

NATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS

Trial run of "Vistadome Coaches"

- These coaches are specially designed for providing wide view to passengers.
- It is equipped with LED lights, rotatable seats and GPS based information system.
- The feature of glass roof is it has electronically controlled opalescence that will give a transparent outside view.
- The **2 coaches** will run on the **Vizag-Araku route** while 2 will be sent to Jammu And Kashmir

Telangana passes bill to hike reservations for Muslim and STs

- Under this bill the reservation for socially backward people and Muslim people has been increased.
- For Muslim 4% to 12% increment and for Scheduled tribes 6% to 10%.
- It includes total quotas in government jobs and educational institutions.
- The total quota in the state now increase to 62%
- The reservation of SC constitutes 16.3% of the state population

INTERNATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS

Philippine President Duterte wins TIME 100 Reader Poll

- **Rodrigo Duterte**, the President of **Philippines** has won this years' **TIME magazine's Readers' Poll** of the 100 most influential people in the world.
- On assuming charge in June 2016, he started a violent and aggressive anti-drug campaign which has claimed more than 8000 lives so far
- Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi was also named as a probable contender in this year's Reader's Poll, but he did not receive any YES votes.

Erdoğan wins Turkey referendum as opposition cries foul

- Turkish President **Recep Tayyip Erdoğan** won a historic referendum on Sunday in the biggest overhaul of modern Turkish politics and the opposition not satisfied about the result.
- The ruling system has been changing through civil politics for the first time in the history of the Republic. **The 'Yes' campaign won 51.4 percent of the vote against 48.6 percent for 'No'**.
- This victory will replace Turkey's parliamentary system with an all-powerful presidency like ruled by one man (i.e) under president and abolish the office of prime minister.

Nepal and China to Conduct Sagarmatha Friendship

- First ever **Joint military exercise** begin between **Nepal and China** named **Sagarmatha Friendship 2017** in Kathmandu
- It's mainly **focus on combining terror activities and disaster management.**

- The Joint training will prove to be a great platform to learn and share knowledge and experiences with each other.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

India's Economy will grow by 7.2% in 2017-2018 predicts World Bank

- World Bank predicts India's gross domestic product (GDP) to **7.2% in the 2017-2018 from 6.8% in this fiscal year.**
- Exports to grow by 6% in the coming year.
- Inflation to grow by 5.2% in 2017-2018 and 5.4% in 2018-2019

8.65% interest rate on EPF approved

- It has been done because RBI has cut their lending rates and banks have reduced their deposit rates.
- Loyalty cum benefit would be provided to all subscribers who have contributed to the scheme for **20 years or more** on retirement.
- Around 17 crore subscribers' accounts will be updated with this interest rate.

Current account deficit to widen to 1.6% from 0.5% of GDP

- Overall the stronger global demand and higher export prices are key factor of the exports recovery.
- FDI inflows around 2% of GDP.
- Exports and global demand will likely to increase and in imports reflects higher commodity prices and likely to improve in the near future.
- The major reason of strengthening Indian economy is the appreciation of the Indian rupee.
- The difference between the value of Imports of Goods, services and investment incomes with that of **exports increased to \$7.9 billion or 1.4% of GDP.**
- Main risk of to the external sector are sharp rise in oil prices and rising of the imposing of import duty by US

BHEL commission 2 units of Rattan India Project

- BHEL (Bharat heavy electrical ltd.) has commissioned **2 units of 270 MW at Rattan India Nashik Power Ltd.**
- This is the project of 270 MW unit commissioned by BHEL in Phase-1 of the project.
- BHEL has commissioned 8 sets for Rattan India in Maharashtra 3 sets will be at Nashik and 5 sets at Amravati
- The fifth phase project of 270 MW will also be in completion stage.

SPORTS CURRENT AFFAIRS

Sebastian Vettel beats Lewis Hamilton in Baharain Grand Prix

- **Sebastian Vettel** (Ferrari) won the Baharain Grand Prix by defeating **Lewis Hamilton** (Mercedes).
- It was Sebastian **3rd** victory in Bahrain and the **44th** of his career.

Pullela Gopichand's daughter Gayatri wins twin crown in Jakarta

- Gayatri teamed up with Samiya in doubles title and win over Indonesian players of Kelly Larissa and Shelandry Vyola.
- She has won Under-15 doubles title.

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