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HOW TO PREPARE FOR AN EMPLOYMENT INTERVIEW

1. Prepare yourself for interview, have a glance over the subjects you have studies, be well- informed about current affairs.
2. Please take with you, your certificate and testimonials in original.
3. Reach Employer's Office in time, if possible a few minutes earlier.
4. Wear neat, tide and formal dress, keep up your pleasant appearance.
5. When you enter the room, wish the interviewers and stand until you are offered a seat.
6. Sit relaxed, do not sit on the edge of the chair nor recline in it and not put your hands on the table of the interviewers.
7. Leave your troubles at home, attend the interview with an open and with full determination to succeed.
8. Be very clear and precise in your answer; do not try to bluff but speak with confidence.
9. Look into the eyes of the person interviewing you, be courteous, courageous and have no fear.
10. You should have a clear idea as far as possible regarding the nature of the job for which you are a candidate.
11. Never give anybody's reference that so and so has sent you or knows you.
12. Before leaving the room thank the employer, close the door behind gently.

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NABI RECRUITMENT 2017 – 45 SCIENTIST POSTS

Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India, National Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute (NABI) has given an employment notification for the recruitment of 45 Scientist-(F,E, D,C) vacancies on direct on deputation. Eligible candidates may apply in the prescribed format 30-11-2017. Other details like age, educational qualification, selection process & how to apply are given below...

NABI Vacancy Details:

Total No. of Posts: 45

Name of the Posts:

1. Scientist -F: 05 Posts
2. Scientist -E: 10 Posts
3. Scientist -D: 15 Posts
4. Scientist -C: 15 Posts

Age Limit: Candidates age 55 years for post-1 & 2, 50 years for post-3, 40 years for post-4 as on 31-11-2017. Age relaxation is applicable for SC/ ST/ OBC candidates as per govt. of India rules.

Educational Qualification: Candidates should have PhD degree experience will be calculated from the award of the PhD degree, MD/ M.Tech/ M.E experience will be calculated from the date of the award of degree (MD/ M.Tech/ M.E) in the relevant subject.

Application Fee: Candidates are required to pay Rs.100/- (US\$25 by suitable mode of bank transfer in case of candidates applying from abroad) for general and OBC category candidates by means of Demand Draft (issued by State Bank of India only except for the candidates applying from abroad) valid for at least 3 months, drawn in favour of National Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute payable at Phase1 Mohali. No fee for SC/ ST/ PWD candidates (Bank details for online transaction refer the notification).

How to Apply: Eligible candidates can send their with application in the prescribed format along with attested copies of certificates, testimonials in support of age, educational qualifications, experience etc., DD to the Executive Director, National Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute (NABI), Knowledge city, Sector-81, Mohali, (Punjab)-140306 (India) & also send their application form in the synopsis-sheet available on NABI website, in EXCEL format only (Not on PDF Format) and email to scientistrectt@nabi.res.in.on or before 30-11-2017.

Last Date for Receipt of Application: 30-11-2017

Source: www.nabi.res.in

BSNL RECRUITMENT 2017

Apply Online for 996 Junior Accounts Officer Posts: Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has advertised a notification for the recruitment of 996 Junior Accounts Officer vacancies in BSNL from Open Market through Online Competitive Examinations- 2017 on direct recruitment basis. Eligible candidates can apply online from 11-09-2017 to 15-10-2017. Other details like age limit, educational qualification, selection Process, application fee & how to apply are given below...

BSNL Vacancy Details:

Total No. of Posts: 996

Name of the Post: Junior Accounts Officer

Name of the Circles:

1. Andaman & Nicobar: 13 posts
2. Andhra Pradesh: 72 posts
3. Assam: 32 posts
4. Bihar: 22 posts

5. Chhattisgarh: 19 posts
6. Chennai Telecom Direct: 23 posts
7. Gujarat: 71 posts
8. Haryana : 36 posts
9. Himachal Pradesh: 18 posts
10. Jammu & Kashmir: 16 posts
11. Jharkhand: 11 posts
12. Karnataka: 62 posts
13. Kerala: 41 posts
14. Kolkata Telecom District: 08 posts
15. Madhya Pradesh: 38 posts
16. Maharashtra: 135 posts
17. North East-I: 14 posts
18. North East-II: 05 posts
19. Northern Telecom Region (NTR): 16 posts
20. Odisha: 20 posts
21. Punjab: 61 posts
22. Rajasthan: 46 posts
23. Tamil Nadu: 34 posts
24. Telangana: 19 posts
25. Uttar Pradesh (East): 65 posts
26. Uttar Pradesh (West): 41 posts
27. Uttarakhand: 11 posts
28. West Bengal: 56 posts

Age Limit: Candidates age limit should be between 20 – 30 years as on 01-01-2017. Age relaxation is applicable to 05 years for SC/ ST candidates, 03 years for OBC Candidates and 10 years for OC-PWD candidates. For more relaxation details refer the notification.

Educational Qualification: Candidates should possess M.COM/ CA/ ICWA/ CS from a recognized institution/ University (as on 1st Jan 2017 as per Recruitment Rule of BSNL).

Selection Process: Candidates will be selected based on Online Competitive Examination.

Examination Fee: Applicants required to pay of Rs.1000/- (Rupees One thousand only) for OC/ OBC candidates and of `500/- (Rupees Five Hundred only) for SC/ ST candidates shall be paid through online mode i.e. Internet Banking, Credit Card, Debit Card only.

How to Apply: Eligible candidates can apply online through the website www.externalexam.bsnl.co.in from 11-09-2017 to 15-10-2017.

Instructions to Apply Online:

1. Log on to the website www.externalexam.bsnl.co.in
2. Select the desired post & Read the notification carefully
3. Click Apply Online & Read the Important Dates.
4. Click on New Registration if candidates would be New User.
5. Login directly if candidates have already registered.
6. Fill all the details & submit the application form.
7. After submission of application form, take printout of the application form for future use.

Important Dates:

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| Starting Date for Apply Online & Payment of Fee | 11-09-2017 |
| Last Date to Apply Online & Payment of Fee | 15-10-2017 |
| Starting Date for Editing Application | 16-10-2017 |
| Last Date to Editing Application | 18-10-2017 |
| Last Date for Printing of Application | 23-10-2017 |
| Date of Competitive Examination | From 05-11-2017 |

Source: www.bsnl.co.in / www.externalexam.bsnl.co.in

RBI RECRUITMENT 2017 – MEDICAL CONSULTANT POSTS

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has published a notification for the recruitment of Medical Consultant vacancies on Part time/ hourly/ contract basis. Eligible candidates can apply in prescribed format on or before 09-10-2017 till 05:15 PM. Other details like educational qualification, selection process & how to apply are given below...

RBI Vacancy Details:

Total No of Posts: 01

Name of the Posts: Medical Consultant

Educational Qualification: Candidates should possess MBBS degree of any recognized university by the Medical Council of India in the allopathic system of medicine, minimum of 2 (two) years experience in any hospital or as Medical Practitioner

Selection Process: Short listed candidates will be called for Interview.

