

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF FEBRUARY 2017

NATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS AND EVENTS

National Science Day is celebrated in India on 28 February each year to mark the discovery of the Raman effect by Indian physicist on 28 February 1928.	Sir Chandrashekhara Venkata Raman
The Indian Navy's Annual Theatre Level Readiness and Operational Exercise was conducted on the Western Seaboard from 24 Jan 17 till 23 Feb 17. What is the name of this exercise? The month long exercise saw participation of over 45 ships from both the Western and Eastern Naval Commands of the Indian Navy, including the aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya, 05 submarines including the nuclear powered Chakra, 50 Naval aircraft, 11 ships from the Coast Guard, troops from the Army and 20 aircraft from the Air Force including Su 30s, Jaguars and AWACS.	TROPEX 17
At which place the 112-feet iconic statue of Adiyogi Lord Shiva was unveiled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the occasion of Maha Shivratri?	Coimbatore
On which day Central Excise Day is commemorated every year all across the India?	24th February
Name the renowned Hindi writer who has been chosen for the Vyas Samman 2016 by the KK Birla Foundation for his novel "Kaatna shami ka vriksha padma-pankhuri ki dhar se"?	Surinder Verma
Name the Indian car racing driver who has become the first Indian to win Grand Prix by winning the New Zealand Grand Prix 2017?	Jehan Daruvala
The Indian sand artist who has created a Guinness World Record by building the world's tallest sand castle (48 feet and 8 inch) at the Puri beach?	Sudarsan Pattnaik
Who formally took charge as the chairman of Tata Sons Ltd on 21st February? He will be the first chairman of the \$103 billion Tata group with no family links to the Tatas.	Natarajan Chandrasekaran
In yet another move to aid digital or cashless payments in the post-demonetized economy, the government launched on 20th February, its own QR code platform. Developed by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), Mastercard, and Visa, it will be the first platform with interoperability which will allow payments from various cards, including Visa and Mastercard. What is the name of this platform?	BharatQR
Name the England all-rounder who became the most expensive overseas player in the IPL history after the Rising Pune Supergiants bought the player for Rs 14.5 crore?	Ben Stokes
At which place the two-day South Asian Speakers' Summit on achieving sustainable development goals (SDGs) concluded on 19th February 2017 with the adoption of the declaration, which calls to set up Joint Parliamentary	Indore

Groups to deepen cooperation on relevant issues in the South Asian region?	
Name the President of National People's Front who was elected on 20th February as the Chief Minister of Nagaland?	Shurhozelie Liezietsu
Name the Chief Minister of Nagaland who resigned from his post on 19th February?	TR Zeliang
National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) slashed prices of stents by over 75%. What is stent?	It is a wire mesh tube used to clear blockages in the arteries and prevent heart attacks.
After lying dormant for many years India's only volcano situated in Andaman and Nicobar Islands has become live again. What is the name of this volcano?	Barren Island
Name the former Chief Justice of India who died in Kolkata at the age of 68?	Altamas Kabir
How much tax will be levied from April 1 for cash purchase of jewellery if the amount of purchase exceed Rs 2 lakh, as against the current threshold of Rs 5 lakh?	1%
Name the Indian cricketer who has become the first Indian athlete to sign a deal worth over Rs 100 crore with a brand, after signing up deal with Puma?	Virat Kohli
As per RBI notification, beginning from 20th February the maximum cash withdrawal limit from savings account has been increased to Rs a week from Rs 24,000. The limits on cash withdrawal from savings bank account will be completely withdrawn from 13th March.	Rs 50,000
Which place in North Bengal, a subdivision of the Darjeeling hills, was made 21st district of West Bengal?	Kalimpong
India defeated which country by nine wickets to win T20 Blind Cricket World Cup in Bangalore?	Pakistan
Name the Indian spin bowler who became the fastest bowler to claim 250 wickets (in 45th Test) in Test cricket breaking the record of Australian fast bowler Dennis Lillee (48 Test)?	Ravichandran Ashwin
Who was appointed by the Tamil Nadu Governor C Vidyasagar Rao as the new chief minister of Tamil Nadu?	Edappadi K Palaniswami
The Union Cabinet on 15th February 2017 approved the merger of State Bank of India with five of its associate banks. What is the name of these associate banks?	State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur, State Bank of Hyderabad, State Bank of Mysore, State Bank of Patiala, and

	State Bank of Travancore
How many satellites was launched by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) in a single mission on February 15 from its space centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh? In the launch, ISRO's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle carried Cartosat-2 series satellite for earth observation and 103 other co-passenger satellites.	104 satellites
Name the Indian Tabla player who has recently been honored by Grammy; biggest award in the world in Music at the 59th Grammy Awards held on February 12, 2017? His collaboration with Yo-Yo Ma's the Silk Road Ensemble, 'Sing Me Home' won the Grammy award for Best World Music Album.	Sandeep Das
Name the AIADMK general secretary who was convicted in the more than a decade old disproportionate assets case by the Supreme Court on 14th February 2017? The court verdict put an end to her bid to become the Chief Minister of the state.	Sasikala
Name the Indian cricketer who becomes first to score four double century in four consecutive Test series? He scored his 4th double century in one - off Test against Bangladesh which India won.	Virat Kohli
Name the French carmaker to which Hindustan Motors has sold its Ambassador, the iconic Indian car brand? The C K Birla Group-owned Hindustan Motors formalised the deal for Rs 80 crore.	Peugeot
Who was appointed as the ninth chairman of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)? He is currently the additional secretary, Department of Economic Affairs in the finance ministry. He will replace U K Sinha, who will step down on February 18.	Ajay Tyagi
Driven by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's vision of making football the sport of choice in India, the biggest school sport outreach programme was launched on 10th February by the Minister of State (I/C) for Youth Affairs and Sports Shri Vijay Goel in the presence of President of AIFF Shri Praful Patel. What is the name of this programme?	Mission XI Million
Which state has become the first state in the country for establishing cashless system in its public distribution system (PDS) of food grains?	Gujarat
At which place in Gujarat foundation stone for the first ever training center for para athletes was laid by the Sports Minister Shri Vijay Goel?	Gandhinagar
Who is the author of the book - The Golden House?	Salman Rushdie
Name the famous sand artist who on 11th February 2017 created a Guinness World Record by building the world's tallest sand castle which is 48 feet and 8 inch (14.84 metre) at the Puri beach here? He broke the record of 45 feet and 10 inch sand castle which was created in USA.	Sudarsan Pattnaik
Name the NITI Aayog Chief Executive Officer (CEO) who on 9th February	Amitabh Kant

