness survey 'Swachh Survekshan-2018' to rank all the 4,041 cities and towns of the country based on infrastructure development for improved sanitation services and their sustainability, outcomes, citizen connect and visible impact on ground. 500 cities with more than 1 lakh population and state and UT capitals will have all-India

- ranking. Also, 3,541 cities with less than 1 lakh population will have state and zonal rankings.
- ✚ Mukesh Ambani has elbowed past Li Ka-shing to become Asia's second-richest man. Chairman of Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) added \$12.1 billion to his wealth in 2017, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index. The owner of Alibaba, Jack Ma is the Richest Person in Asia.
- ✚ According to the Sanitation survey, almost all rural households in Kerala and Haryana had access to a toilet report. The survey is released by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation and was carried out by the Quality Council of India (QCI).
- ✚ NITI Aayog shortlisted Uttar Pradesh, Assam and Karnataka under its 'Sustainable Action for Transforming Human Capital', SATH initiative to handhold them and transform their health sector. The Aayog has also selected Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Odisha under its SATH initiative to transform their education sector.
- ✚ India ranked 43rd position in 2017 Global Retirement Index (GRI). It is published by French asset management company Natixis Global. The top three countries in 2017 GRI are Norway, Switzerland, and Iceland.
- ✚ Five Indian-origin persons, including Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar, have featured in Fortune's annual list of 40 young and influential people in the field of business. Fortune's 2017 '40 Under 40' list is an annual ranking of the most influential young people who are under 40 in business.
- ✚ According to the Economic Survey, India has now emerged as one of the most open economies in the world for receiving foreign direct investments (FDI), on the back of a host of liberalisation measures.
- ✚ Three Indian firms, Hindustan Unilever, Asian Paints and Bharti Airtel are among Forbes' list of the world's 100 most innovative companies, where Salesforce.Com has replaced Tesla Motors on the top position.
- ✚ According to global leader in broadband testing Ookla, Norway has the fastest mobile Internet in the world. The Netherlands and Hungary are ranked number two and three on the list of the world's fastest mobile networks.
- ✚ Melbourne (in Australia) has been named world's most liveable city for a record seventh year in a row, according to the Economist Intelligence Unit's Global Liveability Report 2017. Melbourne scored an overall rating of 97.5 out of 100 on the liveability index. Damascus in Syria was deemed the world's worst among the 140 cities surveyed.
- ✚ American Tennis Player Serena Williams has topped the Forbes' list of highest paid female athletes of 2017 with \$27 million in earnings between June 2016 and June 2017.

- ✚ The former rapper-turned-actor Mark Wahlberg is Hollywood's highest-paid leading man, earning \$68 million pretax in 12 month scoring period. From India, Shahrukh Khan is the highest paid actor (Rank 8) followed by Salman Khan and Akshay Kumar. Wahlberg has replaced out last year's top-ranked star, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson. The highest paid Female Actress is Emma Stone (\$26 million).
- ✚ Alibaba Group's Jack Ma is back on top as Asia's richest man following gains in the company's earnings and share price. Jack Ma is worth \$37.4 billion, according to the Forbes real-time billionaires list.
- ✚ According to a report by the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), the island of Tuvalu was the least visited country in 2016.

Important Days

- ✚ World breastfeeding week 2017 celebrated from 1st to 7th August 2017 with the theme "Sustaining Breastfeeding Together".
- ✚ National Handloom Day is being celebrated on 7th August to give an impetus to the sector and encourage the use of handmade loom. It was on this day that the Swadeshi Movement was launched in 1905.
- ✚ Nagasaki Day observed on 9th August 2017.
- ✚ India has celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Quit India Movement on 9th August 2017. This year's theme is "SANKALP SE SIDDHI"- the Attainment through Resolve. The exhibition has been organized titled "Quit India-75-Chalo Dilli".
- ✚ The second round of National Deworming Day (NDD) is observed on 10 August in 33 States and Union Territories to tackle worm Infections, targeting more than 11 crore children.
- ✚ The International Youth Day was observed across the world on 12 August with the theme 'Youth Building Peace'.
- ✚ World Humanitarian Day (WHD) is held every year on 19 August to pay tribute to aid workers who risk their lives in humanitarian service, and to rally support for people affected by crises around the world. The campaign was launched on WHD with the theme- #NotATarget.
- ✚ The Sadbhavana Diwas or Harmony Day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary (August 20) of Rajiv Gandhi.
- ✚ The National Sports day is celebrated on 29th August every year to mark the birthday of legendary hockey player Major Dhyan Chand. A total of 29 players have been selected to receive the honors from President.

Agreement Signed

- ✚ Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) entered into nine Unilateral Advance Pricing Agreements (UAPAs) with Indian taxpayers in the month of July 2017. APA

Scheme endeavors to provide certainty to taxpayers in the domain of transfer pricing by specifying the methods of pricing and determining the Arm's Length Price of international transactions in advance for a maximum period of five future years.

