

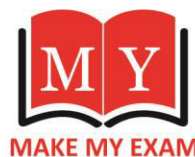
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Banking & Finance**1. RBI approval for AU Small Finance Bank to operate as Scheduled Commercial Bank:**

- ✦ The Reserve Bank of India has given approval to AU Small Finance Bank to operate as Scheduled Commercial Bank.
- ✦ Now the bank will be included in the second schedule of Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.

2. OHEPEE Project:

- ✦ The Union Government has signed an agreement of US\$ 119 million with World Bank for Odisha Higher Education Programme for Excellence and Equity (OHEPEE) Project.
- ✦ The Project intends to improve the quality of students equitable access to the specific institutions apart from improving and enhancing the governance of higher education system in Odisha.

3. ICICI Bank to launch India's first voice-based international remittance service:

- ✦ The bank has decided to launch the service with an aim to enable the Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) to send money to any bank in India.

4. Bank of China begins operation in Pakistan:

- ✦ The Bank of China has launched its first branch in Karachi with an aim to strengthen the financial relations between the two countries.
- ✦ This move will increase the diversity of foreign banks in Pakistan that would expect to strengthen the country's economy.

5. HDFC bank launches Smart up zone in Kochi:

- ✦ India's second largest private sector lender HDFC has announced the launch of its Smart Up zone in Kochi which would be exclusively dedicated for start-ups.
- ✦ These zones will be launched in over 65 branches in 30 cities across India.

6. SBI cuts benchmark lending rate by 0.05 pc across maturities

- ✦ The State Bank of India (SBI) slashed benchmark lending rate by 0.05% across maturities.
- ✦ The reduction in the marginal cost of funds based lending rate (MCLR) came after a gap of almost 10 months.
- ✦ The MCLR for one year has come down to 7.95% from 8%.

7. AU Small Bank, SIDBI launch Rs 200 crore Fund for MSMEs:

- ✦ AU Small Finance Bank has tied up with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) to establish Rs 200 crore fund for providing loans to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

8. SBI cuts home, auto loan rates by 5bps

- ✦ The State Bank of India (SBI) has announced to reduce the interest rates on home and automobile loans by five basis points (bps).
- ✦ SBI's home loan rates will be 8.30% for the loan (up to Rs 30 lakh). Car loan amount ranges from 8.70% to 9.20% compared to an earlier range of 8.75% to 9.25%.
- ✦ Home loan rates have been reduced for 5 bps across all brackets. The exact rate depends on the amount of loan and the credit score of the individual.

9. New Outsourcing Norms for NBFCs:

- ✦ RBI has released new outsourcing norms for Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs).
- ✦ NBFCs can-not outsource core management functions like internal audit, strategic and compliance functions for know your customer (KYC) norms, sanction of loans and management of investment portfolios.
- ✦ NBFCs will have to ensure that service providers are able to isolate and identify the NBFC's customer information, documents, records and assets to protect the confidentiality of the information.

10. Asian Bankers Association Summit in Mumbai:

- ✦ Mumbai is going to host the 34th annual conference of the Asian Bankers Association (ABA).
- ✦ The theme of the summit will be-“Asia turn to transform”.

11. RBL bank opens all women branch in Chennai:

- ✦ Private sector bank RBL has opened an all women branch in Chennai.
- ✦ The branch will be managed by a staff of eight women and will offer all products and service across liability and assets.

12. RBI to launch Multimedia Campaign:

- ✦ In order to create awareness in public about its initiatives and regulations, The Reserve Bank of India has decided to launch a multimedia and multilingual campaign.
- ✦ The campaign will be in 14 languages: Hindi, Bangla, Gujarati, Assamese, Marathi, Punjabi, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu, Odiya, Malayalam, Kannada and English.

13. Cabinet approves India's membership for European Bank for Reconstruction and Development:

- ✦ The Union Cabinet has given approval for India's membership for the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).
- ✦ The Department of Economic Affairs, under the Ministry of Finance has been given the task to take necessary steps to attain the membership for promoting India's economic interests.

14. Andhra Bank launches new scheme to promote entrepreneurship:

- ✦ Andhra Bank has launched a new scheme, PattabhiSitaramayya- Self Business Group (PS-SBG) for the self-help groups to promote entrepreneurship.
- ✦ The scheme has been introduced to commemorate the 138th birth anniversary of its founder PattabhiSitharamayya and the silver jubilee of the SHG-Bank linkage program in India.
- ✦ Under the scheme, the SHGs having five years of association with the bank and have successfully completed three credit rotations with good repayment record and an aptitude for entrepreneurship will be eligible for the loan.

15. Axis Bank launches Blockchain-based International Payment Service:

- ✦ Private sector lender Axis Bank has launched an international payment service using blockchain technology for retail and corporate customers.
- ✦ The bank is offering the facility to retail customers in the country to receive payment from UAE-based Rak Bank and for the corporate customers to receive payments from Standard Chartered, Singapore.

National News.

