

30th SEPTEMBER to 6th OCTOBER 2017 CURRENT AFFAIRS CONTENT

INTERNATIONAL

1. Palestine joins Interpol as full member

Interpol, the international police organization, has voted to admit Palestine as a full member, thereby advancing the latter's goal of statehood.

➤ This development is a diplomatic blow to Israel, which has been opposing Palestine moves to join international bodies. 86th Interpol General Assembly conducted at Beijing.

2. World Rabies Day: 28 September

World Rabies Day is celebrated annually on September 28 to raise awareness about rabies prevention.

➤ The 2017 World Rabies Day theme is 'Rabies: Zero by 30'.

3. International Day of Older Persons: October 1

The International Day of Older Persons is observed on October 1 each year.

The day was observed for the first time on October 1, 1991.

➤ The theme of the International Day of Older Persons 2017 is "Stepping into the Future: Tapping the Talents, Contributions and Participation of Older Persons in Society."

4. UAE begins collecting 'sin' taxes on tobacco, energy drinks

The United Arab Emirates has begun collecting new "sin" taxes on tobacco products, energy drinks and soft drinks.

➤ Tobacco and energy drinks will be taxed at 100 percent and soft drinks at 50 percent.

➤ The new tax push comes as the UAE and other oil-rich Gulf nations have struggled with low global energy prices.

5. Nepal, India to conduct first joint tiger count

For the first time, Nepal and India will undertake a joint tiger census next month in their national parks, forests and protected areas.

➤ Conservation authorities and experts would install cameras in various locations in tiger habitats as well as in buffer zones to capture and track the movements of the tiger.

6. India picked as guest country at World Summit of Governments

The World Government Summit announced that India is a guest country in its upcoming gathering.

➤ The Annual Gathering is scheduled for February 11 to 13, 2018.

➤ Honorary guests from India will join the notable list of speakers synonymous with the World Government Summit to showcase the country's emerging economic growth, highlight valuable knowledge, skills, and capabilities and elaborate on the country's unique culture, according to the Summit.

7. World Teachers' Day: 5 October: World Teachers' Day is celebrated yearly on October 5.

➤ "Teaching in Freedom, Empowering Teachers" is the theme of this year's World Teachers' Day.

NATIONAL

8. 14th India-EU Summit to be held in New Delhi on 6 October

India will host the 14th India-European Union (EU) Summit in New Delhi on 6 October that will see the two sides declaring their resolve to combat terrorism and intensifying economic cooperation.

➤ The summit will be attended by European Council President Donald Franciszek Tusk and European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker. The 13th India-EU Summit was held in Brussels on March 30, 2016.

9. Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurates Pratham-Shyok bridge in Leh

Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the Pratham-Shyok bridge that will link Leh to Karakoram, providing connectivity on the strategically important Darbuk-Shyok-Daulat Beg Olde axis for military transport.

10. The third edition of 'Women of India Organic Festival'

To celebrate and promote women entrepreneurs and farmers in the organic sector from across India, the Ministry of Women and Child Development is hosting the 3rd annual 'Women of India Organic Festival' from October 1st to 15th, 2017, in New Delhi.

➤ Smt. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi, Union Minister for Women and Child Development, inaugurated the festival in the presence of Shri Virendra Kumar, Minister of State, Ministry of Women and Child Development, on October 1 at Dilli Haat (INA). With the theme 'Good for Women; Good for India; Good for You'

11. India opens two border crossing points with Myanmar, Bangladesh

India has opened two immigration check posts along the borders with Myanmar and Bangladesh, a reflection of its growing closeness with the two eastern neighbours.

➤ The home ministry said the central government has designated Zorinpui land check post in Lawngtlai district of Mizoram as an authorised immigration check post for entry into or exit from India with valid travel documents for all classes of passengers to or from Myanmar.

