

## **23<sup>rd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017 CURRENT AFFAIRS CONTENT**

### **INTERNATIONAL**

- 1. Saudi Arabia allows women into stadium for first time**  
Saudi Arabia has invited women to a sports stadium for the first time to attend the kingdom's 87th National Day celebrations with their families.
- 2. 7th ASEM Economic Ministers' Meeting**  
The 7th ASEM Economic Ministers' Meeting (ASEM EMM7) was held on 21-22 September 2017 in Seoul, Republic of Korea.
  - The ASEM was established in 1996 as an economic cooperation council of 53 Asian and European countries.
- 3. India third in nuclear power installations**  
India is third in the world in the number of nuclear reactors being installed, at six, while China is leading at 20, the World Nuclear Industry Status Report 2017, released this month, shows.
- 4. World Tourism Day: 27 September**  
Since 1980, the United Nations World Tourism Organization has celebrated World Tourism Day on September 27.
- 5. 72nd session of United Nations General Assembly**  
72nd Regular Session of UN (United Nations) General Assembly (UNGA 72) was held at UN Headquarters, in New York.
  - Mr. Miroslav Lajcak presided over the 72nd session of the UNGA.
  - External Affairs Minister of India Ms. Sushma Swaraj addressed the 72nd session of United Nations General Assembly.
  - During this session, 50 countries signed a treaty to ban nuclear weapons, which was first signed by Brazil.
- 6. Saudi Arabia to allow women to drive**  
Saudi King Salman ordered that women be allowed to drive from next June, in a historic decision that makes the ultra-conservative kingdom the last country in the world to permit women behind the wheel.
- 7. India ranks 40th in Global Competitiveness Index**  
India ranks 40th among 137 countries in World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness Index (GCI) 2017-18 although it is one position lower than last year.
  - Switzerland continues to be the world's top competitive economy, while China (27th) and Russia (38th) outshine India among the BRICS group.
- 8. Two Indian cities in list of 100 top favourable destinations for students**  
Only two of India's top elite cities made it to the top 100 cities favoured by students, a ranking list published by QS World University Rankings for the year 2017 said.
  - While Mumbai has been ranked at 85th place, New Delhi is at 86th place in the list topped by Montreal of Canada.
  - Only one city each from US and UK has found a place in the top 10 of the list.
- 9. The World Maritime Day: 28 September**  
The World Maritime Day is celebrated across the world on 28 September.
  - The theme for 2017 World Maritime Day is 'Connecting Ships, Ports and People'.
- 10. India jumps to 14th rank as best country for expats: HSBC**  
India leapt up the global rankings by 12 places to take the 14th spot in terms of best country for expats to live and work in, says a HSBC survey.
  - The list, which is topped by Singapore, is part of HSBC's latest 'expat explorer survey' that covered 27,587 expats from 159 countries and territories in March and April this year.
  - According to survey, about 71 per cent expats in India reported high levels of confidence in the local economy, while 58 per cent exuded optimism on political stability.

### **NATIONAL**

- 11. Himachal Pradesh: Country's first electric bus service launched**  
In a boost for green transport in Himachal Pradesh, Transport Minister G S Bali flagged off the country's first electric bus service for Rohtang Pass, a tourist destination near Manali.
- 12. India to host World Congress on Adolescent Health next month**  
Home to around 253 million adolescents, India will next month host the World Congress on Adolescent Health, billed as the biggest global event in adolescent health this year.
  - Held once in every four years, the International Association for Adolescent Health's 11th World Congress on Adolescent Health be held in New Delhi from October 27-29.
  - This year's theme is 'Investing in Adolescent Health-The Future is Now'.

### 13. PM launches various projects in Varanasi

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, dedicated to the nation, the Deendayal Hastkala Sankul – a trade facilitation centre for handicrafts – at Varanasi.

- Shri Narendra Modi flagged off the Mahamana Express through a video link. This train will connect Varanasi with Surat and Vadodara in Gujarat.
- The Prime Minister dedicated a Jal Ambulance service, and a Jal Shav Vahan service to the people of Varanasi, through a video link. He distributed tool-kits and solar lamps to weavers and their children.