- ✚ India and Somalia signed a bilateral agreement for the transfer of sentenced persons.
- ✚ Union Cabinet given its ex-post facto approval for a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed among India and various BRICS countries for establishment of the BRICS Agriculture Research Platform (BRICS-ARP).
- ✚ Union Cabinet approved the scrapping of the no-detention policy in schools till Class 8th. It also gave its nod to the Human Resource Development Ministry's plan of creating 20 world-class institutions in the country.
- ✚ Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) and Mahindra Agri Solutions Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Mahindra and Mahindra, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to provide agriculture related price information.
- ✚ Agriculture Ministry signed a Memorandum of Association for setting up a regional centre of the global rice research institute IRRI in Varanasi to develop high-yielding rice varieties.
- ✚ Microsoft ties up with the state of Telangana to use its artificial intelligence-based MINE platform to screen children for eye problems and prevent avoidable blindness.
- ✚ Thumby Aviation, a private helicopter service provider, and Bangalore International Airport Ltd (BIAL) have partnered to launch HeliTaxi services from Bengaluru Airport.
- ✚ India signed a loan agreement with Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) for financing of USD 329 million for Gujarat Rural Roads Project. The objective of the project is to improve the rural road connectivity and accessibility to 1,060 villages in all the 33 districts in Gujarat state benefiting about 8 million people.
- ✚ Amazon India has signed MoU with the Telangana Department of Handloom and Textiles, to educate, train and enable weavers and artisans to directly sell their products to Amazon customers across the country.
- ✚ Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and Securities & Exchange Organization (SEO) of Iran have entered into a bilateral MoU for mutual cooperation and technical assistance.
- ✚ The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval to the MoU between India and Sweden on cooperation in the field of Intellectual Property (IPRs).
- ✚ The government approved a new metro rail policy for expanding the metro network across various cities in the country.

- ✚ CCEA approved the proposal of Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) for the strategic disinvestment. The approval will help in speedy completion of strategic disinvestment transactions.
- ✚ Rajasthan government and state-owned oil firm HPCL inked an agreement to form a joint venture company for Barmer petroleum refinery and petrochemical complex. In a new firm, HPCL Rajasthan Refinery Limited (HRRL), state government will have 26% and HPCL will have 74 per cent of partnership.
- ✚ Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the Union Ministry of Health inked a pact with the International Vaccine Institute (IVI), South Korea to collaborate on vaccine research and development.
- ✚ Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) signed a letter of intent (LoI) with the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) to jointly conduct capacity building exercises in the fields of broadcasting and telecommunications regulation.
- ✚ The CA Institute of India has signed an MoU with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nepal (ICAN). Nilesh Vikamsey, President, Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) and Prakash Jung Thapa, President--ICAN exchanged the MoU.



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Awards & Recognition

- ✚ An Army medic from Michigan named James McCloughan, who risked his life multiple times to rescue Vietnam War comrades is the first person to receive the Medal of Honor from President Donald Trump in Washington. This is America's highest military honor.
- ✚ Former India hockey captain Dhanraj Pillay was honored by East Bengal football club on its foundation day with its highest award, Bharat Gaurav. Former India international Subhash Bhowmick, a member of the 1970 Asian Games bronze medal-winning national

football team, and former national team coach Syed Naemuddin were honored with lifetime achievement awards.

- ✚ Veteran actress and national award winner Sharada has been selected for this year's Prem Nazir Award.
- ✚ Harry Potter creator JK Rowling has been named the world's most highly-paid author with earnings of £72.2m (\$95m).
- ✚ Indian-origin actor Dev Patel is to be honored by a leading educational organization for making a "transformative and positive" difference for the future of Asia and the world.
- ✚ The Hugo Award for Best Novel 2017 was given to Nora K. Jemisin, an American speculative fiction writer for her work 'The Obelisk Gate'.
- ✚ Bollywood star Aishwarya Rai Bachchan has become the first female actor ever to hoist the Indian National Flag at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM), Australia's annual celebration of film from India and the subcontinent.
- ✚ Veteran journalist T J S George has been chosen for the first Kesari Media Award, instituted by the Kesari Memorial Journalist Trust.
- ✚ Emma Stone has been named Hollywood's best-paid female actor in Forbes annual list of top earners.
- ✚ On the occasion of 71st Independence Day, 112 Gallantry Awards have been approved by the President Ram Nath Kovind for the Armed Forces and Paramilitary Forces. It includes five Kirti Chakras, 17 Shaurya Chakras, 85 Sena Medals (Gallantry), three Nao Sena Medals (Gallantry) and two Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry). Havaladar Giris Gurung from first Gorkha Rifles who was martyred during a major counter-infiltration operation along the Line of Control in Naugam sector of Kashmir has been awarded Kirti Chakra posthumously.
- ✚ Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao has been selected for the prestigious Agriculture Leadership Award-2017. The award will be presented on September 5 at Taj Palace Hotel in New Delhi.
- ✚ A 12-year-old Indian-origin boy named Rahul Doshi has been crowned as the UK's 'Child Genius' in a popular television quiz competition, days after he became an overnight sensation after answering all questions correctly.
- ✚ The Union Government announced the National Sports Awards. Para athlete Devendra and hockey player Sardar Singh will be honoured with the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award.
- ✚ Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik granted the Biju Patnaik Award for Scientific Excellence for the year 2016 to Prof Digambar Behera.
- ✚ Nitasha Biswas, a transwoman from Kolkata was crowned the first Miss TransQueen India.

