

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF OCTOBER 2017

Awards

The acclaimed Indian playwright, actor, film director, and writer who has been chosen for the Tata Literature Lifetime Achievement Award for 2017 – **Girish Karnad**

The Carnatic vocalist who has been chosen to be awarded the Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration 2015-16 – **TM Krishna**

The founder of Sulabh International who has been awarded the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence in Public Administration, Academics and Management for the year 2017 – **Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak**

The late Kannada journalist and activist (becoming the first Indian) who has been chosen to be honoured with Anna Politkovskaya Award 2017 instituted by Reach All Women (RAW) in WAR – **Gauri Lankesh**

Defence

India's first offshore patrol vessel to be built in a private shipyard which was handed over to the Indian Coast Guard by its manufacturers L & T is named – **OPV Vikram**

The first ever Tri Services Joint exercise between Indian and Russian armed forces to be conducted from 19 to 29 Oct at the 249th Combined Army Range Sergeevskiy and in the Sea of Japan near Vladivostok is named (the exercise in its previous 9 versions was conducted as a single service exercise) – **INDRA-2017**

The fifth India-Sri Lanka Joint Training Exercise being conducted at Aundh Military Station, Pune is named – **Mitra Shakti 2017**

The mobile health app launched by the Indian Air Force on the occasion of its 85th anniversary is named – **MedWatch**

Persons

The senior IPS officer and a special director in the CBI who has been appointed the Director General of the National Investigation Agency – **Y.C. Modi**

The new Prime Minister of New Zealand who has taken over from the outgoing PM Bill English – **Jacinda Ardern**

The former Chief of Intelligence Bureau who has been appointed as an interlocutor for Jammu and Kashmir by the Central Govt – **Dineshwar Sharma**

The noted classical singer (Hindustani music) of Senia and Banaras Gharana, recipient of Padma Vibhushan (2016), considered Queen of Thumri, who passed away on 24 Oct 2017 – **Girija Devi**

The 19-year old Indian origin student and founder of doorstep.uk.co who has become the youngest millionaire of United Kingdom – **Akshay Ruparelia**

The well-known film actor who has been appointed the new Chairman of Film and Television Institute, Pune replacing the outgoing Chairma, Shri Gajendra Chauhan – **Anupam Kher**

The new Chairman of State Bank of India appointed to replace Ms Arundhati Bhattacharya who retired on 06 Oct 2017 – **Rajnish Kumar**

The Chairperson of new panel appointed by the President to examine the sub-categorisation of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) for a more equitable distribution of quota benefits – **Retired Justice Rohini**

Places

The places in Uttar Pradesh which have been declared as sacred sites by the Govt disallowing sale of meat and liquor at the places – **Vrindavan and Barsana**

The Indian State whose election department has entered the Limca Book of Records for the formation of the biggest human logo comprising young voters in the state – **Meghalaya**

The places between which Phase 1 of Ro RO (Roll On, Roll Off) ferry service was inaugurated by the PM Shri Narendra Modi intended to reduce the travel time from 7 to 8 hours to one hour – **Ghogha and Dahej**

The place in Uttar Pradesh where setting up of a turtle sanctuary along with a River Biodiversity Park have been approved under Namami Gange programme – **Allahabad**

The venue of the first BIMSTEC Disaster Management Exercise- 2017 (BIMSTEC DMEx-2017) to be conducted by the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) as the lead agency from October 10-13, 2017 – **New Delhi**

The venue of Rashtriya Sanskrit Mahotsav 2017 being held from 07 to 09 Oct 2017 – **Ahmedabad**

The venue of Global Entrepreneurship Summit 2017 to held from November 28 to 30, 2017 – **Hyderabad**

The place in Himachal Pradesh where the foundation stone for establishment of AIIMS was laid by the PM Shri Narendra Modi – **Bilaspur**

Sports

The Indian badminton player who has won the French Open Super Series singles title defeating Japanese player Kento Nishimoto in the finals – **Kidambi Srikanth**