### 14. Empowering the Soldier by Project Yash Vidya

A MoU was signed by Lt Gen Ashwani Kumar and Prof. E Vayunandan, Vice Chancellor, Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University (YCMOU), Nasik on 21 Sep 2017 at New Delhi.

- The Bachelor's degree Programme designed for the Army Personnel gives special recognition to the in-service training/Army courses completed and by providing exemption from studying certain courses.
- The University will award Diploma in Self Empowerment and a Bachelors Degree in Arts or Commerce under PROJECT YASH VIDYA enabling them with academic qualifications for better future.

### 15. Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Vigyan Gram Sankul Pariyojana

The Minister of Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Dr. Harshvardhan launched "Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyay Vigyan Gram Sankul Pariyojana" which will experiment and endeavour to formulate and implement appropriate S&T Interventions for Sustainable Development through cluster approach in Uttarakhand.

### 16. NITI Aayog and Govt. of Assam launches SATH programme

The Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Assam and NITI Aayog organized a state consultative workshop in Guwahati.

- SATH- Sustainable Action for Transforming Human Capital, which aims to provide structured support to Assam in identifying key health priorities and implement the solutions towards transforming the health and improving the well-being of people of Assam.
- NITI Aayog selected the three states Assam, Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka through a three stage challenge-process – expression of interest, presentations by the states and assessment of commitment to health sector reforms.

### 17. Multi-Agency Exercise 'Pralay Sahayam' Held

A multi-agency exercise was conducted on the banks of Hussain Sagar Lake as the final event of 'Pralay Sahayam' in Hyderabad.

- The event demonstrated efforts of all central and state agencies, National Disaster Relief Force (NDRF) and the Armed Forces towards jointly tackling an urban flooding scenario in Hyderabad.
- The exercise brought out the role and function of the State Emergency Operations in coordinating conduct of the joint operations.

### 18. Pradhan to host first LPG Panchayat in Gandhinagar

Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan will inaugurate one of the ambitious programmes of the Centre — LPG Panchayat, aimed at encouraging rural communities to turn to clean fuel.

- The Centre plans to organise one lakh LPG Panchayats across the country.

### 19. PM Modi to launch 24x7 electricity-for-all scheme

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will announce a scheme for providing 24X7 electricity to all on September 25, Power Minister R K Singh said.

- September 25 is also the birth anniversary of RSS ideologue Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya.
- The scheme will be named 'Saubhagya' and provide subsidy on equipment like transformers, meters, and wires.

### 20. Govt plans 'lab on boat' for analysing Brahmaputra river

A new project of the Department of Biotechnology aims at starting a lab on boat on Bramhaputra river for biological analysis of the river system.

- The ambitious project also proposes to have multiple mobile laboratories on the river and its tributaries along with providing access to local research institutions.
- The first laboratory under the Bramhaputra Biodiversity Biology Boat (B4) initiative will cover Pasighat, Dibrugarh, Neemati, Tejpur and Guwahati in Assam.

#### Points to Remember

- Brahmaputra river traverses three countries China, India and Bangladesh to empty itself in the Bay of Bengal. Its origin is in the Angsi glacier.

### 21. Neighborhood Action Plan in cities for better Solid Waste Management

Noting that people have a better connect with immediate neighborhood, Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs Shri Hardeep Singh Puri unveiled 'My Home-My Neighborhood' (Ghar Bi Saaf-Pados Bhi Saaf) campaign with the following six components:

- Segregation of waste at source. Compost making from wet waste within the premises/neighborhood/area.
- Recycling of dry waste. Freeing the neighborhood from open defecation and open urination.
- Motivating the residents of neighborhood against throwing garbage in open spaces.
- Adopting a nearby park or open place for collection and waste segregation.

## 22. Government launches Saubhagya scheme for household electrification

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana or 'Saubhagya', to supply electricity to poor households. The scheme will cover all rural families after electrification of all villages by December end, this year.

