

## November 2017 Current Affairs

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### Important Days:-

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- World Vegan Day – 01<sup>st</sup> November
- World Tsunami Awareness Day - 05<sup>th</sup> November. Theme "Reduce the Number of Affected People"
- World Science Day for Peace and Development – 10<sup>th</sup> November. Theme “Science for Global Understanding”
- World Pneumonia Day – 12<sup>th</sup> November
- Public Service Broadcasting Day - 12<sup>th</sup> November.
- World Kindness Day – 13<sup>th</sup> November
- National Children’s Day – 14<sup>th</sup> November
- World Diabetes Day – 14<sup>th</sup> November. Theme “Women and diabetes - our right to a healthy future”
- International Day for Tolerance - 16<sup>th</sup> November.
- National Press Day - 16<sup>th</sup> November
- International Students’ Day - 17<sup>th</sup> November
- World Toilet Day – 19<sup>th</sup> November. Theme "Wastewater"
- Universal Children’s Day – 20<sup>th</sup> November. Theme is “#KidsTakeOver”
- World Television Day - 21<sup>st</sup> November
- International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women – 25<sup>th</sup> November. Theme “Leave no one behind: end violence against women and girls”
- Constitution Day (India) - 26<sup>th</sup> November
- National Milk Day - 26<sup>th</sup> November

### Appointments:-

1. Bharti AXA Life Insurance, a subsidiary of Bharti Enterprises has appointed Vikas Seth as Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
2. Suresh Chukkapalli has been appointed as Honorary Consul General in Hyderabad by the Republic of Korea, with consular jurisdiction over the state of Telangana.
3. Neelmani N. Raju is Karnataka’s first woman Director General and Inspector General of Police.
4. M C Mary Kom was named ambassador of the AIBA Women's Youth World Championships to be held in Guwahati.
5. Nasir Kamal has been appointed as Additional Director General of the Border Security Force (BSF).
6. Senior diplomat, Ajay Bisaria has been appointed the India's High Commissioner to Pakistan.



7. Rajesh Vaishnaw has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Malta.
8. Ashwani Kumar has been appointed as new Chief Secretary of Puducherry.
9. The government has named revenue secretary Hasmukh Adhia as the new finance secretary.
10. Senior IAS officer Binoy Kumar has been appointed Special Secretary in the commerce ministry.
11. Sanjeev Kaushik, a Kerala cadre IAS officer, has been appointed as SEBI whole-time member.
12. Ravinder Bhalla has become the first ever Sikh mayor of New Jersey's Hoboken city.
13. Hyderabad Police Commissioner, M. Mahender Reddy was appointed Director General of Police (DGP) of Telangana.
14. National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM) appointed Debjani Ghosh, former MD, Intel South Asia, as its President-Designate.
15. The Supreme Court has appointed former football captain Bhaskar Ganguly as ombudsman of All India Football Federation (AIFF).
16. Chartered Accountant, Sethurathnam Ravi has been appointed as the Chairman of the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).
17. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor, Urjit Patel was appointed to the Financial Stability Institute Advisory Board or the Bank of International Settlement (BIS).
18. Chakravarthi AVPS, Managing Director of Ecobliss India, has been appointed global ambassador of the World Packaging Organisation (WPO).
19. Scientist Vijay Prasad Dimri has been appointed as the president of the 36th International Geological Congress (IGC).
20. Market regulator, Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) said Anand Rajeshwar Baiwar has taken charge as an executive director.
21. Sibi George, presently Ambassador of India to Switzerland, has been concurrently accredited as the next Ambassador of India to the Principality of Liechtenstein.
22. A former director of the Wimbledon tennis championships, Sarah Clarke has been appointed as the first female Black Rod in the 650-year history of the House of Lords.
23. South African scientist Professor, Quarraisha Abdool Karim has been appointed UNAIDS Special Ambassador for Adolescents and HIV.
24. The information and broadcasting (I&B) ministry appointed Ira Joshi as the director general (DG) of Doordarshan News.
25. Andhra Pradesh government has appointed N Sambasiva Rao as the state Director General of Police (DGP).
26. Former Planning Commission Member NK Singh was appointed chairman of 15th Finance Commission.
27. Former secretary of Economic Affairs, Shaktikanta Das has been appointed as India's G20 Sherpa for the Development Track of the grouping.

28. Senior IAS officer Pradeep Singh Kharola has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Air India.
29. Snehlata Shrivastava has been appointed as the new Secretary General of the Lok Sabha. She will be the 1st women Secretary General of the Lok Sabha.
30. Senior bureaucrat Badri Narain Sharma was appointed as the chairman of the National Anti-profiteering Authority (NAA).
31. IAS officer Upendra Prasad Singh has been appointed as Secretary of Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.
32. Actress-producer Dia Mirza was appointed as UN Environment's Goodwill Ambassador for India.

