

National Current Affairs

- ✦ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the country's first solar powered e-boats at the Assi Ghat in the river Ganga, Varanasi.
- ✦ Parliament has passed Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2016. The bill will allow transfer of captive mines from one allotted to another without auction.
- ✦ The Empowered Steering Committee (ESC) of the National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA) has approved projects for Development of Ghats. The total estimated cost of the projects is Rs. 2446 crores.
- ✦ The Lok Sabha has passed the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code Bill 2016, which is seen as a "transformational" legislation that will help to improve India's ranking in the World Bank's 'Ease of Doing Business' index. It aims to defuse the crisis of the looming bad loans in the banking sector and also to cover individuals, companies, and partnership firms.
- ✦ Railway Minister of India Suresh Prabhu remotely flagged off two new train services for Jammu and Kashmir from the Rail Bhawan in New Delhi. These trains will play on the Banihal-Baramulla-Budgam route.
- ✦ The Union government has approved Infosys to set up an IT/ITeS special economic zone (SEZ) in Bengaluru in an area spread over 4 hectares.
- ✦ The single emergency number '112' will be operational throughout India from January 1, 2017 to help people reach immediate services of police, ambulance and fire department.
- ✦ India is ranked at the ninth position in crony-capitalism with crony sector wealth accounting for 3.4 per cent of the gross domestic product (GDP).
- ✦ Railways has launched the Bharat Darshan Tourist train for pilgrims to visit Shirdi, Tirupati, Jagannath Puri, Gangasagar, Baidyanath Dham and Jyotirlingams among others.
- ✦ The Government of India has started the process for issuance by Unique Business Identification Number (UBIN) drive. It will help enable budding entrepreneurs to set up their business without any delays as it produce results well within targeted time.
- ✦ The Minister for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) Kalraj Mishra has inaugurated a spinning and weaving centre and marketing plaza for khadi goods in Srinagar.
- ✦ Parliament has passed the Anti-Hijacking Bill, 2016 to widen ambit of law dealing with this anti-hijacking crime. The Bill was first passed in the Rajya Sabha and later in the Lok Sabha in May 2016.
- ✦ The Ministry of Environment and Forests has launched a web-based application on Integrated Waste Management System (IWMS). The system's web address is www.iwms.nic.in. The system is for the better management of waste.
- ✦ The Union Railways Ministry has decided to constitute two Directorates namely Mobility Directorate (MD) and Non-Fare Revenue Directorate (NFRD).
- ✦ President of Sri Lanka Maithripala Sirisena will arrive in capital. He is on a two day visit to the nation. The visit is expected to contribute to further strengthening the close and cooperative relations between India and Sri Lanka.
- ✦ India and Bangladesh conducted a five-day dialogue in Dhaka over a host of security issues, including drug trafficking and cattle smuggling across the border between the two neighbors.
- ✦ India's renewable energy sector has been ranked third in the Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index (RECAI) with China at second and the US on top.
- ✦ The Centre has decided to defer the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) for medical college admission by a year through an ordinance or executive order.
- ✦ Apple CEO Tim Cook, who is currently on visit to India has announced the opening of its Hyderabad technology centre that will focus on the development of maps for its mobile products like iPhones, iPads, Macs and Apple Watches.

 **CAREER POWER**TM
AN IIT/IIM ALUMNI COMPANY

 **SBI CLERK**
MAINS 2016
13000+ Vacancies
15 Test (Bilingual)
Rs. 275/- only
Visit: onlinestore.careerpower.in

- ✚ President Pranab Mukherjee has inaugurated an Intelligent Operations Centre (IOC) in Rashtrapati Bhavan. He also launched a mobile application 'Monitor' for transformation of President's Estate into a smart township.
- ✚ India, Thailand and Myanmar will soon be connected by a 1,400-kilometre highway, to boost the trade and cultural exchanges among the three countries.
- ✚ President Pranab Mukherjee has signed the ordinance to keep state boards out of the common entrance test (NEET) for MBBS and dental courses for this year.
- ✚ India has banned its nationals from travelling to Libya, irrespective of the purpose of the visit, in view of the prevailing security situation in that country.
- ✚ Thirteen cities have been selected in the first phase of the government's smart cities mission, which includes Lucknow, Warangal, Bhagalpur, Raipur, New Town Kolkata, Chandigarh, Faridabad, Raipur, Ranchi, Warangal, Agartala, Imphal, Port Blair and Panaji.
- ✚ The Government of India signs US\$100 mn loan agreement with World bank (IBRD) for the Karnataka Urban Water Supply Modernization project.
- ✚ The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities will now be known as 'Divyangjan' Sashaktikaran Vibhag in Hindi and dropped the word 'viklangjan' from its previous nomenclature.
- ✚ The University Grants Commission (UGC) has brought out a new set of regulatory norms for deemed universities in order to reduce subjectivity and government interference and focus more on quality. According to the UGC Regulations, 2016, an institution will be eligible to become a deemed university if it has undergraduate and 5 post-graduate programmes with research in existence for 3 years.
- ✚ The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the first ever policy for the country's capital goods sector envisaging creation of over 21 million new jobs by 2025.
- ✚ The Union Cabinet has given its approval to amend The Institutes of Technology (IIT) Act, 1961 for incorporation of 6 new IITs.
- ✚ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has flagged off, the first ever direct train between Assam to Jammu & Kashmir.
- ✚ Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley will embark on a six-day official visit to Tokyo, Japan from May 29 to June 4.
- ✚ Public sector company NBCC (India) is set to kickstart projects aimed at cleaning the Ganga in Bihar, which has also got the financial approval for few project from the centre.
- ✚ Zimbabwe is all set to introduce its own version of US dollars in order to ease a cash shortage in the country.
- ✚ United Nations (UN) has announced the establishment of the UN Zika Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) to finance critical unfunded priorities in the response to the Zika outbreak. The Fund aims to provide a rapid, flexible and accountable platform to support a coordinated response from the UN system and partners.
- ✚ Sadiq Khan, a member of the Labour Party and human rights lawyer of Pakistani descent has been sworn in as London's new mayor by comfortably outrunning of his nearest rival.
- ✚ Bangladesh government has hanged the fundamentalist Jamaat-e-Islami chief Motiur Rahman Nizami for war crimes committed during the country's 1971 Liberation War.
- ✚ Anti-crime candidate and mayor of Davao City, Rodrigo Duterte has won the 2016 presidential election of the Philippines by a landslide victory.
- ✚ Iran has stopped free shipping of oil to Indian refiners from April 2016 and the freight will be arranged by the buyers in future.
- ✚ The Kenyan government has decided to close the World's biggest refugee camp in Dadaab.
- ✚ Central Asian state leaders have inaugurated the Central Asia South Asia (CASA-1000) transmission line near Dushanbe in Tajikistan to link the four nations and to promote regional stability, security and prosperity.
- ✚ The Italian parliament passed legislation legalizing same-sex civil unions, with 372 voting in favour, 51 against and 99 abstaining. With this, it has become the last country in Western Europe to do so.
- ✚ The World Bank's Board has approved USD 625 million loan to support the central government's programme to generate electricity from rooftop solar power plants.
- ✚ British Royals Prince William, Princess Kate and Prince Harry has launched the Heads Together campaign at Queen Elizabeth Park in East London.
- ✚ World Bank subsidiary arm International Finance Corporation (IFC) is planning to invest US\$68 million (about INR 460 crore) in Apollo Health & Lifestyle Ltd (AHLL).
- ✚ The World Bank Group has launched Pandemic Emergency Financing Facility and launched a \$500 million fund to fight Pandemics in poor countries and creating the world's first insurance market for pandemic risk.
- ✚ Britain has granted political refugee status to ousted former President of Maldives Mohamed Nasheed.
- ✚ US President Barack Obama has announced an end to its embargo on sales of lethal weapons to Vietnam.
- ✚ China has signed agreements with Sudan to build 600-megawatt atomic reactor. It was the first of its kind in the African country.
- ✚ According to a scientist at the Chinese Academy of Sciences, China will launch the world's first quantum communication satellite in July.