- The government said that states will be required to complete the household electrification by March 31, 2019.
- The total outlay for the Saubhagya scheme will be Rs 16,320 crore. The outlay for the rural households is Rs 14,025 crore while the GBS is Rs 10,587.50 crore. For the urban households the outlay is Rs 2,295 crore while GBS is Rs 1,732.50 crore.
- The scheme will be funded by a 60 per cent grant from the government, with the states contributing 10 per cent and the remaining amount will be covered by loans.
- For special category states, the government will grant 85 per cent of the outlay, with the states contributing just 5 per cent.
- Electricity connections will be given to APL families for Rs 500, payable in 10 equal monthly installments, while BPL families will be given free connections.

## 23. PM Narendra Modi forms Economic Advisory Council

Over three years after coming to power, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has formed an Economic Advisory Council (EAC) amid the government's endeavour to give a push to the growth which has witnessed a slowdown.

- The five-member EAC will be headed by NITI Aayog member Bibek Debroy and will include NITI Aayog's Principal Advisor Ratan Watal as its member and economists Surjit Bhalla, Rathin Roy and Ashima Goyal as part-time members.

## 24. Government to Launch Mudra Promotion campaigns

Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance, Government of India is launching a Mudra Promotion Campaign on national basis from 27th September to 17th October, 2017 in different parts of the country.

- The campaign will start on 27th September, 2017 at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh where the Union Minister for Railway and Coal, Shri Piyush Goyal will be participating in the function organised on this occasion.

## 25. Rajnath Singh to launch PENCIL Portal at the National Conference on Child Labour

"PENCIL": an electronic platform for effective enforcement for no child labour developed by Ministry of Labour and Employment is going to be launched by Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh on 26th September 2017 in the National Conference on Child Labour at Pravasi Bhartiya Kendra, Chanakya Puri, New Delhi.

- Nobel Laureate Shri Kailash Satyarthi will be the guest of honour while the Labour and Employment Minister, Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar will preside over the conference.

## 26. Israel to boost 'White Revolution' in Haryana

The 'White Revolution' in Haryana is set to get an Israeli boost.

- A leading state in milk production, Haryana would now benefit from the techniques and experience of Israel, leader in milk production in the world, for increasing the average milk production.
- The average milk production of milch animals in Israel is 32 kg per day and it leads the world in milk production.

## 27. Manoj Sinha to launch the first ever India Mobile Congress 2017

The Minister of Communication Shri Manoj Sinha announced DoT's first ever Mobile, Internet and Technology event in India - India Mobile Congress 2017, which is beginning from 27th September till 29th September 2017 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

## 28. India Constitutes High Level Forum on 5G India 2020

Government has constituted High Level 5G India 2020 Forum with three Secretaries of key Ministries/Departments Telecom, Meity and DST, and also comprising of renowned experts like Dr. A. Paulraj, Professor Emeritus, Stanford University, USA, Mr Gururaj Deshpande - Chairman of Sycamore Networks, Sandstone, USA, Indian industry led by CEOs of ICT industry, Telecom Standard Development Organisation of India (TSDSI), Professors from IIT Madras, IIT Mumbai, IIT Delhi, IIT Hyderabad, IISc Bengaluru, IT industry and stakeholders from industry associations.

**The Term of Reference of the High Level Forum for 5G India 2020 shall be: -**

- Vision Mission and Goals for the 5G India 2020, and Evaluate, approve roadmaps & action plans for 5G India 2020.

**The primary goals of the forum are to achieve:**

- Early deployment of 5G in India.
- A globally competitive product development and manufacturing ecosystem targeting 50% of India market and 10% of global market over next 5 to 7 years.

## 29. Paswan launches "Electronic Negotiable Warehouse Receipt (e-NWR) System"

Ram Vilas Paswan, Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution launched the Web Portal of Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA) & "Electronic Negotiable Warehouse Receipt (e-NWR) System" in New Delhi.

- Shri Paswan informed that the e-NWRs would have no chances of any tempering, mutilation, fudging, loss or damage and with no possibility of any multiple financing.
- Hence, these NWRs will not only facilitate an easy pledge financing by banks and other financial institutions but also smooth trading on various trading centres like commodity exchanges, electronic National Agriculture Markets (e-NAM) and other electronic platforms.