- In a separate notification, the ministry said the central government designated Kawrpuichhuah land check post in Lunglei district of Mizoram as an authorised immigration check post for entry into or exit from India with valid travel documents for all classes of passengers to or from Bangladesh.

12. President Kovind inaugurates Shirdi Airport

President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the swank new Shirdi Airport in Ahmednagar and the inaugural Alliance Air commercial flight to Mumbai.

- The inauguration of the airport, developed by Maharashtra Airport Development Corporation (MADC), also marks the start of the year-long centenary celebrations of Shri Saibaba Samadhi for which over 11 million pilgrims are expected from around the world.

13. MP CM launches 'Single Click Pension Delivery' scheme

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched 'Single Click Pension Delivery' scheme, wherein the money will go directly into the account of the beneficiaries. More than 35 lakh people of the state will be benefitted from this move. Chauhan honoured the elderly who completed the age of 100 years with the "Shataayu" award.

14. MCI to give Unique Permanent Registration Number to all doctors

The Medical Council of India has written to the country's largest body of doctors to help digitise India's registry of doctors through a unique registration number similar to AADHAAR as part of its ongoing e-governance initiative.

- The move is expected to help doctors practice in different States without seeking different licences across borders.

15. Government to celebrate Swachh Bharat Diwas on 2nd October

The third anniversary of the Swachh Bharat Mission will be celebrated as "Swachh Bharat Diwas" on 2nd October.

- October 2 is also celebrated as the International Day of Non-Violence.

16. Bhopal set to become first state capital to get trans toilet

Over five months after the union government asked all states to allow transgender people to use any public toilet of their choice, Bhopal is set to become the first state capital to come up with an exclusive toilet for the transgender community.

- In April this year, the union ministry of drinking water and sanitation had issued guidelines to state governments to put in efforts to make people from the transgender community feel as equal citizens.

17. Thawarchand Gehlot Flags off "WALKATHON" for Older Persons

To mark the 'International day of Older Persons' on 2nd October, more than 5000 participants gathered at India Gate for a noble cause to spread the message of caring and giving respect to older persons and senior citizens.

- This year's theme was "Stepping into the Future: Tapping the Talents, Contributions and Participation of Older Persons in Society. Then the "Walkathon" was flagged off by Shri Thawarchand Gehlot & MOS Shri Krishan Pal Gurjar and they also took part in 1 km Walkathon with all the dignitaries.

18. Rajghat gets Mahatma Statue, for the first time

Rajghat, the Samadhi of the Father of the Nation in the national capital, has for the first time acquired a new feature that could appeal to the large number of visitors.

- Vice-President of India Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu unveiled a 1.80 metre tall bronze statue of Mahatma Gandhi on the occasion of the 148 Birth Anniversary of the champion of country's independence.
- The famous message of Gandhi ji "Be the Change You Wish to See" is inscribed on the front side of the pedestal.

19. Global Entrepreneurship Summit 2017 to be Held in Hyderabad

A high-level delegation from the Government of India and the United States met, at NITI Aayog to plan the 2017 Global Entrepreneurship Summit, which will be held November 28-30 at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre in Hyderabad, India.

20. Chandrababu Naidu launches 'Swachh Andhra Mission'

Taking the cue from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Swachh Bharat Mission, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu launched Swachh Andhra Mission on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti.

- Ace shuttler PV Sindhu, who has been chosen as the brand ambassador of Swachh Andhra, joined Naidu on this occasion.

21. Karnataka Government launches Mathru Poorna scheme

The Karnataka government has launched Mathru Poorna, a scheme meant to meet the nutritional needs of pregnant and lactating women in rural areas. Under the programme, pregnant and lactating poor women in rural areas will get one nutritious meal daily for 25 days in a month.

22. Upgradation of the Women's Police Training Centre at Yamethin, Myanmar

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its ex-post facto approval to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Myanmar on upgradation of the Women's Police Training Centre at Yamethin, Myanmar. The MoU was signed on 6th September, 2017.

