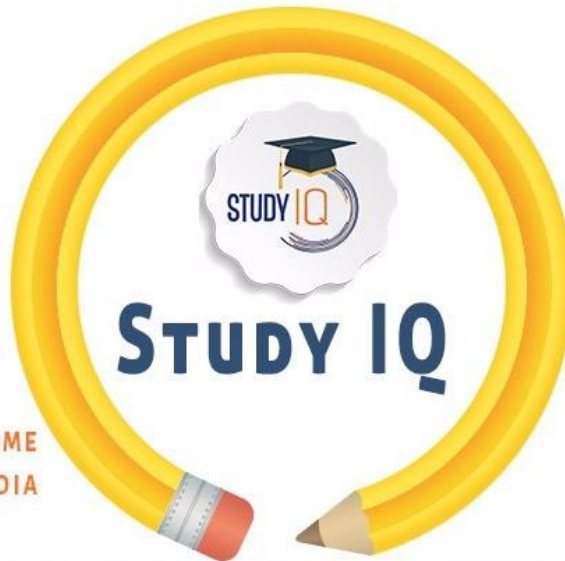




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**CURRENT AFFAIRS**

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Scientists have created the first map of water trapped in the uppermost layer of the Moon's soil. They have taken data from NASA's Moon Mineralogy Mapper, which flew aboard which lunar probe?

- A) Chang'e 2
- B) SMART 1
- C) Hiten
- D) Chandrayaan-1

Which university has established India's first Centre for Animal Law dedicated to the study of animal issues?

- A) University of Delhi
- B) NALSAR University of Law
- C) KIIT Law School
- D) University of Mumbai

When was International Day of Peace observed with the 2017 theme "Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All"?

- A) Sept 15
- B) Sept 18
- C) Sept 17
- D) Sept 21

PM Narendra Modi recently inaugurated Sardar Sarovar Dam. It has been built on which river?

- A) Tapi
- B) Mahi
- C) Sabarmati
- D) Narmada

Who has been given one-year extension as Atomic Energy Secretary?

- A) Sudhir Kumar
- B) Anup Thakur
- C) Ajit Kumar
- D) Sekhar Basu

Army recently carried out the cadre review of the Junior Commissioned Officers (JCO) and Other Ranks (OR). The last Cadre Review for the Army was done in?

- A) 1999
- B) 1984
- C) 1975
- D) 2003

Sri Lanka Cricket has put a two-year ban on which player on match-fixing charges?

- A) Angelo Mathews
- B) Lasith Malinga
- C) Dinesh Chandimal
- D) Chamara Silva

Which state government has announced a Rs 20,000 crore farm-loan waiver?

- A) Orissa
- B) Rajasthan
- C) Andhra Pradesh
- D) Tamil Nadu

Who has been appointed as the president of Uttar Pradesh Hindi Sansthan?

- A) Avinash Chander
- B) Pankaj Jain
- C) Sadanand Gupta
- D) Shailesh Nayak

As per the 'Trade and Development Report, 2017', world economy's growth is expected to reach 2.6%. The report has been issued by?

- A) WEF
- B) IMF
- C) World Bank
- D) UNCTAD

Who has become the sixth bowler and first Englishman to take 500 Test wickets?

- A) Stuart Broad
- B) Ben Stokes
- C) James Anderson
- D) Moeen Ali

With which country has India inked an agreement to implement the commercial arrangement of "Cool EMS" service?

- A) Japan
- B) Canada
- C) South Korea
- D) USA

Who has been appointed Vice-Chairman of International Egg Commission at a meeting held at Bruges in Belgium?

- A) Mohan Katoch
- B) Anil Wadhwa
- C) Suresh Chitturi
- D) Lov Verma

International Coastal Cleanup Day was conducted across the world under the aegis of UNEP, on?

- A) Sept 16
- B) Sept 17
- C) Sept 19
- D) Sept 15

Which of the following has signed an MoU with Bonn Food Industries to promote coloured wheat with antioxidant qualities?

- A) Industrial R&D Promotion Programme
- B) National Research Development Corporation
- C) National Institute Of Plant Genome Research
- D) National Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute

Which country's quality of nationality is ranked first in the world as per the Henley & Partners – Kochenov Quality of Nationality Index (QNI)?

- A) Denmark
- B) France
- C) Germany
- D) Iceland

Which country has abolished a ban on Muslim women marrying non-Muslims?

- A) Bahrain
- B) Saudi Arabia
- C) Tunisia
- D) UAE

Mahant Chandnath, who recently passed away, was the BJP MP from?