### **30. Kandla Port renamed as Deendayal Port**

The Ministry of Shipping has issued a notification renaming Kandla Port Trust as Deendayal Port Trust with effect from 25th of September, 2017.

- Kandla Port, located on the Gulf of Kutch in Gujarat, is one of the twelve major ports in the country.
- Indian Ports Act, 1908, made the amendment to replace “Kandla” with “Deendayal”.

### **31. Palava City, Navi Mumbai, Mohali among top 'liveable' cities: JLL**

Palava City and Navi Mumbai in Maharashtra are the top two liveable emerging cities in the country, says a study by property consultant JLL India.

- Mohali in Punjab and Mahindra World City township in Chennai are at third and fourth positions, respectively.

### **32. Thaawarchand Gehlot launches 'Divyang Sarathi'**

Thaawarchand Gehlot, Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment launched the Beta version of 'Divyang Sarathi'— The accessible and comprehensive mobile application for easy dissemination of information to 'Divyangjans.

- This mobile application aims at providing all relevant information pertaining to the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, including its various acts, rules, regulations and guidelines, schemes, information about the various outreach institutions, employment opportunities, and the disability market in an accessible format.
- This application has been developed by the two Assistant Secretaries (Shri Anunaya Jha and Smt. B. Susheela) in the DEPwD.

### **33. Cabinet approves umbrella scheme of Modernisation of Police Forces**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for implementation of umbrella scheme of “Modernisation of Police Forces (MPF)” for years 2017-18 to 2019-20.

- The financial outlay for the scheme over the three year's period is Rs. 25,060 crore, out of which the Central Government share will be Rs.18,636 crore and the States' share will be Rs.6,424 crore.
- Special provision has been made under the Scheme for internal security, law and order, women security, availability of modern weapons, mobility of police forces, logistics support, hiring of helicopters, upgradation of police wireless, National Satellite Network, CCTNS project, E-prison project etc.
- Under the umbrella scheme, central budget outlay of Rs. 10,132 crore has been earmarked for internal security related expenditure for Jammu & Kashmir, North Eastern States and left wing extremism affected States.

### **34. IBBI registered National E-Governance Services Limited as Information Utility**

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) registered National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL) as an Information Utility (IU) under the IBBI (Information Utilities) Regulations, 2017.

- This registration is valid for five years from the date of registration.
- IU stores financial information that helps to establish defaults as well as verify claims expeditiously and thereby facilitates completion of transactions under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 in a time bound manner.
- It constitutes a key pillar of the insolvency and bankruptcy ecosystem, the other three being the Adjudicating Authority (National Company Law Tribunal and Debt Recovery Tribunal), the IBBI and Insolvency Professionals.
- NeSL becomes the first IU registered by the IBBI. According to the information submitted for registration, its Board of Directors comprises:

### **35. CARA launches monthly “Jan Sampark” Program to facilitate adoption**

The Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) of the Ministry of Women & Child Development has started a monthly “Jan Sampark” program to enable the public to have interaction with its officials and staff for seeking information related to Adoption as well as flagging their concerns.

- The first of its kind programme was held in New Delhi. The event will now be a regular feature every month apart from the quarterly Facebook live chat by CEO CARA.

### **36. President Ram Nath Kovind launches 'Adopt a Heritage' project**

President Ram Nath Kovind launched the 'Adopt a Heritage' initiative on World Tourism Day, under which heritage sites will be entrusted to public and private enterprises and individuals for maintenance.

- The initiative — launched along with 'Incredible India 2.0 Campaign' — is an attempt to boost Indian tourism with “greater focus on digital presence and social media”.
- Under the 'Adopt a Heritage' Project, those entrusted with the development of tourist amenities at the adopted sites would be known as 'Monument Mitras'.

### **37. India International Science Festival 2017**

The Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Earth Sciences, and Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA) have come together to organize The India International Science Festival (IISF) every year, since 2015 to encourage scientific temper among the masses and showcasing Indian contribution in the field of S&T over the years.

