

October 2017 Current Affairs

Important Days:

- ❖ International day of Older Persons - 01st October. Theme "Stepping into the Future: Tapping the Talents, Contributions and Participation of Older Persons in Society".
- ❖ International Day of Non-Violence - 2nd October
- ❖ World Habitat Day - 02nd October. Theme "Housing Policies: Affordable Homes".
- ❖ World Teachers' Day - 05th October. Theme "Teaching in Freedom, Empowering Teachers".
- ❖ Air Force Day - 8th October
- ❖ World Post Day - 09th October
- ❖ World Mental Health Day - 10th October. Theme is "Mental health in the workplace"
- ❖ International Day of the Girl Child - 11th October. Theme "EMPOWER girls: emergency response and resilience planning"
- ❖ International Day for Disaster Reduction - 13th October. Theme "Home Safe Home Reducing Exposure, Reducing Displacement"
- ❖ World Students Day - 15th October
- ❖ International Day of Rural Women - 15th October. Theme is "Challenges and opportunities in climate-resilient agriculture for gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls"
- ❖ World Food Day - 16th October. Theme "Change the future of migration. Invest in food security and rural development"
- ❖ International Day for the Eradication of Poverty - 17th October. Theme "Answering the Call to End Poverty: A path toward peaceful and inclusive societies"
- ❖ World Statistics Day - 20th October
- ❖ Police Commemoration Day - 21st October
- ❖ International Stuttering Awareness Day - 22nd October. Theme "A World That Understands Stuttering"
- ❖ United Nation Day - 24th October
- ❖ World Polio Day - 24th October
- ❖ World Day for Audio visual Heritage - 27th October. Theme is "Discover, remember and share"
- ❖ International Animation Day - 28th October
- ❖ World Stroke Day - 29th October. Theme is "What's your reason for Preventing Stroke"
- ❖ Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) - 31st October

RBI 4th Bi-monthly policy rates

- Repo Rate : 6.0%
- Reverse Repo Rate : 6.25%
- Bank Rate : 6.25%



- Cash reserve Ratio(CRR) : 4%
- Marginal Standing Facility (MSF): 6.25%
- Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) : 19.5%

Noble Prize 2017 Winners

Medicine - Jeffrey Hall, Michael Rosbash and Michael Young

Physics - Rainer Weiss, Barry C. Barish and Kip S. Thorne

Chemistry - Jacques Dubochet, Joachim Frank and Richard Henderson

Literature - Kazuo Ishiguro (Japan)

Peace - International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)

Economics - Richard H. Thaler

Obituary

Hanumant Moreshwar Marathe - Eminent Marathi writer and journalist

Purushottam Lal Kaushik - Former Union minister and socialist leader

Kundan Shah - Veteran Director

Satish Chandra - Eminent historian

Lekh Tandon - Veteran filmmaker

Roy Dotrice - Veteran British actor

Richard Wilbur - Pulitzer Prize winning poet and Translator

William James Joseph Lombardy - American Chess Grandmaster

I.V. Sasi - Renowned Malayalam Filmmaker

Amal Datta - Former Lok Sabha member

Girija Devi - Classical Thumri singer

Punathil Kunjabdulla - Renowned Malayalam writer

Khadri Achyuthan - Veteran Kannada writer and Journalist

Important Current Affairs

1. India has opened two immigration check posts along the borders with Myanmar and Bangladesh.

2. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has launched 'Single Click Pension Delivery' scheme, wherein the money will go directly into the account of the beneficiaries.



3. Gujarat International Finance Tec-City International Financial Services Centre (GIFT IFSC) has been ranked 10th in the latest edition of Global Financial Centres Index 22 (GFCI) in London.
4. President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed a five-member Committee to examine sub-categorization of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) under Article 340 of the Constitution headed by Delhi High Court's former Chief Justice G Rohini.
5. The 2017 Global Entrepreneurship Summit will be held at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre in Hyderabad from November 28-30.
6. Russia has launched world's largest nuclear-powered icebreaker ship named Sibir (Siberia).
7. Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah launched 'Mathru Poorna' scheme, for the nutritional wellness of pregnant and lactating women in rural areas.
8. Assam Chief Minister, Sarbananda Sonowal laid the foundation stone of the first ever Industrial Training Institute (ITI) of the country exclusively for the Dibyangans (differently abled people) at Dibrugarh ITI Complex at Borboruah.
9. Hyundai Motor India Ltd, has announced as an exclusive right to provide transportation of FIFA officials through premium Hyundai cars during the FIFA U17 World Cup Tournament in India.
10. Five-time world champion, Viswanathan Anand capped his impressive run with another victory over Chinese grandmaster Hou Yifan at the Isle Of Man Chess Championship in Douglas.
11. Women and Child Development Minister, Maneka Sanjay Gandhi inaugurated the third annual 'Women of India Organic Festival' in New Delhi. Theme is 'Good for Women; Good for India; Good for you'.
12. Turkey has opened its largest military base in Africa in Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia.
13. United Arab Emirates (UAE) has begun collecting new 'sin' taxes on tobacco products, energy drinks and soft drinks.
14. Sambit Patra was appointed as the Non-Official Director on the board of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC).
15. Rajnish Kumar has been named as the new Chairman of State Bank of India (SBI).
16. The US Senate has confirmed the nomination of Indian-American Ajit Varadaraj Pai to serve as the chairman of the powerful Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for the second time.
17. Sri Lankan President, Maithripala Sirisena inaugurated the 8th conference of the Association of SAARC Speakers and Parliamentarians in Colombo.
18. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the golden jubilee year celebrations of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
19. The Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has launched 'Sanitease' under its social development activity, 'Swachhagraha' to promote women's health and hygiene, especially in rural areas.
20. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) opened a branch in Dehradun, to make transactions of the state government more convenient.



