

NATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS

Government sets up National Board for Electric Mobility

- In a bid to promote electric mobility and manufacturing of electric/hybrid vehicles and their components, Central Government constituted **National Board for Electric Mobility (NBEM)** on 3rd April 2017.

Berhampur Thakurani Yatra Festival Begins in Odisha

- The festival of **Goddess Budhi Thakurani** called Berhampur Thakurani Yatra begun in southern Odisha
- Berhampur is called the **Silk city** of Odisha. The festival has been celebrated in Berhampur from 1672.

Beneficiaries of PM's Ujjwala Yojana crosses 2 crore mark

- The number of people benefitting from the **Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana** for providing (Liquefied Petroleum Gas) LPG connections to Below Poverty Line (BPL) households has crossed **2 crore mark**.

National conference on Communicating India 2017

A day-long conference was based on the **three main themes**

1. Telling India's story to the world
2. Communicating via Journalism and
3. Dialogue with Diaspora

INTERNATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS

South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) Finance Ministers' Meeting

- From this meeting onwards, **Myanmar** has become the 7th nation to join SASEC as a member country.
- Finance Ministers from **Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal and Sri Lanka**, officials from **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** were also present.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

ICICI Venture invest \$20 to buy stake in Theobroma

- **ICICI Venture** is planning to do a new project by investing **\$20 million** to acquire a considerable stake in **Theobroma**, owned and managed bakery, patisserie and chocolate based in Mumbai, India.
- The investment will mark the third transaction from ICICI Venture.

PEOPLE IN NEWS

Tapan Singhel re-appointed Bajaj Allianz General CEO for five years

- **Tapan Singhel** has been re-appointed as MD and CEO for Bajaj Allianz General Insurance for a period of five years from April 1, 2017 to April 1, 2022.

Kishori Amonkar Hindustani classical vocalist passed away

- Classical singer **Kishori Amonkar** passed away at the age of 84
- Beside a singer, Amonkar was also a popular speaker and traveled throughout India giving lectures, most notably on the theory of rasa in music.
- Amonkar received **Padma Bhushan** in 1987 and **Padma Vibhushan** in 2002.
- In 2010, she became a fellow of the Sangeet Natak Academy, the national academy of music, arts, and dance. She also received Sangeet Natak Academy award in that year

Gilbert Baker – The LGBT rainbow flag creator passed away

- Gilbert Baker, a gay rights activist and the creator of the iconic Rainbow Flag passed away
- He was a part of a gay rights community in San Francisco in 1970. He had also served for the U.S Army for two years.
- In 1994, Baker created a mile long version of the flag for the 25th Anniversary of the Stonewall Riot of 1969. It was carried by 5000 people and measuring 30 feet by 5280 feet.