

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF NOVEMBER 2017

Awards

The Japanese Professor of Indian Philosophy and Buddhist studies who has been awarded the 3rd ICCR Distinguished Indologist Award – **Hiroshi Marui**

The Sri Lankan author who has been awarded 2017 DSC Prize for South Asian Literature for his book The Story of a Brief Marriage – **Anuk Arudpragasam**

The former Prime Minister of India who has been chosen for the 2017 Indira Gandhi Peace Prize – **Dr. Manmohan Singh**

The Hindi fiction writer and essayist who has been chosen to be awarded the Jnanpith Award 2017 – **Krishna Sobti**

Defence

The five-day exercise conducted under the aegis of Andaman and Nicobar Command from 20-24 Nov was named – **DANX-17 (Defence of A & N Islands Exercise)**

The aircraft on which Brahmos ALCM (Air Launched Cruise Missile) was successfully test-fired towards an intended target in the Bay of Bengal – **Sukhoi-30MKI**

The five-day India-Myanmar Bilateral Military Exercise held at Joint Training Node in Umroi, Meghalaya is named (this is the first military training exercise between India and Myanmar on United National Peacekeeping Operations (UNPKO)) – **IMBAX-2017**

The seventh edition of India-Bangladesh joint military exercise being conducted at Jungle Warfare School at Vairengte in Mizoram is named – **SAMPRITI 2017**

The joint military exercise by the armies of India and Kazakhstan being conducted at Bakloh in Himachal Pradesh is named – **Prabal Dostyk-2017**

The biannual multilateral military exercise being conducted by Israel with participation of United States, France, Italy, Greece, Poland, Germany and India (for the first time) is named – **Blue Flag**

Persons

The former judge of Supreme Court who has been re-elected to the International Court of Justice for a second term – **Justice Dalveer Bhandari**

The former Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and Information and Broadcasting who passed away on 20 Nov 17 after being in coma for 9 years – **Priya Ranjan Dasmuni**

The Indian model and Femina Miss India 2017 who has been crowned Miss World 2017 at a beauty pageant held in Sanya, China – **Manushi Chhillar**

The ministerial committee constituted by the Central Government to oversee merger proposals of 21 public sector banks is headed by – **Shri Arun Jaitely**

First woman to be inducted as Pilot in the Indian Navy at the Ezhimala Naval Academy – **Shubhangi Swaroop**

Places

The State in which 3-day Namami Barak festival was held from 18 to 20 Nov 2017 – **Assam**

The country which has launched world's first all-electric ship, which can travel up to 80km with 2000-tonnes cargo after a two-hour charge – **China**

The venue of India's first Tribal Entrepreneurship Summit being organised by NITI Aayog on 14 November 2017 – **Dantewada, Chhattisgarh**

The State which has been granted GI (Geographical Indication) tag for the well known sweet Rosgolla – **West Bengal**

The venue of 20th International Children's Film Festival of India held from 08 to 14 Nov 2017 – **Hyderabad**

The Indian city which has been included in the UNESCO's Creative Cities Network which now has a list of 180 cities – **Chennai**

The place in Uttar Pradesh where an explosion in a boiler in NTPC power plant resulted in the death of over 30 persons – **Unchahar**

Railways

The stations between which Indian Railways has launched the first Swarna Rajdhani Express under Project Swarna with improved passenger amenities, aesthetics and hygiene standards – **New Delhi to Sealdah**

The city in which metro rail service was inaugurated by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 28 Nov 2017 – **Hyderabad**

The railway station at which India's largest state of the art, Electronic Interlocking (EI) system of 800 routes has been commissioned – **Kharagpur**

Sports

The Indian Snooker player who has won the IBSF World Snooker Championship (his 18th world title) – **Pankaj Advani**

The Indian weightlifter from Manipur who has won the Gold medal in the 48 kg category at 2017 World Weightlifting Championships held in Anaheim , United States – **Saikhom Mirabai Chanu**

The Indian boxer who has won the gold medal in Asian Women's Boxing Championships in Light Flyweight (48 kg) category defeating North Korea's Kim Hyang Mi in the finals at Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam – **Mary Kom**