How to Apply: Eligible candidates can send their application in prescribed format along with attested copies of relevant certificates regarding age, educational qualifications, caste, experience etc addressed to Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India, Human Resource Management Department (Recruitment Section), Mahatma Gandhi Marg, Kanpur -208001 on or before 09-10-2017 till 05:15 PM. Superscribing the envelope with 'Application for the post of Medical Consultant (Part-Time) on contract basis'.

Last Date for Receipt of Application: 09-10-2017 till 05:15 PM.

Source: <http://www.freejobalert.com/rbi-recruitment/15273/>

CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA RECRUITMENT 2017

Faculty Posts: Central Bank of India has given an employment notification for the recruitment of Faculty vacancies for RSETI (Rural Self Employment Training Institute) Bettiah and East Champaran (Motihari) for the Year 2017-18 on contract basis. Eligible candidates may apply in the prescribed format on or before 05-10-2017. Other details like age, educational qualification, selection process & how to apply are given below....

Central Bank of India Vacancy Details:

Total No. of Posts: 01

Name of the Post: Faculty

Age Limit: Candidates age should be less than 65 years with sound Health.

Educational Qualification: Candidates should have PG viz. MSW/ MA in Rural Development/ MA in Sociology/ Psychology/ B.Sc (Agri.)/ BA with B.Ed etc. and teaching with Computer knowledge with relevant experience.

Selection Process: Candidates will be selected based on personal interview.

How to Apply: Eligible candidates can send their application in the prescribed format along with self attested copies of relevant certificates, please subscribing as "Application for the post of Faculty at RSETI Bettiah & East Champaran (Motihari) Centre on contract for the year 2017-18 to the Regional Manager/ Chairman, Local Advisory Committee, Central Bank of India, Regional Office, Post Box no 5, Near Balua Tal, Motihari, Dist-East Champaran, Bihar- 845401 on or before 05-10-2017.

Last Date for Receipt of Application: 05-10-2017

Source: <http://www.freejobalert.com/central-bank-of-india-recruitment/15197/>

MEHSANA URBAN COOPERATIVE BANK RECRUITMENT 2017

Apply Online for 70 Clerical Trainee Posts: Mehsana Urban Co-operative Bank Limited has published notification for the recruitment of 70 Clerical Trainee Vacancies. Eligible candidates may apply online on or before 04-10-2017 till 11:59 PM. Other details like age limit, educational qualification, selection process, application fee & how to apply are given below....

Mehsana Urban Cooperative Bank Vacancy Details:

Total No. of Posts: 70

Name of the Post: Clerical Trainee

Age Limit: Candidates age limit should be between 21 to 35 years as on 14-09-2017.

Educational Qualification: Candidates should possess M.Com, M.Sc., MCA, MBA.

Selection Process: Candidates will be selected on the basis of Written Exam & Interview.

Application Fee: Candidates have to pay Rs.100/- (Non-Refundable).

How to Apply: Eligible candidates may apply online through the website www.mucbank.com on or before 04-10-2017 till 11:59 PM & Send the Printout of Online Application, 02 photographs & all testimonials to The Mehsana Urban Co-op Bank Ltd, (Multi- State Scheduled Bank) Corporate Building, Highway, Mehsana – 384 002 on or before 04-10-2017.

Instructions to Apply Online:

1. Candidates should log on to the website www.mucbank.com.
2. Go to Latest News & Click on Clerical Trainee Bharti 2017
3. Read the Notification & Clicking Online Application Form.
4. Fill all the details & submit the form
5. Take print copy of application form for future use

Important Dates:

Last Date to Apply Online: 04-10-2017 till 11:59 PM.

Last Date for Receipt of Online Printout & Other documents: 04-10-2017.

Source: <http://www.freejobalert.com/mehsana-urban-co-operative-bank/481894/> **OR**
www.mucbank.com

GAUHATI HIGH COURT RECRUITMENT 2017

Apply Online for 35 Assam Judicial Service Grade III Posts: Gauhati High Court, Gawahati has advertised a notification for the recruitment of 35 Assam Judicial Service Grade III vacancies. Eligible candidates can apply online from 20-09-2017 at 12:00 Noon to 09-10-2017 at 05:00 PM. Other details like age, educational qualification, selection process, fee & how to apply are given below....

Gauhati High Court Vacancy Details:

Total No. of Posts: 35

Name of the Post: Assam Judicial Service Grade III

1. Unreserved: 26 Posts
2. SC: 01 Post
3. ST(H): 08 Posts

Age Limit: Candidates age limit should be 43 years for SC/ ST, 48 years for PWD, 38 years for Others candidates as on the last date of online application.

Educational Qualification: Candidates should possess Degree in Law from a recognized University established by Law in India.

Selection Process: Candidates will be selected based on Competetive Examination consist of Preliminary Examination (Screening Test), Main (Written) Examination & Viva Voce/ Interview.

Application Fee: Applicants required to pay Rs. 250/- for SC/ ST, Rs. 500/- for all Others by cash payment at any branch of State Bank of India.

How to Apply: Eligible candidates can apply online through the website www.ghconline.gov.in from 20-09-2017 at 12:00 Noon to 09-10-2017 at 05:00 PM.

Instructions to Apply Online:

1. Before applying, candidates should have valid email Id, phone number, passport size photograph & signature.
2. Log on to the website www.ghconline.gov.in
3. Click on Recruitment.
4. Select the desired post & Click on Apply Online.
5. Read the Instructions & Click on New Registration.
6. Fill all the details & submit the form
7. Take printout of online application form for future use.

Important Dates:

Starting Date for Apply Online: 20-09-2017 at 12:00 Noon

Last Date to Apply Online: 09-10-2017 at 05:00 PM

Last Date for Payment of Fee: 13-10-2017.

Source: www.ghconline.gov.in

KERALA HIGH COURT RECRUITMENT 2017

Apply Online for Carpenter Posts: Kerala High Court has published a notification for the recruitment of Carpenter vacancies on direct recruitment basis. Eligible candidates can apply online from 20-09-2017 to 20-10-2017. Other details like age, educational qualification, selection process & how to apply are given below...

Kerala High Court Vacancy Details:

Total No. of Posts: 10

Name of the Posts: Carpenter

Age Limit: Candidates should be born between 02-01-1981 and 01-01-1999 (both days inclusive)

Educational Qualification: Candidates should Pass in standard VIII or equivalent, I.T.I Certificate in the trade of Carpentry or equivalent qualification or ten years experience as Carpenter.

Selection Process: Candidates will be selected based on written test/ skill test/ interview

Application Fee: Candidates should have to pay Rs.300/- for other categories through Challan deposit in any branch of SBI. No fee for SC/ ST.

How to Apply: Eligible candidates can apply online through the website www.hckrecruitment.nic.in from 20-09-2017 to 20-10-2017.