21. India's renewable energy capacity will more than double by 2022, according to International Energy Agency (IEA) report.
22. The government has constituted a high-level committee for proper management of water resources in the North-Eastern Region, Committee headed by NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman Rajiv Kumar.
23. Pooja Kadian bagged India's first ever gold medal at Wushu World Championships in Kazan, Russia. (In 75 Kg Women's Sanda Category).
24. Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) chairman Mukesh Ambani has topped Forbes's annual list of India's 100 richest tycoons with a net worth of \$38 billion for the 10th consecutive year. (2nd Azim Premji).
25. The Mongolian Parliament has confirmed Ukhnaa Khurelsukh as the country's new Prime Minister.
26. Vice Admiral Zafar Mahmood Abbasi has been appointed as new naval chief of Pakistan.
27. HDFC Life Insurance Company has launched 'Neo', a servicing bot for Twitter that uses artificial intelligence for customer service.
28. India and Djibouti have signed an agreement to establish regular Foreign Office-level consultations.
29. Soumya Swaminathan, Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), has been appointed the Deputy Director general for programmes (DDP) of World Health Organisation (WHO).
30. Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) announced the appointment of Param Shah as the new Director for the United Kingdom (UK) operations.
31. The Process Plant and Machinery Association of India (PPMAI) has elected Yatinder Pal Singh Suri as its new Chairman.
32. A Ghana-based Indian entrepreneur, Birendra Sasmal has bagged the International Business Person of the Year at the Asian Achievers Awards in London.
33. Jagan Kumar of TVS Racing won his sixth consecutive title in the MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship, in Chennai.
34. Indian Weightlifting Federation President, Birendra Prasad Baishya has been elected chairman of two sub-committees of International Weightlifting Federation (IWF).
35. The Norwegian Nobel Committee has decided to award the Nobel Peace Prize for 2017 to the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN).
36. Journalist and Activist Gauri Lankesh, who was shot dead on September 5, has been posthumously accorded with the prestigious Anna Politkovskaya Award, instituted by Reach All Women (RAW) in War.
37. HDFC Life Insurance and Apollo Munich Health have come together to launch 'Click2Protect Health plan', which provides both life and health cover under a single plan.
38. The first ever ASEAN-India Music Festival began at Purana Quila in New Delhi. This Year theme is " Shared Values, Common Destiny ".



39. India and Ethiopia have signed agreements on trade, communication and media to boost bilateral ties.
40. US President Donald Trump is now the world's most followed leader on Twitter, while Narendra Modi is the third, according to the latest report by Twiplomacy.
41. The 14th annual Summit between India and the European Union (EU) was held in New Delhi.
42. India and European Investment Bank (EIB) signed the finance contract for lending of 300 million Euros for Bangalore Metro Rail Project phase-II.
43. Banwarilal Purohit was sworn in as the 25th governor of Tamil Nadu by Madras high court chief justice Indira Banerjee at Raj Bhavan in Chennai.
44. The First Meeting of India-Australia Joint Steering Committee was held in New Delhi.
45. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) will set up a research centre in Guwahati, Assam.
46. Jagmeet Singh was elected to lead Canada's New Democratic Party, in Toronto, Canada.
47. The Sri Meenakshi Sundareswarar Temple in Madurai has been the cleanest iconic place in the country.
48. The Three day international exhibition 'World Dental Show 2017' held in Mumbai.
49. Uttar Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to boost cultural ties under the 'Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat' programme.
50. American Morgan Hurd captured the all-around title at the gymnastics world championships in Montreal.
51. J Sagar Associates (JSA) is the first law firm to have opened an office at Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT).
52. The 22nd meeting of the Good and Services Tax (GST) Council was held in New Delhi.
53. Rajesh Nath, Managing Director of VDMA India, has been conferred the 'Cross of the Order of Merit', the highest civilian honour awarded to individuals for their services to Germany.
54. The Supreme Court appointed senior advocate and former additional solicitor general Amrender Sharan as amicus curiae on a petition seeking reprobe into the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi.
55. The country's first portal dedicated to para-sports, "thenationspride.com" was launched in Mumbai.
56. Scientists have obtained the first evidence of the elusive snow leopard in Arunachal Pradesh.
57. Richard H. Thaler was awarded the 2017 'Nobel Prize in Economics' for shedding light on how human weaknesses such as a lack of rationality and self-control can ultimately affect markets.
58. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI), that aims to reach every child under two years of age and pregnant women who have been left uncovered under the government's routine immunisation programme against preventable diseases.
59. President Ram Nath Kovind has launched 100 crore rupees Mata Amritanandamayi Math Project "Jeevamritham " to provide filtration system for cleaning drinking water to 5000 villages across India, in kollam district, kerala.

