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**WEEKLY**

**CURRENT AFFAIRS**

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Ex governor of Bihar Ram Nath Kovind became \_\_\_\_ President of India.

1. 14<sup>th</sup>
2. 15<sup>th</sup>
3. 16<sup>th</sup>
4. 17<sup>th</sup>

Union Cabinet has given its approval for signing of Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) in respect of tax matters between India and the Revenue departments of which countries ?

1. BRICS
2. G7
3. SAARC
4. Commonwealth

Recently a bill was passed by Lok Sabha to grant statutory status to the Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs) in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode, How many Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs) do we have in India ?

1. 9
2. 10
3. 15
4. 11

With which country India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation in the exploration and uses of outer space for peaceful purposes ?

1. Netherlands
2. USA
3. European Union
4. Japan

Who chaired the National Steering Committee on Climate Change (NSCCC), that approved projects of Rajasthan, Gujarat and Sikkim for funding under the National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change (NAFCC)?

1. Mr Ajay Narayan Jha
2. Mr Aman Kathuria
3. Mr Sanjeev Sanyal
4. Dr Harsh Vardhan

The government of which Indian state has recently launched an integrated grievance redressal management system called 'Janahitha',?

1. Punjab
2. Telangana
3. Maharashtra
4. Andhra Pradesh

What is the range of weights of school bags that Telangana School Education Department has issued strict guidelines applicable to the school going children ?

1. One to five kg
2. One and a half kg to five kg
3. Two kg to four kg
4. One kg to two kg

Our central bank Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is set to issue bank notes of which denomination in Mahatma Gandhi series 2005 and inset letter "S" ?

1. ₹ 5
2. ₹ 200
3. ₹ 500
4. ₹ 20

Which credit rating agency, in association with the India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL) has launched a new system for rating of infrastructure projects ?

1. CRISIL
2. Standard & Poor
3. FITCH
4. ICRA

Which state has highest investment potential as per the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) State Investment Potential Index report ?

1. Delhi
2. Gujarat
3. Tamilnadu
4. Andhra Pardesh

Which parliamentarian received the Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions as a parliamentarian in the Lok Sabha at a function organised by the Lokmat Media Group?

1. Narendra Modi
2. Sumitra Mahajan
3. Arun Jaitely
4. L K Advani

Which political stalwart gave her resignation from the Rajya Sabha for not being allowed to speak about atrocities against Dalits ?

1. Mayawati
2. Ghulam Nabi Azaad
3. Rekha
4. Subramanian Swamy

Which celebrity has been appointed as the new brand Ambassador of Tata Sky ?

1. Rana Duggubatti
2. Prabhas
3. Nayanthara
4. Anushka Shetty

Which famous personality has been appointed the brand icon of Pro Kabaddi League franchise Tamil Thalaivas, co-owned by India batting legend Sachin Tendulkar?

1. Kamal Hassan
2. Rajnikant
3. Nagarjun
4. Anushka Shetty

Which global enterprise has launched 'Hire', a recruitment application for small- and medium-sized businesses to compete with Microsoft owned LinkedIn?

1. Amazon
2. Google
3. Facebook
4. Twitter

In a first of its kind, Which State will have eco-friendly bridges over a canal cutting across the tiger corridor linking the Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve (TATR) in the Chandrapur district of Maharashtra with the forests in Kumram Bheem Asifabad district

1. Madhya Pradesh
2. Andhra Pradesh
3. Maharashtra
4. Telangana

Which American actor and songwriter, famous for his role as Red Webster in 1989's "Road House" movie passed away recently ?

1. Green East
2. Blue North
3. Red West
4. Robert Gene "Red" West

Which Indian shot putter has been tested positive for dimethylbutylamine, a banned substance, by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)

1. Inderjit Singh
2. Manpreet Kaur
3. Hukum Anjan
4. Sehdev Awasthi

Which organisation has been given the exclusive right to operate recently launched Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY), a pension scheme exclusively for senior citizens (60 years and above)

1. LIC
2. GIC
3. UIACL
4. NICL

India's landmark civil nuclear cooperation deal with which country came into force on 20<sup>th</sup> July ?

1. Canada
2. Japan
3. Australia
4. USA

Uttar Pradesh Legislative assembly adopted two resolutions on naming the civil airport terminals of which two cities ?