Instructions to Apply Online:

1. Before applying, candidates should have to scan the photograph & signature.
2. Log on to the website www.hckrecruitment.nic.in.
3. Click on Step- I/ Step – II Registration.
4. Go to Notification & select the desired post.
5. Read all the notification & click on Apply Online.
6. Fill all the details & submit form.
7. Take a printout of online application form for future use.

Important Dates:

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| Starting Date to Apply Online for Step I & II | 20-09-2017 |
| Last Date to Apply Online for Step I | 20-10-2017 |
| Last Date for Remittance of Application Fee | 28-10-2017 |
| Last Date to Apply Online for Step II | 06-11-2017 |

source : www.hckrecruitment.nic.in

NLC RECRUITMENT 2017

Apply Online for 453 Apprentice Posts: Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited (NLC) has announced notification for the recruitment of 453 Apprentice vacancies in various trades. Eligible candidates may apply online from 28-09-2017 at 10:00 AM to 07-10-2017 till 05:00 PM. Other details like age limit, educational qualification & how to apply are given below...

NLC Vacancy Details:**Total No. of Posts: 453****Name of the Post: Apprentice**

1. Fitter: 73 posts
2. Turner: 24 posts
3. Mechanic (Motor Vehicle): 83 posts
4. Electrician: 77 posts
5. Wireman: 63 posts
6. Mechanic (Diesel): 17 posts
7. Mechanic (Tractor): 21 posts
8. Carpenter: 04 posts
9. Plumber: 02 posts
10. Welder: 55 posts
11. PASAA: 17 posts
12. Medical Lab Technician (Pathology) & (Radiology): 17 posts

Age Limit: Candidates minimum age should be 14 years as on 01-10-2017.**Educational Qualification:** Candidates should possess ITI (NCVT/ DGET) for S.No.1 to 10, ITI in relevant trade (NCVT/ DGET) for S.No.11, H.Sc. (10+2) for S.No.12.**Selection Process:** Candidates will be selected based on Personal Interview.**How to Apply:** Eligible candidates may apply online through the website www.apprenticeship.gov.in from 28-09-2017 at 10:00 AM to 07-10-2017 till 05:00 PM.**Important Dates:****Starting Date for Online Registration: 28-09-2017 at 10:00 AM onwards.****Last Date for Online Registration: 07-10-2017 till 05:00 PM.****Last Date for Receipt of Online Printout & Other Documents: 12-10-2017 till 05:00 PM.****Source:** <http://www.freejobalert.com/nlc/12180/>

CDSCO RECRUITMENT 2017

Sr Laboratory Asst Posts: Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) has issued notification for the recruitment of Senior Laboratory Assistant (Group C Non Gazetted, Non-Ministerial) vacancies on direct recruitment basis. Eligible candidates can apply in prescribed application format on or before 25-10-2017 & for remote areas on or before 06-11-2017 up to 05:00 PM. Other details like age limit, educational qualification, selection process & how to apply are given below...

CDSCO Vacancy Details:**Total No. of Posts: 07****Name of the Posts: Senior Laboratory Assistant (Group C Non Gazetted, Non- Ministerial)****Name of Category:**

1. UR: 06 Posts
2. SC: 01 Post

Age Limit: Candidates age limit should be 18 to 25 years for UR candidates & 30 years for SC candidates. Age relaxation is applicable up to 40 years for Government servants in accordance with the instruction or orders issued by the Central Government from time to time.

Educational Qualification: Candidates should possess Bachelor Degree in Pharmacy or Chemistry or Pharmaceutical Chemistry or Microbiology or Biology of a recognized University.

Selection Process: Candidates will be selected based on written test.

How to Apply: Eligible candidates can send their applications in the prescribed format along with with attested copies of Essential Certificates with two copies of recent passport size photograph in an envelope superscribing the name of the post to be applied for on outer cover to The Director, Central Drugs Laboratory, Govt. of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, 3, Kyd Street, Kolkata-700 016 on or before 25-10-2017 & for remote areas on or before 06-11-2017 upto 05:00 PM.

Important Dates:**Last Date for Receipt of Application: 25-10-2017 up to 05:00 PM.****Last Date for Receipt of Application for Remote areas: 06-11-2017 up to 05:00 PM.****Source: Associate** <http://www.freejobalert.com/cdsco/119887/#ixzz4tfX4g6QK>**CONCOR RECRUITMENT 2017**

Apprentice Posts: Container Corporation of India Ltd (CONCOR), New Delhi has given a notification for the recruitment of Apprentice (Electrician, Mechanic, Surveyor, Secretarial Assistant, Information Technology & Electronic System Maintenance (IT & ESM), Programming & Systems Administration Assistant) vacancies. Eligible candidates may apply in the prescribed application format on or before 15-10-2017 by 17:00 hrs. Other details like age limit, educational qualification, selection process and how to apply are given below....

CONCOR Vacancy Details:**Total No. of Posts: 16****Name of the Post:**

1. Electrician: 03 Posts
2. Mechanic Refrigeration and Air Conditioning: 01 Post
3. Mechanic Diesel: 03 Posts
4. Surveyor: 03 Posts
5. Secretarial Assistant: 02 Posts
6. Information Technology & Electronic System Maintenance (IT & ESM): 03 Posts
7. Programming & Systems Administration Assistant: 01 Post

Age Limit: Candidates age limit should be between 14 to 21 years as on 01-10-2017. Age relaxation to SC/ ST/ OBC/ PWD candidates applicable as per Govt. guidelines.

Educational Qualification: Candidates should possess Passed 10th class examination under 10+2 system of education with Science as one of the subject & Trade Certificate in (Electrician for Post 01, Mechanic Refrigeration & Air Conditioning for Post 02, Mechanic Diesel for Post 03, Surveyor for Post 04, Stenography (English) or Secretarial Practice for Post 05, IT & ESM/ Electronics Mechanic for Post 06), National Trade Certificate issued by National Council for Vocational Training in Computer Operator and Programming Assistant for Post 07.

Selection Process: Candidates will be selected based on interview.

How to Apply: Eligible candidates can register in the web portal <http://apprenticeship.gov.in> for enrollment as apprentices & send their duly filled-in application in the prescribed format along with all documents (self-attested) Passport size photographs, 10th Class/ SSC/ Matriculation Mark-sheet, ITI certificate & Mark-sheet, 12th Class/ HSC Mark Sheet, Degree Certificate & Mark-sheet, Proof of Date of Birth, Caste Certificate (SC/ ST/ OBC), Certificate of Physical Disability, Character Certificate, AADHAAR Card, Details of Aadhaar linked Bank Account, Medical Fitness Certificate by Speed/ Regd. Post AD only to Group General Manager (HR), Container Corporation of India Limited, C-3, Mathura Road, New Delhi – 110076 on or before 15-10-2017 by 17:00 hrs.

Last Date for Receipt of Applications: 15-10-2017 by 17:00 hrs.