- A) Alwar
- B) Jaisalmer
- C) Bikaner
- D) Jodhpur

As per HSBC, India is likely to overtake Japan and Germany to become the third largest and a \$7 trillion economy by?

- A) 2025
- B) 2021
- C) 2030
- D) 2028

Nagaland is going to start implementing Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) under which scheme beginning from the current FY 2017?

- A) PMSSY
- B) MGNREGA
- C) PMMY
- D) PMJDY

Engineers day was celebrated on Sept 15th. It is the birth anniversary of?

- A) Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya
- B) Jagadish Chandra Bose
- C) Myswamy Annadurai
- D) Paul Ratnasamy

Which state has passed PRANAM Act that seeks to deduct 10-15% of the salary of government employees who do not take care of their parents and disabled sibling?

- A) Punjab
- B) Jharkhand
- C) Assam
- D) Goa

President Ram Nath Kovind launched the fortnight-long 'Swachhta Hi Seva' campaign in?

- A) Jabalpur
- B) Bhubaneswar
- C) Aizawl
- D) Kanpur

Which of the following has won the Gold award for the Best News Website at the South Asian Digital Media Awards at the WAN-IFRA India 2017 conference in Chennai?

- A) The Quint
- B) The Hindu
- C) Hindustan Times
- D) NDTV

Air India has recently launched a direct flight to which city as its 44th international destination and 11th European non-stop destination?

- A) Reykjavik
- B) Copenhagen
- C) Helsinki
- D) Geneva

Who is India's first ever foreign coach for women boxers, who recently submitted his resignation to the Boxing Federation of India ?

- A) Roberto Durán
- B) Max Baer
- C) Pernell Whitaker
- D) Stephane Cottalorda



NGT has dismissed centre's plea for lifting the ban on old vehicles in Delhi NCR. NGT had directed Delhi RTO to deregister all diesel vehicles that are over?

- A) 7 years old
- B) 15 years old
- C) 10 years old
- D) 20 years old

2017 Independence Cup has been won by which team?

- A) Australia
- B) World XI
- C) Pakistan
- D) Sri Lanka

A skill city with a capacity of 10,000 training seats is going to be set up in?

- A) Sikkim
- B) Uttarakhand
- C) Gujarat
- D) Assam

Railways has issued a circular cutting the sleeping time for passengers in the reserved coaches by how many hours?

- A) Three
- B) One
- C) Four
- D) Two

International Union of Concerned Scientists (IUCN) has changed the status of Snow Leopard to?

- A) Near Threatened
- B) Endangered
- C) Vulnerable
- D) Critically Endangered

Who has been conferred with the Akkineni Nageshwar Rao National Award by Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu?

- A) K. Raghavendra Rao
- B) K. Viswanath
- C) Sekhar Kammula
- D) S.S. Rajamouli

Which F1 driver has won the Singapore Grand Prix?

- A) Max Verstappen
- B) Lewis Hamilton
- C) Sebastian Vettel
- D) Daniel Ricciardo

India recently lost the playoffs at the Davis Cup to Canada. Davis Cup is associated with which sport?

- A) Badminton
- B) Hockey
- C) Tennis
- D) Football

Amazon India has partnered with which bank for its Micro-Lending Facilitation Program for offering loans between Rs 1 lakh - Rs 25 lakhs to small & medium businesses?

- A) Central Bank of India
- B) Union Bank of India
- C) Bank of Baroda
- D) Punjab National Bank

With which country has Russia restored the scheduled commercial airline services after 13 years?

- A) Iraq
- B) USA
- C) Ukraine
- D) Turkey

Which of the following has earmarked Rs 500 crore towards livelihood enhancement of the tribals in 4 states over the next 5 years under its flagship scheme Cini?

- A) Tata Trusts
- B) TechMahindra-Foundation
- C) Infosys Foundation
- D) Wipro Sustainability

Which of the following has signed an MoU with National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) to encourage start-ups in the manufacturing & technology driven sectors?

- A) Odisha Innovation Society
- B) Tamilnadu Innovation Society
- C) Andhra Pradesh Innovation Society
- D) West Bengal Innovation Society

In a first, India's forex reserves crossed the mark of?

- A) \$400-billion
- B) \$200-billion
- C) \$700-billion
- D) \$500-billion

Who is going to represent India at the annual UN General Assembly (UNGA) session in New York?

- A) MJ Akbar
- B) Sushma Swaraj
- C) Syed Akbaruddin
- D) Narendra Modi

Who has been elected as the chairperson of Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI)?

