

# NATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS

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## Two-day national TB summit held in Dharamshala

- This is the first such summit on TB which will bring together Central & State Ministers, Members of Parliament (MPs), celebrities, bureaucrats, donors, corporate partners, health experts and organizations working to eradicate TB. All these stakeholders will pledge their support for '**TB free India by 2025**'.

## Haryana sex ratio touches 950 for the first time

- In **2016** for the first time Haryana sex ratio at birth crossed the **900 mark**.
- In the past Haryana sex ratio was **879 females per 1000 males** which is very doleful matter for a state.

## International Convention on World Homoeopathy Day in New Delhi

- Theme of the convention: "Enhancing Quality Research in Homoeopathy through scientific evidence and rich clinical experiences"

## Motor Vehicle amendment bill passed by Lok Sabha

- This amendment bill was first introduced in Lok Sabha in August 2016 which proposed 89 clauses for amendment.

## Government to launch Rs 6000-crore 'SAMPADA' scheme for food processing

- Financial Outlay: **Rs. 6000 crore**
- To be implemented by: FY 2019-20

## Andhra Pradesh relaunches Adarana

- Andhra Pradesh announced the re-launch of 'Adarana', a scheme for improving traditional occupations.
- It includes modern tools, technology, marketing, and financial support that are for the artisans.
- It also provides employment in the rural areas those pursuing traditional occupations to raise their income levels.

# INTERNATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS

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## Australian PM Turnbull arrives in New Delhi on 4-day visit

- India and Australia inked six pacts after comprehensive talks between PM Narendra Modi and visiting Australian PM Malcolm Turnbull in New Delhi.
- Turnbull launched Sports Partnership in **Mumbai** with an aim to increase cooperation in sports among India and Australia.
- Turnbull and Indian PM Narendra Modi, jointly inaugurated **TERI-Deakin Nano biotechnology Centre (TDNBC)** through a video conference.

## 100 Years of Gandhi's Sabarmati Ashram Celebrated in London

- Hundredth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's **Sabarmati Ashram** was celebrated in **London** to retell Gandhi's story with some interesting visual elements to the Internet generation.
- The film was about how Gandhi set up this ashram in 1917 on the banks of Sabarmati River.
- The film throws light on Gandhi's life in the Ashram. It appropriately reflected the values such as non-violence, peace, love and harmony.

## G-7 Foreign Ministers meeting held in Lucca, Italy

- G-7 countries have insisted that **Russia** should stop giving support to Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. Imposing further sanctions on Russia is also being considered as an option.

# BUSINESS & ECONOMY

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## US, China agree to pursue 100-day plan for reducing trade deficit

- The countries agreed to the plan to correct the trade imbalance. It includes the boosting of US exports to China.
- It is designed to cover 4 fields. They include law enforcement and cyber security, as well as the economy.

# PEOPLE IN NEWS

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## PM Modi most followed world leader on Instagram

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has now become the most followed world leader on photo-sharing app Instagram with a **massive 6.9 million followers**
- Donald Trump has emerged the second most followed leader with 6.3 million followers
- Pope Francis is in third place with 3.7 million followers, ahead of the White House account with 3.4 million followers.