Source: <http://www.freejobalert.com/concor/17075/>

MPSC Recruitment 2017

Apply Online for Dean Posts: Maharashtra Public Service Commission (MPSC) has announced notification for the recruitment Dean vacancies in Government Medical Colleges, Medical Education and Research Service, Gr.-A. Eligible candidates may apply online from 14-09-2017 to 04-10-2017 till 11:59 PM. Other details like age limit, educational qualification, selection process, application fee & how to apply are given below...

MPSC Vacancy Details:

Total No. of Posts: 01

Name of the Post: Dean

Age Limit: Candidates age should be 45 years for Unreserved candidates as on 01-01-2017.

Educational Qualification: Candidates should possess M.B.B.S. degree and Post Graduate degree in any branch of Medical Science & 10 years experience of teaching as a Associate Professor or Reader in a Medical College.

Selection Process: Candidates will be selected on the basis of Sieve Test.

Application Fee: Candidates should pay Rs. 524/- for Unreserved, Fee can be pay through SBI Challan/ Net Banking/ Debit Card/ Credit Card/ CSC.

How to Apply: Eligible candidates may apply online through the website www.mpsc.gov.in/mahampsc.mahaonline.gov.in from 14-09-2017 to 04-10-2017 till 11:59 PM.

Instructions to Apply Online:

1. Log on the website www.mpsc.gov.in or mahampsc.mahaonline.gov.in
2. Click on Advertisement/ Notifications.
3. Again click on Online Application.
4. Select the desired post & read all instructions.
5. Fill all the details & submit the form.
6. Now take a print out of online application form for future use.

Important Dates:

Starting Date to Apply Online: 14-09-2017.

Last Date to Apply Online: 04-10-2017 till 11:59 PM.

Last Date to Update SBI Challan: 05-10-2017 during bank hours.

Source: <http://www.freejobalert.com/mpsc-recruitment/16235/>

RDD Maharashtra Jobs 2017

Executive Engineer, Architect & Other Posts: Rural Development Department (RDD), Maharashtra has announced notification for the recruitment of Executive Engineer, Financial Adviser, Architect & State Coordinator (IT) vacancies on contract basis. Eligible candidates can apply on or before 04-10-2017 till 03:00 PM. Other details regarding age limit, educational qualification, selection process & how to apply are mentioned below...

RDD Maharashtra Vacancy Details:

Name of the Post:

1. Executive Engineer
2. Financial Adviser
3. Architect
4. State Coordinator (IT)

Age Limit: Candidates age should be 50 years for Post No.1 & 3, 65 years for Post No.2, 45 years for Post No.4.

Educational Qualification: Candidates should possess Degree in Civil Engineering for Post No.1, Degree with Commerce for Post No.2, Degree with Architecture for Post No.3, B.E. Computer Science/ Master in Managerial Science for Post No.4.

Selection Process: Selection will be based on Interview.

How to Apply: Eligible candidates can send their application in the prescribed format along with copies of all necessary documents & passport size photograph to Rural Development Department (RDD), Maharashtra on or before 04-10-2017 till 03:00 PM.

Important Dates:

Last Date for Receipt of Application: 04-10-2017 till 03:00 PM.

Shortlisted candidates will be displayed on: 07-10-2017.

Source: <http://www.freejobalert.com/maharashtra-govt-jobs/67699/>

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF AUGUST 2017

Awards

- The non-profit organisation of France and its founder who have been chosen for 2017 The Gandhi Foundation International Peace Award by the Gandhi Foundation – **AL Kamandjati and Ramzi Abu Redwan**
- The Chief Minister of Telangana who has been chosen by Indian Council of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) to be conferred the Global Agriculture Leadership Award – **K Chandrasekhar Rao**

Sports

- The Portuguese footballer and player for Real Madrid, who has been awarded the UEFA Player of the Year Award for the third time in 4 years – **Cristiano Ronaldo**
- The venue of the first edition of Rural Games or Grameen Khel Mahotsav to be held from 28th August to 3rd September, 2017 – **New Delhi**
- The German professional tennis player who has won the Rogers Cup tennis tournament defeating Roger Federer in the finals – **Alexander Zverev**
- The Spanish football club which has won the UEFA Super Cup 2017 defeating contender Manchester United – **Real Madrid**

Persons

- The new Chief Justice of India (45th CJI) who has been appointed following the retirement of CJI JS Khehar – **Justice Dipak Mishra**
- The transgender from Kolkata who has been crowned India's first Miss Trans Queen at a pageant in Gurgaon – **Nitasha Biswas**
- The new Chairman and Managing Director of Air India appointed in place of Shri Ashwani Lohani – **Rajiv Bansal**
- The former Chairman and Managing Director, Air India who has been appointed as Chairman, Railway Board (Ministry of Railways) – **Ashwani Lohani**
- The former Chief Minister of Manipur and Member of Parliament who passed away on 22 August 2017 at the age of 96 – **Rishang Keishing**
- The Indian origin boy, with an IQ of 162, who has won Channel 4's Child Genius competition in U.K. – **Rahul Doshi**
- The new CEO and MD (interim) of Infosys who has been appointed in place of Vishal Sikka who stepped down on 18 Aug 2017 – **UB Pravin Rao**
- India's legendary sportsperson who has been appointed Goodwill Ambassador for Physical Activity in South- East Asia Region by the World Health Organisation – **Milkha Singh**
- The lyricist, poet and screenwriter who has been appointed the new Chairperson of Central Board of Film Certification replacing Shri Pahlaj Nihalani – **Prasoon Joshi**
- The former Secretary General of the FICCI who has been nominated to the post of Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog to replace Shri Arvind Panagariya – **Dr. Rajiv Kumar**
- The new Prime Minister of Pakistan who has been elected following the resignation of Mr. Nawaz Sharif – **Shahid Khaqan Abbasi**
- The scientist, writer and founder of Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad who passed away on 01 Aug 2017 – **Pushpa Mittra Bhargava**
- The Committee of Experts constituted by the Govt of India comprising of members from Government, Academia and Industry to study and identify key data protection issues and recommend methods for addressing them is headed by – **Justice BN Srikrishna**

Places – World

- The venue of World Police and Fire Games held from Aug 7 to 16 (Indian police contingent won 151 gold, 99 silver and 71 bronze (total 321) medals – **Los Angeles, California**
- The Spanish city in which a terror attack on La Rambla street killed 30 people and injured several others on 17 Aug 2017 – **Barcelona**
- The country which has been declared by World Health Organisation to be polio free since it had not recorded any case of polio in the last 3 years – **Somalia**
- The country which has scrapped visa requirements for citizens of 80 countries including India, allowing them to enter the country with a valid passport – **Qatar**
- The country which has launched the first spatial environmental research vehicle named Venus (Vegetation and Environment Monitoring New Micro-Satellite) – **Israel**
- The country in which world's longest suspension foot bridge (length 494 m) was opened to the public – **Switzerland**