- A) Vandana Kumari
- B) Abanti Sankaranarayanan
- C) Kusumjit Sidhu
- D) Nita Chowdhury

"Unstoppable: My Life So Far" is the memoir of?

- A) Serena Williams
- B) Sania Mirza
- C) Maria Sharapova
- D) Martina Hingis

Who has become the first female writer to feature on a British banknote?

- A) Jane Austen
- B) J. K. Rowling
- C) Emily Brontë
- D) Virginia Woolf

What was the 2017 theme of 'International Day of Democracy' observed on Sept 15?

- A) Strengthening Voices for Democracy
- B) Democracy and Conflict prevention
- C) Space for Civil Society
- D) Engaging youth on democracy

In which city did students create a Guinness Book of World Record for most people receiving 'Naysa Karm' simultaneously for over seven minutes?

- A) Jaipur
- B) New Delhi
- C) Thiruvananthapuram
- D) Rishikesh

Who laid the foundation stone for a Regional Vocational Training Institute, Hyderabad, the first of its kind in Telangana?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Ram Nath Kovind
- C) K Chandrashekhara Rao
- D) M Venkaiah Naidu

Cassini–Huygens space probe made its death dive into Saturn's atmosphere ending its 20 year run. It was launched by?

- A) National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- B) European Space Agency
- C) Agenzia Spaziale Italiana
- D) All of the Above

Who has won two bronze medals in the Under-14 rapid and blitz formats at the 2nd Western Asia Youth Chess Championship held in Sri Lanka?

- A) Sumit Mishra
- B) Rishabh Shah
- C) Vineet Sharma
- D) Ajay Gogoi

Government is working on a Rs 3,700-crore plan to cover all the 2.5 lakh Gram Panchayats with wifi facility by?

- A) March 2019
- B) Dec 2017
- C) March 2020
- D) Dec 2018

CBDT has signed an MoU with which of the following on data exchange?

- A) Ministry of External Affairs
- B) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- C) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- D) Ministry of Corporate Affairs

The association of community development finance institutions Sa-Dhan has tied up with which bank to create a digital ecosystem for the unbanked segment?

- A) Yes Bank
- B) Citi Bank
- C) HSBC Bank
- D) Federal Bank

Who has been as the President of the Advertising Club?

- A) Raj Nayak
- B) Sunil Arora
- C) Vikram Sakhuja
- D) Sudhir Bhargava

Ministry of Railways has recently decided to allow which of the following as proof of identity for travellers in any reserved class?

- A) m-PAN
- B) m-Voter ID
- C) m-Aadhaar
- D) m-Driving License

PV Sindhu became the first Indian badminton player to lift the title in Korea Superseries, after beating?

- A) Nozomi Okuhara
- B) Tai Tzu-ying
- C) Carolina Marin
- D) Ratchanok Intanon

Which country has put on display its first unmanned combat helicopter AV500W for foreign buyers?

- A) Pakistan
- B) Japan
- C) India
- D) China

What is the name of the operation launched by India to provide humanitarian assistance to Bangladesh to cope with the influx of Rohingya refugees?

- A) Operation Refugee
- B) Operation Insaniyat
- C) Operation Helping Hand
- D) Operation Sharanaarathi

The talks between India and Pakistan on the Indus Water Treaty concluded without reaching an agreement. The talks were held at?

- A) Islamabad
- B) Washington DC
- C) New Delhi
- D) Beijing

Jargaltulga Erdenebat, who has been voted to be dismissed by the lawmakers, was the Prime Minister of which country?

- A) Turkey
- B) Israel
- C) Kazakhstan
- D) Mongolia

Which company has entered into an agreement with Rolls-Royce Power Systems to form a JV to produce engines for power generation and rail applications?

- A) Tata Motors
- B) Force Motors
- C) Eicher Motors
- D) Ashok Leyland

What is the name of the digital payment app launched by Google in India?

- A) Google Speed
- B) Google Gati
- C) Google Quick
- D) Google Tez

International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer was observed on Sept 16. This year marks the 30th anniversary of?

- A) Geneva Protocol
- B) Kyoto Protocol
- C) Montreal Protocol
- D) Catragena Protocol

Who has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Slovakia?

- A) Harsh Kumar Jain
- B) Vinay Sheel Oberoi
- C) Sanjay Kumar Panda
- D) Anuj Kumar Bishnoi

Who led the Indian delegation for the 3rd Meeting of India Kuwait Joint Ministerial Commission for Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technological Cooperation held in Kuwait?