23. High Level Committee for proper management of water resources in NER

The Government has constituted a high-level committee for proper management of the water resources in the North Eastern Region (NER) under the Chairmanship of Rajiv Kumar, Vice-Chairman, Niti Aayog.

- This is a sequel to the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's visit to Guwahati in August this year to review the flood situation and relief work in the North Eastern States.
- The Committee would facilitate optimising benefits of appropriate water management in the form of hydro-electric power, agriculture, bio-diversity conservation, reduced flood damage erosion, inland water transport, forestry, fishery and eco-tourism. Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) will serve as the coordinating point.
- The Committee will submit its report, including Plan of Action, by June, 2018.

24. Turtle Sanctuary to be set up in Allahabad

In order to protect the rich aquatic biodiversity of river Ganga from escalating anthropogenic pressures, development of a Turtle sanctuary in Allahabad along with a River Biodiversity Park at Sangam have been approved under Namami Gange programme.

- The project at an estimated cost of Rs 1.34 crore would include development of River Biodiversity Park at Sangam (confluence of Ganga, Yamuna and mythical Sarasvati), establishment of a Turtle Rearing Centre (Permanent nursery at Triveni Pushp and makeshift annual hatcheries) and awareness about the importance of river Ganga and imperativeness of its conservation has been approved.

25. Country's first ITI for dibyangans in Dibrugarh

Foundation stone for the first ever Industrial Training Institute for the Dibyangans exclusively was laid at Dibrugarh ITI Complex at Borboruah, Dibrugarh by Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal.

- This is a one of a kind institute in the country in order to set up a new pathway for empowerment of the differently abled youth of the state.

26. Gujarat first state to slash VAT on fuel prices

Ahead of the state assembly elections, the state government has cut value-added tax (VAT) on petrol and diesel, making it the first state to follow the Centre's directions to do so. Recently, the union government cut basic excise duty on petrol and diesel by Rs 2 a litre. Gujarat currently levies a 28.96 per cent VAT on petrol and diesel.

27. Paryatan Parv of M/O Tourism begins across the country

The Ministry of Tourism, in collaboration with other Central Ministries, State Governments and Stakeholders is organizing a "Paryatan Parv" across the country from the 5th to 25th October 2017.

- The programme is being organized with the objective of drawing focus on the benefits of tourism, showcasing the cultural diversity of the country and reinforcing the principle of "Tourism for All".
- The Parv is being inaugurated at the Humayun's Tomb, New Delhi by Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Minister of State (I/C) for Culture.

28. Centre launches six-year secure Himalaya project

The Centre launched a six-year project to ensure conservation of locally and globally significant biodiversity, land and forest resources in the high Himalayan ecosystem spread over four states in India.

- Protection of snow leopard and other endangered species and their habitats is one of the key components of the project which will also focus on securing livelihoods of the people in the region and enhancing enforcement to reduce wildlife crime.
- The project - called SECURE Himalaya - was launched by the Union environment minister Harsh Vardhan in association with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on the inaugural day of the Global Wildlife Programme (GWP) conference.

29. Mukesh Ambani is India's Wealthiest Man for the 10th straight year

Reliance Industries chief Mukesh Ambani emerged as India's wealthiest for the 10th straight year as his net worth swelled to USD 38 billion (nearly Rs 2.5 lakh crore) while the wealth of 100 richest rose by 26 per cent despite economic hiccups.

- Wipro's Azim Premji was the distant second with a net worth of USD 19 billion, moving up two places from last year, while Sun Pharma's Dilip Shanghvi slipped from his earlier second place to the ninth now (USD 12.1 billion) on Forbes magazine's annual 'India Rich List 2017'.

30. UP govt launches mass marriage scheme

The Uttar Pradesh government approved the Mukhyamantri Samoohik Vivaah Yojana, a mass marriage scheme, wherein Rs 35,000 will be spent on each couple, besides gifting them mobile phones and household items.