### Obituaries:-

- ❖ Vettoor Purushan - Veteran Malayalam actor
- ❖ Noted author and Padma Shri awardee - Manu Sharma
- ❖ Veteran cyclist - Ashok Khale
- ❖ Nepal's three-time Prime Minister - Kirti Nidhi Bista
- ❖ Eminent Hindi poet and Jnanpith awardee - Kunwar Narayan
- ❖ Renowned *Hindustani* vocalist of *Kirana Gharana* - Jagdish Mohan
- ❖ Former Wimbledon champion - Jana Novotna
- ❖ Congress leader and former Union minister - Priya Ranjan Dasmuni
- ❖ Egyptian actress and singer – Shadia
- ❖ Popular Assamese film and theatre actor - Biju Phukan
- ❖ Pioneering jazz singer and lyricist - Jon Hendricks
- ❖ Famed Iranian photo-journalist - Shahrokh Hatami
- ❖ Popular Malayalam actor - Thodupuzha Vasanthi
- ❖ Rajasthani Maand folk singer - Mangi Bai Arya

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1. India has gained 30 places to rank 100th in the World Bank's 'ease of doing business' ranking.
2. The country's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI) has slashed the benchmark lending rate by 0.05% across maturities.
3. Goa would host the inaugural India-US Ocean Dialogue, aimed at promoting sustainable development of the Blue Economy.
4. The 36th edition of the Sharjah International Book Fair 2017 (SIBF) at the Expo Centre Sharjah, Dubai.
5. Haryana government announced lifetime monthly pension of Rs.10,000 for 'Hindi Satyagrahis' and those from the state who were jailed during the Emergency.
6. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) approved USD 2 billion loan (Rs. 13,000 crores) for five projects in Andhra Pradesh.



7. The Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Dharmendra Pradhan participate in the IEF 7th Asian Ministerial Energy Roundtable (AMER7) in Bangkok, Thailand.
8. Union Minister of State for HRD, Upendra Kushwaha inaugurated the three-day KVS Rashtriya Ekta Shivir-Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat in New Delhi.
9. President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the Global Clubfoot Conference being organised by the CURE India in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in New Delhi.
10. The 9th CMS VATAVARAN Environment & Wildlife International Film Festival and Forum was held in New Delhi.
11. Noted Malayalam Poet and literary critic, K Satchidanandan, has been selected for this year's Ezhuthachan Puraskaram, Kerala government's highest literary honour.
12. Pakistan will host the next Asian Cricket Council (ACC) Emerging Nations Cup in April 2018.
13. Indian wrestler Geeta Phogat has won a gold medal at the All India Police Championship 2017.
14. President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the 21st World Congress of Mental Health being organised by the World Federation for Mental Health in New Delhi.
15. Goa ranked top and Bihar featured at the lowest in Gender Vulnerability Index (GVI) released by Child development NGO Plan India.
16. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated an international mega food event, 'World Food India' 2017 in New Delhi.
17. Haryana government signed an MoU with Verbind, an integrated trade facilitation services organisation, to set up a logistics and trading hub in the state that would attract investment to the tune of Rs.20,000 crore.
18. Railways has decided to provide lifelong free travel to Ashok Chakra and Kirti Chakra awardees in any train's executive class, benefits equal to those received by recipients of the Param Vir and Maha Vir Chakras.
19. President of Armenia, Serzh Sargsyan arrived in New Delhi to attend World Food India Conference.
20. Indian shooters Prakash Nanjappa, Amanpreet Singh and Jitu Rai made a clean sweep in the 50m pistol event at the Commonwealth Shooting Championships in Gold Coast, Australia.
21. Odisha Skill Development Authority (OSDA) and the ITE Education Services (ITEES), Singapore signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for collaboration on skill development in the State.
22. Uttar Pradesh cabinet decided to make India's first conservation reserve for black buck in Allahabad's Meja.
23. Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has constructed the world's highest motorable road in Ladakh region of Jammu and Kashmir.
24. The term "Fake news" has been named Collins' Word of the Year 2017.
25. Renowned Hindi litterateur Krishna Sobti has been chosen for this year's Jnanpith Award.



26. India has successfully test-fired an indigenously-developed lightweight 'glide bomb' at Chandipur in Odisha.
27. The price of the new series of Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs) has been fixed at Rs.2,934 per gram.
28. Colombia has signed a \$300 million agreement with the UN aimed at reducing the production of cocaine.
29. Andhra Pradesh Etikoppaka toys have become the latest entrant to join the elite club of Geographical Indication (GI) tagged things.
30. The Income Tax Department clarified that cash sales of the agricultural produce by its cultivator to the trader for less than Rs.2 lakh can be exempted from tax under the Income Tax Act.
31. Private sector lender Yes Bank signed an agreement with the government to provide Rs.1,000 crore financing for food processing projects.
32. Union Communications Minister, Manoj Sinha launched a pan-India scholarship programme for school children, called Deen Dayal Sparsh Yojana, to increase the reach of philately.
33. International Conference on "Ramayan Circuit and Mithila-Awadh Relations" started at Janakpur in Nepal.
34. Telecom operator Reliance Communications will shut down voice call service from December 1 and its customers can move to other networks by the end of the year.
35. Air New Zealand was named AirlineRatings.com's Airline of the Year for 2018.
36. Indian playwright, actor, film director and writer Girish Karnad has been announced as the recipient of the Tata Literature Live Lifetime Achievement Award for 2017.
37. Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple in Srirangam has won the UNESCO Asia Pacific Award of Merit 2017 for cultural heritage conservation.
38. AU Small Finance Bank has received Reserved Bank of India (RBI) approval to operate as Scheduled Commercial Bank.
39. The Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Western Railway (WR) has developed and introduced a mobile application 'Eyewatch Railways' for the security of women commuters.
40. According to Forbes Real Time Billionaire list, Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani become the richest man in Asia.
41. Olympic bronze-medallist, Gagan Narang won a silver medal in the men's 50m rifle prone event of the Commonwealth Shooting Championships.
42. Assam government has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and Terms of Reference (ToR) with Singapore for skilling youth of the state.
43. India slipped 21 places on the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Global Gender Gap index to 108, topped by Iceland.
44. A 14-day joint training exercise 'Prabal Dostyk-2017' between the Indian Army and the Kazakhstan Army at Bakloh in Himachal Pradesh.