- ✚ National Research Development Corporation (NRDC), the technology transfer and commercialization arm of the Ministry of Science & Technology, has won two accolades. It has won the Assocham Services Excellence Award 2017 and its Chairman and Managing Director, H Purushotham, an international recognition.

Visits

- ✚ In his first foreign visit after assuming office, Nepalese Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba will arrive India on a four-day trip.

Summits/Events Held

- ✚ 7th Meeting of BRICS Trade Ministers was held in Shanghai, China.
- ✚ The first meeting of the Japan-India Coordination Forum (JICF) for Development of North-Eastern Region was held in New Delhi.
- ✚ Aadi Perukku is celebrated for the birth of the Tamil month of Aadi.
- ✚ In order to promote cruise tourism in India, a special event, 'The dawn of cruise tourism in India' was inaugurated in Mumbai.
- ✚ The eighth meeting of the Regional Technical Group of Confidence Building Measure on Trade, Commerce & Investment Opportunities under the Heart of Asia - Istanbul Process was hosted by India in New Delhi.
- ✚ External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj departed for Kathmandu to participate in the 15th BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting (10th and 11th August).
- ✚ 15th Ministerial Meeting of Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) concluded at Kathmandu, Nepal.
- ✚ A three-day annual cultural festival named 'Fete de Puducherry' organised by the government of India begins in Puducherry.
- ✚ The India-ASEAN Youth Summit begins in Bhopal. The event is being organised by Foreign Ministry, Madhya Pradesh government and India Foundation.
- ✚ Italy will host a summit of G-7 interior ministers centered on security issues in the fall.
- ✚ The seventeenth Meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) was held in New Delhi under the Chairmanship of the Union Minister of Finance, Shri Arun Jaitley.
- ✚ Union Minister of State (IC) for Power, Coal, Renewable Energy and Mines, Shri Piyush Goyal, addressed the 3-day 8th World Renewable Energy Technology Congress in New Delhi. The theme of the conference was "Renewable Energy: What Works".
- ✚ A two-day Meeting of Heads of Governments of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Member States begun at Choplon Ata in Kyrgyz Republic. The meeting focused on prevention and elimination of

emergency situations. Home Minister Rajnath Singh lead the Indian delegation.

- ✚ The International Military Music Festival "Spasskaya Tower" is the parade of the best military music bands of Russia and other countries that takes place every year at Red Square in Moscow. This time Indian Navy Band is participating in the festival.
- ✚ External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj will participate in the two-day Indian Ocean Conference to be held in Colombo, Sri Lanka in which Sri Lankan prime minister and the president are among key speakers. The theme of the conference is peace, progress, and prosperity.
- ✚ Fourth Session of the India-Tanzania Joint Trade Committee (JTC) meeting was held in New Delhi. With an investment of US \$ 2.2 billion, Tanzania is among the top 5 investment destinations for India.
- ✚ India and the European Union have agreed to strengthen cooperation between their security and intelligence agencies to combat the threat of terrorism and check terror financing during the 10th India-European Union Counter Terrorism Dialogue in New Delhi.



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Miscellaneous

- ✚ Spanning an awesome 1621 feet and rising as high as 279 feet, the newly opened Charles Kuonen Suspension Bridge in Switzerland has broken the record for the world's longest pedestrian suspension bridge, according to Zermatt Tourism.
- ✚ Delhi Metro Railway Corporation (DMRC) recently declared as the world's first green metro after it added a green certification for all its major buildings and installations. The declaration was made during National Conference on Green Metro Systems by Indian Green Building Council (IGBC).
- ✚ After the Hindi version, Oxford University Press (OUP) has launched online dictionaries in Tamil and Gujarati as part of its special focus on Indian languages.