- Under the scheme, mass marriages will be conducted by the social welfare department.

BUSINESS

31. HDFC Bank partners top education institutes for fintech ideas

In a first of its kind efforts in the domestic banking sector, second largest private sector lender HDFC Bank said it will be partnering with 50 technology and business schools to tap into emerging fintech ideas.

- It announced a tie-up with IIT-Bombay and IIT-Roorkee as part of the industry-academia partnership effort.
- In the first phase of the initiative, 50 such partnerships are envisaged. The bank will use its domain expertise to mentor start-ups on customer experience, reduce time to market and costs.

32. PFC to provide Rs 4,000 crore for 4 GW power plant in Telangana

State-run Power Finance Corp (PFC) has committed financial assistance of Rs 4,009 crore to Telangana for setting up a 4,000 MW thermal power plant in Nalgonda district.

- PFC has sanctioned a term loan of Rs 4,009 crore to TSGENCO (Telangana Power Generation Corporation Ltd) for setting up 5X800 MW, coal based Yadadri Thermal Power Plant using super-critical technology in Nalgonda district of Telangana. The Yadadri Thermal Power Plant will generate approximately 29,784 million units of energy to meet the future power requirement of Telangana.

33. EESL to procure 10,000 Electric Vehicles from TATA Motors

Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), under the administration of Ministry of Power, Government of India (GoI), will procure 10,000 electric vehicles from Tata Motors Limited.

- The company was selected through an international competitive bidding aimed at increased participation.
- Tata Motors won the tender and will now supply the Electric Vehicles (EVs) in two phases – first 500 e-cars will be supplied to EESL in November 2017 and the rest 9,500 EVs will be delivered in the second phase.

- The tender floated by EESL is the world's largest single electric vehicle procurement.

34. ADB approves \$80 million loan to Himachal Pradesh

Multilateral lending agency ADB has approved a loan of \$80 million (about Rs 524 crore) for modernisation of Himachal Pradesh's technical and vocational education and training (TVET) institutions.

- The total cost of the project is \$100 million, with the Centre contributing \$20 million.
- The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2022.

35. RCom calls off merger deal with Aircel

Reliance Communications (RCom) has called off plans to merge its wireless business with rival Aircel, citing legal and regulatory uncertainties. Had the merger gone through, it would have created India's third-largest telecom provider with 175 million subscribers. The proposed deal with Aircel signed last September.

36. Fitch lowers India's growth forecast to 6.9%

Fitch Ratings has lowered India's economic growth forecast for the current fiscal to 6.9 per cent from 7.4 per cent after the GDP growth "unexpectedly faltered" in the April-June quarter.

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) had last month slashed India's GDP growth forecast for the current fiscal to 7 per cent from 7.4 per cent owing to weakness in private consumption, manufacturing output and business investment.
- India had posted a 7.1 per cent growth in 2016-17.

37. GIFT-IFSC ranks at 10th place in global financial centres index

India's first IFSC has been featured at the tenth place in the latest September 2017 edition of Global Financial Centres Index 22 (GFCI) - London.

- The Gandhinagar-based IFSC has ranked ahead of other leading financial hubs at Luxembourg, Seoul, Abu Dhabi, Toronto and Beijing.
- GIFT has been put in the same league as other top financial centres at New York and Hong Kong.

38. US ships first lot of crude to India

The first shipment of US crude oil to India arrived at Paradip Port in Odisha, as part of the two million barrels contracted by India. The shipment follows recent commitments to US oil purchases by Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) and Bharat Petroleum (BPCL), both of which have placed orders for over 2 million barrels from the US.

- US crude oil shipments to India have the potential to boost bilateral trade by up to \$2 billion.

39. AIIB, ADB approves \$ 100 mn loan for India's power sector

China-led AIIB and multilateral funding agency ADB will co-finance a USD 100-million loan for India to improve power transmission network and expand the use of solar and wind energy.