1. Government launches DeenDayal SPARSH Yojanato promote philately:

- ✦ The Union Ministry of Communication has launched DeenDayal SPARSH Yojana, an all India scholarship programme for school children to increase the reach of philately.
- ✦ Under the scheme, children from 6th to 9th standard having good academic record and pursuing philately as hobby through competitive selection process will be provided annual scholarship of Rs. 6000 per annum.
- ✦ Philately is defined as the hobby of collecting and studying postage stamps.

2. Government launches Food Regulatory and NiveshBandhu Portal:

- ✦ Food Regulatory and Investor facilitation (NiveshBandhu) portals were recently launched jointly by Ministry of Food Processing and Industries (MoFPI) and Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).
- ✦ The Food Regulatory Portal will provide a single interface for food businesses to cater both domestic operations and food imports.
- ✦ The NiveshBandhu Portal will provide the relevant information to the investors about the investment decisions and opportunities.

3. Haryana Government has signed a pact of Rs. 2,069 crore with 44 agro based enterprises:

- ✦ On the second day of the 3-day World Food India in New Delhi, the Haryana Government has signed an initial pact worth Rs. 2,069 crore with 44 agro-based enterprises and establishments that will provide employment to almost 5000 people.

4. Supreme Court's stand on Kambala:

- ✦ The Apex court has denied to pass an interim order to stay the Ordinance allowing the traditional buffalo slush track race in Karnataka.
- ✦ The Court stated that the constitutional validity of the ordinance will be examined thoroughly.
- ✦ Kambala is a traditional buffalo race held in Karnataka to entertain people.
- ✦ People for Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) has challenged the ordinance on grounds of animal cruelty.

5. She-box portal launched:

- ✦ The Ministry of Women and Child Development has launched an online complaint portal- She-Box (Sexual Harassment e-box) to provide a platform to women for lodging the complaints of sexual harassment at workplace.
- ✦ It will be provide to women working in both the public as well as private sectors.

6. Government doubles import duty on wheat to 20%:

- ✦ With an aim to provide positive price signal to farmers and to reduce the incidents of cheap shipments, the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) has doubled the import duty on wheat to 20% from the existing 10%.
- ✦ This has been done to boost the domestic prices as for the last two years, wheat production in India has fallen down due to successive droughts.

7. India slips to 7th position in Global Business Optimism Ranking:

- ✦ The recently released Global Business Optimism report indicates that India has slipped to 7th position in the September-November quarter as compared to its earlier 2nd position in the previous July-September quarter. This indicates a significant lag in the economy.
- ✦ The index was released as a part of Grant Thornton's International Business Report (IBR).

8. Reintroduction of Odd-Even Scheme in Delhi:

- ✦ The Delhi Government has announced to reintroduce the odd-even scheme in the national capital from 13th to 17th November 2017.
- ✦ The step has been taken after the Environment Pollution Authority has declared that the pollution level has reached 'Severe Plus' level in the national capital.

9. Cabinet approval for National Testing Agency:

- ✦ The Union Cabinet has given approval for the creation of National Testing Agency (NTA) to conduct entrance examination for higher educational institutions.
- ✦ It will act as an autonomous and self-sustained premier testing organization that will conduct the entrance examinations presently conducted by CBSE.

10. Cabinet approves MoU with Philippines on agriculture and related fields:

- ✦ The Union Cabinet has given approval for signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Philippines in agriculture and related fields.
- ✦ The MoU will help in building mutual cooperation in the field of rice production and processing, multi-cropping system, bio-organic farming, soil fertility, sericulture and water conservation management.

11. Cabinet approves Rs 7,000 crore for 6 new IIT Campuses:

- ✦ The Union cabinet has approved Rs 7,000 crore for the construction of six new Indian Institute of Technology (IITs) campuses across the country.
- ✦ The six new campuses will be established at Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh), Dharwad (Karnataka), Palakkad (Kerala), Bhilai (Chhattisgarh), Jammu (J&K) and Goa.
- ✦ The academic session of these campuses will start from 2020-2021.

12. UP declares Vrindavan, Barsana as sacred sites:

- ✦ The Uttar Pradesh Government has declared Vrindavan and Barsana towns of Mathura districts as “PavitraTeerthSthal (sacred pilgrimage sites)”.
- ✦ After this order, no meat and liquor shops will be allowed in these two towns anymore.

13. Karnataka Government inks MoU with Microsoft:

- ✦ With an aim to enhance the income of smallholder farmers by introducing technology oriented solutions, the Karnataka Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the software giant Microsoft.
- ✦ The MoU will be helpful in improving price forecasting practices to provide benefits to farmers.

14. Government sets up Arun Jaitley led panel on PSU bank mergers

- ✦ The union govt. has constituted a ministerial panel headed by Finance Minister ‘Arun Jaitley’ to oversee merger proposals of state-owned banks.
- ✦ The other members of the panel are Railway & Coal Minister Piyush Goyal and Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

- ✦ The move to create large banks aims at meeting the credit needs of the growing Indian economy and building capacity in the PSB space to raise resources without dependence on the state exchequer.
- ✦ The mechanism will oversee the proposals coming from boards of PSBs for consolidation.