The team India has defeated in the finals to win the Women's Asia Cup 2017 at Kakamigahara, Japan – **China**

Technology

The unified and integrated app launched by State Bank of India is named – **YONO (You Only Need One)**

The mobile app which will allow citizens to access multiple government services on a single platform launched by the Prime Minister is named – **UMANG (Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance)**

Miscellaneous

The painting by Leonardo da Vinci which was sold at a record price of \$ 450 million at an auction by Christie's in New York – **Salvator Mundi (Saviour of the World)**

The Inter CCI festival held by WCD Ministry from 16 to 20 Nov 2017 for the children residing in Child Care Institutions (CCIs) is named – **Hausala 2017**

The temple in Tamil Nadu which has been chosen to be awarded the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Award of Merit 2017 for cultural heritage conservation – **Ranganathaswamy Temple, Srirangam**

The phrase chosen as the word of the year 2017 by Collins Dictionary – **Fake News**

The rank of India in the Global Gender Gap Index 2017 released by the World Economic Forum for 144 countries (The first 3 countries are Iceland, Norway and Finland) – **108**

The maximum age of joining National Pension Scheme - Private Sector has been revised by the PFRDA from 60 years to – **65 years**

Important Days of November

Vigilance Awareness Week: 30 October to 07 November 2016 Theme: My Vision: Corruption Free India
World Tsunami Awareness Day: 05 November 2017 Designated by : United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2016
World Science Day for Peace and Development: 10 November Designated by : UNESCO Theme: Science for Global Understanding First Observed in: 2001
World Pneumonia Day: 12 November Designated by : WHO First Observed in: 2009
World Diabetes Day: 14 November Designated by : International Diabetes Federation Theme: Women and diabetes - Our right to a healthy future First Observed in: 1991 by IDF, adopted by UN in 2006
International Day for Tolerance: 16 November Designated by : United Nations General Assembly First observed in : 1995

<p>World Philosophy Day: (3rd Thursday of Nov) 16 November Designated by : UNESCO First Observed in: 2002</p>
<p>World Toilet Day: 19 November Designated by : World Toilet Organisation Theme: Wastewater First Observed in: 2001 by World Toilet Organisation and accepted by UN in 2013</p>
<p>Universal Childrens' Day: 20 November Designated by : UN General Assembly Theme: 2017: It's a #KidsTakeOver Day established in: 1954</p>
<p>World Television Day: 21 November Designated by : UN General Assembly Day established in: 1997</p>
<p>World Fisheries Day: 21 November Designated by : World Fisheries Forum Theme in India: 2022 Ka Hai Sapna...Kisan Ki Aay Ho Dugna - Sankalp Se Siddhi First Observed in: 1997</p>
<p>International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women: 25 November Designated by : United Nations General Assembly Theme: Leave No One Behind: End Violence Against Women and Girls First Observed in: 2000</p>
<p>National Milk Day: 26 November Designated by : Indian Dairy Association Occasion: Birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien First Observed in: 2014</p>

Anti-Profiteering Authority under GST

National Anti-profiteering Authority has been constituted by the central Government to examine whether input tax credits availed by any registered person or the reduction in the tax rate have actually resulted in a commensurate reduction in the price of the goods or services supplied by him.

This is to ensure that the consumer is protected from arbitrary price increase in the name of GST.

Constitution of the authority: 5 member to be headed by a Chairman who holds or has held a post equivalent in rank to a Secretary to the Government of India; and four Technical Members who are or have been Commissioners of State tax or central tax or have held an equivalent post under existing laws.

Term of the Authority: 2 years

Chairman: **Shri B.N. Sharma**

2017 FIFA U-17 World Cup

Dates held: **6 - 28 Oct 2017**

Teams: 24

Host Cities: **Delhi, Goa, Guwahati, Kochi, Kolkata and New Mumbai**

Venue of the final match: **Salt Lake Stadium**, Kolkata

Winner: **England**; Runner-up: **Spain**

48 International Film Festival of India 2017

Venue: **Goa**

Country of Focus: **Canada**

Inaugurated by: **Shah Rukh Khan**

Golden Peacock for the Best Film: **120 Beats Per Minute** directed by Robin Campillo