45. ICICI Bank CEO & MD Chanda Kochhar and Bollywood star Priyanka Chopra have featured on the list of the world's 100 most powerful women compiled by Forbes, topped by Chancellor of Germany, Angela Merkel.
46. Mumbai's Royal Opera House has been awarded the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Award for Cultural Heritage Conservation.
47. China has unveiled Asia's largest artificial island-building ship, which has been called "a magic island-maker".
48. Goa government executed a trilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of Bio-Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology and Nobel Media, Sweden to hold the Nobel Prize Series - India to be held in February 2018. Theme is 'Science Impacts Life'.
49. The seventh annual bilateral exercise SAMPRITI 2017 between Indian Army and Bangladesh Army begun in Meghalaya.
50. Lebanese Prime Minister Saad al-Hariri has resigned from his post.
51. Indian Army has launched an independent and fully-integrated Joint Training Node (JTN) at Umroi cantonment, Shillong.
52. India Beat China to Clinch Women's Asia Cup 2017 title in Japan.
53. A memorandum of understanding (MoU) of Rs.10,000 Crore was signed between the Government of India (GoI) and Patanjali at the World Food India 2017.
54. HRD Minister, Prakash Javadekar inaugurated 2-day National Workshop 'Chintan Shivir' organized by Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development in New Delhi.
55. Veteran actor Mohan Joshi was felicitated with the prestigious Vishnudas Bhave award for his contribution to theatre.
56. Tata Steel has commissioned the country's largest Coke Dry Quenching facility at its state-of-the-art greenfield steel plant at Kalinganagar, Odisha.
57. ICICI Bank has announced the launch of India's first voice-based international remittance service to enable non-resident Indians (NRIs) to send money to any bank in India.
58. The 1st Heli Expo India and International Civil Helicopter Conclave-2017 was held at the Pawan Hans Heliport, Rohini, New Delhi.
59. Indian golfer Aditi Ashok won the Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies Open in Abu Dhabi, UAE.
60. HSBC has pledged to provide \$100 billion in financing and investment by 2025 to help combat climate change.
61. Hong Kong will become the first Asian city to host the Gay Games in 2022.
62. The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has commissioned a new Instrument Landing System (ILS) for a runway at the Chennai airport at a cost of Rs.5 crore.
63. Surat Municipal Corporation has been chosen for the 'Best City Bus Services Award' by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
64. India ended the Commonwealth Shooting Championships with a rich haul of 20 medals (6 gold, 7 Silver and 7 Bronze medals) in Gold Coast, Australia.



65. Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Harsh Vardhan inaugurated the India Pavilion at the ongoing meeting of Conference of Parties (COP-23) at Bonn in Germany.
66. The Kerala government launched a new scheme named 'She Pad' for school students in the state.
67. India has slipped in 'business optimism' index to the 7th position in the September quarter, topped by Indonesia.
68. The Government of India and the World Bank have signed a \$119 million loan agreement for the Odisha Higher Education Program for Excellence and Equity (OHEPEE) Project.
69. The Bank of China formally launched its operations in Pakistan as it opened its first branch in Karachi.
70. Indian short film 'The School Bag' has won the Best Short Film Award at the South Asian Film Festival of Montreal (SAFFM).
71. Rajasthan government launched free learning app 'Dishari' for competitive examinations.
72. Syndicate Bank formed a human chain to create awareness among the public to fight corruption.
73. Union Minister for Women and Child Development Maneka Gandhi launched an online portal for registering complaint related to sexual harassment in non-government and government organisations 'SHe-box'.
74. Mary Kom has won the gold medal in the Asian Boxing Championships in the Light Flyweight category in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Runner : Kim Hyang Mi (North Korea).
75. Senior National Badminton Championship  
Men's Singles : HS Prannoy, Runner - Kidambi Srikanth  
Women's Singles : Saina Nehwal, Runner - P V Sindhu
76. The government has notified the third protocol between India and New Zealand for avoidance of double taxation and prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income.
77. The European Union Election Observation Mission was officially launched to monitor the general and provincial polls in Nepal which are scheduled for November 26 and December 7.
78. HDFC Bank announced the launch of SmartUp Zones in Kochi. A SmartUp Zone is an exclusive area inside the branch dedicated to start-ups.
79. American digital payments company, PayPal has launched its domestic operations in India.
80. IDFC Bank, MobiKwik and Net1 have partnered to launch a co-branded virtual prepaid card on the Visa platform to customers of MobiKwik.
81. Hong Kong remains the world's most visited city by international travelers in spite of strained relations with neighbouring China.
82. The odd-even scheme for car rationing will be rolled out in Delhi for five days from 13th November, as part of a Graded Response Plan (GRAP) to tackle the alarming levels of pollution in the city.
83. Union Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister, Radha Mohan Singh inaugurated the three-day Organic World Congress – 2017 at India Expo Centre in Greater Noida.
84. The 2017 International Energy Agency (IEA) Ministerial Meeting was held in Paris, France.