International Current Affairs

- ✚ To mark the 155th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore, India will organize a cultural festival in Egypt. It will build the connections between the people of the two countries who share strong cultural bonds.

States in India Current Affairs

- ✦ The Jammu and Kashmir government has signed an MoU with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi for setting up an IIT in Jammu.
- ✦ Gujarat Government has granted minority status to the Jain community after issuing a resolution for same.
- ✦ Multinational company Google has announced the launch of its free high-speed public WiFi service at Ujjain, Jaipur, Patna, Guwahati and Allahabad railway stations. The service is now available in 15 stations across India.
- ✦ In Haryana, Parkash Singh committee, headed by former DGP of Uttar Pradesh retired IPS Officer Parkash Singh has submitted its report on Jat Quota agitation to Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal.
- ✦ Union Health and Family Welfare Minister J P Nadda laid the foundation stone for three new medical colleges at Rajouri, Anantnag and Baramulla districts in Jammu and Kashmir.
- ✦ The Centre has approved the Odisha Government's proposal to set up Kalinganagar National Investment and Manufacturing Zone in Jajpur district.
- ✦ In Punjab, Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal inaugurated the World's largest Single Rooftop Solar Power Plant with capacity of 11.5 MegaWatt (MW) at Dera Baba Jaimal Singh at Beas, in Amritsar district.
- ✦ The 2016 Kerala Assembly Election has won by the CPI (M) led Left Democratic Front (LDF). So as result, Pinarayi Vijayan is set to become the next Chief Minister of Kerala.
- ✦ In Assam Assembly Election 2016, Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) and its alliance partners have won an absolute majority. So as result, Union Sports Minister Sarbananda Sonowal is all set to become the next Chief Minister of Assam.
- ✦ Ruling All India Trinamool Congress Party (TMC) under the leadership of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has emerged victorious in the 2016 West Bengal Assembly Election.
- ✦ Ruling All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) Party under the leadership of Chief Minister J. Jayalalitha has emerged victorious in the 2016 Tamil Nadu Assembly Election.
- ✦ Nitish Kumar led Bihar Government has announced the ban on sale, distribution, storage, manufacture, consumption and publicity of tobacco products like gutka and pan masala.
- ✦ Himachal Pradesh fisheries department has started an artificial propagation programme for rehabilitation and conservation of Golden Mahseer fish.
- ✦ Gujarat government has launched Smart Village program, it was launched by Chief Minister Anandiben Patel on her two year completion in office in Gandhinagar in Gujarat.
- ✦ Odisha Governor Dr SC Jamir has promulgated Odisha Official Language (Amendment) Ordinance, 2016. This

will facilitate use of Odia language in transaction of official businesses of the Government.

- ✦ State run Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) has successfully commissioned the first 800 MW super critical thermal unit in Karnataka. This is the highest rating unit in the state.
- ✦ The Centre has approved establishment of a National Investment and Manufacturing Zone (NIMZ) in Odisha.

New Appointments

- ✦ 1982 batch IAS officer of Himachal Pradesh Cadre Ajay Mittal took charge as the Information and Broadcasting Secretary. He succeeded Sunil Arora.
- ✦ Indian American Sikh woman from California, Harmeet Kaur Dhillon has been elected as the newest national committee woman of the Republican National Committee.
- ✦ Future Group's Chief Executive Kishore Biyani has been appointed managing director of Bharti Retail as part of the reconstitution of the board following their merger pact announced last year.
- ✦ Rohit Sharma became the Brand Ambassador of world famous Swiss luxury watch maker Hublot.
- ✦ Cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar has agreed to become India's Olympic goodwill ambassador, along-with actor Salman Khan and Shooter Abhinav Bindra.
- ✦ Italian sports car manufacturer Ferrari has appointed its Chairman Sergio Marchionne as the new CEO with "immediate effect". He replaced 69-year-old Amedeo Felisa.
- ✦ Sameer Chadha appointed as the partner and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of KPMG's offshore arm in India.
- ✦ Vice-Admiral Sunil Lanba will be the next chief of the Indian Navy. He will take over from current Navy Chief Admiral R K Dhowan.
- ✦ Indian Information Service (IIS) officer Bhupendra Kainthola has been appointed as the Director of Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) for a term of 3 years. He replaces Prashant Pathrabe.
- ✦ Mexican diplomat Patricia Espinosa selected as the next executive secretary of UNFCCC.
- ✦ Sudhir Yadav, the 1985 batch IPS officer of the Delhi police, was appointed as the new Director-General (DG) of Tihar.
- ✦ Senior IPS officer Kumar Rajesh Chandra has appointed as chief of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), the aviation security wing of the government, over 3 years after the post fell vacant.
- ✦ Enda Kenny has been re-elected as Ireland's Taoiseach, leading his Fine Gael party into a minority government.
- ✦ Somnath Ghosh has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Tajikistan.
- ✦ The Cupertino technology giant, Apple, has elevated Sanjay Kaul as the country manager for Apple India.
- ✦ Mrugank Paranjape took charge as managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of Multi

- Commodity Exchange (MCX), country's largest commodity exchange.
- ✦ Congress leader Harish Rawat is all set to be reinstated as the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, over six weeks after he was ousted by the Centre, with the Supreme Court, putting its stamp of approval on the floor test in the Assembly.
- ✦ Renowned Music composer AR Rahman has accepted the Indian Olympic Association's offer to become the Goodwill Ambassador for Rio Olympics.
- ✦ Former BCCI President Shashank Manohar, who resigned recently, was now elected unopposed as the ICC's first independent Chairman for two years.
- ✦ Brazil's President Dilma Rousseff was suspended for at least six months after the country's Senate voted 55-22 to impeach and put her on trial.
- ✦ US President Barack Obama has appointed an Indian-American engineer, Manjit Singh, as the member of President's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.
- ✦ The Capital market apex, Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has approved the appointment of Ashok Chawla as National Stock Exchange (NSE) new Chairman.
- ✦ Justice Naveen Sinha has sworn in as the 31st Chief Justice of Rajasthan.
- ✦ Former IPL spot-fixing probe head, Justice Mukul Mudgal has been appointed as the Deputy Chairman of FIFA's governance committee.
- ✦ The Belgium based company Barco has announced the appointment of Rajiv Bhalla as managing director for India.
- ✦ Uttar Pradesh government, appointed Manzil Saini as the new Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) of state capital Lucknow.
- ✦ The country's biggest airline by market share, IndiGo has appointed Rohit Philip as its new Chief Financial Officer (CFO).
- ✦ Shell India has announced Nitin Prasad as its new India head from 1st October.
- ✦ Rakesh Kumar Mishra, a noted expert in the study of function of genes, has been appointed as the new Director of the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).
- ✦ United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon has appointed Patricia Espinosa Cantellano of Mexico as Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- ✦ Indian journalist and Councillor Philip Abraham was elected unanimously as the Deputy Mayor of Loughton town in the United Kingdom.
- ✦ Tsai Ing-wen of the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) has sworn in as the new president of Taiwan and also has become the first female President of the country.
- ✦ Transport Minister of Turkey Binali Yildirim is all set to become as the country's Prime Minister.
- ✦ UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon has appointed former Irish President Mary Robinson and Kenyan diplomat Macharia Kamau as special envoys for El Nino and climate.
- ✦ Cairn India informed the stock exchanges that Mayank Ashar, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, will step down from his post for personal reasons, effective June 5.
- ✦ All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) chief J Jayalalithaa has sworn in as chief minister of Tamil Nadu.