The Real Madrid player who has been awarded the Best FIFA Men's Player Award for the second time – **Cristiano Ronaldo**

The country which has won the 2017 Asia Cup hockey tournament defeating Malaysia in the finals in the Maulana Bhasani Hockey stadium, Dhaka (Bangladesh) – **India**

The Indian badminton player who has won the Denmark Open Super Series singles title defeating South Korean player Lee Hyun-il in the finals – **Kidambi Srikanth**

The Indian powerlifter who has become the first Indian woman to sign up with World Wrestling Entertainment – **Kavita Devi**

The Indian cricketer who has announced retirement from all formats of the game – **Ashish Nehra**

Themes

The theme of Vigilance Awareness Week to be observed by Govt of India from 30 Oct to 07 Nov 2017 – **My Vision - Corruption Free India**

The theme of the fifth India Water Week observed by the Govt from October 10 to 14, 2017 – **Water and Energy for Inclusive Growth**

Indices and Ranks

The rank of India in the Global Passport Power Rank 2017 which has Singapore at the 1st position – **75th**

The rank of India in the Global Hunger Index 2017 released by International Food Policy Research Institute (India was ranked 97 in 2016) – **100**

Miscellaneous

The book written by American author George Saunders which has been awarded the 2017 Man Booker Prize – **Lincoln in the Bardo**

The campaign launched by the Ministry of Women and Child Development to end gender bias and to highlight the various aspects of women standing by and for women is named – **#IamThatWoman**

The institute established by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in 1986 (headquartered in Noida, U.P.) which has been declared an Institute of National Importance – **Footwear Design and Development Institute**

Important Days of October

International Day of Older Persons: 01 October 2017

Established by : United Nations General Assembly

First Observed in: 1991

Theme: *Stepping into the Future: Tapping the Talents, Contributions and Participation of Older Persons in Society*

World Habitat Day: 1st Monday of October (02 October 2017)

Designated by: United Nations General Assembly

First observed: 1986

Theme: *Housing Policies: Affordable Homes*

International Day of Non-Violence: 02 October 2017

Established by : United Nations General Assembly

First Observed in: 2007

World Teacher's Day: 05 October

Established by : UNESCO

Theme: *Teaching in Freedom, Empowering Teachers*

First Observed in: 1994

World Post Day: 09 October

Established by : Universal Postal Union

First Observed in: 1969

World Mental Health Day: 10 October

Established by : World Health Organisation

Theme: *Mental Health in the Workspace*

First Observed in: 1992

International Day of the Girl Child: 11 October

Established by : United Nations General Assembly

Theme: *EmPOWER Girls: Before, during and after crises*

First Observed in: 2012

World Sight Day: 12 October (2nd Thursday of October)

Established by : International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness

Theme: *Make Vision Count*

First Observed in: 2000

International Day of Disaster Reduction: 13 October

Established by : United Nations General Assembly

Theme: *Reducing the number of affected people by disasters by 2030*

First Observed in: 2010

International Day of Rural Women: 15 October

Established by : United Nations General Assembly

Theme: *Challenges and opportunities in climate-resilient agriculture for gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls*

First Observed in: 2008

World Food Day: 16 October

Established by : Food and Agricultural Organisation

Theme: *Change the future of migration. Invest in food security and rural development.*

First Observed in: 1980

International Day for Eradication of Poverty: 17 October

Established by : United Nations General Assembly

Theme: *Answering the Call of October 17 to end poverty: A path toward peaceful and inclusive societies*

First Observed in: 1993

World Development Information Day: 24 October

Established by : United Nations General Assembly

First Observed in: 1972

United Nations Day: 24 October

The day marks the coming into effect of the UN Charter (the founding document of UNO) in 1945.

UN Day Concert in the General Assembly Hall, featuring the Slovak National Folklore Ballet, Lúčnica. The theme of this year's concert was "Potential in Diversity" and was sponsored by the Permanent Mission of the Slovak Republic to the United Nations.