Places – India

- The place in Punjab where India's first Partition Museum was inaugurated on 17 Aug 17 – **Amritsar**
- The State which has launched #SheMeansBusiness programme in partnership with Facebook to train women entrepreneurs – **Odisha**
- The State which has recently passed the Religious Freedom Bill in an attempt to stop forced conversions in the State – **Jharkhand**
- The city near which India's first private sector missile sub-systems manufacturing facility, a joint venture between the \$2.5 billion Kalyani Group and Israel's Rafael Advanced Defence Systems Ltd., was inaugurated – **Hyderabad**

Miscellaneous

- The theme on which India and Canada has agreed to jointly issue a set of two commemorative postage stamps on 21 Sep 2017 – **Diwali**
- The rocket mission launched by NASA to study disturbances in the upper atmosphere that interfere with communication technology systems at Roi-Namur in Marshall Islands is named – **Waves and Instabilities from a Neutral Dynamo (WINDY)**
- The variety of rice grown in Burdwan region of West Bengal which has been accorded the geographical indication (GI) tag – **Gobindobhog**
- The case in the Supreme Court of India in which the SC has held that "Right to Privacy is an integral part of Right to Life and Personal Liberty guaranteed in Article 21 of the Constitution" – **Justice KS Puttaswamy versus Union of India**
- The case in Supreme Court of India in which the SC has declared the the practice of triple talaq to be illegal – **Shayara Banu versus Union of India**
- The strong typhoon which struck the coast of China causing loss of lives and property in Macau and Hong Kong was named – **Typhoon Hato**
- The cloud-seeding project launched by the Govt of Karnataka to bring more rains in the State is named – **Project Varshadhare**
- The fifth in the series of six 105-metre offshore patrol vessels (OPVs) which was in the Coast Guard at Goa is named (the 4 already in service are ICGS Samarth, ICGS Shoor, ICGS Sarathi and ICGS Shaunak – **ICGS Shaurya**
- The mobile app developed by the Indian Army to enable serving soldiers to track details like postings, promotions, pay slips and Form 16 is named – **Humraaz**
- The portal launched by MSTC and Central Railside Warehouse Company to provide a platform to sell agricultural produce is named – **e-RaKAM**
- The chemicals which have been banned from use in firecrackers by the Supreme Court – **antimony, lithium, mercury, arsenic and lead**
- The anthem of Swachh Survekshan 2018 scripted by Shri Prasoon Joshi and composed by Shankar Mahadevan – **Swachhata Ki Jyot Jagi Hai**

Important Days of August.

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| International Youth Day: 12 August 2017 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2000 Theme: Youth Building Peace | World Elephant Day: 12 August 2017 Designated by: Patricia Sims and Elephant Reintroduction Programme of Thailand First observed: 2012 Theme: Bringing the world together to help elephants |
| World Humanitarian Day: 19 August 2017 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2009 Theme: #NotATarget | International Day against Nuclear Tests: 29 August 2017 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2010 |
| International Day of Victims of Enforced Disappearances: 30 August 2017 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2011 | |

NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR)

- ISRO and NASA are working towards realisation of NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) mission by 2021.
- In NISAR mission, NASA is responsible for development of L-band SAR and ISRO is responsible for development of S-band SAR. The L & S band SAR will be integrated with ISRO's spacecraft and launched on-board India's GSLV. After the launch in 2021, the plan of action includes (i) calibration of instruments & validation of data products; (ii) development of science acquisition plan; (iii) development of data processing procedures & applications; and (iv) conduct of outreach activities in research institutes & academia.

- NISAR employs a futuristic SweepSAR technique, which enables very wide swath of more than 200 km and very high resolution of the order of 5-10 m. The L & S band microwave data obtained from this satellite will be useful for variety of application, which include estimating agricultural biomass over full duration of crop cycle; assessing soil moisture; monitoring of floods & oil slicks; coastal erosion, coastline changes; assessment of mangroves; surface deformation studies, ice sheet dynamics etc.

IAAF World Championships 2017

Venue: London

Held: 04.08.17 to 13.08.17

Medals Tally

| SN | Country | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
|----|--------------|------|--------|--------|-------|
| 1 | USA | 10 | 11 | 9 | 30 |
| 2 | Kenya | 5 | 2 | 4 | 11 |
| 3 | South Africa | 3 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| 4 | France | 3 | 0 | 2 | 5 |
| 5 | China | 2 | 3 | 2 | 7 |

- **Justin Gatlin** (USA) won the gold, Christian Coleman (USA) won the silver and Usain Bolt (Jamaica) won the bronze in 100 m.
- **Torie Bowie** (USA) won the gold in 100 m (Women)
- **Mo Farah** (Great Britain) won the gold in 10000 and 5000 m.

Venue for 2019 Championships: **Doha** (Qatar)

Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the renaming of the new Central Sector Scheme - SAMPADA (Scheme for Agro-Marine Processing and Development of Agro-Processing Clusters) as "Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY)" for the period of 2016-20 coterminous with the 14th Finance Commission cycle. Earlier, CCEA in its meeting held in May, 2017 approved the new Central Sector Scheme - SAMPADA (Scheme for Agro-Marine Processing and Development of Agro-Processing Clusters) with same allocation and period.

Objective: The objective of PMKSY is to supplement agriculture, modernize processing and decrease Agri- Waste.

Financial Allocation: PMKSY with an allocation of Rs. 6,000 crore is expected to leverage investment of Rs. 31,400 crore, handling of 334 lakh MT agro-produce valuing Rs. 1,04,125 crore, benefit 20 lakh farmers and generate 5,30,500 direct/ indirect employment in the country by the year 2019-20.

Women Transforming India Awards 2017

Instituted by : NITI Aayog

Jury comprising: P.T. Usha, track and field Olympian; Pooja Thakur, Wing Commander, Indian Air Force; Nirupama Rao, Former Foreign Secretary and Ambassador, Arvind Panagariya, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog;

Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog and Yuri Afanasiev, UN Resident Coordinator.

Launched on International Women's Day on 8 March, the contest aimed to gather lesser-known stories of

women leading change. It was hosted on MyGov.in and ran till 1 June and was supported by an extensive outreach campaign to promote equal opportunity for women.

TOP 6

Laxmi Agarwal: Attacked in 2005 in broad daylight at the age of 15, Laxmi Aggarwal is today a champion of violence against women. She has filed public interest litigations in India's highest court to restrict the sale of acid.

Safeena Husain: The founder and executive director of Educate Girls, a non-profit organization working for girls' education, Safeena Husain has worked to bring education to some of India's most backward districts.

Kamal Kumbhar: Broke free from the shackles of poverty and a suffocating marriage to create a microenterprise network, enabling women like herself to realise their dreams of a brighter tomorrow.

Subasini Mistry: After losing her husband at a young age, Subasini Mistry saved for two decades to build a hospital for the needy.

Arunima Sinha: Is the first female amputee to scale the highest mountain in the world.

Jamuna Tudu: Along with her band of women activists, Jamuna Tudu has conserved 50 hectares of forest land around her village in Jharkhand, taking on encroachers with little more than bows and arrows and courage.

RUNNERS-UP

Rajlakshmi Borthakur: Determined to save her child's life, Rajlakshmi Borthakur researched epilepsy for more than three years and developed a simple wearable device, a smart glove, that can predict epileptic seizures before they happen.