- The previous two editions of IISF held at New Delhi have been a great success.
- The 3rd edition of IISF 2017 will be held in Chennai during 13-16 October, 2017 at various venues.
- Emphasizing the role of technologies and innovation, India has declared 2010-20 as the 'Decade of Innovation'.

### **38. 'Garib Nawaz' centres to offer sanitation course**

The Centre will offer a course for 'sanitary supervisors' at its 'Garib Nawaz' skill development centre.

- Making the announcement, Union minority affairs minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi said the course will help create job opportunities for the youth belonging to poor sections of minority communities and also strengthen the 'Clean India campaign'.

## **BUSINESS**

### **39. SBI launches Indian bond index series in London**

State Bank of India (SBI) has launched the FTSE SBI Bond Index series in partnership with global index provider FTSE 100, which it is hoped will give tools to investors from India, the UK and globally to analyse India's government bond market, and drive growth in this market.

➤ This index, launched in collaboration with the London Stock Exchange, will ensure that international investors have an international benchmark.

### **40. West Bengal gets \$300 million ADB loan to carry forward fiscal reforms**

➤ The board of Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a loan of USD 300 million to continue a comprehensive series of fiscal reforms in West Bengal to bring about more accessible, affordable, and high quality public services.

➤ West Bengal, for the first time in 2012 had received a USD 400 million from ADB.

### **41. Nabard sanctions Rs 119 cr loan for Haryana**

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Nabard) has sanctioned a loan of about Rs 119 crore to construct seven bridges and improvement of one rural road project in five districts of Haryana.

➤ Under rural bridges and road project, construction of seven bridges and one road would be undertaken in Ambala, Panchkula, Sonapat, Yamunanagar and Panipat districts of Haryana involving RIDF (Rural Infrastructure Development Fund) loan of Rs 28.25 crore.

➤ Besides, the loan has been sanctioned for construction of 167 government veterinary hospitals and dispensaries in all districts and one drinking water supply project in Rewari district.

### **42. SBI to teach bankers from South East Asian countries**

State Bank of India is planning to throw open its new banking personnel training institute for employees of other banks in India and other South East Asian countries.

➤ The institute will impart leadership training to people in the mid-management level and above with thrust on risk mitigation, banking regulation and technology.

➤ The focus will be on action-based and result-oriented research and capacity building, Chairperson Arundhati Bhattacharya said.

### **43. SBI revises service charges on maintaining monthly average balance**

The country's largest lender State Bank of India has brought down service charges on not maintaining monthly average (MAB) balance by a whopping 20-50%.

➤ The bank has also decided to treat the metro and urban centres in the same category and the requirement of monthly average balance in metro centres stands reduced to Rs 3000 from Rs 5000 earlier.

### **44. Reliance Industries world's third largest energy firm: Platts rankings**

Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) has jumped five places to rank as the world's third-biggest energy company behind Russian gas firm Gazprom and German utility E.ON, according to Platts Top 250 Global Energy Company Rankings.

➤ State-owned Indian Oil Corp (IOC) broke into the top 10 club, climbing to 7th position in the 2017 ranking, up from 14th rank in 2016.

➤ The other Indian firms in the ranking included Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd (39), Coal India Ltd (45), Hindustan Petroleum Corp Ltd (48), Power Grid Corp (81) and GAIL India Ltd (106).

### **45. IDBI Bank initiates 'Project Nishchay' to improve financial performance**

Public sector lender IDBI Bank has initiated a turnaround plan - 'Project Nishchay' in consultation with The Boston Consulting Group (BCG).

➤ The project aims to accelerate the struggling lender's turnaround programme and improve financial performance.

➤ The project will be led by senior management at IDBI Bank along with BCG.

➤ The bank is under the Reserve Bank of India's prompt corrective action framework which means that the bank has to conserve capital and find ways to return to profitability.

➤ The bank is also not allowed to open new branches or lend to potentially risky companies.

### **46. Facebook joins Apple, Google in top 10 most valuable brands list**

The technology sector dominated the annual Interbrand Best Global Brands Report, released on Monday with half of the top ten brands being technology firms.

➤ Apple topped the list while Google sealed second spot in the 18th edition of global rankings.

➤ Another tech major Microsoft knocked off beverage brand Coca-Cola to grab the third spot in the list.