- ✦ Anurag Thakur has been elected as the new BCCI president by the Special General Meeting (SGM) chaired by Senior BCCI vice-president C K Khanna in Mumbai. With this he became the second youngest BCCI President.
- ✦ BJP leader and former IPS officer Kiran Bedi was appointed as Lt Governor of Puducherry.
- ✦ Former Finance Secretary Ratan P Watal was appointed as Principal Adviser (Social Sector) in NITI Aayog for 3-years.
- ✦ In Assam, BJP leader Sarbananda Sonowal has taken oath as the Chief Minister.
- ✦ FIFA acting Secretary General Markus Kattner was dismissed from his position with immediate effect.
- ✦ Renowned scientist S K Sharma was appointed the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL).
- ✦ Lt General S K Saini has taken over as the new commandant of prestigious Indian Military Academy (IMA).
- ✦ Communist Party of India-Marxist leader Pinarayi Vijayan has taken oath as the Chief Minister of Kerala with 19 ministers at the central stadium in capital Thiruvananthapuram.

- ✦ Snapdeal-controlled digital payments platform FreeCharge has named Kunal Shah as chairman, and Govind Rajan as Chief Executive Officer.
- ✦ Trinamool Congress (TMC) chief Mamata Banerjee (61) has taken oath as the Chief Minister of West Bengal for the second consecutive five-year term.
- ✦ Guinea Bissau President Jose Mario Vaz named Baciro Dja as the new Prime Minister of the west African country.
- ✦ Ashok Leyland's Board of Directors have approved the re-appointment of Vinod K Dasari as Managing Director(MD) of the company for 5 years from April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2021.
- ✦ Vice Admiral Girish Luthra has succeeded Sunil Lanba as the Flag Officer Commander-in-Chief of the Western Naval Command in a ceremonial parade in Mumbai.
- ✦ Former Union Minister of State, V Narayanaswamy was unanimously elected as Congress Legislature Party leader, to become the Chief Minister of Puducherry.
- ✦ Bollywood Actor R Madhavan has become the goodwill ambassador of LEPROA India organization that fight against diseases like leprosy and tuberculosis.
- ✦ Former Kolkata Police Commissioner Surajit Kar Purkayastha has appointed as the new Director General of Police in West Bengal following the retirement of G M P Reddy.
- ✦ Ashok Lavasa has been designated as the Finance Secretary by the Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC) headed by PM Narendra Modi.
- ✦ payments at offline stores by scanning a QR (quick response) code on their smartphones at merchant outlets.
- ✦ India's fifth largest Private sector lender Yes Bank has received a 'Custodian of Securities' licence from the markets regulator SEBI to allow the entity to offer custodial services to financial market participants, including FIIs and foreign portfolio investors (FPIs).
- ✦ India's largest private sector lender ICICI Bank has inked a MoU with the BRICS Grouping-promoted New Development Bank (NDB) for a partnership in bond issuances, co-financing, treasury management and human resources.
- ✦ The Country's largest urban co-operative bank, Saraswat bank has announced the donation of Rs. 1 crore for drought relief in Maharashtra.
- ✦ Kerala based South Indian Bank has announced a tie-up with National Australian Bank (NAB) for online inward remittances from Australia at a competitive rate.
- ✦ As per the Reserve Bank of India it will shortly issue rupees 1,000 denomination bank notes in the Mahatma Gandhi Series of 2005 with the insert letter of 'R' in both the number panels.
- ✦ The Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP) under Union Ministry of Commerce & Industry has allowed 100 per cent foreign direct investment (FDI) in asset reconstruction companies (ARCs) under the automatic route.
- ✦ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released the 'draft guidelines for 'on tap' Licensing of Universal Banks in the Private Sector'.

Banking Current Affairs

- ✦ National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has entered into collaboration with German government for a special programme on 'Soil Protection and Rehabilitation for Food Security'.
- ✦ Australian entrepreneur Craig Wright has reportedly confirmed that he created digital payment system bitcoins and provided technical proof for his claims.
- ✦ Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd has become the fourth bank to open its IFSC Banking Unit (IBU) at International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT) City. IFSC is the India's first and only financial centre.
- ✦ IREDA, the state run Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency can be converted into a Green Bank to enable its access funding from overseas banks.
- ✦ The Minister of state for Finance Jayant Sinha has stated that there were 7,686 willful defaulters owing Rs 66,190 crore to state-owned banks as of December 2015.
- ✦ Corporation Bank has been awarded 'excellence award on empowering MSMEs' by the Federation of Industry, Trade and Services (FITS).
- ✦ The European Central Bank (ECB) has announced that it will permanently stop producing the 500 euro banknote by the end of 2018.
- ✦ State Bank of India has launched a mobile payment solution that will enable customers to make digital payments at offline stores by scanning a QR (quick response) code on their smartphones at merchant outlets.
- ✦ India's fifth largest Private sector lender Yes Bank has received a 'Custodian of Securities' licence from the markets regulator SEBI to allow the entity to offer custodial services to financial market participants, including FIIs and foreign portfolio investors (FPIs).
- ✦ India's largest private sector lender ICICI Bank has inked a MoU with the BRICS Grouping-promoted New Development Bank (NDB) for a partnership in bond issuances, co-financing, treasury management and human resources.
- ✦ The Country's largest urban co-operative bank, Saraswat bank has announced the donation of Rs. 1 crore for drought relief in Maharashtra.
- ✦ Kerala based South Indian Bank has announced a tie-up with National Australian Bank (NAB) for online inward remittances from Australia at a competitive rate.
- ✦ As per the Reserve Bank of India it will shortly issue rupees 1,000 denomination bank notes in the Mahatma Gandhi Series of 2005 with the insert letter of 'R' in both the number panels.
- ✦ The Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP) under Union Ministry of Commerce & Industry has allowed 100 per cent foreign direct investment (FDI) in asset reconstruction companies (ARCs) under the automatic route.
- ✦ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released the 'draft guidelines for 'on tap' Licensing of Universal Banks in the Private Sector'.
- ✦ The Reserve Bank Of India (RBI) has cancelled the certificate of registration of the four Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) and seven other Maharashtra-based non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) have surrendered their registration certificates.
- ✦ Karnataka Bank has launched 'cash back' campaign for its VISA debit cardholders.
- ✦ ICICI Bank, a private sector lender has launched the country's first contactless business credit card in association with Jet Airways for small and mid-sized enterprises (SMEs) and their employees.
- ✦ Mukesh Ambani-owned Reliance Jio Infocomm has launched its digital wallet service, called as JioMoney Wallet, for Indian consumers.
- ✦ Kotak Mahindra Bank Chief Uday Kotak, with a net worth of \$7.1 billion is the only Indian in Forbes' 'Money Masters: The Most Powerful People in The Financial World' list of 40.
- ✦ The Reserve Bank of India has stated that entities from Pakistan, China, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Iran and Hong Kong and Macau will require its prior approval to establish branch office or project office or liaison office in India.
- ✦ RBI has authorised 29 agency banks to accept payments of Income Tax dues as recently Reserve Bank of India

has asked income tax assesses to pay their tax dues well in advance to avoid last minute rush.

- ✦ Singapore based DBS Bank has decided to set up its biggest technology hub out off its headquarter.
- ✦ UK-based Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) said it will shut down its corporate, institutional and retail banking operations in India, following the announcement of the plan last year.
- ✦ The country's largest lender, State Bank of India (SBI) has decided to merge its five associate public sector banks (PSBs) and the Bharatiya Mahila Bank (BMB) with itself.
- ✦ Public sector lender Punjab National Bank has reported the largest net loss of rs. 5,367.14 crore for 4th quarter ended 31st of March against the backdrop of a surge in bad loans. This is the biggest quarterly loss in Indian bank history.
- ✦ India Post's payments bank will start functioning from March 2017 and serve as a wider platform to implement financial inclusion programmes.
- ✦ The mortgage lender HDFC ltd has been ranked among the world's top ten biggest and most powerful companies in the consumer financial services sector on a Forbes list. The list is topped by global major American Express while HDFC ranked 7th.
- ✦ As per the Minister of State for Finance Jayant Sinha, India will have 8-10 very competitive public sector banks once the "dust settles" and the consolidation phase ends.