15. India tops list of new TB cases in 2016

- ✦ According to the Global TB Report 2017 released by WHO, India has topped the list of seven countries, accounting for 64% of the over 10 million new tuberculosis (TB) cases worldwide last year.
- ✦ India was followed by Indonesia, China, Philippines, Pakistan, Nigeria and South Africa.
- ✦ Last year, an estimated 1.7 million people died from TB.

16. Union Cabinet approves National Rural Drinking Water Programme:

- ✦ The Union Cabinet has approved the continuation and restructuring of National Rural Drinking Water Programme to cover the entire rural population across the country.
- ✦ The programme will be continued till 2020 and ensure the increased coverage of sustainable piped water supply. It will also focus upon water quality, coverage of Open Defecation Free (ODF) declared villages, Integrated Action Plan (IAP) and Border Out Posts (BOP) with a better monitored piped water supply.

17. Environment Ministry constitutes 7-member panel for Air Pollution in Delhi-NCR:

- ✦ The Union Ministry of Environment has constituted a 7-member panel to suggest short and long term measures to tackle the problem of alarming air pollution in Delhi-NCR region.
- ✦ The Panel will be headed by the Environment secretary.
- ✦ Air Quality Index (AQI) of Delhi has shown the concentration of pollutants in the air as 465 ppm.

18. India Disaster Response Summit inaugurated:

- ✦ Kiren Rijju, the Union Minister of state for Home Affairs, has inaugurated the India Disaster Response Summit in New Delhi.
- ✦ The Summit was organized jointly by National Disaster Response Authority (NDMA) and Facebook.
- ✦ Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the Chairman of NDMA.

19. Indian Railways launches Project Saksham:

- ✦ With an aim to upgrade the skills of its employees in a time bound manner, the Indian Railways has launched Project Saksham.

- ✦ It is the country's largest time bound exercise (9 months) which aims for the image makeover of the Indian Railways by enhancing the efficiency of its 13 lakh employees.
- ✦ Five days on the job or classroom training module will be provided to the employees.

20. PM Modi inaugurates rice field laboratory named after him in Philippines:

- ✦ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the rice field laboratory named after him in the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) in Philippines during his 3-days visit to attend ASEAN-India and East Asia Summits.
- ✦ India is going to set up a regional centre of IRRI in Varanasi to develop high-yielding rice varieties to increase the farmer's income.

21. Punjab to organize Military Literature Festival:

- ✦ The Punjab Government is going to organize a Military Literature Festival in Chandigarh from 7th -9th December.
- ✦ The festival aims to showcase the capabilities of Indian Army, Navy and Air-Force apart from holding seminars on defence, art, literature and music etc.

22. President inaugurates 37th India International Trade Fair:

- ✦ President Ram Nath Kovind has inaugurated 37th India International Trade Fair at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi.
- ✦ The 14-day annual event has been organized by India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO).
- ✦ The theme of the event is "Startup India Standup India".
- ✦ Vietnam is the partner country whereas Kyrgyzstan is the focus country.

23. Government launches National Power Portal:

- ✦ The Union Ministry of Power has recently launched a centralized system for Indian Power sector with the name National Power Portal (NPP).
- ✦ The centralized platform will facilitate generation, transmission and distribution of utilities in power sector.

24. SagarKavach: Joint security exercise between Odisha and West Bengal:

- ✦ With an aim to further improve the coastal security mechanism of about 630 km long coastline, the two neighbouring states of Odisha and West Bengal have conducted a joint security exercise named 'SagarKavach'.
- ✦ The exercise was conducted to check the security parameters and preparedness of Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard and Marine Police Force etc.

25. Government to introduce BS-IV auto fuels in Delhi from 2018:

- ✦ Considering the severity of the alarming pollution level in Delhi and the adjoining areas, the Petroleum Ministry has decided to pre-pone the introduction of BS-IV grade auto fuels in New Delhi from 1st April 2018 instead of 1st April 2020.
- ✦ BS-IV fuels have sulphur concentration of 50 parts per million (ppm) which will come down to 10 ppm and will result in the reduced concentration of carbon monoxide, nitrous oxide and particulate matter.

26. HunarHaat 2017:

- ✦ The Union Ministry of Minority Affairs has organized HunarHaat at the India International Trade Fair (IITF) at PragatiMaidan, New Delhi.
- ✦ It has displayed the handicrafts and handloom prepared by the artisans from the different parts of the country.

27. India's First Wave-Powered Navigation Buoy launched in Chennai:

- ✦ India's First Wave-Powered Navigation Buoy has recently been launched in Chennai.
- ✦ It has been developed by National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) to guide ships in and out of ports.
- ✦ It will be powered by wave energy.