World Day for Audiovisual Heritage: 27 October

Established by : UNESCO

Theme: *Discover, Remember and Share*

First Observed in: 2005

World Cities Day: 31 October

Established by : UN General Assembly

Theme: *Innovative Governance, Open Cities*

First Observed in: 2014

[Doing Business Report 2018](#)

Released by: World Bank

Rank of India: **100** among 190 countries assessed.

Rank of India in the DB Report 2017: 130

Top Indicators - India's Rank

1. Resolving Insolvency - Rank improved from 136 to 103
2. Paying Taxes - Rank improved from 172 to 119
3. Getting Credit – Rank improved from 44 to 29
4. Enforcing Contracts - Rank improved from 172 to 164
5. Protecting Minority Investors – Rank improved from 13 to 4
6. Construction Permits - Rank improved from 185 to 181

Countries ranked at 1st, 2nd and 3rd position respectively - **New Zealand, Singapore and Denmark**

[Nobel Prizes 2017](#)

#	Field	Winners	Contribution
1.	Medicine	Jeffrey C. Hall Michael Rosbash Michael W. Young	for their discoveries of molecular mechanisms controlling the circadian rhythm.
2.	Chemistry	Jacques Dubochet Joachim Frank Richard Henderson	for developing cryo-electron microscopy for the high-resolution structure determination of biomolecules in solution.
3.	Physics	Rainer Weiss	for decisive contributions to the LIGO

		Barry C. Barish Kip S. Thorne	detector and the observation of gravitational waves.
4.	Literature	Kazuo Ishiguro	Who, in novels of great emotional force, has uncovered the abyss beneath our illusory sense of connection with the world.
5.	Peace	International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)	for its work to draw attention to the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons and for its ground-breaking efforts to achieve a treaty-based prohibition of such weapons.
6.	Economic Sciences	Richard H. Thaler	for his contributions to behavioural economics.

Paryatan Parv

Organised by: Ministry of Tourism

Inaugurated at: Humayun's Tomb

Dates: 05 Oct to 25th October, 2017

Components of Paryatan Parv

Dekho Apna Desh: To encourage Indians to visit their own country.

This will include Video, Photograph and Blog Competitions of sites visited during the Event, Stories of India through Travelers' Eyes, on Social Media, Tourism related Quiz, Essay, Debate and Painting Competitions for Students, Television Campaigns to promote travel to J&K and N.E. States.

Tourism for All: Tourism Events at sites across all States in the country.

The activities at these sites will include illumination in and around the Sites, Cultural Programmes of Dance, Music, Theatre, Story Telling, Sensitisation Programmes for Stakeholders around the Sites, Tourism Exhibitions, Showcasing Culture, Cuisine and Handicrafts / Handlooms, Guided Heritage Walks, etc. These will be "People's Events" with large scale public participation.

Tourism & Governance: Interactive Sessions & Workshops with Stakeholders on varied themes:

- Skill Development in Tourism Sector
- Innovation in Tourism
- For inducting Ex-servicemen as service providers for Taxi Operation
- Developing Rural Tourism in locations near established Destinations
- Community Sensitisation Workshops on Homestay and B&B Opportunities

New Governors

Arunachal Pradesh: **Brig Dr. BD Mishra**

Assam: **Jagdish Mukhi**

Bihar: **Satya Pal Malik**

Meghalaya: **Ganga Prasad**

Tamil Nadu: **Banwarilal Purohit**

A & N Islands: **Admiral Devendra Kumar Joshi (Retired)**

SANKALP & STRIVE Schemes

The Union Cabinet recently approved SANKALP & STRIVE Schemes to boost Skill India Mission.

The schemes are supported by World Bank. SANKALP stands for Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion and has an outlay of Rs. 6,655 crore. STRIVE stands for Skill Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement and has an outlay of Rs. 2,200 crore.

SANKALP and STRIVE are outcome focused schemes marking shift in government's implementation strategy in vocational education and training from inputs to results.

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