CAREER POWER™
AN IIT/IIM ALUMNI COMPANY

SBI CLERK
MAINS 2016

13000+ Vacancies

15 Test
(Bilingual)

Rs. 275/- only

Visit: onlinestore.careerpower.in

- ✦ RBL Bank is going to launch an Entrepreneur-in-Residence (EIR) programme for fintech start-ups in the next 9-12 months.
- ✦ Saudi Arabia based Islamic Development Bank (IDB) has announced to open its first branch in India at Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

Economy Current Affairs

- ✦ Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has launched a special drive 'One Employee-One EPF' to encourage EPF members to consolidate their multiple accounts.
- ✦ NSE, the national stock exchange is all set to launch a new trade receivable and credit exchange platform for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).
- ✦ The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has decided to replace the five year plans with 15 year vision documents.
- ✦ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has given its approval for development of 8 and 6 lane of Delhi-Meerut Expressway - Package-II on NH-24 in Uttar Pradesh. The cost is estimated to be around Rs 1984 crore including cost of land acquisition, resettlement and rehabilitation and other pre-construction activities.
- ✦ The postal department of India, India Post is going high tech by geo tagging the post office on Bhuvan and has begun monitoring timely clearance of the letter boxes through a mobile app.
- ✦ Wholesale prices rose for the first time in 18 months, posting an annual gain of 0.34 per cent, driven up by higher costs for food and manufactured items, as per the government data.
- ✦ Global rating agency, Moody's has forecast a growth rate of about 7.5 percent for the Indian economy in 2016 and 2017.
- ✦ The Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) has approved Rs.60.73 crore worth of foreign direct investment (FDI) proposals of Wockhardt, Aurobindo Pharma and Advanced Enzyme Technologies.
- ✦ The money market regulator SEBI has tightened its norms for Participatory note (P note) users to follow Indian anti-money laundering law and report any suspicious transactions immediately.
- ✦ The government has notified that it has raised the threshold limit of PF withdrawal for deduction of tax (TDS) from existing Rs 30,000 to Rs 50,000.
- ✦ According to the US based global rating agency, Fitch, India's economic growth rate will leisurely accelerate to 8% by fiscal year ending March 2019. It also expects India's GDP to grow 7.5% in fiscal year ending March 2016 and improve to 7.7% in the current fiscal year and further to 7.9% in the fiscal year ending March 2018.
- ✦ The Government has enforced the decision of retirement fund body EPFO to almost double the maximum sum assured under its insurance scheme from 3.6 lakh to Rs 6 lakh for its 4 crore subscribers.
- ✦ The Union Cabinet has waived off loans worth more than Rs 9,079 crore owed by Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd (HFCL) as part of a financial restructuring package for the PSU.
- ✦ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, CCEA has given its approval for Railway projects worth Rs 11,000 crore.

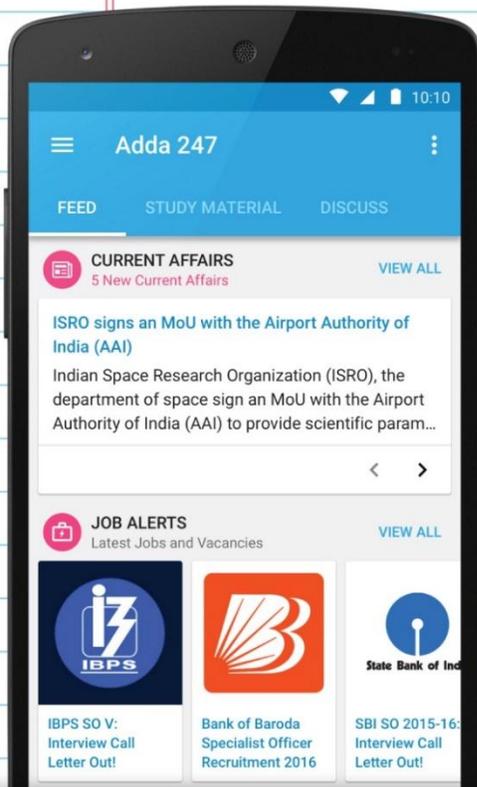
- ✦ The Centre has approved an investment of over 5500 crore rupees for basic urban infrastructure in six states under Atal Mission.
- ✦ Paytm, India's largest mobile payments has partnered with the Wipro Ltd, an IT services major, to implement technology infrastructure for its upcoming Payment bank business.
- ✦ Airtel, the enterprise arm of Bharti Airtel and networking player GBI has announced the partnership to increase its direct reach in West Asian countries.
- ✦ IT services company Wipro has inaugurated Saudi Arabia's first all women business and technology park (WBP) at the Princess Nourah Bint Abdulrahman University in Riyadh.
- ✦ Anil Ambani-led Reliance Defence has received 15 new industrial licences to manufacture a range of defence equipment.
- ✦ An American multinational technology company, Google has acquired a business technology start-up 'Synergys' founded by an Indian-origin entrepreneur as part of its plans to scale training offerings for Google Apps to its customers and customers' users.
- ✦ JSW Energy Ltd, led by Mr. Sajjan Jindal has agreed to buy a 1,000 MW power plant of Jindal Steel and Power Ltd's (JSPL), which is located in Chhattisgarh.
- ✦ Uber, the online cab service provider has announced its global partnership with the third party payment platform, Alipay.
- ✦ Reliance power is all set to setup a power plant in Bangladesh as it got the approval for the first phase of Reliance Power's project. As per the approval, the company will set a 3,000 MW gas based power plant.
- ✦ E-commerce marketplace Snapdeal has acquired Gurgaon-based predictive marketing technology startup Targeting Mantra for an undisclosed amount.
- ✦ Google has entered into a partnership with telecommunications major Idea Cellular to offer direct carrier billing in India. Idea users would now be able to make purchases on Google Play Store directly through their postpaid and prepaid accounts.
- ✦ England automative brand Jaguar Land Rover Ltd and a subsidiary of Indian automaker Tata Motors, has tied up with UK-based Bullitt Group to develop mobile devices and a range of accessories under its brand.
- ✦ Asia's leading cloud telephony company, Knowlarity Communications has announced the acquisition of Delhi-based Smartwards, a customer engagement platform that simplifies loyalty for local businesses and their customers.
- ✦ E commerce company, Amazon has launched its online video service, called Amazon Video Direct.
- ✦ Cross-category classifieds business Quikr has acquired Salosa, an on-demand in-home beauty services provider, for an undisclosed amount.