28. India's first Mega Coastal Economic Zone in Maharashtra:

- ✦ The Union government has given its approval for establishing India's first Mega Coastal Economic Zone (CEZ) at Jawaharlal Nehru Port (JNPT) in Maharashtra.
- ✦ It will be the first of its kind mega CEZ that will be spread across Mumbai, Thane, Pune, Nasik and Raigarh.

29. Government launches Saubhagya Web Portal:

- ✦ Union Ministry of Power has launched PradhanMantriSahajBijliHarGharYojna- 'Saubhagya' Web Portal which aims to ensure transparency and increased the pace of rural and urban household electrification in the country.
- ✦ Through this portal every state will be able to fill the current status of the progress of electrification works which will ensure the accountability of the State DISCOMS

30. Cabinet approval for National Anti-profiteering Authority:

- ✦ Union Cabinet has given approval for setting up National Anti-profiteering Authority (NAA) for ensuring full benefits of reduction in tax on the supply of goods and services flow to the consumers.
- ✦ In case the authority finds that a company has not passed on the benefits of tax reduction, it can direct the entity to pass on benefits to consumers along with the interest from the date of collection of the higher amount till the date of return of such amount.

31. Government signs loan agreement with World Bank for Solar Parks Project:

- ✦ With an aim to increase solar power generation capacity, the Union Government has signed a loan agreement of US \$98 million and a grant agreement of US \$2 million with the World Bank.
- ✦ The amount will be used to finance shared infrastructure for solar parks project.
- ✦ The project consists of two components: Shared infrastructure for Solar Parks and Technical assistance.
- ✦ It will support the Government's plan to install 100 Gigawatts of solar power out of the total renewable energy target of 175 Gigawatts by 2022.

32. Cabinet approval for setting up 15th Finance Commission:

- ✦ The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given approval for establishing the 15th Finance Commission.
- ✦ Article 280 (1) has made it a Constitutional obligation to constitute Finance Commission after every five years.
- ✦ It is constituted by the President.

33. First North East Development Summit held in Manipur:

- ✦ President Ram Nath Kovind has inaugurated the first ever North East Development Summit in Imphal, Manipur.
- ✦ The summit aims to enhance the trade and investment opportunities in the underdeveloped regions of the North-East India.
- ✦ It was organized by India Foundation in collaboration with Union and the State Governments of Manipur.

34. First Namami Barak festival in Assam:

- ✦ Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has inaugurated the first ever Namami Barak festival in Silchar, Assam. The event was organized at three locations in Barak Valley also known as Southern Assam.
- ✦ The 3-day festival aims to pay tribute to River Barak and to showcase its potential to emerge as a hub of trade and commerce.

35. Gender Budget Cell in Maharashtra:

- ✦ Maharashtra Government has announced the establishment of Gender Budget Cell for the better implementation of various schemes of the Women and Child Development.
- ✦ The budget cell will coordinate between the various Government departments for the effective implementation of the schemes.

36. Union Cabinet approves hike in salary for SC and HC Judges:

- ✦ The Union Law Minister has confirmed that the Cabinet has decided to hike the salary, gratuity and pension of the judges of the Supreme Court and High courts according to the recommendations of the 7th Central Pay Commission.

37. Maharashtra Government to implement PradhanMantriMatruVandanaYojna:

- ✦ The Maharashtra Government has decided to implement PradhanMantriMatruVandanaYojna which is a maternity benefit program launched by the central government to reduce the incidents of maternal and infant mortality rate.
- ✦ Under the scheme, Rs 5,000 will be provided to pregnant women.

38. Government to start Safe city plan for women in eight cities:

- ✦ The Government is going to initiate a comprehensive safe city plan for women in eight metropolitan cities of the country.
- ✦ The plan will be implemented in Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Lucknow, Chennai and Ahmedabad.
- ✦ Different measures have been propose for the plan like 33% reservation of women in police, installation of CCTV cameras, deployment of women in police stations and mapping of crime-prone locations in the cities.

39. 12th Meeting of Standing Committee of Inter-State Council:

- ✦ The 12th meeting of the Standing Committee of Inter-State Council was recently held in New Delhi to discuss the recommendations of the Punchhi Commission on Centre-State relations.
- ✦ The meeting was chaired by Home Minister Rajnath Singh.
- ✦ Inter-State Council was established on the recommendations of Sarkaria Commission to facilitate coordination between centre and states.

40. President inaugurates International Gita Mahotsav in Haryana:

- ✦ The International Gita Mahotsav 2017 was inaugurated by President Ram NathKovind in Kurukshetra, Haryana.
- ✦ This was the second edition of the Mahotsav organized by Haryana Government.
- ✦ Mauritius was the partner country whereas Uttar Pradesh was the partner state in the event.

41. World's first Sanskrit 3D film screened at IFFI 2017 in Goa:

- ✦ World's first Sanskrit 3D film 'Anurakthi' was recently screened at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa.
- ✦ The film has been directed by Asokan PK and revolves around the ancient theatrical tradition of Koodiyattam in Kerala.

