

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 Dikhla 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 Sangakarra (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

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) Isopechs 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) Ayodhyay 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