85. The Economic Research Department of State Bank of India (SBI) has released a report on oil price hike and how unlikely it is to impact the Current account deficit (CAD) and how inflation could stretch fiscal.
86. The government doubled the import duty on wheat to 20% to curb cheap shipments and give positive price signal to farmers in the ongoing Rabi season.
87. The 23rd Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council meeting in Guwahati, Assam. GST Council decided to raise Composition Scheme threshold to Rs.2 crore.
88. The Union environment ministry formed a 7-member committee headed by environment secretary, to formulate short and long-term measures to solve the problem of air pollution in the Delhi-NCR region.
89. The Minister of State for Home Affairs, Kiren Rijiju said, India is the first country to partner with social networking site Facebook on disaster response.
90. Haryana has become the first state in India to treat Hepatitis-C patients through oral medicine.
91. The International AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy) Conference and Exhibition 2017 was held in Dubai.
92. Eminent classical singer late Girija Devi honoured with the prestigious Sumitra Charat Ram Award for Lifetime Achievement in New Delhi.
93. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has been named as the recipient of the Mother Teresa Memorial Award for Social Justice, 2017 as an acknowledgement of its exceptional work worldwide.
94. The Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) hosted the National Entrepreneurship Awards 2017 marking the completion of three glorious years of its inception.
95. Federal Bank has obtained RBI approval to open representative offices at Kuwait and Singapore.
96. The government raised the maximum amount that a central government employee can borrow from the government to Rs.25 lakh for new construction/purchase of new house.
97. Delhi government has signed a twin city agreement with the Seoul Metropolitan Government for strengthening cooperation in the fields of e-governance, transportation, climate change and smart city.
98. The Nordic-Baltic embassies are all set to host the first ever youth film festival of the European nations in Delhi.
99. Natalie Portman has been awarded Israel's 2018 Genesis Prize.
100. The Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) said it has signed an agreement with Anna University to set up a Technology and Innovation Support Center (TISC) in Chennai.
101. Chennai is the third Indian city on the list of UNESCO Creative Cities list after Jaipur and Varanasi.
102. In the race to go digital, businesses judge India's Silicon Valley, Bangalore is the best host among 45 cities worldwide, According to a report from Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU).





103. India has pledged an additional USD 100 million towards the UN partnership fund, significantly scaling up its support to sustainable development projects across the developing world.
104. India conducted a flight test of its indigenously designed and developed long range sub-sonic cruise missile 'Nirbhay' at Chandipur along the Odisha coast.
105. The two-day conference of 'Ministers for Power and New & Renewable Energy of States & Union Territories' was held in Rajgir, Bihar.
106. Indian government has committed to provide 100 non-Indian students full scholarship if they study Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy (AYUSH) in any of the public deemed universities across India.
107. NITI Aayog Vice Chairman, Rajiv Kumar has released a proposal to develop electric vehicle charging infrastructure in Delhi.
108. Union home ministry has formed two new divisions called Counter-Terrorism and Counter-Radicalisation (CTCR) division and Cyber and Information Security (CIS) division, to exclusively deal with emerging security challenges such as radicalisation and cyber crime.
109. Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Reddy declared Urdu as the state's second official language.
110. Union Cabinet has approved for signing the Joint Interpretative Declaration (JID) between India and Colombia regarding the existing Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments between the two countries.
111. Morocco has successfully launched an earth observation satellite named 'Mohammed VI-A' from French Guiana Space Centre.
112. UNESCO member states approved the nomination of France's former culture minister, Audrey Azoulay to head the embattled cultural agency.
113. The Union Cabinet has approved an agreement between India and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of China for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to taxes on income.
114. HDFC Bank has made online fund transfer through RTGS and NEFT free with effect from November 1, to promote digital economy.
115. The 4th India-Canada Ministerial Dialogue on Trade and Investment was held in New Delhi.
116. Uttar Pradesh government has constituted a commission 'Krishak Samridhi Aayog' headed by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to double farmers' income by 2022.
117. Himachal Pradesh Governor, Acharya Devvrat inaugurated the four-day traditional 'Lavi Fair' at Rampur.
118. Ace Indian cueist Pankaj Advani clinched his 17th world title after he thrashed his arch-rival Mike Russell of England in the IBSF World Billiards Championship.
119. Indian tennis duo of Leander Paes and Purav Raja lifted in the Knoxville Challenger title in the men's doubles event.
120. Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Manila, Philippines on a three-day visit to attend the ASEAN-India and East Asia summits.