- ✚ National Green Tribunal (NGT) imposed an interim ban on use of non-biodegradable plastic bags which are less than 50 microns in the entire national capital.
- ✚ Union Minister of State for HRD Mahendra Nath Pandey has launched an Indian National Anthem video in sign language, featuring differently-abled and partially differently-abled children. It is Directed by filmmaker Govind Nihalani.
- ✚ Infusion Nurses Society (INS), a global authority in infusion therapy launched India's first online course on Infusion Therapy for nurses. Under this, it aims to train over 3,000 nurses in the vital medical procedure.
- ✚ Human Resource Development (HRD) Ministry has announced November 13 as the date for conducting its National Assessment Survey (NAS) for the students of class 3, 5, and 8.
- ✚ According to Union minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, the government has decided to proffer 40 per cent reservation for girls at 100 Navodaya-type schools and five higher education institutes it plans to set up for minority community students.
- ✚ The government has hiked the ceiling for the creamy layer from Rs. 6 lakh per annum to Rs. 8 lakh per annum for central government jobs, according to the Finance Minister Arun Jaitley. In the OBC category, those earning up to Rs. 8 lakh per annum will get reservation benefits.
- ✚ SEBI has set up a committee on 'fair market conduct' which will suggest measures for improving surveillance of the markets and strengthen rules for trades. This will be headed by T K Viswanathan.
- ✚ Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has appointed an expert panel committee that would study various issues relating to data protection in the country and will suggest a draft data protection Bill. It is to be headed by former Supreme Court Judge Justice B N Srikrishna.
- ✚ A High-Level Committee is set up to review the Institutionalization of Arbitration Mechanism in India has submitted its report to the Union Law Ministry. It was headed by Justice (retired) BN Srikrishna.
- ✚ The Information and Broadcasting Ministry on 21 August 2017 constituted a 40-member 'preview committee' for the International Film Festival of India 2017, which is going to be held in Goa. Vivek Agnihotri has been chosen as the convenor of the committee. Besides this, the I and B Ministry also constituted a new 13-member steering committee and a 12-member technical committee, which will be headed by Jahnu Barua and Nagesh Kukunoor respectively.
- ✚ Commerce and industry minister Nirmala Sitharaman has constituted a task force on artificial intelligence (AI) to ensure "India's economic transformation". The task force will be headed by V. Kamakoti.

- ✚ Ustad Hussain Sayeeduddin Dagar, a classical vocalist and one of the leading exponents of Dhrupad tradition, passed away following a brief illness in Pune.
- ✚ Veteran molecular biologist and a vehement critic of genetically modified crops, Pushpa Mittra Bhargava, died at his home in Hyderabad. He was 89.
- ✚ Senior Congress leader and former Union minister Santosh Mohan Dev has passed away in Silchar, Assam.
- ✚ Bollywood actor Sitaram Panchal passed away after almost a year-long battle with kidney and lung cancer. He was 54.
- ✚ Poet and writer Vijay Nambisan, who became the first All India Poetry Champion in 1988, passed away. He co-authored Gemini, a poetry book, with Jeet Thayil and Dom Moraes.
- ✚ Ruth Pfau, a German nun who devoted her life to combatting leprosy in Pakistan, has died at the age of 87. Pfau, who was known locally as Pakistan's Mother Teresa, came to the southern port city of Karachi in 1960.
- ✚ Israeli Holocaust survivor Yisrael Krystal, certified by Guinness World Records as the world's oldest man, died aged 113.
- ✚ Veteran photographer S Paul died at a hospital in New Delhi. He was 88. He was a self-taught photographer.
- ✚ Veteran American entertainer Jerry Lewis died aged 91. One of the most popular comic actors of the 1950s and '60s, Lewis perfected the role of the quirky clown in slapstick comedies like "The Nutty Professor" but also won acclaim as a writer, actor, and philanthropist.
- ✚ Former Manipur Chief Minister and a member of the first Lok Sabha Rishang Keishing passed away following a brief illness.
- ✚ New Zealand's oldest cricketer Tom Pritchard has passed away. He was 100.
- ✚ Brian Aldiss, one of the most prolific and influential science fiction writers of the 20th century, has died aged 92.
- ✚ Tony de Brum, the former Marshall Islands foreign minister who became a leading advocate for the landmark Paris Climate Agreement and an internationally recognised voice in the fight against climate change, has died aged 72.
- ✚ Country's oldest cinematographer Ramanda Sengupta, who worked with legends like Jean Renoir, Ritwik Ghatak, and Mrinal Sen, died in Kolkata, West Bengal.
- ✚ India's two-time Olympic footballer and East Bengal legend Ahmed Khan passed away at the age of 90.

Science & Tech

- ✚ British scientists have developed the worlds smallest surgical robot which could transform daily operations for tens of thousands of patients. The robot, called

- Versius, mimics the human arm and can be used to carry out a wide range of laparoscopic procedures.
- ✚ NASA launched the latest in a series of satellites aimed at ensuring astronauts at the International Space Station can communicate with Earth. The \$408 million Boeing-made Tracking and Data Relay Satellite (TDRS-M) soared into space atop an Atlas V rocket that launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida.
- ✚ The Indian Space Research Organisation is all set to launch PSLV-C39 carrying Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS-1H). The satellite will lift off from the second launch pad of the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota, on board the rocket PSLV C39. The satellite IRNSS-1H is a part of the indigenous navigation system called 'NavIC,' that was initially planned to have a constellation of seven satellites.