60. Indian shuttler Samiya Imad Farooqui clinched the gold medal at the Under-15 women's singles competition at the Asian Junior Championship in Yangon, Myanmar.
61. Commonwealth Games bronze medalist RMV Gurusaidutt on Sunday clinched the men's singles title at the Bulgarian International Future Series tournament.
62. The Vice President, M. Venkaiah Naidu has inaugurated the 3rd International Yoga Conference, in New Delhi. Theme is "Yoga for Wellness".
63. Union Home Minister, Rajnath Singh inaugurated the 4-day first Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation Disaster Management Exercise (BIMSTEC DMEEx-2017) in New Delhi.
64. Gujarat government announced 4% cut in the Value-added Tax (VAT) on the retail price of petrol and diesel.
65. Jagdish Mukhi, was sworn in as the new Governor of Assam.
66. IIT-Kharagpur has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Samsung India for the setting up of a digital academy on the institute's campus.
67. Facebook India Managing Director, Umand Bedi has resigned from his position, Sandeep Bhushan has been named the interim managing director.
68. World Bank has reduced its India GDP growth forecast to 7% for 2017-18 from 7.2%
69. Iceland become the smallest nation by population to ever qualify for a FIFA World Cup.
70. The government has approved the appointment of executive directors (EDs) for nine public sector banks.
- Executive Director of Central Bank of India - Bajrang Singh Shekhawat
 - Executive Director of Punjab & Sind Bank - Govind N Dongre
 - Executive Director of Indian Overseas Bank - Ajay Kumar Srivastava
 - Executive Director of Canara Bank - Matam Venkata Rao
 - Executive Director of Andhra Bank - Kul Bhushan Jain
 - Executive Director of Dena Bank - Rajesh Kumar Yaduvanshi
 - Executive Director of Bank of India - Chaitanya Gayatri Chinthapalli
 - Executive Director of Syndicate Bank - Krishnan S
 - Executive Director of Punjab National Bank - Lingam Venkata Prabhakar
71. President, Ram Nath Kovind presented the 'Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award' for Excellence in Public Administration, Academics and Management for the year 2017 to Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
72. Mastercard has launched its first technology lab in the country that will help India move towards digital economy and financial inclusion.
73. Film actor Anupam Kher was appointed the new chairman of the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII).
74. Vinay Mohan Kwatra has been concurrently accredited as the next Ambassador of India to the Principality of Monaco.



75. International Monetary Fund (IMF) slashed India's growth forecast to 6.7% in 2017 from 7.2% and 7.4% in 2018.
76. India's Mixed pair of Jemson Ningthoujam and Ankita Bhakat clinched the gold medal as India returned with three medals from the World Archery Youth Championship in Rosario, Argentina.
77. Axis Bank Ltd has completed the acquisition of mobile wallet, Freecharge and appointed Sangram Singh as its CEO.
78. Andhra Pradesh government has tied up with financial services company 'Visa' for Digital Dhan Sankalp project.
79. Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) is all set to become the country's first Aadhaar-enabled airport by December 2018.
80. Madhu Valli, an emerging hip-hop artist and a student of criminal law at George Mason University in Virginia, has been crowned 'Miss India Worldwide' 2017.
81. Amul has been recognised as the country's best Fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) company in the food sector by the International Advertising Association (IAA).
82. Nisha Biswal, a former state department official, will head the US-India Business Council.
83. A student from Belarus, Aleksandra Chichikova has been crowned the first ever Miss Wheelchair World.
84. India's Anupama Ramachandran has won the title of World Open Under-16 Snooker Championship in St. Petersburg, Russia.
85. 2017 China Open (Tennis)
- Men's Singles : Rafael Nadal
 - Women's Singles : Carolina Garcia
 - Men's Doubles : Henri Kontinen / John Perras
 - Women's Doubles : Chan Yung-Jan / Martina Hingis
86. Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan has inaugurated Saudi Aramcos 'ARAMCO ASIA INDIA' office in Gurugram, Haryana.
87. Lewis Hamilton has won Japanese Grand Prix Formula One.
88. President Ram Nath Kovind has inaugurated 48th Conference of Governors at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.
89. Union textiles minister, Smriti Zubin Irani inaugurated the 44th edition of Indian Handicrafts and Gifts (IHGF)-Delhi Fair at India Expo Centre and Mart in Greater Noida.
90. Gujarat Government will set up 16 new Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation (GIDC) townships in 2400 hectare area to encourage the Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).
91. Rajasthan assembly has become the first in India to call attention and adjournment motions and proposals online from legislators to send them to the state government.
92. A radical new 'negative emissions' power plant has begun operations in Iceland.
93. Union Bank of India has launched an Android app, 'Union Sahyog' as part of its drive to digitise customer-facing banking services.