1. Lucknow and Allahabad
2. Varanasi and Lucknow
3. Kanpur and Varanasi
4. Kanpur and Bareilly

Recently, the 200th anniversary of the Paika Rebellion was celebrated, this rebellion took place in which state in India ?

1. Odisha
2. Bihar
3. Jharkhand
4. Uttar Pradesh

Which State Government has announced an ambitious target of planting over eight crore saplings by the end of August 2017?

1. Maharashtra
2. Punjab
3. Haryana
4. Chhattisgarh

Outgoing NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Arvind Panagariya presented India's 'Voluntary National Review Report on Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals' to the United Nations (UN), how many SDG are there ?

1. 8
2. 17
3. 30
4. 20

World Health Organization (WHO) recently released a Report on the Global Tobacco Epidemic. As per this report what percentage of the world's population is covered by at least one comprehensive tobacco control measure ?

1. 49%
2. 51%
3. 63%
4. 61%

Capital market regulator SEBI entered into an agreement with which organization for exchange of information concerning Central Counter parties (CCPs)?

1. European Securities and Markets Authority
2. OPEC
3. Asian Securities and Markets Authority
4. APEC

FM Arun Jaitley which action plan to transform cross border clearance ecosystem digital technology driven procedures ?

1. SAMADHAN



2. NISAR
3. AAI
4. NTFAP

Which country's state owned enterprise will jointly develop advanced Medium Range Surface to Air Missiles (MRSAM) in association by DRDO for Indian military ?

1. Russian
2. Israel
3. USA
4. Brazil

Which former UK minister will take charge of the UK India Business Council (UKIBC), the London-based NGO promoting India-UK trade ties?

1. Lord Ferdinand
2. Lord Davis
3. Lord Vincent
4. Lord Swaraj Paul

Three Space-based observatories Astrosat, Chandra, Hubble Space Telescope and a ground-based observatory HARPS have together detected a massive coronal explosion on which group of stars?

1. The Sun
2. Proxima Centauri
3. Alpha Centauri
4. Saraswati Cluster

LCU Mark IV, ships for multipurpose amphibious operations built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE), Kolkata, were formally handed over to the Indian Navy recently. What does LCU mean?

1. Landing Craft Utility
2. Landing Circular Utility
3. Landing Corvette Utility
4. Landing Curvature Utility

Which city will host the 2024 World Short Course Swimming Championships?

1. Budapest
2. Kazan
3. Paris
4. Los Angeles

Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Bill, 2017, a bill amending the law on free and compulsory education to extend the deadline for teachers to acquire the prescribed minimum qualifications for appointment was passed in Lok Sabha. What is the new deadline ?

1. August 31, 2018
2. March 31, 2018

3. March 31, 2019
4. July 31, 2018

What is the name of the sub-scheme launched by the Ministry of Rural Development under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission to provide an alternative source of livelihoods to members of Self Help Groups (SHGs) by facilitating them to operate public transport services in backward rural areas ?

1. Aajeevika Gaon Entrepreneurship Yojana
2. Antodaya Grameen Utthan Yojana
3. Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana
4. Atal Gaon Vikaas Yojana

Which country is set to host the 5<sup>th</sup> Global Conference on Cyber Space later this year in November ?

1. Spain
2. India
3. France
4. USA

The Central government has accepted a proposal to set up an Aerospace University in the country based on the recommendations of an expert Group headed by whom ?

1. Amitabh Kant
2. Ram Kirpal Singh
3. Satyender Ojha
4. B K Chaturvedi

As per a report titled 'Ending AIDS: Progress towards the 90-90-90 targets' by which organisation, The annual number of new HIV infections in Asia and the Pacific has declined from 310,000 in 2010 to 270,000 in 2016, marking a 13% drop.

1. UNAIDS
2. WHO
3. Doctors without Borders
4. UNEP

Which city has been selected by the UN as the data hub for the Middle East North Africa and South Asia (MENASA) region to mine and manage data ?

1. Dubai
2. Abu Dhabi
3. New Delhi
4. Geneva

As per the Fortune Global 500 list, which ranks companies by their revenues in 2016, which Indian PSU is ranked at 168<sup>th</sup> is the only Indian company in the top 200?

1. ONGC

2. SBI
3. HDFC
4. Indian Oil Corporation

Which Indian star will be guest of honour at Toronto Film Festival fundraiser event on September 6, 2017?