Harshini Kanhekar: is India's first woman firefighter.

Sunita Kamble: As a goat doctor in the severely drought affected region, Sunita Kamble worked with her team to protect the community's livestock and create alternative and sustainable livelihood opportunities for women.

Kiran Kanojia: Survivor of a horrific accident, Kiran Kanojia, is a champion blade runner, constantly pushing the limits on her quest for the next challenge.

Shima Modak: For almost a decade, Shima Modak has been working relentlessly for the welfare of the distressed. Albeit with very little financial assistance, Shima has helped improve the future of children in her community by taking free education to the doorstep of the vulnerable.

Kanika Tekriwal: A self-made aviation entrepreneur and cancer survivor, Kanika Tekriwal launched her company, JetSetGo in 2013. JetSetGo, India's first marketplace for chartered jets, is an interactive technologydriven platform enabling users to charter aircrafts and helicopters around India.

World Badminton Championships 2017

Venue: Glasgow, Scotland

Held: 21.08.17 to 27.08.17

Medals Tally

| SN | Country | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
|----|-----------|------|--------|--------|-------|
| 1 | China | 2 | 2 | 3 | 7 |
| 2 | Japan | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| 3 | Indonesia | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| 4 | Denmark | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 5 | India | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |

Singles Medallist

| Event | Gold | Silver | Bronze |
|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Men's Singles | Viktor Axelson (Denmark) | Lin Dan (China) | Son Wan Ho (S. Korea) Chen Long (China) |
| Women's Singles | Nozomi Okuhara (Japan) | PV Sindhu (India) | Chen Yufei (China) Saina Nehwal (India) |

Venue for 2018 Championships: **Nanjing** (China)

Sports Awards 2017

The Sports Awards were presented by the President on National Sports Day, August 29
Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna 2017

| SN | Name of the Awardee | Discipline |
|----|---------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Shri Devendra | Para Athlete |
| 2 | Shri Sardar Singh | Hockey |

Dronacharya Awards 2017

| SN | Name of the Awardee | Discipline |
|----|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Late Dr. R. Gandhi | Athletics |
| 2 | Mr. Heera Nand Kataria | Kabaddi |
| 3 | Mr. G.S.S.V. Prasad | Badminton (Lifetime) |
| 4 | Mr. Brij Bhushan Mohanty | Boxing (Lifetime) |
| 5 | Mr. P.A. Raphel | Hockey (Lifetime) |
| 6 | Mr. Sanjoy Chakraverthy | Shooting (Lifetime) |
| 7 | Mr. Roshan Lal | Wrestling (Lifetime) |

Arjuna Awards 2017

| SN | Name of the Awardee | Discipline |
|----|------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Ms. V.J. Surekha | Archery |
| 2 | Ms. Khushbir Kaur | Athletics |
| 3 | Mr. Arokia Rajiv | Athletics |
| 4 | Ms. Prasanthi Singh | Basketball |
| 5 | Sub. Laishram Debendro Singh | Boxing |
| 6 | Mr. Cheteshwar Pujara | Cricket |
| 7 | Ms. Harmanpreet Kaur | Cricket |
| 8 | Ms. Oinam Bembem Devi | Football |
| 9 | Mr. S.S.P. Chawrasia | Golf |
| 10 | Mr. S.V. Sunil | Hockey |
| 11 | Mr. Jasvir Singh | Kabaddi |
| 12 | Mr. P. N. Prakash | Shooting |
| 13 | Mr. A. Amalraj | Table Tennis |
| 14 | Mr. Saketh Myneni | Tennis |
| 15 | Mr. Satyawart Kadian | Wrestling |
| 16 | Mr. Mariyappan | Para-Athlete |
| 17 | Mr. Varun Singh Bhati | Para-Athlete |

Dhyan Chand Award

| SN | Name of the Awardee | Discipline |
|----|-----------------------|------------|
| 1 | Mr. Bhupender Singh | Athletics |
| 2 | Mr. Syed Shahid Hakim | Football |
| 3 | Ms. Sumarai Tete | Hockey |

Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award

| SN | Name of the Awardee | Discipline |
|----|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Smt Premlata Agrawal | Land Adventure |
| 2 | Shri Rohan More Dattatreya | Water Adventure |
| 3 | Shri Ashok Abbey | Life Time Achievement |
| 4 | Shri Ved Prakash Sharma | Life Time Achievement |

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy 2016-17

Punjabi University, Patiala

Rashtriya Khel Protsahana Purushkar, 2017

| S. N. | Awardee | Category |
|-------|---|---|
| 1 | Identification and Nurturing of Budding and Young Talent | Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) |
| 2 | Encouragement to sports through corporate social responsibility | Odisha Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (IDCO) |
| 3 | Sports for Development | The Golf Foundation |
| 4 | Sports for Development | Reliance Foundation |

Selection Committee for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award and Arjuna Awards was headed by Justice C.K. Thakkar (Former Judge Supreme Court of India, Chief Justice of High Court of Himachal and Bombay). Selection Committee for Dronacharya Awards and Dhyan Chand Awards was headed by Shri Pullela Gopichand.

All India Elephant Population

- As per a recent census of elephants, the number of elephants in the country has been estimated at 27,312.
- Karnataka has the highest number at 6,049 followed by Assam 5,719 and Kerala 3,054.

Ceiling Prices of Knee Implants

The Govt has fixed the ceiling prices of knee implants to prevent unethical profiteering and ensure affordable and quality healthcare for the common man.

| Type of Knee Implant | Average MRP Earlier | New Ceiling Price |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Cobalt chromium | Rs. 1,58,324 | 54,720 |
| Titanium & oxidized zirconium | 2,49,251 | 76,600 |
| High flexibility i mplant | 1,81,728 | 56,490 |
| Revision implants | 2,76,869 | 1,13,950 |

Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana (AGEY)

- The Government of India has decided to launch a new sub-scheme named Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana (AGEY) as part of the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM). The Self Help Groups under DAY-NRLM will operate road transport service in backward areas.
- The Community Investment Fund (CIF) provided to Community Based Organization (CBOs) under DAY-NRLM will be utilized to support the SHG members in this new livelihoods initiative. The beneficiary SHG member will be provided an interest free loan by the CBO from its Community Investment Fund upto Rs.6.50 lakh for purchase of the vehicle which could be either e-riksha, 3 wheeler or 4 wheeler. All vehicles under the scheme shall have a defined colour code and carry AGEY branding to ensure their identity and avoid diversion to other routes.
- AGEY will be initially implemented in 250 Blocks in the country on pilot basis with each Block provided upto 6 vehicles to operate the transport services.