94. Vanuatu has become the first country in the world to accept bitcoins under the citizenship by investment programme.
95. Carnatic vocalist T M Krishna has won the Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration for 2015 -16.
96. The government of India has appointed Mahesh Kumar Gupta and D K Gayen as the two new members in the Railway Board.
97. Defence minister Nirmala Sitharaman has commissioned the indigenously-built anti-submarine warfare stealth corvette INS Kiltan at the Naval Dockyard in Visakhapatnam.
98. Mohun Bagan has won the 37th All India Governor's Gold Cup football tournament for the 10th time by defeating Partha Chakra.
99. Roger Federer beat Rafael Nadal for the fifth time in succession to win the Shanghai Masters.
100. The Chennai Metro Rail (CMRL) has introduced a free bicycle ride scheme for its customers.
101. Maharashtra cabinet has approved a climate change adaptation policy, that will focus on developing environment-friendly villages and cities.
102. Union Cabinet has approved signing of Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between India and Japan on the 'Technical Intern Training Program (TITP)'.
103. FIFA has decided to suspend the Pakistan Football Federation (PFF) with immediate effect in accordance with the decision of the Bureau of the FIFA Council.
104. India's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI) is creating a 15,000-sqft innovation centre in Navi Mumbai.
105. HSBC (Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation) has appointed John Flint as its next chief executive.
106. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved two new skill development schemes Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP) and Skill Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE) to boost Skill India Mission.
107. Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Shri Arun Jaitley participated in the G-20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) Meeting in Washington D.C.
108. Gujarat Government has announced the 'Garments and Apparel Policy-2017', with the aim of creating more opportunities in the garment sector of Gujarat and to create huge employment opportunities for women through the apparel industry.
109. Japan's capital city Tokyo has topped The Economist Intelligence Unit's Safe Cities Index 2017, while Delhi and Mumbai ranked 43rd and 45th respectively.
110. Gautam Bambawale was appointed as the India's next ambassador to China.
111. Minister for Communications, Manoj Sinha has launched the Sampurna Bima Gram (SBG) Yojana and an initiative for expansion of clientele base of Postal Life Insurance in New Delhi.
112. Bengaluru hosted the 12th World Sudoku Championship and the 26th World Puzzle Championship.



113. The Indian Air Force has launched an innovative mobile health App named 'MedWatch' in keeping with the Prime Minister's vision of 'Digital India' on the occasion of its 85th anniversary.
114. 'Mitra Shakti 2017', a joint military exercise between India and Sri Lanka was held in Pune, Maharashtra.
115. The culture ministry said that, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will head a government committee formed to coordinate year-long celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary from October 2, 2019.
116. The annual Delhi seminar on "India and Southeast Asia – Maritime Trade, Expedition and Civilisation Linkages" began at the Indian Naval Academy (INA) in Kerala.
117. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) has become the first Indian oil company to sell lubricants in Myanmar.
118. Eminent critic, biographer and orator M K Sanu has been chosen for the Mathrubhumi Literary Award for 2016.
119. Switzerland's Esther Staubli is set to become the first female referee to officiate a match at the FIFA U-17 World Cup.
120. India has ranked at 100th position among 119 countries on the Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2017.
121. MobiKwik, mobile wallet major and a payment gateway provider, announced the appointment of Rukaiya Rangwala as the Business Head of 'MobiKwik Payment Gateway'.
122. The Odisha government's Directorate of Treasuries and Inspection and the State Bank of India have signed an MOU for integration of SBI e-Pay with cyber treasury.
123. The world's largest combustion research centre was inaugurated at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras, which will impart a major boost to the Indian scientific community.
124. UNESCO's executive board has chosen former French Culture Minister Audrey Azoulay to be the UN cultural agency's next Chief.
125. Shakib Al Hasan became the first cricketer from Bangladesh to be inducted in the MCC World Cricket Committee under the chairmanship of Mike Gatting.
126. Netherlands's Football Player Arjen Robben has announced his retirement from international football.
127. The 6-day long international Puppet festival was celebrated in Kolkata.
128. Actor and film-maker, Prakash Raj received the Kota Shivaram Karanth Huttura Prashasti amid Award.
129. India cricketer Yuvraj Singh has been appointed as Laureus' first Indian ambassador.
130. The recently constituted Economic Advisory Committee to Prime Minister (EAC-PM) held its first meeting in New Delhi.
131. The Reserve Bank will launch a financial literacy drive in 80 blocks in 9 states on pilot basis to educate people on e-transactions, formal sector borrowings and insurance purchases.
132. Prasar Bharati Chairman A Surya Prakash launched an online application system for music auditions across all genres for the All India Radio (AIR).