- Headquarters of AIIB – Beijing - Headquarters of ADB - Manila
- India is the second largest shareholder in the AIIB. The bank has an authorised capital of USD 100 billion.

40. RBI keeps repo rate, reverse repo rate unchanged

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has kept the repo rate and reverse repo rate unchanged at 6 percent and 5.75 percent respectively.

- Repo Rate: Unchanged at 6% Reverse Repo Rate: Unchanged at 5.75%
- Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) Rate: Unchanged at 6.25% Bank Rate: Unchanged at 6.25%
- Cash Reserve Ratio: Unchanged at 4% Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR): Changed by 50 basis points to 19.5%

41. Bangladesh Signs USD 4.5 Billion Loan Deal With India

Bangladesh signed a whopping USD 4.5 billion third line of credit (LoC) agreement with India for its infrastructure and social sector development. The agreement was signed in the presence of Finance Minister Arun Jaitley and his Bangladeshi counterpart A M A Muhith.

- The new Indian line of credit, worth USD 4.5 billion, will be used to fund 17 major projects in Bangladesh, which include electricity, railroads, roads, shipping and ports.

42. India signs €300 million Finance Contract with European Investment Bank

Government of India and European Investment Bank (EIB) signed the Finance Contract for lending of € 300 million for Bangalore Metro Rail Project Phase II Line R6.

- Bangalore Metro Rail Project Phase II is to be jointly financed by the European Investment Bank (€500 million) and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (€300 million). The first tranche of Euro 300mn was signed on October 5.
- The project envisages extension of East-West & North-South lines for Bangalore Metro Rail which includes a total length of 72.095 km (13.79 km underground) and 61 stations with 12 underground stations.

43. RBI forms High-level Task Force on Public Credit Registry

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has formed a High-level Task Force on Public Credit Registry (PCR) for India.

- The task force has been constituted under the chairmanship of Yeshwant M. Deosthalee.
- It will review the current availability of information on credit, the adequacy of existing information system and identify gaps that could be filled by a PCR.

44. HDFC Life launches service bot Neo

HDFC Life Insurance Company has launched Neo — a servicing bot for Twitter that uses artificial intelligence for customer service. The insurer hopes to deploy the bot in answering policy —related queries on social media.

- This is the second bot put in operation by HDFC Life, after the launch of SPOK, which was an email bot to answer customer queries.

APPOINTMENTS

45. Mridul Kumar appointed High Commissioner of India to Malaysia

Shri Mridul Kumar, (IFS: 1992), has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to Malaysia.

➤ He is presently Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs

46. President of India appoints Governors: The President has been pleased to make the following appointments:-

- Brig. (Dr.) B. D. Mishra (Retd.) as the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh
- Shri Satya Pal Malik as the Governor of Bihar. Shri Banwarilal Purohit as the Governor of Tamil Nadu
- Prof. Jagdish Mukhi as the Governor of Assam. Shri Ganga Prasad as the Governor of Meghalaya
- Admiral Devendra Kumar Joshi was appointed as the Lieutenant Governor for Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

47. President Appoints Commission to Examine Sub Categorization of OBC

The President on 02.10.2017, in exercise of the powers conferred by article 340 of the Constitution appointed a Commission to examine the sub-categorisation of Other Backward Classes.

The composition of the Commission is as follows:

- Chairperson -Justice (Retd.) G. Rohini. Member -Dr. J.K. Bajaj.
- Member(Ex-officio)-Director, Anthropological Survey of India.
- Member (Ex-officio)-Registrar General and Census Commissioner, India.
- Secretary of the Commission-Joint Secretary, Department of SJ&E, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

48. Yatinder Pal Singh Suri elected as PPMIAI Chairman

The Process Plant and Machinery Association of India (PPMAI) has elected Yatinder Pal Singh Suri as its new Chairman.