121. The Ministry of Women and Child Development celebrated the "Child Rights Week" (Hausla 2017).
122. Life insurer PNB MetLife has signed a corporate agency agreement with Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait B.S.C (BBK).
123. Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh chaired the second meeting of the Island Development Agency (IDA) in New Delhi.
124. According to the report by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), holy city Varanasi is most polluted among the 42 cities.
125. The governments of Odisha and neighbouring West Bengal will soon organize a joint security exercise named as 'Sagar Kavach' to further tighten the existing coastal security mechanism along the 630 km long coastline.
126. The government of Punjab will organise the country's first Military Literature Festival (MLF) from December 7 to 9 in Chandigarh.
127. India is the 6th most vulnerable country in the world in terms of facing extreme weather events, on the Global Climate Risk Index (CRI).
128. Air India has received a loan worth of Rs.1,500 crore from Bank of India to meet urgent working capital needs.
129. Mumbai hosts the 34th annual conference of the Asian Bankers Association (ABA).
130. According to Centre for Asia Pacific Aviation (CAPA) report, India will be world's third largest aviation market for departures by 2019.
131. Apollo Munich Health Insurance Company was conferred with the 21st Asia Insurance Industry Awards in the "General Insurance Company of the Year" category.
132. President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the 37th India International Trade Fair (IITF) at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
133. The 10th South Asia Economic Summit (SAES) begun at Kathmandu. Theme is 'Deepening Economic Integration for Inclusive and Sustainable Development in South Asia'.
134. Pakistan off-spinner Saeed Ajmal has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.
135. Bangladesh's first Hindu Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha has resigned from his post.
136. The Indian Railways will launch the country's largest time-bound 'upskilling' exercise named "Project Saksham" for government employees to upgrade the skills of its 13 lakh-strong workforce.
137. Uttar Pradesh tops in opening new Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) accounts after demonetisation.
138. Araku valley near Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh is hosting the first edition of its Hot Air Balloon Festival.
139. Bihar government gave its nod for setting up a "State Ayush Society" to give a boost to alternative medicine in the state.
140. The NITI Aayog in partnership with the US government has organized India's first Tribal Entrepreneurship Summit in Dantewada district of Chhattisgarh.



141. The second UN Peacekeeping Defence Ministerial Conference (UNPKDM) was held in Vancouver, Canada.
142. The International Solar Alliance (ISA) announced a target to support setting up 1000GW of solar energy capacity by 2030 across its member countries.
143. The Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation (APMDC) has bagged an international award from Abu Dhabi.
144. India's Ambani family has topped the Forbes list of Asia's Richest Families for the first time with a net worth of \$44.8 billion.
145. Bollywood legend Amitabh Bachchan will be honoured with the personality of the year award at the upcoming International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa.
146. According to the 5th biennial Hotelivate State Ranking Survey for Tourism, Delhi topped in the field of tourism.
147. Vice president M Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated a three-day AP AgTech Summit-2017 in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
148. The Two-day "12th North-East Business Summit" was inaugurated in New Delhi.
149. Karnataka government unveiled an ambitious project to install Wi-Fi facility in all gram panchayats across the state.
150. Nagaland became the first among the North Eastern states to launch Point of Sale (PoS) for electricity bill payment.
151. India has ranked 14th in this year's Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2018 out of 56 nations and the European Union by environmental organisation 'Germanwatch'.
152. Bombay Stock Exchange Institute Ltd. (BIL), has signed an MoU with DLT Labs in Mumbai to set up the country's first state-of-the-art Block Chain Lab in an institution.
153. Indonesia's Kevin Lilliana was crowned Miss International 2017 by the Philippines' Kylie Verzosa at the Tokyo Dome City Hall in Japan.
154. France will host the 2023 Rugby World Cup in a huge surprise.
155. The International Finance Corporation (IFC) has partnered with the country's largest mortgage lender HDFC to create an \$800 million fund to finance construction of affordable houses.
156. Shagun Chowdhary has bagged a national champion crown at the 61st National Shooting Championship in New Delhi.
157. The government has given its approval to set up the country's first mega Coastal Economic Zone (CEZ) at Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Maharashtra.
158. The Maharashtra government has decided to ban the use of plastic water bottles in its offices including the state secretariat.
159. Union Cabinet has approved setting up of the proposed National Anti-profiteering Authority (NAA) under the Goods and Services Tax (GST), to ensure consumers get the benefit of lower taxes under the new indirect tax regime.
160. The Maharashtra government has set up a seven-member committee headed by Additional Chief Secretary (Home), Sudhir Shrivastava to recommend ways to stop the custodial deaths.



161. Vice President, M. Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated 'Aadi Mahotsav', a fortnight long Tribal Festival with the theme of 'A Celebration of the Spirit of Tribal Culture, Cuisine and Commerce' in New Delhi.

162. The WHO Global Ministerial Conference "Ending TB in the Sustainable Development Era: A Multisectoral Response" was held in Moscow, Russia.

163. Digital payment major, Paytm has partnered with ICICI Bank to jointly launch "Paytm-ICICI Bank Postpaid", offering interest-free short-term digital loans.

164. The Karnataka government announced the launch of Centre of Excellence for data science and artificial intelligence with NASSCOM as its programme and implementation partner.