Best Director: **Vivian Qu** for Angels Wear White

Best Actor (Male): **Nahuel Perez Biscaryat** for 120 BPM

Best Actor (Female): **Parvathy TK** for Malayalam film Take Off

Special Jury Award: **Mahesh Narayan** for Take Off

Best Debut Film of a Director: **Kiro Russo** for Dark Skull

ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal: Marathi film **Kshitij** directed by Manouj Kadaamh

IFFI 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award: **Atom Egoyan** (Canada)

Indian Film Personality of the Year: **Amitabh Bachchan**

Indian Panorama inaugurated by: **Sridevi**

Opening film of the feature film section of Indian Panaroma: **Pihu**, directed by Vinod Kapri

Opening film of the non-feature film section of Indian Panorama: **Pushkar Puran** directed by Kamal Swaroop

The Golden Peacock Award carries a cash prize of Rs 4 million (Rs 40 lakhs) to be shared equally between the Producer and the Director, Trophy and the citation. Best Director gets the Silver Peacock Award and a cash prize of Rs 1.5 million (Rs 15 lakhs). Both Best Actor Male and Female are honoured with the Silver Peacock Trophy and a cash prize of Rs 1 million (Rs 10 lakhs each). Special Jury Award carries a cash prize of Rs 1.5 million (Rs 15 lakhs), a Silver Peacock Award and the citation.

2nd International Gita Mahotsav

Held at: **Kurukshetra**

Period: 25 Nov 17 to 03 Dec 17

Inaugurated by: President Shri Ram Nath Kovind.

Partner Country: **Mauritius**

Partner State: **Uttar Pradesh**

8th Global Entrepreneurship Summit

Venue: Hyderabad.

Theme: **Women first, Prosperity for All**

Dates: 28 to 30 Nov 2017

Inaugurated by: PM Shri Narendra Modi.

15th Finance Commission

The Government of India, with the approval President of India, has constituted Fifteenth Finance Commission in pursuance of clause (1) of article 280 of the Constitution, read with the provisions of the Finance Commission (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1951 w.e.f. 27th November, 2017. The Commission will make recommendations for the five years commencing on April 1, 2020. The report will be submitted by 30 Oct 2019.

Chairperson: **Shri N.K. Singh**

Members: Shri Shaktikanta Das, Dr. Anoop Singh, Dr. Ashok Lahiri, Dr. Ramesh Chand

Secretary: **Shri Arvind Mehta.**

Indian Sports Honours 2017

Sponsored by: **Virat Kohli Foundation and RP-SG Group**

Sportsman of the year (Individual sport) – **Srikanth Kidambi**

Sportsman of the year (Team sport) – **Ravichandran Ashwin**

Sportswoman of the year (Individual sport) – **P.V. Sindhu**

Sportswoman of the year (Team sport) – **Mithali Raj**

Team of the year (Men/Women) – Indian Women's Cricket Team

Coach of the year – Bisveshwar Nandi (coach of Dipa Karmakar)

Emerging Sportswoman of the year – Aditi Ashok (Golf)

Emerging Sportsman of the year – Neeraj Chopra (Athletics)

Differently abled Sportsman of the year – Devendra Jhalaria

Differently abled Sportswoman of the year – Deepa Malik

Jury Honours

Keep Walking Honour for Lifetime achievement – **Balbir Singh**

Inspirational Honour – **Sania Mirza**

Transformational Contribution to Sport – **Abhinav Bindra**

India International Trade Fair 2017

Held at: Pragati maidan, New Delhi

Period: 14 Nov 17 to 27 Nov 17

Theme: **Startup India Standup India**

Partner Country: **Vietnam**

Focus Country: **Kyrgyz Republic**

Best Pavilion Award: **Assam** (Gold); **Kerala** (Silver); **Lakshadweep** (Bronze)

Best International Pavilion: **Turkey** (Gold); **Afghanistan** (Silver); **Thailand** (Bronze)

Award for Ministries: Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (Gold). The silver and bronze medals were shared by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Power and Ministry of Earth Sciences and Ministry of Steel.