2017 launched "India Innovation Index", the nation's first online innovation index portal which will rank states based on their innovations.	
The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and the Department of Posts (DOP) announced on 24 January, 2017 their decision to utilize the Head Post Offices (HPO) in the various States as Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK) for delivering passport related services to the citizens of our country. With the successful operationalization of these two pilot projects, the Government has now decided to scale up this programme by openingnos of POPSK across India. The objective of this partnership is to extend passport services on a larger scale and to ensure wider area coverage.	56
Which Indian state began its first National Women's Parliament (NWP), a three-day event on 10th February in its capital, Amravati? One of the objectives of NWP is to generate new ideas, concepts, theories and ideologies for women empowerment.	Andhra Pradesh
National Deworming Day was observed in India on?	10th February
With 238 days to go until the start of the FIFA U-17 World Cup football 2017, Indian sports minister Vijay Goel and All India Football Federation (AIFF) chief Praful Patel, revealed a clouded leopard called as the official mascot of the tournament at New Delhi's Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium	Kheleo
India ranked at position out of 45 countries in the 5th Annual International Intellectual property (IP) Index of the US Chamber of Commerce (USCC).	43rd
The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved 'Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan' (PMGDISHA) to make 6 crore rural households digitally literate by March, 2019. What is the total outlay for this project?	Rs.2,351.38 crore
Who is the author of the book - Veerappan: Chasing the Brigand?	K Vijay Kumar
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Who was appointed as the Director of Indian Institute of Management Sirmaur, making her the first female to head one of India's 20 premier business schools?	Neelu Rohmetra

INTERNATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS AND EVENTS

Who was appointed by UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency as a global Goodwill Ambassador?	Neil Gaiman
Name the Belgium captain and Olympic silver medallist who was awarded male Player of the Year (2016) award by International Hockey Federation's (FIH)?	John-John Dohmen
International Hockey Federation's (FIH) female Player of the Year (2016) award was given to?	Naomi Van
Which space agency discovered a new solar system hosting 7 earth-like planets orbiting a star 400 light years away?	NASA
Name the gymnast of United States who has been awarded the Laureus World Sports Award for the Sportswoman of the Year 2017?	Simone Biles
Name the Jamaican athlete, an Olympic Gold medallist, who has been awarded the Laureus World Sports Award for Sportsman of the Year 2017?	Usain Bolt
Who was named by US President Donald Trump as the US National Security Adviser?	Lt Gen HR McMaster
World Day of Social Justice with the theme "Preventing conflict and sustaining peace through decent work" was observed across the world on?	20th February
Name the Pakistani cricketer who announced his retirement from T20 International cricket?	Shahid Afridi
Safer Internet Day with the theme "Be the change: Unite for a better internet" was observed across the world on?	7th February
World Cancer Day was observed across the world on? It aims to save millions of preventable deaths each year by raising awareness and education about the disease, pressing governments and individuals across the world to take action.	4th February
Name the Nobel laureate who was known for pioneering body scanning technique Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), recently passed away at the age of 83? The English physicist was awarded 'The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2003', for discoveries concerning the MRI.	Sir Peter Mansfield

Highlights of Oscar Awards 2017

Awards	Winners
Best Picture	'Moonlight' by Adele Romanski, Dede Gardner and Jeremy Kleiner
Best Actor in a Leading Role	Casey Affleck for 'Manchester By The Sea'
Best Actress in a Leading Role	Emma Stone for 'La La Land'
Best Director	Damien Chazelle for 'La La Land'
Best Adapted Screenplay	Barry Jenkins and Tarell Alvin McCraney for 'Moonlight'
Best Original Screenplay	Kenneth Lonergan for 'Manchester By The Sea'
Best Original Song	'City Of Stars' from 'La La Land' by Justin Hurwitz, Benj Pasek and Justin Paul
Best Original Score	Justin Hurwitz for 'La La Land'
Best Cinematography	Linus Sandgren for 'La La Land'
Best Live Action Short	'Sing' by Kristof Deak and Anna Udvardy
Best Documentary Short	'The White Helmets' by Orlando Von Einsiedel and Joanna Natasegara
Best Visual Effects	Robert Legato, Adam Valdez, Andrew R Jones and Dan Lemmon for 'The Jungle Book'
Best Animated Feature	'Zootopia' by Byron Howard, Rich Moore and Clark Spencer
Best Foreign Language Film	'The Salesman' by Asghar Farhadi