Important Cabinet Approvals in August 2017

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given the following set of approvals. The Cabinet has approved:

- ✚ Setting up of a Commission to examine the Sub-Categorization within OBCs.
- ✚ MoU between India and Nepal for laying down implementation arrangement for construction of a Closure of loss making Bharat Wagon and Engineering Company.
- ✚ MoU between India and Nepal on Drug Demand Reduction and Prevention of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances and precursor chemicals and related matters.
- ✚ Cabinet gives in-principle approval for Public Sector Banks to amalgamate through an Alternative Mechanism (AM).
- ✚ MoU on "India-Israel Industrial R&D and Technological Innovation Fund"- India and Israel will make a contribution of four million US Dollars each for the Fund, both equivalent amount, annually for five years. The Innovation Fund will be governed by a joint Board which will consist of four members from each country.
- ✚ Promulgation of the Goods and Services Tax (Compensation to States) Ordinance, 2017- The approval would allow to increase the maximum rate at which the Compensation Cess can be levied from 15% to 25% on motor vehicles for transport of not more than thirteen persons, including the driver.
- ✚ MoU with Myanmar for the Conservation of Earthquake-Damaged Pagodas at Bagan.
- ✚ MoU between India and Brazil for cooperation in the fields of Zebu Cattle Genomics and Assisted Reproductive Technologies.

PM of Nepal visited India

- ✚ Nepalese PM Sher Bahadur Deuba accompanied by his spouse Dr. Arzu Deuba is on a State Visit to India at the invitation of PM of India, Shri Narendra Modi. On the Second Day of his visit following MoUs/Agreements were signed between the two countries-
- ✚ MoU on Modalities for Utilization of India's Housing Grant Component to support Reconstruction of 50,000 Houses.
- ✚ MoU on Implementation of the Grant Component of India's Post-Earthquake Reconstruction Package in the Education Sector in Nepal.
- ✚ MoU on Implementation of the Grant Component of India's Post-Earthquake Reconstruction Package in the Cultural Heritage Sector in Nepal.
- ✚ MoU on Implementation of the Grant Component of India's Post-Earthquake Reconstruction Package in the Health Sector in Nepal.
- ✚ MoU for Implementation Arrangement on Cost Sharing, Schedules and Safeguard Issues for Construction of Mechi Bridge under ADB's SASEC Road Connectivity Program.
- ✚ MoU on Drug Demand Reduction and Prevention of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and Precursor Chemical and Related Matters.
- ✚ Agreement on Cooperation in the Field of Standardization and Conformity Assessment.
- ✚ MoU between the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nepal.



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The Reserve Bank of India will shortly issue Rs 50 denomination banknotes in the Mahatma Gandhi (New) Series, bearing the signature of Dr. Urjit R. Patel, Governor, Reserve Bank of India. The new denomination has a motif of

Hampi with Chariot on the reverse, depicting the country's cultural heritage. The base colour of the note is Fluorescent Blue. The dimension of the banknote will be 66 mm x 135 mm.

Static Take Aways from August 2017 Current Affairs

- ✚ The Currency of Switzerland is Swiss franc. The Capital of Switzerland is Bern.
- ✚ Donald John Trump is the 45th and current President of the United States.
- ✚ The Managing Director of DMRC is Mangu Singh. Prem C. Jain is the Chairman of IGBC.
- ✚ Sushil Chandra is the Chairman of CBDT.
- ✚ Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs is Shri Narendra Singh Tomar.
- ✚ Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) was established in 1966 in Maharashtra.
- ✚ The owner of Alibaba, Jack Ma is the Richest Person in Asia.
- ✚ Abuja is the Capital of Nigeria. The Currency of Nigeria is Nigerian naira.
- ✚ The first modern Olympic Games were held in Athens, Greece in 1896.
- ✚ Dr. Urjit Patel is the 24th Governor of RBI. RBI is headquartered in Mumbai.
- ✚ Shashi Arora is the present MD and CEO of Airtel Payment Bank. First Airtel Payment Bank was opened in Rajasthan.
- ✚ Headquarter of UNICEF is in New York, United States.
- ✚ Djiboutian franc is the currency of Djibouti.
- ✚ The Seven Sister States are the contiguous states of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, and Tripura in northeastern India.
- ✚ PESO is a department that controls and administers manufacture, storage, transport and handling of explosives, petroleum, compressed gasses and other hazardous substances in India. It is headquartered at Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- ✚ Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd. is Headquartered in South Korea. Lee Kun-hee is the Chairman of the Samsung Group.
- ✚ Capital of Somalia is Mogadishu. Present President of Somalia is Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed.
- ✚ BRICS countries include Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.
- ✚ Under the present provision of Right to Education (RTE) Act, students are promoted automatically to higher classes till Class VIII. This is one of the key components of the RTE Act which came into force on 1 April 2010.