Business Current Affairs

- ✦ Pfizer Inc will buy Anacor Pharmaceuticals Inc in a \$5.2-billion (£3.61 billion).
- ✦ State-owned BHEL has commissioned a 250 MW thermal unit in Maharashtra.
- ✦ A subsidiary of Tata Power, Tata Power Renewable Energy (TPREL) has announced that it has won two solar-grid connected photovoltaic projects of 50 mw capacity each in Pavagada Solar Park in the Tumkur district of Karnataka.
- ✦ The Japanese financial company Nomura has announced fully departure of its mutual fund joint venture with insurance giant Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC).
- ✦ Tata Power has announced that it has completed the acquisition of 30 MW wind farm in Maharashtra.
- ✦ Future Consumer Enterprise Ltd (FCEL) has informed the stock exchanges that International Finance Corporation (IFC) will invest \$20 million in the company through equity-linked instruments.
- ✦ UK based banking giant, HSBC Holding Plc stated that it plans to close 24 branches in India.
- ✦ ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL), the overseas arm of state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC) has signed a pact with the trading arm of Azerbaijan's state energy company SOCAR (State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic) to foray into oil trading.
- ✦ Reliance Industries, a conglomerate holding company headquartered in Mumbai has sold its stake in African fuel retailer Gulf Africa Petroleum Corporation (GAPCO) to Total S. A. of France.
- ✦ Online marketplace Snapdeal has established a data sciences centre in San Carlos, California, which will help it to get top global talent and build high-value solutions.
- ✦ Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Ltd (ABFRL), a retail arm of Aditya Birla Group has acquired the rights for California, US, based fashion retailer Forever 21 to acquire its India business from its current franchisee, Diana Retail Private Ltd.
- ✦ The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the takeover of Hindustan Steel Works Construction Limited (HSCL) by National Buildings Construction Corporation Ltd (NBCC) for financial restructuring of HSCL.
- ✦ Google has won a major US court battle with software firm Oracle after a jury ruled it did not unfairly appropriate parts of the Java programming language.
- ✦ IT services and solutions giant, Tech Mahindra is all set to acquire UK based Target Group to strengthen its BFSI portfolio.

Q. Preparing for Government Job Examinations?

A. Download the [Adda247 Android app](#) and boost your chances.



✓ **Current Affairs & Daily GK Updates** for all government jobs.

✓ **Competition Power** monthly Magazine so that you don't miss out on anything.

✓ Quick **Quizzes** updated daily to help you practice more and excel.

✓ Topic-wise explanatory **Videos** by expert faculties of Career Power.

✓ **Latest Jobs**, fresh Vacany Alerts and Result notifications.



An initiative by Team
BankersAdda and SSCAdda



<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.adda247.app>

Mou/Agreements Signed

- ✦ India and New Zealand has signed a bilateral air services agreement that would facilitate the operation of direct flights between two countries.
- ✦ The Union Ministry of Railways and Forest Department of Haryana & Punjab have inked Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for plantation of trees alongside Railway Track on Railway Land Boundary.
- ✦ The Union Cabinet has apprised of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Qatar for promoting bilateral cooperation in the field of Information Communication Technology (ICT).
- ✦ Australian state of Victoria, Swinburne University has announced two agreements with India in the area of medical technology to address major health challenges in India.
- ✦ Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines has agreed to conduct coordinated sea patrols and establish a hotline to combat piracy and kidnappings in waters bordering the three nations.
- ✦ India and Japan has decided to exchange sports persons, coaches, experts and administrators to improve the standard of the game between both nations.
- ✦ Facebook and the trade body of Indian IT firms 'National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM)' has signed an agreement to build a product design initiative to engage the country's young entrepreneurs into becoming problem solvers and solution builders.
- ✦ The e-commerce giant Flipkart has partnered with a Bangaluru based social technology company 'MapUnity' to launch its map services.
- ✦ Infosys Foundation, philanthropic arm of the IT major, has signed a pact with Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Pune, to support students from economically weaker section to pursue 'high quality' education.
- ✦ India and Mauritius has signed the protocol for amendment of two-decade-old Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) between the two countries.
- ✦ India is planning to develop regional connectivity projects worth \$5 billion in South Asia. The projects include road corridors connecting India with Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan through West Bengal and India-Myanmar through Manipur.
- ✦ A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between The Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India and NDTV Ethnic Retail Ltd. for popularizing India Handloom textiles as a fashionable product for youth.
- ✦ Odisha based aluminium company, National Aluminium Company (Nalco) has signed an memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Mumbai for Research and Development (R&D) in fields of mutual interest.
- ✦ The Union Cabinet has given its approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between SEBI and Financial Services Regulatory Authority, Abu Dhabi for Mutual Co-operation and Technical Assistance.
- ✦ India has signed a historic Project Collaboration Agreement (PCA) with World Health Organization (WHO) for cooperation on promoting the quality, safety and effectiveness of service provision in traditional and complementary medicine.
- ✦ The Prime Minister along with Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena have released 'Simhashta Declaration' at Ninora village in Ujjain.
- ✦ India and Bangladesh has concluded a nuclear agreement with each other to engage the bilateral neighborhood relationship.
- ✦ State-owned power generating firm NTPC has signed a joint venture agreement with state-run Coal India to revive plants run by the Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCIL).
- ✦ Mobile app for transportation Ola has signed an MoU with National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC).
- ✦ India and Slovenia have signed a Protocol to amend the existing bilateral double taxation avoidance agreement, broadening the pact to include exchange of information to curb tax evasion in Ljubljana.
- ✦ India and Iran has signed 12 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and agreements in various areas including building and operating the Chabahar port by India.
- ✦ India and Oman have signed 4 Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) in Muscat during the visit of Indian Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar to Oman.
- ✦ The National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) has signed an MoU with Iranian Mines and Mining Industries Development and Renovation Organization (IMIDRO) to explore the possibility of setting up a smelter on joint venture in Iran.
- ✦ The Union Cabinet has granted ex-post facto approval to the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India and the Ministry of Tourism, Government of Maldives for strengthening cooperation in the field of tourism.
- ✦ The Union Cabinet has given ex-post facto approval to the MoU between Indian and Japan for promoting sustainable, stable and low-carbon thermal power development in India.
- ✦ The Union Cabinet has approved Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the United Arab Emirates Space Agency (UAESA) for cooperation in the exploration and user of outer space for peaceful purposes.
- ✦ India and Australia have signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance research and development capabilities in biotechnology by launching a joint funding call.

- ✚ The PEC University of Technology of Chandigarh and Union Ministry of Railways have signed an MoU for setting up of Kalpana Chawla Chair on Geospatial Technology for Indian Railways at the University.
- ✚ India and US are all set to sign two key agreements in the month of July during the Homeland Security Dialogue, which is going to be held in Washington.
- ✚ The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has signed an agreement with the Government of India to provide a loan of Rs. 1,548 crore to improve the quality of urban healthcare services in Tamil Nadu.
- ✚ The Indian Multinational automobile giant, Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) has stated that it has incorporated its agricultural equipment rental services arm Trringo.com as a wholly-owned subsidiary.

Summits

- ✚ The ADMM-Plus (ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus) Exercise on Maritime Security and Counter Terrorism (Ex MS & CT) has started in Brunei.
- ✚ The 49th Annual General Meeting of ADB is being held at Frankfurt, Germany.
- ✚ The eight nations composing the South Asia Initiative to End Violence against Children, SAIEVAC, are assembling in New Delhi for their 4th Ministerial Meeting.
- ✚ Rwanda hosted the 26th World Economic Forum on Africa (WEF) in its capital Kigali. The theme of this 26th World Economic Forum on Africa is - Connecting Africa's Resources through Digital Transformation.
- ✚ The First World Conference on Tourism for Development will be held in Beijing, China from 18th to 21st of May, 2016.
- ✚ The 27th edition of the India-Indonesia CORPAT (Coordinated Patrol) has concluded in Belawan, Indonesia.

- ✚ Finance ministers and central banks governor from the Group of Seven developed nations kicked off the first day of their meeting in Sendai, Japan.
- ✚ The first-ever World Humanitarian Summit was held in Istanbul since World War II. The summit was inaugurated by the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and hosted by Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.
- ✚ The Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan inaugurated the three day conference of the Northeast Region Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (NERCPA).
- ✚ The World leaders begin two days of G7 talks in Japan with the deteriorating global economy, terrorism and refugees crisis, China's controversial maritime claims, and a possible Brexit headlining on top the agenda.