42. Nagaland, Andaman & Nicobar, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman& Diu signs MoU under UDAY Scheme:

- ✦ The Union Government has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) under Ujjwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY) Scheme with Nagaland, Andaman & Nicobar, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu for improving the operational efficiency.
- ✦ With this, 27 states and 4 union territories have joined the UDAY Scheme.
- ✦ The UDAY scheme has been launched by the Union Ministry of Power for providing financial turnaround and revival of DISCOMs of states and UTs.

43. Goa ranks top, Bihar at bottom of Gender Vulnerability Index

- ✦ According to the Child development NGO Plan India released index, Goa state ranked top and Bihar featured at the lowest in Gender Vulnerability Index (GVI)
- ✦ The index, which provides a state-wise ranking, has been calculated by analyzing four issues pertinent to the situation of girls — child safety/protection, poverty, health, and education.
- ✦ In the ranking, Goa is followed by Kerala, Mizoram, and Sikkim. Bihar ranked the lowest at 30, with Delhi faring only slightly better at 29 and Uttar Pradesh at 28.

International News & Foreign Affairs

1. China unveils Asia's largest artificial island-building ship:

- ✦ China has launched Asia's largest artificial island-building ship which has been dubbed as "Magic island maker".
- ✦ The vessel is expected to be delivered in 2018.
- ✦ The boat named Tian Kun Hao is equivalent to three swimming pools.

2. India-Bangladesh Train Service inaugurated between Kolkata and Khulana:

- ✦ Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Bangladeshi counterpart Sheikh Haseena have jointly inaugurated the direct train service "Bandhan Express" between Kolkata and Khulna through video conferencing.

3. Hong Kong, world's top city for International visits:

- ✦ Hong Kong has retained the status of world's most visited city by international travellers in the recently released report that highlights the growth in the Asian Tourism.
- ✦ The country has managed to remain on the same position in spite of its growing tension with its neighbour China.

4. EU launches Election Observation Mission for Nepal Elections:

- ✦ The European Union has officially launched its Election Observation Mission for conducting and monitoring the general and provincial elections in Nepal from 26th November to 7th December.
- ✦ EU has provided 3.5 million euros for the entire election process.

5. N. J. Gangte appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Zambia:

- ✦ N. J. Gangte has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Zambia.
- ✦ Currently he is the Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs.

6. India and France agree to strengthen bilateral defence cooperation:

- ✦ Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and her French counterpart Florence Parly have discussed a wide range of issues to strengthen bilateral defence cooperation as a key pillar of strategic partnership between the two countries.
- ✦ The joint Naval exercise VARUNA has been scheduled early in 2018 between the two countries.

7. World's first Hydrogen Tram begins operation in China:

- ✦ World's first hybrid electric tram powered by hydrogen fuel cells has started its operation in China. This is a great initiative for bringing green energy in public transport.

8. India sends first wheat shipment to Afghanistan:

- ✦ India has flagged off the first shipment of wheat to Afghanistan from the Kandla port of Gujarat through Iran's Chabahar port.
- ✦ It is the first shipment to Afghanistan through Chabahar port after trilateral agreement on International Transport and Transit Corridor was signed between India, Afghanistan and Iran in 2016.

9. 11th Indo-US Trade Policy Forum Meeting held in Washington DC:

- ✦ The 11th edition of Indo-US Trade Policy Forum meeting was recently held in Washington DC.
- ✦ The important issues discussed were: Bilateral Trade, areas of mutual cooperation, agriculture, non-agricultural goods and services and Intellectual Property Rights.

10. India ranks 51 on IMD Talent Rankings:

- ✦ India has secured 51st rank out of 63 countries in the recently released report of IMD Talent Rankings.
- ✦ The rankings are provided on the basis of ability of a country to attract, develop and retain talent. Previously, India has ranked 54th.

- ✦ The rankings are based on three parameters: investment and development, appeal and readiness.
- ✦ Switzerland has secured the top spot on the list.

11. 4th India-Canada Annual Ministerial Dialogue:

- ✦ The 4th Indo-Canadian Annual Ministerial Dialogue was recently held in New Delhi.
- ✦ The Canadian delegation was led by Canadian Trade Minister Francois Philippe Champagne whereas India was represented by the Commerce and Industry Minister, Suresh Prabhu.
- ✦ The Dialogue is supposed to boost the bilateral relations of the two countries in a number of sectors.

12. AI powered police stations in China:

- ✦ The Government of China has announced that it is going to build an Artificial Intelligence (AI) powered police stations without any human personnel.
- ✦ The innovative police station will have face scanning technology that will replace the identity cards.

13. 10th South Asia Economic Summit held in Nepal:

- ✦ The 10th South Asia Economic Summit was recently held in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- ✦ 3-day summit was jointly organized by National Planning Commission and Ministry of Commerce of Nepal.
- ✦ The theme of the summit is: “Deepening Economic Integration for Inclusive and Sustainable Development in South Asia”.

14. Vietnam hosts APEC Summit:

- ✦ The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit was recently held in Vietnam.
- ✦ The theme of the summit was- ‘Creating New Dynamism, Fostering a Shared Future’.
- ✦ Next year’s summit will be organized in Papua New Guinea.