➤ It is for the first time social media giant Facebook made it to the top 10 brands list.

### **47. Nooyi, Kochhar, Shikha on Fortune's most powerful women in business list**

Two Indians — Chanda Kochhar and Shikha Sharma — have made it to the rankings of most powerful women in business outside the United States drawn up by the Fortune magazine while Indra Nooyi featured in the top three on the US edition list.

➤ The Most Powerful Women in Business Outside the US list, which was topped by Banco Santander group executive chairman Ana Botin, placed ICICI Bank's Kochhar at the fifth spot while Axis Bank's Sharma has been ranked 21st.

➤ PepsiCo chairman and CEO Indra Nooyi came in at No. 2 on the US Most Powerful Women in Business list, led by General Motors chairman and CEO Mary Barra.

### **48. ADB trims India's FY18 growth forecast to 7%**

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) lowered India's growth forecast to 7 per cent owing to weakness in private consumption, manufacturing output and business investment.

- ADB said that inflation, however, is expected to average 4 per cent in the current year and 4.6 per cent in 2018-19, significantly lower than the previous estimates of 5.2 per cent and 5.4 per cent, respectively.

#### **49. PNB, IndusInd Bank to provide AI with over Rs 3,000 cr loans**

Banking majors Punjab National Bank and IndusInd Bank have won the bid to provide national passenger carrier Air India with over Rs 3,000 crore government guarantee backed "Short Term Loans" (STLs).

- Earlier, Air India had called for financial bids from leading lenders by September 19.

#### **50. Google, BHEL, SBI top 3 best places to work in India: survey**

Google, Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) and State Bank of India (SBI) have been ranked as the top three best places to work in India by leading global job site Indeed.

- In a survey, Indeed revealed the 50 best places to work in India for 2017.
- Among the other indigenous firms in the list include Tata Steel at the 17th place, Bharti Airtel (20th), Apollo Hospitals (22nd), Tata Motors (33rd), Bharat Electronics Limited (37th), Asian Paints (45th), Tata Communications (46th) and Reliance Industries (47th).

#### **51. ICICI Bank launches 'cashback' home loans**

India's largest private sector lender by consolidated assets, ICICI Bank announced a new home loan scheme that offers borrowers the benefit of 1% cashback on every EMI, for the entire tenure of the loan.

- The offer will be valid for home loans with a minimum tenure of 15 years and maximum tenure of 30 years.

#### **52. ADB to increase annual lending to India to \$4 billion**

The Asian Development Bank said it will increase its annual lending to India to a maximum of \$4 billion between 2018 and 2022 to help fasten inclusive economic transformation towards upper middle income status.

- The new lending programme, which includes private sector operations, is much higher than the average \$2.65 billion a year in loans extended during 2012 and 2016.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

#### **53. Vani Sarraju Rao: Next Ambassador of India to Estonia**

Ms. Vani Sarraju Rao, (IFS: 1994) has been concurrently accredited as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Estonia, with residence in Helsinki (Finland).

- She is presently Ambassador of India to Finland.

#### **54. Jaideep Mazumdar: Next Ambassador of India to Palau**

Jaideep Mazumdar (IFS: 1989) has been concurrently accredited as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Palau, with residence in Manila (Philippines).

- He is presently Ambassador of India to the Republic of the Philippines.

#### **55. Balraj Joshi takes charge of NHPC Ltd as CMD**

State-owned NHPC said Balraj Joshi has taken over as its Chairman and Managing Director.

- Prior to his elevation as Chairman and Managing Director, Joshi was Director (Technical) of the state-owned firm.

#### **56. Rajiv Mehrishi to take over as next CAG**

Former home secretary Rajiv Mehrishi will take over as the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) tomorrow succeeding Shashi Kant Sharma.

- He would be administered the oath of office and secrecy by President Ram Nath Kovind at Rashtrapati Bhavan
- He completed his two-year fixed term as the home secretary

#### **57. Arvind Subramanian to get extension as CEA for one year: FM Arun Jaitley**

The government will extend the term of Chief Economic Adviser Arvind Subramanian by one year till October 2018, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said.

