

NATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS

Antyodaya clan of trains flagged off

- 1.Sri Ganganagar – Tiruchirappalli Humsafar Express (Weekly) (via Krishnarajapuram, Pune, Ahmedabad)
- 2.Ernakulam – Howrah Antyodaya Express (Weekly) (via Salem, Katpadi, Visakhapatnam)

India & Ukraine to strengthen bilateral cooperation through Cinema

- The cooperation would be helpful to showcase films through the medium of **Film Festivals** and utilizing the **Film Facilitation Office platform** established by India.

INTERNATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS

Georgia Granted Visa-Free Travel to EU by Member States

- **European Union** member states have approved the **visa-free travel** for Georgia to facilitate cooperation of **Georgia** with the European Union.
- Under the accord, Georgian citizens will be able to travel visa-free for 90 days in the EU during any 180-day period.
- The accord does not apply to the **United Kingdom or Ireland**.
- The accord now requires formal signature by the **28 member states** and the European Parliament.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Reliance General Insurance, Catholic Syrian Bank announced tie up

- RGI will offer its **insurance products** to Catholic Syrian Bank's customers across its branches in Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra.
- This tie-up will enable RGI to leverage Catholic Syrian Bank's retail and SME customer base, robust distribution network, strong technology platform and brand name and offer them innovative and a comprehensive range of insurance products from RGI

PEOPLE IN NEWS

Birender Singh Yadav concurrently accredited as the Ambassador of India to the Republic of Togo

- Yadav is presently working as the High Commissioner of India to the Republic of **Ghana**

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Indian Navy successfully test-Fires anti-ship missile from Kalvari Submarine

- During a test firing in the Arabian Sea, the missile successfully hit a surface target at extended ranges.
- The anti-ship missiles will provide the Kalvari class submarines ability to neutralize surface threats at extended ranges.
- INS Kalvari is the first of India's six Scorpene-class submarines which are being built under the Project 75.
- The diesel powered Kalvari (Scorpene) class submarines have superior stealth. They use guided weapons such as tube-launched anti-ship missiles and torpedoes on enemy submarines from the surface or underwater.

SPORTS CURRENT AFFAIRS

Complete list of winners of BCCI annual awards 2017

- **CK. Nayudu Lifetime achievement award:** Padmakar Shivalkar, Rajinder Goel.
- **BCCI Lifetime achievement award:** Shantha Rangaswamy.
- **BCCI special award:** Late Ramakant Desai, VV Kumar.
- **Polly Umrigar Award:** Virat Kohli.
 - For third time, he was conferred with this award after 2011-12 and 2014-15 season.
- **Lala Amarnath Award for the best all-rounder in the Ranji Trophy:** Jalaj Saxena (Madhya Pradesh).
- **Lala Amarnath Award for the best all-rounder in domestic limited-overs competitions:** Axar Patel (Gujarat).
- **Madavrao Scindin Award Highest scorer in the Ranji Trophy:** Shreyas Iyer (Mumbai).
- **Madavrao Scindin Award Highest wicket-taker in the Ranji Trophy:** Shahbaz Nadeem (Jharkhand).
- **Chidambaram Trophy Highest scorer in (U-23):** Jay. G. Bosta (Mumbai).
- **Chidambaram Trophy Highest wicket-taker in (U-23):** Satyajeet Bachhav (Maharashtra).
- **NKP Salve Award Highest scorer in (U-19):** Arman Jaffer (Mumbai).
- **NKP Salve Award Highest wicket-taker in (U-19):** Ninad Rathva (Baroda).

- **Raj Singh Dungarpur Award Highest scorer in (U-16):** Abhishek Sharma (Punjab).
- **Raj Singh Dungarpur Award Highest wicket-taker in (U-16):** Abhishek Sharma (Punjab).
- **Jagmohan Dalmiyra Award (Best Woman cricketer (Sr.)):** Mithali Raj (Railways).
- **Jagmohan Dalmiyra Award (Best Woman cricketer (Jr.)):** Deepti Sharma (Uttar Pradesh).
- **Best Umpire in Domestic cricket:** Nitin Menon.
- **Best performance in BCCI Domestic tournaments:** Mumbai Cricket Association.

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