Solar Installed Capacity as on 31.07.2017

The following is the position of solar installed capacity as on 31.07.17 as per Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.

| Sr. No. | State | Capacity | Sr. No. | State | Capacity |
|---------|----------------|------------|---------|----------------|------------|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 2048.82 MW | 5 | Gujarat | 1262.10 MW |
| 2 | Rajasthan | 2022.72 MW | 6 | Karnataka | 1260.58 MW |
| 3 | Tamil Nadu | 1697.32 MW | 7 | Madhya Pradesh | 1116.64 MW |
| 4 | Telangana | 1609.27 MW | | | |

New Vice-President of India

- **Shri Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu.**
- In office since: 11 August 2017
- Cabinet portfolios held earlier in his career: Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Minister of Urban Development, Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Minister of Rural Development
- Born: **01 July 1949**
- Place of birth: **Chavatapalem**, Nellore (A.P.)
- Sworn in by: President Shri Ram Nath Kovind

Launch of Exchange Traded Fund - BHARAT 22

- A new Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) by the name BHARAT 22 was announced by the Union Govt recently. Bharat 22 consists of 22 stocks of CPSE's, PSB's & strategic holding of SUUTI. Compared to energy heavy CPSE ETF, Bharat 22 is a well Diversified portfolio with 6 sectors (Basic Materials, Energy, Finance, FMCG, Industrials & Utilities). The Bharat 22 Index will be rebalanced annually. ICICI Prudential AMC will be the ETF Manager and Asia Index Private Limited (JV BSE and S & P Global) will be the Index Provider.
- In the Budget Speech of 2017-18, the Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley had promised to use ETF as a vehicle for further disinvestment of shares. The target for CPSE's disinvestment in 2017-18 was set at Rs 72,500 crore. During the current Financial Year 2017-18, the Government has realised approx Rs 9,300 crore through nine disinvestment transactions so far.

The 22 constituents of BHARAT 22 are:

1. National Aluminium Co Ltd, 2. Oil & Natural Gas Corp Ltd, 3. Indian Oil Corp Ltd, 4. Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd, 5. Coal India Ltd, 6. State Bank of India, 7. Axis Bank Ltd, 8. Bank of Baroda, 9. Rural Electrification Corp Ltd, 10. Power Finance Corp Ltd, 11. Indian Bank, 12. ITC Ltd, 13. Larsen & Toubro Ltd, 14. Bharat Electronics Ltd, 15. Engineers India Ltd, 16. NBCC (India) Ltd, 17. Power Grid Corp of India Ltd, 18. NTPC Ltd, 19. Gail India Ltd, 20. NHPC Ltd, 21. NLC India Ltd, 22. SJVN Ltd

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF SEPTEMBER 2017

- The Indian badminton player who has won Korea Open Super Series women's singles title defeating Japanese player Nozomi Okuhara in the finals - **PV Sindhu**
- The Indo-US joint military exercise Yudh Abhyas 2017 is being held from 14 to 27 Sept 2017 at - **Joint Base Lewis McChord, Washington, USA**
- The former UN Secretary General who has been elected to head the International Olympic Commission's ethics commission - **Ban Ki-moon**
- The campaign launched by the Ministry of Environment and Forests and Climate Change to promote wood as climate-friendly resource and substitute to materials like steel and plastic is named - **Wood is Good**
- The State which has been formally chosen to host the 36th national Games in 2018 - **Goa**
- The rank of India in the World Economic Forum's Global Human Capital Index which is topped by Norway, followed by Finland and Switzerland in the second and third place respectively - **103rd**
- The former Indian badminton player who has been chosen by the Badminton Association of India to be conferred the first Lifetime Achievement Award instituted by the Badminton Association of India (BAI) for his rich contribution to the sport. - **Prakash Padukone**
- The Indian economist and professor at Manchester University who has been awarded the Balzan Prize for her "heroic" work studying women's contributions to agriculture in India - **Bina Agarwal**
- The dwarf planet on which two mountain ranges have been named after Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay (Hillary Montes and Tenzing Montes) - **Pluto**

- The operation launched by Govt of India to provide relief material to Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh is Named - **Operation Insaniyat**
- The Govt of India has decided to issue commemorative coins on the birth centenary of - **Dr. MG Ramachandran and Dr. MS Subbulakshmi**
- The private sector bank which has been listed by the Reserve Bank of India as a domestic systemically important bank (DSIB) (SBI and ICICI Bank were identified as DSIBs in 2015) **HDFC Bank**
- The hurricane arising in the Atlantic Ocean which severely affected the US States of Texas and Louisiana claiming 70 lives and causing extensive damage to property was named **Hurricane Harvey**
- The theme of the National Nutrition Week 2017 observed from 1st to 7th September to intensify awareness generation on the importance of nutrition for health **Optimal Infant & Young Child Feeding Practices: Better Child Health**
- The official song of FIFA U-17 World Cup written by Amitabh Bhattacharya, composed by Pritam and sung by Sunidhi Chauhan, Neeti Mohan, Babul Supriyo, Shaan, Papon and Mika - **Kar Ke Dikha De Goal**
- The online environmental quiz competition launched by the Environment Ministry on Teachers Day (5 Sep) for school children at national level is named - **Prakriti Khoj**
- The north-eastern State which has been declared as disturbed under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) for SIX months - **Assam**
- The wicketkeeper of Indian cricket team who has become the first in the world to achieve the feat of 100 stumpings in one-day internationals surpassing the record of Kumar Sangakkara (99 stumpings) - **MS Dhoni**
- The new Comptroller and Auditor General of India who has been nominated to take over the post following the retirement of Shashi Kant Sharma - **Rajiv Mehrishi**

Important Days of September

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| International Day of Charity: 05 September 2017 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2013 | International Literacy Day: 08 September 2017 Designated by: UNESCO First observed: 1966 Theme: Literacy in a Digital World |
| International Day of Democracy: 15 September 2017 Designated by: UN General Assembly First observed: 2008 Theme: Democracy and Conflict Prevention | International Day for Preservation of Ozone Layer: 16 September 2017 Designated by: UN General Assembly First observed: 1995 Theme: Caring for all life under the sun |

UNESCO Literacy Prizes 2017

UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize was awarded to:

- We Love Reading for its Programme in Jordan
- The Centre for the Study of Learning & Performance (CSLP) at Concordia University in Canada for its programme 'Using Educational Technology to Develop Essential Educational Competencies in Sub-Saharan Africa'

UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy was awarded to:

- The Secretariat of Information and Communications Technologies of the city of Armenia in Colombia for its 'AdulTICoProgram'
- The Citizens Foundation in Pakistan for its 'Aagahi Literacy Programme for Women and Out-of-School Girls'
- 'FunDza Literacy Trust' in South Africa for its programme 'Growing FunDza readers and writers'
- Marshal of the IAF Arjan Singh
- Born: 15 April 1919 at Lyallpur, Pakistan
- Years of service: 1938 - 1970

- Became Chief of Air Staff: 1964
- First Chief to be upgraded to the position of Air Chief Marshal
- Made Marshal of the IAF in 2002
- Civilian honour: Padma Vibhushan in 1966
- Air Force Panagarh in West Bengal is named Air Force Station Arjan Singh.
- Death: 16 Sep 2017