165. Nicaraguan author and former politician Sergio Ramirez Mercado has won the 2017 Cervantes Prize, the Spanish-speaking world's highest literary honor.

166. The founder of Super 30, Anand Kumar has been awarded with the Rashtriya Bal Kalyan Award 2017 for his contributions in the field of teaching and education.

167. Aditi Ashok has qualified for the season-ending CME Group Tour Championship on the LPGA, becoming the first from the country to play in the prestigious meet.

168. Minister of State (IC) for Power and New & Renewable Energy, RK Singh has launched the National Power Portal (NPP) '<http://npp.gov.in>', a centralised platform for collation and dissemination of Indian power sector information.

169. The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) has organised Asia Pacific Computer Emergency Response Team (APCERT) Conference in New Delhi.

170. The Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) is to set up a Centre of Excellence in Kochi, Kerala.

171. Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and ratings agency Crisil signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to launch 'CriSidEx', a business sentiment index for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

172. Indian women's cricket team captain Mithali Raj bagged the Indian Sportswoman of the Year (Team Sports) award at the Indian Sports Honours (ISH) event held in Mumbai.

173. China has launched world's first all-electric ship that can travel up to 80 km with 2000-tonnes cargo after a two-hour charge.

174. India and France have agreed to deepen security co-operation, bilaterally and in the multilateral fora, and strengthen strong commitment to combating terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.

175. Canadian filmmaker, Atom Egoyan will be honoured with a lifetime achievement award at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Panaji, Goa, Information and Broadcasting Minister, Smriti Irani has announced.

176. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled a bond sale via Open Market Operation (OMO) worth Rs.10,000 crore that was scheduled for November 23, citing "evolving liquidity conditions".

177. Two-time Olympic-medalist, Sushil Kumar (74 kg Category), Saskhi Malik (62 kg Category) and Geeta Phogat (59 kg Category) have won a Gold medal each in the National Wrestling championship in Indore.



178. The Punjab Cabinet today approved a scheme 'the Punjab Victim or Their Dependents Compensation Scheme' to provide a minimum compensation of Rs.3 lakh to an acid attack victim.
179. An Interim Meeting of the Steering Committee of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)'s 'South Asia Regional Training and Technical Assistance Center (SARTTAC)' was held in New Delhi.
180. The 24th Session of the Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF-24) was held in Bengaluru.
181. Private sector lender RBL Bank has inaugurated its all women branch in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
182. Reliance General Insurance Company Limited (RGI) has signed a comprehensive Bancassurance - Corporate Agency agreement with YES Bank.
183. Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) and China Three Gorges Corporation (CTGC) have signed the joint venture (JV) pact for the construction of 750-MW West Seti Hydropower Project.
184. Delhi government would form "Mahila Suraksha Dals" (women protection groups) to curb crimes against women in the national capital.
185. Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel has won the Brazilian Grand Prix.
186. Sarajevo Haggadah, the 14th-century richly illuminated Hebrew manuscript, has been included in UNESCO's Memory of the World Register.
187. Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh will be conferred the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2017.
188. Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has announced launch of nation's first electric vehicle charging station at a petrol pump in Nagpur.
189. India's Manushi Chhillar (Haryana) has won the Miss World beauty pageant for the year 2017.
190. Sri Lankan author Anuk Arudpragasam's "The Story of a Brief Marriage" has bagged the \$25,000 DSC Prize for South Asian Literature 2017.
191. Yuki Bhambri clinched his first title of the 2017 season on the ATP Challenger Tour following a come-from-behind win over compatriot Ramkumar Ramanathan in the final of the KPIT-MSLTA Challenger in Pune.
192. Actor-playwright Girish Karnad was conferred with Tata Literature Live Lifetime Achievement Award for his outstanding contribution in the field of theatre.
193. Almaz Ayana of Ethiopia has won the men's event in the Delhi Half Marathon.
194. The 42nd World Congress of the International Committee of Military Medicine (ICMM), organised by the Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) was held in New Delhi.
195. Afghanistan thrashed Pakistan by 185 runs to clinch their maiden Under-19 Asia Cup title in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
196. Bulgaria's Grigor Dimitrov has won the maiden ATP World Tour title.
197. India has moved up one position to 126th in terms of per capita GDP of countries while Qatar remains the world's richest on this parameter, as per IMF data.