- 133.PNB MetLife India Insurance has appointed Ashish Kumar Srivastava as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer.
- 134.India is ranked the eighth most valuable nation brand while the United States retained its top position, according to Brand Finance's Nation Brands 2017.
- 135.Eminent writer Namita Gokhale has been awarded the first-ever Centenary National Award for Literature.
- 136.Pakistan and Iran have signed an MoU to improve border security management.
- 137.Mahindra & Mahindra has launched a programme, Prerna, to empower women working in the agriculture sector by promoting efficient and ergonomic farm tools and equipment.
- 138.Eminent poet, lyricist and journalist, Prabha Varma has been selected for the Padma Prabha Puraskaram this year.
- 139.Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has inaugurated the ambitious 'Bhavantar Bhugtan Yojna' in the presence of the farmers at the Krishi Upaj Mandi in Khurai, Madhya Pradesh.
- 140.The India International Cherry Blossom Festival will be held in Shillong, Meghalaya from November 8 to 11.
- 141.Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) in New Delhi.
- 142.Exercise INDRA-2017, the first ever Tri Services Joint Exercise between Indian and Russian Armed Forces conducted in the Eastern Military District of Russia.
- 143.Prominent NRI industrialist Lord Swraj Paul has been conferred with the Life Time Achievement Award in London for his outstanding contributions in the fields of manufacturing industry, education and philanthropy.
- 144.Time Magazine has included Delhi University student Gurmehar Kaur in its list of Next Generation Leaders for 2017.
- 145.American Author, George Saunders has won the Man Booker prize for his first full-length novel, 'Lincoln in the Bardo'.
- 146.India has signed a memorandum of cooperation (MoC) with Japan to send youngsters there as technical interns for on-the-job training for a period of three to five years.
- 147.The AYUSH Festival of Stamps 2017 was inaugurated at Maquinez Palace, Panaji.
- 148.Chhattisgarh government has reduced the rate of interest on loan given to women and their self help groups under 'Saksham Yojna' from 6.5 % to 5 %.
- 149.Deepika Padukone launched the biography of veteran actress Hema Malini titled, 'Beyond The Dream Girl'.
- 150.Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandra Babu Naidu laid the foundation stone for the TU142M aircraft museum in Visakhapatnam.
- 151.Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay emerged the best Indian university in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Asian University Rankings for 2018.
- 152.Veteran writer-lyricist Javed Akhtar is being honoured with the Hridaynath Mangeshkar Award.



153. CSS Corp, a new-age IT services and technology support company, has been named as the winner of the Customer Service Excellence Award 2017 by NASSCOM.
154. Finance minister, Arun Jaitley has launched the first options security with gold as the underlying asset for trading on Multi Commodity Exchange Ltd.
155. Indian-origin student, Akshay Ruparelia has become the youngest millionaire in the UK.
156. Noted Indian-American attorney Ajay Raju has been honoured with the third American Bazaar Philanthropy award in recognition of his philanthropic activities in the US.
157. Young Indian paddler Selena Selvakumar has won triple gold medal at the Egypt Junior and Cadet Open Table Tennis Championship in Sharm El Sheikh.
158. The Income Tax department has launched an 'online chat' service for taxpayers so that they can seek answers to their basic queries and doubts relating to direct tax issues.
159. Assam State Government rolled out 'Tourism Policy of Assam 2017' with an aim to increase tourist inflow in the state by at least two to three times within next five years, which will be effective from January 2018.
160. The RBI said, banks will provide funds to women SHGs (self help groups) in rural areas at 7% under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) in the current fiscal.
161. The world's most prestigious award for pioneers in environmental science was given to Hans Joachim Schellnhuber in Tokyo.
162. India, Brazil and South Africa signed the IBSA Trust Fund Agreement that seeks to fight poverty in developing countries at the 8th IBSA trilateral Ministerial Commission Meeting in Durban.
163. Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated the first phase of Piped Natural Gas (PNG) supply system in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
164. Canada will be the partner country at the 23rd iteration of the Tech Summit, India's largest knowledge and technology conference and exhibition to be held in New Delhi.
165. Kotak Mahindra Bank and fintech firm 'Zeta' launched a multi-wallet digital prepaid solution for salaried employees named "Paymint".
166. Jaipur and Srinagar Airport got First and Second rank respectively in the category of 2-5 million passengers in Airport Council International (ACI)-Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Survey.
167. Govardhan Eco Village, set up by the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) in Palghar district, has won the 'green platinum award'.
168. World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) has appointed NRI businessman Sunny Verghese as the new chairman of the organisation from 2018.
169. Manika Jain was appointed as Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Cambodia.
170. Arunachal Assembly passed a bill paving way for creation of a new district to be named Kamle.
171. Nigeria's former Minister of Agriculture and rural development, Akinwunmi Adesina has received the 2017 World Food Prize (WFP) Laureate award.