15. Moscow Declaration adopted to end TB:

- ✦ 1st WHO Global Ministerial Conference for ending Tuberculosis was held in Russia.
- ✦ The theme of the conference was- “Ending TB in the Sustainable Development Era: A Multi-sectoral Response”.
- ✦ The Conference aims to enhance the pace of implementation of WHO strategy to end TB to fulfill the target of 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG’s).

16. Canada opens its first highway to Arctic:

- ✦ Canada has officially opened its first permanent highway to the Arctic Ocean.
- ✦ The 138 km long highway was first conceived in the 1960's.

17. China launches website to report Fake News:

- ✦ Chinese Military has launched a website for providing a platform to public to report leaks and fake news as well as illegal online activities by military personnel.
- ✦ The website will help to maintain clear internet space surrounding the military.

18. India-Myanmar Joint Army Exercise: IMBAX 2017:

- ✦ The first edition of the India-Myanmar Bilateral Military Exercise "IMBAX 2017" was recently held in Meghalaya.
- ✦ It is the first military training exercise between the two countries on United Nations Peacekeeping Operations (UNPKO).

19. Qatar, the Richest Country in the World Per Capita:

- ✦ On the basis of per capita income, Qatar has been named as the world's richest country as per the recent International Monetary Fund (IMF) report.
- ✦ The per capita GDP of Qatar is Rs. 81 lakh.

20. India-Russia agreement for visa free entry of flight crew:

- ✦ India and Russia have signed an agreement to implement the general declaration for visa free entry of the crew of chartered and scheduled flights between the two countries.
- ✦ The agreement will facilitate visa free entry, stay and exit of crew of aircraft of the designated airlines as well as other aircraft companies on the reciprocal basis.

21. India to host 36th International Geological Congress in 2020:

- ✦ India will host the 36th edition of the International Geological Congress in 2020.
- ✦ It will be jointly funded by the Ministry of Mines and Ministry of Earth Sciences with active support from the Indian National Science Academy (INSA) and science academies of India's neighbouring countries Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

22. SARTTAC Meeting held in New Delhi:

- ✦ Interim meeting of the Steering Committee of IMF's South Asia Regional Training and Technical Assistance Centre (SARTTAC) was recently held in New Delhi.
- ✦ SARTTAC came into being in February 2017 with an aim to help the member countries to implement financial policies that promote growth and reduce poverty.

- ✦ The member countries are India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Maldives and Sri Lanka.

New Appointments & Person in News

1. Mary Kom has been named as the ambassador of the upcoming AIBA Women's Youth World Championship:

- ✦ Five time World Champion and Olympic bronze medalist MC Mary Kom has been named as the ambassador of the upcoming AIBA Women's Youth World Championship which will be held in Guwahati, Assam in November 2017.

2. Rajyavardhan Rathore attends World Youth Forum in Egypt:

- ✦ Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Rajyavardhan Rathore is representing India in the World Youth Forum in Egypt.
- ✦ The Forum aims to provide a platform to the youth from all over the world to meet with the key policy makers of the world.

3. Ajay Bisaria appointed India's high commissioner to Pakistan

- ✦ Senior diplomat Ajay Bisaria (1987-batch IFS officer) has been appointed India's High Commissioner to Pakistan.
- ✦ He will succeed Gautam Bambawale (posted to China last month). Currently, Mr. Bisaria is India's Ambassador to Poland.

4. Mukesh Ambani becomes Asia's Richest Person

- ✦ According to Forbes' real-time billionaire's list, Mukesh Ambani (Chairman & MD of Reliance Industries Limited, RIL) has become the Asia's richest person with a total wealth of USD 42.1 billion. He overtook Hui Ka Yan (China).
- ✦ Ambani, whose total estimated wealth is USD 42.1 billion (boost of USD 466 million) courtesy 1.22% rise in shares of Reliance Industries to Rs 952.30.
- ✦ Businessman Hui Ka Yan, whose total estimated wealth went down by USD 1.28 billion to USD 40.6 billion.

5. Ira Joshi appointed as the Director General of Doordarshan News:

- ✦ Ira Joshi has been appointed as the Director General of the Doordarshan News under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- ✦ Earlier she was the Director General of the Press Information Bureau (PIB).

6. Dalveer Bhandari re-elected to International Court of Justice:

- ✦ Dalveer Bhandari of India has been re-elected to the fifth and the last seat of the International Court of Justice.
- ✦ He received 183-193 votes in the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) and all the 15 votes in the United Nation Security Council (UNSC).

7. Emmerson Mnangagwa will be the new President of Zimbabwe:

- ✦ Zimbabwe's former Vice President Emmerson Mnangagwa who has been recently sacked from the Government, will sworn in as the new President of the country.
- ✦ He will replace Robert Mugabe who has resigned recently, bringing a sudden end of his 37 years long rule in the country.