Obituaries

- ✚ Nihal Bitla, who was suffering from the rare genetic condition progeria, died in a hospital in Telangana at the age of 15 years.
- ✚ Veteran freedom fighter and former Sircilla MLA Chennamaneni Rajeshwara Rao has passed away at a private hospital in Hyderabad following prolonged illness. He was 93 year old.
- ✚ US actor William Schallert has passed away.
- ✚ West Indies cricket writer, commentator and journalist, Tony Cozier has passed away. He was 75 year old.
- ✚ Rajya Sabha MP from Gujarat Praveen Rashttrapal has passed away after suffering a heart attack. He is 76 year old.
- ✚ The head of Sant Nirankari Mission and an Indian spiritual guru Hardev Singh has passed away in a road accident in Canada. He was 62 year old.
- ✚ Deepak Shodhan, India's oldest Test cricketer and the 2nd Indian to score a memorable test century in his debut innings, has passed away due to a heart attack at his residence in Ahmedabad.
- ✚ French astrophysicist Andre Brahic, one of the discoverers of Neptune's rings, died in Paris at the age of 73.
- ✚ Veteran CBS newsmen Morley Safer, who retired from CBS News just a week ago has passed away after a 61-year career in journalism.
- ✚ Popular Gujarati folk singer Diwaliben Bhil has passed away in Junagadh. She was 80 year old.
- ✚ Emmy award-winning English-born actor Alan Young, died at age 96.
- ✚ Noted Kannada writer D. Javare Gowda has passed away following a cardiac arrest in Mysuru. He was 101 year old.
- ✚ Former Lok Sabha MP from Odisha and senior BJP leader Rudra Madhab Ray has passed away.
- ✚ The oldest living Olympic champion Sandor Tarics has passed away at home in San Francisco. He was 102 year old.
- ✚ Veteran film and television actor Suresh Chatwal has passed away in Mumbai.

- ✦ CPI(M) veteran and former MLA and MP K Anirudhan has passed away at his residence at Vazhuthacaud. He was 92 year old.
- ✦ SM Seenivel, a newly elected MLA of the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) in the new Tamil Nadu Assembly has passed away in a private hospital in Bibikulam in Madurai.
- ✦ Mr. Burt Kwouk, who was best known for playing Inspector Clouseau's manservant Cato in the Pink Panther films. He was 85 year old.
- ✦ Veteran communist leader KC Mathew has passed away in Kochi. He was 92 year old.
- ✦ R G Jadhav, a noted Marathi critic and litterateur has passed away. He was 83 year old.

Sports Current Affairs

- ✦ The Formula One championship leader Nico Rosberg has won the Russian Grand Prix in Sochi. It's his fourth-straight win of this season.
- ✦ Star Indian pugilist Vijender Singh recorded his 5th consecutive victory in Professional Boxing. He defeated Frenchman Matiouze Royer at London's Copper Box Arena via knock-out.
- ✦ England's world number one Mark Selby won World Championship title of Snooker. In the final match played in Sheffield, Selby from Leicester defeated China's Ding Junhui 18-14.
- ✦ Seven Indian shuttlers have booked their berth for the upcoming Rio Olympics, scheduled in August.
- ✦ Indian batsman Rohit Sharma has inaugurated India's first sports expo in Pune.
- ✦ In Pakistan, former South African cricketer and coach for PSL's Karachi Kings, Mickey Arthur, has been appointed as cricket team's head coach.
- ✦ Pakistan beat India at the Asian Kabaddi championships in Islamabad, retaining the title.
- ✦ Number one player, Novac Djokovic has defeated Andy Murray 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 to conquer the Mutua Madrid Open title in Madrid, Spain.
- ✦ Indian boxers won four medals at the 7th Asian Youth Championships held in Pavlodar, Kazakhstan. India finished at third in the overall standings with three silver and a bronze medal in the tournament.
- ✦ In Tennis, Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis continue to lead the latest Women's Doubles rankings released. American Serena Williams continued to top the Singles rankings. In Men's Singles rankings, Novak Djokovic is still at the top.
- ✦ Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry was named the NBA's Most Valuable Player for the second straight year.
- ✦ Former India captain Anil Kumble has been re-appointed ICC Cricket Committee chairman for a second term of three years while his one-time team-mate Rahul Dravid was named member of the top panel.
- ✦ FIFA has appointed a UN diplomat, Fatma Samoura as its first ever female secretary-general, a surprise and historic move announced at a congress to overhaul the scandal-hit organisation.
- ✦ Indian women's squash team have won the Silver medal in the Asian Team squash Championships.
- ✦ Andy Murray defeated Novak Djokovic on clay for the first time to win the Italian Open Men's Singles Tennis title.
- ✦ American professional tennis player, Serena Williams defeated compatriot Madison Keys 7-6(7-5), 6-3 to win her fourth Rome Masters title and the first title in last nine months.
- ✦ Rio Olympics qualified sprinter, Sudha Singh set a new national record in the 3,000-meter steeplechase category by clocking 9 minutes and 26.55 seconds in the IAAF Diamond League race in Shanghai.
- ✦ Barcelona were crowned La Liga champions for the second straight time and the 24th time overall, after they defeated Granada 3-0 in the last game of the season.
- ✦ Top-ranked women's doubles pair of Sania Mirza and Martina Hingis rebounded from their last two final losses to clinch the Internazionali BNL d'Italia title in Rome.
- ✦ The Red Bull, Max Verstappen has become the youngest formula 1 winner. He is 18 year old.
- ✦ A three-member Indian women's archery team comprising Deepika Kumari, Bombayla Devi and Laxmirani Majhi was named for the Rio Olympics after a series of selection trials in the last three months.
- ✦ Joe Root, a England cricketer has bagged a hat-trick of awards, as he was named Test Player of the Year, Limited Overs Player of the Year and Fans' Player of the Year at the England's annual awards ceremony.
- ✦ Olympic chief Thomas Bach has announced that up to 31 athletes from six sporting event could be banned from competing at the Rio Games.
- ✦ Sevilla were crowned for the third straight year as the UEFA Europa League champions after they defeated Liverpool 3-1 in the final at the St. Jakob-Park in Basel.
- ✦ Indian women's team settled for a bronze medal after suffering a 0-3 defeat at the hands of defending champions China in the semifinals of the Uber Cup badminton championship, at Kunshan in China.
- ✦ Belgian Mourad Laachraoui has won gold in the European Taekwondo Championships.
- ✦ Roger Federer has withdrawn from this year's French Open after failing to recover from a back injury.
- ✦ Star Indian Batsman Virat Kohli added another feather to his cap as he was named 'Ceat T20 Player of the Year' awards 2016 in Mumbai. Recently, after the conclusion of IPL 2016, he was also named as the Player-of-the-Tournament after scoring 973 runs in 16 matches.
- ✦ England captain Alastair Cook has become the youngest ever batsman to cross 10,000 runs in Test cricket and also become the 12th man to join the elite 10,000-run club in Test cricket.
- ✦ Chinese women badminton team showing its supremacy has won the Uber Cup title. In the final played

at the Kunshan Sports Centre Gymnasium in Beijing, the host country defeated South Korea 3-1.

- ✚ The Mohun Bagan has clinched the Federation Cup title for the 14th time.
- ✚ For the first time ever, Denmark has won the Thomas Cup badminton tournament.
- ✚ Off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin retained his second spot in the latest ICC Player Rankings for Test Bowlers.
- ✚ India's ace cueist Pankaj Advani has created history in Abu Dhabi by clinching the Asian 6-Red Snooker title.
- ✚ The Sports Ministry has stated that the winners from the upcoming Rio Games will be considered for this year's Khel Ratna and Arjuna Awards.
- ✚ Indian boxer Sonia Lather has settled for a silver medal at the AIBA Women's World Championships in 57 kg category.
- ✚ Indian para athlete Amit Kumar Saroha from Haryana won the gold medal in men's club throw (F-51) at the recently concluded 2016 French Open Athletics Championship in Paris.
- ✚ Coach of IPL franchise Kings XI Punjab Sanjay Bangar has been appointed India's head coach for the team's tour to Zimbabwe.
- ✚ Sunrisers Hyderabad has defeated Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) by 8 runs to clinch the IPL title for the first time at the Chinnaswamy stadium in Bangalore.
- ✚ Lewis Hamilton wins Monaco F1 Grand Prix.
- ✚ Real Madrid defeated Atletico Madrid 5-3 in the penalty shoot-out to win their eleventh Champions League title.