198. Actress Trisha Krishnan was conferred the UNICEF celebrity advocate status for child rights at an event held in Chennai.
199. Sahitya Akademi awardee Bengali writer Nabaneeta Dev Sen has been declared winner of the Big Little Book Award this year in the "Author in Bengali Language" category.
200. India's nominee to the International Court of Justice (ICJ), Dalveer Bhandari was re-elected to the fifth and the last seat of the world Court.
201. Veteran journalist Manik Banerjee, who is also an acclaimed mountaineer was presented with the Life Time Achievement Award by the Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF).
202. World's biggest toilet pot model was unveiled at Marora, popularly known as the 'Trump village', in Haryana.
203. The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has decided to cancel the \$500 million deal for Spike Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM) with Israel.
204. According to Forbes, Beyonce has been named the highest-paid women in music 2017.
205. India and Russia have agreed to implement the general declaration for visa free entry of the crew of chartered and scheduled flights between the two countries.
206. Chinese internet giant Tencent has become the first Asian technology firm to reach the \$500 billion.
207. President Ram Nath Kovind has inaugurated the Manipur Sangai Festival 2017.
208. The India-Myanmar Bilateral Military Exercise 2017 (IMBAX-2017) began in Meghalaya.
209. Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda inaugurated the "1st World Conference on Access to Medical Products and International Laws for Trade and Health" in New Delhi.
210. India has ranked 51st on IMD World Talent Rankings 2017, topped by Switzerland.
211. The 13th Asia-Europe Foreign Ministers' Meeting began in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.
212. Union Cabinet has approved the setting up of the 15th Finance Commission, which will assess the tax resources of the nation and suggest a formula for their devolution among states.
213. The two-day conference of Commanders of Eastern Air Command was held in Shillong, Meghalaya.
214. US President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin have agreed to support the UN effort to peacefully resolve the nearly seven-year-long Syrian civil war.
215. The International Seminar on Indian Space Programme: Trends and Opportunities for Industry was inaugurated in New Delhi.
216. Zurich-based global think tank Horasis is set to hold its first Asia meet in Kolkata, West Bengal.
217. New Development Bank (NDB) has approved two infrastructure and sustainable development projects in India and Russia with loans of \$400 million.
218. Axis Bank in association with Mumbai Police has launched its latest campaign '#MuhPeTaala' to promote safe banking.
219. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the fifth edition of the Global Conference on Cyberspace in New Delhi.



220. Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved India's membership for the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).
221. Zimbabwe's former vice president Emmerson Mnangagwa will be sworn in as president of the country.
222. Swedish furnishing retailer, IKEA has launched its first experiential centre 'IKEA Hej HOME' in Hyderabad.
223. Shubhangi Swaroop has become the first woman pilot in the Indian Navy.
224. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched a unified app "Umang" to serve e-governance through mobile devices. 'Umang' Stands for 'Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance'.
225. The government has approved for signing and ratifying of an agreement between India and Philippines on cooperation and mutual assistance in customs matters
226. The government has constituted a task force for redrafting the 50-year old income tax law in sync with the economic needs of the country, headed by taxman Arbind Modi.
227. Odisha government decided to launch a new scheme 'Nabakrushna Choudhury Seccha Unnayan Yojana' to provide irrigation facility to about 55,000 hectare of agricultural land across the state.
228. According to report by UN Women and the UN Development Programme (UNDP), Latin America and the Caribbean is the most violent region in the world for women.
229. Samsung India has partnered with the Uttar Pradesh government to set-up 20 new smart healthcare centres across the state to provide healthcare equipments.
230. Basel will become the first city to jointly host the Badminton and Para Badminton World Championships in 2019.
231. India has become the second largest fish producing country in the world.
232. A consultative workshop on New National Policy on Biofuels & Pradhan Mantri Ji-Van Yojana (VGF for 2nd Generation Ethanol Bio Refineries) was held in New Delhi.
233. Indian Railways has installed Asia's largest Solid State Interlocking (SSI) system in Kharagpur, which will enable station masters to set 800 different routes for trains in a matter of minutes.
234. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) conducted a multi-state mega mock exercise on tsunami preparedness.
235. According to the Sheatwork report, Tamil Nadu has the highest number of women entrepreneurs in India followed by Kerala and West Bengal.
236. India has asked the United Nations (UN) to declare 2018 as the 'International Year of Millets'.
237. President Ram Nath Kovind has gave consent to ordinance for amending the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC).
238. State Bank of India (SBI) unveiled app "YONO" the country's first integrated lifestyle and banking digital platform. YONO stands for 'You Only Need One'.



239. Kotak Mahindra Bank launched “Smart Banking 24x7” e-Lobbies in the Mumbai suburbs of Juhu and Powai.
240. Mahindra and Mahindra (M&M) has entered into a partnership with Uber India to deploy electric vehicles in India.
241. India’s Oscar entry Newton secured two wins at the Asia Pacific Screen Awards in Brisbane, with Rajkumar Rao won the best actor award and Mayank Tewari and Amit V. Masurkar secured the best screenplay honour.
242. The Indian football team remained static at 105th in the latest FIFA rankings.
243. World's first Sanskrit 3D film 'Anurakthi' showcased at International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Panaji, Goa.
244. The five-day Defence of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Exercise (DANX) was conducted under the aegis of Andaman & Nicobar Command in Port Blair.
245. Axis Bank has launched an instant international payment services using Ripple’s enterprise blockchain technology solution for retail and corporate customers.
246. Indian wrestler Ritu Phogat (48kg) clinched a silver medal in the Under-23 Senior World Wrestling Championship at Poland.
247. Lionel Messi won the European Golden Shoe for the fourth time this year after scoring 37 times in La Liga for FC Barcelona.
248. President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the International Gita Mahotsav at Kurukshetra in Haryana.
249. Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh chaired the 12th Standing Committee meeting of the Inter-State Council (ISC) in New Delhi.
250. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the country increased by 17 per cent to USD 25.35 billion during April-September this fiscal.
251. President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the 2-day conference on National Law Day in New Delhi.
252. Indian Institute of Science (IISc) has ranked 29th in the latest Times Higher Education 'Global Employability Ranking (GER) 2017', topped by California Institute of Technology.
253. The Golden Temple has been awarded the ‘most visited place of the world’ by ‘World Book of Records’ (WBR).
254. New Zealand Scientists have developed the world's first artificial intelligence politician, named 'SAM'.
255. Miss South Africa, Demi-Leigh Nel-Peters was crowned Miss Universe 2017.
256. Gopi Thonakal became the first India man to win Asian Marathon Championship, after he achieved the feat in the 16th edition of the prestigious event.
257. Union Minister of Women and Child Development, Maneka Gandhi launched an intensive training programme for Elected Women Representatives (EWRs) of Panchayati Raj Institutions and Master Trainers in New Delhi.
258. Presidents Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the International Ambedkar Conclave at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi.