1. Amitabh Bacchan
2. Priyanka Chopra
3. Irfan Khan
4. Anupam Kher

Who has been appointed as Secretary to the President Ram Nath Kovind?

1. Siddharth Vardhajan
2. Vinod Dua
3. Sanjay Kothari
4. Ashok Malik

Who has been appointed as the first female president of the UK Supreme Court?

1. Amanda Hilbert
2. Suzen Patrick
3. Brenda Hale
4. Jessica Hutton

Which pharmaceutical company is acquiring Advinus Therapeutics from Tata Group?

1. Boehringer Ingelheim
2. Jason Biotech
3. Bayer
4. Eurofins Scientific

As per latest research by University of Hyderabad, which plant can prove useful in fighting soil pollution by heavy metals ?

1. Cotton
2. Maize
3. Castor seed
4. Mustard

What is the new name given to the Chennai Open tennis tournament, India's only event in the ATP World Tour ?

1. Pune Open
2. Maharashtra Open
3. Nagpur Open
4. Mumbai Open

Shivajirao Patil passed away recently, he was a noted what ?

1. Author
2. Politician
3. Theatre actor
4. Journalist

Where was the Research Institution of World Ancient, Traditional, Culture & Heritage

(RIWATCH) Museum inaugurated ?

1. Manipur
2. Arunachal Pradesh
3. Sikkim
4. Mizoram

Which state will host the 5th North East Connectivity Summit in 2018 organised by FICCI ?

1. Arunachal Pradesh
2. Assam
3. Nagaland
4. Sikkim

Three-day International Conference on 'Quest for Equity – Reclaiming Social Justice, Revisiting Ambedkar' was held at the University of Agricultural Sciences in which city?

1. Karnal
2. Bengaluru
3. Chennai
4. Hisar

Which State Government launched free power connection scheme for the Below Poverty Line (BPL) card holders in the state?

1. Haryana
2. Uttar Pradesh
3. Rajasthan
4. Telangana

What is India's rank out of 152 countries in the inaugural "Commitment to Reducing Inequality Index" by international NGO Oxfam ?

1. 122
2. 132
3. 123
4. 11

Chester Bennington passed away recently, he was a popular what ?

1. Politician
2. Singer
3. Scientist
4. Sportsman

What is India's rank in the countries affected by terrorism in 2016 as per the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (NCSTRT) data ?

1. First
2. Second
3. Third
4. Fourth

Which two countries conducted a joint naval exercise "Joint Sea 2017" in the Baltic Sea ?

1. India and Russia

2. India and Japan
3. Russia and China
4. Russia and Pakistan

India has launched its first petroleum Research & Development (R&D) facility for testing high-end Bharat Stage-VI quality fuel emissions at which place ?

1. Faridabad
2. Gurgaon
3. Noida
4. Ratnagiri

Gerald Ford, world's largest aircraft carrier, was commissioned into the fleet by the Navy of which country ?

1. Canada
2. USA
3. France
4. Russia

Which mission was launched by Meghalaya Chief Minister Mukul Sangma at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Shillong ?

1. Mission Badminton
2. Mission Chess
3. Mission 11 Million
4. Mission Football

Uzhavoor Vijayan who hailed from Kerala passed away recently, he was a famous what?

1. Malayalam Poet
2. Politician
3. Artist
4. Actor

Radio Broadcast in India completed how many years recently ?

1. 90 years
2. 80 years
3. 70 years
4. 60 years

235 meter long Chimari Bridge constructed by Border Roads Organisation (BRO) was recently inaugurated in which state ?

1. Madhya Pradesh
2. Uttar Pradesh
3. Himachal Pradesh
4. Arunachal Pradesh

Which city is set to host the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of Urban Mobility India conference in November 2017?

1. Amravati
2. Hyderabad
3. New Delhi
4. Mumbai

Udupi R Rao, renowned scientist passed away recently, he served as the chairman of which Indian organisation ?

1. CDRI
2. Banana research center, Trichy
3. DRDO
4. ISRO

UN Agency UNICEF extended ambassadorship of which Bollywood celebrity for another two years for working on eradicating measles and rubella infections for children ?

1. Priyanka Chopra
2. Aamir Khan
3. Shahrukh Khan
4. Amitabh Bachchan

8<sup>th</sup> edition of World Para Athletics Championships was recently held in which city ?