172. Labour Party leader, Jacinda Ardern will be the youngest-ever female Prime Minister of New Zealand.
173. The UAE has appointed Omar Bin Sultan Al Olama as the country's first Minister of State for Artificial Intelligence (AI).
174. Goods and Service Tax Network (GSTN) has launched an excel-based offline tool for businesses to file initial GSTR- 3B returns.
175. Noted music composers Usha Khanna, Bappi Lahiri, Anu Malik and playback singers Alka Yagnik and Udit Narayan have been selected for the Madhya Pradesh government's prestigious National Lata Mangeshkar Award.
176. According to the latest Forbes' Rich List, Cristiano Ronaldo is the richest sports personality in the world.
177. Solicitor General of India Ranjit Kumar, the second highest ranking law officer of the government was resigned.
178. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first phase of "Roll-on-Roll-off" (Ro-Ro) ferry service in Gujarat.
179. India defeated Malaysia 2-1 in final to clinch its third Asia Cup hockey title in Dhaka.
180. Ace Indian shuttler Kidambi Srikanth has lifted the Denmark Open Superseries trophy at Odense.
181. Indian golfer Gaganjeet Bhullar clinched a three-shot victory at the Macau Open to bag his eighth Asian Tour title.
182. Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao laid the foundation stone for 'Kakatiya Mega Textile Park' in Warangal district.
183. The Centre has given green clearance for a greenfield airport project at Hirasar, about 28 km from Rajkot in Gujarat.
184. The 20th International Children's Film Festival (ICFFI) to be held in Hyderabad between November 8 and 14.
185. As per the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) data, Maruti Suzuki has emerged as the largest exporter of passenger cars in India in first half of 2017.
186. Jayant Rikhye has been appointed as the chief executive of India operations of Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC).
187. The World Health Organisation (WHO) had withdrawn the appointment of Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe as the goodwill ambassador for non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in Africa.
188. Lewis Hamilton has won the 2017 United States Grand Prix Formula one.
189. India's young women boxers claimed 8 medals, including 4 gold, in the Balkan international boxing championship at Sofia, Bulgaria.
190. According to the ASSOCHAM and Yes Bank, Indian travel and tourism industry is expected to grow by 2.5 %.



191. Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh along with Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated India's first Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra (PMKK) for Skilling in Smart Cities in New Delhi.
192. India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) appointed Suresh Sethi, as its Managing Director and chief executive officer (MD & CEO).
193. The 2nd World Congress on Marxism is scheduled to be held in Peking University in Beijing on 5th and 6th May 2018.
194. IPS officer Rakesh Asthana was appointed as the special director of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).
195. Sibi George has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Switzerland.
196. Reserve Bank of India announced a 10-member high level task force to review and determine the scope of a Public Credit Registry. The task force headed by YM Deosthalee, ex-CMD, L&T Finance Holdings Limited.
197. Engineering Export Promotion Council (EEPC) of India has signed an MoU with Punjab National Bank (PNB) to provide easy access to finance for SMEs and merchant exporters of the council.
198. Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) has appointed NS Venkatesh as chief executive officer (CEO).
199. Cristiano Ronaldo was named the best FIFA men's player award for the second consecutive year.
200. The Indian government announced an allocation of Rs 2.11 lakh crore over two years for the recapitalisation of public sector banks.
201. Gitanjali Rao, an 11-year-old girl was named as "America's top young scientist" for her sensor that can detect lead levels in water better than traditional methods.
202. The country's largest public sector lender, State Bank of India (SBI) has signed an agreement with Escorts Ltd to finance farmers for purchase of Escorts tractors.
203. Alok Kumar Pateria has been appointed as the new Additional Director General (ADG) of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).
204. External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj opened the new chancery complex of the Indian High Commission in Dhaka.
205. Indian pair Heena Sidhu and Jitu Rai have won the gold medal in the 10m air pistol mixed team event at ISSF World Cup in New Delhi.
206. IndusInd Bank in association with MobiKwik announced the launch of a co-branded wallet, "IndusInd Mobikwik".
207. Myanmar has planned to launch its own satellite system 'MyanmarSat-2' in June in 2019.
208. The 4th ASEAN Defense Ministers Meeting (ADMM) Plus was held in Clark, Philippines.
209. Malaysia Airlines named former pilot Izham Ismail as its new CEO.
210. Reliance Communication announced that it received the final approval on its merger with Sistema from the Department of Telecommunication (DoT).