- ✚ Ajay Tyagi is the present chairman of SEBI. Headquarter of SEBI is in Mumbai. SEBI full form is Securities and Exchange Board of India.
- ✚ The current Chief of Army Staff (COAS) is General Bipin Rawat.
- ✚ Headquarter of World Bank is in Washington, D.C., United States.
- ✚ Ravi Shankar Prasad is the present Electronics and Information Technology minister.
- ✚ The first president of America was George Washington.
- ✚ Pankaj Patel is the President of FICCI.
- ✚ P. R. Sreejesh is present captain of Indian hockey team.
- ✚ Mark Zuckerberg is the CEO of Facebook.
- ✚ Present Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution Minister is Ram Vilas Paswan.
- ✚ The Capital of Papua New Guinea is Port Moresby. Its Currency is Papua New Guinean kina.
- ✚ Sumitra Mahajan is the Speaker of Lok Sabha.
- ✚ Mr. Mahabaleshwara M.S is the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of Karnataka Bank. Karnataka Bank was incorporated in 1924 at Mangaluru.
- ✚ Krish Iyer is the President and CEO Walmart India.
- ✚ NABARD was established in 1982. The Headquarter of NABARD is in Mumbai. Harsh Kumar Bhanwala is the Chairman of NABARD.
- ✚ Radha Mohan Singh is the Union Agriculture Minister of India.
- ✚ Dr. A.K. Manocha is present Chairman & Managing Director of IRCTC.
- ✚ Shinzo Abe is the PM of Japan. The Capital of Japan is Tokyo.
- ✚ Chairman and MD of Airtel is Sunil Bharti Mittal.
- ✚ Captain Amarinder Singh is the CM of Punjab. The Governor of Punjab is VP Singh Badnore.
- ✚ Mettur Dam is in Tamilnadu on Cauvery river.
- ✚ The Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) in Kerala is the first airport in the world to be completely powered by solar energy.
- ✚ The current CAS is Air Chief Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa who took office on 31 December 2016.
- ✚ Headquarters of AIIB is located in Beijing, China.
- ✚ Jin Liqun is the current President of AIIB.
- ✚ Chief Minister of Telangana is K Chandrasekhar Rao.
- ✚ Capital of Kazakhstan is Astana.
- ✚ President of All India Football Federation, also (AIFF) is Praful Patel.
- ✚ Current Chief Minister of Maharashtra is Devendra Fadnavis.
- ✚ Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh is Yogi Adityanath.
- ✚ Travis Cordell Kalanick is an American businessman and founder of UBER.
- ✚ Sunil Mehta is Present Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of PNB. The Headquarter of Punjab National Bank is in New Delhi.
- ✚ Ravi Shankar Prasad is the current Union Minister holding Law and Justice and Ministry of Information Technology portfolio in the Government of India.
- ✚ International Finance Corporation or IFC, a member of the World Bank Group, is the largest global development institution focused exclusively on the private sector in developing countries.
- ✚ C Vidyasagar Rao is present governor of Maharashtra.
- ✚ Emmanuel Macron is present President of France. Tehran is the capital of Iran. Hassan Rouhani is the current President of Iran.
- ✚ Sarbananda Sonowal is Chief Minister of Assam.
- ✚ Jeff Bezos is the Chief Executive Officer of Amazon.
- ✚ Justice H.J Kania was the first Chief Justice of India.
- ✚ Sparked by Adolf Hitler in 1939, the world war II started in 1939 and ended in 1945.
- ✚ Ranil Wickremesinghe is the PM of Sri Lanka. Sri Jayewardenepura Kotte is the official capital of Sri Lanka.
- ✚ Current Chief Minister of Goa is Manohar Parrikar. Smt. Mridula Sinha is the Governor of Goa.
- ✚ Istanbul is a major city in Turkey. Kabul is the Capital of Afghanistan.
- ✚ Rahul Bajaj is the Chairman of Bajaj Auto.
- ✚ CEO of flipkart is Kalyan Krishnamurthy.
- ✚ Nassau is the capital city and commercial centre of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.
- ✚ CEO of ICICI Bank is Chanda Kochhar. Headquarter of ICICI is in Mumbai.
- ✚ Mr. Sunil Kakar is the Managing Director & CEO of IDFC Limited.
- ✚ Headquarter of Syndicate Bank is in Manipal, Karnataka.
- ✚ Shikha Sharma is the Managing Director & CEO of Axis Bank.
- ✚ The capital of Canada is Ottawa.
- ✚ Reed Hastings is the co-founder and CEO of Netflix.
- ✚ The Kyoto Protocol was adopted in Kyoto, Japan, in December 1997 and entered into force in February 2005.
- ✚ Sher Bahadur Deuba is the PM of Nepal. Kathmandu is the Capital of Nepal.
- ✚ The capital of Kerala is Thiruvananthapuram. Governor of Haryana is Kaptan Singh Solanki.
- ✚ The capital of Norway is Oslo.
- ✚ Sylwestor Suszek is the CEO of BitBay.
- ✚ Vijaybhai R. Rupani is the Present CM of Gujarat. O. P. Kohli is the Governor of Gujarat.
- ✚ Judy Pearsall, Director for Oxford Dictionaries
- ✚ Murgank Paranjape is the Managing Director of MCX.
- ✚ The Capital of Kazakhstan is Astana. Nursultan Nazarbayev is the President of Kazakhstan.
- ✚ Justice Swatanter Kumar is the Present Chairperson of NGT.
- ✚ E S L Narasimhan is the Present Governor of Telangana.