Important Days

- ✚ The World Press Freedom Day (3rd May) was observed across the world with the theme Access to Information and Fundamental Freedoms - This Is Your Right!
- ✚ Every year, National Technology Day is observed across India on May 11 to mark Indian technological advancement. This year the theme is Technology enablers of Startup India.
- ✚ The World Hypertension Day (WHD) is being observed on 17th of May.

Defence Current Affairs

- ✚ Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) has launched Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Shaurya at Panaji.
- ✚ Indian Army had conducted major military training exercise '2016 Chakravayuh-II' in Suratgarh, Rajasthan.
- ✚ Indian Navy has decommissioned its fleet of iconic Sea Harriers.
- ✚ Indian Navy has launched the state-of-the-art Harbour Defence Systems, viz., Integrated Underwater Harbour Defence and Surveillance System (IUHDSS) and Mine Warfare Data Centre (MWDC) which would enhance the Navy's surveillance capability and response to security threats at the Naval Dockyard in Visakhapatnam.
- ✚ Indian Air Force has launched its Electronic Maintenance Management System (e-MMS) Project, an automated military maintenance system.

- ✚ The multilateral Red Flag Aerial combat exercises between US, NATO and allied forces and India Air Force (IAF) concluded in Alaska, US.
- ✚ India successfully test fired its indigenously developed supersonic interceptor missile off the Odisha coast.
- ✚ India successfully test fired its indigenously developed Prithvi-II missile from the Chandipur, off Odisha coast.
- ✚ The Indian Navy has commissioned indigenously built highly maneuverable Fast Attack Craft INS Tarmugli at the commissioning ceremony held in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- ✚ The Indian Coast Guard ship 'Arush', the 17th in the series of twenty Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs), designed and built by M/s Cochin Shipyard Limited, has commissioned at Kochi.
- ✚ The Indian Air Force (IAF) has successfully test-fired an advanced version of BrahMos land-attack supersonic cruise missile system.
- ✚ Second submarine assembly workshop of the Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL) was inaugurated by Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar.

Science & Tech. Current Affairs

- ✚ The world's smallest engine has been created at Cambridge University by UK based researchers. The engine is fueled by lasers and gold and a few billionths of a metre in size, which uses lights to power the engine.
- ✚ An international team of scientists have discovered a trio of Earth-like exo-planets using the TRAPPIST telescope at ESO's La Silla Observatory. These planets were found orbiting an ultra-cool dwarf star just 40 light-years from Earth and are likely comparable in size and temperature to Earth and Venus. Scientists have named the ultra-cool dwarf star 2MASS J23062928-0502285 (also known as TRAPPIST-1).
- ✚ US based private space transport service company, SpaceX has successfully launched Japanese JCSAT-14 communication satellite into the space.
- ✚ NASA successfully launched a super pressure balloon from New Zealand's South Island Wanaka Airport to conduct near-space scientific investigations.
- ✚ China has successfully launched a remote sensing satellite Yaogan-30 into sun-synchronous orbit (SSO) using the Long March-2D rocket.
- ✚ US-based law firm BakerHostetler in May 2016 hired the world's first robot lawyer ROSS to assist the company and its various teams in legal research.
- ✚ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully launched its maiden indigenous winged Reusable Launch Vehicle (RLV) from Sriharikota spaceport in Andhra Pradesh.
- ✚ The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has decided to test an Air-breathing Propulsion System after successful test of Reusable launch Vehicle- Technology Demonstration (RLV-TD).

Awards & Recognition

- ✦ BCCI has nominated Indian Test captain Virat Kohli for the prestigious Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award and his teammate Ajinkya Rahane for Arjuna Award. These nominations by BCCI have come after a gap of four years.
- ✦ Leicester City striker forward Jamie Vardy was named 2015-16 Footballer of the Year by the Football Writers Association (FWA).
- ✦ Late director Yash Chopra, who captured the verdant Swiss valley in his films, has been honoured with a special statue by the Switzerland government.
- ✦ Harita-Priya Agriculture Project of Andhra Pradesh has won the prestigious World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) 2016 prize in the e-Agriculture category.
- ✦ Indian author and Social Science professor from India Prashar Kulkarni has won the Commonwealth Short Story Prize for 2016, in the Asia region for his "politically grounded, funny" fiction 'Cow and Company' about four men in search of a cow.
- ✦ Renowned musician Angelique Kidjo along with three inspirational African youth activist movements have been declared the joint winners of the prestigious Amnesty International top 2016 human rights award.
- ✦ The SMS-based Vehicle Monitoring System of Nagaland police has conferred with the National Award for Smart Policing instituted by Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).
- ✦ An Indian scientist from Uttar Pradesh's Gorakhpur city Dr Manvendra K Singh has been awarded a grant of SGD 3 million (about Rs 14.7 crore) by National Research Foundation to research in congenital and adult cardiovascular diseases.
- ✦ The Madhya Pradesh Tourism (MPT) won the Lonely Planet Group's Best Indian Destination for Wildlife Award.
- ✦ Anjali Chandrashekar, a 22-year-old Indian artist is among the three winners of a UN poster competition on creating awareness about nuclear disarmament.
- ✦ Rwandan national captain Eric Dusingizimana, has set a new Guinness world record by batting out a straight 51 hours, the longest individual net session, beating the record set last year by India's Virag Mane, who had batted a straight 50 hours.
- ✦ Former ISRO Chairman and space scientist Prof Udipi Ramachandra Rao became the first Indian to be given 'Hall of Fame' Award by the International Astronautical Federation (IAF).
- ✦ Actress Celina Jaitly has been honored by the Harvey Milk Foundation for her contribution to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) equality as a United Nations Equality Champion.
- ✦ Han Kang, a South Korean author has won the 2016 Man Booker International Prize for her novel 'The Vegetarian'.
- ✦ Renowned author of Harry Potter series, Mr. JK Rowling has been honoured with the highest French civilian honour - 'French Legion Of Honour'.
- ✦ Syamantak Payra, a 15-year old Indian-American student has won the prestigious Intel Foundation Young Scientist Award.
- ✦ Rupa Iyer, an Indian-American bio-technologist, has received the University of Houston's highest teaching award for her sustained and significant contributions to education in the US.
- ✦ Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) Chairman and Managing Director Mukesh Ambani has been conferred the prestigious Othmer Gold Medal for his entrepreneurial leadership.
- ✦ Renowned Indian music composer A. R. Rahman has been awarded with the Japan's Fukuoka prize 2016 for his outstanding contribution towards creating, preserving and showcasing South Asian traditional fusion music.
- ✦ India-Pakistan school Students Exchange Program has won innovation award.
- ✦ Sikkim Chief Minister Pawan Chamling has been conferred with the Yug Kavi Siddhicharan Award by Nepal Veteran British director Ken Loach film I, Daniel Blake has won the his second Palme d'Or at the 69th Cannes Film Festival, France.
- ✦ Rajasthan's Bundi is stepping into the virtual world with an 'e-municipal council' to provide files at a click, and detailed digital mapping of the city with a database of its demographical and geographical information.
- ✦ Telangana government has signed an MoU with US-based healthcare tech firm Eclat Health Solutions, which, according to the agreement, will invest USD 15 million in the state to provide 1,000 jobs.
- ✦ Lakshadweep becomes the first Union Territory to sign 24x7 'Power for All' document.
- ✦ The Bihar government MDM scheme, UNICEF and the Bihar based Rajendra Agriculture University entered



CAREER POWER™
AN IIT/IIM ALUMNI COMPANY

SBI CLERK
MAINS 2016

13000+ Vacancies

15 Test
(Bilingual)
Rs. 275/- only

Visit: onlinestore.careerpower.in

into an agreement to curb malnourishment among women and children in the state.