1. London
2. Wellington
3. Berlin
4. Belgrade

The Banking Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2017, was introduced in the lower house, it seeks to amend which of the following acts ?

1. Banking Regulation Act, 1946
2. Banking Regulation Act, 1957
3. Banking Regulation Act, 1948
4. Banking Regulation Act, 1949

At which place did Arun Jaitley inaugurate the 315th Rest House of the Kendriya Sainik Board ?

1. Mumbai
2. New Delhi
3. Gurugram
4. Kolkata

Kerala hosted fifth edition of South India Writers Ensemble (SIWE) a literary festival at Chengannur, in Alappuza district, What was the theme of this literary festival ?

1. LGBT
2. Women safety
3. Tolerance
4. Cow protection

India has inked an agreement with which country to establish connection through waterways ?

1. Bangladesh
2. Sri Lanka
3. Nepal
4. Maldives

World's first floating wind farm has commenced its operations in which country ?

1. Sweden
2. USA
3. **Scotland**
4. Wales

Iran and Iraq have signed an agreement for enhancing military cooperation to fight against what ?

1. **Terrorism**
2. Racism
3. Hunger
4. Poverty

Airports Authority of India (AAI), has inked a Memorandum of understanding with which state government for creating, upgrading, maintaining and managing civil aviation infrastructure in the state?

1. Uttar Pradesh
2. Himachal Pradesh
3. Madhya Pradesh
4. **Uttarakhand**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has given in-principle approval for the sale of government's 51.11 percent stake in HPCL to which PSU

1. Indian Oil Corporation
2. NTPC
3. Bharat petroleum corporation limited
4. **ONGC**

Which online portal has been launched by Women and Child Development (WCD) ministry to enable women employees of the central government to file complaints related to sexual harassment at the workplace?

1. Sh e-Wins
2. **SH e-box**
3. Sh e-CAN
4. SH e-WCD

Union Ministry of Rural Development recently launched which mobile app for Community Contracting and production cost estimated for maintenance of rural roads?

1. PRAGATI
2. Pratham
3. Kaya-Kalp
4. **Aarambh**

The three new discovered species of which animal, the Dixie Valley, Railroad Valley and Hot Creek have been discovered recently in Nevada's Great Basin

1. Snake
2. Lizard

3. Chameleons
4. **Toads**

Which team won the ICC Women World Cup 2017 ?

1. **England**
2. India
3. Pakistan
4. Sri Lanka

Which Indian shuttler won the US Open Grand Prix Gold badminton tournament?

1. Sai Praneeth
2. **H S Prannoy**
3. PV Sindhu
4. Kidambi Srikanth

Which Indian boxer won the gold medal at the Commonwealth Youth Games beating Welsh boxer James Nathan Prober in the final?

1. Manoj Kumar
2. Vijender Singh
3. **Sachin Siwach**
4. Suchit Kesari

Sudipta Roy passed away recently, he was the former Chief Secretary of which Indian state ?

1. **Himachal Pradesh**
2. Tripura
3. West Bengal
4. Telangana

Who will take over as the new spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)?

1. Vikas Swarup
2. **Raveesh Kumar**
3. Gopal Baglay
4. Syed Akbaruddin

Which state's Civil Secretariat has become the India's first secretariat to be fully under wireless coverage enabling end-to-end wireless connectivity.

1. **Arunachal Pradesh**
2. Himachal Pradesh
3. Uttar Pradesh
4. Madhya Pradesh

Which Internationally-acclaimed senior kathak dancer has been conferred with a fellowship by the Department of Culture, Government of India (GoI).

1. Sheetal Mansingh
2. Birju Maharaj
3. **Dr. Pandit Nandakishore Kapote**
4. Sudha Chandan



Which ministry has launched a low-cost indigenous newborn hearing screening device "Sohum" in New Delhi to detect a congenital hearing loss in newborns.

Ministry of Health

2. Ministry of HRD

3. Ministry of Science and Technology

4. Ministry of AYUSH

Who has been sworn-in as the new chief minister of Nagaland by the Governor PB Acharya ?

1. Biren Singh

2. TR Zeliang

3. Shurhozelie Liezietsu

4. Manik Sarkar

The 9-judge Constitution bench of the Supreme Court (SC) was recently constituted to determine which right as fundamental right or not under the Constitution ?

1. Right to privacy

2. Right to life

3. Right to constitutional remedies

4. Right to vote