- His term was for three years, which was to end on October 16.

#### **58. Angela Merkel elected German Chancellor for fourth term**

The German Chancellor, Angela Merkel, has been elected for a fourth term.

- Ms. Merkel's party, Christian Democrats, polled the largest percentage of votes with 32.9 per cent.

#### **59. Shashi Shankar appointed CMD of ONGC**

Shashi Shankar was appointed as the chairman and managing director (CMD) of India's biggest oil and gas producer ONGC. He will replace Dinesh K Sarraf, who retires on September 30.

#### **60. An 18 year old from Srinagar becomes an ambassador for Swachhata Hi Seva**

Bilal Dar, a young boy from Srinagar has become the brand ambassador for Srinagar Municipal Corporation.

- Dar has been contributing to the 'Swachhta Abhiyan' since the age of 12.
- He found a mention in the Hon'ble Prime Minister's recent Mann Ki Baat.

#### **61. Mohammad Mustafa is SIDBI's new CMD**

The Centre has appointed Mohammad Mustafa, as Chairman and Managing Director of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).

- Prior to this appointment, Mustafa was Joint Secretary in the Department of Financial Services (DFS) in the Finance Ministry. Tenure : 3 years

#### **62. New Angolan president Joao Lourenco sworn in**

The hand-picked successor to Jose Eduardo Dos Santos has been sworn in as Angola's second president since independence from Portugal in 1975.

- The ruling MPLA won 61% of the vote in last month's election.

### 63. BHU gets its first woman chief proctor

After last week's protests and violence over the alleged sexual harassment of a girl student, the Banaras Hindu University (BHU) has appointed Professor Royana Singh of the Anatomy department as its new chief proctor.

- Singh is also the chairperson of the university's women grievance cell.

## **AWARDS**

### 64. Bollywood film Newton is India's official entry to 2018 Oscars

Bollywood film 'Newton' is India's official entry in the Foreign Language Film category at the 2018 Oscars.

- Rajkumar Rao, who played the lead role in 'Newton', shared the news.
- 'Newton', directed by Amit Masurkar, revolves around a government clerk who tries his best to conduct free and fair voting in a Naxal-controlled town.

### 65. Prof CNR Rao receives Von Hippel Award for materials research

Eminent Scientist and Bharata Ratna Prof CNR Rao has been honoured with prestigious Von Hippel Award for materials research.

- This international award is the highest honour in materials research.
- Prof. Rao is the first Asian to receive the award.

### 66. Banaj Devi to receive Sarala award for 'Kathapua'

Noted Odia poet and short story writer Banaj Devi will be honoured with the 38th edition of prestigious Sarala award for her short story compilation "Kathapua".

- The cash award under this puraskar of Rs 5 lakh along with a citation.
- While Pandeeet Guru Dr Ghasiram Mishra will be awarded 'Ila Panda Sangeet Samman' in the field of music, Dr Durga Prasad Das will receive 'Ila Panda Chitrakala Samman' in the field of art.
- Sarala Puraskar is given away every year by Indian Metals Public Charitable Trust (IMPACT).

### 67. Sebi chief Ajay Tyagi named among world's top 10 regulators

Sebi Chairman Ajay Tyagi has been named among the top ten regulators in the world, according to a report.

- He has been ranked at the seventh position among the top 10 regulators worldwide.
- The ranking was launched by Patrick Young & Exchange Invest.
- The list of ten regulators is topped by European Union's Commissioner (Competition) Margrethe Vestager.

### 68. Madhur Bhandarkar, Hema Malini to be felicitated in Russia

National Award-winning filmmaker Madhur Bhandarkar and veteran actress Hema Malini will be felicitated at the 4th Indian Film Festival of Russia, for their contribution to Indian cinema.

- Bhandarkar's latest film "Indu Sarkar" will also be screened at the festival following the opening ceremony.
- They will be honoured by Indian Ambassador to Russia Pankaj Saran, and Russian Deputy Culture Minister Sergei Obrivalin.

