

# NATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS

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## **Mauritius PM Pravind Jugnauth's 3 day visit to India**

- Mauritius Prime Minister arrived in India for a three-day official visit.
- India, Mauritius sign 4 agreements including bilateral maritime security.
  - Setting up of a civil services college in Mauritius
  - Cooperation in ocean research
  - USD 500 million Line of Credit (LOC) agreement between the SBM Mauritius Infrastructure Development Company and Export-Import Bank of India.
  - Maritime Security Agreement

## **Kejriwal, Venkaiah Naidu flag off Delhi metro Heritage Line**

- Delhi Chief Minister and Union Urban Development Minister flagged off Heritage Line of Delhi Metro through video conferencing at Metro Bhawan in Delhi.
- This heritage line will connect Old Delhi areas with the commercial hub of Delhi at Janpath.
- Heritage Line comprises four stations viz. Kashmere Gate, Dilli Gate, Jama Masjid and Lal Qila on the stretch of 5.17 km.

## **WHO confirms first three Zika virus cases in India**

- According to World Health Organisation report, India has detected first three Zika-affected patients all from Ahmedabad in Gujarat.
- The virus is transmitted to people through a bite of an infected mosquito called Aedes Aegypti, which also transmits dengue and chikungunya.

## **Haryana announces pension scheme for journalists**

- Haryana Chief Minister announced following incentives for journalists at the "Swarna Jayanti Journalists' Meet" in Panchkula:
- Rs 10,000 monthly pension scheme, for those who are above 60 years and have completed 20 years.
- A life insurance covers of Rs 10 lakh and a cashless media claim policy of Rs 500,000.
- Media persons, who have completed five years in the profession, would be given recognition by the state government.
- A new policy would be framed for giving recognition to representatives of online news portals.

**Dailong village in Manipur declared Biodiversity Heritage Site**

- The Manipur government has declared Dailong village of Tamenglong district as a Biodiversity Heritage Site of the state.
- It has been declared as Biodiversity Heritage Site under Section 37(1) of Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

## INTERNATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS

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**Global forum on disaster risk reduction takes place in Mexico**

- 5th edition of Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GPDRR) took place in Cancun, Mexico.
- This is the first international summit on disaster since the Sendai Framework, which was adopted in 2015 in Japan.
- The Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction is a biennial forum for information exchange, discussion of latest developments, knowledge and partnership-building across sectors.
- With the goal of improving implementation of disaster risk reduction through better communication and coordination amongst stakeholders.

**Construction begins on world's largest telescope in Chilean desert**

- Construction began on world's largest telescope the European Extremely Large Telescope (ELT), in Chilean desert.
- The ELT will be around five times larger than the top observing instruments which are used today.
- It is conceived by the European Southern Observatory (ESO).
- It is designed to be an adaptive telescope and has the ability to correct atmospheric turbulence.
- It is designed by the Oxford University scientists.
- They will be responsible for the design and construction of its spectrograph HARMONI.
- HARMONI is an instrument designed to simultaneously take 4000 images, each in a slightly different colour.

## BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

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**Goldman, Citigroup among 5 bankers selected for IOC stake sale**

- Goldman Sachs and Citigroup are among the 5 merchant bankers selected by Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) to manage Government's 3% stake sale in Indian Oil Corporation (IOC).
- 3% stake sale in Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) at current market price will fetch about Rs. 6000.

**IOC overtakes ONGC to become India's most profitable PSU**

- Indian Oil Corp (IOC) has overtaken Oil and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC) to become India's most profitable public sector undertaking (PSU).
- For financial year ended March 31, 2017, IOC posted a net profit of Rs 19,106.40 crore, which marks a 70% jump from previous year.
- This net profit figure is much higher than ONGC's Rs 17,900 crore for financial year ended March 31, 2017.

## PEOPLE IN NEWS

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**Mission XI Million picks Chandigarh girl Ananya Kamboj**

- Ananya Kamboj, 8th standard student from Chandigarh has been selected as a young journalist at the global Football for Friendship (F4F) Social Programme in Russia.
- India joins the programme for the first time and 60 other countries will participate.
- Mission XI Million is a programme of the FIFA U-17 World Cup India 2017.
- It has a vision of making football the sport of choice among the youth by bringing football to 11 million kids.
- It will focus on the development of childrens football, fostering tolerance and respect for different cultures and nationalities among children from different countries.

## AWARDS

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**Pune city police receive FICCI Smart Policing Award 2017**

- The Pune city police have won the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FICCI) Smart Police Award for the year 2017.
- The Pune city Police has been awarded for their initiatives on women and cyber- security.
- The Pune city police have launched various initiatives like Buddy Cop", "Damini squad", "Lost & Found" portal, Beat Marshal Monitoring Sapience App.
- Pune Police Commissioner Rashmi Shukla received the award from BJP MP Meenakshi Lekhi.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

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### **China launches Satellite Navigation Positioning System**

- China has launched national satellite navigation and positioning system.
- It will provide positioning service to transportation, emergency medical rescue and city planning and management.
- It will be compatible with other satellite navigation systems, such as the Bei Dou Navigation Satellite System and Global Position System (GPS).
- The system will feature the fastest speed, higher accuracy and wider coverage.

### **Jaitely launches Aeronautical Test Range in Karna**

- Defence Minister has launched an Aeronautical Test Range (ATR) set up in Chitradurga in Karnataka.
- It has been planned by the Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE) and in collaboration with other Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) labs.
- It's main objective of building necessary infrastructure for testing and evaluating unmanned and manned aircraft being undertaken by aeronautic cluster labs in the DRDO.
- It can be used for testing of bigger aircraft like AEW&CS (Airborne Early Warning & Control Systems) aircraft.
- It is meant for surveillance and intelligence gathering, which has been inducted into Indian Air Force.

## SPORTS

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### **South Korea defeat China to win 2017 Sudirman Cup**

- South Korea defeated China won badminton's Sudirman Cup for the first time in 14 years.
- South Korea has won by 3-2 points over 10-time champions China.
- It was held in Gold Coast Australia.
- The South Koreans claimed their fourth cup in the world mixed teams competition with a charged 21-17, 21-13 win by Choi Sol-Gyu and ChaeYoo-Jung in the mixed doubles match.