8. Shubhangi Swaroop becomes Indian Navy's first woman pilot:

- ✦ Shubhangi Swaroop from Uttar Pradesh has been inducted as the first woman pilot in the Indian Navy.
- ✦ She will fly Maritime Reconnaissance Aircraft.

9. Urijit Patel appointed to Financial Stability Institute Advisory Board:

- ✦ RBI Governor Urijit Patel has been appointed to the Financial Stability Institute Advisory Board (FSAB) or Bank of International Settlement (BIS).
- ✦ The Financial Institute (FSI) which was jointly established by BIS and Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, assists financial sector authorities worldwide in strengthening their financial systems.

Books & Author

1. Book on Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam released:

- ✦ A book titled-“Dream Nation: Uniting a Country with Handwritten Dreams” containing inspirational words of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam was released online by Indian woman cricket team captain Mithali Raj on 86th birth anniversary of the former President.
- ✦ The book was co-authored by Saji Mathew and Jubie John.

Defence & Science

1. Haryana becomes the first state to treat Hepatitis-C patients with oral medicines:

- ✦ Haryana has become the first state of India to treat all categories of Hepatitis-C patients with oral medicines.
- ✦ The oral medicine will be available free of cost for the permanent residents of all categories at the district level.

2. First successful test fire of BrahMos cruise missile from Sukhoi-30 MKI:

- ✦ BrahMos supersonic cruise missile has been successfully test fired from Indian Air Force's Sukhoi-30 MKI fighter jet for the first time.
- ✦ For the first time a missile was successfully tested from a fighter aircraft against a sea based target.

3. NASA launches Joint Polar Satellite System-1:

- ✦ National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) along with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has launched a next generation satellite named as Joint Polar Satellite System-1 (JPSS-1) into space.
- ✦ The system will be useful in severe weather predictions and environmental monitoring.

4. Defence of Andaman & Nicobar Islands Exercise: DANX-2017

- ✦ The Defence of Andaman & Nicobar Islands Exercise (DANX-2017) was recently conducted with an aim to defend the strategic Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

5. ISRO's first sun mission Aditya L1 to take off in 2019:

- ✦ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is going to launch its first solar mission Aditya-L1 in 2019.
- ✦ It will be India's first dedicated scientific mission to study sun.
- ✦ The satellite will be launched by PSLV XL.
- ✦ The satellite will be sent into halo orbit around Lagrangian point L1, a point between Sun and Earth.

6. DRDO successfully tests light weight glide bomb:

- ✦ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully tested indigenously developed light weight glide bomb Smart Anti Airfield Weapon (SAAW).
- ✦ SAAW is a long ranged light weight high precision guided anti-airfield weapon.

7. China launches two BeiDou-3 Navigation Satellites:

- ✦ Moving a step ahead on its ambitious path of developing BeiDou Navigation Satellite System, China has successfully launched two BeiDou-3 satellites-BeiDou-3 M1 and BeiDou-3 M2 in space through single carrier rocket long March-3B from Xichang Satellite Launch Centre.
- ✦ Through BeiDou project, China intends to have a complete global navigation satellite system by 2020 which will make it the third country in the world after US and Russia to operate its own navigation system.

8. NIRBHAY Sub-Sonic Cruise Missile successfully flight tested:

- ✦ Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully conducted the flight test of indigenously designed long range sub-sonic cruise missile Nirbhay.

Important days

1. 5th November- World Tsunami Awareness Day:

- ✦ With an aim to spread awareness about the dangers associated with tsunami, the World Tsunami Awareness Day is observed globally on 5th November.
- ✦ This year's theme was- 'Reduce the number of affected people'.

2. 12th November: World Pneumonia Day:

- ✦ With an aim to spread awareness about the hazardous pneumonia disease, the World Pneumonia Day is observed globally every year on 12th November.
- ✦ Pneumonia is an acute respiratory disease that causes inflammation of the airspaces in the lungs.

3. 12th November: Public Service Broadcasting Day:

- ✦ Public Service Broadcasting Day is observed on 12th November every year to commemorate the first and the last visit of Mahatma Gandhi to the studio of All India Radio, Delhi in 1947.

4. 16th November: National Press Day:

- ✦ To commemorate the establishment of Press Council of India, the National Press Day is celebrated on 16th November each year.

5. 16th November: International Day for Tolerance:

- ✦ The International Day for Tolerance is observed worldwide on 16th November to create public awareness regarding the dangers associated with intolerance.
- ✦ The United Nation General Assembly (UNGA) has adopted a resolution number 51/95 inviting the member states to observe the day on 16th November.

6. 19th November: World Toilet Day:

- ✦ With an aim to raise awareness for eradicating the global sanitation crisis, the World Toilet Day is observed every year on 19th November across the world.
- ✦ This year's theme is "Wastewater".

7. 21st November: World Fisheries Day:

- ✦ The World Fisheries Day is celebrated every year on 21st November across the globe by fisherfolk communities to showcase the importance to human lives, of water and lives it sustains, both in and out of water.