- A) MJ Akbar
- B) Sushma Swaraj
- C) Vijay Kumar Singh
- D) Rajnath Singh

Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System (ATAGS), being developed by DRDO, has set a new world record by hitting targets at a distance of?

- A) 48 km
- B) 36 km
- C) 24 km
- D) 60 km

Centre has devised three offence categories to put passengers on a 'No-Fly List'. Which of the following is not one of them?

- A) Loud & angry display in public
- B) Physically abusive behaviour
- C) Unruly physical gestures, verbal harassment and unruly inebriation
- D) Life threatening behaviour and assault

Which country hosted the multinational military exercise 'Aurora 17' with participation from NATO members?

- A) USA
- B) Sweden
- C) Denmark
- D) Norway

Which state's commercial tax department has launched a web page to allow businessmen submit their complaints and feedback related to the GST?

- A) Tamilnadu
- B) Karanataka
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) Rajasthan

Marshal of the Air Force Arjan Singh, who recently passed away, led the Air force during which of the following wars?

- A) 1971 Indo Pakistan
- B) 1965 Indo Pakistan
- C) 1962 Indo Sino
- D) 1999 Kargil War

Who has been elected as the new Chair of the IOC Ethics Commission?

- A) Ban Ki-moon
- B) Samuel Schmid
- C) Youssoupha Ndiaye
- D) Hanqin Xue

Japan International Cooperation Agency has signed a loan agreement worth how much to upgrade the environment management plan at Alang-Sosiya ship recycling yards in Gujarat?

- A) \$30 million
- B) \$98 million
- C) \$76 million
- D) \$51 million

World's oldest person Violet Mosse-Brown, who recently passed away, hailed from?

- A) Kenya
- B) Ethiopia
- C) Ghana
- D) Jamaica

Suzuki Motor Corp has announced setting up of a Rs 1,151 crore lithium ion battery plant in?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Gujarat
- C) Andhra Pradesh
- D) Chhattisgarh

Which Sri Lankan University organized Indo- Sri Lanka Hindi conference in Colombo with the theme 'Hindi E-learning: Identity and possibilities'?

- A) University of Peradeniya
- B) Kelaniya University
- C) University of Moratuwa
- D) University of Colombo

Which city topped among the Indian cities in the study conducted by Zipjet of the most stressed out cities in the world?

- A) Delhi
- B) Mumbai
- C) Kolkata
- D) Bangalore

DARPG organised a 2-day 'Regional Conference on Good Governance and Replication of Best Practices' in?

- A) Goa
- B) Haryana
- C) Delhi
- D) Kerala

Centre has decided to grant citizenship to one lakh refugees of which of the following tribes living in the north-eastern states?

- 1. Marmas    2. Tanchangya
- 3. Chakma    4. Hajong
- A) 1 & 2
- B) 2 & 3
- C) 3 & 4
- D) 4 & 1



Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Peru by the President Pedro Pablo Kuczynski?

- A) Mercedes Araoz
- B) Lourdes Flores
- C) Luciana León
- D) Marisol Espinoza

Which bollywood actor has been honoured with the Global Diversity Award 2017 in the British Parliament House?

- A) Akshay Kumar
- B) Ajay Devgn
- C) Salman Khan
- D) Aamir Khan

JP Duminy, who has announced his retirement from the test format of cricket, belongs to which team?

- A) New Zealand
- B) South Africa
- C) England
- D) Australia

SEBI Secondary Market Advisory Committee mulled over extending the trading hours. The committee was led by?

- A) Shankar Agarwal
- B) Rajiv Takru
- C) Vinod Agrawal
- D) Jayanth Varma

Which beyond-visual-range air-to-air missile is now set for production and induction into the armed forces after its successful trials?

- A) Ghatak
- B) Astra
- C) Prahaar
- D) Dhanush

Which state has launched Mission 1 Million initiative under which over 10 lakh students across the state will play football?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Telangana
- D) Madhya Pradesh

Which company has topped the BrandZ Top 50 Most Valuable Indian Brands 2017 announced by WPP and Kantar Millward Brown?

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) Maruti Suzuki
- C) Bharti Airtel
- D) Hero MotoCorp

Which bank has signed a loan of up to \$200 million with ADB to provide finance to low-income women borrowers in rural India?

- A) Karnataka Bank
- B) IndusInd Bank
- C) Axis Bank
- D) IDFC Bank

Bjarni Benediktsson has resigned recently from his position of the Prime Minister of?

- A) Iceland
- B) Norway
- C) Portugal
- D) Bulgaria