Navika Sagar Parikrama

- Purpose: To circumnavigate the globe
- Sailing vessel: INSV Tarini
- Special feature: All women crew from the Indian Navy
- Flagged off by: Defence Minister Smt Nirmala Sitharaman
- Crew: Lt. Commander Vartika Joshi (Captain), Lt. Commanders Pratibha Jamwal, P Swathi, and Lieutenants S Vijaya Devi, B Aishwarya and Payal Gupta.
- Stopovers: Fremantle (Australia), Lyttleton (New Zealand), Port Stanley (Falklands), and Cape Town (South Africa)
- Expected arrival: April 2018

SWACHHTA Ranking - 2017 of Higher Educational Institutions

The following are the first ranked universities/colleges in the Swachhta Rankings 2017 who were awarded by the Union Human Resource Development Minister, Shri Prakash Javadekar

- University: 1. O. P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat, Haryana
- Colleges: 1. Kongu Arts and Science College, Erode, TN
- Technical institutions: 1. Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore, TN
- Government institutions: 1. G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar, UK

US OPEN 2017

| Title | Winner | Runner-up |
|-----------------|---|---|
| Men's Singles | Rafael Nadal (Spain) | Kevin Anderson (South Africa) |
| Women's Singles | Sloane Stephens (USA) | Madison Keys (USA) |
| Men's Doubles | Jean-Julien Rojer (Netherlands) and Horia Tecau (Romania) | Feliciano Lopez and Marc Lopez (Spain) |
| Women's Doubles | Chan Yung-jan (Chinese Taipei) and Martina Hingis (Switzerland) | Lucie Hradecka and Katerina Siniakova (Czech Republic) |
| Mixed Doubles | Jamie Murray (UK) and Martina Hingis (Switzerland) | Chan Hao-Ching (Chinese Taipei) and Michael Venus (New Zealand) |

New Union Ministers who took over in Sep 2017

- Minister of Railways: Shri Piyush Goyal (also is the Minister of Coal)
- Minister of Defence: Smt Nirmala Sitharaman (first woman to hold the post)
- Minister of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation: Shri Nitin Gadkari (also is the Minister of Road Transport and Highways and Minister of Shipping)
- Minister of Drinking Water and Sanitation: Ms Uma Bharati
- Minister of Commerce and Industry: Shri Suresh Prabhu

Books in News

Unstoppable: My Life So Far by Maria Sharapova

Man Booker 2017 shortlist

- 4321 by Paul Aster

- History of Wolves by Emily Fridlund
- Exit West by Mohsin Hamid
- Elmet by Fiona Mozley
- Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders
- Autumn by Ali Smith (UK)

Source : www.leadthecompetition.in

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUESTIONS

- World War I ended in the year –
A) 1916 B) 1917 C) 1918 D) 1919
- The Governor of RBI is appointed for a period of –
A) 3 years B) 5 years C) 6 years D) 2 years
- What is the minimum age for employment in a factory as per Article 24 of the Indian Constitution?
A) 14 years B) 16 years C) 18 years D) 21 years
- Which Mughal emperor had the Buland Darwaza built?
A) Humayun B) Akbar C) Jahangir D) Shahjahan
- Kanchipuram in Tamil Nadu is famous for–
A) Silk sarees B) Fireworks C) Newsprint D) Sports goods
- Bokaro steel plant is located in –
A) Odisha B) Bihar C) Jharkhand D) West Bengal
- Lines connecting places of same mean daily duration of sunshine are known as –
A) Isoneph's B) Isohels C) Isohalines D) Isohumes
- Which of the following rivers originates in Chhattisgarh?
A) Narmada B) Tapi C) Mahanadi D) Chambal
- Which disease affects the skeletal muscles?
A) Arthritis B) Alzheimer's C) Psoriasis D) Tetanus
- Karakattam is a dance form of –
A) Karnataka B) Tamil Nadu C) Telangana D) Odisha
- Who contested against Shri Venkaiah Naidu in the election to the post of Vice- President?
A) Rajmohan Gandhi B) Gopal Krishna Gandhi
C) Devdas Gandhi D) Ramchandra Gandhi
- With which religion is the symbol Khanda associated?
A) Sikhism B) Buddhism C) Jainism D) Zoroastrianism
- Which city is located on the banks of river Vishwamitri?
A) Ayodhya B) Nainital C) Kota D) Vadodara
- The eating disorder in which the patient tries to maintain a below normal body weight is known as–
A) Anorexia B) Bulimia C) Progeria D) Alopecia

15. Which acid is not stored in glass containers?
 A) Nitric acid B) Hydrofluoric acid C) Carbonic acid D) Phosphoric acid
16. Moin-ul-haq Stadium is located in –
 A) Srinagar B) Aligarh C) Patna D) Hyderabad
17. Which city is known as the Athens of the East?
 A) Madurai B) Varanasi C) Dwarka D) Rameswaram
18. Gobi desert can be visited in which of the following countries?
 A) Kazakhstan B) Turkmenistan C) Ukraine D) Mongolia
19. Longitude 82.5° representing IST does not pass through which Indian state?
 A) Andhra Pradesh B) Tamil Nadu C) Odisha D) Chhattisgarh
20. Which country is known as the Land of the Golden Pagoda?
 A) Myanmar B) Thailand C) Bhutan D) Kampuchea
21. Gobind Sagar lake has been constructed on the river –
 A) Sutlej B) Beas C) Jhelum D) Ravi
22. Constellation named after the shape of a bear is –
 A) Orion B) Ursa major C) Taurus D) Aries
23. Potassium aluminium sulphate is commonly known as –
 A) Saltpeter B) Talcum C) Alum D) Gypsum
24. Who introduced Permanent Settlement system of revenue?
 A) William Bentick B) Wellesley C) Dalhousie D) Cornwallis
25. Copenhagen is the capital of –
 A) Denmark B) Netherlands C) Norway D) Sweden
26. The interior of a hollow organ can be viewed using –
 A) Oscilloscope B) Endoscope C) Stethoscope D) Microscope
27. Who said Bombs and pistols do not make a revolution?
 A) Mahatma Gandhi B) Jawaharlal Nehru C) Bhagat Singh D) Subhash Bose
28. Cannabis plant is the source of –
 A) Opium B) Cocaine C) Quinine D) Marijuana
29. Ulna is a bone found in the –
 A) legs B) chest C) arms D) skull
30. The Borubudur Temple is located in –
 A) Indonesia B) Japan C) China D) South Korea

Answers:

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| 1. (C) | 2. (B) | 3. (A) | 4. (B) | 5. (A) | 6. (C) | 7. (B) | 8. (C) | 9. (D) | 10. (B) |
| 11. (B) | 12. (A) | 13. (D) | 14. (A) | 15. (B) | 16. (C) | 17. (A) | 18. (D) | 19. (B) | 20. (A) |
| 21. (A) | 22. (B) | 23. (C) | 24. (D) | 25. (A) | 26. (B) | 27. (C) | 28. (D) | 29. (C) | 30. (A) |

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