8. Universal Children's Day: 20th November:

- ✦ With an aim to promote children's rights and welfare around the world, the Universal Children's Day is celebrated every year on 20th November.
- ✦ This year's theme was "Kids Take Over".

9. 25th November: International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women:

- ✦ The International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women is observed every year on 25th November across the world.
- ✦ The theme for this year is "Leave no one behind: and violence against women and girls".

10. World Cities Day being celebrated today

- ✦ The World is observing Cities Day on 31st Oct with the commitment to work together for a planned and sustainable urban life in the wake of rapid growth of population and problems.
- ✦ This year, the United Nations (UN) has selected the theme 'Innovative Governance, Open Cities' to highlight the important role of urbanization as a source of global development and social inclusion.

Sports

1. Indian Women's Hockey Team wins 2017 Asia Cup Title:

- ✦ Indian Women's Hockey Team has won the 2017 Asia Cup Title in Japan.
- ✦ India has defeated China in the final match by 5-4 goals in penalty shootout.
- ✦ It is India's second Women's Asia Cup Title, first one was in 2004.

2. Sebastian Vettel wins the Brazilian Grand Prix Title:

- ✦ Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel has defeated MercedesValtteriBottas to win his fifth race of the season by winning Brazilian Grand Prix.

3. PankajAdvani wins IBSF World Billiards Championship:

- ✦ India's ace Billiard player PankajAdvani has won the IBSF World Billiards Championship at Doha, Qatar.
- ✦ With this, he has received his 17th world championship title by defeating Mike Russel of England.

4. Afghanistan wins maiden under-19 Asia Cup:

- ✦ Afghanistan has defeated Pakistan in the final match to win its first Under-19 Asia Cup Title in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

5. Patna Pirates wins third Pro Kabaddi Title:

- ✦ Patna Pirates has won the third consecutive Pro Kabaddi title by defeating the Gujarat Fortune Giants.

6. Indian Junior team win the bronze medal of Johor Cup Hockey

- ✦ Indian Junior Men's Hockey team beat hosts Malaysia 4-0 in the Bronze medal match of the 7th Sultan of Johor Cup 2017 at the Taman Daya Hockey Stadium, in Malaysia
- ✦ Goals from Vishal Antil (15', 25'), Vivek Prasad (11') and Shilanand Lakra (21') were enough for India to finish their tournament with the Bronze medal.

7. Heena Sidhu wins 10-meter air pistol gold medal at C'wealth Shooting

- ✦ Heena Sidhu has won the 10-meter air pistol gold medal at the Commonwealth Shooting Championships in Brisbane.
- ✦ Sidhu shot a combined score of 626.2 to claim the top honors.
- ✦ This was Sidhu's second successive international gold after she along with Jitu Rai, claimed the top position in the 10-meter air pistol mixed team event in the ISSF World Cup Finals in Delhi.

8. Gagan Narang wins silver medal in 50m rifle prone event in C'wealth

- ✦ Olympic bronze-medallist Gagan Narang has won a silver medal in the men's 50m rifle prone event of the Commonwealth Shooting Championships.
- ✦ Dane Sampson of Australia won the gold and Swapnil Suresh Kusale (India) bagged the bronze in the same event,
- ✦ India's Suraj Singh won the bronze in women's 25m pistol final, while the gold and silver went to host country's L Yaumleuskay and E Galiabovitch respectively.

Awards

1. Goa to host Nobel Prize Series:

- ✦ The Government of Goa has signed a trilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Science & Technology, Department of Biotechnology and Nobel Media of Sweden to host the second edition of the Nobel Prize Series-India in 2018.

2. UNHRC to get Mother Teresa Award for Social Justice:

- ✦ The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHRC) has been selected to receive the Mother Teresa Memorial Award for Social Justice 2017.
- ✦ Harmony Foundation has instituted the award in the memory of Mother Teresa.
- ✦ The theme for 2017 is 'Compassion Beyond Borders'.

3. Anand Kumar receives RashtriyaBalKalyan Award:

- ✦ Super 30 coaching institute founder Anand Kumar has received the RashtriyaBalKalyan Award from the President Ram NathKovind for his glorious contribution in the field of teaching and education.
- ✦ The award has been launched by the Department of Women and Child Development.

4. NabaneetaDevSen wins Big Little Book Award 2017:

- ✦ SahityaAkademy awardee NabaneetaDevSen has been selected for the Big Little Book Award 2017 in the “Author in Bengali Language” category for her contribution to the children’s literature.

5. Lifetime Achievement Award for Sharmila Tagore:

- ✦ The PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry has bestowed the Lifetime Achievement Award to the veteran actress sharmila Tagore for her contribution in the field of Cinema.

Obituary

1. JD-S MLA Chikkamadu passes away

- ✦ Janata Dal (Secular) member of Karnataka Legislative Assembly (MLA) Chikkamadu (68-years) passed away after a prolonged illness.
- ✦ He was elected from Hunsur assembly segment in Mysuru district first time and then H D Kote in the same district in 2013 from Janata Dal (S).

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