211. Singapore passport has the "most powerful" in the world, with a visa-free score of 159, India secured the 75th rank.
212. The 30th edition of CORPAT (Coordinated Patrol) and 3rd Bilateral exercise between the Indian Navy and the Indonesian Navy at Belawan, Indonesia.
213. Government of India has signed a \$300 million loan with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to continue a series of fiscal reforms in the State of West Bengal to improve the quality of public service delivery.
214. The ministries of textiles and power have joined hands for SAATHI (Sustainable & Accelerated Adoption of efficient Textile technologies to Help small Industries).
215. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, Edappadi K Palanswami laid the foundation stone for an aerospace park at Vallam-Vadakkal SIPCOT Industrial Park in Kanchipuram district.
216. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved a plan to build thousands of kilometres of roads and highways over the next five years at a cost of about Rs.7 lakh crore.
217. Odisha will be the 'Focus State' in the World Food India (WFI)-2017, a mega international food event to be held at New Delhi from 3rd to 5th November.
218. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the International Conference on Consumer Protection for East, South & South-East Asian Countries in New Delhi.
219. State Bank of India (SBI) has slashed Immediate Payment Service (IMPS) charges up to 80 percent.
220. South African Indian-origin couple, Professors Salim Abdool Karim and Quarraisha Abdool Karim received the prestigious award from the Institute for Human Virology (IHV) for their exceptional contributions in the field of HIV/AIDS in US.
221. India has 108 publicly-listed family-owned businesses, third highest in the world, topped by China, according to Credit Suisse report.
222. An Indian-origin campaigner, Gina Miller has been named the UK's most influential black person of the year.
223. Union Minister of State for Power and New & Renewable Energy, Shri R. K. Singh addressed the 3rd Global Investors' India Forum in New Delhi.
224. The Indian government has imposed anti-dumping duty on certain stainless steel products from China, the United States, South Korea and European Union.
225. Virat Kohli has surpassed football legend Lionel Messi in the list of most valuable brands among athletes, according to Forbes.
226. Sharmila Tagore has Honoured with Lifetime Achievement Award by the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry in New Delhi for her contribution in the field of cinema.
227. Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) is going to be observed Vigilance Awareness Week from 30th October to 4th November, 2017. This year theme "My Vision-Corruption Free India".
228. GMR Hyderabad International Airport Ltd, Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad and Malaysia Tourism Promotion Board have come together to promote the growth of tourism traffic.
229. Saudi Arabia has become the first country to give a robot citizenship, designed by entrepreneur David Hanson.



230. India and Sri Lanka have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to construct 1200 houses in Hambantota.
231. Lonely Planet has ranked Chile as the number one country to visit next year in its much anticipated Best in Travel 2018 list.
232. Railway Minister Piyush Goyal has launched the railways' first set of solar plants with a total capacity of 5 megawatt peak (MWp) at the inauguration of the 'International Conference on Green Initiatives and Railway Electrification' in New Delhi.
233. Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) has received an award from All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) for supporting start-ups.
234. Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India signed a \$65.5 million loan agreement to continue interventions to check coastal erosion on the Western Coast in Karnataka.
235. Biocon has been ranked No.9 in The Science Careers Top 20 Employers Survey 2017.
236. The Minister of State for Home Affairs Kiren Rijju inaugurated the Special Centre for Disaster Research at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) in New Delhi.
237. Gokul Natesan become the second Indian-origin player to be signed by an NBA G-League side.
238. India and the United States have agreed to implement the programme for Helicopter Operations from Ships other Than Aircraft Carriers (HOSTAC).
239. Union Cabinet has approved over Rs 7,000 crore for construction of permanent campuses of six new Indian Institute of Technology (IITs) across the country. Six new IITs will be constructed at Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh), Palakkad (Kerala), Dharwad (Karnataka), Jammu (Jammu and Kashmir), Bhilai (Chhattisgarh) and Goa.
240. India and France have reiterated to strengthen bilateral defence cooperation as a key Pillar of strategic partnership between the two countries.
241. President Ram Nath Kovind laid foundation stone for the first government IT building and launched Technocity at Pallippuram, Kerala.
242. The International Association for Adolescent Health (IAAH), 11th World Congress on Adolescent Health: Investing in Adolescent Health - the Future is Now was held in New Delhi.
243. The 14th South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation in Law (SAARCLAW) Conference was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
244. Star Health and Allied Insurance (SHAI) has introduced first health insurance cover for people already diagnosed with cancer, named 'Star Cancer Care Gold'.
245. The Karnataka Government has signed an MoU with Microsoft Corporation India Private Limited with an intention to empower small holder farmers with technology-oriented solutions that will help them increase income.
246. India has overtaken the United States to become the second-largest smartphone market in the world, according to independent tech analyst firm 'Canalys'. (1st China)
247. N.J. Gangte has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Zambia.