➤ Suri is currently working as the Managing Director and India head of Finland-based stainless steel major Outokumpu.

49. Rajnish Kumar as new SBI chairman

Rajnish Kumar, 59, the senior most of the managing directors at State Bank of India (SBI), will become the 25th chairman of the country's largest lender, succeeding Arundhati Bhattacharya, who is set to retire on 6 October.

- The government announced his appointment for three years. Kumar currently is in charge of retail banking at SBI.
- Kumar's predecessor Bhattacharya was the first woman chairperson of the 200-year-old state-owned bank.

50. Mongolia ushers in new Prime Minister

The Mongolian legislature installed a new prime minister, bringing into focus the potential implications for diplomatic relations with North Korea as well as neighboring Russia and China.

➤ Khurelsukh Ukhnaa, the deputy prime minister from the ruling Mongolian People's Party, took office after a confirmation vote in the parliament.

AWARDS

51. FB Group gets Swacchata Award for voluntary citizen action

Fertilizer Cooperative, KRIBHCO was conferred the Swacchata Award by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs on the occasion of the third anniversary of the launch of Swachh Bharat Mission(Urban) for leading in marketing of compost made from Municipal Solid Waste.

- The Ministry will felicitate 20 individuals and agencies in 7 categories for significant contribution towards furthering the Clean India objective in urban areas.
- Delhi based citizen group 'My Delhi Keep It Clean' gets the award for promoting voluntary efforts to clean public places effectively using Face Book, in the Self-Help Group category.
- Richmond Park, Gurugram, located in DLF Phase-IV and completed in 2002 has been chosen for the award for exemplary decentralized waste management initiative through waste segregation at source, in the RWAs category.
- RWA Federation of Mysuru has shown the way in Zero-waste effluent management system.
- Roseland Housing Society, Pune also gets the award for waste segregation initiative.
- 'No Food Waste' initiative of Coimbatore has been selected in the Innovative Practices category for end-to-end cycle to manage and reduce food waste.
- Kasturba Gandhi Balika Awasiya Vidyalaya, Ambikar gets the award in the Schools and Colleges category while Swachh Ambikapur Sahakari Samiti has been chosen in Self-Help Group category for women empowerment and livelihood generation by converting garbage into wealth.
- Pemayangste Monastery, Gyalshing, Sikkim will be felicitated in the category of religious institutions for being a Zero-waste institution.

52. Meenakshi temple wins swachh award

The Sri Meenakshi Sundaeswarar Temple in Madurai has been adjudged the cleanest iconic place in the country under Swachhta Hi Seva (cleanliness is service) programme.

➤ The temple earned the top slot from among 10 iconic places selected under the Swachh Bharath Mission in the country.

53. Nobel Prizes in Physiology or Medicine

The Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institute has decided to award the 2017 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine jointly to Jeffrey C. Hall, Michael Rosbash and Michael W. Young for their discoveries of molecular mechanisms controlling the circadian rhythm.

- The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, administered by the Nobel Foundation, is awarded once a year for outstanding discoveries in the fields of life sciences and medicine.
- It is one of five Nobel Prizes established in 1895 by Swedish chemist Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite, in his will. As of 2015, 106 Nobel Prizes in Physiology or Medicine have been awarded to 198 men and 12 women.
- The first Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine was awarded in 1901 to the German physiologist Emil von Behring, for his work on serum therapy and the development of a vaccine against diphtheria.

- The first woman to receive the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, Gerty Cori, received it in 1947 for her role in elucidating the metabolism of glucose.

54. Nobel prize in physics awarded for discovery of gravitational waves

Three American physicists have won the Nobel prize in physics for the first observations of gravitational waves.

- Rainer Weiss has been awarded one half of the 9m Swedish kronor (£825,000) prize, announced by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm. Kip Thorne and Barry Barish will share the other half of the prize.
- All three scientists have played leading roles in the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory, or Ligo, experiment, which in 2015 made the first historic observation of gravitational waves.

