

NATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS

NITI Aayog's vision – Houses, vehicles, ACs for all by 2032

- NITI Aayog has envisaged houses, vehicles, Air Conditioners for all Indian Citizens by year 2032
- Work on Fifteen Year Vision and Seven Year Strategy document spanning 2017-18 to 2031-32 is in progress.
- Three Year Action Agenda covering 2017-18 to 2019-20 which has been provided to the Governing Council Members would be finalised shortly

Maiden Shimla-New Delhi flight under UDAN scheme

- first **UDAN** flight from **Shimla to Delhi** under the **Regional Connectivity Scheme** (RCS) has been inaugurated.
- UDAN flights will start operating from 70 airports across India in next one year.
- UDAN flights from **Kadapa** (Andhra Pradesh) to **Hyderabad** and **Nanded** (Maharashtra) to **Hyderabad** were also inaugurated.

Rajasthan Assembly & Jharkhand Legislative Assembly Passes State GST Bill

- **Rajasthan** assembly passed the **Rajasthan Goods and Services Tax Bill 2017** and thereby became the third state assembly after **Telangana** and **Bihar** to adopt this comprehensive indirect tax reform.
- Three-day special session was convened to take up the GST Bill. 14 opposition MLAs who were trying to disrupt the proceedings were suspended
- **Jharkhand** assembly passed the **Jharkhand Goods and Services Tax Bill 2017**. A one-day special session of the assembly was convened to take up the GST bill.

Belgium opens honorary consulate in GIFT City

- **Belgium** has become the **first country** to open an honorary consulate **office in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City)**.
- Belgium has expanded its diplomatic representation in India with this new office in Gandhinagar.
- Besides the Belgian Embassy in New Delhi, two Consulates-General was also selected for Mumbai and Chennai, and an honorary consulate in Kolkata.

International Conference on Dara Shikoh begins

- The conference will be organized by the Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR).
- The **objective of the conference is to highlight Dara Shikoh's contributions**.
- **Aim: To bring about spiritual alliance of Hinduism and Islam.**

Haryana CM to interact with People on Twitter and Facebook

- The Haryana state government will launch an integrated Social Media Grievances Tracker – Twitter and Facebook.
- It aims for **faster and real-time addressable of grievances pertaining to different departments**.

- It is being set up to identify process and resolve all relevant short-term complaints that are sent by citizens to the Chief Minister Office (CMO) or the Government through social media.

INTERNATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS

- **India ranks 136 on World Press Freedom Index, slips three places since 2016**

Rank	Country
1 st	Norway
2 nd	Sweden
3 rd	Finland
4 th	Denmark
5 th	Netherlands

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

RBI to issue new Rs 5 and Rs 10 coins

- Reserve Bank is set to **issue new Rs 10 and Rs 5 coins**.
- These coins are legal tender as provided in The Coinage Act 2011.
- Rs 10 Coin has been minted to **celebrate 125th year of National Archives of India**.
- Rs 5 coins to **celebrate 150th anniversary of Allahabad High Court**.

RBI issues new draft rules for M&As

- The **draft regulations will be known as 'Foreign Exchange Management (Cross Border Merger) Regulations'**.
- RBI proposed these Regulations under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA).
- The regulation makes reporting of any cross-border activity mandatory within 180 days from the date of sanction.
- These guidelines address the issues that arise when an Indian company and a foreign company enter into scheme of merger, demerger, amalgamation, or rearrangement.
- These Regulations specify conditions that should be followed by the companies involved in the Scheme.
- Section 234 of the Companies Act, 2013 provides for mergers and amalgamations between Indian companies and foreign companies.

MFIN launches financial literacy app for microfinance clients

- **Microfinance Institutions Network (MFIN)**, a self-regulatory organization and industry association of the microfinance industry in India launched the **financial literacy mobile app for microfinance clients**
- The financial literacy app has been released on **Android platform** and will be available in Hindi, Marathi, Telugu, Tamil and English.
- It will help microfinance clients in understanding dynamics involved in microfinance including credit history, interest rates, repayment cycles and their rights as a borrower

IOC to build new oil terminal at Motihari to supply fuel to Nepal

- It aims to supply fuel to Nepal from the planned pipeline up to Amlekganj in Nepal.
- The **69-km Motihari-Amlekganj pipeline** will be built at a cost of **Rs.325 cor**
- The old terminal at Raxaul in Bihar will be shut down as it not up to the current OISD (Oil Industry Safety Directorate) guidelines.
- Nepal is giving at most importance to the project by giving it a national priority.
- As per the agreement, a new 200 km pipeline would be laid between Patna and Motihari.
- The fuel supply agreements between India and Nepal have been extended to five years. Nepal receives around 2 lakh kilo-liters of fuel from IOC every month.

PEOPLE IN NEWS

Vinod Khanna passes away at 70

- **Vinod Khanna** a Bollywood actor and politician was expired at the age of **70**.
- In 1999, he received the Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award.
- His famous films are Mere Apne, Insaaf and Amar, Akbar, Anthony. He was last seen in 2015 in Shah Rukh Khan's Dilwale.
- He served as the Union minister for culture and tourism in 2002.
- He won Filmfare award for best supporting actor and the Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award in 1999

AWARDS

Srishti Kaur wins Miss Teen Universe Pageant

- **Srishti Kaur** of India has been crowned **Miss Teen Universe 2017 at Managua**.
- Srishti won after beating 25 contestants from across the world. She also bagged an award for the best national costume.
- She succeeds Nieves Gonzalez of Puerto Rico as the Miss Teen Universe.
- Kaur had also won the title of Miss Teen Tiara International at the beginning of this year beating 29 contestants.

Vani Jairam gets Ghantasala national award

- **Vani Jairam** a versatile playback singer was received the **Ghantasala national award**.
- She is known in the North as Meerabai for her songs sung by the medieval poet in praise of Lord Krishna.
- The award has been given in the memory of the legendary singer Ghantasala Venkateswara Rao.

Youngest Indian chancellor bags Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar International Foundation award

- 38-year-old Dileep K Nair is the current Chancellor of the North East Frontier Technical University (NEFTU) in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Nair is also the founder of **The Automobile Society (India) and The Engineer's Outlook Magazine**.
- He is a literary master having knowledge of 6 languages including Malayalam, Tamil, Kannada, English, Hindi and Marathi.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

ISRO develops "Solar Calculator" android app

- ISRO has launched a solar calculator app that can calculate the benefits of installing solar panels in different regions of the country.
- It primarily focuses on the design of space-borne instruments for ISRO missions.
- At present this app can be downloaded from 'New and Renewable Energy' section at **sac.gov.in**.
- It is helpful in setting up of photovoltaic thermal power plants. The app provides monthly and yearly solar potential by processing data obtained from Indian Geostationary Satellites (Kalpana-1, INSAT-3D and INSAT-3DR).

India successfully test-fires Agni-III ballistic missile

- The test was carried by the Strategic Forces Command with logistics support from Defence Research Development Organisation (**DRDO**).
- This Surface-to-Surface nuclear capable intermediate-range ballistic missile can hit targets in the range of around 3000 km.
- It can **carry a warhead of 1.5 tonne** which is protected by carbon all composite heat shield.
- It was developed by the DRDO under the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP).

MyMSME mobile app launched

- MyMSME was launched as a part of Digital India Initiative. Through this app MSMEs can lodge grievances pertaining to Ministry of MSME.
- MyMSME mobile app provides information on all schemes implemented by the Ministry of MSME at one place.
- Its aim is to access information on all schemes implemented by the Ministry and as well as apply for any of them.