- ✚ The Headquarters of Canara Bank is in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The Chairman of Canara Bank is Shri T. N. Manoharan. Its MD & CEO is Shri Rakesh Sharma.
- ✚ WHO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.
- ✚ The Capital of Kenya is Nairobi. Its Currency is Kenyan shilling.
- ✚ Headquarter of NPCI is in Mumbai. It was founded in 2008.
- ✚ Mr. Kishor Kharat is the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of Indian Bank. Its is Headquartered in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- ✚ The national anthem of India is "Jana Gana Mana" which was written by the Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore.
- ✚ Marine National Park is in the Jamnagar district of Gujarat.
- ✚ Raghubar Das is currently Chief Minister of Jharkhand. The present Governor of Jharkhand is Smt Droupadi Murmu. She is the first woman to hold this office.
- ✚ Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was the first Vice-President of India.
- ✚ The Head Office of EXIM Bank is in Mumbai.
- ✚ Sanjiv Singh is present Chairman of IOC. The Head Office of Indian Oil Corporation is in New Delhi.
- ✚ Vienna, Austria is Headquarter of OPEC.
- ✚ Naveen Patnaik is the CM of Odisha. S C Jamir is the Governor of Odisha.
- ✚ C. Vidyasagar Rao is the Current Governor of Maharashtra.
- ✚ Director General of Indian Coast Guard is Rajendra Singh.
- ✚ Forbes is an American business magazine and was founded in 1917. The headquarter of Forbes is in New York City, USA.
- ✚ Jim Yong Kim is the President of The World Bank.
- ✚ Bharat Ke Veer portal was launched by Rajnath Singh and actor Akshay Kumar in April 2017. 'Bharat Ke Veer' portal aims to facilitate online donation directly to the families of paramilitary troopers who have sacrificed their lives for the country in the line of duty from January 1, 2016.
- ✚ Rajnath Singh is a Lok Sabha MP from Lucknow Constituency, Uttar Pradesh.
- ✚ Cristiano Ronaldo is a Portuguese professional footballer.
- ✚ The Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India Pipeline, also known as Trans-Afghanistan Pipeline, is a natural gas pipeline being developed by the Asian Development Bank (ADB).
- ✚ VP Singh Badnore is the Governor of Punjab.
- ✚ The Capital of Sweden is in Stockholm.
- ✚ S Ravindran is the Chairman of Karnataka Vikas Gramin Bank. KVGB is sponsored by syndicate bank.
- ✚ Pyongyang is the capital of North Korea. Kim Jong-un is the Supreme Leader of North Korea.
- ✚ The capital of China is Beijing.
- ✚ Canberra is the Capital of Australia.
- ✚ DIPAM is headed by Shri Arun Jaitley, Finance Minister of India.
- ✚ Jai Kumar Garg is the Managing Director & CEO of Corporation Bank.
- ✚ Karnataka Bank Headquarters in Mangaluru.
- ✚ Karur Vysya Bank headquarters in Karur, Tamil Nadu.
- ✚ Mahesh Mittal Kumar is the President of National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).
- ✚ Shri Anil Ambani is the Non-Executive Chairman of Reliance Defence. K. Subramaniam is the Whole Time Director and Chief Executive Officer of Reliance Defence and Engineering Limited.
- ✚ Mr. Mukesh Ambani is the CMD of RIL.
- ✚ Madrid is the Capital of Spain.
- ✚ Prakash Javadekar is the HRD Minister.
- ✚ India is the world's second-biggest gold consumer after China.
- ✚ Shri Deepak Kumar is the Chairman of National Highway Authority of India (NHAI).
- ✚ CEO of HDFC Bank is Aditya Puri. It Headquarters in Mumbai.
- ✚ Chairman & Managing Director of BSNL is Shri Anupam Shrivastava. Bipin Preet Singh is the Founder CEO & Director of Mobikwik.
- ✚ World Bank's Acting Country Director for India is Hisham Abdo Kahin.
- ✚ Mr. Anil Sardana is the MD and CEO of TATA Power.
- ✚ Shahid Khaqan Abbasi has been recently elected as Pakistan Prime Minister.
- ✚ The Capital of Bulgaria is Sofia. Rumen Radev is the President of Bulgaria.
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- ✚ The Capital of Bulgaria is Sofia. Rumen Radev is the President of Bulgaria.
- ✚ Economist Rajiv Kumar to be new Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog.
- ✚ The capital of US is Washington D.C.
- ✚ Seoul is the Capital of South Korea. Moon Jae-in is the President of South Korea.
- ✚ Governor of Jharkhand is Draupadi Murmu. Chief Minister of Jharkhand is Raghubar Das.