- ✦ The Telangana government has entered the Limca Book of Records for conducting the most intensive household survey by a state.
- ✦ US biochemical engineer, Frances Arnold has won the Millennium Technology Prize for her work 'directed evolution' in Finland.
- ✦ A 12 year old, Indian American student Rishi Nair has won the prestigious National Geographic Bee competition 2016.
- ✦ Founder and chairman of Bharti Enterprises, Mr. Sunil Bharti Mittal has received this year's Harvard Business School Alumni Achievement Award.
- ✦ A 31 year old Indian woman author, Aditi Krishnakumar has won the 'Scholastic Asian Book Award' for her 32,000-word manuscript rooted in "love of Indian history".
- ✦ Har Parkash Rishi is an Indian man who holds the Guinness World Record for having the maximum number of flags (366) tattooed on his body.
- ✦ An Indian-American scientist Arnab De has received the prestigious Springer Theses Award in recognition for his outstanding research in which he developed transgenic mice to study a critical tumour-suppressor called A20.

- ✦ The central has announced its amnesty scheme, 'Dhan wapsi' Income Declaration Scheme for declaring domestic black money would start from June 1st.
- ✦ Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways and Shipping Nitin Gadkari has launched three initiatives for best practices in road transport sector. These three innovative IT initiatives are: INFRACON, ePACE and up-Scaled INAM PRO.
- ✦ The Odisha government has decided to launch Green Passage scheme for orphan students to ensure that they get free of cost higher education in the state.
- ✦ Labour Minister (Independent) Bandaru Dattatreya stated that the Centre is revising the rehabilitation of bonded labour scheme, bringing it into the Central sector, and plans to raise financial assistance from Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 1 lakh .
- ✦ The Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare J P Nadda has launched the Centre for Environmental Health in New Delhi.
- ✦ Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh has introduced PEHAL programme in Shimla district.
- ✦ Medicines with the Red Line: A public awareness campaign launched by the Union Government to curb irrational use of antibiotics.
- ✦ Railway will launch Rail Humsafar Saptahaah, a week-long celebration to highlight Railway achievements during the last two years.
- ✦ The Union Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) has decided to launch ASMITA, a student tracking system programme. ASMITA is acronym for All School Monitoring Individual Tracing Analysis and shall be launched under Shala Asmita Yojana (SAY).
- ✦ The Ministry of Human Resource Development has announced the launch of a multilingual knowledge portal www.bharatvani.in. It aims to not only ensure universalisation of education but also creation of a knowledge society in the digital age.
- ✦ Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has launched 20 Nirbhaya buses of Rajasthan State Transport Corporation with multiple safety measures to better protect women passengers.
- ✦ Gujarat Chief Minister Anandiben Patel has launched Ujala scheme in Vadodara to distribute LED bulbs to the people .
- ✦ Chief Minister of Gujrat, Anandiben Patel has launched two state-wide campaigns against malnutrition at Ahwa town in Dangs district.

Current Schemes/App/Portal Launched By State & Central Govt.

- ✦ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) at Ballia, Uttar Pradesh. It will benefit the poor, especially the women. The scheme aims to provide cooking gas connections to five crore below-poverty-line beneficiaries over the next three years.
- ✦ Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has inaugurated an insurance scheme 'Chandranna Bima Yojana' for the working class people. Under the scheme, 5 Crore workers would be covered under the scheme, 5 Lakh would be paid if the Insurer worker met with an accidental fatal and 5 Lakh for Permanent disability and Rs. 3 Lakh for Partial disability.
- ✦ A Bureaucrat, who turned as politician N.K. Singh has honoured with Japan's second highest national decoration for his contribution in strengthening Indo-Japan ties in the field of trade and investment over the last few decades.
- ✦ An Indian-American woman elementary teacher Revathi Balakrishnan, from Texas has been honored by US President Barack Obama at the White House for her excellent work in the field of education.
- ✦ All four Southern languages - Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam and Odia are now the classical languages of India.
- ✦ State-run Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) has announced the commissioning of a 600 MW coal-based thermal power plant in Madhya Pradesh.

Miscellaneous Current Affairs (Books and other Current Affairs)

- ✦ The Lok Sabha passed the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Bill, 2015 for the establishment of funds under the public accounts of Centre and each State towards compensatory afforestation. The bill seeks to establish the National Compensatory Afforestation Fund under the Public Account of India and a State Compensatory

- ✦ Afforestation Fund under the Public Account of each state.
- ✦ According to IMF, Financial inequality is highest in India and China among Asia Pacific countries despite the two being among the fastest growing economies.
- ✦ Veteran actor Shashi Kapoor's autobiography titled 'Shashi Kapoor – the Householder, the Star' was released recently. It is authored by film journalist Aseem Chhabra.
- ✦ As a part of 475th Birth Anniversary celebrations of Maharana Pratap Union Minister for Culture and Tourism Dr. Mahesh Sharma has released a Commemorative coin of Rs. 100 and a Circulation coin of Rs. 10 in New Delhi.
- ✦ The Union Government has constituted a three member committee to prepare a policy framework for taxi and other transport operators. The committee will be headed by Sanjay Mitra.
- ✦ The world's largest cargo aircraft - Antonov An-225 Mriya has made its first landing in India at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad for refuelling.
- ✦ In a bid to provide solar energy, the Indian Railways is all set to conduct trial of its first solar panel-powered train in Rajasthan's Jodhpur city.
- ✦ Bharat Heavy Electrical Limited (BHEL), a state run engineering firm has won Rs. 1,600 crore order from a joint venture company of National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) and Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) to set up a coal based thermal power project in Odisha.
- ✦ Beti, a non-fiction short film on girl child education, made by young student filmmakers of Chandigarh, has been invited for a special screening at the 42nd Seattle International Film Festival (SIFF), Washington DC.
- ✦ The Centre has constituted a five Member Committee to comprehensively review and give recommendations on the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management, FRBM, roadmap for the future. The Committee will be headed by former Revenue and Expenditure Secretary N.K. Singh.
- ✦ A 42 year old woman born in Nepal, Lhakpa Sherpa has climbed Mount Everest for the seventh time. With this she broke her own record for the most ascents to the world's highest mountain by a woman.
- ✦ Railway passengers can now cancel their wait-listed and RAC (reservation against cancellation) train tickets by just dialing 139.
- ✦ According to the Union Railway Minister, Suresh Prabhu, the first bullet train will run in India in 2023, and its work is on track.
- ✦ New committee to swipe towards cashless society to be chaired by Neeraj Kumar Gupta.
- ✦ Spiritual leader and Isha Foundation founder, Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev will lead a yoga session at the UN on the occasion of the second International Yoga Day next month.
- ✦ The Tata Group forayed into e-commerce with the launch of 'Tata CliQ', an online and app-based platform to let users buy apparel and electronics.
- ✦ External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj has launched the official website of PM Narendra Modi's Office in six regional languages including Gujarati, Marathi, Malyalam, Tamil, Telgu and Bengali.
- ✦ Indian Railways has conducted the first ever trial run for high-speed Talgo trains of Spain on the Bareilly-to-Moradabad stretch in Uttar Pradesh with speeds averaging 80-115 kmph.

- Current Affairs & Daily GK Updates** for all government jobs.
- Competition Power monthly Magazine** so that you don't miss out on anything.
- Quick Quizzes** updated daily to help you practice more and excel.
- Topic-wise explanatory Videos** by expert faculties of Career Power.
- Latest Jobs, fresh Vacancy Alerts** and Result notifications.

Adda 247
The Learning App

Preparing for Government Job Examinations?

Download the Adda247 App and boost your chances.

An initiative of team

sscadda.com

bankersadda.com