- 248.The world's first hybrid electric tram powered by hydrogen fuel cells has started running in China.
- 249.Amazon Chief Executive Jeff Bezos surpassed Microsoft founder Bill Gates to become the world's richest person.
- 250.Tech major SAP has announced the launch of Asia Pacific Japan (APJ) region's first SAP Leonardo Center in Bengaluru.
- 251.Manav Thakkar became the first Indian to occupy the top spot on the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) World Junior Circuit standings.
- 252.The Madras high court banned the use of pictures of living persons on banners and hoardings in Tamil Nadu.
- 253.The Centre has released Rs.8,698 crore to states to compensate them for revenue loss following GST implementation.
- 254.India will host the 13th session of UN global wildlife conservation and international species protection conference in 2020.
- 255.The US and India held its 11th Trade Policy Forum (TPF) Meeting in Washington D.C.
- 256.Online travel solutions provider, Cleartrip was named the 'Best Mobile App for Travel and Leisure' at the Mobexx Awards 2017.
- 257.Patna Pirates defeated Gujarat Fortunegiants to clinch the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) season 5 title.
- 258.England thrashed Spain to clinch their maiden FIFA U-17 World Cup title in Kolkata.
- 259.Delhi Principal Home Secretary Satya Gopal has been transferred to Arunchal Pradesh as the Chief Secretary.
- 260.AU Small Finance Bank has tied up with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) to launch a Rs.200 crore fund for providing loans to Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).
- 261.India's Kidambi Srikanth has won the French Open Super Series men's singles title, in Paris. He became the first Indian and only fourth male shuttler in history to lift four Super Series titles in a calendar year.
- 262.Vice Admiral Ajit Kumar P assumed charge as the Vice Chief of Naval Staff (VCNS).
- 263.Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the Bidar – Kalaburagi New Railway Line to the Nation, by unveiling a plaque at Bidar Railway Station, Karnataka.
- 264.Indian and Japanese navies have began an intensive air anti-submarine warfare exercise in the Indian Ocean.
- 265.India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have held the second round of their strategic dialogue in Abu Dhabi.
- 266.Forex and inward solutions provider, Transcorp International has launched a platinum pre-paid card in association with Yes Bank.
- 267.Veteran Bollywood actor Anupam Kher received Parmod Mahajan Smriti Award in Pune.
- 268.Cricketer Suresh Raina has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation (GMC).



269. India has ranked 28 out of the 30 countries in the Melbourne Mercer Global Pension Index 2017, topped by Denmark.
270. L&T Technology Services Ltd (LTTTS) was conferred with the CII Industrial Innovation Award, 2017.
271. Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje launched an e-book titled 'India 2017 Yearbook', compiled by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) and former Union home secretary Rajiv Mehrishi.
272. India and Tunisia have agreed to jointly combat terrorism and extremism while ramping up cooperation in the field of security.
273. The government set up a ministerial panel led by finance minister Arun Jaitley, to consider and oversee mergers among the state-run banks.
274. The finance ministry and the World Bank signed a loan agreement worth \$200 million for the Assam Agribusiness and Rural Transformation Project.
275. Michael Jackson topped in the Forbes list of top-earning dead celebrities for the fifth straight year.
276. Senior police officer S K Sinha was appointed the secretary (security) in the Cabinet Secretariat.
277. Senior police officer A P Maheshwari was appointed Director General of Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD).
278. Vikram Singh was appointed Private Secretary to President Ram Nath Kovind.
279. Birendra Prasad Baishya has been re-elected president of the Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWLF) in the Annual General Body Meeting.
280. Tata Steel Ltd. has promoted T.V. Narendran as Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director (CEO & MD) globally.
281. Union Minister of state for social justice and empowerment, Ramdas Athawale launched the Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana in Mumbai.
282. Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh constituted a steering committee, headed by Olympian Randhir Singh, to set in motion the process of setting up a sports university in Patiala.
283. According to the Global TB Report 2017 released by World Health Organization (WHO), India have the highest number of tuberculosis (TB) cases in the world in 2016.
284. Ace Indian shooter, Heena Sidhu clinched a gold medal in the women's 10m Air Pistol event at the Commonwealth Shooting Championships in Brisbane, Australia.

All The Best