- ✚ M K Surana is the current CEO, Chairman, Managing Director of HPCL.
- ✚ The Capital of UK is London. Theresa May is the PM of UK.
- ✚ National Aeronautics and Space Administration is the full form of NASA. Robert M. Lightfoot Jr. is NASA Acting Administrator.
- ✚ Headquarter of ADB is in Manila, Philippines. Takehiko Nakao is the president of ADB.
- ✚ Dinesh K Sarraf is the Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC).
- ✚ Kiren Rijiju is current Union Minister of State for Home Affairs of India.
- ✚ Sanjiv Singh is the current Chairman of IOC.
- ✚ Information and Broadcasting minister of India is Smriti Zubin Irani.
- ✚ The highest paid Female Actress is Emma Stone (\$26 million).
- ✚ R. K. Shanmukham Chetty was the First Finance Minister of Independent India.
- ✚ Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi is the Minister of Minority Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs.
- ✚ Shri Nongthombam Biren Singh is the present Chief Minister of Manipur.
- ✚ Alibaba Headquarters in Hangzhou, China.
- ✚ Deepak Misra will be the new Chief Justice of India.
- ✚ R. S. Sharma is the Present Chairman of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India.
- ✚ The Capital of Kyrgyz Republic is Bishkek. Its Currency is Kyrgyzstani som.
- ✚ Satya Nadella is the CEO of the USA based Microsoft Company.
- ✚ Bharat QR Code is the world's first interoperable quick response code acceptance solution launched by the Reserve Bank of India.
- ✚ N. Chandrababu Naidu is the present CM of Andhra Pradesh. E S L Narasimhan is the Present Governor of Andhra Pradesh.
- ✚ The first RRB of India is Prathama Bank located in Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh. The three RRBs promoted by Syndicate Bank - Prathama Bank, Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank, and Andhra Pragathi Grameena Bank. Syndicate Bank Headquarters in Manipal Karnataka.
- ✚ G Sreeram is the Managing Director and CEO of Dhanlaxmi Bank.
- ✚ Siddaramaiah is the CM of Karnataka. Vajubhai Vala is the Present Governor of Karnataka.
- ✚ Shri J Satyanarayana (Part Time) is the Chairman of UIDAI. UIDAI stands for Unique Identification Authority of India.
- ✚ The Capital of Uzbekistan is Tashkent. Shavkat Mirziyoyev is the president of Uzbekistan.
- ✚ Majuro is the capital of Marshall Islands.
- ✚ Dr. Najma Heptulla is the present Governor of Manipur.
- ✚ Pinarayi Vijayan is the Present CM of Kerala. Palaniswamy Sathasivam is the Present Governor of Kerala.
- ✚ Mehbooba Mufti Sayeed is the present CM of Jammu and Kashmir. N. N. Vohra is the Present Governor of Jammu and Kashmir.
- ✚ Bidhya Devi Bhandari is the present President of Nepal.
- ✚ Chairman of IRDAI is TS Vijayan. Headquarter of IRDAI is in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- ✚ The island of Tuvalu is the fourth smallest country in the world in terms of land area. Funafuti is the capital of Tuvalu.
- ✚ Berlin is the Capital of Germany. Angela Merkel is the Chancellor of Germany.
- ✚ Uhuru Kenyatta is the President of Kenya. Nairobi is the Capital of Kenya.
- ✚ The Official Mascot of the FIFA U-17 World Cup India 2017 is a clouded leopard called Kheleo.





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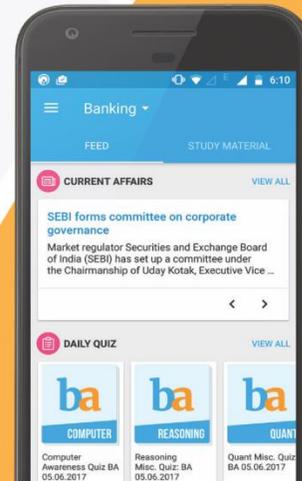
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