### 69. National Tourism Award 2017

- Hall of fame award for Best State / UT Comprehensive Development of Tourism: Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh
- Swachhta Award: Telangana
- Best Maintained and Disabled Friendly Monument: Chowmahalla Palace, Hyderabad, Telangana
- Best Tourist Friendly Railway Station: Ujjain Railway Station, Madhya Pradesh
- Best Heritage City: Chanderi and Warangal Best Tourist Guide: K Kasinath Rao, Telangana
- Excellence in Publishing – Hindi: सिंहस्थ 2016
- Excellence in Publishing – English: "The Heart of Incredible India" (Coffee Table Book) by Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board

### 70. Srinagar and Raipur Airports awarded as Best Airports

The Airports Authority of India's Srinagar International Airport, Jammu & Kashmir and Swami Vivekananda Airport, Raipur, Chhattisgarh have been jointly conferred with the prestigious National Tourism Awards 2015-16.

- The President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind, presented the award for Best Airport under 'rest of India' category at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on the occasion of World Tourism Day on 27th September, 2017.

### 71. Swiss professor to get 2017 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize

Maryna Viazovska of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Lausanne, Switzerland has been selected for the 2017 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize.

## **SPORTS**

### 72. MC Mary Kom to be AIBA representative at IOC athletes' forum

Five-time world champion and Olympic bronze-medallist M C Mary Kom has become the first Indian to be picked as the International Boxing Association's (AIBA) representative for the IOC Athletes' Forum scheduled in November.

- Who is also an active parliamentarian, has been invited to attend the 8th International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Athletes' Forum in Lausanne from November 11 to 13.
- She was conferred the AIBA Legends award at the annual gala of the world body last year.

### 73. Sasi Kumar Mukund wins title in ITF Futures

Top-seed Sasi Kumar Mukund of India won his second straight Futures title, beating compatriot Arjun Khade in the singles final of the LMW ITF Men's Futures tennis tournament.

- Mukund, ranked 501 in the ATP list currently, quelled the challenge of the big-serving Khade, who had done well in the two previous Futures events in Chennai.

**74. East Bengal hold Mohun Bagan to win 39th CFL title**

East Bengal clinched their eighth successive title, and a record 39 times overall, in the Calcutta Football League after holding arch-rivals Mohun Bagan 2-2.

**75. National Open Athletics to begin in Chennai**

The country's top track and field athletes will be seen in action in the four-day 57th National Open Athletics Championships 2017, beginning at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Chennai on 25 September.

- Around 1200 athletes from various states and departments/public sector undertakings would be taking part in the meet.

**76. India to host South Asian boxing championship in Guwahati**

India will be hosting the South Asian boxing Championship for the first time in Guwahati from December 6 to 10.

- Boxing Federation of India, BFI, after its executive committee meeting said, the country will also host the 'India International Open tournament' in New Delhi in the third week of January.
- Pakistan, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh will participate in the Championship with other SAARC countries.

**DEATHS**

**77. Boxing legend Jake LaMotta passes away aged 95**

Boxing legend Jake LaMotta passed away in a nursing home due to complications from pneumonia on aged 95.

- The boxing legend's life story was told in the movie Raging Bull where he was played by Robert De Niro.
- He won a world middleweight championship.

**78. Acclaimed Assamese film, theatre personality Abdul Majid dead**

Veteran Assamese film and theatre personality Abdul Majid died following protracted illness.

- Majid made his film debut with Ronga Police in 1957 and went on to make the National award winning Chameli Memsahab, for which Bhupen Hazarika also won the best music composer's award.

**BOOKS**

**79. The Shersah of Kargil: Book by Deepak Surana**

The biography of Captain Vikram Batra "The Shersah of Kargil" has been written by 21-year-old Deepak Surana.

**80. Union Finance Minister releases book on Financial Management**

The Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Shri Arun Jaitley along with the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu released a book on financial management in New Delhi on September 26, 2017.

- The book titled "A to Z of Financial Management in Autonomous Institutions" is authored by Dr. Rajat Bhargava and Shri Deenanath Pathak.
- This book covers almost all aspects of financial management in Autonomous Institutions and offers an insightful perspective on the challenges of managing public money.

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