First Multi State Mega Mock Tsunami Exercise 2017

Held on: 24 Nov 17

Conducted by: National Disaster Management Authority (**NDMA**) and Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (**INCOIS**)

Purpose: To assess Tsunami preparedness along the vulnerable eastern coastline.

Where held: 35 coastal districts across **four States** of West Bengal, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh & Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Puducherry along the entire East Coast.

Rajiv Gandhi Manav Sewa Awards

The following are the recipients of Rajiv Gandhi Manav Sewa Awards for this year awarded on 14 November 2017.

#	Name	State
1.	Sh. Shantilal Gulabchand Muttha	Maharashtra
2.	Mr. Chezhan Ramu	Tamil Nadu
3.	Ms. Shobha Vidyarthi	Uttarakhand

Introduction of BS-VI Grade Auto Fuels

The Central Govt has decided to bring forward the date of introduction of BS-VI grade auto fuels in NCT of Delhi with effect from April 1, 2018 instead of April 1, 2020.

The difference in emissions of Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) and Particulate Matter (PM) for both the grades of fuels is given below. There is no difference in the emission of Carbon Monoxide.

Diesel	BS-IV	BS-VI
NOx (g/km)	0.25	0.08
PM (g/km)	0.025	0.015
Petrol	BS-IV	BS-VI
NOx (g/km)	0.08	0.06
PM (g/km)	--	0.005

Qaumi Ekta Week (National Integration Week)

Observed from: 19th to 25th November, 2017

The week long programmes to be observed during Qaumi Ekta Week will be as under:

November 19, 2017: **National Integration Day**

November 20, 2017: **Welfare of Minorities Day**

November 21, 2017: **Linguistic Harmony Day**

November 22, 2017: **Weaker Sections Day**

November 23, 2017: **Cultural Unity Day**

November 24, 2017: **Women's Day**

November 25, 2017: **Conservation Day**

National Award for Excellence in Journalism

Presented on: **National Press Day** - 16 Nov 17

Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award: Shri Sam Rajappa and Shri Sarat Mishra

Rural Journalism & Developmental Reporting Award: Ms. Shalini Nair (Indian Express)

Investigative Journalism Award: Shri K. Sujith of Mangalam Daily and Ms Chitragada Choudhury, Freelancer from Odisha

Photo Journalism awards: Shri C.K. Thanseer, Chandrika Daily, Shri Vijay Verma, Press Trust of India and Shri J.Suresh of Malayala Manorama.

Best Newspaper Art: Shri Gireesh Kumar, Times of India

Awards by Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

Best City Bus Services Award: Surat Municipal Corporation for succeeding in attracting 87% of the private vehicle and auto rickshaw users to use city buses.

Best Non-Motorised Transport Award: Mysuru for its public bicycle sharing programmes.

Best Urban Transport Initiative Award: Kochi for completing its metro rail project in a quick time.

Commendable Initiative Award: H-TRIMS, a Traffic Integrated Management initiative of Hyderabad and Chittoor city police's initiative for improving road safety.

Gender Vulnerability Index

Released by: **Plan India, an NGO**

Top 5 States: 1. Goa; 2. Kerala; 3. Mizoram; 4. Sikkim; 5. Manipur

Bottom 5 States: 26. Arunachal Pradesh; 27. Jharkhand; 28. Delhi; 29. Uttar Pradesh; 30. Bihar

Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana

It is a Pan India scholarship program for school children to increase the reach of Philately. Under the scheme of SPARSH (Scholarship for Promotion of Aptitude & Research in Stamps as a Hobby), it is proposed to award annual scholarships to children of Standard VI to IX having good academic record and also pursuing Philately as a hobby through a competitive selection process in all postal circles. Every Postal Circle will select a maximum of 40 scholarships representing 10 students each from Standard VI, VII, VIII & IX. The amount of Scholarship will be Rs. 6000/- per annum @ Rs. 500/- per month.

Abbreviations in News

SPARSH: Scholarship for Promotion of Aptitude & Research in Stamps as a Hobby

Books in News

Shortlisted books for 2017 DSC Prize for South Asian Literature

Anjali Joseph: The Living

Aravind Adiga: Selection Day

Karan Mahajan: The Association of Small Bombs

Stephen Alter: In the Jungles of the Night

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