259. Mumbai based payment gateway Billdesk has launched 'Coinome', India's first cryptocurrency exchange, headquartered in Mumbai.
260. Bank of Baroda launched digital Supply Chain Finance solution, which aims to accelerate working capital loan opportunities for the small and medium enterprises and large corporate clients.
261. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has been awarded the Bronze Medal for its creative and informative display at the 37th India International Trade Fair 2017 held in New Delhi.
262. The Chandigarh Literary Society has conferred upon children's author Ruskin Bond its first Lifetime Achievement Award.
263. Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has been elected President of the Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA).
264. Valtteri Bottas has won the Abu Dhabi Formula One Grand Prix.
265. The 7th International Military Games will be held in Wuhan city, China.
266. The Indian men's and women's kabaddi teams were both crowned the champions of Asia at the Asian Kabaddi Championship in Gorgan, Iran.
267. President Ram Nath Kovind conferred the 3rd Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) distinguished Indologist Award on Professor Hiroshi Marui of Japan.
268. The 1st edition of the International Symposium to Promote Innovation & Research in Energy Efficiency (INSPIRE 2017) was kicked off in Jaipur, Rajasthan.
269. India and Greece have signed Air Services Agreement and MoU on Cooperation in the field of New and Renewable Energy in New Delhi.
270. Karen Pierce has become the UK's first ever female ambassador to the United Nations (UN).
271. The Asian Development Bank will provide a USD 150 million loan to Nepal to improve its urban infrastructure.
272. The 8th edition of the three-day Global Entrepreneurship Summit 2017 (GES 2017) was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Ivanka Trump in Hyderabad.
273. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first phase of Hyderabad Metro Rail from Miyapur to Nagole.
274. Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh inaugurated a two-day India-Myanmar media interaction programme in Imphal.
275. ICICI Prudential Life has become first private Life Insurer in India to implement Electronic – National Automated Clearing House (e-NACH) service.
276. The Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Ministry pavilion bagged gold medal in the Ministries and Departments category for excellence in display in the India International Trade Fair- 2017 in New Delhi.
277. Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates has been elected as a foreign academician of Chinese Academy of Engineering (CAE).
278. A new Payments Bank 'Paytm Payments Bank' was formally launched at the hands of the Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley in New Delhi.



279. French film '120 Beats Per Minute' won the prestigious Golden Peacock award for best film at the controversy-ridden 48th International Film Festival of India (IFFI).
280. Amazon has launched a new programme 'Amazon Saheli', aimed at empowering and enabling women entrepreneurs across the country to sell their products on the its marketplace.
281. Myanmar's leader Aung San Suu Kyi has been stripped of the Freedom of Oxford award over her "inaction" in handling the raging Rohingya refugee crisis.
282. France won the Davis Cup (Men's Tennis) for the 10th time by beating Belgium.
283. Russia will assist India to set up a national crisis management centre in the country to handle disaster and other emergency situations.
284. India and United Kingdom will sign an MoU in the urban transport sector for cooperation in policy planning, technology transfer and institutional organisation.
285. The International Multilateral Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise (IMMSAREX) has began in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.
286. Odisha government has launched a new portal 'Arpana' for online processing of applications for pension revision in respect of pre-2016 pensioners.
287. An Egyptian journalist, Khaled al-Balshy has been named winner of a category of the 2017 Civicus Nelson Mandela – Graca Machel Innovations Award.
288. Air India commissioned its first ATR simulator at its Central Training Establishment (CTE) in Hyderabad. (ATR 72-600 full-flight simulator (FFS))
289. Mirabai Chanu has won the gold medal at the World Weightlifting Championships in Anaheim, United States.
290. The Centre has sanctioned Rs 275 crore for establishing a Global Centre for Security and Counter Terrorism in Jaipur, Rajasthan.
291. The annual meeting of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) began in Russian city of Sochi.
292. Karnataka Bank Ltd has partnered with the Boston Consulting Group (India) Pvt Ltd for its transformation initiatives.
293. Three day India-Afghan Cultural Festival inaugurated in New Delhi.
294. Indian Coast Guard conducted Regional Level Marine Oil Pollution Response Exercise titled 'Clean Sea - 2017' at Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
295. India and Italy have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for enhanced cooperation in the health sector.
296. The first India-New Zealand Cyber Dialogue was held in New Delhi.
297. Mount Agung, a volcano on the Indonesian island of Bali has erupted for the first time in 54 years.

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