55. Ministry of Health adjudged best for 'Swachhta Pakhwada', receives award

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has been adjudged as the best department for its contribution during Swachhta Pakhwada, an inter-Ministry initiative of Swachh Bharat Mission of Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation.

- The Health Ministry observed the Swachhta Pakhwada from 1st February, 2017 to 15th February, 2017.
- The award was presented to the Ministry on 2nd October, 2017, the third anniversary of Swachh Bharat Mission. Shri C K Mishra, Secretary (HFW) received the award on behalf of the Ministry.

56. Classical singer Manik Bhide chosen for Bhimsen Joshi award

Noted vocalist Manik Bhide was chosen for the prestigious Bharatratna Pandit Bhimsen Joshi award for year 2017-18 for her contribution in the field of music.

- The Maharashtra government award, the highest in the category of performing arts, consist of Rs five lakh in cash, a plaque and citation.

57. The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2017

The 2017 Nobel Prize in chemistry has been awarded to three scientists for improving images made of biological molecules. Jacques Dubochet, Joachim Frank and Richard Henderson will share the nine million kronor (£831,000) prize.

- They developed a technique called cryo-electron microscopy (cryo-EM), which simplifies the process for looking at the machinery of life.

58. IIM Faculty Member Selected For Teaching Innovator Award 2016

IIM Bangalore's Prof. P C Narayan, a faculty from the Finance & Accounting area, has been selected for the 'Teaching Innovator Award-2016' by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India.

- The Award will be presented at a ceremony by the MHRD, soon.
- The teaching innovation that fetched Prof. Narayan the award was titled "Transitioning from a 'Teacher-centric' to a 'Student-centric' Classroom and Online Learning".

59. Kazuo Ishiguro wins Nobel Prize in Literature

British author Kazuo Ishiguro, best known for his novel The Remains of the Day, has won the Nobel Literature Prize on October 5.

- "In novels of great emotional force, has uncovered the abyss beneath our illusory sense of connection with the world," the Academy wrote in its citation. Born in Nagasaki, he moved to Britain with his family when he was five years old.

60. Gauri Lankesh named for Anna Politkovskaya Award

Slain journalist and activist Gauri Lankesh will be posthumously awarded the Annual Anna Politkovskaya Award, an award for women human rights defenders from war and conflict zones, for her fearless journalism, it was announced on Thursday. The award has been conferred by international human rights organisation Reach All Women in WAR (RAW in WAR) to Lankesh a month after she was shot dead outside her residence here on September 5.

- Lankesh, the editor of Kannada tabloid "Gauri Lankesh Patrike" is the first Indian to win the award.

SPORTS

61. Max Verstappen wins Malaysian Grand Prix

A commanding drive from Red Bull's Max Verstappen saw him soundly beat three-time world champion Lewis Hamilton to win Malaysian Grand Prix at the Sepang Circuit. Verstappen grabbed the lead from then race leader Hamilton on lap 4.

- Daniel Ricciardo held off Sebastian Vettel for third. Sebastian finished in fourth place.

62. Pooja Kadian Clinches India's Maiden Gold In Wushu Worlds

Pooja Kadian created history as she bagged India's maiden gold medal at the World Wushu Championships.

- She defeated Evgeniya Stepanova of Russia in the final.

DEATHS

63. Actor Tom Alter passes away at 67

Veteran theatre and film personality Tom Alter lost his battle against skin cancer and passes away. He was 67.

- In 2008, he was recognised with the Padma Shri, the fourth highest civilian honour of India.

64. Former I&B Minister Purushottam Lal passes away

Former Union minister and socialist leader Purushottam Lal Kaushik died due to age-related ailments. He was 87.

BOOKS

65. The Shershah of Kargil: Book by Deepak Surana

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

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